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United Farmer Members of Legislature Spend Day in Conference Toronto Police Charge Mobs of Returned Soldiers and Rioters

GEN. H. H. McLEAN BOLSHIEVIST PARTY ON RAILWAY BILL

In Commons Debate, Declines to Support Unionists—Says G.T.R. to Be a Burden.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Oct. 22.—The first bolter from the ranks of the government supporters on the Grand Trunk bill was heard from this afternoon when the debate on the second reading was proceeded with. The objector to the government's proposal was Major-General H. H. McLean, Liberal-Unionist member for Royal, N.B. The major-general, in addition to declaring himself as being opposed to public ownership of railways, criticized the details of the government's plan very largely on the ground of cost. He painted a somewhat dark picture of the financial condition of the country and declared that no real harm would be done by deferring action in regard to the purchase of the Grand Trunk for two or three years.

Major-General McLean expressed doubts as to the ability of the government to divorce politics from the control of the government, and that the board of management would be named by the government and would have to do its bidding. He expressed the feeling that the government should have too much say in connection with the management of the government lines. His advice to the government was to stop looking and listen. He announced that he would vote against the second reading of the bill.

Earlier in the day, Mr. R. L. Richardson, Springfield, speaking at some length, warmly approved the government plan for the acquisition of the Grand Trunk system. Mr. Richardson maintained that Canada has suffered a great deal from the manly of railway corporations. The only way Canada could be recouped for past extravagance, he said, was by securing the railways, stop look and listen. The debate was continued by J. E. Armstrong, who argued that the acquisition of the government system to tap the great manufacturing district of Western Ontario.

Lucien Cannon, who followed, accused the government of putting forward misleading figures, and there-by caused Sir Henry Drayton to make his maiden speech. Sir Henry Drayton, who was supported by the figure of the Drayton-Acworth report.

To Report on Soldiers. In the house this afternoon, Mr. Calder said that the committee on soldiers' re-establishment hoped to complete its report by the end of the week. In reply to Mr. Casgrain, the minister of railways said that there was an estimated operating deficit for the current year on the Canadian Northern system of \$2,970,028.

Co-operative Government Is Urged Upon Ontario

Special to The Toronto World.
Montreal, Que., Oct. 22.—The Star tonight says editorially that it does not see why Governor Hendrie should accept Dewart's demand that he call on him to form an administration in Ontario. Manifestly the only course, it says, the only possible course, is government by co-operation or consent. Also it says that the suggestion that some member of the Hearst cabinet be called on will scarcely be considered, that Ontario is done with the Hearst government. Finally it says:

DEWART AGAIN REBUKES LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR ON STATEMENT ISSUED

Suggests Sir William Meredith Inspired First Interview, and Again Suggests Elected Member Be Called to Lead.

H. H. Dewart, leader of the Liberal party, made the following statement tonight: "The Star tonight says editorially that it does not see why Governor Hendrie should accept Dewart's demand that he call on him to form an administration in Ontario. Manifestly the only course, it says, the only possible course, is government by co-operation or consent. Also it says that the suggestion that some member of the Hearst cabinet be called on will scarcely be considered, that Ontario is done with the Hearst government. Finally it says: 'Of the various elements returned by the Ontario electorate on Monday, it should be quite possible to form a strong government. The leaders of the once all-powerful parties will have to recognize the new situation created and make their plans accordingly.'"

FERGUSON'S RETURN NOT A CERTAINTY

Brookville, Oct. 22.—The election of Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, minister in the Hearst government, is not a certainty. The returning officer has made no return and one report today had that Mr. Ferguson's lead is by only two, while another had it at six. The United Farmers are taking steps to secure a recount, claiming some polls in the north part of the riding. Mr. Ferguson's home district did not give out any results on Monday night.

DR. STEEL, M.P., TO WED.

