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PROBS.—FAIR

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BELGIAN STRIKERS SHOW GROWING IN STRENGTH

Socialists Estimate Half a Million Men Out

MAY COMPROMISE SUFFRAGE QUESTION

Unions Daily Joining Ranks of Strikers—Antwerp Diamond Workers Reinforce Movement—Mobs Destroy Machinery.

Brussels, April 21.—While upwards of 500,000 men are on strike throughout the country according to the estimates of the Socialists, both sides seem to be marking time in anticipation of the debate of the Chamber of Deputies tomorrow on the motion of the Liberal leader M. Masson, looking to a compromise on the suffrage question. The cabinet met this afternoon to consider this subject, but nothing as to the result of the deliberations was vouchsafed to the public.

The retail merchants associations of Belgium with a membership of 120,000 members, have sent an appeal to all the deputies in favor of a solution insuring permanent peace.

The savings bank reports there have been no more withdrawals than usual, which is considered significant as indicating that the strikers have not yet begun to use their savings and would be able to make a long fight.

Business in the theatres here dropped fifty per cent, during the week. The lamp-lighters have decided to go on strike tomorrow night, but all preparations are being made to ensure the lighting of the streets.

Essential parts of the machinery of the municipal refuse destroying plant were carried off during the night, putting the plant out of action, and it is announced that the workmen at the plant, as well as the refuse collectors, will join the strikers tomorrow.

Batches of strikers children continue to arrive here from the provinces.

The Antwerp Strikers.
Antwerp, April 21.—The strikers at the port of Antwerp were reinforced today by about 4,000 men, bringing the total number of 25,000 men. This was due to the adhesion of the diamond workers and the shutting down of several minor industries. Several hundred diamond workers with bands and banners paraded the streets in an orderly manner.

More ships arrived here today than on Saturday owing to notification having been sent out by the steamship companies to all agents that no trouble had occurred and that they could secure the services of a sufficient number of dockers to load and unload the vessels.

A big firm in the business of building automobile bodies notified all its employees that those who joined the strike would be instantly dismissed.

AMMUNITION SAID TO BE DEFECTIVE
Militia Department Has Refused to Accept Large Quantities from Quebec as Improperly Manufactured.

Ottawa, April 21.—Reports have been received from Quebec that ammunition manufactured for the department of militia and defence has been rejected. While these have not been officially confirmed, and Col. the Hon. Sam Hughes when asked about the report tonight refused to discuss it, it is learned from other sources that the department has refused to accept a considerable quantity of ammunition, amounting to several thousand rounds as improperly manufactured.

Col. E. W. B. Morrison, the new master general of ordnance, has been in Quebec and the detection of the defect in the ammunition is a result of an investigation made by him in connection with the administration of his office. It is understood that Col. Morrison has made a report dealing with the manufacture of this ammunition, and the reason for its rejection, but details of the report are being closely guarded. The ammunition was of recent manufacture.

INTERVIEW MISQUOTED MR. McLEOD

Provincial Secretary Never Made the Statements Attributed to Him in Interview in Montreal.

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, April 21.—Hon. H. F. McLeod, Provincial Secretary, who has returned from Ottawa, declared this afternoon that he had been misquoted and made to make statements which were absolutely at variance with what he had said in an interview which had been sent out from Montreal in the Canadian Association Press of Friday last.

The interview had Hon. Mr. McLeod as saying that an election "seems to be the natural way out of the difficulty," that "even if the Government avaral bill goes through the House of Commons without a riot, it is very likely to be annulled by the Senate," and that "an appeal to the country is the surest way of settling the question."

"I never made any such statements as attributed to me," declared Hon. Mr. McLeod. "That interview is an absolute misrepresentation. Just as the interview appearing in a Montreal paper from which the Canadian Associated Press despatch was apparently made up. All I said about elections was that if there was an election on the naval issue the Liberals would be left with only one seat in New Brunswick."

SENSATIONAL MURDER CASE IN AMHERST

Charles Watt Charged With Particularly Horrible Crime—Alleged He Murdered Infant and Burned Body.

