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UNITED MINE WORKERS OF AMERICA ACCEPT THE DEFINITIVE OF UNITED STATES GOV'T

Indianapolis Convention Stands on the Strike Order Which Becomes Effective at Close of Working Day Friday—Their Statement Issued to the Public Places All Responsibility Upon the Operators—Canvass of the Situation Shows Strike of Bituminous Operators Cannot be Avoided—Claim to be Exercising Their Rights.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 29.—That "a strike of bituminous miners will be exercised constitutional rights in striking," was the outstanding conclusion of a statement issued late today by the conference of the United Mine Workers of America. Blame for the situation was laid at the feet of the operators because they had refused to negotiate a wage agreement notwithstanding the fact that the mine workers' representatives had urged and beseeched them to do so.

The miners, the statement claims, will be exercising constitutional rights in striking. The statement also sets forth that the union officials gave profound consideration to the statement of President Wilson as it appeared in the newspapers, and added that no communication on that subject had been received from the Federal administration.

The statement follows: "The conference of United Mine Workers, composed of members of the International Legislative Board, the State Committee of the Central Competitive District, and the District Presidents, United Mine Workers of America, gave most profound consideration to the statement of the President of the United States which appeared in the public press recently, relative to the impending strike of bituminous miners set for November 1. No communication was received by the International officers of the United Mine Workers of America, from either the President or any representative of the Federal government. Cannot be Avoided.

A canvass of the entire situation shows that a strike of bituminous miners cannot be avoided. A regularity constituted convention of representatives of the United Mine Workers held at Cleveland, Ohio, on September 25th ordered a strike of bituminous mine workers to become effective November 1st. In the event a wage scale was not negotiated by that date, the highest authority in the organization has acted in this manner, and no representatives of the organization have authority to set such action aside. The facts are that the same supreme authority which ordered the pending strike in the name of the United Mine Workers of America, which approved the contract that has now expired.

Place Responsibility Upon Operators. "The responsibility of the strike rests with the coal operators. They have refused to negotiate a wage agreement, notwithstanding the fact that mine workers' representatives have urged and beseeched them to do so. The fundamental cause, which prompted the mine workers to take this drastic action, are deep seated. For two years their wages have remained stationary. They appealed one year ago to the full administrator, Dr. Garfield, and from him to the president of the United States for an increase in wages sufficient to meet the increase in the cost of the necessities of life.

WINDSOR HOTEL AT ST. STEPHEN CHANGES HANDS

Will be Remodelled Into An Up-to-date Business Block by City Business Concern.

LONDON "MOVIES" IN SQUABBLE WITH PRIME MINISTER

They Say He Did, He Says He Didn't, and There You Are.

NEW YORK LIQUOR MEN TO TEST LAW'S CONSTITUTIONALITY

The Majority of Saloons in Greater New York Were Open for Business Yesterday.

LIBEL ALLEGED AGAINST WINNIPEG NEWSPAPER

Alderman and Mrs. Queen Are Plaintiffs, Claiming \$25,000 Damages of the Telegram.

AMHERST LOSES LEADING CITIZEN

E. L. Lay, Supervisor of the City Schools, Passed Away Suddenly Yesterday.

Special to The Standard. Amherst, N. S., Oct. 29.—It is with much surprise and with deep regret that the citizens of Amherst learned this morning that Mr. E. L. Lay, supervisor of our Amherst public schools, had very suddenly passed away. Mr. Lay was a well known public figure in general that Mr. Lay was in good health. He was toast master at the banquet given by our business men to Mr. J. E. Douglas on Monday evening, and it was noted by some at that time that they had never seen Mr. Lay in so genial and affable a spirit.

After teaching for a number of years he resigned to take the inspectorship of the county of Cumberland and part of Cochester, but after filling that position capably for a number of years he resigned to take his old principality again. This was about twenty-five years ago. Mr. Lay had the principality till 1912 when he was appointed to the newly created supervisorship of all our Amherst schools. To him and him alone we owe our public library which has been of so much value to so many of the people of the town. This was peculiarly his child, and he gave it unflinching care to the end of his days. He was a splendid citizen, deeply devoted to every last interest of Amherst and glad to call Amherst his home.

