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CREATOR SPEAKS FOR GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

Discusses Matter of Privately Owned Railroads

TALKS OF I.C.R. AND C.P.R.

Says There Would Have Been No Such Deficits If Business Management Had Ruled on I. C. R. — Predicts Electrification in Maritime Provinces

(Special to Times.)

Ottawa, Oct. 21.—The House adjourned at 9.45 p. m. for lack of a quorum. The interest in the Ontario elections proved too strong for the members, and although the lobbies were filled with a buzzing through there was scarcely a corporal guard left to hear some of the Quebec members who spoke on the Grand Trunk question.

After the member for Gloucester finished his speech, the ex-minister of agriculture, Mr. Cresser, spoke on the Grand Trunk measure. He supported the principle of public ownership. He said that one reason why the I. C. R. had not been a success under government ownership and operation was that it had never been conducted as business. This he compared the rates quoted on that line with those on the C. P. R. In 1918 the average freight rates on the C. P. R. were 15 per cent higher than on the I. C. R., and the passenger rates were 25 per cent higher.

He argued that it was all a question of management, and cited the Winnipeg Light and Power Company and the Hydro Electric in Ontario as examples of publicly owned utilities which had paid well and given good service. He should be owned as service at cost to the people.

Privately owned railroads, he said, had been a bad influence on public life. The C. P. R. had had more than its share of the people of Canada, having received at a moderate estimate more than \$2,000,000. The Canadian Northern had been a bad influence with the "bobbies" and he thought the suspicions of some people that the road was not the late owners still was correct. It was incumbent on the government to show the people of Canada that this influence had been wholly removed.

He suggested that in drawing up the arbitration agreement with the Grand Trunk that the government should be very careful to guard the public interests. The company should not be allowed to bring in the argument that other roads and branches had been built to its detriment and that the government should not be taken into consideration by the arbitrator, as those conditions would not continue for several years, with a great mixture of rather discordant elements and uncertainty as to results.

Make Roads Pay. The government must go at the rail road problem with the determination to make them pay. There should be a re-valuation of the railroad properties and then public operation should be given a fair trial. Full and intelligible reports of the operation should be published each year. A select permanent committee should be appointed to consider reports from our national system of railroads. Political branch lines should not be constructed. The railway commission should pass on every application for such branches.

Branch lines of the Grand Trunk in Ontario and Quebec should be electrified. He predicted that in twenty-five years the majority of the roads in Ontario, Quebec and the maritime provinces would be operated by electrical power. He urged the government and the people to patronize their own railroads, telegraphs and express companies. The C. P. R., for example, should not have been the route to carry the Prince Rupert Canada. Immigration should be directed, as far as possible, to lands adjacent to the national railroads. While the course being followed was open to criticism in many respects, he thought on the whole it was the best.

Members of the government express the opinion that a vote on the Grand Trunk question will be taken on Tuesday night. It will then go to the senate, where there will be some stout opposition, though it is considered that the government has a sufficient majority to put it through. Several Conservative senators, such as Fowler and White, will speak strongly against it. A large Montreal delegation was in Ottawa today to protest against the bill, but received scant courtesy.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL AWARDED TO EVA BOOTH

New York, Oct. 21.—To Miss Evangeline C. Booth, commander in chief of the Salvation Army in America, the Distinguished Service Medal was presented by Major General David C. Shanks, commanding the embarkation port at Hoboken, as the personal representative of President Wilson and Secretary Baker. Miss Booth's citation, made public by the War Department, said: "For exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service as commander of the Salvation Army in the United States. She has been tireless in her devotion to her manifold duties. The contribution of the Salvation Army toward winning the war is conspicuous and the results obtained were due in marked degree to the great executive ability of its commander."

NELSON'S DAY. In honor of the anniversary of Trafalgar, the flags were flown today from public and private buildings about the city.

Coalition Only Outlook After the Ontario Voting

One of Most Remarkable Elections The Province Has Ever Experienced—Hearst to Hold Power Till Legislature Meets

(Special to Times.)

