

NEGOTIATORS FAIL TO REACH SETTLEMENT

No Power on Earth Save "Satisfactory Settlement" Can Prevent Railroad Strike

CONFERENCE ADJOURNED

Only Thing to Prevent Walk-out Sunday is Reconsideration of Wage Reduction by Labor Board

Chicago, Oct. 26.—Executives of the Big Four Brotherhoods and the Switchmen's Union of North America, after a day of verbal jockeying with the United States Railroad Labor Board, declared, late today, that no power on earth could prevent their men walking out beginning next Sunday morning at six o'clock.

Their declaration came at the close of a day of friction mounting, when Judge R. M. Barton, chairman of the Labor Board, called each union president in turn and asked him four general questions, the third of which was: "If the Board shall declare a strike is not justified, and should not occur, and direct that the employees do not strike, will that order be obeyed?"

"Satisfactory Settlement"

The union chiefs, Warren S. Stone of the engineers; W. G. Lea, of the trainmen; S. F. Sheppard, of the conductors; W. S. Carter, of the firemen; and T. C. Cashen, of the switchmen, declared in turn they had no power to cancel the strike order, expressed the individual opinion that their men would not obey an order from them or the board to remain at work; and reiterated their previous declarations that only a "satisfactory settlement" could avert the walkout.

Such a settlement, they said, would be the reconsidering by the Labor Board of its twelve per cent wage reduction order of July 1, or a movement to confer with the unions and set aside the Board's order.

Hon. Benj. Gallant Dies At Summerside

Represented P. E. I. Legislature for District of Prince Since 1900.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Oct. 26.—Hon. Benjamin Gallant, minister without portfolio of the Prince Edward Island Government, died at his home in Summerside today except for one four-year period he represented the first district of Prince county in the provincial legislature since 1900. He was 45 years of age.

Gold Boom Fails When Promoter Is Declared Insane

Sydney All Worked Up With Gold Fever Over Reported Finding of Yellow Metal.

Sydney, N. S., Oct. 26.—A "gold boom" which caused a number of cases of "gold fever" and a special meeting of the Nova Scotia Public Utilities Board, called to hear an application for a special workmen's rate on the Cape Breton Electric Railway, collapsed today when the respective chief promoter and chief petitioner were adjudged insane by physicians and ordered committed to the Nova Scotia Hospital, Dartmouth. Angus J. Morrison claimed he had kept knowledge of a gold strike at French Vale, near North Sydney, secret since 1909, in order that the lease on the land then existing might expire and he could file his own claim. He stated that he had received a large offer from a New York syndicate. Veteran prospectors declared French Vale could produce nothing but imaginary gold.

Chairman Carvell Not Responsible For Freight Rates

Chairman of Ry. Board Overruled in Fight for Ten Per Cent Reduction.

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Robbers Secure Rich Jewelry Haul And "Auto"

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 26.—Jewelry said to be valued at \$60,000, and an automobile, in which Sam Murwitz, a salesman, was conveying it from one retail jeweler's establishment to another for exhibition purposes, were stolen here today by two men who jumped into the car and drove away immediately after Murwitz had stepped out of it.

AGRARIANS AND LIBERALS ARE CO-OPERATING TO ENCOMPASS THE GOVERNMENT'S DEFEAT

Belief Rapidly Growing Among Important Observers That Mr. T. A. Crerar and Mr. Mackenzie King Have a Secret Understanding Between Them—Farmers' Party in Quebec Has Been Called Off.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 26.—That Mr. T. A. Crerar and Mr. Mackenzie King have a secret understanding between them, is a belief that is rapidly growing among impartial observers here. Mr. King has already denied that a secret agreement exists. Mr. Crerar has made the same denial privately but not publicly. Mr. Meighen, however, has gone far toward expressing belief in a secret treaty. He points out Mr. Crerar's always strong Liberal partisanship, his practical demonstration of this in parliament, and he supports his claim by pointing to the strong circumstantial evidence that, in many Ontario constituencies, Agrarians and Liberals are co-operating to encompass the government's defeat.

Two weeks ago it appeared as though Ontario would have a dozen or more of three-cornered fights. Farmers were putting up candidates irrespective of Liberals and Liberals irrespective of farmers. Then came Mr. Crerar's tour of Ontario and the situation suddenly changed. Wherever control of electorates organizations, these are now co-operating between the followers of Mr. King and Mr. Crerar, in some cases it is the Liberals who are giving way, in other cases the farmers. The co-operation, it is charged, has gone so far as to make the Liberal Party an auxiliary of the farmers in many instances, and the Farmers party a Liberal partisan organization in many others.