He is survived by a widow who was formerly Miss Whidden, of Maitland, and three children, Miss M. Brown, of Ottawa, and Miss J. who has been spending the past few weeks in Halifax. The funeral arrangements have not as yet been announced.

SUGAR LIMIT TO CANDY MAKERS

Rationing Scheme Suggested by the Sugar Equalization Board of U. S.

Washington, Oct. 29.—Rationing of sugar to manufacturers of candy, soft drinks and like goods is to be suggested by the sugar equalization board, a House war investigating committee was told today by Herbert Hoover, former Federal Food Administrator. This step by the board, Mr. Hoover said, resulted from the fact that "raw sugar has risen beyond the point where it can be bought advantageously by the housewife."

SUGGESTS SELF GOVERNMENT FOR IRISH PEOPLE

Sir Horace Plunkett Declares England Would be Playing Part of Wisdom to Give it

London, Oct. 29.—Sir Horace Plunkett, in an address before the National Liberal Club today, declared that the path of wisdom for the Government was to make to the Irish people an offer of the fullest measure of self-government. He advocated giving to Ireland the status of a self-governing dominion, with certain reservations covering the problem of national defence, leaving it to the Irish people to settle their internal difficulties themselves.

WAR MEMORIAL TO THE MEMORY OF CANADIANS

Silver Cross, Hung from Purple Ribbon, to be Given Every Mother Who Lost Boy Overseas.

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 29.—Major General Meuburn, minister of militia, speaking at a reunion of the 16th Battalion members here last night, announced that a silver cross, hung from a purple ribbon would be given to every mother who had lost a boy at the front. Eight war memorials are to be erected to the memory of the Canadians who fell overseas. One of them would take the form of a Hall of Records, while the others would be memorials commemorating the fallen.

GOOD PROGRESS MADE ON GRAND TRUNK RY. BILL

Sir Walter Cassels, Chief Justice of Exchequer Court, Third Arbitrator of Grand Trunk Purchase.

BILL WILL BE REPORTED FRIDAY

Liberals Made Strong Plea to Have the Award of the Arbitration Referred Back to Parliament.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Oct. 29.—Sir Walter Cassels, Chief Justice of the Exchequer Court of Canada, will be third arbitrator of the Grand Trunk Railway purchase. This important announcement was made in the House today by Hon. Arthur Meighen. The minister of interior thought it was most fitting that he should act, as he had been arbitrator in suits between the people and the crown for years. He is a judge of the highest reputation for strict and fair dealing, and the announcement has inspired confidence that the country will get a square deal in the arbitration. An amendment to this effect was embodied in the bill.

The other two members of the board will be selected by the government and the Grand Trunk. Mr. D. D. MacKenzie suggested that the whole arbitration should be left to him, but Mr. Meighen thought the presence of railway experts or business men as the other arbitrators might be advisable. Good progress was made on the bill in committee today and the present outlook is that it will be reported for third reading by tomorrow night. The bill will in that case be ready for the Senate by Friday or Monday at the latest. There promising to be a bitter fight in the Upper Chamber, but the government expects to pull out with a majority even if small.

The Liberals made a strong plea to have the award of the arbitrations referred to Parliament for review. This was opposed by Mr. Meighen, who said that this would lead nowhere except into an expense maze, in which liquidation would be greatly preferred.

There was considerable discussion of the new provision for the naming of a committee of management to operate the Grand Trunk system until after the decision of the arbitration proceedings, but it finally struck a snag. Mr. King had described this provision as "thoroughly vicious." Mr. Fielding declared that it was a "flagrant departure from British parliamentary practice" and that it authorized the government to loan money without coming to parliament. Mr. Meighen agreed that it was open to objection and suggested that the bill stand over until the government could ascertain the amount that would likely be required to continue the operation of the system.

