

VOLUNTEERS ENROLL FOR BATTLE AGAINST TRIPLE ALLIANCE NEXT TUESDAY

Peers and Middle Classes United in Firm Stand in New Trouble.

MILITARY PREPARES FOR SERIOUS TROUBLE

Special Constables, Enrolled in War, Numbering 250,000 Men, to be Called.

London, April 8.—If the triple alliance order for a general stoppage of work by its members is made effective, it seems certain there will be a rush of volunteers from the elements not in sympathy with the strike movement.

Ready for Emergency

When the strike clouds began to gather, this organization started registration of all those prepared to serve in any capacity, during the national emergency and its officials tonight stated that many thousands of men and women had enrolled at the union's three hundred branches in all parts of England, Scotland and Wales.

For the protection of these civilian volunteers and to facilitate their services, the government has available not only the regular army and naval establishments but also its reserve forces, but may use the territorial organizations.

Monday night, unless there is some new development meantime, will see the commencement of the greatest labor struggle in the country's history.

Approximately 3,000,000 workers then will have ceased their duties in protest against what they consider to be an organized attempt on the part of the employers to enforce a general reduction in wages. This is the central fact of the labor situation as it developed today in a breakdown in the miners' conference and a consequent decision by the triple alliance—made up of miners and railway and transport workers—for the first time since it was organized that its entire membership, roughly estimated at 1,000,000 miners and 600,000 men each from the railway and transport workers' organization should quit work in support of the strike of the miners.

Try to Force Parliament

The government's standpoint, as voiced by Mr. Lloyd George in a brief speech in the House of Commons this afternoon is that the action of the triple alliance is an attempt by direct action to intimidate parliament and the nation. The prime minister announced the military and other measures which the government intended to take to defeat this attempt. The standpoint of the miners is that the sudden removal of control of the coal mines is the result of a pact between the government and the mine owners to enable the owners to enforce an unjustifiable reduction in wages. The attitude of the railwaymen is that unless there is support of the miners at the present time, a similar dilemma will happen to the railwaymen on some future occasion when the railways are released from government control.

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Labor Demands

Norris' Resignation

Group Cabinet is Idea That Will be Proposed in a Motion in Manitoba.

Winnipeg, April 8.—The labor group in the Manitoba Legislature through A. E. Smith, member for Brandon, will present on Tuesday next a motion calling upon the Norris Government to vacate office and turn over the administration to a cabinet composed of representatives of the various groups in the order of their numerical representation in the House.

Wireless Operator On "Impoco" Hurt

Hand Crushed While He Was Being Taken off the Stranded Oil Carrier.

Yarmouth, N. S., April 8.—During the transfer of the crew of the stranded steamer Impoco this morning to the steamer Royalist, Edgar Ryall, of Toronto, wireless operator on the Impoco had one of his hands badly crushed.

BATHURST CIVIC FIGHT SHARPEST OF MANY YEARS

Two Candidates Out for Mayoralty and Eight Already for Wards.

MORE EXPECTED BEFORE POLLING

White House Declared Total Fire Loss With Insurance of \$25,000.

Special to The Standard.

SLIPPED INTO BOILING WELL IN CAR SHOPS

William Wood at Moncton Has Narrow Escape from Horrible Death.

ONE LEG SCALDED UP TO THE BODY

Body of James Shea, Missing Since Last November, Found in Richibucto River.

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, N. B., April 8.—William Wood, an employee of the logging room of the C. N. R. erecting shop, slipped into a boiling well yesterday afternoon.

The body of James Shea who was drowned in November last in the Richibucto River was recovered this week.

EMBARGO BILL UP ON MONDAY

Sub-Committee Says Farmers Must Have Purchasing Value of Money Restored.

Washington, April 8.—Republican members of the Ways and Means Committee tonight adopted a sub-committee report to accompany the re-introduction in Congress Monday of the Emergency Tariff Bill, voted in the last session by President Wilson.

The report was written by Representative Young of North Dakota, chairman of the committee's sub-committee on agriculture, who announced that the House would be asked to take the bill up for consideration Wednesday.

