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THREE CENTS

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE FOR THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF SOLDIERS IN CIVIL LIFE

Representation to be Made Before This Committee as to the Needs of the Returned Men — Twenty Members Appointed With Hon. J. A. Calder as Probable Chairman.

Ottawa, Sept. 18.—What will probably prove to be the most important parliamentary committee of the session was named. It is the special committee which will give consideration to the bill concerning Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment and before which returned men will make representations as to their needs. The bill is designed to take the place of the War Measures Act, and which ceases to be effective with the proclamation of peace.

The committee consists of Hon. J. A. Calder, who is almost certain to be its chairman, and the following members: H. B. Morphy, North Perth; Major Brien, South Essex; Colonel Hugh Clark, North York; Dr. Edwards, Frontenac; E. W. Nesbitt, North Oxford; F. E. Pardee, West Lambton; W. T. Kennedy, North Essex; Hon. Dr. Beland, Simcoe; F. Bolton, Lisgar; Dr. Chisholm, Antigonish; Colonel Cooper, Vancouver; A. B. Copp, Northumberland; Colonel Lang, Humbolt; General McLean, Royal; Major Powers, Quebec South; Colonel Tremaine, Hants; Thomas Tweedie, Calgary; H. E. White, Victoria; Lieut.-Col. Arthur, Parry Sound.

Before moving for the appointment of the committee Hon. H. W. Rowell explained the work and record of the department of soldiers' civil re-establishment, and there was a general discussion.

At the evening session second reading was given Mr. Pedlow's bill to make the second Monday in November, Armistice Day, a permanent thanksgiving day.

It will be considered in committee. When the house opened this afternoon the members of the committee expressed the sympathy of members with Sir George Foster in the death of Lady Foster. He then moved, seconded by Mr. G. J. Macdonald, a resolution that when the house adjourns today, it will stand adjourned until four p. m., tomorrow to enable members to attend the funeral.

Mr. Gauvreau asked if it was the intention of the government during the present session to treat an army of 13 defaulters under the M. S. A. Mr. Doherty: "Announcement of any policy decided on will be made in due course."

In reply to a question by Mr. Tobin, Mr. Doherty said that \$238,893 had been collected in fines imposed upon defaulters.

Replying to Mr. Archambault, Mr. Guthrie said that the government had been paid in full for the job-breaker Bureaus throughout the country.

INVESTIGATION INTO THE COST OF LIVING BY BOARD OF COMMERCE

At Toronto Yesterday Vice-Chairman W. F. O'Connor Made Order Restraining Milk Producers and Vendors from Selling Milk and Cream at Higher Prices Than on Sept. 14—Other Matters Dealt With.

Toronto, Ont., Sept. 18.—W. F. O'Connor, vice-chairman of the Board of Commerce, today made an order restraining milk producers and vendors from selling milk and cream at higher prices than they sold those commodities at on September 14.

Mr. O'Connor read the order during a hall in the proceedings at the inquiry at the City Hall this morning.

"This order is now in effect," he declared, when the concluded reading the document. The document reads: "And it is further ordered that any sale made in contravention of this order shall be deemed one made for an unreasonable and unjust profit."

"Dissatisfaction with prices and costs list produced by J. A. Nelson, superintendent of the Retail Stores, operated by the Wm. Davies Company, was expressed by Lieut.-Colonel F. L. Price, counsel for the Board of Commerce, at this morning's investigation.

Mr. Price declared that he wanted all prices and costs lists from June last submitted to the Board, but all he had obtained were some originals and copies.

A reduction in the cost of hog products between September 2 and September 12 was due, said Mr. Nelson, to a lower hog market. The market at present, he described as "falling," and before many weeks it would become a proper market.

Mr. O'Connor observed that even allowing for the reduction in profits up to four cents a pound were being obtained by the company.

Mr. Nelson did not think the profits were too great. He claimed that the competitors had been made to get rid of the highest-priced products.

Walter W. Price, a market gardener of Oakville, stated that he had undertaken to supply cucumbers to the Matthews-Blackwell Company at prices of \$30.00 and \$10.00 a ton for different sizes. He stated that whereas, which he had sold for 1 1/2 cents a pound, rose to 25 cents and 25 cents a pound when bottled by the company.