BACKYARD PLANE HAS ARRIVED

Successful Tests Have Been Made With the Reversible Airplane Propeller.

Dayton, Ohio, Oct. 29.—Announcement from M. C. Cook Aviation Field today that successful tests have been made with a reversible airplane propeller, the day of the "backyard" airplane is here. With the new propeller for airplanes can land and be brought to a stop within fifty feet by actual test, officials said.

LONDON WELCOMES PRINCE ALBERT

City Chamberlain Praises His Work as Sub-Lieutenant at Jutland Battle.

London, Oct. 29.—(Reuters)—Prince Albert was tendered a great welcome to the city yesterday when he received the freedom of the city at the Guild Hall.

ENGLAND'S FINANCIAL STATUS CALLS FOR EXTREME CAUTION BUT NO OCCASION FOR PANIC

Chancellor of Exchequer Reviews the Situation on Which Government is Asking for a Vote of Confidence—Pleads for Economy and a Wise Husbandry of Resources—No Occasion for a Panic as the Country's Position Was Sound—General Levy Upon Capital He Declared as Out of the Question—Drastic Reductions in Navy.

London, Oct. 29.—Austen Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, speaking in the House of Commons on the financial situation on which the government is asking for a vote of confidence, said that there was every reason for caution, economy and wise husbandry of resources, but none for panic. Mr. Chamberlain invited the House to explore the suggestion of a levy on war profits. While there was every reason for caution, the Chancellor declared, there was no occasion for panic, as the country's position was sound.

of the "White Man's Burden," and the execution of the tutelage of Turkey under the League of Nations.

Admiral Beatty Descryes Attempt To Curtail The Navy

London, Oct. 29.—(C. A. P.)—Earl Beatty, the new First Sea Lord, speaking last night, declared that while public economy was essential, our vast lines of communication were as important as before the war and the navy was our insurance for maintaining them. The League of Nations was a pious hope for relieving us of some of that insurance, which he hoped might be fulfilled, but the navy made us into the strong man and without it the Empire would fall to the ground.

Position More Hopeful.

He hoped that the House would not confuse hysteria with strength, and announced that the position of the government was distinctly better than had been anticipated in August. Taxes and revenue were coming in extraordinarily well and he no longer thought that the new taxation would be required next year to balance revenue and expenditures.

Mr. Chamberlain asserted that no single feature of the world situation had placed heavier burdens upon Great Britain than the fact that a treaty of peace with Turkey had been signed, and no settlement in the East had been reached. For this, however, the government would be responsible. Mr. Chamberlain continued that it was not within the power of the British government to remedy the Turkish situation which was an international affair. Everybody knew that a settlement was being delayed, pending a decision by the United States whether she would undertake her part.

THE MERCHANTS' BANK BUILDING GUTTED EARLY THIS MORNING

Fire, Which Started About 1.30 O'clock This Morning, Played Havoc in Prince William Street Building—Basement of Standard Office Flooded by Water from Burning Building.

Fire, which started about 1.30 o'clock this morning in the basement of the Merchants' Bank of Canada building, Prince William street, did considerable damage to the structure. When first discovered the flames had burst through the basement windows and were shooting almost across the street. An alarm was immediately sent in from box 7, and the fire department was quickly on the scene. A stream was soon playing on the blaze, and for a time it seemed that the fire had been conquered, but huge clouds of smoke began to pour from the windows of the upper flats and the firemen had before them a difficult task.

W'M'LAND CIRCUIT COURT HEARS STORY OF CRIME

Grand Jury Completes Its Duties and Trials of Respondents Begin.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, N. B., Oct. 29.—At the October session of the Westmorland Circuit Court, King's Bench Division, today, Judge McKeown presiding, the Grand Jury concluded their work, finding true bills in the following cases: Kings vs. Joseph Melanson, charged with escape from prison; The King vs. Wm. Leves, on the same charge; The King vs. Ben Poirier and Tilman Lebanc, of Moncton, charged with breaking and entering; The King vs. Nickerson, charged with breaking and entering and stealing from store of McLeod & Spence, Port Elgin; The King vs. Sam Brown and wife, charged with the \$3,000 diamond robbery at Moncton.

