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Talk of General Strike Of Civil Servants All Over Dominion

(Canadian Press.)

Vancouver, B. C., May 13—A general strike of civil servants extending from coast to coast is now being mooted, according to a high official in the postal service here, as a protest against the alleged unsatisfactory salary provisions in the reclassification announced recently by the civil service commission.

During the last few days, it is declared, telegrams have been dispatched between the eastern and western cities, pledging full support to any action embracing the whole of Canada, which may be decided upon in protest.

LONDON HEARS TODAY OF MORE IRISH TROUBLES

Shootings, Robberies and Property Destruction

Talk of More Troops Being Sent Into Country — General MacCready Makes Suggestions to Government.

London, May 13—Reports of an unusual number of activities by armed and masked men in various sections of Ireland were received in London today. The reports began trickling in early in the morning and by noon had reached the proportions of an avalanche. As at Easter time, many police barracks were attacked and a large number of them were destroyed. Most of the barracks which were the object of attack were not occupied by the regular police force, which had been sent to the larger centres.

Income tax offices also were again attacked and many documents were destroyed. A notable instance of such attacks was a raid upon an income tax office in the heart of Belfast.

At the Irish office it was said at midafternoon that that office was without advices concerning the events mentioned in the reports.

Meanwhile Viscount French, the viceroy, was in London for a conference with Andrew Bonar Law, the government leader in the House of Commons, regarding the policy to be pursued with a view to the restoration of order in Ireland.

The reports of the demonstrations followed closely on announcement made by Mr. Law in the House of Commons yesterday that General Sir Beville MacCready, military commander of Ireland, was inaugurating new plans through which it was expected conditions would be improved. Mr. Law in the House of Commons said that General MacCready had already taken some important steps and at a cabinet meeting this week had proposed others, which met with the approval of the government. What these steps were Mr. Law did not say. He declared that the government would take any action which in its belief was necessary to restore decent conditions.

THE MATTER OF A HARBOR PATROL

Believe Shipping People Would Contribute to Its Upkeep, Opinion of Mr. Ledingham.

That the suggestion of Commissioner Bullock to have the shipping concerns of the city contribute to a fund that will enable the city to establish a harbor patrol is being entertained favorably by the shipping people of the city was said by D. W. Ledingham, manager of Furness, Withy & Co., to a Times reporter this morning. He said that the company was now awaiting some official suggestion from the city in response to a communication sent to the mayor and read at Monday's council meeting.

As the patrol would be a protection to the whole harbor front, Mr. Ledingham was of the opinion that the tugboat [illegible] owners, coal companies and lumber dealers should assist in its upkeep as he understood that they, too, were suffering from machinations of a gang which is said to exist along the harbor front. He said the matter would be taken up as soon as a reply was received from the city.

BORDEN MAY HOLD OFFICE FOR SOME MONTHS

Ottawa, May 13—Sir Robert Borden today presided over a meeting of the cabinet. The budget, it is understood, was under consideration. Of what Sir Robert's intentions are he has given no indication, but it is learned on high authority that he has no intention of retiring for some months at any rate.

A caucus of unionist supporters to discuss the situation will, it is expected, be called at an early date.

MOTHERS DIE; BABIES SAVED

Fire in Maternity Hospital in Ottawa Claims Two Victims.

Ottawa, May 13—Two lives were lost in a fire early this morning in Dr. Hagar's maternity hospital. The victims, both patients at the time, were Mrs. B. Morris, 121 Lebreton street, and Mrs. P. Mitchell, 22 St. Joseph street, Ottawa. Both were suffocated by smoke. The bodies were found by firemen one lying across the other.

All the babies in the building were taken out by nurses.

The private hospital, a three-story brick structure at the corner of Elgin and Somerset street, was fully occupied so far as bedrooms was concerned. There were nine women and six babies beside the staff. Mrs. Mitchell, one of the victims, was the mother of five children. Her husband is Phileas Mitchell, a painter. She was thirty-seven years of age. Mrs. J. Morris, the other victim, was twenty-six years old and has one other child. She went to the hospital on last Sunday. The origin of the fire is unknown.

NEW YORK HAS NOT YET LOST ALL OF ITS KICK

New York, May 13—The spectacle of a man perched precariously on the top of a speeding automobile, plucking bullets from his police pursuers, enlivened things for crowds going home from the lobster palace district early this morning.

After two automobiles commandered by policemen had chased the speeding car for fifteen blocks, its driver condescended to slow down and explain. It seemed that the young man on top was winning a wager made in a Broadway restaurant that he could not stick on top of the machine for "a short trip." Both the driver and his reckless passenger were arrested.

