

LABOR MINISTER WARNS MINERS OF NOVA SCOTIA

Action Prompted by MacLachlan Manifesto Urging Miners to Cut the Output.

DISAPPROVES SUCH UNDERHAND METHODS

Regards Such "Undercutting" as Dishonest and Sabotage of Worst Kind.

Ottawa, March 19.—(Canadian Press)—In a telegram sent to J. B. MacLachlan, secretary of the District No. 28, United Mine Workers of America, Glace Bay, N. S., Hon. James Munn, Minister of Labor, expressed strong disapproval of the underhand and dishonest methods of "undercutting" and asks for assurance from Mr. MacLachlan that he has not called upon the miners of Nova Scotia to cut the output in order to bring the British Empire Steel Corporation to terms. Mr. Munn's telegram was prompted by a news report which stated that Mr. MacLachlan had called on 12,000 miners of Nova Scotia to join him in a policy of cutting the output as the most effective method of waging war against the corporation. The telegram follows:

"My attention has been called to a despatch appearing in today's Ottawa Journal, dated from Sydney, and reading in part as follows: "The war is on. In these words of a manifesto issued tonight, J. B. MacLachlan, secretary of District 28, United Mine Workers, calls on the 12,000 miners in Nova Scotia to join him in a policy of cutting the output as the most effective method of waging war against the British Empire Steel Corporation."

Wm. MacLachlan.

"I have thought it well to bring the above statement to your attention, and should be obliged if you would let me have word immediately if any such document as is here outlined has been issued with your approval. I trust the published statement may prove to be without foundation, and take this opportunity, in any event, of expressing the hope that yourself and other officers and members of your organization will cast your influence definitely against any such policy as is indicated in the statement above quoted. You will, I think, on reflection, agree with me that any strength which organized labor possesses at the present time is the result not of the underhand and dishonest methods of undercutting, or, as it is sometimes called, sabotage, but of straight and honest dealings, each worker giving the best that is in him for the wages agreed upon.

"Any union of trade unionists which is not in absolute agreement with this principle will inevitably bring disaster and workmen who unwisely allow themselves to be misled into the adoption of such methods will ultimately ruin the leadership of those who have betrayed them. I trust I may receive from you an assurance that you are in sympathy with the view expressed in this message and, since the despatch from which I have quoted and which has been credited to you with action on contrary lines, has received much publicity, I shall gladly do my best to see that any reply received from you by way of disavowal, or otherwise, reaches the public. I am handing this message to the press."

VERDICT RETURNED AGAINST INSURANCE CO.

Canadian Credit Men's Assn. Brought Action Against Royal Scottish Co.

Special to The Standard
Edmonton, March 19.—In the Madawaska Circuit Court here today, Judge Crockett presiding, the action brought by the Canadian Credit Men's Association, Trustee, under the Bankruptcy Act for Hypolite Martin, vs. The Royal Scotch Insurance Company was completed. Martin, through an agent, insured his stock of clothing, shoes and house furniture for \$2,500, with the defendant corporation in February, 1921. Fire followed during the next month. The defendant company withheld payment alleging that information at time of application and value of goods at time of fire were not properly given.

The jury today returned a verdict for the plaintiff, assessing damages at \$3,887.56. There was much conflicting evidence, and great interest was attached to the case.

SEVEN KILLED WHEN AUTOMOBILE HIT TRAIN

Detroit, March 19.—Seven persons were killed near Rochester, Mich., today, when their automobile skidded on a slippery highway and was struck by an incoming car. The dead are Edward E. Ives, assistant general superintendent of the Detroit United Railway; Mrs. Ives, their four children, and a guest.

COALITION LIBERAL WINS BY ELECTION BY SMALL MARGIN

The Result at Inverness Indicates Enormous Growth in Asquithian Liberal Vote.

London, March 19.—The Inverness by-election, necessitated through the promotion of Thomas Brash Morrison, to a judgeship, resulted today, in the choice of Sir Starbuck Macdonald, a Coalition Liberal, by a narrow majority. He received 3,340 votes against 2,034 for his opponent, Alexander L. Livingstone, an Independent Liberal.

The vote indicated an enormous growth in the Asquithian Liberal vote as compared with the last general election.

ENGLAND FACE TO FACE WITH BIG LOCKOUT

Unions Allied to Amalgamated Engineers Voting on Question at Issue.

THE ENGINEERS NOW CLAIM LOCKOUT

Proprietors Accused of Using High-Handed Methods to Embroid Other.

