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COOL WITH SNOW

THREE CENTS

## FOURTEEN PER CENT. ADVANCE IN WAGES TO ALL MINERS IS FINDING OF DR. GARFIELD

His Announcement of Basis for Wage Scale is Concurred in by Wilson's Cabinet Which Further Stipulates for Gov't Control Over Coal Prices and That There Shall be No Increase in Price at This Time.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 26.—A wage advance of fourteen per cent. for all mine workers, maintenance of government control over coal prices, and no increase in prices at this time, were the conclusions of Fuel Administrator Garfield, announced tonight to the operators' and miners' wage scale committee.

Declaring that Secretary Wilson, acting as the "authorized agent" of the cabinet and President Wilson, had offered an increase of thirty one per cent, John L. Lewis, acting president of the mine workers, asked if the government intended to "regulate the acts of Secretary Wilson."

Dr. Garfield replied that Mr. Wilson made his proposal as a mediator to facilitate negotiations and that Mr. Wilson told him today it was the duty of the fuel administration to fix prices, and that it was not the function of the Secretary of Labor.

"The cabinet has decided that the basis I have suggested is sound and right," Dr. Garfield said.

**Domestic Situation**  
Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 26.—Owing to the prolonged strike in the bituminous regions in the United States, upon which the province of Quebec depends to a great extent for its industrial fuel, the Quebec government has found it necessary to appoint a provincial administrator for this province and Mr. J. W. Lewis, of 61 St. Gabriel street, Montreal, who is thoroughly familiar with the fuel requirements of the province of Quebec, has been appointed to this position.

In future all applications for emergency coal arising in the province of Quebec must be presented to Mr. Lewis, and if he is unable to meet such requirements from emergency stocks within the province, he will present the matter in the proper way to the authorities at Ottawa.

Mr. Magrath has returned from Washington after having made arrangements for a temporary supply of emergency coal to be used for public utilities and for the railways. It is understood both Mr. Lewis and Mr. Magrath, fuel administrator for Ontario, are in Ottawa in consultation with Mr. Magrath and other officials of the Canadian Trade Commission.

## Sir Robert's Special In Collision With Freight Train

Accident Happened at Drummondville When Party Was Returning to Ottawa from Halifax.

Ottawa, Nov. 26.—The special train carrying His Excellency the Governor General, Sir Robert Borden and Hon. Martin Burrell, Secretary of State, arrived in Ottawa at a quarter to seven this evening. It was expected earlier in the day that the train would reach the capital at four o'clock in the afternoon, but at noon, news of a slight accident near Drummondville which delayed it for some time, was received. It was thought that the special would arrive between five and six o'clock, but it was nearly seven before it finally pulled into the central station.

None of the party on board the train suffered any injury through its collision with a freight train near Drummondville. Sir Robert, looking better for his rest of several weeks, proceeded to his home. There were no members of the cabinet at the station, probably because of the delay in the train's arrival. It is understood that the Prime Minister will resume his official duties tomorrow morning.

## COURT MARTIAL PROCEDURE CAUSE FOR INVESTIGATION

British Committee Finds No Alteration in Law is Required But Better Instruction of Tribunals is Necessary.

London, Nov. 26.—(By Canadian Associated Press cable.)—The com-

## Action of U. S. Shipping Board Over German Liners Cause of Annoyance

Liverpool, Nov. 26.—The Post says today that diplomatic negotiations are proceeding to bring matters to a head, owing to the attitude of the United States Shipping Board in refusing to hand over the seven remaining German liners, which action is said to be due to dissatisfaction with the decision of the Supreme Council in allocating the German tankers to France, Belgium and Italy. The newspaper says there is really no connection between the question of liners and the tankers,

and it is suggested that difficulty with regard to the tankers arises from a claim by the American Government, on behalf of the Standard Oil Company, to ownership of them. "It would appear," the Post continues, "without full official knowledge of the exact inner history of this matter, that the Shipping Board has put the British Government to a very considerable expense and delayed the process of repatriation for reasons that can hardly be defended."

## FABULOUS PROFITS MADE BY COAL OPERATORS REVEALED BY U. S. TREASURER GLASS

### Mining Men To Be Heard At Ottawa

Through Their Official Organizations Decide to Take Part in Formulating Policies Regarding the Industry.

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 26.—From the mining centres of the continent are gathered here today mining engineers and metallurgists for the annual convention of the Canadian Mining Institute sitting in British Columbia for the first time. More than 100 delegates were present at this morning's session when an address of welcome was delivered by Mayor H. H. Gale.