MATTER OF PAY OF TEACHERS IN FREDERICTON

(Special to Times.)

Fredericton, May 13—The Fredericton School Board dealt with the salary question yesterday. Objection was taken to the fact that for St. John a minimum of $700 has been set, while for Fredericton the minimum is $800. The board adds $100 to the annual salary of all grade teachers, thirty in number. Special instructors and high school teachers were given increases on the basis of percentage. Janitors were given increased pay.

William C. Daley, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Daley, of Marysville, and Miss Nellie Donahey of the same town, but formerly of Newcastle, were married last night in the Devon Baptist parsonage by Rev. H. H. Ferguson. The groom is a returned soldier.

PAY HAS GONE UP 169 PER CENT. SINCE 1916

Fall River, Mass., May 13—The six unions represented in the Fall River textile council at separate meetings last night voted unanimously to accept the manufacturers' offer of a fifteen per cent increase to operatives in all textile mills in this city. The increase, which will effect about 30,000 operatives, will go into effect on June 1, and the new wage scale will be in force for six months.

This makes a total increase of 169 per cent in wages granted mill operatives here since 1916.

FREDERICTON BREAD LIKELY TO BE DEARER.

Fredericton, May 13—An advance of at least one and perhaps two cents a loaf was predicted in the price of bread in Fredericton today, as a result of flour prices having increased $1.45 a barrel this week. Wholesale price of bread is thirteen cents for a pound and a half loaf while some places sell at fourteen cents and others at fifteen cents retail.

DEATHS IN MOTHERLAND.

London, May 13—(By the Canadian Associated Press)—The death of the following has occurred: Lord Digby, Dorsetshire; J. G. Bulsteel, a steeple chaser; Percy Wheeler, a chancery lawyer; C. F. MacLaren, a Scottish iron master, and Hugh Thompson, an artist.

MONTREAL MARKET.

Montreal, May 13—The local market was dull almost to the point of nonexistence during the first hour this morning. A little trading of a broad character was done which can be described as nibbling. The old favorites were completely neglected. Brompton registered one sale up to 10.30 a. m. at 101. Breweries in two sales were firm at 52. Other issues were for the most part inactive.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HUDSON BAY CO. IN CANADA

An elaborate programme took place at Winnipeg recently. Photo shows: Above: Winnipeg society ladies and Indian chief. Left to right: Miss Allen (daughter of G. W. Allen, M. P.), Chief Iron Bull (89 years old, Sioux.) Below: P. A. Godsell, in charge of Indians; Chief "Big Charles" of the Wood and Cree Indians; John Henry, official in charge of lower Fort Garry.

"BLUEBEARD" IS SUED BY WOMAN

She Is One Who Caused Arrest of Watson in California.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 13—Mrs. Catharine Wombacker, whose suspicions caused the arrest of James P. Watson, sentenced recently to life imprisonment after he had confessed to causing the deaths of several of a score of Canadian and American women he is alleged to have married, brought suit against Watson in superior court yesterday to obtain restoration of certain property which she alleges she turned over to him after their marriage.

Watson is preparing for departure for St. Quentin to begin serving his sentence for the murder of Nina Lee Deloney, to which he pleaded guilty. Officers are searching for money and property which they believe Watson has concealed in various parts of Canada and the United States.

FARMING OUTLOOK IN EASTERN TOWNSHIPS.

Sherbrooke, Que., May 13—Seeding has been going on throughout the Eastern Townships during the last few weeks. Work on the farms has been held back to quite an extent by the cold and raw weather and, in addition, the farmers are finding it a rather difficult task securing sufficient help.

Halifax Bank Clearings.

Halifax, May 13—Bank clearings for the week ending today and corresponding figures for last year were: 1920, $5,170,387; 1919, $4,620,353.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The Kansas depression of yesterday has passed rapidly eastward across the middle states, while the barometer has remained quite high over the western provinces and great lakes. The weather is fair throughout the dominion, mostly warm in the west and rather cool from Ontario eastward.

Probably Rain.

Maritime—Moderate winds, showers tonight. Friday, strong northeast and north winds, cooler and probably rain in eastern portion.

Gulf and North Shore—Fresh northwest winds, fair today and on Friday, much the same temperature.

New England—Rain tonight; Friday, fair, continued cool, strong northeast winds, shifting to northwest on Friday morning.

