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SNOW OR RAIN

THREE CENTS

UNITED MINERS STAND BEHIND ITS OFFICERS

Rank and File of Delegates Gathered at Columbus Agree to Endorse Action Calling off Strike.

CHIEFS HAPPY AT VINDICATION

Small But Noisy Minority, Radical Element, Endeavored to Postpone Acceptance of Pres. Proposal.

Columbus, O., Jan. 7.—International officers of the United Mine Workers of America will go before the commission, appointed by President Wilson to arbitrate final settlement of the controversy between the miners and operators, with the backing of the rank and file of the miners of the country, as a result of action here today of the reconvened convention of the miners organization. By a vote of 1639 to 221, the convention adopted the motion of Phillip Murray, president of the Pennsylvania Soft Coal Miners, to endorse the action of the international officers in calling off the strike, and agreeing to handle petrol because of the Government's order requiring all motor car drivers to obtain permits, has met with a response from all transport workers—the railway men, dockers and members of the Transport Workers' Union. As a result, the small amount of motor traffic remaining after promulgation of the motor permits order has ceased. In Labor circles it is declared that Ireland is drifting towards an industrial crisis of the first magnitude.

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TWO DEATHS FROM MONTREAL FIRE

Explosion of Oil Pipe at Plant of Imperial Oil Company Caused Many Injuries and Much Damage.

Montreal, Que., Jan. 7.—(By Canadian Press Limited.)—One man was killed outright, and one died tonight in the General Hospital here, while twelve others are suffering from severe burns following the explosion of an oil pipe and a fire, which broke out afterwards at the plant of the Imperial Oil Company, Montreal East, this afternoon.

The dead are: Charles Bryant, 55 years of age, of 60 St. Luke street, Montreal, superintendent of labor at the oil company. Ludger Herbert, 35 years, of 28 La Belle Road, Montreal, a laborer, who died in the hospital at 10.45 tonight.

Three others on the injured list are reported at the Montreal General Hospital as being in danger of death. All the others are reported to be doing well.

The explosion was not loud, but the flames for a time were of a sensational character, and could be seen over the whole East End of Montreal. Not much damage was done, and the outbreak was under control within half an hour of its start. Total damage is estimated at \$10,000.

FAMOUS DIVORCE CASE AGAIN TO BE PUBLICLY AIRD

Judge Crockett Gives Decision Allowing Appeal of Plaintiff in Fitz-Randolph Case for New Trial.

Fredrickton, Jan. 7.—Judgment was delivered this morning by Judge Crockett in the application for a new trial in the Fitz-Randolph case. His Honor held that defendant's counsel should not have referred to the opinion of the court of appeal in this case in the presence of the jury and that his request for a direction that the plaintiff could not succeed if he were guilty of adultery was also improperly made in the presence of the jury. His Honor also held that he had heard in directing the jury that it was opened to them to find whether or not the defendant had actually received a letter which he had admitted in evidence. On these grounds he ordered a new trial.

M. J. Todd, K. C., for plaintiff; J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., for defendant.

Ireland Drifting Towards Serious Industrial Crisis

Dublin, Jan. 7.—An order of the joint strike committee, forbidding members of trades unions to handle petrol because of the Government's order requiring all motor car drivers to obtain permits, has met with a response from all transport workers—the railway men, dockers and members of the Transport Workers' Union. As a result, the small amount of motor traffic remaining after promulgation of the motor permits order has ceased. In Labor circles it is declared that Ireland is drifting towards an industrial crisis of the first magnitude.

R'y Unions Decide On New Scheme

To Seek Solution of the High Cost of Living Through Cooperative Buying, Production and Distribution.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—(By The Associated Press.)—Falling to obtain a satisfactory relief from the High Cost of Living, either through further wage advances by the Railroad Administration, or from the anti-profiteering campaign of the Department of Justice, officials of the four big Railway Brotherhoods and the Railway Shop Crafts, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, have decided to seek a solution for themselves through cooperative buying, production and distribution. The step was construed in some quarters as indicating that demands for further wage increases would not be pressed pending outcome of the experiment.

Details of the co-operative scheme have not yet been completed, but plans have been under consideration since the Farmer-Labor conference at Chicago. The formation of the all-American Farmer-Labor co-operative commission an outgrowth of the conference, was announced today at its offices here. Another conference will be held in Chicago February 12-15.

Warren S. Stone, Grand Chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and one of the organizers of the Chicago meeting, is general treasurer of the Co-operative Commission, and other officials of the railway employees organization are officers of the commission.

