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LIMIT OUTSIDE LABOR TO 30 DAYS

St. John Assessment Bill Before Committee.

P. R. Officials Ask for Exemption for Railways and Object to the Collection of Taxes by Employers—The Matter Goes to a Private Session.

(Official Report.) Committee Report, Fredericton, N. B., March 28.—The municipalities committee met this morning, with Mr. Hayes in the chair, and took up consideration of a bill relating to assessment in the city of St. John. Mayor Schofield, commissioners Bullock and Frink appeared for the City of St. John. County Engineer J. King, Kelly and Councilors Campbell and O'Brien of the municipality of St. John; Chief Engineer Frink and F. R. Taylor, K. C., for the P. R.; G. R. Melvin, for the N. B. Labor Federation, and J. F. Winslow appeared in connection with the bill. The session relative to the taxation of the electric or transient labor was the subject of much discussion. Mr. D. W. Meserve said that he had been an employee of the Canadian Pacific Railway and knew the manner in which the railway had to take special employes from place to place on its system to perform small repairs of such work. If the section were amended as he did not believe he could support the bill. Chief Engineer Kirby urged that railways be exempt. Transient labor had to be employed constantly. Councilor Campbell said that he was a P. R. employe himself, but he favored this legislation which the railway opposed. What the parish of Lancaster wanted was a just assessment on a certain class of labor which had been brought in by various companies, had worked for several months and left without the parish receiving a cent. Chief Engineer Kirby said that a head tax worked an injustice. He cited the case of a bridge crew from Fredericton Junction and vicinity harassed by tax collectors while working a few days. Hon. Dr. Roberts suggested that Mr. Taylor prepare an amendment which would exempt the transient labor from a tax which he could see no reason why he should prepare a bill for. It was suggested that a time limit of three months be imposed for transient labor. (Continued on page 8, fourth column.)

PRESSING FOR TRANSFER OF ITS RESOURCES

Winnipeg, March 29.—The legislature yesterday passed unanimously a resolution proposed by Premier Norris for transfer of its natural resources to the province. It calls for an accounting on a fiduciary basis since the province confederated and urges the establishment of an arbitration board to deal with details.

LATE SPORT NEWS

Spokane, March 29.—Ivan Simens, 175 pound wrestler, suffered a temporary cerebral dislocation, resulting in blindness when he was hurled on his head in the fourth round of a wrestling bout with Tom Grant here last night. The referee awarded the decision to Grant. Philadelphia, March 29.—The Philadelphia Athletics and the St. Louis Cardinals were scheduled to play the third game of their exhibition series today at Beaumont, Texas, while the Philadelphia Athletics and the St. Louis Cardinals were scheduled to play the fourth game of the exhibition series today at Beaumont, Texas, while the Philadelphia Athletics and the St. Louis Cardinals were scheduled to play the fifth game of the exhibition series today at Beaumont, Texas. The Phillies overwhelped the Florida champions 20 to 0 yesterday. Washington, March 29.—The Washington Americans won a heavy stake to overcome a seven run lead and take the fifth game from the Boston Nationals at Tampa, Florida, yesterday, 12 to 9, which gave them the edge on the series. Zachary, starting for Washington, spotted the Braves a seven run lead in the first inning, but McGridge, his successor, proved a complete rube and held the Nationals leaguers useless until the Nationals started their scoring in the fifth. Washington had been unable to do anything in the four innings when Marquard worked but lambasted the next three Boston pitchers, Deegher, Cooney and Miller. Jewett to Chicago Sale. Fredericton, N. B., March 29.—Harry Jewett, owner of the Exposer, 2,06, and other well known horses, has gone to Chicago for the horse sale, there this week. He has been carrying on negotiations for the purchase of several horses owned in Illinois. Amherst, N. S., March 29.—The Amherst News says that St. Patrick's victory over Vancouver has been hailed as a triumph in "Red" Stuart's hometown. Greater interest was occasioned in the St. Pat's by the fact that four Nova Scotians served with the team during the season, Stuart, Stackhouse, Nolan and Jackson. Ken Randall also played hockey in the province. Only three of the number broke into the series, Stuart and Randall playing important parts.