Special to The Standard.
Amherst, N. S., April 21.—The arrest of Charles Watt, a boiler maker at the Robb Engineering Works, on the charge of murder, is the one topic of conversation in this town tonight. Watt was placed under arrest at noon today, but no publicity was given to the fact until tonight.

Three weeks ago, Watt's sister, who is now an inmate of his home, gave birth to an illegitimate child. The mother has been seriously ill since that time and on Mrs. Watt devolved the care of the girl infant.

Her story of the alleged crime is to the effect that her husband came home at midnight on Saturday partial, ly under the influence of liquor. The child was in a baby's basket in his bedroom and was being fed from a nursing bottle. He pulled the bottle from the child which began to cry. After using some profane language, Watt, according to his wife's story, deliberately smothered the child by holding a handkerchief over his face and pressing his hand on the mouth and throat.

Mrs. Watt further relates that when life was extinct he took the body of the infant downstairs, and the next thing she heard him doing was putting on a fire in the large hall stove. He was up and down stairs frequently as through the night replenished the fire.

Early Sunday morning he told his sister he was going fishing and took a rod and canvas bag with him. The bag appeared to be filled.

Mrs. Watt, when relating her story this afternoon, avowed away more than one occasion and was in a hysterical and half crazed condition. She made the startling statement that the canvas bag which her husband carried away with him showed marks of ashes in it when he returned.

Bill to Aid Roads Obstructed All Day Yesterday

PUTTING POLITICS BEFORE BUSINESS

Liberals Fighting Against the Farmers in Vain Effort to Keep Credit Away from Government

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, April 21.—The opposition spent the day in obstructing the Highways Bill, just as on Friday they obstructed the bill to appropriate ten million dollars for the advancement of agriculture.

These two measures, designed for the betterment of conditions in the rural districts, and the stimulation of the farming industry, were to be remembered, held up by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his followers last session. This session the fight against the bill is being in principle the same then as now. This session the fight against the bill is being in principle the same then as now.

The Burrell Bill fixes the amount to be spent and apportions it among the provinces on a basis of population, the total amount to be expended in the year being declared in the legislation. This bill is an attempt to give the farmer more money than he has now. The Highways Bill, as pointed out by Prime Minister, is an enabling bill only, it does not appropriate money. In this respect it is just what the Liberal critics want the Burrell bill to be.

The opposition is not satisfied. Sir Wilfrid Laurier would be left with only one seat in New Brunswick. This in the face of the assurance that the appropriations would be placed in the estimates each year. This in the face of the assurance that the appropriations would be placed in the estimates each year.

After the formal business had been concluded, Mr. Cochrane moved the second reading of his bill to amend the Intercolonial and Prince Edward Island Railway Employees' Provident Fund Act. He explained that it was to empower the government to return to men, dismissed for political partisanship, the money they have paid into the fund.

Mr. Cochrane said that it would depend on the facts. Mr. MacDonald said he had a case in his county of a man who had been dismissed for preparing electoral lists some years previously.

Mr. Borden pointed out that the civil service act already provides for the conduct of civil servants with regard to political work.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier urged that partisanship should be held to include all party work either at election times or between elections, as in preparing electoral lists.

He recognized that in every election men were tempted to forget that they were public servants. Men who take office usually are important officers whose time is fully needed by the public service. When consulted by party work either at election times or between elections, as in preparing electoral lists.

At the suggestion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Cochrane moved the bill so that in all cases the men shall get all their money back.

BRANCH TRAIN JUMPS TRACK; FIREMAN KILLED, MANY HURT

Dalhousie Branch Train While Running Into Campbellton for Repairs Leaves the Rails With Fatal Results—Investigation Will Be Held at Once.

Special to The Standard.
Campbellton, April 21.—A bad wreck occurred today on the I. C. R. three and a half miles below here. The Dalhousie branch train composed of an engine, passenger and freight car jumping the track, causing the death of the fireman, minor injuries to three or four of the passengers and considerable damage to the train and property.