Indications that pressure from railway workers for increased wages might be lessened was seen in a statement by Bert M. Jewell, acting president of the Railway Employees' Department of the Federation of Labor, "an increase in pay will not solve the problem." Jewell asserted that higher wages accompanied by a proportionate increase in prices results in a "vicious circle" which leaves the railroad man no better off after the increase in pay than he was with the smaller pay.

INFURATED LOVER SHOOTS WOMAN WHO REFUSED TO ELOPE

Murderer Then Turns Gun Upon Himself, Inflicting Wounds Which May Prove Fatal.

St. Catharines, Ont., Jan. 7.—Refusing an invitation to elope with Alexander G. Templeman, a boarder, Mrs. Edward Goodall was shot and instantly killed in the hallway of her home, Orchard Park Surber, at 9 o'clock this morning. Templeman then turned the revolver on himself putting a bullet into his head and another just above the heart. He regained consciousness long enough at the General and Marine Hospital to admit, the

BOLSHEVIK HAS ITS AGITATORS IN GREAT BRITAIN

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GOV'T CAN ONLY WATCH AND WAIT

The British, Broadly Speaking, Cannot Make Preventive Measures But Must Be Content to Deal With Some Event.

London, Jan. 7.—(By The Associated Press.)—Bolshevik agitators in this country are working energetically along lines similar to those projected by the radicals in America, namely the overthrow of the government and the establishment of a Soviet form of government. It is thought probable that the plans on this side of the Atlantic have not yet reached the point achieved by those in the United States, but it is believed that the radicals here are rapidly reaching the point where they might seize upon some big labor strike as an opportunity for starting a revolutionary movement.

Hands Tied.

While these facts are common talk, according to close observers of the situation, it is said to be impossible for the British authorities under the ultra-labor laws of free speech, to do much more than watch the passage of events. The mere fact that an individual, or an organization is allied with the Moscow International, and is spreading about huge quantities of written propaganda and also lecturing throughout the country. There are, also, some half a dozen periodicals which are out and out "Red", and some of the more or less pretensions of hiding the fact that they are advocating Soviet Rule in England.

Seeds of Discontent.

There are, only a few big Red leaders, but they have a sufficient following of fanatical and highly organized for organization. Their whole effort now is centered in sowing the seeds of discontent, and they are banking on the employment of mob psychology in starting trouble in the event of a widespread strike, according to the authorities. The Red idea, it is asserted, is to work for affiliation with existing organizations, rather than the creation of new ones. The agitators cannot be reached by the law except for direct incitement to revolt, or for some other breach of the peace.

Famous Albert Hall with all its historic associations connected with the throne, has been used for what virtually were Bolsheviki meetings, at which extremist speeches were delivered, and "the Red Flag" was sung to the accompaniment of the great organ. Similar meetings regularly are held in Hyde Park and other places in London, and the police are bound to protect the speakers so long as there is no actual breach of the peace.

Still, Great Britain seemingly is not unduly discouraged at the trend of events, believing in the power of the law to cope with any actual attempt to use force and trusting in the good sense of the public not to be misled by propaganda.

murder, giving as his reason that the woman had refused his plea to run away with him. Doctors at the hospital say Templeman has a chance of recovery.

Violence, Famine And Disease Take Big Toll In Russia

New York, N. Y., Jan. 7.—Thirty million men, women and children have died in Russia from violence, famine and disease during the last three years, according to a statement on present conditions in the once great empire which was made today by Princess Camatucoune-Sporansky, granddaughter of Ulysses Grant, in an appeal in behalf of the American Central Committee for Russian Relief. The tremendous death toll mentioned by the Princess was exclusive, she said, of five million men who had laid down their lives on the Russian front fighting for the Allies.

Movement To Kill Out Sovietism

A New Association to be Formed Having as Its Aim the Frustration of Sovietism in the Dominion.

Sarnia, Ont., Jan. 7.—Prominent citizens, working in conjunction with the Veterans of the Great War, will shortly call a general citizens' meeting here to give birth to an association which, they hope, will become national wide, and which will have for its aim the frustration of Sovietism in the Dominion.

Those behind the movement tonight stated that one of the first moves to be made will be the sending of a deputation to both the Ontario and the Dominion Governments which will be asked to co-operate with the newly formed association in its efforts to keep Soviet Russians from migrating to Canada. The two governments will also be asked to use every influence to keep, for the time being, the immigration to Canada confined to English-speaking people.