But an event has just taken place which is more significant. The Farmers party was making headway in Quebec. Its organizers even claim that it is that it would capture fifteen seats, and, unquestionably, by making three-cornered fights it was at least endangering a number of Liberal seats. All of a sudden however, and following a visit by Mr. Crerar to Montreal, the so-called Progressive leader announced that his organization did not propose to contest any ridings in Quebec. This naturally has caused a lot of suspicion. Government managers, for example, charge that Mr. Crerar's decision was taken after a conference with his Quebec Liberal allies, and that it fortifies their suspicion that a secret understanding exists between Mr. Crerar and Mr. King. Indeed, the statement is boldly made that as the campaign progresses, more than circumstances will be forthcoming to show the existence of a treaty. In this connection it is interesting to recall that it was common knowledge in Ottawa in 1913 that Mr. Crerar was anxious to attend the National Liberal convention. The Agrarian leader, who had not long since left the Government, had severed at conferences with Hon. Charles Murphy, who organized, directed and supervised the Liberal convention. He left for the West, it is said, decided to return to the convention but after taking counsel with his lieutenants of the Prairies decided that it would not be wisdom to openly join the Liberals, the reason being that he might have a bad effect upon Conservative farmers who are members of the Agrarian movement.

Speculate on Terms. Some observers here, convinced of an alliance, go so far as to speculate upon the terms of the treaty. It is hinted that Mr. Crerar who has become more and more luke warm to wards low tariffs as he has penetrated the industrial districts of the East, would not be unwilling to bargain that part of his platform for some other concession from Mr. King. In other quarters the suggestion is put forward that Mr. King might not be unwilling to make some slight concessions on the tariff in return for Mr. Crerar's acceptance of the Shaughnessy railway scheme, now being advertised by Gouin, Lomieux and most of the prominent Liberals.

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Officials Convinced Robbers Received Accurate Information of the Rich Shipments.

New York, Oct. 26.—A white muslin laundry bag, used to muffle the head of the driver today became the clue upon which postal authorities hope to track down perpetrators of Monday's mail truck robbery now believed to have been the richest haul in the history of mail thefts. Postal authorities said the fact that the bag was used by the robbers was not explained by Frank Havranek, the driver of the truck, until today.

Loss Exceeds Million.

In the absence of complete figures, being compiled by a force of nearly fifty postal clerks, the belief gained ground in official circles that the loss would exceed \$1,000,000.

Postal officials learned that the bulk of the stolen securities were housed in the locked trunk of the truck, and were likely to be destroyed as worthless. Scores of federal operatives and city police were making every effort to lay hands upon the robbers and likely to be destroyed as worthless. Scores of federal operatives and city police were making every effort to lay hands upon the robbers and likely to be destroyed as worthless. Scores of federal operatives and city police were making every effort to lay hands upon the robbers and likely to be destroyed as worthless.

The Rise in Wages Compared With Freight Rate Jumps

The Association of Railway Executives made public Tuesday a compilation, prepared by the Bureau of Railway Economics, showing the relative increases in payrolls and freight rates since 1916, as follows:

Four general increases in freight rates, which averaged as follows:
27 per cent. on June 27, 1917
2 per cent. on March 15, 1918
25 per cent. on June 25, 1918
24 per cent. on Sept. 1, 1920
A total of 78 per cent. in 1921 over 1916.
Average annual compensation of all classes of railroad employees increased as follows:
1916-7 per cent. over 1916
1917-13 per cent. over 1916
1918-41 per cent. over 1917
1919-5 per cent. over 1918
1920-39 per cent. over 1919
A total increase of 119 per cent. for 1920 over 1916.

Supreme Council of Masonic Order Annual Meeting

Over Fifty Thirty-Third Degree Masons Gathered at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Oct. 26.—Over fifty members of the Supreme Council of the Masonic Order in Canada are meeting here for two days, the gathering being the annual meeting of the Supreme Council, which is the governing body for the entire Dominion and whose membership is made up solely of thirty-third degree masons.

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Winston Churchill Regrets That Spirit of Canada Doesn't Prevail in Ireland.

DESPITE POLITICS OLD FLAG STILL WAVES

Differences Exist Here, He Says, But Country Remains True to the Empire.

London, Oct. 26.—(Canadian Press Cable)—At the Canada Club dinner tonight in honor of the Duke of Devonshire, which was presided over by Sir George Peckey, Canadian High Commissioner in the absence of the Duke of Connaught, some interesting comparisons between Canada and Ireland were made by Winston Churchill, Secretary of State for the Colonies. "I must be very careful what I say about Canada," declared Mr. Churchill. "Any word I say might be construed as interference in matters which we have no concern." (cries of don't worry.)

Not Worrying

"No I am not going to worry," continued Mr. Churchill. "That is one advantage of the system on which the Empire is built. There is a great economic and political struggle going on today in Canada, and not one of us has to worry about it. We know that whatever may happen the old flag will fly. How I wish that in similar elections, which will be taking place in the near future, we had no cause to worry. Canada gives us a feeling of encouragement at the present time in that we have in hand in regard to Ireland. We see that in Canada there have been many, if not, indeed, all the difficulties which exist in Ireland, great differences of religion and language, difference of history and party groupings, even differences which have led to bloodshed. "It would be foolish to suppose that all these differences have been swept away, but in the Canadian constitution, they have been reduced to proportions which no longer threaten the integrity of Canada as a nation or give cause for the slightest ground for anxiety to the Motherland."

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