"I could not understand it at all,"

Prince of Wales To Take Things Easier

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 18.—Colonel Henderson, military secretary to the Governor-General, is here today making final arrangements for the Prince of Wales' reception. He is impressed on local officials the necessity for keeping down public functions in Vancouver and Victoria to a minimum, for the Prince had been rather overdoing himself, and, on the advice of his physicians, will endeavor to take things easier.

St. Croix Cotton Mill Strike Is Quickly Ended

Loom Fixers Will Return to Work on Monday Next With Request Granted and Strike of a Week is Over.

Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, Sept. 18.—J. W. Graham, manager of the St. Croix Cotton Mill, which had been closed for a few days because of a strike of the loom fixers, returned today from Montreal, where he has been in consultation with the general management, and the strike is at an end.

The noon mail brought to each of the twenty-three strikers a letter from general manager Dawson, reviewing at some length the facts connected with the strike as he understood them and censuring the men for the policy they had followed, but granting the request for an increase in wages and also intimating that the company is soon to institute a profit sharing scheme in all its mills. Notices have been given that the mill will resume work next Monday morning after being closed down one week.

Similar arrangements were being made with France, Australia and New Zealand, however, in order to secure the work legislation must be passed.

Mr. Rowell reviewed the work which was being carried on by the department. It was started, he said, when a man had been discharged from the army. Soldiers suffering from physical or mental disability must be cared for, and hospitals were maintained for this purpose. Men who were not physically fit were trained, if possible, to earn a living. Finally men who were physically fit were aided in getting work, partly through the operation with the Dominion Labour Bureau throughout the country.

White Star Line Gets German Ship

Former North German Lloyd Liner Prinz Frederich Wilhelm Assigned to British Government by Inter-Allied Council.

New York, Sept. 18.—The former North German Lloyd liner Prinz Frederich Wilhelm, one of the fleet of German merchantmen blockaded during the war and recently used as a naval transport to bring American troops home from Europe, has been allotted to the White Star Line for service on its New York, Cherbourg and Southampton route. It was announced here today.

The registration committee of the inter-allied council at Paris assigned the vessel to the British government, and the British ministry of shipping today advised the White Star Line to take charge of her.

Western Canada Bank Clearings

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 18.—Following are the bank clearings for the principal cities of Western Canada for the week ending today: Vancouver, \$14,614,165; Calgary, \$6,817,498; Edmonton, \$4,367,950; Regina, \$6,243,804; Victoria, \$2,111,820; Saskatoon, \$2,103,193; Moose Jaw, \$1,798,007; Brandon, \$799,294; Fort William, \$888,693; Medicine Hat, \$483,782; Lethbridge, \$915,326; New Westminster, \$598,326.

LIEUT.-COL. CHIPMAN IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Prominent Citizen of Toronto — Former Resident of St. Stephen and Married Daughter of Late Sir Leonard Tilley.

Toronto, Ont., Sept. 18.—Lieut.-Col. John DeWolf Chipman, prominent in the insurance and mining world, is seriously ill at his home here. For some time he has been troubled with anæmia, and complications have now developed. Colonel Chipman came to Toronto some years ago from St. Stephen, N. B. He married a daughter of the late Sir Leonard Tilley.

President Still Alive

Lima, Peru, Sept. 18.—The rumor in circulation in Santiago, Chile, that Augusto B. Leguía, President of Peru, had been assassinated, had no foundation in fact. The situation in Lima is absolutely normal.

POLISH FORCES ON SOUTHERN BANKS OF DUNA

Bolsheviki Being Driven Back — Advance of About 150 Miles Has Already Been Made from Borisoff.

SIBERIANS ADVANCE

In Archangel Region the North Russian Troops Are Carrying on Successful Operations.

London, Sept. 18.—The Polish forces in Russia have driven the Bolsheviks to the northern bank of the Dvina River as far as Riana and have occupied Korchatzstap.

On the Ukrainian front, the Bolsheviks have forced General Petlura and his forces to retreat to the town of Radomysl, but apparently are not attempting yet to recapture Kiev itself.