P. T. Harrison, one of the prime movers of the Association, states that the Association will get in touch with every Veterans' Association in Canada, and ask these organizations to help frustrate Reds and radicals of any nationality from getting a foothold in Canada. The churches also will be invited to send deputations to the initial meeting of the Association which will be held here the latter part of the week.

DETERMINED TO END RADICALS IN UNITED STATES

Complete Co-ordination of All Gov't Agencies Gives Campaign to Rid Nation of Radicals More Force.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—Complete co-ordination of all Governmental agencies, together with an awakened Congress tonight had given the campaign to rid the Nation of radicals a broader aspect. While Assistant Attorney General Garvan's force continued its raids, including a search for Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, self-styled envoy of the Russian Soviet Government, there were evidences of new activities and more determined co-operation in all other departments of the Government.

Congress Acts

Congress received a bill, introduced by Representative Johnson, Republican, of Washington, which would make every Government employe an agent for ferreting undesirable Each

SENSATIONAL ARREST OF U.S. ARMY DESERTER

Wealthy Son of a Former Brewer Captured While Hiding in Palatial Residence of His Mother.

MOTHER ALSO PLACED UNDER ARREST

Resisted Officers in Their Search and Threatened to Shoot—Rough and Tumble Fight Followed Her Acts.

Philadelphia, Penna., Jan. 7.—Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, wealthy son of a former brewer, and charged with being a draft dodger and deserter from the army, was captured today while hiding in the palatial residence of his mother on the outskirts of this city. Tonight he is a prisoner on Governor's Island, New York, awaiting trial by court martial.

Mother Interferes.

The capture of Bergdoll whose brother, Erwin, the widely known automobile racer, is still missing, also charged with draft dodging, was as sensational as has been his career in the last five years. More than a dozen Federal and city officers participated in the raid on the Bergdoll home. Resistance was offered by the mother, Mrs. Emma Bergdoll, who threatened to shoot the officers and was disarmed after a rough and tumble fight. Later in the day she was held in \$10,000 bail on charges of assault and battery with intent to kill, and conspiracy to prevent the execution of search and arrest warrants. Ball was furnished by her son-in-law. When she was compelled to remove her shoe from her left foot to have it measured for police records, the police found \$28,000 in cash in her stocking.

Well Known Sport.

Bergdoll is widely known in automobile racing circles, but never reached the fame of his brother, Erwin. He raced in many events throughout the country.

Grover, when he was drafted, is alleged by Federal agents to have declared his intention to fight against Germany, although he was born in this country. In 1914, he offered his services to Germany as an aviator through the local German consul.

would be given the duty of reporting any information concerning Allen to the Department of Justice, and the Immigration authorities. Representative Johnson said his bill would have the double purpose of riding down the "trouble breeders" as well as providing a greater network for the trapping of all dangerous persons.

Warrant For Martens

During the day the Department of Justice announced that a warrant had been ordered for the arrest and deportation of "Russian Soviet Ambassador Martens and tonight S. Montefu, Secretary to the "Amb" and made public a letter to Attorney General Palmer, in which he assured Mr. Palmer any information the Department of Justice desired to transmit to Martens would be communicated to him. Nourouva said Martens and his party had established temporary headquarters in Washington so that Martens would be able to appear before a Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee when that body desired to have his testimony.

Department of Justice officials, working on plans for the deportation of the radicals arrested in the recent raids, decided to request use of two transports, both of which will be larger than the Buford which carried the 249 radicals away before Christmas.

Ry. Unions Strongly Against Accepting Government's Offer

London, Jan. 7.—Delegates of the Union of Railwaymen, who met here today to consider the proposition of the Government with regard to a settlement of the wage demands of workers in the lower grades, adjourned until tomorrow without reaching any decision. J. H. Thomas, General Secretary of the National Railwaymen's Union, in a statement at the close of the session, said: "I clearly think it is my duty to state that resolutions received from branches of the Union, and instructions to delegates, are overwhelmingly against acceptance of the Government's offer."

Milner and Mufti In Conference

Religious Chief of the Mohammedans on Very Haughty Strain With British Commissioner.

Cairo, Saturday, Jan. 3.—(By The A. P.)—A conversation between Viscount Milner, special British Commissioner, and the Grand Mufti of Egypt, who is the religious chief of the Mohammedans in Egypt, is reported in the newspaper El Misaar in which the Grand Mufti attributed the present troubled spirit to the country's disappointed expectation regarding its independence. Lord Milner contended that a protectorate was necessary to Egypt's interests, and that a discussion could set the line of ten disputed points. The Mufti replied that no Egyptian would enter into a discussion except on the basis of independence. Lord Milner maintained that some Egyptians were willing to discuss the subject but few determined them. The Grand Mufti replied: "Every country has its traitors. But any patriot would refuse to enter into such a discussion."