Toronto, Oct. 21.—In one of the most remarkable elections Ontario has ever experienced, the Hearst Conservatives were elected to office. The coalition government was not elected by acclamation, as was expected, but after a long and hard fight. The coalition government, headed by Mr. Hearst, defeated the Conservative government of Mr. Gault.

The largest single party in the new house will be that of the farmers who are allied with either the older parties and the labor members, can command a large working majority. Just what will be the next government of Ontario, it is impossible to foresee at this time. It is doubtful if the point will be settled until the next legislature meets. As the matter stands the government of Mr. Hearst will remain in office until the next legislature meets.

What may be the outcome, it is almost certain that Ontario's next government will be a fusion of some sort, either one of Conservatives, labor, or Liberals, farmers and labor. In Ottawa. (Special to Times.)

Ottawa, Oct. 21.—There has been great excitement in the house over the vote in Ontario and Hon. Mr. Howell looked and acted extremely disappointed at the result. The opposition has been getting considerable comfort over a prediction by a member of the government that the defeat of Hearst foreshadows the defeat of the Union government, but political events do not seem to have much significance now-a-days. The large vote polled in Ontario by labor and the independent farmers would seem to justify the expectation of old politicians that the politics of Canada generally will be a fusion of some sort, either one of Conservatives, labor, or Liberals, farmers and labor.

ARREST EXPECTED IN PETER CLAIRE CASE

Man From St. Francis Whose Body Was Found in The St. Lawrence

Quebec, Oct. 21.—An arrest is soon expected in connection with the death by murder near Berthier, Que., of Peter Claire, hotel owner at St. Francis, whose decomposed body was found in the St. Lawrence last July with pockets rifled and jewels stolen. The police, it is said, have recovered the dead man's watch from a man who said he bought the watch from Claire, because Claire was broke and wanted the cash. Claire was last seen alive at Quebec the day he left to take his train. But he never made it, and nine days later his body was found in the river near Berthier.

BOY BURNED TO DEATH IN SYDNEY

Lighted Match to See if Druggist Alcohol Tank Was Empty

Sydney, N. S., Oct. 21.—Because he lighted a match to find out whether an alcohol tank needed refilling, James McNeil, aged sixteen, lost his life at Glace Bay Friday afternoon. The boy was employed at Stern's drug store and while his employers were out a traveler came in and asked about the state of the alcohol supply. McNeil lighted a match to peer into the tank, which burst into flames. The lad was so horribly burned that he died in hospital a short time later. He was a son of Town Clerk McNeil of Glace Bay.

THE VOTERS' LISTS The board of revisors for the city met last evening to consider the lists of voters which have been prepared. They took up the male voters' lists only and practically completed Queens, Kings, Duke, Wellington and Prince wards. No one appeared to protest or challenge any of the names but a considerable number were eliminated by the board from their own knowledge of the individuals. The largest number struck off was those disqualified because of alien citizenship, including a large number of American citizens whose status had not been questioned before. The board adjourned until Wednesday evening, when consideration will be given to the list of male voters in other wards.

LEADERS CLASH AT CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON

Gary and Gompers in Outspoken Statements

HOPE OF AGREEMENT LESSEND

Employers Announced as Firm Dealing With Labor Representatives Chosen Outside Their Own Plants

Washington, Oct. 20.—In his first pronouncement before the National Industrial conference, Judge Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the Board of the U. S. Steel Corporation, sitting as a representative of the public yesterday, reaffirmed his position that the steel strike "should not be arbitrated or compromised," and objected to action on that issue by the conference. He also re-stated without modification his belief in the open shop and the right to determine terms of employment "between employer and employee."

