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End of the Steel Strike.

Four months ago half a million steel workers in the United States were summoned to strike by the committee of the Steel Workers' Association of America. Later, the fact developed that this strike was declared upon the basis of a vote in which less than 100,000 steel workers took part. Nevertheless, loyalty to fellow-workers, and to the cause of labor, made the strike very extensive. Probably at one time 800,000 men were "out." The strike failed. The end has come now with a notification by the strike committee that the strike is called off. Enormous loss to the whole of America and to the whole of civilization, through decrease of industrial production, has been caused by the strike. Alone, such a strike would increase cost of living throughout the civilized world. Directly, enormous loss in wages has been inflicted upon hundreds of thousands of steel workers, with corresponding suffering to their families. And this frightful injury was inflicted by the misuse of intemperate and foolish leaders of a vote of one-fifth of the workers concerned. These leaders now issue a proclamation that the strike has been defeated by a conspiracy of "the press, the courts, the federal troops, the police and many public officials." This is an admirable sample of both the specious misrepresentation in which some agitators lavishly indulge, and the consistency and honesty of the intellects of many of them. These very extremists who drove half a million workers into loss and suffering upon a vote of less than one-fifth of their number attempt to make a brazen retreat under the flag of temporarily checked championship of the cause of the mass of the people. Perhaps one moral is that when you hear anyone denouncing others as foes or oppressors of the crowd, be suspicious of him. Very likely either his mind or his stomach is out of order.

Bogey and Buffoons

In the days before the war, all patriotic effort at war preparation to meet the coming menace was denounced in lurid terms as propaganda to further the sordid aim of armament makers. "High finance" was alleged to be eager for war and, from thousands of platforms and editorial desks, the despicable intrigue was denounced by self-styled friends of humanity. Then Germany launched her bolt. The business of sanity today is to establish a world organization to make war less probable. Once again, the bogey of financial intrigue is to the fore. Opposing the League of Nations, Senator Borah, of Idaho, comes out in vigorous and vicious denunciation of "high finance," accusing Wall Street of inspiring the League as a gigantic business deal. The chorus is eagerly taken up all over the United States and echoed abroad. Money in the mass has a lot to answer for. It is, and it will always be, one of the irritants provoking social unrest. But imaginary evils conjured up by conscienceless demagogues and half-witted radicals give a vogue to such menacing terms as "Wall Street" far beyond the actual influence "high finance" exerts. Frequently the public is in-

ized because of the exaggerated ideas people achieve of classes and institutions. The highest explosive known in political life is criticism. For every single politician who succeeds by praising a thousand gain by denouncing. That is one reason why so little constructive ability finds its way into office. Men get into Parliament and stay there by grace of their gifts in abusing the railway companies, "big business" or "high finance." The United States all but bankrupted its railway companies in late years because the politicians found it profitable to harry them in their operations by elaborate restrictions. The time may come at no late date when the people will learn by grim experience not to vote for the men who can swear hardest, but for those who serve their country best. Waves of unthinking indignation are dangerous because they are ridden inevitably by noisy demagogues totally unfit for office; they create a profitable industry to keep in luxury and limelight the least deserving of citizens.—Montreal Star.

Navy to Police Atlantic

Ottawa, Jan. 9.—The building and maintenance by Canada of a Canadian Fleet to be mainly concentrated in the Pacific, in cooperation with the naval forces of New Zealand and Australia, constitutes the main recommendation in Admiral Jellicoe's report on a Canadian navy, it is unofficially learned. The report is now in the hands of Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, Minister of Naval Affairs, but has not yet been considered by the Cabinet as a whole. Admiral Jellicoe, it is stated, recommends the maintenance of but minor naval units by Canada on the Atlantic coast, urging that the defence and policing of the Atlantic be left to the Imperial Navy. He is believed to be emphatic, however, for the maintenance by Canada, Australia and New Zealand of a strong force in the Pacific. The British admiral's plan, it is believed, involves local control of local navies, with all the fleets subject to admiralty direction in time of war, the Dominions to be adequately represented on the Admiralty Board. Lord Jellicoe makes an estimate of the initial cost and the annual maintenance of such a naval scheme as he suggests, but the exact figures are not available. The question as to what extent the Government may be guided by this report, or as to whether a naval policy of any kind is to be introduced at the coming session, is problematical. The impression in well informed circles here is that nothing will be done this year.