London, March 19.—(Canadian Press Cable)—The Engineering and Shipbuilding Trades Federation of Great Britain have issued a manifesto in reference to the lockout of the Amalgamated Engineers, and the ballot is now proceeding among the unions allied to the amalgamated engineers on the question of the right of proprietors to control the overtime of workers.

The manifesto says that in the history of industrial disputes, there is no record of a lockout where the workmen and their representatives have been treated with greater harshness and provocation by their employers than in the present dispute in the engineering industry. The first victims were the members of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, and the employers are now "seeking deliberately to embroil members of other organizations in the quarrel."

The manifesto continues:

"This unprovoked attack is unprecedented and cruel, because the reduced wages have inflicted severe privations on multitudes of workers. The general workers, and other organizations concerned in the ballot now proceeding, will not allow themselves to be used by their employers to prejudice the case of the engineers."

TOM MOORE WATCHING TASCHEREAU'S MOVES

Legislation Against International Unionism in Quebec Will be Jumped on.

Toronto, March 19.—If Premier Taschereau of Quebec, brings in legislation against international unionism, action will be taken by Canadian members of international unions, according to President Tom Moore of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

Interviewed here, Mr. Moore said: "The resolution, introduced in the Quebec Legislature regarding incorporation of trades unions, is not entirely new. The Employers' Association of Manitoba, has had one ready for the Manitoba Legislature for some time, but, owing to recent happenings there, it has not been presented. We are well aware of the influence behind these resolutions, and have been carefully watching the move that are being made. If any legislation is introduced against international unions the International Union will be heard from."

FARMER KILLED BY FALLING TREE

Piston, N. S., March 19.—James O'Leary, a farmer of Meadowville, Piston County, was crushed to death when struck by a falling tree while cutting on his wood lot Saturday. O'Leary, who is sixty years old, leaves a widow and several children.

FIGHTER'S DEATH DUE TO ACCIDENT

Omaha, Neb., March 19.—Charles Havlicek, Omaha prize fighter, fatally injured on Friday night in a bout with Ray Carter, of Sioux City, Ia., met an accidental death. It was decided by a coroner's jury which late yesterday pronounced Carter. Carter had been out on bond.

PRINCE OF WALES CONGRATULATED BY LLOYD GEORGE

The Visit to India Has Left Lasting Impression on Princes and People.

PRINCE GAINED FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE

Says He Better Appreciates the Difficulties Under Which India Labors.

London, March 19.—(Canadian Press Cable)—On the eve of the departure of the Prince of Wales, from India, the following telegram was sent to him by Premier Lloyd George under date of March 18:

"On the eve of Your Royal Highness' departure from India, my colleagues and I ask leave to assure you of the admiration wherewith the people of this country have followed, stage by stage, your memorable visit. We know that by your presence, by your personality and by your untiring enthusiasm, Your Royal Highness has left an ineffaceable impression upon the princes and people of India, for you have shown, wherever you have been, that you have inherited from the King-Empress the Royal power of his house, but only to command allegiance, but to inspire devotion in his subjects. We trust the consciousness of this achievement may endure among the many happy recollections which must be yours to carry with you when you bid good-bye to India today."

Prince Reples

The Prince of Wales telegraphed on March 17 in reply:

"I am leaving India, today, with feelings of sincere regret, and I am deeply grateful to you and the members of your Cabinet for your telegram which has just reached me. Of my travels in India, I have been enabled to gain, at first hand, some knowledge of her ideals and aspirations, and, also, some measure of appreciation of her difficulties. I am filled with admiration for these British and Indian alike who are entrusted with the responsible task of Government, and who are striving, wholeheartedly, in that spirit of co-operation and good will which alone can assure India's well-being. From the welcome I have received I leave India with full confidence that she will do full justice to the opportunities before her."

ST. STEPHEN WITHOUT AMUSEMENT HALL

Fire Destroyed Bijou Theatre and Caused Other Heavy Losses.

Special to The Standard.
St. Stephen, N. B., March 18.—This town is without an amusement hall tonight, the Bijou Moving Picture Hall having been completely destroyed by fire that broke out soon after 10 o'clock this morning. The structure, a two-story wooden building on Water street, opposite the Queen Hotel, and adjoining the Post Office, was owned by J. W. Smith, proprietor of the Queen Hotel, and was occupied on the ground floor by sample rooms of the hotel, the barber shop of Thos. McCurdy and tailor bushing shop of Spurgeon Nason. The second floor was occupied by the Bijou Motion Pictures. The fire was observed by the night porter of the Queen, who entered the building to clean up and attend the fire in the heater. Its origin is unknown, but apparently started in the Bijou ticket office or the sample room immediately adjoining.

