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PROFITEERING CHIEF TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

Demands for Firm Handling of Those Who Are Adopting "Get Rich Quick" Methods Featured House Proceedings.

ISPIRITLESS DEBATE WITHOUT INCIDENT

Opposition Speakers Are All Showing Themselves Primed to Fight Against Ratification of Treaty.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 5.—Demands for firm handling of the profiteer were again the feature, today, of the House debate on the address. Mr. Demers, of St. John-Berville, thought the problem of the cost of living was of more importance to Canadians than ratification of the Peace Treaty. It was high time for the government to take speedy action to avoid further crimes and possible revolution. As to the ratification of the treaty, that, according to Mr. Demers, would result only in Canada binding herself to financial and military participation in any war caused by the dereliction of one of the signatories.

From other opposition members came criticisms of the government in regard to the cost of living, with the further plea for an amnesty in favor of the defaulters under the Military Service Act. To the latter plea, Dr. Edwards (Freemont) replied that it was useless to go after defaulters "with feather dusters or ice-cream cones." They had failed to do their duty. The cost of living, too, was not a new problem. But it aroused attention today because it affected those not affected before.

On the whole, the debate was spiritless and almost without incident. There was every expectation it would expire before the House rose. The acting leader of the opposition intimated that there were others, however, and it was adjourned. As debate on the Peace Treaty has right of way between Monday and Thursday, it is unlikely that debate on the address will be resumed before next Friday.

SENATE OF U. S. PASSES BILL FOR ENFORCEMENT

An Amendment to Bill Provides for the Liquor and Drug Prohibition Act in the Panama Canal Zone.

Washington, Sept. 5.—The prohibition enforcement bill was passed by the Senate today, after a record vote, and virtually in the form it came from the committee. The measure now goes to Congress for discussion of amendments needed in the House bill by the Senate.

The only material change made in the bill in the Senate was the addition, by amendment, of the Liquor and Drug Prohibition Act for the Panama Canal Zone. This measure has not yet been acted on by the House. An eleven-hour session, by Senator Shields, Democrat, Tennessee, to render ineffective the whole solution of the measure referring to enforcement of war prohibition, its own vote being the only one cast in favor of it. His amendment would have limited the operation of the war time law to the six states in which demobilization camps are located.

As it passed the Senate and goes to conference, the bill defines as an indictable offense any beverage containing more than one half of one per cent. of alcohol.

The Senate modified, however, some of the most rigid provisions of the House bill, including that affecting private stocks of alcoholic beverages held for personal use.

PREMIER OF P. E. I. HANDS IN CABINET RESIGNATION

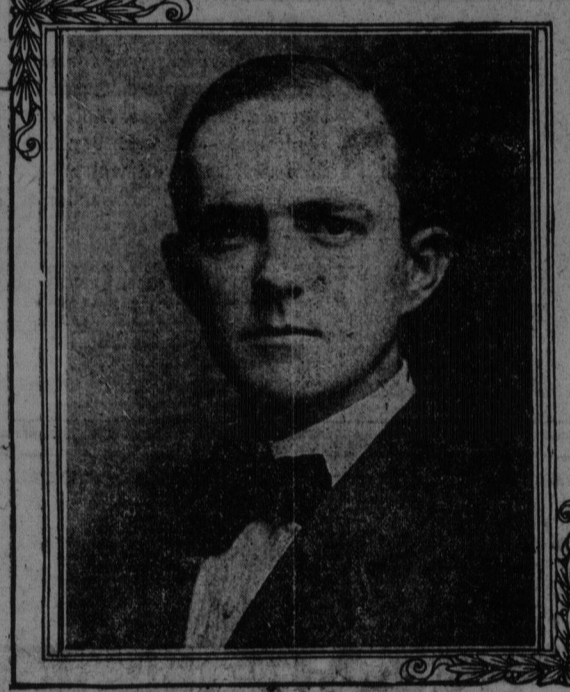
After Conference With His Supporters J. H. Bell Will Form a New Government.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Sept. 5.—Premier Arsenault handed in the resignation of himself and government yesterday and the acting governor, Chief Justice Matheson, called on Mr. J. H. Bell to form a new government. The latter decided to confer with his supporters before submitting the proposal of the new cabinet. After a meeting next Monday night the new cabinet will probably be sworn in by Lieutenant-Governor Hon. Murdoch McKinnon, if he is officially installed in office by that time. In the meantime Premier Arsenault continues in office.

