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HOUSE GIVES THE GRAND TRUNK BILL FIRST READING

Fielding Has Open Mind on Public Ownership

Asks Government Not to Condemn it by Undertaking More Than Country Can Stand—Speaks of Effect of Government Course on Stock in London

(Special to Times.) Ottawa, Oct. 17.—At half-past eleven last night the Grand Trunk resolution was carried on division and will receive its second reading today and a considerable fight will probably follow on its different stages, so that adjournment will probably not come for a week or two. The tactics pursued by the opposition were largely of a guerrilla nature, the only long and considered speech on the part of the opposition having been delivered in the afternoon by Hon. W. S. Fielding.

The government's action has already situated the foundation for a gigantic speculation on the London market has resulted in giving value to certain stock which prior to this action had very little value. Indeed, it is apparent that certain persons over there had knowledge which was in this house at hand.

This opinion of the new Grand Trunk bill which the government is bringing forward during the session has been expressed by Hon. Mr. Fielding.

"We are agreed on the proposal of giving an arbitration on the value of the stock but the country should have a voice," continued the ex-minister of finance. "It is the same thing that happened in connection with the Canadian Northern. Stock declared to have no value was arbitrated and the arbitration board declared that the people must pay \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000 for it. And the present minister of finance, Sir Henry Drayton, had declared that that stock had no value whatever. It didn't represent a single penny placed in the treasury of the Canadian Northern, it was a basket of waste paper for which the Canadian people paid from 192,000,000 to \$12,000,000. Under these conditions, if common stock which had no value could be converted into \$10,000,000 or \$12,000,000, there is a grave danger that stock of the Grand Trunk which paid small dividends, shall cost Canadian people a pretty penny indeed."

"The guaranteed stock of the Grand Trunk \$60,000,000 in amount, for which the government has guaranteed the interest, but with nothing behind it but the Grand Trunk," continued Mr. Fielding, "is a stock of 40 cents on the dollar. If the government desires to acquire it, it should do so at the value which it is quoted on the market. The Grand Trunk has had a hard bargain and I could not be too severe with it, but it would have been a fair and just deal if the government had not acquired it at something more than the market value. The government might have taken it up at fifty, and that would have been a generous and fair bargain."

"But instead of taking course," continued the ex-minister, "they have done what was done in the case of the Grand Trunk, they have taken it into their own hands and they are going to give it to the people at a price which is a gift to the recent holders at the expense of the people of Canada."

"We have read in the London papers at on Sept. 18 there was a sharp rise in this stock on the assumption that the government was going to guarantee the interest on it." (fourth column)

ITALIAN MILITARY PRISONERS GET AWAY FROM ARMED ESCORT

London, Oct. 17.—(C. A. P.)—Six Australian military prisoners traveling from London to Winchester prison, bound and gagged and under an armed escort, fled from the train. One of the escapees said that the men were quite orderly till the train left Basingstoke. It was dark and the prisoners pulled down their blankets. He believed one of them fastened his hands with a key, then the man reached a lay-out on a guard and threatened to stab any other prisoners unfastened their cuffs and all attacked the guards, who were soon overpowered. They were with their hands handcuffed behind their backs and gagged.

HT AGAINST ALCOHOL FRENCH ELECTION ISSUE

Paris, Oct. 17.—The fight against alcohol will be a leading plank of the national platform in the forthcoming elections. Ministers are demanding the absolute suppression of alcohol and the sale of Paris and the larger cities are already placarded with these demands. Pamphlets and posters have been distributed by the hundreds to thousands of individuals in the provinces. France does not suppress alcohol, she will suppress France," the post-proclamation in huge characters, and "three million individuals live upon a traffic of alcohol; thirty-five million die from it."

TO BE SUPERINTENDENT OF FLYING IN CANADA



Lieut. Col. Robert Leckie, D. S. O., M. C., D. F. S., who has been appointed superintendent of flying under the Air Board and who will return to Canada at once to begin his duties. Lieut. Col. Leckie was named when he brought down a Zeppelin off the east coast of England.