The Commissioner sought to convince him that Great Britain was actuated by friendship and did not wish to impose her will forcibly, although able to do so. To this the Grand Mufti replied: "As a religious chief, I can only say and affirm that it is impossible to convince a nation of the utility of a thing of which I myself am unconvinced. The entire nation claims its independence, and it would, therefore, be useless to speak in any other language. I do not forget your power, but if Egyptians bend today before force they will seize the first occasion to revolt. The guarantee of force is not eternal. Between Syria, occupied by France, and Tripoli, occupied by Italy, it is better for you that Egypt be independent and friendly."

Lord Milner contended that the Mufti's arguments did not prevent a discussion and asked him to discuss the question. But the Mufti replied: "I can have no discussion until the protectorate is withdrawn."

ST. JOHN MEN AT MONCTON

Members of Automobile Association Visit Moncton Branch, Explaining Affairs of Provincial Association.

Special to The Standard.
Moncton, Jan. 7.—J. A. Tilton, Percy Thompson, F. A. Dykeman and Harry Ervin of St. John, addressed the Moncton branch of the New Brunswick Automobile Association tonight, explaining the affairs of the Provincial Association and pointing out the benefits to be derived by auto owners having an active and energetic organization. A resolution was passed by the members favoring the extension of the patrol system on the roads by the Government. Between forty and fifty local members of the Association were present and expressed their satisfaction with the work of the Provincial Association after hearing the addresses of the St. John men.

AUTHORITY OF COMMERCE B'RD IS CHALLENGED

Test Case in Courts of Manitoba Will Determine Whether Board of Commerce Has the Right to Function.

CREAMERY COMPANY CHALLENGES RIGHT

Board Institutes Proceedings Against Toronto Coal Company, Charging Them With Taking Advantage of U. S. Coal Strike.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Jan. 7.—A test case in the Courts of Manitoba, the result of which shall determine as to whether the Dominion Board of Commerce shall continue to function as a court, or cease operations altogether through lack of legal authority, will be begun in a few days.

The test case is a result of the Crescent Creamery Company, of Winnipeg, challenging the right of the Board of Commerce to interfere with its operation, and the acceptance of the challenge by the Board. The Crescent Creamery Company, it appears, declines to be guided by the ruling of the Board. It takes the position that a Federal "tribunal" such as the Board, has no jurisdiction or authority over business or commerce which has its origin and competition solely within a single Province. The position, if sustained by the courts, would obviously mean the Board's power would be reduced to zero, and, consequently, the Board has promptly picked up the gage of battle. It has instructed its Winnipeg counsel, Mr. H. Whittie, K. C., to begin prosecution of the company, and has also issued an order declaring that the company must not sell its milk above 15 cents per quart. The outcome of the case, unquestionably, will be awaited with the greatest of interest by the entire country.

The Board of Commerce has also instituted court proceedings against F. A. Fish, Toronto; J. F. A. Fish, Fish Company and the Harbor Coal Company, all of Toronto. The charge against them is that they took advantage of the recent United States miners' strike to unfully increase the price of coal. Fish, it appears, purchased coal in the United States for \$7.94, he sold it to the Harbor Coal Company, of which he is a director, for \$8.50, and the Harbor Coal Company resold some of it to a Toronto man for \$15 a ton.

AMERICANS NOT IN ON EXCHANGE OF RATIFICATION

Paris, Jan. 7.—Representatives of the United States, it is declared, will not be present during the exchange of ratifications of the Peace Treaty of Versailles, which is still set for January 10, but may be put over if all the details have not been completed by that date. Signing of the Peace Protocol will precede the exchange of ratifications by a few minutes.

JAPS HUSTLING FOR BALTIC TRADE

Copenhagen, Jan. 7.—Japanese who have organized a bureau here with a view to securing trade in Scandinavia and the Baltic provinces which prior to the war, was in the hands of the Germans, are reported in a Helmsing dispatch to have offered Finnish importers a large credit for a year to assist in the importation of Japanese articles, and to allow time for the depreciated Finnish exchange to recover its equilibrium.

Toronto, Jan. 7.—Ida Rosen, aged 25, was found in her home in the East End of the city today with her throat cut. She was hurried to St. Michael's Hospital. Her husband cannot be found.

By McMANUS.

BRINGING UP FATHER

