

UNIONISTS LEAD IN SOUTH AFRICA ELECTION

LABOR TROUBLES IN ENGLAND EXAGGERATED

Magnified by Unpatriotic Persons, Delegate of British Trade Union Says.

LABOR OPPOSED TO COMPULSORY SERVICE

Opposition based on economic reasons — Conscription would add only 300,000 without crippling industries.

New York, Oct. 21.—Labor troubles in England have been much exaggerated by the press and by others whose motives are economic and not patriotic, according to Ernest Bevin and Charles G. Ammon, fraternal delegates of the British Trades Union Conference, who arrived here today on the steamship Odruna, to attend the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, to be held in San Francisco, beginning November 8.

"Laboring men of England affiliated with the various unions are firmly opposed to conscription," said Mr. Bevin. "We are now calling as fast as exemptions from military service will permit, and insinuations that we are not loyal to the government are resented. Under the law of employment of railroads, docks, telegraph, transport and postal services are exempt from military service, as well as all employees of munitions works. The number of men thus employed in England can be safely placed at about 1,000,000. If conscription comes to pass the government would not be able to add to the army more than 300,000 men without crippling industrial conditions. Under the present volunteer system we are adding men to the forces for field duty faster than they can be equipped."

"Our fight against conscription is an economic one, having in view possible conditions that will exist after the war is over. What we have now represents more than one hundred years of concerted action and work, and to ask us to give up these conditions and accept conscription is asking more than is required of landowners and manufacturers."

Mr. Bevin also said that labor unions were not opposed to men taking positions previously held by men in industrial pursuits. "All that we ask is that women be not introduced into factories and railway work at less pay than is accorded to men. In most of the factories where women are now employed they are being trained under the direction of our members, the only provision being that they go in at a pay that is the minimum accorded to men, under the same conditions. On the question of suffrage, I believe that the feeling in England is the same as exists among trades unions in the United States, and I am free to say that the woman vote is sure to come."

The delegates are on a fraternal mission. They were elected at the General Labor Union Conference held at Bristol, and their credentials indicate that they represent approximately 3,000,000 tradesmen and laborers. They said that they were under instructions not to discuss politics, either privately or while sitting in the convention.

MONTREAL BANK CLEARINGS.
Montreal, Oct. 21.—The bank clearings in Montreal for the week ended today totalled \$63,225,208, as compared with \$56,989,180 in the corresponding week in 1914, and \$66,956,830 in the corresponding week of 1913.

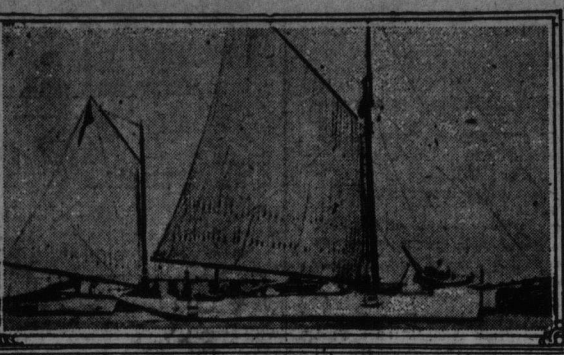
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YACHT MISSING WITH GERMAN OFFICERS



The auxiliary yawl Eclipse, with six German interned officers of the Kronprinz Wilhelm aboard, has disappeared from Norfolk. Rear Admiral Heston, commandant of the Norfolk Navy Yard, does not believe she has passed on between the Virginia Capes, but thinks she has met with some mishap in the upper Chesapeake Bay.

GARLETON CO. MURDER CASE TO JURY TODAY

Evidence all in and counsel addressed jury—Jurors will visit scene of alleged murder this morning.