DISAPPEARING

An old land mark, known as the cannon house, and situated at the top of Fort Howe hill, is slowly being dismantled. The small structure is on the highest peak of the hill, overlooking the harbor, and for many years it was customary for the caretaker of the magazine to host the Union Jack on the attached to the building. A few days ago lightning struck and demolished it in half and it was never replaced.

London Conference For Betterment In Ireland Is Begun

Five From Ulster, Four From South Meet Churchill in Formal Conclave—The Army Troubles—More Outrages Throughout Country.

(Canadian Press Cable.) London, March 29.—The conference of northern and southern Ireland and the British government began this morning, the discussion being the Irish crisis, and with much official secrecy. The conference was probably the most thoroughly representative held in London since the earliest days of the peace negotiations and it was the first time the north and south had been brought together in a formal conclave of this kind. The leading representatives were: For northern Ireland: Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier, and the Marquis of Londonderry. For south Ireland: Michael Collins, head of the provisional government, and Arthur Griffith, president of the Dail. For the imperial government: Winston Churchill, secretary for the colonies, who presided, and Lord Birkenhead, the lord chancellor. At the conclusion of the meeting no word was given out as to the proceedings of the conference.

London, March 29.—London today again became the centre of interest in the efforts to pacify Ireland, with the opening of a conference called by the imperial government to consider the situation growing out of the recent disorders. The meeting was to be under the presidency of the imperial secretary for colonies, Winston Churchill. Five members of the Ulster government and four southern ministers are attending, and some members of the British cabinet besides Secretary Churchill will be present at part of the time. Premier Lloyd George, who left last night for Chequers Court, his country home, was not expected to return to the conference, and it is understood he will take no direct part in it. Arthur Griffith, president of the Dail, and one of the leading southern delegates, had a preliminary talk last night with Secretary Churchill. Today Premier Sir James Craig, of Ulster, had an interview with Mr. Churchill. Sir James Craig, accompanied by the Marquis of Londonderry, minister of education, and Lieut.-Col. W. B. Spencer, secretary for the Ulster cabinet, arrived this morning soon after Michael Collins and two other representatives of the provisional government reached London. Press despatches today reported all quiet in Belfast, and the correspondent of the Evening News ventures the opinion that the warlike elements have called a truce until the results of the conference shall become known.

Dublin, March 29.—Michael Collins last evening, prior to his departure for London, commented on the speeches delivered in the Ulster parliament yesterday by Sir James Craig. Mr. Collins repudiated the assertion that he had kept Sir James or anybody else in the dark. He referred to Clause 12 of the Anglo-Irish treaty, which lays down the boundaries shall be determined in accordance with the wishes of the inhabitants, as far as is compatible with economic and geographical conditions. "I stand by my signature and the treaty," Mr. Collins added. Police Barracks Raided. Belfast, March 29.—The police barracks at Belcoo, near the Fermanagh-Cavan border, were raided last night by armed men who crossed the Cavan county border, which is only 100 yards distant. Of the garrison of twenty one Royal Constabulary and special constables, only six escaped. The other fifteen, with all the post's arms and ammunition, were captured, and taken to the Free State territory. A party of Ulster specials patrolling the Armagh-Louth frontier were fired upon when they inadvertently crossed into Free State territory. One constable was wounded. The fire was returned with unknown results. A freight and mail train bound from Belfast to Dublin was derailed by a large party of armed men near Newry early today. Nine cars, including the mail car and their contents were burned by the raiders. The postal staff escaped. In consequence of this incident the Great Northern Railway has decided to suspend operations of all main line trains out of Belfast at night, with the exception of locals.

GIRL KILLED IN DEFENCE OF HOME

Dublin, March 29.—Armed men yesterday raided the home of a farmer named Dominick Horan, near Stradec, County Mayo, the birthplace of the late Michael Davitt. The daughters of Horan held back the raiders until their father and brothers made their escape through a back door. During the raid the men fired at the girls, one of whom was badly wounded that she died later in a hospital. One of the raiders also was wounded. The supposition is that he was accidentally shot, owing to darkness, by one of his companions.