SHORT WEIGHT AND DECEIVING SCALES

Seven Hundred Boston Dealers Hauled Over Coals

Commissioner Refuses to Return Seized Weighing Devices—An Interesting Anniversary at the Massachusetts General

(Special to Times.) Boston, Oct. 17.—The crusade against short weight resulted yesterday in 700 dealers being hauled over the coals. The commissioner said he found short weight, faulty scales and improper measuring devices that defrauded the public, and he placed the present complaints on file, although he had confiscated 200 scales and measuring devices.

He said it had been found that nearly 100 dealers were using scales previously seized. The re-weighing of food-stuffs brought in packages has shown that thirty per cent of the cases examined the full quantity paid for had not been given. Irregularity also was found in the measuring of vinegar, molasses and other liquids. Many bottles presented to the dealers were several ounces short of the amount declared on the label.

Dr. Cabot spoke of the material expansion of the hospital, saying that it was now able to treat the public, and that in 1885, to about eleven days, to serve more people. Nearly 1,000 doctors and others were now giving their services either directly or indirectly, to patients. He paid a tribute to the social service work at the hospital, which had now taken root in France, he said, through the efforts of the foreign branches of the hospital.

BRITISH INTEREST IN CANADIAN INDUSTRY

London, Oct. 17.—(By Canadian Associated Press Cable)—Roger Beck, director of Baldwin's, a great Welsh iron-steel and coal firm, will sail for Toronto this week to inspect the big Toronto business recently acquired by his firm and from which much is expected. Lord Rhonda, daughter of the late Viscount Rhonda, is in Canada on business connected with the working of mineral properties purchased by her father.

Labor Aids Move to Extend "Neighborhood Governments"

Leaders Endorse Plan to Set Up Community Councils to Improve Living Conditions.

The part which organized labor should play in community development is being studied by John Frey and a committee of well-known labor leaders in connection with proposed plans for an extension of the Social Unit plan of community organization, which has received its initial impetus in a section of Cincinnati.

Under the Social Unit plan neighborhoods are organized as units to study their own needs and form programs to meet them. The citizens of each community are organized by blocks, with elected block committees and elected representatives to a central community council. Representatives elected by business, trade and professional groups assist the representatives of the blocks in planning programs to meet discovered needs.

It is claimed for this scheme of organization that it does away with paternalism and brings government closer to people's lives.

In planning for a future organization based upon the initial demonstration of the Social Unit Organization is seeking the advice of labor, business, social workers, community workers, experts in municipal administration, public health, Americanization and public recreation.

NO WORLD TRADE WITH BOLSHEVIK

Supreme Council Calls Upon all to Help Blockade

Foch Adds That all Ships Bound For Red's Ports Will be Held up—Neutral Countries all Invited to Combat Common Enemy

London, Oct. 17.—(By the Associated Press)—The text of the note of the supreme council inviting Germany to participate in the blockade of Russia, published by the Berlin Telegraph and reprinted by the Daily Herald, shows that Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Spain, Switzerland, Mexico, Chile, Argentina, Columbia, and Venezuela have been invited to initiate measures to prevent neutral nations from assisting in any trade whatever with Bolshevik Russia. The measures are thus enumerated: First—Refusal of permission for all to every ship bound for a Russian Bolshevik port and the closing of all ports to ships from Bolshevik ports.

Second—Similar regulations to be adopted with regard to all goods destined for Russia by any other route. Third—Passports will be refused to all persons to or from Bolshevik Russia. Isolated exceptions may be made by agreement of the Allied and associated powers.

Fourth—Measures will be taken to hinder banks from granting credit to commercial undertakings in Bolshevik Russia. Fifth—Every government will refuse to nationals any facilities of intercourse with Bolshevik Russia, whether by post or wireless telegraphy.

