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REPORTED MURDER OF EX-CZAR CONFIRMED

NOVITIATE HEAD SAYS GOVT. MAY SPEAK AGAIN REGARDING MACAULEY'S VISIT TO SCHOOL

Intimates That Last Has Not Been Heard Over Affair — Charges Ministerial Assn. Does Not Understand the M. S. Act, and Maintains Institution Not Refuge for Defaulters.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Guelph, June 27.—"The Government has spoken and may speak again," declared Rev. Father Bourque, when asked by The Advertiser if he had any comment to make on the statement of the Ministerial Association published today.

"Do you know definitely whether the Government will speak again?" asked The Advertiser.

"Officially I do not," replied Father Bourque, who would not commit himself further along this line.

"It is said by the Ministerial Association that no charge should be made by them, but that they insist upon an investigation of the charges made or implied in the statement of the military authorities. They say they want to know whether this is true or not."

Not Charges, Says Bourque.

"There were no charges direct or implied in Capt. MacAuley's report, which I read," replied Father Bourque. "All our novices were allowed to stay in the institution. Is not that sufficient proof that they were not defaulters? There were only two, O'Holloran and Holland, who were asked for further explanation, and then they were declared satisfactory. I repeat that the trouble lies in the fact that they do not thoroughly understand and appreciate Clause 5, in the exceptions in the military service act, which specifically exempts clergymen of all denominations, including bona fide members of an exclusively religious order. Why have our novitiates not been disturbed in any other country. We have a novitiate at Roehampton, London, England. There are 40 novices there who have never been disturbed. We have one at Poughkeepsie, near New York, with 100 novices. We have one at Florisant, near St. Louis, Mo., U. S. A., with about 50 novices. We have at least five novitiates in the States like the one in Guelph, and they have never been disturbed. They are accepted by the law. We have also one in Ireland and one in Scotland."

Harboring of Defaulters.

"In their statement, in Paragraph 5, the Ministerial Association implies that your institution harbored defaulters, when they say the association holds that the M. S. A. holds anyone responsible who shields a defaulter. An institution that claims to stand by law-abiding citizenship should not harbor a defaulter. What do you say as to that?"

"The report of Capt. MacAuley did not say we were harboring defaulters. He said he had been told before he made the raid that there were defaulters here, but in his report which I read through he made no observation that we had any defaulters. He saw all the novices, examined and questioned them. He said they were all right. Pte. O'Leary was there, and showed his returned soldiers' button, and Capt. MacAuley said he was all right. If there had been any defaulters, Capt. MacAuley would have taken them with him, or he would not have been discharging his duty."

Father Bourque denied that there had been any attempt to becloud the issue on the part of the novitiate. This morning he had not yet received any word from Father Power, superior-general of the Society of Jesus.

WILL REMAIN AT WAR UNTIL GERMAN DOCTRINE IS BEATEN TO GROUND

London, June 27, via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.—Austen Chamberlain, former secretary for India, speaking at a meeting of the Victoria League at the Guildhall, said the imperial war cabinet was the creation of the war, arising out of its necessities. He was confident it would never be allowed to drop. (Cheers.) To sit on such a body was a liberal political education. If anything was needed to stir the people to sterner resolve it would be found in the speech of Von Kuehlmann. A German peace resolution was one thing, but a German peace was quite different.

"'Might made right, and where there was no might there wasn't right,' he (Von Kuehlmann) asserted. We would remain at war until that doctrine has been beaten to the ground."

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 82; lowest, 52.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 69; lowest, 58.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARM.

Toronto, June 27—8 a.m.

Forecasts.

Moderate easterly and southerly winds; a few scattered showers, but for the most part fair and moderately warm today and on Friday.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	66	48	Clear
Calgary	62	40	Fair
Winnipeg	72	54	Fair
Port Arthur	56	44	Foggy
Parry Sound	82	64	Clear
Port Stanley	76	60	Cloudy
Buffalo	78	62	Cloudy
Toronto	76	56	Cloudy
Kingston	82	60	Fair
Ottawa	82	58	Fair
Montreal	80	[illegible]	Fair
Quebec	78	54	Cloudy
Father Point	68	66	Clear

Weather Notes.