The alarm was promptly given and promptly responded to but the flames took quick possession and the whole building was speedily enveloped by flames. The night policeman and some others who were quickly on the scene saved the contents of the barber and tailor shops, and trunks from some of the sample rooms, but Mr. Kelley, travelling with the samples of an English silver plating house, lost all his samples. In one of the sample rooms C. E. Staples, proprietor of the Bijou, had stored his household furniture, and all of it was consumed.

Nothing was saved from the second floor.

With his furniture, two picture machines and other property, the loss sustained by Mr. Staples is estimated at about \$5,000, with little or no insurance. Mr. Smith is in Florida, and particulars cannot be had, but his loss is estimated at about \$20,000, with insurance of not more than half.

GOLD HUNTERS FLOCK TO BRITISH COLUMBIA

Williams Lake, B. C., March 19.—Attracted by the lure of gold, scores of newcomers are making claims in the Oeder Creek and Queen's districts coming in over trails still covered with snow. Since the discovery of gold on Oeder Creek, last year, all ground within ten miles of the discovery has been staked.

JURY DISAGREES IN OBENCHAIN CASE

Los Angeles, March 19.—The jury in the case of Mrs. M. Obenchain, charged with the murder of J. Belton Kennedy, reported to Judge Sidney W. Reeve tonight that it was unable to reach an agreement and was discharged. Judge Reeve reset the case for next Tuesday, March 21, when, he said, he would set the day for the new trial.

HEADQUARTERS OF NATIONALS RAIDED BY CROWN FORCES

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Belfast, March 19.—Crown forces raided St. Mary's Hall, the Nationalist headquarters in Belfast, on Saturday night.

The police barracks at Pomeroy, County Tyrone, were raided this morning. The police today seized a large quantity of documents in St. Mary's Hall which are alleged to give complete information of Republican activities here. St. Mary's Hall formerly was the headquarters of the Irish Republican army division. A store of bombs, rifles and munitions also was seized.

ANTHRACITE UNION MINERS QUIT APRIL 1

Plans for Evacuation of the Mines Are Already Underway, Says Lewis.

SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND MEN AFFECTED

Order to Suspend Operations Has Already Been Issued by Wage Council.

New York, March 19.—Six hundred thousand union miners in the anthracite and bituminous fields will quit work on April 1, unless some unforeseen solution of the wage controversy is offered in the meantime, John L. Lewis, president of the International Organization of United Mine Workers, announced yesterday.

Plans for evacuating of the mines already are well advanced. Mr. Lewis said in the event of a walkout crowds of pumpmen, engineers, firemen, watchmen and helpers will remain at their posts to prevent flooding of the mines and maintain the properties, he said. He estimated that 1,000 men would remain on duty in the anthracite and 3,000 in the bituminous mines for such purposes.

Order to Suspend

Final orders for withdrawal of the men will be issued by the general policies committee of the union at Cleveland or Chicago, probably next week, it was said, effective in case operators and miners fail to arrange a new working contract before April 1.

The order to suspend operations in the anthracite field on April 1 has already been issued by the miners' general wage council in session at Shamokin, Pa. An arbitration committee of eight, composed of operators and miners will meet here on Tuesday to discuss a new wage scale for this field.

Work in bituminous mines will automatically cease on April 1, Mr. Lewis asserted because of the operators' refusal to meet with the miners, in accordance with the terms of their contract.

TO FURTHER CONSIDER COMMODITY RATES

Result of the Appeal Against the Increased Rates on Cream.

Ottawa, March 19.—(By Canadian Press)—Further consideration of the increase of twenty per cent in "commodity rates," allowed to the express companies by the express rates judgment of the Board of Railway Commissioners in February, 1921, is ordered by the Cabinet, as the result of the appeal against the increased rates on cream made by the National Dairy Council. The board is asked to consider the question of a reduction in the rates on cream, and also whether, in view of the fact that cream is only one commodity affected by the twenty per cent increase in "commodity rates," a general reduction in these commodity rates can be made.

The Cabinet holds that if there is to be a reduction in the rate on cream there should be a reduction on fruit, fish and vegetables.

SYDNEY ALDERMAN HAS A DEMPSEY WALLOP

He and Son Summoned Into Court on Charge of Common Assault.

Sydney, N. S., March 19.—Alderman A. N. Macdonald is charged with common assault and his son, Norman, with assault, occasioning actual bodily harm as a result of an election fracas. D. H. MacQueen, 18, alleges he was beaten up by the two Macdonalds who accused him of driving a team for M. H. Chappell, the alderman's opponent, in a civic contest. The case is set down for hearing on Monday. Meanwhile, Chappell, who originally won by five votes, but was later on a recount declared defeated by one vote, has petitioned Judge Finlayson to set aside the court order and order a new election in Ward Three.

