

MINISTER OF LABOR REFUTES CHARGES OF AMES MURDOCK AND SHOWS INCONSISTENCIES OF MACKENZIE KING

Senator Robertson Declares That He Was Responsible for Appointment of Murdock to Court of Commerce and That Gentleman Failed to Acquit Himself in a Creditable Manner.

Charges Mackenzie King With Betraying the Trust Placed in Him by Grand Trunk Conductors and Trainmen on Strike in 1910, and Murdock Was Aware of the Betrayal—King Concealed Agreement Entered Into Between Gov't and G. T. R. Which Guaranteed Satisfactory Reinstatement of Men—Reviews King's American Labor Record.

Special to The Standard.

Smiths Falls, Nov. 9.—Hon. Gideon Robertson, Minister of Labor, at a meeting here tonight in the interests of Hon. J. A. Stewart, Minister of Railways, refuted the charges made by Mr. Jas. Murdock, member of the late Board of Commerce, and who is campaigning with Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King. Mr. Murdock is vice-president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, and is Liberal candidate in South Toronto.

Senator Robertson, who assumed full responsibility for the appointment of Mr. Murdock to the Court of Commerce, also stated that "during the war, and since, twenty-four persons, regarded as specially representing labor, were appointed on various boards and commissions established by the Government for special purposes. All save one of these twenty-four persons acquitted themselves creditably in performing the tasks assigned to them. I have to assume full responsibility for the single exception, which was the appointment of Mr. Murdock upon the Board of Commerce."

Murdock a Fizzle.

The Minister of Labor denied that the Court of Commerce was the outcome of the Winnipeg strike, but that it had been projected before the armistice, and a Cabinet Committee had recommended its inauguration in 1918 and in 1919, a parliamentary committee of all parties made a similar report. The court had failed in its work as during the five war years the average annual increase in cost of living had been \$1.57 per week, while from July, 1919, to July, 1920, under the court of commerce control, the increase per week for this one year was \$4.90. The failure of the Court of Commerce was due, according to Senator Robertson, to its failure to follow the policy of the Canada Food Board and the Cost of Living Commission, which had proven successful in minimizing the increase in cost of living to date. New taxes and policies were adopted and the attention of the board directed not to the control of the profits of those who were handling goods, but rather a direct attack upon the producers of those goods.

With the resignation of the chairman and W. F. O'Connor, Mr. Murdock was left in full control, and instead of acting as he retired, owing to the failure of the court the government had not filled the vacancies. Mr. Murdock had made no financial sacrifice in retiring, and instead of acting as he retired, owing to the failure of the court the government had not filled the vacancies. Mr. Murdock had made no financial sacrifice in retiring, and instead of acting as he retired, owing to the failure of the court the government had not filled the vacancies.

King's Labor Record.

Senator Robertson expressed surprise that Mr. Murdock should be supporting Mr. Mackenzie King, whose labor record was such as to make every friend of labor his opponent. Mr. King had betrayed the trust of the Grand Trunk conductors and trainmen, on strike in 1910, and Mr. Murdock was fully aware of this betrayal. Justice had not been done, these employees until the advent of the Conservative government in 1911. Mr. King had in his possession an agreement entered into between himself, Hon. Wm. Parsley and Hon. L. F. Broderick on behalf of the government with the Grand Trunk Company, which guaranteed the satisfactory reinstatement of the conductors and engineers. If this agreement had been made public in 1910 the men would have received justice, but Mr. King concealed it for ten years, keeping the Grand Trunk employees and the public in ignorance of the existence of this document.

"One can only conjecture," said the Minister of Labor, "why he aided the Grand Trunk Company to keep out of their employ for more than a year and a half upwards of 100 men, while at the same time representing to the employees that the company had promised to take them back—which promise was never fulfilled."

Democrats Make Gains in New York

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 9.—Democrats increased their representation in the New York Assembly by 24 seats in yesterday's elections, but the Republicans will have a working majority of 95 in the next session, complete returns show. The 1922 assembly will include 95 Republicans, 52 Democrats, 1 Socialist and 1 Republican-Democrat.