Special to The Standard
Woodstock, N. B., Oct. 21.—The trial of Charles Smith and Stephen Derrah for the murder of Fred Green is nearly finished. All the evidence is in, W. P. Jones, counsel for the prisoners, has addressed the jury, followed by Attorney-General Baxter, who left this evening for St. John. On the request of the jury, Chief Justice Landry will allow the jury to go by auto, accompanied by Messrs. Hartley and Jones, to visit the Florenceville bridge tomorrow morning to return to the court house at twelve o'clock noon when the jury will be charged by His Honor, after which the jury will retire and deliberate on their verdict.

Would That Might Have Been Caused By Blow From Bottle

The first witness this afternoon and the last for the crown was Dr. Mullin of St. Mary's, coroner, who gave evidence touching the finding of the body, alleged to be Greens in the river near Fredericton and the inquest held thereon. The body was badly decomposed. There was a wound on the face that might have been caused by a blow from a bottle while the man was alive, but it was most apt to be caused by a log while the body was floating down the river.

The defence called Mrs. Stephen Derrah, L. A. Noble, L. Lewell Smith and Clarence Smith. Lewell Smith sworn said Charles Smith was his son-in-law and was no relative of Stephen Derrah. The prisoners were hard working boys who worked on the drive and at everything that offered. He had frequently crossed the Florenceville bridge and he believed that the spots found on the flooring were ordinary paint spots and not blood stains.

To Mr. Hartley—The steel spans were each 175 feet in length. Clarence Smith sworn said that Charles Smith was his son and Stephen Derrah a son-in-law. It was six miles from the Florenceville bridge to his home, an average man would walk it in two hours and a half. Charles went to work for Barry Wakem about the last of May, while Derrah was working for James McIsaac before he went to work for Wakem.

To Attorney-General Baxter—He clearly remembered that the 7th of May was a wet day, although he could not remember whether it rained the day previous or the day after.

To Mr. Jones—"I heard the boys, Smith and Derrah, when they came home, but I did not remember the hours."

Counsel For Defence Addresses Jury

W. P. Jones, K. C. then addressed the jury. After stating that he with much reluctance had called upon Mrs. Derrah to give her evidence, and, owing to her excited condition, she made some errors in the evidence. He was not much surprised. She was vitally interested in the case and he knew that she was a woman who was so situated had committed perjury to save the one they loved. It was the duty of the crown to prove the guilt of the prisoners which it had not done. Every man is innocent until he is proven guilty. The crown tries to prove its case by circumstantial evidence and if these men are condemned it is done by inference.

"If you can imagine any other way by which Green met his death, beside the way charged, you must discharge the prisoners. For instance after leaving the prisoners Green might have wandered on the bridge, become sick from the liquor, and leaning over to vomit, he might have fallen from the bridge. Then there was the suicide theory, the deed being done when

he fell Delirium Tremens coming on, or Green having left Smith about 12 o'clock and having been refused admission to the hotel, or even to the bar, being many miles from home might naturally have wandered to the covered bridge, where it was snug and cozy on a May day, got on the joist or even might have thought the pier was under the opening near the joist, and lay down on the joist, or intended to drop to the pier, where he intended to spend the night, and fell through the opening in the bridge and met his death, like a moth to a candle he would naturally lie near the opening where he could get fresh air and light. Either of these things might have caused Green's death. There is certainly no evidence against these men."

The English law says you must find the body before making a conviction, and there is a doubt of the body of Fred Green has been found. His father went to Fredericton expecting to find the body. He thinks the body was his son's, but as he was in doubt about the color of the coat, he might be wrong about the body. His son identified the body by a tooth, but the coroner swore that the body was badly decomposed, it might have been a body from up river. These three men were on a spree. There was no motive which any of them should kill the other. He closed with an earnest appeal for acquittal.

Attorney-General Baxter.

Attorney-General Baxter, addressing the jury said the identification of the body found in the river seemed complete. The father and brother swore that the body was Fred Green. Deceased was seen on May 7th last in the company of prisoners, and had been seen since. He must be dead, and it was his body that was found in the river. From the evidence of Wilbur Smith it will be seen that Charlie Smith was in an ugly frame of mind for some hours preceding the death of Green. The evidence of Roy Morwick, Harold Morwick, Harry Pettis, Lorne Pettis, Roland Taylor, Joseph Bullerwell, Albert Harrigan, Edson Ripley, Percy Sterling will go tomorrow.

