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FREE TRADE WOULD RUIN DOMINION INDUSTRIES PREMIER MEIGHEN SAYS IN BRILLIANT DEFENCE OF POLICIES

Answers Charge That Government is the Friend of the "Big Interests" by Declaring That Canadian Taxes on Large Incomes Are Largest in the World and Were Placed There by Present Administration.

CANADA CANNOT DEPEND UPON ANY TRADE POLICY ENACTED BY THE UNITED STATES

Raw Materials of Dominion Would be Returned in Finished Products to be Sold at Prices Determined Only by the Greed of Vendors, a Condition the Government Would be Unable to Control.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, May 24.—An audience estimated at about three thousand people heard the Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, Premier of Canada, deliver a great address in defence of the policy of the Government, in the Grand Opera House last night. In the afternoon in the Opera House he spoke to a large number of ladies. The two speeches were the same although in the evening he addressed the main points of his address.

Mr. Meighen was in excellent form. His address was argumentative from the beginning and intended to answer the attacks of the Farmer party. He denied that the Government was the friend of the "big interests" citing in support of his position the enormous income taxes it had imposed upon the wealthy; he claimed that free trade would result in the ruin of Canadian industries and would leave Canada at the mercy of the great industries of the United States; he recalled the experience of the Dominion in the wheat and potato deals with the Americans; Canada had less unemployment than any other nation in the world while her defence bills were the smallest known; and he admitted there was a large number of lawyers in the Commons, but he thought that men who were trained in the law were well qualified to have a part in their making.

He was accompanied by Mrs. Meighen, who was presented with a magnificent bunch of roses in the Council Chamber at the civic reception, and with a great basket of flowers at the close of the afternoon meeting. At all places Mr. and Mrs. Meighen greeted all who came to the front of the hall; the Premier, in particular, met many old friends in this way, for he had visited the city before.

Arrival at City.

As the Premier and Mrs. Meighen stepped out of their private car they were greeted by the strains of the National Anthem, played by the Fredericton Brass Band, and welcomed by Mayor Reid, City Clerk Perkins and board of aldermen, as well as a crowd of several hundred people.

Headed by the band, a parade was soon formed up and proceeded to the City Hall, where an address of welcome was presented to the Premier by the City Council. The address was read by Mayor Reid, who presented a beautiful bouquet of flowers on behalf of the citizens of Fredericton.

The address of the Mayor to Mr. Meighen was as follows:

The Address.

To the Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C., B.A., Prime Minister of Canada.

On behalf of the people of Fredericton, the citizens of this city, and the honor of extending to you, the Prime Minister of Canada, and Mrs. Meighen, their most hearty welcome to our city.

We understand that this is not your first visit to Fredericton and, therefore, it is not as an entire stranger that we welcome you to this city. The honor of your visit on the present occasion, however, is enhanced by the distinguished position which you have held in the service of the Dominion of Canada.

It is not our purpose to eulogize the splendid qualities of mind and the industry and perseverance which have marked your professional and public career. The high office to which you have attained, when still a young man, is sufficient evidence of your energy and ability, and the Province of New Brunswick, we have the pleasure and honor of extending to you, the Prime Minister of Canada, and Mrs. Meighen, their most hearty welcome to our city.

We congratulate you most sincerely on your attainment to the high and honorable office of Premier of Canada. From Confederation to the present time Canada has been most fortunate in the character and spirit of her first ministers. We believe that you will carry forward this record of service with satisfaction to the people and credit to yourself.

We are honored by your presence here today. The citizens of Fredericton unite in offering you a genuine welcome and the sincerest of congratulations. We trust that your stay may be most pleasant and that, in few busy times, you may soon take the opportunity to come again.

Dated at Fredericton, N. B., Canada, the 23rd day of May, A. D. 1921.

(Signed) A. REED, Mayor.

The Prime Minister's reply to the civic address was brief, but at the same time most feeling, as he referred to his personal friendships in Fredericton and his wish that he could spend a holiday here, "away from the intense political turmoil." Like the charges that he held under stress it was evident that the Premier was with difficulty restraining himself in recollection of the fact that he was addressing a distinctly non-political gathering. At the conclusion of the Premier's speech an informal reception was held, several hundred of those who had gathered being presented to Mr. and Mrs. Meighen.

Visited Points of Interest.

From the formalities were conducted.

KILLED OR WOUNDED IN MARINE STRIKE

Buenos Ayres, May 24.—A number of persons are reported to have been killed or wounded during fighting today in the port zone when union laborers attempted to prevent non-union workers from unloading ships.

MAY FEDERATE ALL BRITAIN'S WESTERN LANDS

Confederation of Canada and the West Indies With Possible S. America is Mooted.

CONFERENCE MAY BE HELD SOON

Such An Agreement Would Unite All North, Central and South American Lands.