Toronto, May 13—Temperatures:

Stations.	8 a. m.	Highest Yesterday.	Lowest During Night.
Prince Rupert	38	54	38
Victoria	40	56	40
Kamloops	36	72	40
Calgary	..	56	..
Edmonton	46	66	42
Prince Albert	44	70	42
Winnipeg	38	66	30
White River	32	48	30
Sault Ste. Marie	36	50	34
Toronto	48	52	32
Kingston	46	50	42
Ottawa	44	56	42
Montreal	46	56	44
Quebec	48	54	36
St. John	52	54	40
Halifax	52	56	36
St. John's, Nfld.	44	44	34
Detroit	42	54	40
New York	50	68	46

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter, "I am gathering material for a scenario to be entitled The Trail of the Lost Women. There are no women in St. John. They have been swallowed up—disappeared—vanished. In the words of the poet—and the gentler sex always inspires poetic sentiment: 'Like the dew on the mountain, like the bubble on the fountain, like the foam on the river, they are gone and forever'—or words to that effect. There are no mothers, no sisters, no aunts or female cousins."

"I guess," said Hiram, "you aint been in no dry goods stores lately."

"But I have been attending the meetings of the Improvement Leagues," said the reporter.

"You wasn't figgerin' you could improve the wimmin' folks—was you?" queried Hiram.

"Perfection," said the reporter, "needs no embellishment. I would not think of such a thing. But how can the rest of creation be improved without the thrilling inspiration of the presence of the ruling sex? You go to a meeting. The dames and damosels are not there. You gaze around on a depressing and somnolent group of he-persons to whom flowers of rhetoric are as the crackling of thorns under a pot, or on a grinning company of unbridled youths who refuse to take you at par. You tell them you were once a boy yourself. They look doubtful. You say something about your boyish exploits. They begin to applaud the next speaker while you are yet laboring to find the golden text of your remarks—and you sit down. Hiram—we must find the lost women and persuade them to attend these meetings."

"Hev a bridge an' dance," said Hiram. "That'll fetch 'em. They aint lost. You can't lose a woman. But I'm su'prised at what you say. I was hopin' the gals 'ud git up a baseball league this year an' make me umpire. You might jist tell 'em I said so—yes, sir."

"NICKEY" DOES NOT LET POLICE CAUSE HIM WORRY

Cleveland, May 13—Through friends here Arnstein, alleged "master mind," last night transmitted an ultimatum to those seeking to capture him. In substance it was: "I will not compromise on my demand that my bail be not more than $50,000. I stand on $50,000 bail as a matter of principle."

Arnstein's friends say he sent word that he feels sure he can evade the police as long as he wants to, and for this reason he has no fears in sending this message.

CLEARING HOUSE FOR AFFAIRS OF THE EMPIRE

London, May 13—(Canadian Associated Press)—Lord Milner, at a luncheon to Mr. Watt, Australian treasurer, advocated a sort of clearing house establishment for imperial affairs. He said it would be of the highest utility and should be in London. There would be a standing committee for information and consultation about imperial affairs, on which every branch should have at least one representative. In other words, would it not be possible for the ministry of every government to have at least one member always in London and available for discussion with colleagues from other dominions and the British government about matters of common concern.

SHIPBUILDING PART OF BIG MERGER PLAN.

Touching on the shipbuilding industry Colonel Morden said yesterday that the British Empire Steel Corporation was going to build ships. With the steel plants in Sydney and their wonderful facilities in having the raw material at hand it was obvious that with ships there would be a complete circle in industry which would make Canada quite independent.

OLD CLO'ES DAY IN NEW ORLEANS

A Second Organized Drive Against High Cost of Living.

New Orleans, La., May 13—Threadbare coats, shiny trousers, last year's straws and re-soled shoes were the order of each of the two great American political parties at their June conventions by representatives of the various farm organizations of the country. This was decided on at the closing of the two day meeting of the national board of farm organizations.

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It was their purpose, he said, to send representatives to the Chicago and the San Francisco conventions with demands that they be recognized in the formation of the party platforms and to throw the weight of their support at the November election to that party which gave the greatest consideration to the farmer in the party declaration of principles.

JAMES SNOW IS ELECTROCUTED IN HALIFAX

Halifax, May 13—James Snow, foreman electrician at the pump house, Halifax shipyards, met instant death by electrocution today. While connecting wires on the platform of the pump house he came in contact with a live wire and received a shock of about 500 volts for seven minutes before the power could be shut off. Snow, who was thirty-eight years of age, was a native of Stellarton, but had been with the shipyards since their opening in 1918. His wife and children reside in Halifax.

MORE MARRIAGES; FEWER DEATHS

London's Vital Statistics — Deaths From Alcoholism Are Greatly Reduced.

(Canadian Associated Press.)