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WAR OFFICE DOES NOT FAVOR CANADIAN AVIATION CORPS

Facilities lacking here—Canadians will likely be sent direct to England—Sir Sam Hughes to inspect Western troops.

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Ottawa, Oct. 21.—It was intimated at Ottawa today that the proposal from Toronto to form a Canadian aviation corps will not be received with favor by the militia authorities. There are no facilities for such a corps. The aviation corps is entirely controlled by the British authorities. However, it is likely arrangements will be made for sending Canadian aviators direct to England to join the Royal Flying Corps and their transportation will be paid. A Toronto deputation is planning to interview the government on the subject as soon as Sir Robert Borden returns to the capital. General Sir Sam Hughes will make a western inspection trip before Christmas. He will leave as soon as the billeting and recruiting plans for the winter are completed.

GREAT STORES OF SERBIAN AMMUNITION CAPTURED BULGARIAN REPORT SAYS

Sofia, Bulgaria, Tuesday, Oct. 19, via London, Oct. 21.—Delayed in (transmission)—The official communication issued by the war office today says:

"Our troops, advancing step by step in the Timok Valley, are now before Negotin, from which the Serbians, after they were defeated, fled in panic, leaving in our hands one officer and fifty men prisoners. One officer and 150 men were killed."

"Near Pirot our troops, after a stubborn battle, took possession of the village of the Kolibare towers, which are very important strategic points."

"Round about Vranja our troops are strongly established, having cleared the valley of the Morava for a distance of 21 kilometres (about 13 miles) to the north and northeast. Our booty at Vranja has not yet been determined, but it is known to comprise two million cartridges for Berden rifles and a million francs (\$200,000) worth of tobacco. In the station of Bojanowitz we found about one million kilograms of hay (a kilogram is 2.20 pounds)."

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TORONTO MAN FLEEDED OF \$17,400 BY WIRELESS WIRE TAPPING

New York, Oct. 21.—Geo. W. Post, 64, and Joseph R. Brown, 70, were arraigned today charged with participating in a "wireless wire tapping" scheme through which Wm. J. O'Reilly, of Toronto, lost \$17,400, on April 10 last. When detectives told the court O'Reilly refused to come to this city to appear against Post and Brown, they were discharged.

NINE PARRSBORO RECRUITS LEAVE TO TAKE COURSE IN HALIFAX

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WOULD DEPRIVE BOYS AT THE FRONT OF THEIR "SMOKES"

W. C. T. U. Convention passes resolution that help be refused to Red Cross branches sending cigarettes to soldiers.

Ottawa, Oct. 21.—"We would suggest that every local union in Ontario refuse to assist any Red Cross or patriotic society that misappropriates funds by sending cigarettes instead of comforts to the men at the front."

The foregoing drastic action was recommended in the report of the Provincial Superintendent of the Anti-Narcotic Department of the Ontario Women's Christian Temperance Union, read at the provincial convention here today, and received with favor by the delegates.

The members of the Ontario Women's Temperance Union, in convention assembled here this afternoon, pledged \$10,000, which means a per capita contribution of \$1 per member, to the committee of one hundred recently organized in Toronto for the purpose of making a determined effort to have total prohibition in the province of Ontario.

NEARLY MILLION ARMENIANS MASSACRED

Of 1,200,000 in Turkey when the War began, only about 200,000 remain.

Tiflis, Oct. 21.—The estimate is made by the Armenian newspaper Mshak that of the 1,200,000 Armenian inhabitants of Turkey before the war there remain not more than 200,000. This residue, the Mshak says, may disappear before the end of the war on account of the Turkish policy of extermination.