Since yesterday morning the barometer has risen very considerably over Eastern Canada, while the areas of lowest pressure in Manitoba and near the middle Atlantic coast have remained almost stationary.

Showers have occurred in some localities in the Western Provinces and Northern Ontario, but the weather for the Dominion has been mostly fine.

STRONG POINT IS CARRIED BY HAIG'S TROOPS

Prisoners and Machine Guns Taken in Operation Last Night.

London, June 27.—British troops last night took a German strong point west of Vieux Berquin, east of Hazebrouck, and captured prisoners and machine guns, says the official statement from Field Marshal Haig today. The German artillery has been active on the Lys salient.

The German infantry in Flanders has been complaining of the bad shooting by German batteries. Captured German orders show many complaints of this kind, and it is indicated the German troops have been suffering badly from the British fire, one order showing that the spirit of the enemy troops had deteriorated in consequence.

Enemy is Anxious.

A captured order signed by a colonel of a German regiment shows the anxiety of the German command to ascertain the exact strength of the allied forces opposite. The order complains of the failure to secure prisoners and recommends a new attempt by an ambush patrol because information of the dispositions of the British behind the front is scanty. The patrol went out as ordered. The officer in charge was captured by the British and the men with him bolted back to their own lines.

ITALIANS PUSH AHEAD ON THE MOUNTAIN LINE

Make an Advance of a Mile in Mont Grappa Sector.

London, June 26.—The Italians have scored an important success in their northern counter-offensive, it was learned authoritatively today.

In the Grappa sector, southwest of Monte Asolone, they advanced a mile.

Seemingly the chase of the enemy on the eastern bank of the Piave has ended, at least for the time being. In the mountains heavy bombardments are in progress in various sectors, and intensive local operations are going on along the entire front.

The German war office asserts that all the territory lost by the Italians to the Austrians in the initial stage of the fighting has been recaptured.

GAINS ARE EXTENDED IN FACE OF ATTACKS.

ROME, June 26.—Italian troops on the southern part of the Piave front have not only completely reoccupied the Capo Sile bridgehead, but have extended it and held the gain against Austrian counter-attacks. The extension was effected yesterday. During the fighting nearly four hundred prisoners were taken. The war office made this announcement today.

On the remainder of the front the fighting was confined to artillery duels and patrol actions.

AMERICANS TOOK 311 IN BELLEAU WOOD RUSH

With the American Forces on the Marne, June 27.—By the Associated Press.—The number of prisoners captured by the Americans in their drive on the German positions in the Belleau Wood sector Tuesday night was officially increased today to 311. The Americans also captured eleven big machine guns, ten automatic rifles, a quantity of small arms and ammunition, and other material.

TEUTON WAR PRISONERS CONTROL AT IRKUTSK

Harbin, Manchuria, Tuesday, June 25.—Austro-German war prisoners are in complete control of Irkutsk, on the Trans-Siberian Railway, according to reports received here from that city. The prisoners are commanded by Austro-German officers.

Berlin advices transmitted through Copenhagen to London Tuesday reported that Irkutsk had been captured by Czecho-Slovak troops under Gen. Alexieff, the former Russian commander-in-chief. The Czecho-Slovaks, having served in the Austrian army, formerly were prisoners in Russia. This may account for the conflict in reports on the situation at Irkutsk.

AERIAL MAIL SERVICE, QUEBEC TO QUEEN CITY

Quebec, June 27.—It is expected that before the 15th of July a through mail circuit between Toronto, Montreal and Quebec will be made by aeroplane. It is understood that a party of officers from the Royal Air Force will arrive in Quebec shortly to look over conditions here, as well as the accommodation facilities.

Should the plans be carried out, a mail service will be established between the Queen City and the ancient capital, and under favorable conditions nine hours should cover the distance between the two cities, allowing a stop at Montreal.