London, May 13—The registrar-general's annual report shows the marriage rate to be the highest on record and the death rate the lowest. While the birth rate has not yet had time to recover from war effects it is steadily improving and fewer children are dying in infancy. Twice as many marriages were dissolved as in 1913. Illegitimate births are the highest in fifty years.

The registrar suggests that the drastic liquor restrictions during the war are responsible for the death of males from alcoholism being reduced from 1,969 to 339 and the deaths of females from the same cause from 819 to 95.

FARMERS MAKE DEMANDS TO THE PARTIES IN STATES

Chicago, May 15—Recognition for farmers will be asked of the platform makers of each of the two great American political parties at their June conventions by representatives of the various farm organizations of the country. This was decided on at the closing of the two day meeting of the national board of farm organizations.

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LOCAL NEWS

VISITING SHRINERS.

Shriners arrived in the city on the Montreal train today to attend a degree meeting here.

AT THE HOSPITAL.

Inquiry at the General Public Hospital this morning elicited the information that Mrs. Anne Stone, who was injured by being struck by an automobile in Main street on Tuesday, is resting fairly comfortably.

FOOD INSPECTION.

Mrs. Edmund Flewelling, who has been appointed assistant food inspector for the city, is the first woman to be appointed to this position. In this capacity she is authorized to examine all food products in stores, restaurants and soda fountains under the board of health. It is hoped that the public will extend hearty co-loperation to Mrs. Flewelling in her work.

LOCAL WRESTLING.

The sporting editor of the Times received a letter today from Arthur Larabar, a wrestler from Halifax, saying that he is in the city seeking a match with Joe Irvine. He says the latter must meet him or stop making excuses as to side bets, etc. He says he is agreeable to meet Irvine winner to take all. Joe Irvine is at present working on his father's farm in Oromocto, but recently said that he would willingly meet Larabar if satisfactory arrangements could be made.

GELDART-BLIZARD.

A quiet wedding was solemnized on May 12 at 4 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Blizard, when their daughter, May, was united in marriage to Robert E. Geldart, by Rev. Neil McLauchlan. Many beautiful and useful presents were received, among them a chest of silver from the staff of the Ford Motor Co., where the groom is employed. A little after the ceremony the bride and groom left for a trip through the New England States. On their return they will reside in the city.

POLICE COURT.

In the police court this morning, Arthur London was charged with stealing a horse, the property of D. A. McLaughlin. The latter gave evidence which had something to do with a reported trade in his absence. Victor McLaughlin and William Andrews also testified.

Campbell Cormier, charged with theft, was remanded.

A case against William Matheson, charged with stealing a horse, the property of John Kelly, Somerset street, was resumed and the complainant testified. The case was postponed.

Four men, charged with drunkenness, pleaded guilty and were remanded.

FARM LABOR IN WEST ONTARIO SCARCE AND SMALLER ACREAGE SOWN.

Sarnia, Ont., May 13—Shortage of farm help is keenly felt throughout rural localities of western Ontario. So acute has this become that a largely decreased acreage sown is the alternative. One prominent Plympton farmer said that in an area of 1,200 acres, only fifty acres are sown to crop. Showers and warm weather are badly needed for crops.

NEW LIST OF NAMES FOR LABOR'S CHOICE IN MANITOBA ELECTIONS

Winnipeg, May 13—The dominion labor party last night cancelled all previous negotiations of their candidates for the provincial election in this city, which have hitherto included the imprisoned labor leaders, and will submit to the membership a new list of names from which a ticket will be drawn a fortnight hence.

BARGE AGROUND.

Quebec, May 12—The steam barge Atikogan, with the barge Thunder Bay in tow, grounded in the St. Lawrence tonight off Madame Island. The Atikogan left here this afternoon at three o'clock for Sydney and when off Madame Island she lost her rudder and drifted ashore. The tugs Lord Strathcona and Busy Bee of the Davie Shipbuilding Company, are preparing to go to the assistance of the two vessels.

SCHOONER WRECKED.

New York, May 12—The American schooner Florence Thurlow, which hails from Boston, was wrecked in a collision tonight about seventy-five miles southeast of Sandy Hook with the steamer Laramie, which reported the accident by wireless. The crew of fourteen men were rescued.

PROPAGANDA FUND.

Montreal, May 12—A million dollar fund for the propaganda of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association was foreshadowed tonight at the annual dinner of the Montreal branch. Among the guests were Colonel W. Grant Morden, Sir James McKechnie, head of the Vickers firm of England, and many of the business leaders of the province.

AGAINST SULTAN.

Constantinople, May 12—Turkish Nationalist troops have repulsed forces loyal to the sultan near Ismid and are advancing toward the Dardanelles. They have released all prisoners recently taken at Brussa and Adababazar would not agree to join Mustapha Kemal's army.