While the clash of the two leaders on the conference floor admittedly further removed the hope of an agreement, the dominant issue of the conference, the prospect of conciliation were considered all the more remote. It was permitted to become known that the representatives of capital, after an all day session, were steadfastly opposed to accept the Russell-Edictic bargaining for recognition of collective bargaining, which has been approved by the public and labor groups. The employers again went into session last night, but the members of the group privately admitted that reconvening of the conference today would probably find them still in no mood to yield on which the list is to be presented to Germany, which must be within two months after the treaty comes into effect.

BACK FROM SCOTLAND Mrs. A. Paterson, 20 Main street, accompanied by her son, James Paterson, returned home at noon today after an enjoyable holiday trip to the old country, visiting friends and relatives in Scotland. They were in the old country during the recent railway strike and Mr. Paterson said this morning that it had caused great inconvenience. While it was not so bad as the strike in Glasgow, where there was still much industrial unrest prevalent on the other side, it was a great deal more annoying than the more wages and shorter hours. They returned home aboard the S. S. Scotlan to Montreal and had a pleasant voyage.

HORSE AND WAGON RECOVERED A horse and buggy hired from David Watson's livery stable on Sunday, and not returned, was found hitched to a post in Cranston avenue yesterday afternoon by B. Millidge. It was taken to the North End police station and returned to the owner today.

CHANCERY COURT The October sitting of the chancery division of the supreme court took place this morning with His Honor Judge Grimmer presiding. The following cases were entered: McConnell vs. McConnell—Scott E. Morell for the plaintiff and J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., for the defendant. Case set over until November. Baird vs. Jones—Daniel Mullin, K. C., for the plaintiff and J. G. Grew for the defendant. The defendant applied to have the case adjourned until January but the court ordered the case to be tried at the November court on the defendant paying the costs of the application for the postponement of the plaintiff solicitor.

GOLD PIECE WAS GOING ROUND AS COPPER While shopping recently a well known fourth end woman passed out a \$3 South African gold piece, among some American coppers. When she discovered her error she returned to the store, but it had been handed out in change. The proprietor made a diligent search and eventually traced the coin to a grocery store where it was discovered in the till among other coppers.

LEARN OF PLOT FOR REVOLT IN ALSACE Paris, Oct. 21.—(Havas)—Plans for a revolt in Alsace on November 9 have been discovered at Strasbourg, according to the Echo de Paris. The alleged conspirator, an engineer named Mosler, has been arrested, with two accomplices. The revolt was to be called on the day that a communist uprising in Germany is said to be scheduled.

As Hiram Sees It

Mr. Hiram Hornbeam's tread was light and airy this morning. It was easy to see that he was highly elated. His chin was up and there was a challenging sparkle in his eye. Nor was the Times reporter a coward. He had the morning paper spread out before him, left hand in pocket, and right hand on the hip. "Headlin' the news from Ontario, ain't you?" jovially queried Hiram. "Didn't think the farmers could do it—did you? Thought it was goin' to be the same old grit or fery bunch they say. Didn't think old Man Hayseed could come across—hey? You thought he was just messin' things up an' couldn't git nowhere. Well, sir, us farmers'll show the rest of you a thing or two—an' don't you forget it!"

"Saying which Hiram pointed the reporter in the ribs and sat down to enjoy the effect of his words. "I am glad," said the reporter, "that you farmers have won. I know you mean to reduce the cost of living. I am sure you will fix the price of pork at five cents wholesale, as it used to be. I was a boy—and of potatoes at two dollars a barrel. Then I know that, in the interest of humanity, you'll reduce the price of wheat to one dollar and eight cents a quart."

"Hiram," said the reporter, "I'm not interested any more. I am going to start a party of my own and get into this game of grab. I thought you farmers would be different than you're all alike." "If you'd said 'We're all alike,'" said Hiram, "you'd have hit the nail on the head. You're lookin' for somethin' yourself. Well—maybe you'll come. Come out an' buy a farm."