In recommending re-passage of the tariff bill, the report declares that revival of all business is largely dependent upon restoration to the farmers of their lost purchasing power, adding that conditions have not changed with respect to the inability of the agricultural interests to dispose of their products at reasonable prices.

Soviets Lands Unite

Stockholm, April 8.—Soviet Russia and the Soviet Republic of White Russia have signed a treaty under which they become a single republic, according to reports received here today.

MONTREAL EGG PRICES

Montreal, April 8.—Eggs which last Friday were selling at 33 to 40 cents a dozen on the Bonsecours market, were today on sale at 25 cents.

BREAD DOWN ONE CENT

Chicago, April 8.—The price of pound loaves of bread was reduced today from 10 to 9 cents by a concern operating a chain of stores.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

Canada

Hon. Mr. Meighen moves for a standing committee to investigate the National Railways and Shipways.

United States

Embargo bill to be presented to Congress early next week.

British Isles

Transport workers and railway men will strike Tuesday in support of the miners.

Three Drowned While Fishing Off St. John's

Sealer Returns to Port With Over Seven Thousand Pelts.

MILITARY FUNERAL FOR WAR VETERAN

Manufacturers in Newfoundland Appeal to Government for Higher Protection.

St. John's, Nfld., April 8.—A message to the minister of customs, from the channel reports that George W. Walters and his son, and a third fisherman, all of Fox Point, were drowned while fishing in the vicinity of the disaster area.

The manufacturers of this city, most of whom have had to close their plants owing to the prevailing depression, have formulated a demand on the government for a higher protective tariff.

Brings Many Seals.

The sealer Eagle, the second arrival from the ice fields reached port this morning with seven thousand seals, which is less than a third of her capacity.

Grand Trunk Board Ended By Time Limit

Arbitration Committee Sat for Forty-Five Days Investigating Value of Line.

Montreal, April 8.—After sitting for forty five days, the Grand Trunk arbitration board appointed by the Federal Government to fix the price to be paid for the railway company's stock in connection with the government acquisition of the road, adjourned today as the time limit set for the duration of the enquiry had expired.

During the meetings that have been held, the case for the Grand Trunk has been practically completed, but no evidence for the government has been submitted.

Schooner Burned But Crew Saved

Vessel Abandoned Fifty Miles off Florida When Masts Were Burned to Deck.

New York, April 8.—The United States schooner Conneliffe, from Mobile for Arico, Porto Rico, was destroyed by fire and her crew rescued by the British steamer Parthenia, a wireless message from the Parthenia received today here said.

The schooner was sighted about 50 miles off the Easterly coast of Florida in flames and with her masts gone. The crew was picked up from life boats. The rescue vessel was enroute to Tampa from Liverpool.

STILLMAN SENDS CHEQUE

New York, April 8.—Counsel for Mrs. Anne U. Stillman, who is being sued for divorce by James A. Stillman, New York banker, announced today they had received a cheque from the plaintiff's attorney for \$25,000, covering two months' alimony awarded by the court, counsel fees and expenses.

MAXWELL CAR OFFER TO END NEXT MONDAY

Six p.m. is the Closing Hour—Which Contestant Will Win Special Prize?

IT IS LAST SPECIAL PRIZE

Contest Ends One Week from Monday—\$15,000 in Prizes to be Given Away.

At 6 p.m. Monday evening, the Maxwell Touring Car offer ends for The Standard contestants.

The Maxwell offer is the last special prize offer of The Standard's contest. The \$1,400 Maxwell will be given to the contestant who turns in the greatest amount of subscription money during a four week period ending Monday, April 11th.

Closing Rules.

1. The Offer of The Standard's Big Prize Contest closes at 6 o'clock Monday, April 11th.

2. All contestants can work up to the last minute of the offer.

3. The office of the Automobile and Motor Star department will be open until 8 o'clock tonight for the convenance of city contestants, and until 6 p.m. Monday.

4. City contestants who are unable to bring in their returns by the above mentioned hour may mail their returns, but their letters must reach us on the first delivery of mail Tuesday morning, April 12th.

