

said to be a seceding movement from the international. It was stated authoritatively yesterday that the grand executive of the Canadian Federation do not attempt to limit the power of strike sanction. According to information received, locals of this Federation are not only autonomous but also retain 90 per cent. of the membership and other fees.

Negotiations in Progress

The prospects of a settlement of the dispute between the dockworkers and shipbuilders at the Polish yards are better than they were, and negotiations are in progress to this end.

The joint industrial journal of the building trades convened yesterday afternoon in the office of E. N. Campion, fair wage officer, 67 Church st. No official word of the result of the meeting was handed out, but unofficial sources reported possibilities of an amicable settlement of the matters in dispute in the building trades.

There is as yet no change in the labor situation with respect to the boat and shoe workers.

Pickets Recruiting

Andrew Lyons and G. Morr for the local district of the Brotherhood of Carpenters stated yesterday that pickets were bringing in new additions to the strikers' roll every few hours, and had added 14 shops during the day. They refused to confirm or deny the rumor that a settlement with the building trades was likely to be effected before this evening.

The moulders in extra secret session discussed details of the strike. Officials of the union claim that it is strong for the fray.

Champions of the 44-hour week strongly deprecated the attack made in yesterday's issue of an evening paper against the Amalgamated Union of Garment Workers. In answer to the statements made by that paper they stated (1) That the union which is almost entirely non-international in character, and would be unable to organize seceding unions, and (2) That it was the Civic Employees Union and not the Amalgamated which decided to await action by the other public utilities.

GERMAN OFFICIAL TO GET OUT

Warned French Commander at Wiesbaden He Was Abetting High Treason.

Wiesbaden, Germany, June 3.—Dr. Dorden, a former state attorney, and head of the provisional government of the Rhenish republic, yesterday forwarded two telegrams to the allied peace delegations at Paris. In one he announced that the delegates of the Rhenish republic had assembled at Wiesbaden and proclaimed the Rhenish republic, adding:

"They do not propose to shirk the obligations connected with the work of restoration in Belgium and northern France. They implore the protection of the French authorities against their opponents and beg the privilege of coming to Paris for negotiations."

The second telegram was in accordance with "Everything is quiet in Mayence. The majority of the population is with us."

Colonel Pinot, the French commander at Wiesbaden, yesterday received a delegation representing the opponents of the Rhenish republic. The delegates, who represented all parties except the clerical, presented a memorial requesting the French commander not to permit himself to take one-sided information on the subject.

Turned Official Out

The commandant in chief and purpose of the petition was to tell that the entire population was opposed to the formation of a republic and desired that the French authorities in the region themselves with respect to the state of public opinion either thru meetings or conferences with representatives of the various parties. Colonel Pinot is said, replied that it was too late for such a procedure.

A German official, who was a member of the delegation, asked Col. Pinot whether he was aware that he was aiding and abetting high treason against the German government. Col. Pinot is said to have replied that the cities which refused to conform with the new order would be cut off from food supplies. The French commander is alleged to have turned the German official out, telling him to go home and await his passports, as he was to be expelled from the city.

PETROGRAD ADVANCE SCARES BOLSHIEVSKI

Omsk, May 27.—A Bolshevik radio despatch from Moscow, dated May 24, gives the text of a proclamation of the executive committee of the Bolshevik party as follows:

"The Petrograd front until recently was for us a matter of secondary importance. During the last days the situation has changed entirely. The enemies of Bolshevism have decided to take Petrograd, and the Finnish and Estonian white guards, as well as troops of Gen. Udenich, Col. Belokhovich and Gen. Rodzianko, are moving against the city.

"This unexpected attack has brought about great demoralization in our ranks. Every minute counts. All of us must rise to defend the red Petrograd."

Petrograd Taken?

Copenhagen, June 3.—Estonian and Finnish forces have taken Petrograd according to an unconfirmed telegram from Yardo received by The National Tidende.

PLAN NEW QUARTERS FOR G.W.V.A. OF KITCHENER

Special to The Toronto World.