French and Turks

Premier Lloyd George's recent declaration that Constantinople should be taken from the Turk does not meet with the approval of some of the Paris papers. The Echo de Paris thinks this would be an initial error, because, if deprived of its capital, the Ottoman Empire would break up into quarrelsome factions. It is pointed out that Russia has a strong interest in any decision respecting Constantinople, and that it might be neither prudent or politic to attempt the liquidation of Turkey at a time Russia is not able to make her voice heard. Other embarrassments would probably arise. The Echo de Paris, which is generally supposed to reflect the views of the French Foreign Office, adds: "What measures would be taken by the Mussulmans, whom we are allowing to gather strength and to arm? The nation which dominates India, Afghanistan, and Egypt, and which has just secured a preponderating position in Persia, has no need to be warned of the serious nature of the peril, whilst France received during the war too loyal support from its numerous Mussulman subjects not to avoid doing anything which would arouse their discontent."

A despatch to London from Wellington, New Zealand, says that on the referendum recount prohibition has failed to secure the necessary absolute majority. The present system will therefore continue.

Local and Other Items

Subscribers Admonished. As we have not of late made any specific reference to the payment of Subscriptions, we should be exceedingly pleased if our friends would give this matter practical consideration at this particular season.

Because the smallpox epidemic is becoming more or less common in the whole of Ontario, the quarantine declared by Montreal against the Province of Ontario has been extended to the whole of Quebec.

A recent special London cable to the Montreal Gazette says that in the default of the United States Norway may be invited to undertake the mandate of Armenia and contiguous regions which are to be freed from Turkish rule.

George Clemenceau is said to intend, if he is elected President of the French Republic, to cross the Atlantic to carry on in the United States a "vigorous campaign" in behalf of the League of Nations, according to the Paris newspaper, L'Evening.

Heavy rains are causing floods throughout most of Italy. The Arno and Tiber Rivers are overflowing their banks and inundating many sections. In several districts houses have collapsed, but so far there have been no victims officially reported.

Gasoline overflowing from a motor truck in Toronto a few days ago caused a fire at C.F. Smith's garage. Over one hundred privately owned motor-cars, valued at over \$100,000, were destroyed, and the building was damaged to the extent of over \$10,000.

Travellers from Newfoundland arriving at North Sydney tell of unusually severe weather conditions in the Ancient Colony. They state that last week witnessed the worst snowstorm in the history of Newfoundland. Fifteen feet of snow fell, demoralizing the colony's sole system of railway transportation.

Aerial mail services between Chicago and Omaha was inaugurated at 8:20 o'clock on the morning of the 8th, when Pilot Walter J. Smith left Grand Park carrying four hundred pounds of mail and a package of meat. The meat was to be served at a banquet for General Pershing in Omaha that night.

Another step towards the completion of the Government end of the agreement for the purchase of the Grand Trunk Railway system was made with the approval by the Governor in Council in the form of an agreement between the Government and the G. T. R. Announcement was made on the 8th that the agreement had been approved.

The radical proposal that the Dominion Government take over salmon and other fisheries of the Pacific Coast, as a means of protecting the fish, eliminating unnecessary competition and waste and to reduce the cost of fish to the public, is made by Hon. Wm. Sloan, Provincial Minister of Mines, of British Columbia, in a lengthy printed memorandum submitted to the Ottawa Government.

Seven thousand persons were made temporarily homeless by the flood in the river Seine which reached its crest in Paris on the 7th, according to estimates. At the same time 21,000 were thrown out of work by the high water. The water in the river receded during the night and an official statement said if the weather continued dry normal conditions might be expected before the end of the week.

The possession of a cent proved the open sesame to the police cells in Montreal early last Friday morning in the case of two men charged with theft. One of the men found the coin in the lining of his waist coat and proceeded to try the lock of the cell door. He found he could lift the latch, the door opened and the two prisoners made an easy getaway. Nothing was known of the escape until the turnkey made his rounds some six hours later.

Local and Other Items

Mrs. Joseph Gates voted in the municipal election at her home at Grand Valley, Ont., where there was a polling place, on Monday morning January 8th, and in the afternoon gave birth to triplets—two girls and a boy.

Winnipeg advices of the 9th say: With fishermen abandoning nets to go trapping, Indians and even miners hot on the trail of silver foxes, beavers, mink, martens, wolves and muskrats, northern Manitoba is enjoying a record breaking fur catching season, Commissioner Wallace announced today. Muskrat skins are selling as high as four dollars each, and it is estimated that four million-dollars worth of furs will be marketed this season.

The Prince of Wales is determined to visit his ranch in Alberta during the coming fall on his way back from India, he told Prof. Carley of Calgary, who has just returned from England where he made arrangements for the shipping to the ranch of thoroughbred Dartmoor ponies which the Prince is introducing to Alberta, also Shorthorn cattle and Shropshire sheep. The name of the ranch has been fixed by the Prince as "The E. P. Ranch." Prof. Carley, who is manager of the George Lane ranches, will also manage the Prince's ranch.