5. Out-of-town contestants can work up to the last minute of the Maxwell Offer with the city contestants, and immediately mail their returns to the Automobile and Motor Star department of The Standard, the post-mark of no later date than Monday, April 11th must be on all letters, even though the letters do not reach us until the following Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday.

6. Friends of contestants working in the out-of-town communities will be governed by the rules pertaining to out-of-town contestants. Friends of contestants working in St. John's suburbs will be governed by the rules set forth for city contestants.

7. New contestants who have not time to get their returns to reach them before the close of the Maxwell Offer may let out the names of their subscribers on a sheet of paper and send them in with sufficient cash to cover the subscriptions. Contestants already enrolled who run out of receipt books, may do likewise.

8. All personal cheques sent in to cover a receipt of subscriptions must be marked "accepted" by the banks on which they are drawn.

9. Kindly keep your receipt forms in numerical order and send with the contest department assistants.

10. Contestants must have their middle receipt form fully filled out before presenting them to the Contest Department Cashier on Monday otherwise they will lose their contest at being waited upon.

AT THE IMPERIAL TODAY—Charles Ray in "The Village Sleuth."

AT THE QUEEN SQUARE TODAY—"Heliotrope" with an all-star cast.

AT THE UNIQUE TODAY—Tom Mix in "The Road Demon."

OPERA HOUSE TODAY—Vaudeville and feature picture.

Two of the prizes to be given away in The Standard's big contest are opportunity to receive movie stars with the Universal Film Company, Filmdom's largest and most important Moving Picture Company.

HALIFAX LUMBER COMPANY ROBBED

Chain \$12,000 Has Been Embezzled from Office of Hammond Company.

Quebec, April 8.—The embezzlement of a sum of \$12,000 from the office of the Hammond Lumber Company, Ltd., at Halifax, N. S., had been brought to the attention of the Quebec police who have been asked to co-operate in efforts to locate Joseph Grandmaison, a man of about sixty years of age, who is alleged by the company to be connected with the matter.

It became known that Grandmaison was in Quebec recently, and while here deposited a sum of \$9,000 in the headquarters of the Montreal Bank here. It is thought that Grandmaison, on leaving here, set out for Winnipeg.

\$15,000 Fire in Caraquez Garage

Foulem Garage and Seven Cars Total Loss in Fierce Outbreak.

Finland And Russia Likely To Fight

Tension Between Two Nations is Increasing and Clashes Are Very Likely.

Stockholm, April 8.—The tension which has been noticeable recently between Russia and Finland is becoming more acute. Bolsheviks have invaded the Republic of Karelia districts, to which the Russo-Finnish peace treaty had been guaranteed autonomy. The inhabitants of the district are fleeing into the interior of Finland.

STANDING BOARD TO STUDY RAILS AND NAT. MARINE

Premier Moves for Such a Committee to Deal With Problems of Two Services.

AUDIT SYSTEM MAY BE CHANGED

Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King Moves Amendment to Give Board Wider Powers.

Ottawa, April 8.—By a vote of 73 to 58, the amendment of the Liberal leader, the Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, against the motion of the Premier to appoint a standing committee to consider questions relating to the national railways and marine was defeated.

The Government majority was 17 in a small house.

Main government resolution for the appointment of a parliamentary committee on government railways and shipping carried by 90 to 42, government majority 58.

The proposal was adopted by the government.

Ottawa, April 8.—Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, prime minister, moved for the appointment of a select standing committee on national railways and shipping when the House of Commons opened this afternoon.

The committee would endeavor to ascertain what information in regard to the operation of the Canadian National railway and what was the best method of bringing down this information.

Consider Audit System.

It would also consider what system of auditing should be adopted on the railways and what extent of detail should be given in the annual report. The committee would have power to examine witnesses under oath and to send for papers, persons and records.

The committee would have before it a very important and difficult task, one which was very necessary to the proper management of the railways. It was considered desirable that it be appointed as soon as possible so that it could get to work without delay and make a report shortly. The attitude of the government was that the committee should be given the fullest assistance in its work.