Mr. D. D. McKenzie, Liberal House Leader, Classed Among Profiteers

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 5.—Mr. D. D. McKenzie, Liberal house leader, can be a profiteer if he wants to. It was discovered today that unlike all other public servants, including the Prime Minister and members of the cabinet, the leader of the Opposition draws his salary by the session instead of by the year. This means that Mr. McKenzie is entitled to \$14,000 for two sessions in addition to two indemnities of \$2,500 each, making a total of \$19,000 for the year, or seven thousand dollars more than goes to the Prime Minister.

MYSTERY IN MURDER OF NASHVILLE LAWYER



Robin J. Cooper, a Nashville attorney, whose trial for the shooting of Edward W. Carmack, formerly United States Senator, in 1908 attracted country-wide attention, was murdered at Nashville, Tenn., under mysterious circumstances. Cooper's body was taken from Richmond Creek, soon after his blood-stained automobile had been found on a bridge near his home in the fashionable Belle Meade Park section. The skull had been crushed, but there were evidences that a violent struggle had taken place before the fatal blow was struck.

BOARD OF COMMERCE WILL FIX PROFITS ON ALL NECESSITIES

The Fixing of Profits Will Necessitate the Establishing of Prices Which Must Necessarily Vary According to Different Localities—Prices Will Assuredly be Lower Than Now.

Ottawa, Sept. 5.—"It means that we will fix profits on everything, just as we have done on sugar," said W. F. O'Connor, vice-chairman of the Board of Commerce today, when asked as to the exact contents of last night's announcement that the board will make a series of inquiries and afterwards fix a scale of profits, to exceed which will be an offence with a heavy penalty. Judge Robson, chairman of the board, left last night for the west and Mr. O'Connor will go next week to Toronto, then to Hamilton and next to Montreal. "The fixing of profits," said Mr. O'Connor, "involves the fixing of the price but makes allowance for varying conditions in varying zones. After making inquiries upon which we are now starting, and establishing machinery to continue them, we will be able to ascertain what is the actual cost, and then determine what is a fair profit thereon. The next step will be to set a date at which the price, the result of the fixation of profit, will be effective. These prices will be lower than what now prevail.

WAR ROMANCE CULMINATES IN DOUBLE WEDDING

St. John Returned Soldier Participates in Interesting Event at Fitchburg, Mass.

Special to The Standard. Fitchburg, Mass., Sept. 5.—Miss Mildred Pearl Aubrey and her sister, Miss Lillian Aubrey, were married within thirty minutes of each other at St. Bernard's church today. Lillian Aubrey was married to Ernest DeLorme of Montreal, Que. at 9 o'clock and Rev. Fr. James J. Donnelly, and the Nuptial Mass, which followed, was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Ralph O'Neill. Mildred Aubrey was married at 8:30 to Ovide H. Charron of St.

LAUREL LIBERALS FAIL TO APPRECIATE NEW POSITION CANADA OCCUPIES IN WORLD

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Sept. 5.—A clear cut issue between the two parties on the question of the ratification of the Treaty of Peace seems to be developing. Having opposed throughout the war the participation of Canada to its fullest extent, the opposition is carrying out the logical conclusion of its position, by now objecting to Canada's becoming a member of the League of Nations. Mr. Joseph Demers, member for St. John, is apparently the only member to understand Canada's responsibilities in the war, it is not to be wondered at that the Laurier Liberals fail, also, to appreciate the new position as a nation within the empire, which Canada now occupies in the world, and to grasp the status her victorious army has won, and which was recognized at the Peace Conference through the determined stand taken by Sir Robert Borden. The opposition, apparently, still regards Canada as a colony. There are evidences of the development of a clear cut issue as to whether Canada is to continue as a self-governing colony of Great Britain, or to become a free nation within the British League of Nations, with equal rights and equal responsibilities with the Mother Country and the other self-governing dominions. This is apparently the attitude of the French Canadian members, and particularly of the younger element. One of the leaders of this element is Mr. Joseph Demers, member for St. John and Berville. For this reason his speech today on the debate on the address, in which he expressed his views on the Peace Treaty was particularly interesting. He announced in closing, that, as far as he was concerned personally, he felt inclined to vote against the ratification of the Treaty of Peace because it contained the covenant of nations, and he did not believe Canada should be a signatory to this momentous document. Mr. Demers in the past has placed no reason for Canadian ratification of the treaty, when it was already ratified by the Imperial Parliament. The only consequence of Canadian action would be to bind Canada to military and financial participation in European wars. He said that Canada was neither a great power nor a small nation. There were no clauses in the treaty which would protect Canada from aggression. Why then should we assist other nations. He was of the opinion that it was Canada's duty to devote herself exclusively and entirely to the industrial and economical reconstruction of the country without any interference in the affairs of the rest of the world. Mr. Demers discussed the question from a constitutional standpoint. He pointed out that Canada was governed by the British North America Act. Under this act there was no power to bind Canada for any military participation, except for the defence of the country. Yet this was what was being done by Canada becoming a signatory to the League of Nations. The Prime Minister had said that Canada had now a new international status. He asked what were the changes which had been made which had changed the Dominion's status? What were the constitutional changes? He was absolutely convinced that there was no power in the hands of the Dominion to assume the obligations it had. By signing this treaty the Canadian plenipotentiaries had violated the constitution of Canada. Continuing, Mr. Demers claimed that Canada should not ratify the treaty, as we were not a nation in the accepted international sense of the word. If ever there was a great war again in which the Empire was involved, he was sure Canada would sign voluntarily offer to assist, but he added, "why now tie our hands? Why not keep our liberty? As for myself, personally, I am very much inclined to vote against the ratification of the treaty, because it contains the covenant of nations."