Washington, May 24.—Establishment of confederation of British America, to include Canada and the British colonies of the Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Jamaica, the Leeward Islands, Trinidad, the Windward Islands and possibly British Honduras and British Guiana, was reported here today in official circles to be under consideration in the British Dominions and possessions of North, South and Central America.

The idea of a united commonwealth of British America was represented in the report as a further development of the union which began with the confederation of the four provinces of Canada in 1867.

Former Conference.

Reference was had to the conference which was held in Ottawa in June, 1920, and attended by representatives of all the British colonies of the Americas for the purpose of drawing up a trade agreement signed by a majority of the colonies concerned.

Efforts to convert the trade federation into a political one beginning with the British West Indian colonies and British Guiana was said to have been made recently at a meeting in Georgetown, British Guiana, where the proposal for a universal currency was launched by the colonial secretary, while agreeing to the idea of a uniform currency, stated that he considered the idea of a political federation between West Indies and British Guiana impracticable on account of the wide differences between the problems confronting the various colonies.

WESTERN BISHOP AT ST. STEPHEN

Archbishop Casey to Spend the Summer Visiting Two Brothers of the East.

Special to The Standard.

St. Stephen, N. B., May 24.—His Grace Archbishop Casey has arrived here from his diocese in British Columbia and is cordially welcomed by many friends in his old home town who are pleased to find him very well after his recent serious illness. He is expected to spend much of the summer in the east and with his brothers, Patrick and Thomas Casey, in St. Stephen.

Frank C. Murchie, prominent lumberman and chairman of the track committee of the Agricultural Society, returned Monday from Boston where he went for treatment. Greatly to the satisfaction of his many friends the specialists there found no organic trouble of any kind and no signs of paralysis. They express confidence that in a short time Mr. Murchie will have regained his accustomed health and vigor.

Rev. Dr. Symonds Dead in Montreal

Montreal, May 24.—Following a mild attack of pneumonia supervening on a serious operation performed here three weeks ago, the Rev. Herbert Symonds, vicar of Christ Church Cathedral, died tonight in the Montreal General Hospital. He was born in 1860 in Suffolk, England. He graduated at Trinity College, Toronto, in 1886. He was ordained priest in 1887 and lectured at Trinity for five years. In 1892 he became rector of St. Luke's, Toronto, and 1901 took the headmastership of Trinity School, Port Hope. He was appointed vicar of Christ Church Cathedral in 1908. He was a past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

The Premier

BRITISH WILL SEND TROOPS INTO SILESIA

Four Battalions to Leave Rhine Area at Once for Scene of Trouble.

GERMANY PUTS BIG FINE ON RECRUITERS

Upper Silesian Frontier is Entirely Closed—Miners Have Gone on Strike.

Paris, May 24.—The Chamber of Deputies this evening took an adjournment until Wednesday afternoon without having voted on the question of confidence of the government of Premier Briand, with regard to its attitude toward Germany.

Battalions To Go.

London, May 24.—A force of four battalions of British infantry is under orders to proceed to Upper Silesia from the Rhine, and it is contemplated, if possible to increase the force, Austen Chamberlain, the government spokesman, told a questioner in the House of Commons this afternoon.

Urgent representations have been made at Warsaw by the ministers of the three allied powers, acting in concert, Mr. Chamberlain said, but the evidence at the British government's disposal renders it difficult to form a definite opinion regarding the recent aggression in Silesia.

Fine For Recruiting.

Berlin, May 24.—A new government order, operative today, imposes a maximum fine of 100,000 marks for illegal recruiting or for organizing military bodies.

Other orders issued completely close the upper Silesian frontier and forbid the formation of armed corps for action in Upper Silesia.

The miners in the lower Silesian coal fields have struck and all mines are idle. The trouble is due to a dispute over wages.

SINN FEIN FLAG STARTED FIGHTS

One Raised in Protestant Church in Belfast Responsible for Row.

Belfast, May 24.—Many of its residents of both persuasions are nursing sore heads tonight while the police, reinforced by black and tan and soldiers in armored cars, are in possession of the streets, as a result of election riots.

Trouble was started when Protestants held a demonstration of St. Matthew's Catholic church, and was intensified when a Sinn Fein raised the flag right in a Protestant street. Stone throwing and a few revolver shots were exchanged before the police broke up the crowds and formed cordons between the rival factions.

Murdered By Order Of Irish Leaders

Forty Armed Men Took Shoemaker from His Home to Death Without.

Dublin, May 24.—A fight between police and armed civilians lasting five hours occurred near Newport, County Mayo, today. One policeman was killed and a number of others were wounded. Reinforcements outflanked the civilians and pursued them, wounding one.

Forty armed men entered the house of Patrick Brerdy, a shoemaker of Carran, and took him to the fields where they shot him dead. A notice was pinned to the clothing stating that Brerdy had been shot by order of the "Irish Republican Army."