SPRING BAN PLACED ON MOTOR VEHICLES

Nova Scotia Orders the Embargo Effective to May First.

Halifax, N. S., March 19.—The "spring ban" against motor vehicles on the public highways of Nova Scotia went into effect, today, and the embargo will continue until May first. This law has been very effective in protecting the roads during the early spring months.

JOHANNESBURG REVOLUTION IS QUIETING DOWN

Burglars, on Prancing Steeds, Have Arrived to Assist Worn Out Police.

TWO REBEL LEADERS HAVE SUICIDED

Discovery of Arms and Ammunition Reveal Existence of a "Red" Plot.

London, March 19.—Reuter's correspondent at Johannesburg cables that burglars, on prancing, fine horses, are seen in the main streets, they having arrived to relieve the worn out police in the clearing up operations. They have gladdened the eyes of the citizens, who have been filled with anxiety at the possibility of the Reds capturing the city and the dreaded consequences thereof.

Rebel Leaders Suicided.

Percy Fisher, a rebel leader, who, with Spendiff, another leader, committed suicide at Fordburg a few days ago talked tonight in front of the city hall of "the balloon going up," and advocated Russian methods, such as anarchy and wholesale assassination, and, if necessary, the raising of Johannesburg to the ground. In his nightly harangues, Fisher declared that the Red Commandos were responding to the signal, "balloon going up" and would come from all sides to capture the town and form a revolutionary government. Extensive discoveries of maxin guns, arms and ammunition reveal the existence of a red plot.

AWAITING THE DECISION OF LIEUT. GOV.

Whether or No Norris Government Will Carry On An Unsettled Question.

CONSERVATIVES WANT NEW MINISTRY

Leader of Group Confident He Can Provide Manitoba With Strong Administration.

Winnipeg, March 19.—Whether the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir James Aikins, will accept the resignation of the Norris Government, was tendered Friday, or call upon the administration to remain in office till necessary supply is voted and essential legislation enacted, is not likely to be officially announced till the House meets Monday night.

Opinion is strengthening that the Lieutenant-Governor will ask the Government to carry on. In that event, it is considered probable that Premier T. C. Norris will consult the Legislature and be guided by its wishes. Should he do so, it is thought to be practically assured that the result will be the continuation of the administration in office till business mutually agreed upon is disposed of.

Haig Opposes Norris.

Approval of this way out of the deadlock can be looked for from two of the opposition groups, the Independent Farmers and the Laborites. Compromises of this sort will be opposed, however, by J. T. Haig, leader of the Conservative group. Mr. Haig, in an interview today said he did not think the Norris ministry should carry on at all, and indicated that only strong pressure from other sections of the House would induce him to modify this attitude.

As for his forming a new Government, Mr. Haig declared that, while he was not anxious to be called upon to form a new administration at the present time, in view of the state into which financial affairs had got, he would undertake to do so if that was the desire of the Lieutenant-Governor.

DOMINION'S GOLD RESERVE STRONGER

Percentage of Gold Now 33—Circulating Notes Reduced \$8,000,000.

Ottawa, March 19.—(By Canadian Press)—Improvement continues in the percentage of gold held as a reserve to Dominion notes in circulation. Figures which will be published by the Finance Department in the next issue of the Canada Gazette, show the percentage of gold now to be nearly 33, as compared with 31 in February and 28 in January. Since last month the total of Dominion notes in circulation has been reduced by about \$8,000,000, while the amount of gold held has slightly increased.

Dominion notes in circulation now total \$27,469,325, as compared with \$26,414,663 on Feb. 21. Gold held totals \$30,859,953, in comparison with \$30,326,071 on Feb. 21. In addition to the gold held there is \$129,299,378 on deposit in approved securities.

GANDHI THANKED COURT FOR ITS COURTESY

Considered Sentence Imposed as Light as Any Judge Could Inflict.

Ahmedabad, India, March 19.—Replying to the court which, on Saturday, sentenced him to six years imprisonment, being two years on each of the three counts in the indictment, Mohandas K. Gandhi, thanked the court for its courtesy, and said he considered the sentence as light as any judge could possibly have inflicted. He stated that he was in court to submit to the highest penalty which could be inflicted, and that there were only two courses open to the judge; either to resign, if he felt the law he was called upon to administer was evil and Gandhi was innocent, or to inflict the most severe penalty if he believed Gandhi's activity injurious to the public weal. In a public statement, the non-co-operationist leader admitted that teaching disobedience against the Government had become almost a passion with him.