Kitchener, June 3.—It was announced today by a committee of local business men that a campaign to fund an organization in this city to help in securing permanent quarters for the Kitchener Waterbury branch of the Great War Veterans' Association. The campaign will be launched at public meetings to be held in Kitchener and Waterloo on Thursday and Friday nights this week.

SHIPPING OFFICE BURGLAR

The shipping office of Louis Gurofsky, 113 West Queen street, was entered and money and checks to the value of \$1,366.08, stolen. Cheques drawn on the department of militia and defence, several banks and persons to the value of \$1,000, and remaining amount being in American scrip.

STILL ON SEARCH FOR AVIATOR JAMES

Poor Visibility Interferes With Hunt for Missing Ace.

New York, June 3.—The possibility that Capt. Mansel R. James, Canadian ace, who has been missing since last Thursday, when he attempted to fly from Lee, Mass., to Montreal, may have been forced to descend on Mount Riga, near Millerton, N.Y., was indicated in reports received here today by officials of the Aero Club of America from army fliers who left Hazhurst field this morning to make an aerial search for the missing aviator.

From Millerton and West Cornwall, Mount Riga is virtually inaccessible. Yesterday P. G. Grant of Port Washington, N.Y., who was spending the week-end in Toronto, informed Aero Club officials he had heard an airplane motor Sunday, presumably grounded in woods nearby.

Poor visibility rendered the search apparently confirmed by Lieutenants John W. Frost and Ralph Starkweather, who piloted one of the three search planes from Millerton. They telephoned from Hartford that they had been in communication with H. R. Grant, assistant flight agent at Millerton, who said that he had heard an airplane motor on two occasions last Sunday.

A telegram from Lieut. Frost received by the Aero Club tonight stated that he had scanned the country in the vicinity of Winchester Centre during the day, but without result.

Clouds hampered the work, and compelled the aviators to return to Hartford for the night. Lieut. Frost said they would fly in the morning to Millerton and would search Mount Riga and the woods near West Cornwall.

ONTARIO COUNCIL OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Convention Opens in Kingston—Delegates Are Welcomed by Mayor.

Special to The Toronto World.

Kingston, Ont., June 3.—Mayor Harry Newman formally welcomed the members of the Ontario state council of the Knights of Columbus at the opening of their convention at the club house of the local council this afternoon. In his address the mayor made reference to the historical associations surrounding the city and paid tribute to the work of the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Army Hut Association during the war and thru the present period of reconstruction and demobilization. The opening State Deputy J. L. Murray said that in their duties to the empire the Knights of Columbus would always be found steady and true. Canada and the city that it implied. The delegates assembled at the club house at 9:30 this morning and marched to St. Mary's Cathedral, where solemn high mass was celebrated by His Grace Archbishop Spratt. An impressive sermon was preached by Rev. Father Meehan of Morrisburg. The opening session was mostly taken up with committee reports. Controller Clarence E. Smith of the Catholic Army Hut Association gave a short resume of the work of the association, both in Canada and overseas. The auditors verified the balance of the treasurer, showing a balance of \$136.21 in current account May 15. State Deputy J. L. Murray was instructed to send a telegram to the King, conveying birthday congratulations. There are 89 delegates and members of the expedition in attendance. The association now has 39 subordinate councils throughout Ontario.

PASS UPON UNREST AT METHODIST CONFERENCE

Montreal Meeting Favors Reconstruction of Entire Industrial System—Stock Watering

Montreal, June 3.—After a stormy morning session spent in discussion of the report of the Methodist church toward the conflict between labor and capital, the Montreal district conference in the Dominion Methodist conference in Hamilton last October, which calls for the substitution of co-operation for competition in economic life and urges a reconstruction of the entire industrial system.

Rev. J. Howard Philip declared that the church gospel was not an opiate today only to render everyone satisfied with present conditions. "God help us to preach against such economic wrongs as exist today," he declared.

The Rev. T. Rourke thought that the crying evils of the moment which had led to the present unrest.

TROOPS ON MEGANTIC HELD BY QUARANTINE

Outbreak of Chickenpox on the Ship Delays Docking at Quebec—Names of Toronto Officers Coming.