The figures of the Mshak are based on the estimate of the Armenian patriarch at Constantinople that 850,000 Armenians have been killed or enslaved by the Turks in addition to which 200,000 Armenians are believed to have fled to Russia.

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BOTHA'S PARTY GETS ELEVEN

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New York, Oct. 21.—A news agency despatch from Johannesburg, South Africa, says:

"Unionists will control the next parliament of the Union of South Africa, according to late returns from Wednesday's general election. Up to midnight the returns showed the election of the following: Unionists 31; Botha party men 11; Laborites 3; Dutch Nationalists 1; Independents 4."

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SAYS RUSSIA WON'T FIGHT BULGARIA

Bulgarian Premier finds Germany a congenial ally, "quiet, brave and modest", like Bulgarians.

Berlin, Oct. 21.—(Via wireless to Tuckerton)—Premier Radoslavoff, of Bulgaria, expressed the opinion, on being interviewed by a correspondent of the Tageblatt, that Russia would not intervene in the war against Bulgaria. Should she do so, he said, Bulgarian soldiers will fight her as they fight the other enemies of the country.

"Premier Radoslavoff expects the best results to come from German influence," says the Overseas News Agency in a summary of the Tageblatt's interview.

"The Bulgarian people," the premier explained, "are like the Germans—quiet, brave, modest."

"The premier said, further, that M. Delcasse resigned as foreign minister of France because of the failure of the Balkan policy."

"The Russian foreign minister, M. Sazonoff, will follow him, the premier added. 'These are Bulgaria's enemies. They fall, we triumph.'"

ST. STEPHEN WOMEN'S CANADIAN CLUB SENDS MESSAGE TO THE KING

Special to The Standard.
St. Stephen, Oct. 21.—The following Trafalgar Day greeting has been sent by the Women's Canadian Club: "His Majesty the King, Buckingham Palace, London: "On the anniversary of Trafalgar, your loyal subjects, members of the Women's Canadian Club of St. Stephen, New Brunswick, beg Your Majesty's permission to tender an expression of their devotion to the Crown and their confidence in Your Majesty's administration of the affairs of the Empire in this time of stress and trial. (Sgd.) BESSIE COBURN CLARKE, President. VICTORIA VROOM, Secretary."

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PLAN TO FAIL AGREE IN DRISCOLL CASE

for Acquittal and Four Conviction — Prisoner based on Bail — Smith Today to Appear on Recognizance.

to The Standard
Tuckerton, Oct. 21.—The case of Driscoll, charged with murder of Artmas Randall, Lakeville, Sunbury county, was resumed morning in the Burton court. The first witness, Wm. Smith, sought out to give evidence. Smith, J. A. Barry, counsel for the defense, and counsel R. B. Haney, the crown addressed the jury. Smith remained out for two hours when they returned reported that they did not agree. There were eight witnesses and four for conviction. For conviction basing their case on the ground of negligence. Smith was then asked for Driscoll by counsel which was agreed to. The crown furnished \$100 and the defense \$200 each, and Driscoll was released and left for his home in Tuckerton. Barry asked that bail be per Driscoll, charged with murder, and he will be lib tomorrow to appear when in his own recognizance.

PORTS UNFOUNDED

ra, Oct. 21.—Although persistent rumors are being made, as in the speculative markets, the duty on wheat is to be reduced as far as can be learned in circles here there is no ground for these reports.

Important Action, French Report Says

Oct. 21.—The official communication issued by the war office today says:

"We have no important action to report from the front."

Belgian official communications report for a violent bombardment of the north of St. Stephen the day was calm."

on, Oct. 20.—A report from Marshal Sir John French issued today says:

"Enemy attack yesterday after a made against our front from the north to Hulluch. After a heavy bombardment of our trenches, infantry attempted to attack across the front, but was completely stopped. Our combined fire, artillery, and gun and rifle, followed by a number of attacks in the neighborhood of Hulluch and Poperinghe. All these attacks were repulsed. The enemy's losses were heavy."

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