Dr. Foch added the following instructions: "Inform the German government that the British and French men-of-war in the Gulf of Finland will continue to blockade Bolshevik ports and detain from the Bolsheviks for resistance increases the blockade of Bolshevik ports."

The preamble to the note declares that the open enmity of a social order should be directed against all governments and that programmes of international evolution are proposed by them constitute grave danger to the national security of all the powers. Every increase in the capacity of the Bolsheviks for resistance increases the danger, and it would be desirable that all nations wishing peace and the establishment of a social order should unite together to resist Bolshevik government.

For this reason, it is further declared, the Allied and associated governments have refused permission to their subjects to resume commercial relations with Bolshevik Russia.

The German government is requested to take measures in conformity with those enumerated.

HORNE HEARING LIKELY ON NEXT WEDNESDAY

Frederick, Oct. 17.—The preliminary examination of Werner Horne will probably commence in the police court here next Wednesday. Sheriff John B. Hawthorne is to leave this afternoon for London on the train for Quebec, Quebec, the railway centre on either side of the international bridge on the main line of the C. P. R. which Horne tried to wreck, and if he have the witnesses here by that time, arrangements will be made to have the case opened on Wednesday. Other witnesses will be brought from Montreal, including Master Mechanic Kyle, who was in 1915 located in the C. P. R. service at Macdonald.

GIVEN DEGREE BY QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY

Kingston, Ont., Oct. 17.—Degrees were conferred by Queen's University yesterday on Hon. Frank Carvell, Quebec Telegraphist, Quebec, and Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King, President A. S. MacKenzie, Dalhousie University, Halifax; Hon. G. D. Robertson, minister of labor.



JOHN P. FREY

Among the business men who are working with labor leaders in forming this community program is Charles Edison, son of the inventor and chairman of the board of directors of the Edison Company, who has resigned from all other social activities to affiliate with the Social Unit.

As Hiram Sees It

"We're talkin' of herin' some dancin' for the young folks out to the Settlement," said Mr. Hiram Hornebeam to the Times reporter. "I was appointed a delegation to see how the thing was done in St. John. The folks sorta thought they'd like to be up to date. Well, sir, I staid in town last night an' got a good time—but this fellar to show me round, I kin tell you right now that we don't want no sich dancin' out to the Settlement—noy sir."

"A trifle riq'us," were they? queried the reporter. "No, no, no," said Hiram, "was too risky for me. An' the fellar with me pointed out some young folks he said was big up in staid, that was hangin' 'one another scandalous right there in public. Two of 'em went past me with their faces so close together that another fellar said to me, 'Why don't he kiss 'er?' Mister—if I was the preacher's meetin' I'd scoop round some an' see what's goin' on—yes, sir. This town's gone dance crazy."

"And the Settlement?" queried the reporter. "After what I seen," said Hiram, "I'm goin' to report that we outa her regular dancin' such as anybody kin look at—an' we'll have folks there in the school house. Young folks wants to dance—an' it's a good time—but this here promiscuous hangin' an' wriglin' around as if your clothes didn't fit ain't good for nobody. You might just say to the fathers an' mothers in St. John that Hiram wishes 'em to keep an eye on the boys an' girls."

BRITISH PEOPLE HONOR LEADERS

Freedom of Wolverhampton to Haig; Colchester to Byng

Field Marshal Calls on People to Hold Together as Did Soldiers in Time of Stress—Modest Speech of Former Canadian Commander

London, Oct. 17.—(Reuter's)—Field Marshal Haig was made a freeman of the borough of Wolverhampton yesterday. In acknowledging the honors he excepted at some details, which the Field Marshal believed the little craft sank upon after the four men were taken off. The "left" Rotterdam in ballast on October 1.

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Of those who had remained with him, each man had fought a man's battle and had fought the more desperately the more desperate conditions became. The gallant story of the British campaign offered a moral which should be applied to every corner of the empire at the present day: Preserve your confidence, not merely in yourselves but in each other and organize for success to the last detail.