The Grand Jury was then discharged. In the trial of Stanley Crossman, charged with assaulting the matron of the jail, the case was completed this morning. The accused was found guilty. Stanley Crossman was then tried on the charge of escaping from jail and pleaded guilty. A new jury was then empanelled.

ONT. FARMERS AND LABOR MEN AGREE ON LEADER

At Conference of Both Parties Yesterday E. G. Drury Was Unanimous Choice of Parties.

NEW GOVERNMENT ABOUT COMPLETE

Will be Ready on Short Notice to Take Over Reins from Sir William Hearst and His Ministers.

Toronto, Ont., Oct. 29.—E. C. Drury is to be the next premier of Ontario, succeeding Sir William Hearst. Mr. Drury was the unanimous choice of the Ontario Farmers of Ontario and the Labor representatives in the new legislature at their joint conference at the U. F. O. headquarters here. It is understood that the meeting was very harmonious and that there was an indication of pulling well together in the house, though both the U. F. O. and Labor will retain their group features to a considerable extent.

Premier-elect Drury said tonight that the new government was practically completed, that all the portfolios had been allocated, and that the government would be ready on short notice to take over the reins from Sir William Hearst and his ministers. Mr. Drury said he was going home tomorrow to await the call to return to Toronto to accept from the lieutenant-governor the responsibilities of the premiership. He estimated that his cabinet would probably take place in a very short time, as he understood Sir William Hearst had been merely waiting for information as to whom he should suggest to the lieutenant-governor as his successor before vacating.

Ten other names of United Farmers were mentioned as candidates for the U. F. O. leadership and premiership, including that of J. J. Morrison, secretary of the U. F. O. in an effort to find a successor. It is understood that no vote was taken and that all the gentlemen named retired in favor of Mr. Drury. As an evidence of the unanimity in the choice of Mr. Drury as leader, the Canadian Press was handed a resolution that was moved by P. Hoeman, U. F. O. member-elect for Kenora, and seconded by R. A. Hughes, Toronto, treasurer of the Independent Labor party, the resolution being expressive of hearty endorsement of Mr. Drury as "leader of the Farmer-Labor party."

Asked as to where he would look for a seat after being called by the lieutenant-governor to form a government, Mr. Drury said he had an offer from Centre Simcoe and from a riding in southwest Ontario. He said he had not decided which he would accept, but naturally he would prefer a riding in Simcoe, his home county. The policy of the U. F. O., so far as it had been definitely agreed upon, as outlined in an address given by Mr. Drury after his selection this afternoon. In this he stated that one of the first acts of the new government would be to carry out the mandate of the people of the province on prohibition, as declared in the recent referendum vote, and Mr. Drury expressed himself as in complete sympathy with this mandate. He pointed out that the U. F. O. had waged war on special privileges, and this policy would be continued he said. He intimated that the new government would not stand for any class legislation.

MANY ACCIDENTS ON LONDON-EGYPT AIRPLANE ROUTE

House of Commons Learns of Critical Situation Which Required Planes to be Sent by Air Instead of by Sea.

London, Oct. 29.—In the House of Commons Right Hon. J. B. E. Seeley, under secretary of state for air, declared, regarding the recent allegation that there had been a serious number of fatalities on the new air route to Egypt, that in the spring and early summer there had been an urgent demand from Egypt for airplanes of large size and endurance to cope with the critical situation there. Owing to this urgency, machines had been sent by air instead of by sea. Fifty one Handley Page airplanes started, of which twenty-six arrived safely. Ten were at various points on the route disabled, and fifteen had been given up as wrecked. One machine had crashed down badly and four lives were lost. There were three other bad accidents, involving four fatal, three non-fatal injuries.

At the request of the chief of the air staff a special commission had been appointed to enquire into the matter. The minister emphasized the fact that the choosing of this route had not been a matter of civil aviation, and again urged that at the time the situation in Egypt had been critical.