PRINCE RUPPRECHT IS ONE OF THOSE ON THE LIST Some 600 Germans Whose Surrender For Trials to be Demanded by Allies

Paris, Oct. 21.—(Havas)—Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, German army commander, and some of the greatest names of royalty and nobility of the German Empire, are on the list of German officers whose surrender for trial for common law crimes in France and Belgium will be demanded in accordance with the terms of the Versailles treaty, says La Liberte today. The paper states that the list which is now approaching completion, includes about 600 names of the officers charged and the evidence. The supreme council, it is said, will soon decide the date upon which the list is to be presented to Germany, which must be within two months after the treaty comes into effect.

WEATHER REPORT Issued by authority of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—A moderate disturbance moving eastward across northern Ontario causing showers in many parts of the province, while in Quebec and the maritime provinces the weather has been fair and cool. A cold front is moving west with showers or snow flurries in many places.

SHOWERS. Maritime—Light to moderate winds, fair today. Wednesday, strong south and southwest winds with showers. Gulf and North Shore—Fair today, followed by increasing winds and showers. Late tonight, Wednesday, strong winds or moderate gales from southwest with showers.

New England—Rain probably tonight and Wednesday, warmer tonight, fresh and southerly winds.

WRITERS WHO ARE OUT AFTER MOOSE



The above party of well-known American writers and baseball fans were in St. John last week en route to Lakes Kedegamakooeg and Pesamash, Nova Scotia, where they hope to bring down a number of moose. They are top, Harry Leon Wilson; second row, Frank M. Stevens, Irving S. Cobb and Col. T. L. Huston, vice-president of the American League; third row, W. O. McGeehan, sporting editor of the New York Tribune, and Major Boreman Bulger, New York Evening World; bottom row, W. J. MacBeth, New York Tribune, and De-moon Runyon, of the New York American.

Ontario Vote Is Decisive In Favor of Prohibition

"No" Majority Estimated at 200,000— Noon Figures Showed Victory For "Drys" Likely on the Four Questions

Toronto, Oct. 21.—Ontario goes "dry" by an overwhelming majority. The counting of the ballots in the political campaign has priority over the referendum count, and therefore the figures on the latter vote are incomplete this morning. It is already evident, however, that the majority in favor of prohibition will be huge.

With the object of ascertaining the extent of the sweeping prohibition victory, a summary was made of sixteen centres, including Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa, Windsor and other cities which were not notably on the side of prohibition. This estimate gives ample "no" majorities for the questions one and three upon which the closing of the bars and private liquor shops hinge. In regard to questions two and four, providing for government sale of light beer and spirits in government shops, small majorities were given for government sale.

Throughout the province generally, however, and in rural ridings especially, the prohibition vote is overwhelming. It is impossible at this hour to estimate the total majority, but it is not improbable that it will run up close to 200,000 aggregate on the four questions. The Globe estimates an aggregate majority of 200,000 votes in favor of the "no" on the referendum.

Later All doubts as to the dryness of the vote in Toronto, on the referendum, was dispelled this morning, when the official figures of the entire city (with the exception of a few sub divisions) were given out as follows: Question One—Yes, 79,281; No, 106,188; majority No, 26,907. Question Two—Yes, 87,233; No, 97,202; majority No, 9,969. Question Three, Yes, 88,609; No, 100,101; majority No, 17,492. Question Four—Yes, 91,175; No, 98,467; majority No, 2,292.

Results of referendum throughout province, as compiled to one in favor of Question One—Yes, 161,466; No, 210,242; Majority No, 48,776. Question Two—Yes, 178,221; No, 197,429; Majority No, 22,207. Question Three—Yes, 168,453; No, 203,217; Majority No, 34,764. Question Four—Yes, 185,395; No, 193,691; Majority No, 8,286.

BEACHLAND AFIRE OFF WEST AFRICAN COAST

London, Oct. 21.—A Lloyd's dispatch from Sierra Leone, west coast of Africa, says that the steamer Beachland is burning fiercely fifty miles off the port and it is feared will be a total loss. Assistance is being sent by the coast guard.