The train in charge of Conductor Lamplsey with brakeman McMillan, Engineer T. G. Scott and Fireman Jas. Jamieson, left Campbellton running tender first shortly after 9 a. m., hitting up a pretty lively clip. At a point a little beyond Richards, the tender jumped the track and plowing over the sleepers, landed in the ditch on the left of the roadbed, followed by the cars, while the engine swung directly across the track the rear end being buried in the bank on the right of the track.

The passengers knew nothing until they were all thrown in a heap in the car, panic striking the train. The passengers being safely gotten out of the car, all more or less bruised, W. D. Dunbar of Campbellton, was perhaps the worst injured, the shock affecting him so that he fainted three times or four times before he was removed from the car.

While the passengers were being removed the train crew were busy endeavoring to extricate Jamieson, the fireman, who was pinned underneath the engine with his legs broken and it was feared internal injuries. He was removed to a neighboring house where the medical men who had been hurried to the scene, did all in their power for him, but he died about three o'clock, without regaining consciousness.

The engineer escaped with but a slight shaking, the conductor being unharmed and the brakeman receiving a slight bruise on the shoulder. The breakdown gang were rushed to the scene, while the wrecking crane was hurried up from Moncton. The Ocean Limited was held up at Campbellton while an engine train from the east transferred the passengers at the scene of the wreck and returned east with the Dalhousie passengers.

In conversation with the railway authorities this afternoon no reason could be assigned for the disaster, the cause being plainly shown on the track where the tender jumped the rails, which were quite sound at the time. The matter will be subjected to an early investigation.

BIG LUMBER MILL BURNED

Portage Lake Mill in Northern Maine Completely Destroyed—Loss \$10,000—Will Be Rebuilt Immediately.

Special to The Standard.
Bangor, Me., April 21.—News has reached here of the total loss of the big Portage Lake Mill Co.'s mill at Portage Lake, Wednesday night by fire which is thought to have originated from a hot box about the shafting. The loss, which is estimated at between \$80,000 and \$70,000, is fully covered by insurance. Vice-president Archibald of the Co., the majority of whose stock is owned by the Blanchard Lumber Co. of Boston, announced that the mill, which is one of the largest in northern Maine, will be rebuilt immediately.

Five cars, partly loaded with lumber, were burned on the mill siding. A Bangor and Aroostook freight train arrived from Port Kent while the fire was in progress and drew five other cars out of danger. The locomotive then went to Ashland and brought back the fire department from that town. When they arrived, however, the fire had burned itself out. The lumber piles near the mill were saved. The mill burned out from five to six hours of lumber dail, during the season, and employed 60 men.

TAX COLLECTORS LEVY ON HOUSEHOLD GOODS OF DUCHESS BEDFORD
Silver Cup Taken to Satisfy Debt—She is a Suffragette—Arson Squads Still on the Wapath.

London, April 21.—Distrust was levelled today upon Duchess Adelaide of Bedford for non-payment of her taxes. A silver cup was taken to satisfy the claims of the tax collectors.

USE CLOSURE IN DEBATE ON SUFFRAGETTES

Home Secretary McKenna Applies it in British House and Ends Argument Over His Militant Bill.

London, April 21.—The bill aimed at hunger strikes by militant suffragettes introduced in the House of Commons on March 28 by the Home Secretary, Reginald McKenna, came up for discussion in the house today.

Secretary McKenna appealed for urgent action because, pending the passage of the bill he felt it his duty to continue forcible feeding, which he was desirous of avoiding. At the same time he refused to accept a compromise having the effect of prohibiting forcible feeding, for the reason that he wished to retain the power to resort to this method. In his opinion the release of a hunger striker might endanger public interest.

The bill provides for the temporary conditional discharge of prisoners whose detention is undesirable on account of their condition of health. Prisoners discharged in this way would have to return to prison on the expiration of the period stated in their order of release, or would be liable to arrest without warrant.

Numerous amendments were proposed both for and against the suffragette interest, but all were opposed. The bill was passed by a vote of 208 to 30. The remaining clauses were then adopted and the bill passed through committee unamended.

SCOTIAN WINS VICTORY

Fred Curtis, Aged 16, Secures Verdict in Maine Supreme Court—Jury Out But Few Minutes.