Priests Are Britain To Examine Call Halt On Cheese

Court Enquiry Being Conducted by Counsel for Sister Basile to Establish if Catheradum Were Attainable.

Kingston, Ont., September 5.—Rev. Father Kliney, of Kingston Mills, and Rev. Father Harrigan, of Deseronto, two of the Roman Catholic priests who were served with restraining orders last night in connection with the Archbishop Spratt vs. Sister Basile case were examined this morning before Judge Lavelle by Mr. B. Cunningham, the counsel for Sister Basile in an effort to establish whether the "catheradum" were attainable or not. Father Kliney testified that he had been told by the attorney that it had nothing to do with any individual. He therefore denied that he had ever paid anything to Archbishop Spratt or on his behalf. Father Harrigan said he paid the Catheradum for the current year from his parish on July 23rd, last, or before he received the restraining order. It amounted to one hundred and twenty-five dollars. Mr. Cunningham made arrangements to have Archbishop Spratt examined on Friday, October 3rd.

FIRE AT SUSSEX DESTROYS COL. BEER HOMESTEAD

The Splendid Work of a Bucket Brigade Prevented Further Loss to Other Property Holders.

Special to The Standard. Sussex, Sept. 5.—At eight o'clock this evening the Col. Beer homestead, situated on the Holman farm on the outskirts of the town, was totally destroyed by fire. The Holman residence, and other buildings, including a big barn that contained a hundred and twenty-five tons of hay, were saved from destruction by the splendid work of a bucket brigade formed from the Sussex fire department and other volunteer workers. As the fire was outside the town limits the fire hydrant was not far distant from the burning building to be utilized. The fire is supposed to have started from a defective fuse. The wind which was very high at the time of the fire was luckily blowing in a direction that carried the sparks away from the other buildings.

Bulgarians Angry Over Reports That Moslems Are Abused

Paris, Sept. 5.—Bulgarian peace delegation this morning sent a note to the peace conference protesting against representations that the Moslem population of Eastern Thrace were cruelly treated by the Bulgarians, the delegation declaring those representations to be untrue.

GERMAN TROOPS CONTINUE TO BE SENT TO RUSSIA

Polish Authorities in London Informed That Transfer of Troops to Russian Formations Goes on Despite Denials.

London, Sept. 4.—(Reuters).—Reuters is informed by the Polish authorities in London that the transfer of German troops to Russian formations in the Baltic provinces is still continuing despite numerous official German denials. In this connection the following remarks by the German Independent Socialist party, "Freiheit" are interesting. The Freiheit says: "The official communique is a lie from beginning to end. We consider it to be an undoubted fact that whole German military formations, with complete equipment, have passed over and are passing over to the Russian army and the whole of Courland is full of German soldiers in Russian uniforms. That General Von Der Goltz is doing his utmost to assist the reactionary Russian troops is proved by the fact that German doctors receive circulars from the record offices in Leipzig, informing them that doctors and military nurses are necessary for the Russian army which in co-operation with General Von Der Goltz, and other well-known German soldiers, is carrying on the fight in the East. In the light of these revelations, the Freiheit considers that the denials published by the German government and the military authorities to be an insult to the German working class, which, under the paper would under no circumstances stand for this action in the East."

COBALT MINERS' STRIKE ABOUT TO BE SETTLED

A Meeting of the Miners' Union Called for Sunday Night When it is Felt the Big Strike Will End.

Cobalt, Ont., Sept. 5.—The outcome of the Cobalt strike probably will be determined on Sunday. A meeting of the Miners' Union has been called for Sunday afternoon, and another mass meeting of the workers of the camp will be held at night. At both of these meetings the proposals submitted by the managers will be considered.