Constable's Brother Shot

Belfast, March 29.—Wm. Fleming was shot and fatally wounded this morning in his farm in County Armagh, while carrying water for breakfast. He died in the Armagh Infirmary. Fleming's brother is a member of the special constabulary and the attack is believed to have been in reprisal for the shooting of a constable.

ICEBERGS SEEN; SHIPS WARNED

Boston, Mass., March 29.—Two large icebergs were reported in the westbound trans-Atlantic steamer lanes today by the coast guard cutter Seneca. The seneca advised that all shipping keep south of latitude 41.60 between longitude 48 and 61 west.

A VETERAN LEGISLATOR

Fredericton Malli—J. K. Pinder, M. P., on Sunday celebrated the eightieth anniversary of his birth. He was born in Yorkshire, England, but came to New Brunswick at an early age. Mr. Pinder is the Nestor of the house of assembly.

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As Hiram Sees It

"Look-a-hera!" said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "I want you to say in the paper that Silas Jones did rob a hen roost." "I must decline," said the reporter. "What's a newspaper fer?" demanded Hiram. "To give the news and keep the staff out of jail," said the reporter. "You're always knockin' somebody," said Hiram. "I've heard it said all a feller hed to do was fix you right in 'ya, you say anything!" "Well," said the reporter, "I'll print that. Go on." "Aint that enough?" demanded Hiram. "What hev you got to say about it?" "That the lars are not all in the news paper offices," said the reporter. "I'm glad you said that," said Hiram. "I'm so. An' I guess you're mo'rn half right at that—yes, sir."

WANT A WEEK OF FORTY HOURS

Proposal to be Submitted to the Railway Association of Canada.

Winnipeg, March 29.—(Canadian Press)—A proposal favoring a forty hour week in all main shops was unanimously adopted at yesterday's session of the Winnipeg Railway Employees Department American Federation of Labor convention here. The proposal will be submitted to the railway association of Canada by the workers' organization next month as a counter proposal to the request of the association for changes in the existing agreement.

REORGANIZATION OF CONSERVATIVES IN NOVA SCOTIA

Halifax, N. S., March 29.—Reorganization of the Conservative party in Nova Scotia is said to be the object of a provincial conference now in session here.

LESS DRINKING IN ENGLAND

London, March 29.—(Canadian Press)—Right Hon. Sir Robert Horne, chancellor of the exchequer, said in the House of Commons today that this country is now drinking 1.9 gallons per head annually, namely, 2.1 in 1913, and 7 gallons of spirits against 89.

CONCENTRATE ON ULSTER

Dublin, March 29.—Republican members of the Dail at a meeting here yesterday adopted a resolution proposing immediate suspension of the political campaign in Southern Ireland in order to concentrate on the situation in Ulster.

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Basilica of Ste Anne Destroyed

THEEVES BACK TRUCK INTO LIQUOR DEPOT

Bind and Gag Three Men, Then Drive Off with 151 Cases of Seized Whiskey Stored by Government.

New York, March 29.—Whiskey thieves invaded the Ocean Storage Warehouse, 163 Pacific street, Brooklyn, used by the government as a depository for confiscated liquor, and after holding up three men at pistol point, made away with 151 cases of an auto truck which they backed into the warehouse. Seven men, described as roughly dressed, some of them in khaki shirts, participated in the hold-up. A heavy traffic flow through the neighborhood at all hours of the night, and several garages and stables are near the warehouse. Representatives of the District Attorney's office, called for the purpose of devising a uniform method of procedure in the civil prosecution of drug law violations. Ralph Day, State Prohibition Enforcement Director, said yesterday that, like William H. Anderson of the Anti-Saloon League, he had received threatening letters from time to time. "I've since have held this office I have been receiving letters, postals and telephone calls threatening my life," he said. "Skills and cross-bones, smoking revolvers, and panted hearts are among the inscription on the epistles. The wording of a great many communications of this character is to the effect that if a man is going to shoot me he is apt to do it first and explain afterward."

LLOYD GEORGE WILL MOVE THIS RESOLUTION

London, March 29.—Premier Lloyd George, it is authoritatively said, will himself move a resolution in the House of Commons inviting a vote of confidence in his Genoa policy.