In the absence of D. H. McDougall, of Nova Scotia, president of the Institute, the chair was taken by S. S. Fowler of Nelson, B. C. The statement is made that in the future the mining men of Canada, through their official organization will make their voices heard on questions of government and policy bearing on the industry. Hitherto they have confined their activities largely to the economic and technical side of the mining business.

Two questions moved this morning and which were the subject of debate, concerned the proposed free importation of mining machinery and the condition of the gold mining industry which is confronted with mounting costs combined with a fixed price for the product.

The convention continues for three days.

### PARIS PRINTERS WILL CONTINUE THEIR STRIKE

Paris, Tuesday, Nov. 26.—The striking newspaper employees and editors failed to come to an agreement at a meeting held this afternoon. The strikers voted to continue to abstain from working as the managers refused to make any concessions.

### TURKISH QUESTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY CONFERENCE

After the Bulgarian Treaty is Signed Today Peace Conference Will Go Into Turkish Tangle.

Paris, Nov. 26.—The Turkish questions will be up for discussion after the Bulgarian treaty is signed tomorrow. This will take place in the Hall of Ceremonies at the mayor's office at Neuilly. The British are understood to be urging that the conference of Turkish delegates be called during the month of December.

The French appear not to be anxious to hurry these negotiations and it is doubtful whether they will be held, the French not yet having given their consent for the calling of the conference in London as has been urged by the British.

### BISHOP BUDKA ACQUITTED OF G.W.V.A. CHARGES

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 26.—An acquittal on the charges laid against Bishop Budka, by the Great War Veterans' Association, was handed down today by Judge Patterson in the Court of King's Bench. The charges were alleged failure to report as an enemy alien, and the judge held that Bishop Budka did not have to report, Colonel Lindsay, the registrar of enemy aliens, having recognized him. The decision was reserved at the hearing two weeks ago.

### FOUR MILLIONS TO ADVANCE SCIENCE OF MEDICINE

New York, Nov. 26.—Yanderbilt University at Nashville, Tenn., has been given \$4,000,000 by the General Education Board to effect an entire reorganization of its medical school, it was announced here today. The gift, which is the largest made by the board for this or any other purpose, comes from its general funds. The announcement says, "It is not of John D. Rockefeller's donation of \$20,000,000 for the promotion of medical education in the United States."

The General Average for Mines East of the Mississippi in 1917 Show Profits from 100 to 150 Per Cent. on Invested Capital.

### BIG PROFITS BEGAN IN YEAR 1916

The Complete Statement to the Public, Given by Sec. Glass, is Based on Data Furnished by Internal Revenue Experts.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 26.—Bituminous mines east of the Mississippi River in 1917, made "what might be termed fabulous profits," the general average being from one hundred to one hundred and fifty per cent. on invested capital, according to a statement issued tonight by Secretary Glass, based on data furnished by experts of the Internal Revenue Bureau.

"Coal operators generally in the United States in the years 1914 and 1915, lost money when normal depletion and depreciation were taken into consideration," the statement said. "What is meant by this is that proper item in fixing costs, is depreciation of plant and depletion of the cost or value of the coal in the ground."

**Big Money Made.**  
"In the latter part of 1916, all coal companies in the United States, save those in the extreme west, began making money with the result that the operations for the year 1916 generally show a profit from ten to thirty-five per cent. on capital investment."

"1917 all bituminous coal mines east of the Mississippi made what may be termed fabulous profits, the general average being from 100 to 150 per cent. on invested capital, the range being from 15 to 800 per cent."

**Conditions Poor in 1918.**  
"In 1918 conditions were not so good in the Appalachian and Central Competitive districts, profits generally being reduced 25 to 30 per cent. less than for the preceding year, the range being from 15 to 300 per cent. on invested capital. In the west conditions in 1918 were better than in 1917, the profits in the Rocky Mountain districts ranging as high as 400 per cent. on invested capital."

"Unofficial figures for 1919, incomplete of course, indicate that the profits of the operators are less than for 1918, some of the operators claiming to have actually lost money."

### UNITED FARMERS OF N. B. PROTEST TO GOVERNMENT

Their Executive Opposed to Request of Manufacturers for a Permanent Advisory Commission on Tariff Revision.