WOULD TAKE ALL EXTRA PROFITS MADE IN THE WAR

Movement in England to Help Pay Off the Debt

Some of the Prominent Papers Come to Support of Proposal — Threat to Clip the Wings of the Profiters Proving Popular

London, Oct. 20.—The movement for the payment of part of the war debt by a general levy on war profits has grown to such volume that it promises to command much attention from parliament, which will reasonable on Wednesday. Several of the chief newspapers, headed by the Times and the Financial Herald, have taken up the idea.

Financiers and citizens of all classes are flooding the press with letters. While the proposal has surprised many, the country appears to be gaining the conviction that some radical measures, other than mere attempts at economy, must be adopted to meet the financial crisis. This proposal has surprised many of a general levy on capital, which was much discussed during the last year. The weakness of the general levy scheme was that it would confiscate part of the capital of prosperous people, including soldiers, who had been made poorer by the war, as well of those made richer.

The bill of the new plan is to take away from the manufacturers, merchants, contractors and others, who made fortunes in the war, sums representing the difference between their war time gains and their normal gains. It is based on the principle that "the stay at home" should not benefit at all. Through the war, excess taxes took 80 per cent of the extra profits and it is now proposed to take all.

The income taxes for the series of peace and war years would furnish one gauge for levying the tax. This it is pointed out, would be hard on many honest income taxpayers because there was much evasion on war taxes. But no scheme of taxation put forward excites justly.

Naturally there is strong opposition, but the fact is daily displayed before the public's eyes that more money is being spent in England at present for curative than ever before, and the general belief that the war profiteers are the greatest spenders makes any threat to clip their wings popular.

LOCAL NEWS BARBERS' PRICES. There is a movement to increase the charge for hair cutting here to fifty cents and shaving to twenty cents.

FUNERAL The funeral of Benjamin Taylor of Joggins Bridge, N. S., was held today from Brennan's mortuary rooms to Cedar Hill. Rev. M. E. Conroy officiated at the services.

MORE COOLIES THROUGH The train loaded with Chinese coolies from the steamer Celtic passed through the city this morning from Halifax on their way to Vancouver where they will take steamer for China.

SOLDIERS HOME Some eight or ten soldiers arrived in the city this morning from Fredericton having received their discharge from hospital following treatment there.

BURIED TODAY The funeral of Miss Sarah Clarkin, held this morning from her late residence, 28 White street, was held today. Requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. Charles Carroll, with Rev. A. F. A. MacNeil, and Rev. R. B. Fraser, sub-deacon. Bishop LeBlanc gave absolution. Rev. Win-pheke was master of ceremonies and the sanctuary was filled. Rev. Simon Oram and Rev. Raymond McCarthy.

HOME AFTER CONFERENCE H. C. Groat, New Brunswick superintendent for the C. P. R., returned at noon today from Montreal, accompanied by Mrs. Groat, in his private car, New Brunswick. Mr. R. Deshrisay, district passenger agent, came back today also. Both had been in attendance at a conference of superintendents an departmental heads respecting service generally. Mr. Groat said that a big volume of business was expected through this port during the coming winter.

THE COMMON COUNCIL A protest from the Trades and Labor Council regarding delay in bringing on the fair price investigations here and an inquiry regarding the probable date of W. F. O'Connor's return for that purpose will come before the common council at the weekly meeting this afternoon. There will be also a communication from teamsters and chauffeurs employed by the city who feel that they have been slighted in the general increase in wages recently granted.

MRS. LAURA A. WHITTING The death of Mrs. Laura A. Whitting, wife of J. M. F. Whitting, occurred this morning after an illness of only a few days at her home, 149 Princess street. Besides her husband, she is survived by two brothers, Isaac H. Northrup of this city and Horace E. of Kingston, Kings county, and four sisters, Miss Louise of Kingston, Miss Ida, domestic science teacher in this city, Mrs. John Maryin of Springfield and Mrs. W. H. Flewelling of Medford Hills, Mass. The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, daylight time, to Trinity church.