The judge, in addressing Gandhi, said it was impossible to ignore the fact that, in the eyes of millions of his countrymen, Gandhi was a great patriotic leader and a man of high ideals, leading a noble, even a saintly life; but his duty was to judge him as a man who admitted he had broken the law and committed what, to the ordinary person, must appear to be a great offense against the state.

ELMIRE, N. Y., SUFFERS HEAVY FIRE DAMAGE

Elmira, N. Y., March 19.—Property damage estimated at nearly half a million dollars was done to nearly a dozen retail business establishments and other places of business by a fire here tonight.

PROPERTY DAMAGE OF \$25,000 CAUSED BY FIRE IN HALIFAX

Four Families Were Also Burned Out in Sunday Afternoon Blaze.

Halifax, N. S., March 19.—Four families were burned out and property damage of \$25,000 was caused, this afternoon, by a fire in the building, at 517 Barrington street. The lower floor was occupied by the Merritt Clothing Company, and G. V. McLeod, jeweller. Smoke and water also caused damage to The Vogue, a ladies' wear store, the A. B. O. store, the Maritime Dental Parlors adjoining. The various merchant firms' losses are covered by insurance, but the four families burned out had no insurance. A fire occurred in the same building some weeks ago.

FIELD MARSHAL WILSON GIVES ULSTER ADVICE

In Letter to Sir James Craig He Denounces Lloyd George Policy.

OUTLINES PLANS FOR CAMPAIGN

Win British People to the Side of Ulster His First Suggestion.

Belfast, March 19.—The advice of Field Marshal Sir Henry Hughes Wilson, former Chief of the Imperial General Staff and now member of Parliament for North Down, on the restoration of order in Ulster, was given to Sir James Craig, the Ulster Prime Minister, yesterday, in the form of a letter which is regarded, in political quarters, as a short "de-hat" manifesto. The letter, dated "St. Patrick's Day," opens with a denunciation of the policy of Prime Minister Lloyd George, which, it declares, has reduced the 26 counties of South and West Ireland to a "welter of chaos and murder difficult to believe and impossible to describe," and to a state of unrest, "simplicity and lawlessness" which has spread over the frontier into the six counties of Ulster.

Field Marshal Wilson's communication describes it as "laughably impossible to believe that the Lloyd George Government can re-establish law and order in Ireland, because men who are only capable of losing an Empire are obviously incapable of holding an Empire; and still more incapable of regaining it."

Outlines His Plans

The letter outlines the writer's plans, the first object of which is win the British people to the side of Ulster. "There never was a more fair-minded and generous people," it says, "than the English and the Scotch and the Welsh."

"Tell them the real truth of what is now going on in the South and the West, and what is really passing in Ulster. Get those splendid Britons on your side, for with Britain with you, there is nothing which cannot be done, as witness the last great war."

Among the suggestions made in the letter are:

- 1.—Considerable alterations in the commands and administration of all the armed forces, including the police.
- 2.—Re-class and re-adjust the various categories of the police and greatly strengthen some of them.
- 3.—Re-draft the laws for carrying arms.
- 4.—Take increased powers for rapid and drastic action against illegal importation and carrying of arms, bombs etc.

Announcing that he was submitting separately, detailed proposals on these four points, the Field Marshal concludes:

"With British in active sympathy, and with the great addition in strength which I hope my proposal will give you, I think, in the very near future, you will see a wonderful recovery in the situation, which, at the moment, must cause you grave anxiety."

SCALE COMMITTEE TO APPLY FOR BOARD

Alberta Miners Will Seek Settlement of Dispute Through Such An Agency.

Calgary, Alta., March 19.—It is the general expectation that the miners' scale committee will make an application to the Hon. James Munn, Federal Minister of Labor, for a board to be appointed under the Lamiex Act, to endeavor to arrive at a settlement of the present coal mining dispute in Alberta.

When seen this evening, while the meeting of the scale committee was in session, Robert Lovett, international board member, admitted that there was a possibility of this, although it would be some time before the committee arrived at any definite conclusion.

PREMIER KING'S BROTHER DEAD

The Death Will Necessitate the Premier's Absence from Ottawa a Week.

Ottawa, March 19.—The Prime Minister, Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, has been notified of the death at Denver, Colo., of his brother, Dr. Masdougall King, and leaves here tonight to bring the body to Toronto for burial. Premier King will be absent from Ottawa for a week.

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