THE LAST DAYS OF RHEIMS

Advertiser Illustrations.

The Germans set their minds to destroy all that they could, and Rheims is now a mass of ruins. Photo shows the cathedral as it now appears.

STRAIGHT TALK TO THE IRISH

London, June 27.—When his proclamation calling for Irish volunteers was issued there was no idea of abandoning the possibility of conscription, Viscount French, lord lieutenant, declared in a speech on Wednesday at Belfast.

If the military requirements set for in the proclamation are not satisfied voluntarily, he added, the Government must deal with the situation in the interests of the army. Fifty thousand men would be accepted as Ireland's contribution, but if compulsion has to be resorted to the number would be regulated by population.

"I must say plainly and emphatically," Lord French asserted, "that the Government in Ireland will carry out its duty in this respect unflinchingly, without fear or favor, and in the face of whatever opposition—whether of criticism or of actual force—may unfortunately or inadvisedly be attempted."

ST. MARYS FARMER CAUGHT IN BELT

[Special to The Advertiser.]

St. Marys, June 27.—W. Morley White, a well-known farmer near St. Marys, on the River road, Blanshard, was killed last night by having his leg caught in the belt of the drive wheel of the gasoline engine with which he was sawing wood on the farm of Frank McKenzie, on the River road.

DECIDE TOMORROW AS TO PATENT MEDICINES AND TEMPERANCE ACT

Toronto, June 27.—The Ontario Board of Health will tomrrrow announce its decision as to whether Tanlac, Campbell's Quinine Wine, Rexall Beef, Iron and Wine, Rexall Tonic of Cod Liver Oil, Wampole's Extract of Cod Liver Oil, Wincarnis, Nadruco Beef, Iron and Wine, Dr. Peter's Magnetic Blood Vitalizer, Dr. Peter's Curico and Mag-Vigori, all of which contain over 2½ per cent of alcohol, can be sold by druggists under recent amendments to the Ontario temperance act. The clause governing these medicines reads that proprietary medicines containing over 2½ per cent alcohol must be sufficiently medicated to prevent use as beverage. Tomorrow those interested in the medicines will meet with the Ontario License Board and the results of the board of health's analysis of the medicines will be presented.

WAR LOTTERY DRAWING FOR ANOTHER BIG ARMY AT AMERICAN CAPITAL

Washington, June 27.—The drawing of numbers to determine the order in which youths of the classes of 1918 will be called into military service was conducted here today with much the same ceremony which marked the great drawing of a year ago. The drawing was held in the conference room of the Senate office building with Secretary of War Baker, blindfolded, taking the first gelatine capsule, with a number inclosed, from the glass bowl. It was No. 246. Numbers 1168 and 818 were the second and third respectively, and thus the drawing continued to the end. Big blackboards for checking the record were placed against the wall at the rear of the room. The numbers were written on the board as drawn, and then the board was photographed to make a permanent record.

After Secretary Baker had taken out the first capsule, several senators, congressmen and military officers stepped up to draw. A woman clerk in the provost marshal general's office drew the eleventh number, and proceeded to draw all the others, which represent 744,500 men, the majority of whom will be enrolled in the military forces of the United States in a few months.

CHILD IS SMOTHERED BY THE BEDCLOTHES

St. Marys, June 27. — The 1-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Squire, of con. 10, Blanshard, was smothered in the bedclothes last night. The parents left the child in the bed when they went out to do the milking. It became entangled in the clothes and suffocated to death.

CLARENCE LEVY TAKES HIS LIFE WITH GUN

St. Marys, June 27. — Clarence Levy, of near Woodham, committed suicide by shooting himself last evening. He leaves a wife and family.

ONTARIO AND BOLSHEVIKI MUCH ALIKE, CHARGES SENATOR EDWARDS

PROVINCE PLUNGING INTO RUIN

Declares Quebec the Only Civilized Section of the Dominion.