The Northern Miner today says: "It is generally expected in Cobalt that the report will be adopted."

Today the Temiskaming Independent Operators' Association, comprising a small number of the smaller mines, issued a statement signed by Stearnman, manager of the Genesee mine and president of this organization.

The statement was along similar lines to that published by the other miners' association, and it was presented to a committee of their employees this afternoon for consideration. It is understood that it provides that six hours' work, with eight hours' pay, shall constitute a Sunday shift, except in "continuous operations (mill work, etc.) and any men so employed shall be entitled to a day off during the week."

B. & O. STRIKERS RETURN TO WORK

Cumberland, Md., Sept. 5.—Two thousand Baltimore and Ohio shopmen, on strike since Tuesday, returned to work today. They had agreed to the vote taken yesterday, after being informed by Director General Hines, that they were considered discharged, if they did not return to work by Saturday.

COUNCILLORS WERE AWARE OF PLANS TO KILL HOSTAGES

Munich, Sept. 5.—At the concluding examination of Bavarian Communist leaders, charged with having murdered hostages in this city last February, it was revealed that the Councillors were aware of the plan to kill these hostages, and that several of them intended to put this report in writing to enable him to bring the subject before the Laws and Privileges Committee.

KING GEORGE TO UNVEIL STATUE OF CARTIER

By Touching Button at Balmoral Castle, Electrically Connected by Cable With Montreal, Curtain Will Fall from Memorial.

PROMINENT SPEAKERS TO BE PRESENT

Only Daughter of Late Sir George Cartier Has Arrived from France for the Ceremony.

Montreal, Sept. 5.—By touching a button at Balmoral Castle, which is electrically connected by cable with Montreal, King George tomorrow afternoon will unveil the statue of the late Sir George Etienne Cartier on Fletcher's Field. As the curtain around the statue falls, a band will play "O Canada," and Mon Pays Mesamours, which was composed by the late Canadian statesman who was born one hundred years ago today. The ceremony will be witnessed by the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire and a distinguished company.

His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire will read a message from His Majesty. The president of the conference, E. W. Villeneuve, will present an illuminated address to Miss Hortense Cartier, only surviving daughter of the late Sir George Etienne Cartier, Bart, and who came here from France for the celebration, and a bouquet of flowers will also be presented by the ladies of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire. A panegyric will be pronounced on the life and work of the late statesman, whose memory the monument perpetuates, by the Honorable Thomas Chapais, M. L. C.

Other speakers who will be heard are the Hon. C. J. Doherty, Minister of Justice, representing the Prime Minister, Sir Robert Borden; the Hon. Sir Lomer Gouin, K. C. M. G.; His Lordship Mgr. George Gauthier, Auxiliary Bishop of Montreal; Mr. Thomas Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada; Mr. Samuel Inall, representing the British Empire Association of Illinois; J. V. Desautels, representing the St. Jean Baptiste Society of Montreal. On the conclusion of the address, the First Regiment Canadian Grenadier Guards Band will play "O Canada," and "God Save the King," which will terminate the ceremony.

GENERAL QUIRES NOT WANTED AS PRESIDENT

Costa Ricans Demand An Election in Accordance With the Constitution.

San Salvador, Sept. 5.—A despatch from Managua says that General Juan Quires, who assumed the presidency of Costa Rica on August 12th, following the sudden departure of President Tinoco, probably has relinquished his office. A committee of well known Costa Ricans, the despatch adds, recently decided that General Quires should turn over the presidency to Dr. Francisco Barquero, who in his turn should hold elections in accordance with the constitution and the established laws of Costa Rica.

TEACHER DROPS DEAD IN PRESENCE OF HER CLASS

Sydney, Sept. 5.—Miss Lena Beaver, a teacher in the kindergarten of St. Joseph's school, North Sydney, dropped dead of heart trouble in the presence of her class of small children this morning. Shortly after the morning class began she sank suddenly to the floor and although doctors and nurses were almost immediately on the spot, nothing could be done to revive her. She lived for a short time after seizure but died without regaining consciousness. Miss Beaver was 27 years of age and a native of St. Peter's, C. B. The remains will be taken to her home in St. Peter's for burial.

CONSTRUCTION CO. FAILS TO PERFORM CONTRACT WORK

Sydney, N. S. W., Sept. 5.—The City Council has decided to proceed against the Barrett Company for their failure to carry out the street paving contract. This company contracted to do certain paving in the city, and according to the statement made by Alderman McDougall, they have made no effort to go ahead with this work. He declared that the company's manager here had given no satisfactory reply and gave no intimation when the company intended to start the work. The city solicitor was instructed by the council to proceed against the company.