According to a telegram received last night by the soldiers' aid committee, the following officers and cadets for Toronto have arrived in Canada in the steamer Megantic: Capt. R. T. Bell, Lieut. D. I. Love, Lieut. K. Baillie, Lieut. E. V. Miller and Second Lieut. W. H. T. Brouse.

The liner which was due to reach Quebec at one o'clock yesterday was held up at Quebec Isle, due to an outbreak of chickenpox on board.

POLES ARE RESISTING GERMAN ADVANCE

Paris, June 3.—Premier Paderewski Poland, today received a telegram saying that the Germans crossed the Polish boundary from Lyck to Bygod at three o'clock last Saturday afternoon. The message added that the Poles were resisting the Germans successfully. It indicated that the number of Germans who crossed into Poland was comparatively small.

HAMILTON NEWS

Hamilton, June 3.—Lieut. Col. A. R. Corry, D.S.O. of Revelstoke, B.C., will bring home the 54th Battalion, which will demobilize here on June 10. A civic reception will be extended to the men, and among those who have been invited to be present are Premier Borden, Premier Stewart, Gen. Bull and Major-Gen. Newburn.

In preparation for the opening of the annual convention here tomorrow, the grand officers committee of the Christian Order of Chosen Friends held an executive gathering this afternoon and evening.

The stockholders of the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway Co. held their annual meeting here today and elected the following directors: Henry B. LeMay, Detroit; John N. Beckley, Rochester; Lord Shaftesbury, Montreal; William K. Vanderbill, Jr., New York; Dyer W. Saunders, Toronto; William F. Terrance, Toronto; William L. Scott, Toronto; Edward W. Beatty, Montreal; Albert H. Harris, New York; Grant Hall, Montreal; and Edward H. Smith, New York.

LABOR CONFUSED BY TORONTO ORDER

Hamilton Men Say Calling Off Sympathetic Strike is Illogical.

Hamilton, June 3.—Labor men here are at sea in regard to the action of President R. C. Brown, of the Metal Trades Council, advising the Toronto unions who went out on strike in sympathy with the metal workers, to return to their work.

"It is only a few days ago that representatives of the Toronto Metal Trades went to Hamilton urging a similar sympathetic strike here. They called us 'dead heads' and declared that we were 'hiding behind the skirts of the Toronto strike, and now they are advising the other unions to go back to work," said a prominent local labor man.

The advice by the trades and metal council has practically killed any chance of Hamilton having to go thru an extensive labor trouble. The only reason the A. S. of E. went on strike as being in favor of intelligent mass action was to support the Toronto metal workers, and now that the latter have decided to make a sympathetic strike, there is absolutely no excuse for a walkout.

BLACKSMITHS NOT GOING

There are no developments in regard to the blacksmiths throwing down their tools, but it is understood that the bosses have not agreed to shorter hours, and that the lowest paid of the local union was ordered not to go out by the international union, and it is thought that in the face of this situation they will endeavor to make a quiet settlement.

For the purpose of strengthening the local Waters' Union a reduction of \$7.00 in membership fees is being referred to waiters who have served overseas. The present schedule for waiters is \$8 per week and \$40 per month, but a new schedule has been submitted, calling for a 59-hour week and \$50 per month.

STATUS OF TROOPS AT KINNEL TRIAL

Official Statement to the G.W.V.A. Says No Canadians Face Murder Charge.

Ottawa, June 2.—A statement has been issued by the overseas military forces, of Canada, authorities, regarding the status of offending Canadian soldiers in the Kinmel Park riot trial, now being conducted. The statement was issued in response to enquiries made by the Great War Veterans' Association secretary, Mr. C. G. MacNeil. The following is the text of the statement: With reference to your letter of May 21, to General Ashton, which has been referred to General Newburn, who has been referred to General Kemp, I am glad to be able to inform you the rumors which reached you were entirely without foundation. To be absolutely sure we cabled to England, and have now received a reply as follows:

BALFOUR NOW MEMBER OF FRENCH ACADEMY

Paris, June 3.—Arthur J. Balfour, the British foreign secretary, has been elected a foreign member of the Academy of Moral and Political Sciences to succeed the late Grand Duke Nicholas Michailovitch of Russia.