Ottawa, June 27.—The Province of Ontario is going headlong into insolvency, declared Senator W. C. Edwards this morning, during the course of a brief comment on a new timber limit tariff which the Quebec Government has just put into effect. While admitting that himself and other large lumbermen would be seriously affected by the new tariff which has increased stumpage and ground rent rates as high as 100 per cent, Senator Edwards was complimentary of the Province of Quebec. "After all," he said, "the Province of Quebec is the only civilized province of the Dominion, because it is the only province that is solvent, and the only province that has a stable Government."

Headlong to Ruin.

The interviewer asked: "But what about Ontario?" to which the senator replied: "There is not much difference between Ontario and the Russian Bolsheviki Government for the Province of Ontario is going headlong into insolvency."

Senator Edwards said the new tariff would have very serious effects. "It may put the lumbering men out of business," he said.

"It will mean an increase in the price of lumber eventually," said John Black of J. R. Booth Company. "We tried to point out to the Quebec Government that the trade could not stand it, but I guess the Government felt that they needed the money. It will be pretty hard for those holding timber limits for speculative purposes."

GRAND DUKE MICHAEL HEADS SIBERIA GOVT.

Amsterdam, June 27.—Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch, a younger brother of the Former Emperor Nicholas, is reported in a dispatch from Moscow, received here today by way of Berlin, to have placed himself at the head of the new Siberian Government, and to have issued a manifesto to the Russian people.

Advices received from Moscow at Amsterdam on June 26 said that Grand Duke Michael had headed a movement in Turkestan, favoring the separation of that region from Russia.

TEUTONS' EXCHANGE IS STEADILY DROPPING

Geneva, June 27.—The German mark is now worth less than the French franc on Swiss exchanges for the first time in fifteen months. On the Geneva bourse allied exchanges continue to increase while those of the central powers are decreasing despite efforts by Berlin and Vienna to raise the value of their exchanges. The decrease in exchange on the central power began when news of the Austrian defeat on the Piave reached Switzerland.

RURAL REGISTRATION IN QUEBEC IMPROVES

Quebec, June 27.—According ot Romeo Langlais, registrar, the number of persons who registered in the towns of Quebec was very satisfactory, but the same cannot be said of the rural districts. Now, however, many of these latter regret that they did not obey the law, and are flocking in large numbers to the postoffices for that purpose.

The registration in Montmagny was 8,000 out of 20,000, and in Quebec City over 60,000 registered.

AMERICAN TANKER MAY BE VICTIM OF RAIDER

Halifax, June 27.—A local shipowner has received a cable from Bermuda announcing the arrival there of one of his vessels with seventeen survivors of a torpedoed steamer. The shipowner believes that the men picked up were the crew of one of the lifeboats of the American steamer reported sunk some days ago not far from Bermuda.

THE WAR SITUATION

Along the western battle line, as well as on the mountain and Piave sectors of the allied front, the allied armies await further enemy efforts. Infantry activity is confined to local actions at various points.

It is believed that the German command is about ready to launch another stroke against the allied lines. The artillery activity remains about normal on important sectors, but aerial fighting has increased markedly. Thirty-six German machines were brought down or forced to land in a damaged condition. German airplanes raided Paris on Wednesday night. There is much sickness prevalent among the German troops, but this is not believed to be having any effect on plans for a renewal of enemy offensive.

British Minor Success.

In a minor operation the British last night captured a German strong point in Flanders, west of Vieux Berquin, on the western side of the Lys salient, together with prisoners and some machine guns. Only artillery activity, which was rather lively near Coevres, southwest of Soissons, and raiding activity in the Vosges, is reported from the French front.

Unconfirmed reports received in Switzerland from Berlin are that Foreign Secretary von Kuehlmann will resign in consequence of his speech in the Reichstag Tuesday.

LONDONER ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT OF ENGINEERS' SOCIETY

Member of London Lodge Is Honored by Association.

ALL OFFICERS CHOSEN

Various Branches Pick Executives—Brantford Gets 1919 Convention.