Sir Robert Borden, after a brief stay in Florida, left West Palm Beach on the 7th with Admiral Viscount Jellicoe, former British First Sea Lord, who passed through en route from Washington to Keywest. They sailed from Keywest on board the British Cruiser New Zealand, on the 8th, for Havana, Cuba. On the 9th Admiral Viscount Jellicoe, and Sir Robert Borden, reached Havana shortly before noon. The Morro Castle, the French cruiser Jeanne D'Arc, and Cuban cruiser Cuba fired salutes in their honor. The Maritime officials immediately boarded the New Zealand to welcome the distinguished visitors.

Victor L. Berger, representative-elect from the fifth Wisconsin district was escorted out of Jersey City a few evenings ago by Chief of Police Richard T. Battersby. His departure followed promptly his arrival in the scheduled role of principal orator at a widely advertised mass meeting under the auspices of the Socialists Educational Club. With Berger went Oscar Ameringer, his first lieutenant, also advertised as a speaker. The police refused to permit the meeting to be held, announcing that those who desire to pay dues or transact business with the officers of the club could do so, but that speeches would be barred.

Rev. John J. McDonald, of Summerside, met with a painful accident at Kinkora on Wednesday of last week, and is now confined to his bed at his home in Summerside, with two ribs broken, as well as suffering from a severe shaking up. The accident happened when a sled on which Father John was standing, slipped, knocking him and the driver off the side on a small bridge, and the driver falling on top of him. Father John was given immediate attention and was brought to Summerside by automobile Wednesday evening. He is now resting as comfortably as can be expected. The many friends of the genial Father John will hope for his speedy recovery.

The Parliamentary Session at Ottawa will open on Thursday, February 26th. It is expected that by that time the new Parliament building will be ready for occupation, though not completed. It will be necessary to utilize the furniture in the present house and temporary desks, while the Senate will be quartered in the railway committee room, a very spacious place much larger than where they are now. What is most impressive in the new building is the enormous increase in accommodation. There are almost enough rooms to provide an office for every member apart from spacious lobbies, lounge and caucus rooms. The restaurant is practically completed. What will be lacking are some of the ornate designs and decorations. While the session is on, the completed Senate side will be boarded off and work centralized there.

Strike Ended

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 8.—The strike in the steel mines and furnaces called September 22 and at the start involved 380,000 men was officially called off here today by the National Committee. Announcing that the National Committee had decided to fight no longer, a telegram was sent to heads of all international unions interested and the organizers and field men in all strike districts. "The steel corporation," the telegram said, "with the active assistance of the press, the courts, the federal troops, state police and many public officials, have denied steel workers the right of free speech, free assembly and the right to organize, and by this arbitrary and ruthless misuse of power have brought about a condition which has compelled the National Committee for organizing the iron and steel workers to vote today that the active strike phase of the steel campaign is now at an end. A vigorous campaign of education and reorganization will be immediately begun, and will not cease until industrial justice in the steel industry has been achieved. All steel workers now are at liberty to return to work, pending preparation for the next big organization movement." W. Z. Foster later announced his resignation as Secretary-Treasurer of the Strike Committee, and said he would be succeeded by J.C. Brown of Everett, Washington, former president of the Timber Workers' International Union and one of his chief assistants during the steel strike. Brown is to assume office February 1.

Marshal Foch

Paris, Jan. 13.—Marshal Foch, it is understood, has been agreed upon by France, Great Britain and Italy as the military director charged nominally with supervising the execution of the Peace Treaty. Marshal Foch not only will be consulted on all measures taken, but will be authorized to take the initiative in proposing to the Governments whatever he deems necessary. The Allies had hoped, until the last, that the United States would agree to the previous proposal for a high Inter-Allied Command, and deferred action until yesterday, when Premier Clemenceau, Lloyd George and Nitti met and concluded the arrangement.

League of Nations

The first meeting of the Council of the League of Nations will be held in Paris on Friday next. The call for the meeting has been issued by President Wilson in accordance with the terms of the Treaty. The United States will not be represented at this meeting, as that country has not ratified the peace treaty.

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CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

Change of Time, Jan. 19, 1920

The Time Table on the Prince Edward Island Division will change next Monday, 19th inst. Full particulars will be given in advertisement in this paper on Wednesday, 21st inst. and subsequent issues. District Passenger Agent's Office, January 13, 1920. Jan. 14, 1920—11

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