Alluding to the recent railway strike, Field Marshal Haig said that he was glad that soldiers had not been called upon for that was not their job. They existed to fight external, not internal foes.

Cardinal Mercier of Montreal, who is appealing to the faithful of the archdiocese for at least \$5000 to be presented to Cardinal Mercier. The reconstruction of the University of Louvain is one of the many works which the fearless Cardinal has in view.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis.—A shallow disturbance which was south of the Great Lakes yesterday morning has moved quickly eastward to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, causing showers in Ontario, Quebec and the maritime provinces. In the west the weather has been fair and cool.

Fair and Cool. Maritime.—Fresh southwest to north-west winds, clearing and cooler. Saturday, moderate west and northwest winds, fair and cool. Gulf and North Shore.—Fresh to strong northwest and west winds, decreasing tonight, fair and quite cool tonight and on Saturday. New England.—Fair tonight and Saturday. Cooler tonight with frost, fresh northwesterly winds.

FOUR ARE HELD ON CHARGE OF MUTINY

Members of Rescued Crew of British Schooner Ono

Steamer Captain Says He Saw Fight—Schooner's Skipper And Mate Dead; Men Say They Were Crushed by Shifting Cargo

Philadelphia, Oct. 19.—A tragic tale of the seas was unfolded here yesterday by four survivors of the British schooner Ono, picked up drifting several hundred miles from shore by the American steamship Girded. The survivors, all from Newfoundland, say the captain of the Ono, James Brusse, and his brother Ernest, first mate, were crushed to death by the shifting of the ship's cargo.

Their stories, however, do not agree with that of Captain Sullivan, master of the Zirkel and all four men were locked up at the Gloucester immigration station on charges of mutiny and killing the captain and mate. They will be turned over to the British consul.

Captain Sullivan declared that as his vessel neared the Ono, which was at night, he saw what appeared to be a general fight on the deck.

"We were just closing in with the schooner," he said, "when our steam went out of control. We hastily rigged up a hand steering gear and while we were at it the schooner came down the wind and crossed our stern."

"I plainly saw a human body, attired in dark clothes, lying on the midship hatchway. Then the schooner was gone her right off into the night, with only a pistol showing. One of my officers heard two reports which he believed to be pistol shots, but which might have been from a gun with which they were trying to shoot a line aboard us, or may have been intended as signals."

"When we again came alongside, the four men asked us to save them, and with much difficulty we launched a boat. Several times the high seas almost swamped it, but finally we managed to take the survivors from the doomed craft. The Ono drifted away and disappeared in the mist."

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TO ADDRESS DEPUTIES OF PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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WILSON BETTER AND PLEASED WITH NEWS OF VOTE IN SENATE

Washington, Oct. 17.—President Wilson continued to show improvement today and appeared to be much cheered by the defeat of the Shantung amendment to the peace treaty.

GOMPERS IMPROVING

Washington, Oct. 17.—Samuel Gompers has come back to normal temperature. He is very anxious to be back in the industrial conference room, but his physician has advised further rest.

LA POINTE GIVES UP KAMOURASKA SEAT

Ernest Lapointe, who, it is said, will resign his seat in the House of Commons for Kamouraska to contest East Quebec. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's old constituency. It is possible that Armand Lavergne will run as a nationalist in that riding.

Ottawa, Oct. 17.—Speaker Rhodes said this morning the resignation of Ernest Lapointe as member for Kamouraska had been placed in his hands. Mr. Lapointe was a candidate in the Quebec East by-election on Oct. 27. This makes Kamouraska the second vacancy in addition to the eight seats in which by-elections are to take place on Oct. 27. The other is Timiskaming, which became vacant on the death of the late Hon. Frank Cochrane.