Brantford was chosen by the Canadian Association of Stationary Engineers as a convention city for 1919 at the closing session of the local meeting in Hyman Hall this morning.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Past president, R. F. Gofton, Kitchener; president, W. M. Cooke, Belleville; first vice-president, George E. Moll, London; second vice-president, I. J. Talt, Montreal; third vice-president, Daniel L. Webster, Brantford; secretary, John H. Hale, Hamilton (re-elected); treasurer, Alfred W. Heath, Hamilton (re-elected); conductor, Charles Berry, Ottawa; doorkeeper, A. R. Taylor, Toronto.

A past president's jewel was presented to R. F. Gofton.

The officers of the exhibitors' association were also chosen, and are: Past president, Lieut. L. Archibald, Toronto (a prisoner of war in Germany); president, C. N. Schrag, Toronto; first vice-president, James Mock, Montreal; second vice-president, C. B. Turner, Toronto; treasurer, B. G. Newton, Toronto; secretary, Gordon C. Keith, Toronto; assistant secretary, L. H. Rumage, Buffalo; chairman exhibits committee, A. Betton, Toronto; chairman reception committee, H. Ransham, Hamilton; chairman entertainment committee, B. Curran, Montreal.

The ladies' auxiliary elected the following officers: Past president, Mrs. W. A. Sweet, Hamilton; president, Mrs. W. G. Blackgrove, Toronto; vice-president, Mrs. C. W. Fowler, Toronto; secretary, Mrs. Charles Hooper, Ottawa; treasurer, Mrs. Edward Grandbois, Chatham; conductor Mrs. C. Ott, Kitchener; doorkeeper, Mrs. A. W. Heath, Hamilton.

All officers were installed this afternoon by Grand Installing Officer S. E. Cosford, Hamilton and Grand Tyler F. W. Raven, national secretary of the N. A. S. E., Chicago.

A resolution unanimously recommending reciprocity of licenses between the several provinces of the Dominion and the United States, was adopted by the meeting. Copies of the resolution will be sent to the public works department of Ontario.

S. Balmfirth of Toronto was chosen to represent the C. A. S. E. at the convention of the N. A. S. E., which

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BOLSHEVIKI KILL EX-RUSS RULER

ALLIES FINISH MANY SUBS IN HUN SEA DRIVE

Sinkings for May Highest Since Ruthless Campaign Opened.

224,000 TONNAGE LOST

Loss, as Compared With Last Year, Shows Allies Winning.

London, June 27.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa agency.)—The publication last Thursday of the admiralty's report announcing the merchant tonnage losses for the month due to enemy action shows that the marine risks totalled: British, 224,735 tons; allied and neutral, 130,939 tons, as compared with an adjusted aggregate for April of 311,456 tons and 530,336 tons in May of last year. The losses from marine risk is stated to have been unduly heavy last month. The shipping ministry announces that steamships of and exceeding 500 gross tons entering and clearing in United Kingdom ports, exclusive of coasting and channel traffic, totalled 7,777,843 tons last month.

London, June 27.—The offensive by sea was still being maintained by the Germans during the month of May, with the utmost vigor. But in spite of the unprecedented number of subs sent to sea, only 224,000 tons of tonnage was lost, compared with 374,000 last year, says Archibald Hurd, distinguished naval authority, discussing the figures for May, just published.

"In spite of the fact that losses from marine risks were "unduly heavy," it can now be said definitely that the enemy's effort to cripple us by sea by an offensive simultaneous to attacks on the western front has failed definitely.

Many Subs Sunk.

"Although exact figures are wanting of the sinkings of submarines, it is known they reached a higher figure last month than in any period since the submarine campaign began.

"Three movements are in progress, and we can view each of them with satisfaction. Firstly, the measures adopted by the admiralty last year for combatting the submarine, including thousands of mines manufactured for the Straits of Dover and for the interfering with the freedom of movement of enemy craft through the northern exit to the North Sea are proving very fruitful. Secondly, the steps taken to defend merchant shipping against mines and U-boats—providing ships with other mine protection and organizing convoys—are giving admirable results. Thirdly, apart from the wonderful record the Americans are putting up in shipbuilding, British yards are making headway owing to the fact that plans drawn up several months ago for the extension of yards and engine shops are beginning to be productive."