Special to The Standard.  
Woodstock, Nov. 26.—The Executive Committee of the United Farmers of New Brunswick held an important meeting here today. It was decided to hold the annual meeting of the Association at Woodstock on February 3, 4 and 5. Some discussion took place on the request made by the Executive Committee of the Manufacturers' Association to the Government asking for the appointment of a permanent advisory commission to assist in making tariff adjustment. The Executive Committee of the United Farmers are opposed to the appointment of any commission believing it a waste of money, as the reports of commissioners are pigeon-holed, produce no good results and are asked for by the common people. Believing this, the Executive of the United Farmers tonight sent the following telegram to Premier Borden: Hon. R. L. Borden, Ottawa, Canada: Dear Sir,—We, the United Farmers of New Brunswick, having noticed in yesterday's Gleaner, printed in Fredericton, N. B., that the Ontario Board of Trade are urging the Government of Canada to create a permanent tariff commission, just taking this matter out of the hands of the people's representatives and putting it into the hands of a commission over whom the people affected by the tariff have no control. We, therefore, wish to protest against the appointing of such a commission, and wish to warn the Government of Canada that the majority of the voters of Canada are opposed to the appointment of any such commission, and if necessary will voice their disapproval at the earliest opportunity.

Yours very truly,  
T. W. CALDWELL, M. P.,  
President.  
C. GORDON SHARPE,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

### Prince Sends Messages To The Soldiers

Also Remembers the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides of Canada in Message of Farewell.

Ottawa, Nov. 26.—His Excellency the Governor General, has received the following messages from H. R. H. the Prince of Wales:

H. M. S. Renown, Camperdown, N. S. Nov. 25, 1919.  
"To all the men and women of Canada I send a message of farewell from the Great War."

"On sailing from the Dominion after my first visit, I wish to tell you what a pleasure it has been to see so many thousands of you during the last six months. On behalf of the King I congratulate you on your splendid war services, and for myself, I thank you for having received me not only as Prince of Wales, but as an old comrade on the field. I shall always look upon you as comrades, and I hope you will do the same for me. Au revoir."

"EDWARD P." His Excellency the Governor General, has also received the following message from H. R. H. the Prince of Wales:

H. M. S. Renown, Camperdown, N. S. Nov. 26, 1919.  
To Boy Scouts and Girl Guides of Canada:

"I am just leaving Canada for the Old Country and I want to send you all my best wishes before I go. I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing so many of you on parade during my visit and I shall tell your brother scouts and sister guides in the Old Country that you are every bit as smart as they are."

"Value your training as scouts and guides for the more you value it the greater will be your value as Canadians and as Britishers."

"Good luck to you all till I see you again."

### MONCTON LABOR UNIONS URGED TO ENTER POLITICS

Cooperation With the United Farmers in the Federal Arena Held up to Them as Good Prospect.

Moncton, N. B., Nov. 26.—Labor union men were strongly urged by the president and other speakers at the Moncton Amalgamated Central Labor Union's meeting tonight to organize along political lines for the capture of the Moncton seat in the Provincial Legislature, and to co-operate with the United Farmers in the Federal arena. President Rogers declared it was time for the workers to take the political field as well as the industrial and take their proper place in the councils of the nation.

### FORMER EMPEROR STILL THINKS HE WILL NOT BE TRIED

Amsterdam, Nov. 26.—The Telegraf, quoting "an authoritative source," says both the Netherlands government, and former Emperor William of Germany still are confident that getting will come of the report that there will be a demand for the extradition of the one time emperor.

The newspaper adds that former Crown Prince Frederick William who, it says, has less fear from extradition than his father, takes less matter more seriously. The Telegraf's authority says that the breach between the former emperor and son, while it has not yet been healed, is less bitter, than having yielded to his wishes of his mother.

### B. & M. RECEIVERSHIP TO BE ANNULLED NEXT MONDAY

Boston, Mass., Nov. 26.—Judge Morton, in the Federal District Court, today, announced that he would annul the receivership of the Boston and Maine Railroad. The decree actually discharging the receiver probably will be issued on Monday. A plan of consolidation of the Boston and Maine with its leased lines has been ratified by the shareholders of all the lines and it is expected that final action on the plan will be taken at an adjourned meeting of the Boston and Maine stockholders called for December 3rd.

## TRIAL OF EIGHT STRIKE LEADERS AT WINNIPEG, CHARGED WITH SEDITIONARY CONSPIRACY, BEGUN

Robert B. Russell, the First of the Eight to Face the Jury  
—The Empanelling of the Jury Goes on Slowly as Peremptory Challenges Are Being Widely Employed by Counsel for Defence—The Selection of Jury Long Drawn Out.

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 26.—The indictment against the eight strike leaders for seditious conspiracy was "split" at the afternoon session of the trial today, and, at the instance of the Crown, the trial of Robert B. Russell, one of the eight, was proceeded with singly.

The decision to try Russell separately followed an argument concerning the number of challenges that the defence would be entitled to if the eight were tried together.