Acadia University Closing Exercises

Special to The Standard.

Wolfville, N. S., May 24.—The closing exercises of Acadia University were held on Sunday with the preaching of the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. A. N. Marshall, D. D. of the First Baptist Church, Ottawa, Ont. The Acadia Dramatic Society presented the excellent comedy "Nothing But the Truth" on Monday evening. On Monday morning the coeds gave an exhibition of swimming and aquatic sports in the Acadia Memorial Gymnasium and showed great skill in the water. The afternoon brought the graduating day exercises of the seminary graduating class owing to the burning of College Hall last December the closing exercises are being conducted in the Baptist church. The building was filled to capacity at two o'clock. The class marched into the strains of the "senior march." President Miss Mabel Polard was in the chair. Class officers are: President, Alice M. Follis; vice-president, Alice Laird; secretary, Margaret Griffin; treasurer, Irene M. Brown of St. John.

SIR EDWARD CARSON LORD OF APPEAL

London May 4.—Sir Edward Carson, who for many years has been the leader of the "Ulster forces" in Parliament, has been appointed Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, in succession to Baron Moulton who died in March.

BOMB EXPLODES; ONE BOY KILLED, FOUR ARE HURT

Youngsters Find Deadly Device in Heap of Debris and Light the Fuse.

CELEBRATORS ARE UNDER SUSPICION

West New York Italians Believed to Have Left Explosive Behind After a Party.

New York, May 24.—James Fallon, Jr., 15, of Tenth and Jackson streets, West New York, N. J., while playing yesterday afternoon in a vacant lot, picked up a bomb believed to have been left after an Italian celebration on Thursday night. Several companions were with the boy and for some time they couldn't decide what to do with the bomb.

At length James decided to find out there was a fuse attached to it and it seemed certain to him that this was meant to be lit. He got an old tin can from the refuse of the celebration and then put the bomb into the can so that the fuse stuck out the end. Some one in the crowd had a match and lit the fuse.

Half Dozen Watch It.

Half a dozen boys gathered around to watch, intensely interested in the burning fuse. Finally it burned down flush with the bomb and then the fire began to creep inside the metal can.

The Fallon boy thought the flame had expired, because there was no longer any sputtering noise from the bomb. He leaned forward and peered at the bomb to see what was the matter.

It was just at that instant that the bomb exploded. The can and part of the iron container of the bomb struck four others present and they were badly hurt. They were taken to the North Hudson Hospital. They are Victor Sereno, 12, of 405 Jackson street; Paul Granger, 13, of 59 Jackson street; Thomas Dimiro, 13, of 580 Arthur place, all of West New York, and one other whose name was not learned by the police.

Workers Were Hit By Winnipeg Strike

Tom Moore Says It Acted Like a Boomerang Upon Those Who Quit Work.

Brandon, Man., May 24.—Favoring constitutional methods to right wrongs and conciliation between capital and labor as a solution to present day problems, Tom Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Council of Canada, in an address here last night, stated that governments are largely what the people make them and that it is up to the electors to see that the best men are chosen. The speaker stated that he tried his best to stop the Winnipeg strike, and expose the leaders of that strike, which he characterized as unreasonable and cruel and rebounded like a boomerang upon the misled worker.

Mr. Moore stated that the efforts of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada were toward improving conditions for humanity. Speaking of his appearance in Winnipeg recently when he was howled down, Mr. Moore likened the capital to passing through the fiery furnace.

World News Today

CANADA

Three thousand people heard Premier Meighen at Fredericton, N. B. in the York-Sunbury by-election contest.

Tom Moore says Winnipeg strike was like a boomerang to organized labor.

Rev. Dr. Symonds, vicar of Christ's Church Cathedral Montreal, died last night following an operation.

BRITISH ISLES

Many riots in Ireland as a result of the elections that were held yesterday.

Sinn Fein flag raised in Protestant street in Belfast starts a fight.

Irish shoemaker taken from his cottage and shot by the "Republicans."

Coal strike may end owing to the exhaustion of the strike funds.

EUROPE

Germans tell Allies they will be strictly neutral in the Upper Silesian struggle.

ILLEGAL VOTING IS VERY COMMON IN IRISH FIGHT

Impersonation Claimed in Extensive Manner by Both Sides to Contest.

START TO COUNT BALLOTS TODAY

Fights Begin in Belfast as Soon as Police Quit the Streets.

Belfast, May 24.—Elections for the new parliament in Ireland under the Irish home rule bill were carried out throughout Ireland today, but only in the north of Ireland were ballots cast, as the nominations for the southern Irish parliament were made without contest, which was tantamount to election.