SEEK CONTROL BY GOVERNMENT

Moderation Leagues of Ontario and Manitoba Send Messages to Ottawa.

STRIKERS ATTACK THE POLICE NEAR ATTLEBORO, MASS.

Attleboro, Mass., March 29.—A mob of 600 strikers attacked two police officers at the Crown Cotton Mill, just over the line from Pawtucket, yesterday afternoon, deprived the officers of their night sticks, tore away their prisoner, and inflicted bodily injuries on both of the policemen.

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COAL REPORTS

Calgary, March 29.—The situation between coal operators and miners in District No. 16 remains unchanged with every day's possible indication that work at all union-mines will cease on March 31. Springfield, Ill., March 29.—Non-union coal miners in both anthracite and bituminous fields will join in large numbers with union miners in the coal strike April 1, so International President Lewis of the U. M. W., predicted yesterday.

SLIDE SHUTS OFF MINE CAMP, BUT ALL ARE SAFE

Nelson, B. C., March 29.—A serious snow slide at Alamo has completely cut off the Queen Beas mine where six men and a housekeeper, Mrs. Hughes, are isolated. Telephone connection has been established and it is learned that the camp is provisioned for a month or six weeks. Coming down with terrific force a distance of nearly five miles, the slide carried everything before it, stopping at the railroad track.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET

Chicago, March 29.—Opening—Wheat, May, 1.23 1/4-5; July, 1.19 3/8-8. Corn, May, 25 3/4-5; July, 25 1/2-3. Oats, May, 36 7/8-8; July, 39 1/8-8.

ETNA REPORTED IN VIOLENT ERUPTION; PEOPLE FLEEING

London, March 29.—Mount Etna is in violent eruption, says a Central News despatch from Rome, quoting advices from Palermo. Streams of lava are flowing from all sides of the crater and the inhabitants of the villages on the mountain side fled from their homes. Several earthquakes have occurred in Palermo and Messina provinces in the last few days.

SUSTAINED BY 120 MAJORITY

Record is Made in Commons at Ottawa.

Conservative Strength But 42 on Vote of Non-confidence in the King Government—Crerar Applauded as He States Position.

(Canadian Press) Ottawa, March 29.—For the first time this session, the House of Commons divided yesterday—and the government, sustained by the Progressives, had a majority of 120. The division came on a straight motion of want of confidence and after a long afternoon of fighting, of reformation and charges of broken faith. It was a sequel to the bitter debate of Tuesday. Then Conservatives had charged the government with repudiating a pledge to give cash grants to returned men. Yesterday, the charge was repeated and, in a formal motion, presented by Col. Arthur of Farry Sound, the House was asked to declare that the present attitude of the government constituted a "repudiation of a solemn obligation and a disregard of political honor."

PLOT TO KILL DELEGATION TO THE GENOA MEET

Riga, March 29.—Discovery of what the secret police described as a well organized plot to assassinate the Russian Soviet delegation to the Genoa conference while passing through Latvia resulted in a large number of arrests yesterday. Among the principal of the alleged plot were several Russians who were said to belong to a monarchist movement making its headquarters in Germany.

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CAMERON SAYS "NOT GUILTY"

In Montreal Brokerage House Case He Chooses Trial by Jury.

Montreal, March 29.—Colin O. Cameron, former manager of the defunct brokerage house of Thornton Davidson & Co., charged with the theft of approximately \$200,000 and with falsifying the firm's books to the extent of another \$200,000, which alleged misappropriations resulted in the company being forced into liquidation, appeared before Judge Leet yesterday and pleaded not guilty, electing a trial by jury. His Lordship committed him to appear before the court of king's bench at the June session. Bail was renewed as before at \$25,000.

LOCKOUT OF THE ENGINEERS

Notices Posted in London Affect 600,000 Members—In Effect in Week.

London, March 29.—The engineering employes' federation today posted notices locking out the members of forty-seven unions in addition to the amalgamated engineers union. The lock-out is to take effect in one week and will affect 600,000 additional men.