Mr. Hurd points out that the losses in British shipping in May exceeded the tonnage built by only 28,000 tons, and concludes: "There already is evidence to show that the situation has still further improved since the end of May. The curves are continuing a most encouraging course."

TWO DRAFTS GO EASTWARD FROM CARLING HEIGHTS

200 W. O. R. Men, Supplemented by Colored Troops, Leave City.

Two drafts from Carling Heights camp moved eastward for further training today. From the 1st Depot Battalion, W. O. R., 200 fighting men went forth under Major J. H. Sawyer and Lieut. Norman W. Zinn, and in addition over 100 construction men from the Colored Reinforcing Depot under Lieut. L. B. Young departed.

The men entrained at the Rectory street station of the G. T. R. and left here shortly after 2 o'clock.

The draft from the colored depot practically cleans that unit out of existence, as only a few men who are on the sick list remained behind.

The colored soldiers were trained here to reinforce No. 2 Colored Construction Battalion. Lieut. Young, the O. C. of the depot, may remain with the men instead of returning after his conducting duties are over.

It is probable that the depot will continue here to train whatever colored troops may be available in this district or anywhere in Ontario.

Today's draft was the first to leave the depot battalion since that unit went under canvass at the heights, and the members looked like sun-browned veterans as they marched to the station. Friends of the men gave them a great sendoff at the station.

PRAIRIE PREMIERS ON VISIT TO EDINBURGH

London, June 27.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa agency.)—Three Canadian provincial premiers, Messrs. Norris of Manitoba, Stuart of Alberta and Martin of Saskatchewan are visiting Edinburgh. At an entertainment given by the corporation, Mr. Norris said that Canada had sent 400,000 men to war and there were another 100,000 in reserve. He anticipated that 315,000,000 bushels of wheat would be produced this year.

Premier Martin said one thing which was binding the Empire was a link of sentiment, which link was the crown.

Former Emperor Nicholas Put To Death By Bolsheviki Troops During the Retreat On Yekaterinburg.

Paris, June 27.—A dispatch from Kiev, under date of Wednesday, June 26, declares that the report of the assassination of former Emperor Nicholas of Russia has been confirmed. It is declared he was killed by Bolsheviki troops during the retreat on Yekaterinburg.

The Kiev message was received at Basel, Switzerland, and forwarded here by the Havas correspondent in that city.

TRIED AND SHOT.

Geneva, June 27.—The Ukraine Bureau at Lausanne announced today it had received confirmation of the report that the Bolshevik authorities at Yekaterinburg condemned Nicholas Romanoff, the former Russian emperor, to death after a short trial and then shot him. Details of the reported execution are lacking.

The first report of the assassination of Emperor Nicholas was received in Copenhagen through Stockholm on Tuesday, although it appears from rumors that the former emperor had been killed by the Bolsheviki, which had been circulating in Russia for some days previously. The Copenhagen message quoted the Russian newspaper Vjia as saying that Russian Red Guards had murdered the ex-emperor in his residence at Yekaterinburg, where he was removed recently from Tobolsk.

An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Moscow dated June 21, and received in this country on Wednesday declared there was no foundation whatever for the rumors of the assassination, and dispatches from German sources last week reported that the former emperor was not at Yekaterinburg, having been removed to Moscow for safe keeping.

MURDERED EX-MONARCH

Advertiser Illustrations.

NICHOLAS ROMANOFF, deposed Russian emperor, who has been assassinated by Bolsheviki soldiers.

PICNIC REGULATIONS NOT WELL OBSERVED

Ottawa, June 27.—The attention of the Canada Food Board has been called to the fact that the new regulations applicable to picnics are not being observed as strictly as they should.

Churches and other organizations are reminded that the regulations applicable to public eating places now apply to public entertainments, lawn socials, bazaars and tea meetings, public luncheons, dinners and picnics, fairs and exhibitions, lodge, club and fraternal societies' meetings and all such places of a like or similar character.