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The people had been appealed to by their leaders to vote early to "prevent impersonation" and at most of the polling booths crowds were waiting at eight a.m. the opening hour. For either side to bring in impersonators would not be difficult as in such districts as Bellmullet the Nationalists will not even have watchers, as they say they are afraid to enter the polling booths here. The Unionists on the other hand, would not feel comfortable in Falls Road, although there were plenty of police and military in all districts to protect would-be voters.

Count Votes Today.

Counting of the votes will not commence until five o'clock Wednesday morning and will continue until six o'clock in the evening at which time it will be adjourned until Thursday. It is possible the Belfast results will be known Wednesday night.

Even Belfast, used to hot political fights, has never seen such an election morning as this. Thus far it has been more of a fight to get to the polls ahead of opponents than a stand-up battle, but this rush led to some nasty incidents, especially in the Cork street and Old Lodge area near the docks.

Fight in Belfast.

As soon as the military were withdrawn from the streets at five o'clock this morning, when the curfew ended, the rival factions appeared at the doors of their homes with their womenfolk to proceed to the polls. Bricks and stones commenced to fly across the streets and a few shots were fired before the police arrived to disperse the disputants. One constable was seriously injured by being hit with a brick.

Donegal Pass, one of the polling stations for Unionists in west Belfast was crowded by Nationalists hours before the time for voting. Another long line of Nationalists waited outside, thus blocking the way to their opponents.

Block the Booths.

This occurred in many places where one side or the other was the stronger, and it was evident much personal violence was going on. One woman who arrived at a polling station half an hour after it opened found her vote had already been cast. There also was a large number of child voters whose votes could not be refused. They ranged in age from a child of two and a half years, who was just able to say, "I vote for Moore" a male child of six, who was just able to say "I vote for Moore" and a girl of sixteen and seventeen years.

LACK OF CASH BREAKS COAL MINE STRIKE

Signs Are Numerous That Big Walk-Out in British Isles Is Near End.

NEGOTIATIONS ARE STILL IN PROGRESS

One Branch of the Union is Already 300,000 Pounds in Debt.

London, May 24.—Extreme caution is being observed respecting the miners' dispute, and Premier Lloyd George did not make the expected statement in the House of Commons today. Negotiations for a settlement however, are still proceeding, and it is expected that a conference will be held this week. The cabinet discussed the matter today.

Collapse at Hand.

Signs are not wanting that in the absence of an agreement a partial collapse of the strike is imminent as the miners are said to be short of funds and are eager to resume work. A typical example of the cost of the strike is shown in Yorkshire. There the men's unions have paid out 400,000 pounds directly out of union funds in addition to an issue of one million credit coupons in various amounts, while the union is about 200,000 pounds in debt.

ALLIES ACCEPT GERMAN ANSWER

Former Enemy Will Take Vigorous Action to Preserve Neutrality in Silesia.

Paris, May 24.—Premier Briand, questioned by a group of deputies before the meeting of the chamber today said there was no reason for the occupation of the Ruhr region, because the aspect of the Silesian question had been changed, and if the Ruhr were occupied without the support of the Allies it would be equivalent to abandonment of the treaty of Versailles.

Germany Take Action.

Paris, May 24.—Germany replied today to the French communication of yesterday on the Silesian situation, the reply declaring in effect that Germany had taken the most vigorous measures towards closing its frontier with Upper Silesia and obliging the volunteer corps to disband.

The French communication was made by Premier Briand, last night to the German ambassador, Dr. Mayer, who was requested to ask his government, it was understood, to end definitely all attempts at aggression in Silesia, if Germany did not wish to expose herself to reprisals by the Allies.

Allies Satisfied.

London, May 24.—Germany's reply to the representations of Great Britain and France for an embargo against the entry of soldiers or ammunition into Upper Silesia is generally regarded in official circles here as satisfactory.

Bandit Gang Is Caught By Police

Five Men and One Woman in Northern Ontario Are in Custody.

Timmins, Ont., May 24.—A gang of alleged bandits, comprising five men and one woman is in custody here following a midnight raid by town, township and provincial police. They are being held for appearance before the magistrate on Thursday next. The prisoners are believed to have been responsible for a series of hold-ups and robberies committed here lately, and when arrested they were planning, it is said, to break into a hardware store and a bank at Schomacher. The woman when arrested was wearing soldier's clothes. The prisoners are Italians. Goods to the value of \$500 have been recovered.

TODAY

IMPERIAL—Will Rogers in the Gaiety Production "Honest Hutch" and Buster Keaton Comedy.

OPERA—Amaranth Sisters—Marcelle Fallette, and three other good Grandville features and Wm. Duncan Serial Drama.

QUEEN SQUARE—Gladys Brook well in "The Sage Hen."

STAR—"Dancing Fool," Famous Lasky Picture.

EMPRESS—George Arliss in "The Gaiety."