Special to The Standard.
Bangor, Me., April 21.—Fred Curtis, a 16-year-old Annapolis, N. S. lad, has just won a verdict of \$27.30 cents in the supreme court here against William Gould, a Jackson farmer, on a suit to recover pay for work done on Gould's farm from June to November last year.

On the witness stand young Curtis swore that he had made no trade with Gould when he went to work, although he had been told that he would be paid "what was reasonable." He declared that he received but \$4 in cash for his summer's labors. Once Gould gave him 75 cents and told him to go to the Monroe fair and stay two days and enjoy himself "regardless of expense." On cross-examination he said Gould had also given him a \$5 gun, a suit of clothes and some overalls. He left his job because Gould threatened to "lick him" for not doing his work as it should be done.

Freddie said that while on the Gould farm he did the chores, drove a team, helped hay, helped hoe, dug potatoes, picked rocks, gathered apples, pulled weeds, and a few other odd jobs.

Gould thought Freddie's experience on the farm should have been both pleasant and valuable, he said in court. He told the jury that Freddie went fishing every once in a while and that he bought him an outfit including a \$6 suit and a \$3 pair of shoes. He declared the lad's wages had been fixed at \$5 a month, and that he had him charged with money and goods amounting to \$10.15. Fred did "man's work," Gould admitted.

After being out but a few minutes the jury returned a verdict in favor of the boy.

POLICE HAD BUSY NIGHT.
The police had a busy time last night rounding up drunks and obnoxious characters. About eleven o'clock Carl Atto, a German, assaulted Charles Anderson on Rodney wharf, and created a disturbance which brought Officers Pitt and Dykeman to the scene. They put a damper on his warlike spirit, and this morning he will have to face a charge of assault.

Senator Chamberlain Introduces New Element in Canal Controversy

WOULD REMOVE THE GROUND OF PROTEST

Resolution Meets With Strong Support in U. S. Senate—Believe It Will Pass With Very Large Majority.

Washington, April 21.—A demand for abrogation of the treaties with Great Britain bearing on isthmian rights, presented to the Senate today in a resolution by Senator Chamberlain, brought new element into the canal controversy, now in progress between the country and Great Britain over the right of the United States to exempt American coastwise ships from the payment of tolls.

Senator O'Gorman, chairman of the inter-oceanic canals committee which must handle canal legislation in the Senate, tonight endorsed the principle embodied in the Chamberlain resolution. Earlier in the day state department officials had expressed ignorance of Senator Chamberlain's plans to introduce the resolution.

The Chamberlain resolution would require the President to proceed at once to terminate the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty of 1901, and the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty of 1852, which it superseded. In a statement Senator Chamberlain said the treaties would show that the United States never planned to give Great Britain such treaty rights as would justify the protests that country has made.

Senator O'Gorman said: "Senator Chamberlain's resolution is a statement of the position I took in the last session, that if the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty justifies Great Britain in making the protest now before our government, then it would be well if means could be found to abrogate the treaty."

The new angle to the situation caused much discussion in senate circles during the day and brought out many endorsements of the proposal. Senator O'Gorman declared at the close of today's session that he believed that the resolution would pass by a large majority, if it came to a vote.

NEGRO BOY DROWNED BY MEN WHO CLAIMED HE STOLE DINNERS

White Men Under Arrest Are Charged With Murder of Colored Lad—Was Hurled Into River.

Bolton, Vt., April 21.—A negro youth of about 19 years old, who wandered into town Saturday, was hurled into the Winooski River, where he was drowned. It is charged, by four men, three of whom had accused him of stealing their dinner pails.

Three of the men, Henry McCabe, James Sweeney and John Jenison, all of this town, were arrested last night and taken to the jail in Burlington. Their companion, Henry Goodrick, also of Bolton, has disappeared and is being sought.

Jenison volunteered the circumstances of the negro's death, and police say that his story was corroborated by the other prisoners. According to their version of the affair, the boy was an unwelcome participant in a game of "snap the whip" which crowned their efforts to extort a confession from him. When the whip "snapped" the victim shot into the stream and sank after a brief struggle.