A Suggestion to the Farmer Caucus

It should be clearly understood, in view of the rumors that have been circulated by persons who cannot be regarded as Sir Adam Beck's friends, to the effect that he aspired to political leadership, that no evidence of such an ambition has ever transpired, and no action on his part can be pointed to that would justify such a conclusion. Sir Adam in his London statement, in which he asserted his independence of his former party affiliations, and his resolve to present himself as an independent candidate to his constituents, made use of the clearest and plainest language on this point. "My first duty, as I see it," he said, "and I need not add, my devotion, is to the municipalities of the province of Ontario, that have pledged their credit and have incurred enormously large liabilities on the obligations they have assumed on account of the Hydro-electric power scheme, and ultimately will assume on account of the Hydro-electric radial railway undertaking. Their interests are to me paramount, and I have always felt, and in this I believe the municipalities concur, that, in order that these interests might be served, it was essential that I should be a member of the legislature during such time as I remained a mem-

U. F. O. OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The following official statement was handed out last night by the secretary of the United Farmers at the close of the day's deliberations at the party caucus. The gathering included the elected members, together with many of the defeated U.F.O. candidates:

The Statement.
"The members-elect of the United Farmers of Ontario, after due consideration of the matter, have decided that it would be unwise for them to enter into alliance with either of the old parties as parties. They are prepared to assume the fullest share of responsibility and form a government, in co-operation with such members of other parties as are in sympathy with their platform and principles and are free to give support thereto. In the formation of a cabinet full consideration will be given to the various interests of the province."
—J. J. Morrison.

WILSON TRANSACTS PUBLIC BUSINESS

Signs Food Control Act, and Today Will Pass on Prohibition Bill.

Washington, Oct. 22.—President Wilson was permitted again today to transact some public business. After what his physicians described as one of the best nights he has had since his illness began he signed the amendments to the food control act providing penalties for hoarding and profiteering in food and clothing and three other measures of minor importance. Tomorrow the prohibition enforcement bill will be returned to the White House by the department of justice with an opinion as to its constitutionality and it is expected that if the president shows no ill-effects from his work yesterday and today he will be allowed to study the opinion and pass on the bill. He has until midnight of October 23 to act before the measure becomes a law without his signature. The president's physicians announced today that his temperature, pulse and respiration continued normal and that his digestion was more satisfactory.

MAYNARD'S FLYING TIME BEATEN BY TEN HOURS

Washington, Oct. 22.—Altho Lieut. B. W. Maynard was the first to complete the transatlantic air race, Capt. J. O. Donaldson made the flight in ten hours less flying time, according to the latest calculation, when departing today announced.

POLICE BATTLE WITH RETURNED SOLDIERS

Ex-Secretary of U. V. L. Mobbed—Turley's Residence Attacked by Crowd, Which Was Dispersed by Mounted Officers—Chinese Restaurants Raided.

Harry Rose, who resigned the secretaryship of the United Veterans' League, after a warm attack on President H. J. Flynn's character and record on Monday night, had a narrow escape from mob violence last night when he addressed a large gathering of returned men, mostly members of the U. V. L., at the corner of Shuter and Yonge. In fact, the crowd became so menacing that Mrs. Rose, who pluckily stayed by her husband's side through, and Mr. Rose were finally taken to the police station for safe-keeping and all police reserves were called out. Mr. Rose was accompanied by his wife and H. Atinworth, also a former official of the U. V. L. who was called on to answer a charge that he had received some two hundred dollars for the use of his car by the league for a short period. Mr. Rose was heckled to such an extent by the constabulary that he was obliged to take to the rear. After many questions had been asked and answered relative to the alleged past record of the president, the association those present became quite restive, and several remarked that it was time people began to cut out dope as to a man's career in the main much the same. Corporal Johnson, who is a strong Flynn supporter, then acted upon this advice and asked Rose if he really had anything against Flynn since the latter had returned to Toronto. After some delay the latter replied, "Why, yes, I have." Johnson then clamped his hand on Rose's shoulder. "Then let us have it right out," another man said. "I have," Rose stated that at the recent meeting at Loew's Theatre of the lot, recent date President J. Harry Flynn urged the endorsement of the Conservative candidate Schofield for South-

LABOR MEMBERS TO MEET.

If the request of the executive council of the Labor party is carried out, Labor members-elect to Queen's Park will meet in session in Toronto this evening to discuss matters of the greatest importance to the party. It was hoped by midnight to decide this matter, but no decision was reached by that hour, and there are chances that the session will be held at Hamilton.

PROBABILITIES—SHOWERS TODAY.

This is a good day to take advantage of the sale of Men's Raincoats at Dineen's. The balance of the fall stock is being sold at a very great reduction. Gabardines, Scotch tweeds, mixtures, in visible checks, plain grays and brown mixtures. Many of these coats are suitable for fall and winter wear. Your choice of the lot, \$17.95. Regular prices \$25.00 and \$27.50. Go into Dineen's at 140 Yonge street and get a choice today!