In some cases the regulations are being evaded by arranging for each person to bring a basket which, upon arrival at the picnic grounds, is handed to the committee who prepares the meal. This is contrary, at least, to the spirit of the order.

NO C. N. R. DECISION UNTIL BORDEN RETURNS

Ottawa, June 27.—Pending the return of the prime minister and his colleagues from overseas, it is said here no decision will be made by the Government in regard to the C. N. R. administration. The railway question has been under consideration, but no attempt is being made to determine any major question of policy during the absence of Sir Robert Borden.

HONORABLY EXEMPTED TO FORM ASSOCIATION

Quebec, June 27.—A branch of the Honorably Exempted Association, which is composed of men who have been honorably exempted from service overseas previous to the coming in force of the military service act, will be organized in Quebec, Montreal and Toronto, where the idea originated. This society would include all those, who although not called for service, willingly signed for overseas.

HOOVER PUTS AMERICANS ON SHORT SUGAR RATION

Washington, D. C., June 26.—The restriction of the American people to 1½ ounces of sugar a day for each individual during the next six months, was ordered today by Food Commissioner Herbert Hoover.

The amount is about one teaspoonful at each meal. A shortage in the sugar crop in this country, together with the absence of merchant vessels to import hundreds of thousands of tons of sugar from the Philippines, Java and other sugar-producing countries, is mentioned as the reason for the curtailment.

FIRE DEPT. PROBE CHARGES GO ON; NO BACKING UP

Move To Have Conciliation Board No Retraction. Say Men.

TALK OF STRIKE VOTE

Union President Refers to This in Letter to Committee.

The application of the Firemen's Union to have the investigation into the fire department conducted by some other tribunal than the senior county judge does not mean that those who are behind the charges into the fire department are backing up, it is claimed. There are several motives behind the most recent action.

In the first place, the delay in having the question gone into by the judge does not meet with the approval of the men. The ill-feeling which existed over the promotions of Capt. Tom Tozer and Lieut. George Aitken is said to be many times greater today than when the trouble was first aired. It is said that matters are reaching the breaking point. President George Bolton of the Firemen's Union gave the committee an inkling of this Wednesday night when he said that "some of our men are going to leave," and also, "this means that we will call a strike vote."

The men also fear that with a judge presiding he may rule out questions which they would wish to have probed at the inquiry. There is also the possibility that more or less ill-feeling would be engendered by having the firemen give evidence under oath. They believe that this would not be conducive to good-feeling between them and the chief.

Officials of the trades and labor council, who laid the charges against the department, say they are willing that their charges shall be dropped if the special committee appointed by the finance committee of the council agrees upon a board of conciliation. They believe that a board of conciliation would in every way meet with the requirements of the situation.

Of the cases complained of in the department at the time the trouble was first aired, they state that they believe the great majority of the defects have been remedied. They believe that Fire Chief John Aitken has made an honest effort to bring about a betterment. However, there are sores still existing and they contend that these must be healed before the proper efficiency of the department is restored.

On Wednesday night No. 1 committee had a letter from George Bolton, representing the men, and asking that some other mode, conciliation was suggested, be adopted to settle the matter.

Fireman's Letter.

The letter read:

"As a great majority of the members of the fire department are of the opinion that an investigation before a judge will be anything but satisfactory to the men, we would ask you to have our grievances settled by other methods and as early as possible, as some of our men are going to leave. This means we will call a strike vote. We are anxious to avoid trouble.

"Hoping your earnest consideration.

"Yours truly,

"G. D. BOLTON."

"P. S.—We would suggest our grievances be settled by a conciliation board."

Left to Committee.

The members of the committee thought that perhaps it would be better if the matter could be settled instead of having the men called to give evidence. Some of them thought that the idea might get abroad that they were trying to cover something up. However, it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the mayor. Chairman Harley and Controller Merryfield with power. The opinion was expressed that the Trades and Labor Council, to meet the wishes of the men, would withdraw its charges. Controller Merryfield said that he believed that it had so intimated to the mayor.