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THE BRITISH RAILWAY

Leadlock Continues in U.S. Steel Strike--Men Standing Firm

SIR SAUNDERS CRITICIZES MANNER OF WAR OPERATIONS

In Commons, Charges Need- less Loss of Life--Civil Service Bill Passes.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Sept. 29.—Private members' day in the commons was productive of debate on several topics, including the conduct of the operations of the Canadian forces in France, treatment of returned soldiers and the length of speeches in parliament.

In the evening government business was taken up and the resolution on which the bill relating to civil service classification is based was passed. Criticism of the military operations in France was voiced by Sir Sam Hughes in moving for military... The ex-minister, who spoke for over two hours, covered much old ground, but touched on some new matter in referring to the operations before Cambrai on September 29, 1918. The gravamen of his charge was that the higher command was responsible for heavy loss of life in sending both infantry and artillery forward into machine gun nests which should previously have been cleared out with tanks. The result, Sir Sam claimed, was heavy losses and a retirement, the objectives not being taken until October 10.

Major-General Griesbach, West Edmonton, and Col. Peck, Skeena, both of whom were at Cambrai, asked the ex-minister some questions regarding the treatment of returned soldiers, and also refrained from committing himself or the government directly concerning D'Annunzio's occupation of Fiume.

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RETURNING SOLDIERS OFFICERS, NURSING SISTERS AND SOLDIERS FOR TORONTO DISTRICT ARRIVED AT HALIFAX ON THE ROYAL GEORGE YESTERDAY. A LIST OF NAMES WILL BE FOUND ON PAGE 7.

G. A. C. TAG DAY FAILS OF TOTAL DRIVE FOR \$20,000 ENDS IN RECEIPT OF LITTLE OVER \$12,000.

Considering the cause, the helping of wounded soldiers and the needy dependents of those who have fallen, the result of the G. A. C. tag day was something of a disappointment to the Dominion executive. The sum expected was \$20,000, the totals received were \$11,870.61 at midnight with five more boxes to come in and several promised cheques, which would raise the amount to over \$12,000.

The G. A. C. was undoubtedly unlucky, showers in the morning and the defection of nearly 20 captains, reducing the number of soldiers in the ranks to 115.

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LYNCH GETS VERDICT. Philadelphia, Sept. 28.—Joe Lynch of New York had a shade the better of Joe Burman, Chicago, in a six-round bout here tonight. The fight was about even until the last round when Lynch closed Burman's eye with a vicious blow. The men are bantam weights.

BORDEN'S ILLNESS DELAYS CAUCUS. His Condition Not So Good --Is Causing Friends Uneasiness.

Special to The Toronto World. Ottawa, Sept. 29.—There is no dis- agreeing the fact that Sir Robert Borden is a sick man, and his condition is causing his colleagues and friends some uneasiness.

The prime minister was able to attend a cabinet meeting on Saturday, but he is not so well today, and will not be able to come to the parliament buildings tomorrow. The Unionist caucus has therefore been postponed. It may be called for Wednesday, if it is learned by tomorrow night that the premier's condition has sufficiently improved.

THIRTY THOUSAND SOLDIERS REPORTED AS NOT EMPLOYED

Twelve Thousand in Ontario --Statement in Evidence at Federal Inquiry.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Sept. 29.—Retraining and employment of former members of the Canadian forces were the problems before the special committee on bill number 10, on soldiers' civil re- establishment today. The committee heard three witnesses and the employment question held attention most of the day.

Private employment bureaus and other organizations which divert a certain amount of labor from the existing government bureaus, make conditions much harder to handle, Bryce L. Stewart, of the employment branch of the federal department of labor stated. He outlined the conditions in the various provinces and said that on the whole, the prospects for this winter in regard to employment were such that in a normal year there would not cause any anxiety.

The committee was also told that there are over 20,000 returned soldiers in the Dominion who are at present unemployed. These figures were supplied by Major L. L. Ames, director of the information and service branch D.S.C.R. Major Ames gave the figures by provinces, as follows: Ontario, 45,000; Manitoba, 15,000; Alberta, 4,025; British Columbia, 3,850; Quebec, 3,244; New Brunswick, 1,592; Saskatchewan, 585; Alberta, 550; P.E. I., 450.

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PRESIDENT WILSON SLIGHTLY BETTER

Washington, Sept. 29.—After a day of rest, President Wilson was described as "slightly better" in an official bulletin issued tonight by Dr. C. F. Grayson, his physician.

The bulletin, which recorded the first change to be expected in the president's condition since he was taken ill last Friday, did not give details of a number of delegations, but stated that the president is slightly better.

Mr. Wilson will not be able to receive Viscount Grey, the British ambassador, who arrived here Saturday, but when his health permits him to see visitors, Viscount Grey probably will be among the first to be received. The president's secretary announced that Mr. Wilson would remain in seclusion at the White House for the present.