LAST MINUTE PROPOSAL TO BITUMINOUS MINERS IS SURE OF REJECTION

Wage Increase Offer Ignores Demands for Thirty-Hour Week—Final Effort to Avert Strike of Half Million Men Hopeless.

RUSSIANS FIGHTING WITH BRITISH ARMS

Hundreds of Thousands of Munitions of War Supplied to Siberians and Denikine. Vladivostok, Oct. 22.—General Knox, chief of the British military mission, in a statement to the Russian telegraph agency at Omsk, says: "Great Britain has furnished the Siberians and General Denikine with great quantities of munitions—hundreds of thousands of rifles, hundreds of millions of cartridges, hundreds of big guns and thousands of machine guns, as well as several hundred thousand sets of uniforms and equipment. Each cartridge fired this year by these Russian soldiers was made in England by British workmen from English material, the supplies being shipped to Russia on English steamers."

LONG RANGE GUNS OF FRENCH WARSHIPS BOMBARD KRONSTADT

Superiority in Artillery Enables Them to Keep Beyond Range of Enemy.

London, Oct. 22.—A report from Copenhagen says that a despatch to the Politiken from Helsingfors reports that French warships have been bombarding Kronstadt since Monday. They are able to keep beyond the range of the long range of their guns. The Bolshevik forces have been hung back in the Kamysyn section, losing 2,000 men, taking prisoner many machine guns, according to Gen. Denikine's wireless communication. Extremely fierce fighting is reported in that district. A message from Moscow says that volunteers are arriving at Petrograd continually from the remote Russian villages and are forming special detachments; among them are numerous women. Further wireless reports from Moscow say that the first tanks manufactured in Petrograd were sent against General Yudenich's army, and caused the greatest enthusiasm among the Red troops, who, aided by these, took numbers of prisoners.

U. S. CONSULAR AGENT KIDNAPPED IN MEXICO

Washington, Oct. 22.—William O. Jenkins, American consular agent at Puebla, Mexico, was kidnapped by three masked bandits last Friday at Puebla and is being held for 150,000 ransom. The state department was advised today. The American embassy on enquiry has been informed by the Mexican foreign office that the government will take any possible steps to effect the liberation of Jenkins.

ENVOYS TO CONTINUE TO WEAR UNIFORMS

Berlin, Oct. 22.—The supreme council has refused a request from the German government that members of inter-allied commissions in Germany should no longer wear uniforms after the peace treaty comes into effect, in order to avoid a recurrence of disagreeable incidents such as earlier attacks upon inter-allied officers. The council declared that it saw in the request an attempt to weaken the authority of the inter-allied commissions.

Czecho-Slovakia May Enact A Total Prohibition Law

Prague, Oct. 22.—The Czecho-Slovakian government is considering the enactment of a law, introducing total prohibition in Czecho-Slovakia. GERMANS SURROUND LIBAU. Libau, Oct. 22.—(Russian.)—The Germans surround the town, and nothing is allowed to pass thru their line. The bread ration has been cut.

Opposition to G. T. R. Bill Grows in House and Senate

Special to The Toronto World.
Ottawa, Oct. 22.—The opposition to the Grand Trunk bill is stiffening in the house and a still more bitter fight is expected in the senate. The government supporters are standing together so far being the opposition of Gen. H. H. McLean, M.P. for Royal, N.B. In the senate, however, a number of Conservatives may join hands with the Liberals in opposing the bill. No less than six government supporters in the upper house are said to be likely to vote against the Grand Trunk bill. They are Senator Smeaton White of the Montreal Gazette; Senator J. S. McClellan of Nova Scotia; Senator G. G. Foster, of Montreal, and Senators Gordon, Nicholls and Lynch-Staunton, of Ontario. To Fill Senate Vacancies. Their defection would reduce the government's majority to a narrow margin, and it is therefore understood that the four vacancies in the senate will be filled almost immediately. The vacant seat in British Columbia will be filled by the appointment of Hon. Martin Burrell, secretary of state. A number of gentlemen are mentioned for the three vacancies in Ontario, and it is reasonably certain that Gerald White, ex-M.P. for North Renfrew, and Hon. T. W. Crothers will be chosen. This should ensure the speedy passage of the bill, but if anything like a deadlock occurs in the senate, the governor-in-council may make eight additional appointments, two from the Maritime Provinces, two from Quebec, two from Ontario, and two from the west. This power in 'flood' the senate has never been exercised, but the government will not hesitate to use the power should it be necessary to pass the Grand Trunk bill at this session of parliament.