Decide on Publicity.

Regarding the first charge to the committee, that it should decide what information should be given the House, the government had always taken the view that operating data should not be produced either to the people or to competitors. The management must have the same opportunities as the management of other roads to make a success of the national railways. This was vital. To do otherwise would paralyze operations.

How to Audit.

The committee might come to the decision that an improved auditing system should be initiated. It might be that the auditing could be brought under the auditor general's department. The managing board had in the past adopted the same form as the C. P. R. It might be that trying to public ownership a more complete annual report would be desirable.

Another important duty of the committee would be to report on what functions it should have, and it might come to the conclusion that the standing railway committee of the House could carry out the duties of a special committee.

Rights of Management.

Any investigation must be carried out without impairing the rights of the management. Otherwise the committee would seriously do any good.

It had been suggested that the committee might enquire into the possibility of improving the scheme of management and as to the feasibility of creating some body that would take the place of shareholders in an ordinary company. Responsibility for the appointment of the directorate, Mr. Meighen argued, must rest with the government. It was necessary to place the directorate in a position that would enable it to perform its task. There must be no injustice to the system or to the management.

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BRITAIN NOT TO QUESTION IRISH REPORT

Sir Hamar Greenwood Declares Committee of 100 Report Valueless.

NO REPRESENTATIONS TO UNITED STATES

"Commission Has No Official Character" So Affords No Occasion for Writing.

London, April 8.—The London Times this morning publishes a reply of Sir Hamar Greenwood, the chief secretary for Ireland to T. P. O'Connor, one of the Nationalist leaders in parliament, who had asked Sir Hamar whether the report of the American Committee of One Hundred on conditions in Ireland had represented British forces as killing, assassinating and torturing people and also with destruction in Ireland, and whether the British Government would make representations to the United States Government in reply to "this serious indictment."

No Government Copy.

The note of Sir Hamar to Mr. O'Connor follows: "No copy of this report has yet been received by the Government, but I understand it contains allegations of the nature indicated in your questions. The report is entitled to no more weight than should be given any judgment based entirely upon expert statements put forward by persons admittedly holding extreme views."

"I need hardly say the commission has no official character and therefore affords no occasion for representations from His Majesty's Government."

HIGHER TAXES TO BE PLACED ON N. S. TRADE

Expect to Increase Provincial Revenue by Over \$115,000 Annually.

FINANCIAL BODIES ARE MOST AFFECTED

Additional Tax Imposed on Gross Earnings Within the Province.

Halifax, April 8.—Hon. E. H. Armstrong, acting leader of the government, introduced in the legislature today a bill to amend the Provincial Revenue Act. Mr. Armstrong in explaining his measure said that it was an act to amend and consolidate what was known as the Supplementary Revenue Act of the province, and that it was intended to increase the revenue of the province by over \$115,000 annually.

Bodies Affected.

The corporations affected by this act are banks, insurance companies, loan and trust companies, telegraph, telephone and cable companies, gas and electric companies, electric tramways, railways and incorporated companies, express companies and electric light companies. The methods of taxation have not been altered, though the amounts charged have been increased with the exception of telegraph and express companies, which are expected hereafter to pay an additional tax based on their gross earnings within the province.

Increase Taxes.

The provisions of the act respecting the taxation of certain companies with a paid up capital of \$500,000 or more have been altered so as to increase the tax from one-twentieth to one-tenth of one per cent on the paid up capital employed in Nova Scotia and to make it applicable to all companies having a paid up capital of \$100,000, instead of \$500,000.

The bill passed its second reading, and the House adjourned over the weekend.

Change Personnel of Highways Board

Halifax, N. S., April 8.—Important changes in the personnel of the provincial highways board were made today. The resignations of Colonel Thomas Culliver, Percy G. Black, Walter Crowe and James K. Kellahan, as members of the board were accepted by the government of Nova Scotia.

W. A. Hendry, chief engineer, and Reginald McCullough, C. E., of the engineering staff were appointed members of the board and with the chairman A. S. MacMillan, will carry on the administration of the board.