DOUBT STORY OF THE CAPTURE OF KRONSTADT

British Admiralty Does Not Credit Stockholm Report

Strenuous Effort to Get Food to Petrograd—Trotzky Said to Have Taken Large Reinforcements There—Further Gains Over Reds

Stockholm, Oct. 17.—(By the Associated Press)—The fortress of Kronstadt has capitulated after a bombardment by a British fleet which after the fort had surrendered, entered the harbor, according to advices received here. Official confirmation of the capture of Kronstadt, sixteen miles southwest of Petrograd, by the forces of General Yudenitch has been received. Heavy firing was heard off Kronstadt all day on Wednesday.

Kronstadt is a fortress and seaport at the head of the Gulf of Finland twenty miles west of Petrograd.

London, Oct. 17.—Confirmation of reports that British naval forces have taken Kronstadt has not been received at the admiralty offices here. Despatches telling of the capture of Kronstadt are not credited, it being said the British have only light cruisers in the vicinity, incapable of successfully challenging the fortress. Admiralty officials say there was no reason for a British attack on the place.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Transfers of real estate have been recorded as follows:

St. John County.—S. H. Ewing et al to A. C. Barcham, property in Lancaster. Elizabeth Wilson to S. F. McKenna, \$600 property in old Westmorland road. Kings County.—Alfred Burley et al to J. B. Belyea, property in Westfield. Alfred Burley et al to W. H. Belyea, property in Westfield. L. T. Gard to Fair Vale Outing Club, property in Rothsay.

Gregg to V. Goggin, \$400 property in Studholm. A. J. Gross to W. G. and F. H. Haslam, property in Westfield. G. B. Jones to F. M. Goggin, property in Sunnyc. J. M. Parker et al to Soldiers' Settlement Board, property in Greenwick. James Robertson to N. J. Huggard, \$200, property in Norton. J. A. Richards to Frank Paddington, property in Greenwick.

TERMS OF CHALLENGE FOR AMERICA'S CUP

New York, Oct. 16.—Conditions under which the Royal Yacht Club which recently challenged in behalf of Sir Thomas Lipton, to race for the America's Cup, were set forth in a cablegram made public last night by George Cornack, secretary of the New York Yacht Club. In part the cablegram reads:—"We challenge to sail a series of races for the America's Cup with the yacht Shamrock IV against any one yacht built in the United States of America. First race to be sailed June 28, 1920; second race Saturday, June 26; third race Tuesday, June 29. Further details. No decision in reference to the challenge has yet been made by members of the New York Yacht Club, but it is expected that it will be accepted."

GARRISON SERGEANTS' MESS ORGANIZED

The organization of a garrison sergeants' mess is now being proceeded with in military circles and already an encouraging beginning has been made. Officers have been chosen to hold their posts for the term expiring at the first of the new year, as follows: President, G. G. Vincent, R. S. M. Ard Reid, C. G. A.; vice-president, E. W. Elliott, R. S. M., 62nd Regt.; secretary, Arthur Ellis, sergeant-major, 3rd C. G. A.; and treasurer, W. J. Devenne, R. Q. M. S., C. A. S. C. Rooms are now being sought fitted in the armory where the mess will be located and where the members may meet and enjoy themselves through the winter, leaving up the over-seas friendships. The sergeants have been allotted the rooms formerly occupied by the 7th garrison regiment sergeants, well suited for the purpose.

VETERANS' FOOTBALL

The G. W. V. A. are making good progress towards a revival in football in St. John this fall. They are planning on a practice tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 on the Barrack Square. D. McNeven has been chosen president of the club, T. Keebles, captain of the team, W. Redcliffe, vice-captain and J. McNeven, secretary.

WASHINGTON HEARS BOTH KRONSTADT AND PETROGRAD ARE CAPTURED

Washington, Oct. 17.—Reports of the capture of Petrograd and Kronstadt by northwestern Russian forces under Gen. Yudenitch were received at the state department today from an American consular officer in Sweden on the Finnish border. Confirmation of the reports had not been received when the dispatch was sent, but it was said that they generally were credited in Sweden.