Wife Murderer Pays The Penalty

Chicago, Nov. 9.—Frank Liggett, convicted slayer of his wife, a school teacher, at Bartlett, Ill., was hanged at 2.25 p.m. in the Cook County jail. The afternoon hanging, an innovation here, was set because of its moral effect on other prisoners. Sheriff Charles Peters said.

DARING WORK OF LONE BANDIT

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 9.—A lone bandit leaped from an automobile in the midst of traffic, at one of Detroit's busiest street corners today, into a car being driven by James H. Brickley, cashier for a creamery company, compelled Brickley to surrender more than \$4,000 and then jumped into his own machine and escaped.

Gloucester Co. Conservatives Have Candidate

Enthusiastic Convention Held at Caraquez Names J. Edward Degraze.

Special to The Standard. Bathurst, N. B., Nov. 9.—At a convention of the National Liberal and Conservative party, held at Caraquez yesterday afternoon, J. Edward Degraze, of Shippeagan, was the unanimous choice as standard bearer for the party at the coming general election to be held on Dec. 5. Every parish of the county had representatives delegates at the convention, but the unfavorable state of the roads, and very cold weather, deterred large numbers from attending. The convention was not lacking in enthusiasm and with proper organization Mr. Degraze should make a successful winning candidate for the party, Charles C. Porter, councillor for the parish of Caraquez, presided over the meeting, and vigorous speeches were delivered by Mayor J. B. Hickey and J. L. Ryan, L. B. of Bathurst, F. B. Young, of Caraquez, and the candidate elected, J. Edward Degraze, of Shippeagan.

Former Splendor Lacking In Lord Mayor's Procession

On Account of Prevailing Strees in London, the Event Was on Economic Plan.

London, Nov. 9.—Canadian Press Cable.—The historic procession of the Lord Mayor of London today was shorn of much of its customary splendor with a view to economy in face of the prevailing distress. The usual banquets, in connection with the election of new Mayors throughout the country, were abandoned in many places for the same reason.

Peggy Hopkins Real Wild Cat

Scratched and Maltreated Millionaire Husband—Former Chorus Girl Divorced.

Chicago, Nov. 9.—A decree of divorce was granted J. Stanley Joyce, millionaire lumberman, by Judge Sabath in Superior Court today, upholding Joyce's charges that Peggy Hopkins Joyce, former chorus girl, had been guilty of misconduct with Henri Letellier, wealthy publisher and sportsman of Paris, and Evans Spaulding, New York clubman.

Stole To Save Life Of Wife And Five Kiddies

Ottawa, Nov. 9.—"I stole to save the life of my wife and five kiddies," said Adolph Bilodeau in police court here today, who, with Elzear Lapierre, of Montreal, jointly pleaded guilty to two charges of theft, one of a very serious nature, and each was sentenced to three and two years respectively on each count, the sentences to run concurrently.

Saranac Lake Frozen Over

Saranac Lake, N. Y., Nov. 9.—A regular mid-winter snow storm visited this section today. Three inches of snow had fallen by dusk with no signs of abating. Many sleigh bells were heard flapping along the roads. Lake Flower is frozen over and already boys have been skating on the ice.

DELEGATES AT CONFERENCE ENCOURAGED

Cheering Assurances of Support Received from Lloyd George and Pope Benedict.

ALL DELEGATIONS FEEL HOPEFUL

British Premier Said Heart of Britain Was Set Upon Success of Conference.

Washington, Nov. 9.—While the delegations of the powers were quietly at work today perfecting their plans for the Armament conference, cheering assurances of support for the purpose of the negotiations reached Washington in two important quarters of the old world. Mr. Lloyd George, the British Prime Minister, in a message expressing regret that he could not attend the opening session on Saturday, declared the heart of Britain was "deeply set upon the success of the conference," and promised the efficient efforts of the United Kingdom toward a solution of the problem of armaments.

Premier Curbs Interrupters AT SHERBROOKE

Stone Thrown Through Window of Amory Where He Was Speaking.