President Wilson will not receive King Albert and Queen Elizabeth of Belgium at the White House until they return from a tour of the United States, which was planned definitely today at the White House.

Medicic Will Save and Serve the Prince Again. Montreal, Sept. 28.—Medicic Martin, mayor of Montreal, is expected to be at the court of the Prince of Wales in British Columbia, today. He is expected to be accompanied and presented by himself on behalf of the city to the heir-apparent. Incidentally, he will be the first to be seen by the prince when he is put in the case, each bearing a ring-label to the effect of his devotion to the prince's welfare.

RAILWAY MEN RETURNING TO WORK MODIFIED SERVICE ON BRITISH RAILWAYS NOW ASSURED WITH NUMEROUS VOLUNTEERS' AID

SMALL WAR STEAKS AGAIN IN EVIDENCE

London, Sept. 29.—London today faced stricter food rationing than for a year. Regulations which were wiked at even before the armistice, when supplies started coming in in larger quantities, today were clamped down on all kinds of meats and butter and sugar. Cured meats, which were only slightly rationed during the war, today were placed in the same category as other meats. Fish was not placed upon the rationing edict, but lack of transportation is affecting the supply.

It is roughly estimated that there is a fourteen weeks' food supply in the country, if it is conserved. Restaurants have eliminated butter from their menus and restricted bread to one roll per meal. The familiar miniature war steaks again are in evidence.

NEW WESTMINSTER ACCLAIMS PRINCE

Wonderful Reception to H.R.H.—Now Bound Eastward on Special Train. Canadian Press Despatch. New Westminster, B.C., Sept. 29.—The Prince of Wales was given a wonderful reception in New Westminster today. Thousands of people lined Kingsway on the 12-mile motor trip of the royal party from Vancouver and many thousands more filled the streets of New Westminster when the prince arrived.

At the fair grounds his royal highness' welcome was just as enthusiastic and crowds followed him about and cheered him at every performance. The prince went thru the buildings and at 1.30 p.m. received formal addresses from the city and the exhibition board, after which he declared the exhibition open. Shortly afterwards he joined his special train and left for the east.

Australian Federal Elections Fixed for December Next

Melbourne, Australia, Sept. 29.—It is believed Premier Hughes has decided upon December 6 as the date of the federal general elections and for the holding of the constitutional alteration referendum giving the Commonwealth government increased powers and allowing it to deal with the profiteering evil.

BRITISH TRANSPORT MEN DEFER STRIKE DECISION

Delegates Unable to Reach Meeting Owing to Absence of Trains--Machinery for Distribution of Food Works Well.

London, Sept. 29.—The Transport workers' Federation tonight postponed decisions on the question of a general strike of tramway, omnibus, dock and river-side workers should be called. The postponement was due to the absence of a number of delegates who could not reach the meeting owing to the railway strike.

Government officials were decidedly optimistic this morning in their expressions regarding the trend of the strike. The correspondent of the Associated Press was officially informed that the machinery for the distribution of food is working so well that it is possible to announce that adequate supplies are absolutely guaranteed to the country. More than 100 trains are operating in the various districts, and the number is increasing today, some of the operatives being volunteers and other union men who oppose the strike.

Government Considers Strike So Well in Hand That it Will Not Be Necessary to Summon Parliament--Disposition of Men to Return to Work--Many Engine Drivers Offer Services--Pickets Doubled.

Associated Press. London, Sept. 29.—The Exchange Telegraph says the government considers the strike so well in hand that it will be needless to summon parliament. It adds that in consequence of the disposition of many strikers to return to work, the National Union of Railwaymen's executive committee has found it necessary to double the pickets at a majority of the London stations and at many stations in the provinces. It also says that seventy-five per cent. of the engine drivers on the South-Eastern Railway are reported to have offered to return to work.

The railroads generally assert that numbers of the railwaymen's union are returning to work, and that a modified service on all lines is assured with the assistance of numerous volunteers. Secretary Appleton of the General Federation of Trade Unions, interviewed by Reuters, said that in view of the fact that no issue was involved between the railwaymen and the government until the end of December, he believed that if the railwaymen had balloted there would have been no strike. Mr. Appleton said he was of the opinion that the effect of the strike on other trades will not be certain for some days.

Trains Now Run on Most Roads

London, Sept. 29.—The following official statement on the railway strike was issued today: "The general situation is improving. Government measures are working satisfactorily and food distribution is progressing smoothly. Offers of voluntary assistance are still pouring in."

At mid-day today the situation had not materially changed, and with the transport workers and bus men still working the element of surprise has not proved so successful as was anticipated.

An official report states that the Great Western service is almost normal. Many up-river residents are traveling to and from the city by river. The London Electricians' Union has decided to take no action at present.

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