This represents an advance northward of approximately 150 miles from the town of Borisoff, on the east bank of the Beresina River, 50 miles northwest of Minsk, reported on September 16.

General Denikin holds a line extending roughly from Bielaya-Tserkov to points thirty miles northwest and north of Kiev. Denikin's forces continue to advance along the Upper Dnieper but have suffered repulses further to the northeast where the Bolsheviks have recaptured Doros and Bakhmach.

The Siberians commanded by Admiral Kolchak, head of the All-Russian government, continue to advance successfully and are now within forty-five miles of Kozmog, however, owing to the enforced retreat of Admiral Kolchak's southern army, the Bolsheviks advancing southeastward along the Turkestan railway have succeeded in effecting juncture with another force.

The Bolsheviks have captured more than four thousand prisoners, many guns and large quantities of supplies.

There has been no new development or change in the British policy regarding Russia, the Associated Press was officially informed today.

Admiral Jellicoe has begun to evacuate the Caucasus. It is announced, despatches having left Tiflis.

Food Riots In Berlin

London, Sept. 18.—Despatches received here quoting Berlin papers of today's date tell of food riots Wednesday night in Berlin. Troops were summoned by the authorities to maintain order.

Nothing New In Fiume Affair

Premier Nitti Announces That All News Will be Given Out to the Press.

Rome, Tuesday, Sept. 16.—Speaking on the Fiume situation in the Chamber of Deputies today, Premier Nitti promised that all news concerning the Fiume developments would be communicated to the press. Nothing could be concealed, he declared.

HONORARY CITIZEN OF NEW YORK CITY

New York, Sept. 17.—Cardinal Mercier, Archbishop of Malines, and primate of Belgium, today became an honorary citizen of New York City.

From the time Belgium's heroic primate of the church left the train, which had brought him from Baltimore, until he had retired at the residence of Archbishop Hayes tonight, the hours were crowded with events which showed the veneration in which he is held not only by those of his own faith but by Americans of all creeds.

No German Unionists To Labor Conference

Berlin, Wednesday, Sept. 17.—The trade unionists of Germany have decided not to participate in the international labor conference to be held at Washington unless definitely invited. The Germans take the position that their mere admission to the conference, even with the right to vote, would be insufficient.

Reports say that the Austrian labor men will adopt a similar attitude and that Switzerland and the Scandinavian countries will not be represented unless the Germans are invited.

Housing Scheme Turned Down By Halifax Council

Dominion Government's Loan Plan Was That Halifax Should Use \$750,000 — The G. W. V. A. Were Strongly in Favor of the Scheme.

Halifax, Sept. 18.—The Halifax city council tonight nearly turned down the housing scheme under the Dominion Government's loan. At a previous meeting of the council, the proposal was voted down by a two to one majority. But reconsideration was moved. This came up tonight at a special meeting when some of the aldermen changed in favor of the plan. There was still, however, a feeling against it, and reconsideration was defeated by a vote of 9 to 8.

The chief argument was that the adoption of the scheme would impose a heavy burden of debt on the city, which would not be fair to those who did not avail themselves of the loan at the rate of five per cent. The plan was that Halifax should use \$750,000 of the Dominion loan. This will be the last of the plan, so far as Halifax is concerned. The G. W. V. A. were strongly in favor of the adoption of the scheme.

The subject of joint councils in plants and industries and the establishment of a bureau to promote and establish these councils, gave rise to an interesting debate this afternoon.

For the employers it was pointed out that while certain plans were giving satisfaction they were organized to meet local conditions, and none felt very confident that the Whitley or any other specified plan would prove satisfactory in all cases.

They were dubious as to whether a bureau would prove a success except in so far as it might collect data and bring out the various plans and have those facts whittled into shape for either manufacturers or workmen when they expressed a desire to go into the matter.

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Border City Car Fares Given Boost

New Brunswick and Maine Public Utilities Commissions in Joint Meeting Grant Permission to Use Seven Cent Fare.

Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, Sept. 18.—George Dickson, chairman of the New Brunswick Public Utilities Commission, in a joint meeting with the Maine Public Utilities Commission, which was held here today, granted the street railway company of St. Stephen and Calais permission to use the seven cent fare and the right to issue books of eight tickets for fifty cents. The new fare will take effect on Monday next, September 22nd.