HITS WITH THUD ON PLATFORM CANOPY

Sherbrooke, Que., Nov. 9.—(By Canadian Press Staff Correspondent)—"Don't bother about the window, we don't care what they knock down. They certainly will not knock us down." These words from Premier Melghan, accompanied by a smile, followed the crash of broken glass and thud of a stone which struck the canopy over the platform from which he spoke in Sherbrooke this evening. No one was hurt by the missile. On the platform were seated Mrs. Melghan, Mrs. John Scott, of Montreal; one of the speakers of the evening, Hon. C. C. Bellavance, Minister of Marine, Hon. Rodolphe Monty, secretary of state, Hon. Dr. Normand, president of the Privy Council and a number of other ladies and gentlemen.

Defends Position Taken

The Premier had been speaking for some time before the unfortunate interruption occurred. He had dealt with the railway policy of the Government, had denied charges that his efforts or words had ever been directed against the French-Canadian race, had defended his stand on the conscription issue, and finally, was dealing with the tariff policy of the Government and those policies proposed by the opponents of the administration. From the beginning of his speech he had received the most careful hearing. Only one interruption had occurred and that emanated from an individual at the rear of the assembly building where the meeting was held, who had been indulging in strong words. He shouted out something unintelligible while the Premier was discussing Government ownership and operation of railways. Mr. Melghan remarked just he was afraid that it was the Government that was being interrupted, and that he was bothering his friend.

Large Meeting

The meeting was a large and very orderly one. There must have been about four thousand people gathered in the armories when Col. Werthington, the first speaker, was introduced by the chairman. He was followed by Mrs. John Scott, of Montreal. (Continued on page 2)

Clergymen Don The Overalls In Building Trades

Day Job as Result of Invitation to Them from Boston Central Labor Union.

Newcastle Fire Department Elect Officers For Year

Newcastle, Nov. 9.—At a special meeting last evening officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Chief—Angus McIvor. Lieutenant—R. A. N. Jarvis. Secretary—Lynn Pickers. Treasurer—William Landry. H. Young, Harold Dalton, Percy Russell, Arthur L. Berry, Fraser Harris, Leonard Burns, James Fallon and George Brooks.

Albanians Check Advance of Jugo-Slavian Troops

London, Nov. 9.—The advance of Jugo-Slavian troops into Albania has been arrested by heavy counter attacks on the part of the Albanians, according to a Central News despatch from Rome today, quoting a message from Valona to the Tempo.

Anti-Bolshevist Revolution In South Russia

London, Nov. 9.—Oswald Burnsworth, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replying to a question in the House of Commons today, stated the Government had received a report that an anti-Bolshevist revolution had broken out in the southwestern part of Russia. He said no information had been received regarding a report that General Polver, a Russian leader, was engineering the revolution from Bessarabia.

WASHINGTON ARMS CONFERENCE IS LIKE RAINBOW IN THE SKY, DECLARES PREMIER LLOYD GEORGE

At Lord Mayor's Banquet He Said the Force of the Economic Cyclone Was Spent and in Every Land the Slackness That Overcame Labor is Passing Away—Better Prospect of Ireland Heeding the Invitation to Come into Free Partnership in the British Empire.

London, Nov. 9.—The Lord Mayor's banquet this evening assumed more than national importance when the Prime Minister, replying to the Mayor's toast to the Cabinet Ministers, followed the custom of such gatherings at the historic Guild hall of speaking his mind regarding foreign affairs.

The tradition has been that the Prime Minister must touch only on the question of Ireland. He declared Lord Mayor's suggestion that the guests anxiously awaited news of the conference, Mr. Lloyd George quickly expanded the statement, made early in his speech, that "Washington Conference is like a rainbow in the sky," and then passed to the question of Ireland. He declared that there was a better prospect of Great Britain's proposals to Ireland being heeded today, and of Ireland accepting the invitation to enter the British commonwealth as an equal than for years, but that the conference was still in a critical stage. He said he carefully refrained from divulging the results or the possibilities of the Conference which are now being presented with the Irish representatives.

Economic Cyclone Wanes

In his opening remarks, the Prime Minister alluded to the economic troubles afflicting the world, such as followed the Napoleonic wars. He expressed the conviction that the force of the economic cyclone was already spent, and followed with a recital of numerous symptoms indicating that a revival was coming, particularly the fact that "in every land the slackness that seemed to overcome labor is passing away."