Elphinstone, Venizelos, premier of Greece, has been elected to succeed the late Col. Theodore Roosevelt.

PAY CITY TAXES NOW, AND AVOID RUSH ON LAST DAY.

All the accused persons have the option of being represented by a lawyer for their defence.

The officers specially detailed for defence are Major E. C. Weyman, and Captain George Black, barristers at law, who have extensive experience in court martial work.

ASQUITH PUNCTURES FRENCH'S CRITICISM

Says That His Intended Movements Would Have Left French Army in Lurch.

London, June 3.—Herbert H. Asquith, British premier, at the outbreak of the war, replying in a speech today to criticism made by Viscount French, the first commander of the British forces in France, in his book concerning the government in the early days of the war, said that prior to the visit to France of Earl Kitchener he intended movements of Lord French had been not supported by the former premier, would have had in the judgment of the cabinet, the effect of leaving the French army in the lurch in the moment of supreme need. This contention, Mr. Asquith declared, was shared by the French government.

In reply to the charge of Lord French that he was not supported by the government in the supply of munitions, the former premier read a letter he received from Lord French at the time of the formation of the coalition government. In the letter Lord French said:

"I am sure that in the whole history of the war no general in the field has ever been helped in a difficult task by the head of his government as I have been supported and strengthened by your unfailing sympathy and encouragement."

Mr. Asquith read a passage from a report made by him to the cabinet after the formation of the coalition government in 1915, in which Kitchener said: "I talked today with General French, who authorized me to tell you that the present supply of ammunition will be as much as his troops will be able to use over the next forward movements."

Mr. Asquith added that after the introduction of high explosive shells, Lord French on Nov. 6 asked for 50 per cent. chraprel and 50 per cent. high explosives, but a week later he telegraphed that the proportion of high explosives should be 25, not 50 per cent.

Mr. Asquith declared that a request of Lord French as the British commander in France had nothing whatever to do with the supply of shells.

NEW C.P.R. TRAIN REACHES WINNIPEG

Latest Across-Canada Express Clipping Full Day Off Time to Pacific.

Winnipeg, June 3.—The new Canadian Pacific Railway transcontinental train, the Trans-Canada Limited, passed through Winnipeg at 9 o'clock this morning en route to Vancouver. The new service, including a daily train each way, will cut 24 hours off the regular running time from Montreal to Vancouver. The train, which arrived in Winnipeg this morning, left Montreal at 8 o'clock Sunday afternoon, and clipped a full half-day from regular run. George Ham and F. W. Fox on the train. The train is carrying nearly six million dollars worth of equipment is being used in the new service; added to this is the new equipment for the train crews and the army of locomotives with operating the train used in the new service on the 3000-mile run.

The Vancouver train, which left Vancouver at the same time the west-bound train left Montreal, arrived in Winnipeg this afternoon. It will reach Montreal at noon Thursday. The connections at Sudbury for Toronto are perfect, and half a day is saved in reaching the Queen City.

VON RANTZAU EAGER FOR ORAL EXCHANGE

Says He Can Better Convince Allies Than by Exchanging Notes.

Berlin, June 3.—Rumors in circulation in Germany that he is willing to sacrifice parts of German territory threatened by the peace terms if the counter-proposals are accepted are denied by Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, the German peace delegation in an interview with the Versailles correspondent of The National Zeitung. The count's attention was drawn to the feeling in Danzig that Germany was ready to sign peace at the expense of that city if the allies made concessions regarding upper Silesia, the former colonies and the merchant marine.

The count said that all interests would be represented equally and equitably. Great financial sacrifices can be made by Germany and offered, he added, only on condition that the German counter-proposals were looked upon as a co-ordinate entity. He declared it was impossible to expect important features without bringing disaster to the whole proposition.

The head of the German peace delegation asserted he was eager for a better opportunity to convince the allies of Germany's honesty and honor than was offered by interchanging notes. He said he hoped, if given the opportunity, to establish a basis for the co-operation of all peoples.