Immediately following this decision the work of getting a jury was taken up and continued throughout the afternoon session. It was 3:45 p. m. when the Court commenced calling the jurors, and when the Court was adjourned at 5:15 p. m., three had been sworn in. Twenty-five had been called and out of this number three had been peremptorily challenged by the defence, and nine had been ordered to stand aside by the counsel for the Crown. The remainder were waiting to come up to be sworn.

**Challenge Jurors.**  
In several cases, E. J. McMurray, counsel for the defence, who conducted the selection of the jury for the accused, challenged jurors on grounds of favor, when two of the jurors who had already been sworn in were named by Mr. Justice Metcalfe, presiding judge, to hear the evidence as to whether the men were competent to sit on the jury or otherwise. In one instance they returned a verdict in the affirmative, and the man was sworn in; in another they returned a similar verdict, and the prospective juror was peremptorily challenged; and a third they found the man incompetent to sit on the jury. This is the third time in the history of the Province that the selection of a jury has been taken to such an extreme.

W. A. Pritchard, one of the accused, whose absence delayed the trial this morning, appeared in court this afternoon.

## DETERMINED TO ANTAGONIZE THE UNITED STATES

Members of the Cabinet Believe Mexico's Delay in Answering Note is Plan to Further Strain Relations.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 26.—Members of the Cabinet expressed belief today that the Mexican government's delay in replying to the American note, sent more than a week ago, demanding release of Wm. O. Jenkins, consular agent at Pueblo, was part of a deliberate plan to still further antagonize the United States.

This belief was based largely upon official information from Mexico City that officials there were endeavoring to spread the report that this country was on the verge of a revolution, and that by holding up the reply Mexicans could offer substantial aid to the "revolutionists."

Mexican agents in the United States the advice said, had been sending home highly colored and wildly exaggerated reports concerning domestic conditions, the steel and coal strikes being cited as glaring evidence of industrial unrest.

There was no report from the embassy at the Mexican capital to add already received heretofore, all of which stated that Jenkins was still held in the penitentiary on charges of having been implicated with the bandits who took \$150,000 from him after he had been kidnapped. One despatch from Mexico City said the Mexican Senate had decided to ask President Carranza for full information on the Jenkins case, and this was taken to mean that no reply might be expected until the Senate had given it some consideration.

### INDUCEMENT FOR BIRDMEN TO MAKE SUPREME EFFORT

The Hague, Nov. 26.—A prize of 50,000 florins has been offered for the first successful flight from Holland to the Dutch East Indies, and many Dutch aviators are expected to attempt it as soon as the route is mapped out and final arrangements made.

### Charged With Traitorous Language Australian Chaplain Faces Trial

London, Nov. 26.—Father O'Donnell, the Australian chaplain, who was arrested on August 18, charged with traitorous and disloyal language, pleaded guilty when arraigned today. The court martial adjourned after the testimony showed that the offence occurred at a hotel table at which other officers in uniform were present. Father O'Donnell is charged with having said, substantially, on October 10, at Killarney: "We Australians fought for the independence and right of self-government of small nations, which is being denied the finest and oldest little country in the world by a few satellites of King George who are filling their own pockets at the expense of the working people, and whose hands are red with the blood of Irish patriots. A king and royal family are of no use to this or any other country. I had hopes that the recent railway strike was the commencement of a revolution in England, and the King, fearing the same thing, commanded Premier Lloyd to quash it with a firm hand."

## All Russian Gov't In Strong Appeal To The Populace

In Spite of Reverses Gov't is Ready for a Struggle Until the Enemy is Vanquished.

Irkutsk, West Siberia, Nov. 21.—(Friday, Russian Telegraphic Agency.)—The All-Russian Government today issued the following appeal: "In spite of temporary misfortunes, we are, as before, ready for a struggle until our enemy is vanquished. Our army is performing its duty, and we call upon the population to support the army. We strongly believe that final victory will rest with our cause, but the salvation of Russia is impossible without the co-operation of all the Russian progressive forces."

"We appeal to the citizens of Russia to struggle until the end, for the land, and the law, for real democracy and a constituent assembly."

The appeal is signed by Prime Minister Volodogsky, and all the Ministers.

## 3,500 PERSONS IN CANADA WROTE CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS

Given Tests Yesterday for Positions in the Service as Clerks and Stenographers.

Ottawa, Nov. 26.—Seven hundred candidates are writing on the examinations being held today in Ottawa for positions in the civil service as clerks and stenographers. This is a record. The majority of these writing on the papers are returned soldiers. Quite a number of these are already in temporary government positions. The examinations are being held today from coast to coast under the direction of Mr. J. R. A. Barr, chief clerk in examination branch of the civil service commission.

Thirty-five hundred persons are writing in Canada.