Desertions to the Nationalist army are reported to threaten the sultan's forces with collapse.

SUGAR PROFITS.

Washington, May 12—Telegrams were sent by the department of justice today to all United States attorneys reiterating the department's policy of holding the margin of profit on sugar sales to one cent for wholesalers and two cents for retailers.

Said to Be From St. John.

Fredericton, May 13—Robert Armstrong of St. John, cashier at the C. N. R. station here, has been arrested. He is charged with being short $600 or more in his accounts. He has been released on bail. The arrest was made on a warrant issued at the instance of Station Agent McMillan.

JARVIS SCORES GOVERNMENT ON NAVY MATTER

Navy League Convention in Ontario — A Plea for Boys for Merchant Marine.

(Canadian Press.)

Toronto, May 13—Declaring that nobody wanted war, but that provision for war must be made, and that a strong merchant marine, a strong navy and a strong naval policy for Canada were essential, Hon. Dr. H. J. Cody, former minister of education for Ontario, in addressing a convention of delegates to the Navy League of Canada, Ontario branch, here yesterday afternoon, urged the importance of training boys to man the merchant marine, which was vital to commerce, he said, and which became an integral part of the navy in time of war.

President Jarvis scored the dominion government for failure to acquaint the people of Canada with the details of Admiral Jellicoe's four alternative naval schemes which were presented to the government some time ago.

A resolution was passed calling for the adoption of the Jellicoe scheme of a fleet unit on each coast to cost $25,000,000; also a resolution calling for the acceptance of the scheme outlined by Admiral Jellicoe, which would entail an annual expenditure of $25,000,000.

PUT EMBARGO ON COAL TO CANADA

Proposal to Congress in Bill Because of the Matter of Pulpwood.

Sharon, Pa., May 13—As a retaliatory measure for the present Canadian embargo upon pulp wood paper, United States Representative Willis J. Hullings announced here today that he would introduce a bill in congress soon for placing an embargo upon coal to Canada. He said he is gathering data now with that end in view.

Representative Hullings said that following the acquisition of large crown spruce timber lands in Canada by American interests a limit had been placed upon exports. Mills were constructed then, he said, and afterwards an embargo was placed on pulp wood and pulp wood paper from crown lands.

This, he asserted, left Canadian manufacturers located on private property, to do business with the United States "at their own prices."

FATHER CARLETON WAS VERY ILL, BUT BETTER THIS MORNING

Mrs. John Connor, Paddock street, received a telegram from New York this afternoon informing her that her brother, Rev. Charles P. Carleton, pastor of the Catholic church at Silver Falls, spent a good night and his condition shows a marked improvement. He was recently operated on and for a time his condition was considered serious.

IN WALL STREET.

New York, May 13—(10.30 a. m.)—Lack of buying power effected further shrinkage of quoted values at the moderately active opening of today's stock market. Overnight advices dealing with the general industrial and financial conditions were mostly of a character to give renewed encouragement to the short account. Pressure continued to concentrate in steels, equipments, motors and textiles, in which reactions averaged a point. Investment rails also lost ground on prospects of a new strike in the middle west and specialties reflected additional liquidation.

Noon Report.

Selling of steels, equipments, motors and shippings continued during the first hour. Dividend paying rails recorded additional losses, Canadian Pacific declining 3½ points, Atlantic Coast Line two and Union Pacific, Illinois Central and Louisville & Nashville one point each. Commission houses traced most of the offerings other than those of professional origin to interior points, where restricted credits, labor disturbances and reduced business activities now prevail. Towards noon oils led a rally in which recoveries ran from one to three points, with a gain of five points for Atlantic Gulf. Demand loans were unchanged from yesterday's ruling rate of 8 per cent, but British exchange eased. Liberty bonds were low.

HORSE RACING IN CANADA RESUMED.

Montreal, May 13—After a three years' suspension due to the war, racing will be resumed in Canada tomorrow, when the Mount Royal mile track opens. This meeting inaugurates the season of the tracks under the Canadian Racing Association, which are located in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, Fort Erie and Windsor.

Racing will be continuous at the association's track from now on till the fall.

The General McLean Matter.

Vancouver, B. C., May 13—From feeling existing among returned soldiers here, it is doubtful that, with the apology of Brigadier-General H. H. McLean for his remarks made before the pensions committee, the incident would be wholly closed. "We would far rather accept his resignation than his apology," said President McKenzie of the Great War Veterans' Association today. "It should be remembered that he was asked to resign, and we still protest against his continued sitting on the committee."