EIGHT INDIANS BURNED TO DEATH

Others Injured and Provisions Destroyed by Fires in Canadian West.

Regina, Sask., June 3.—Eight Indians were burned to death, two are not expected to recover and 14 are severely injured and large quantities of provisions, property of the Indians, have been destroyed. This report reached the Indian commissioner today from his agent, who was sent to investigate conditions in the country around Cold Lake, several days' journey north of Lloydminster, on the boundary between Saskatchewan and Alberta. Forest fires are given as the cause of the loss of lives and property.

GUELPH BAPTISTS MEET IN KITCHENER

Special to The Toronto World.

Kitchener, June 3.—The Guelph Baptist Association is holding its jubilee gathering at the Benton Street Baptist Church today, Wednesday and Thursday. This afternoon and evening women's sessions were held. The laymen's sessions were held. The women's sessions were held at 3 o'clock, the devotional exercises being conducted by Rev. D. O. Bristol. The first address was given by Rev. P. C. Cameron of the King Street Baptist Church, "Development of Ministers' Life," which was followed by an address by Rev. A. Adair, Conversations in our Churches." The moderators' address was delivered this evening. Rev. Dr. Cline of Georgetown is moderator.

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OTHER WESTERN CITIES AFFECTED BY STRIKES

Work Stops at Port Arthur Coal Docks, and Vancouver Has a Partially Effective General Sympathetic Strike.

Fort William, June 3.—Every coal dock at the head of the lakes controlled by railways is idle today, the men having gone on strike at 7 o'clock this morning. This is not due to a sympathetic strike, but to grievances of the men employed on the docks. A year ago an agreement was signed at 48c an hour, this wage to be readjusted this year in accordance with the increase in the cost of living, which is calculated at 13 per cent. The men presented a demand for the same wage to be paid for eight hours work, for shovellers, the lowest paid men, and an addition of 15 per cent. such was granted at Duluth by the United States labor board. If this were not acceptable the companies were willing either to go to arbitration in the usual course or to leave it to the railway war board to settle.

The general strike situation is about the same. No unions have yet been called out, but the labor leaders claim that they are ready to call a general strike in sympathy with Winnipeg when asked to do so. Many unions have signified their intention of staying at work, even if called out by the local Trades and Labor Council.

Port Arthur Prepares.

Port Arthur, June 3.—The city council has passed a resolution supporting the plan of a recently-organized citizens' committee, the object of which is to preserve law and order, uphold constituted authority, and continue the uninterrupted operation of public utilities in the event of a general strike being called here.

Vancouver Has a Strike.

Vancouver, B.C., June 3.—A general strike of organized labor in Vancouver, in sympathy with the Winnipeg strike, effective at 12 a.m. today, was upheld constitutionally, and continues the uninterrupted operation of public utilities in the event of a general strike being called here.

Exemptions from the strike were made in the cases of firemen and police, bakers and bakery salesmen, milk wagon drivers, theatre employees, hospital employees, laundries, hotels and restaurants, ten civic employees to act as grave diggers, six caretakers for the city waterworks, ice wagons for hospital, hotel and restaurant delivery only.

A general walk-out did not follow the strike call. At noon it was reported the only workers on strike were the seamen on British Columbia coast-wise vessels, the workers in five shipyards, the longshoremen and the men employed in the Northern Iron Works.

Street car employees, who were in session this afternoon, did not tonight when it was expected they would run their cars into the barns and tie up traffic. They have decided to hold a mass meeting tomorrow afternoon to discuss the strike order.

BOLSHEVIK PLOT UNEARTHED IN FINLAND

London, June 3.—A Russian Bolshevik plot on a wide scale has been discovered in Finland, according to an exchange telegraph despatch from Copenhagen. Many arrests have been made in connection with the discovery. Several million marks had been smuggled into Finland preparatory to a contemplated revolution, the telegraph stated, and a Bolshevik report of more than three million marks of given out among the unemployed, had been the coup d'etat that was planned was postponed "owing to developments in Russia."

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