"The world is settling down to work," said the Premier, "and it is work alone that will fill the depleted tills which will enable purchasers to come to the market. The blue sky is beginning to emerge; the Washington conference, summoned by President Harding, is like a rainbow in the sky. For, without the assurance of peace, reconstruction of business is impossible. This conference comes none too soon. So far, the war has not had the effect which every sane man anticipated from it in arresting the growth of armaments. War is the most terrible destructive in its effect on the world. It is the most terrible destructive in the history of the world.

For that devastation competition in arms is largely responsible. That lesson was scoured deep into the flesh of the world, and yet no sooner are we out of it than the nations spend their substance in devising and amassing fresh engines for war; fresh subjects spring up everywhere to justify war. You might imagine that the one purpose and glory of national organization was human slaughter.

Armaments taking traffic as expensive in men and material as they were before the great war; at the present rate they will soon be a hundred times as destructive and terrible.

C. P. R. Steamship Service St. John, Boston To Havana

Sicilian Makes First Sailing from This Port on December 5th.

Montreal, Nov. 9.—Canadian Pacific Steamships, Limited, announce that the new service between St. John, Boston and Havana will be inaugurated by the Sicilian, on December 5, from the first named port. She is scheduled to arrive at Boston the following day and all the same evening for Havana where she is due at daybreak on December 12. On the return trip she will leave Havana December 17, arrive at Boston on the 22nd and leave the same day for St. John, where she is due December 24.

Marshal Foch Had Busy Day In Cleveland

Cleveland, O., Nov. 9.—Rain and threatening skies did not deter Cleveland citizens extending a hearty welcome to Marshal Foch today. During the day he was greeted by Governor Harry L. Davis and others at the home of Farnely Herrick, son of Myron T. Herrick, United States ambassador to France, where he rested yesterday, visited local American Legion headquarters, headed a parade, attended a civic mass meeting, received an honorary degree from Western Reserve University, and was entertained at a banquet to-night.

HALIFAX GARAGE BURNS

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 9.—A garage on Robie Street owned by Marshall's West Wash Laundry, together with two automobiles, was destroyed by fire to-night. The loss is estimated at \$4,000.

In peace the burden was crushing; in war the effort will be too terrible to contemplate.

"Disarmament is the only road to safety for the human race. Suspensions, fears, even quarrels, are inevitable among nations as among individuals, and if a deadly weapon is ready at hand, one day they will strike. The United States conference has the future of civilization in its charge; therefore I earnestly pray for its success."

Two Countries at Peace

"Twenty-five years ago Lord Salisbury in this room expressed the satisfaction which the people of this country felt at the peaceful solution which had just been reached of our last serious difference with the United States of America. Every man who is a man of British blood has been taught to regard a serious quarrel with the United States as unthinkable. That attitude of mind is in itself a guarantee of peace between the two countries."

Irish Question

Of the Irish negotiations he said in conclusion: "I cannot reveal any secrets of the Conference room; that is the way to bring a Conference to naught. All I can say is that in every land the peace of our invitation to the people of Ireland to come into free partnership in the British Empire as equals being heeded today than at any time for years."

Emphasizes Peace

He repeatedly emphasized the necessity of peace, saying that it was needed for the welfare of the Empire as well as for the good relations of the British Isles. The worst aspect of a family quarrel, he added, was not only that it caused unhappiness within the family, but attracted the attention of neighbors.

Declaring that there could be no peace and that a great opportunity would be lost if each party approached the tangled problem determined not to budge an inch, he explained, "we who are in the Conference in behalf of the British Government and people regard ourselves there as the trustees of the Empire, the guardians of its honor and security. It is a high trust; we promise you we will not betray it."

Decoration Day At Fredericton

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Nov. 9.—The local Red Cross through Lady Ashburnham, has ordered sufficient decorations of the same type as those to be used on poppy day, to decorate each grave of a returned man or member of the C. E. F. whose body lies in cemeteries in this vicinity. The decorations vary in type. Lady Ashburnham has a complete list of deceased soldiers buried near here. A decoration day will be arranged later.

Premier Briand Spent Quiet Day At Washington

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Secretaries of U. S. Navy and Army Made Courtesy Calls on French Statesman

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