Shooting In Streets

Brussels, Germany, Sept. 18.—Clashes occurred here Wednesday between Spartacans and troops, during which there was sporadic shooting in the streets of the city.

RIGHT OF LABOR TO ORGANIZE; RECOGNITION OF UNIONS; COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Some of the Subjects Which Were Before the National Industrial Conference in Ottawa Yesterday—Labor Questions Debated—Report of Committee Received and Unanimously Adopted by the Convention.

Ottawa, Sept. 18.—After four days of debate, during which the opinions of labor and the employers on most subjects have been well aired, the work of the National Industrial Conference to be speeded up by reducing the hours of debate on each subject. This was decided upon this evening when it was realized that with four days gone, there were yet four items on the agenda unhandled.

The four questions have been handed to the committees appointed without any preliminary debate, and are heard there will be an allowance of forty minutes for each side of the House on each subject.

The conference today was unanimous in agreeing on the needs of the unification of labor laws between the federal government and the provinces. The first report of the convention was received with hearty applause. Matters which have been debated and on which reports are to be made, probably tomorrow are, hours of labor; minimum wage laws; employer's right to organize; recognition of unions and collective bargaining; the establishment of a bureau to promote the establishment of industrial councils and the further recommendations of the Royal Commission on joint plan and industrial councils.

The subjects handed direct to the committees are:

The putting into effect of the findings of the Royal Commission in all work controlled by the government; consideration of other features of the Royal Commission's report; labor features of the Peace Treaty and consideration of any other proposals which may be introduced bearing on the relations of employers and employees.

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MASKED MEN ROBBED MAIL CAR ON OCEAN LIMITED YESTERDAY

Entered Car Near Harlake, Quebec, in Early Morning—At Point of Revolvers Mail Clerks Were Bound and Gagged—Robbers Went Through Mail Bags and Left Train at St. Thomas With \$75,000.

Quebec, Sept. 18.—A bold robbery by which a silver consignment of \$75,000 was robbed from the mail car of the Ocean Limited train on the I. C. R. near Harlake, Que., car today was committed by five masked bandits who held up the mail clerks, gagged and bound them hand and foot and went through the mail bags and pulled out the shipment all pulled into St. Thomas, Montserrat.

The money had been shipped from Montreal yesterday evening and was consigned to Halifax. It seems the bandits came originally from Montreal and followed the shipment all the way down, riding in a passenger coach.

The mail clerks, when found at St. Thomas De Montserrat, were suffering from having been tied up. They lost no time in reporting the robbery and the wires were made not with orders for the organization of possees that have been scouring the countryside since but so far no trace of the highwaymen have been found.

The Ocean Limited does not stop at the small stations after leaving Lévis and the first stop is made at Harlake Junction where an engineer and train crew have to get orders from the dispatcher before proceeding eastward. At Harlake the train barely had pulled out, according to the mail clerks' foreman, than the back door of the mail car was crashed in and the five masked men, pointing automatics into the faces of the mail clerks, shouted the dramatic and business-like "hands up."

The bandits quickly bound and gagged the mail clerks, then made a dash to the very bags containing the money.

All this while the train was making the tracks at a sixty mile per hour clip. The Ocean Limited train is the fastest of the Intercolonial service.

It is supposed they had a motor car hidden in the bush back of the station with a confederate waiting for them ready to make their escape.

No one noticed anything wrong on the train at St. Thomas and it was only at Lévis, the next stop, that the conductor of the train, passing on the platform of the station, noticed an extraordinary quiet in the mail car and rapped on the door. No one answered and he got suspicious and found the side doors locked. He rushed to the back door of the car and found it split and open. The five clerks piled up on empty mail bags quickly told him the full tale and all got busy. One of the clerks had to be taken to Quebec. He is E. Reno, he is suffering from nervous shock after his experience.

The following statement was given to the Canadian Press at ten a. m. today at the postmaster's office here: "I. C. R. train No. 200 (Ocean Limited) left Lévis at 12:10 this morning. Mail Clerks Grosselin, Lachance, Veilleux, Reno and Dumont in charge of mail car.