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NEW REGULATIONS BY THE BOARD OF COMMERCE TO COVER ALL KNOWN COMBINES

New Rules Promulgated Set Forth Definitions of Combines as Constructed by Board So That All Are Obligated to Report.

REGULATIONS ARE QUITE COMPREHENSIVE

They Include All Combines Which Have Relation to Any Article of Commerce Whatsoever.

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—The Board of Commerce of Canada has issued a set of regulations which have reference to the formation and operation of combines as defined in the combines and fair prices act. The intended issue of these regulations was forewarned by the Board at a meeting held December 27, 1917, at Toronto.

The regulations, after referring to sections 2 and 4 of the Combines and Fair Prices Act, and incorporating the definition of a combine as set forth in the act, and attaching to the use of the expression "combine," as used in the regulations, the same meaning as attached to that expression in the act, provide so as to compel the making to the board a full disclosure in writing, signed by those concerned, as to the object, purposes and scope of operations of all proposed and existing combines, with evidence satisfactory to the board that such combines will not be operated, and is not likely to operate against the interest of the public. The information as to proposed combines must be supplied forthwith, that the combines formed since the Board of Commissioners of July 2 last, the information must be supplied before the first day of March. As to combines existing before the formation of the Board, the information must be supplied before the first day of May. In the event of such information being supplied as required, those in default will be deemed guilty of an offence and, additionally, the combines will be deemed to be operating to the detriment of the public, and it will be dissolved. The board will examine the information supplied to it, and if it is satisfied that such information by public or other examination in case of insufficiency. In case the board concludes from any evidence submitted to it that a combine is one of which prima facie ought to be dissolved, the board will take proceedings under part I of the Combines and Fair Prices Act.

The regulations are quite comprehensive. They include all combines which have relation to any article of commerce. The expression "combine" extends to and includes not only mergers, trusts and monopolies, but also all agreements or arrangements whereby a common price is to be charged by any person for an article of commerce, or whereby a resale price is fixed by agreement. Where agreements or arrangements as to price or prices of articles of commerce have been reduced to print, or writing, a copy must be filed with the board, together with a list of the names and addresses of all persons who have agreed upon the price and a statement as to the content and the sale price demanded or proposed to be demanded.

All persons who have taken part in the formation of any combine, including all parties to mergers, trusts, monopolies, common price arrangements and common resale price arrangements, but the mention of such classes of combines does not exclude from the operation of the regulations persons who fall within a class not mentioned.

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Appeal Made For Officers Demobilized

London, Jan. 30.—(Canadian Press)—Eloquent appeals were made today by Marshal Haig and Admiral Beatty at a Mansion House meeting to consider the construction of societies for assisting demobilized officers and, subsequently, demobilized men. When the London headquarters were firmly established it was suggested that branches be formed in the Dominions. Admiral Beatty indicated a request by showing a half-witted youth the sights of London.

Earl Haig declared it was not merely the Government who were responsible but the honor of every individual was involved. He added that there were proportionately more heart cases among officers than among men. The manner in which the Government which held money due these sufferers was scandalous, he said.

Great Enthusiasm Greets Assembling Of Dublin Council

Speeches Laudatory to Tom Kelly, Sinn Fein Member, Now in Durance Vile, Made by Assemblymen.

Dublin, Jan. 30.—When the new municipal council, composed mostly of Sinn Feiners, met for the first time today it was greeted with the greatest enthusiasm by huge crowds as the Republican flag was hoisted on the City Hall.

PUBLIC NOT SATISFIED WITH TORONTO RAILWAY

Insistent on Better Service During Rush Hours and Request Aid from Ontario Railroad Board.

Toronto, Jan. 30.—The city has secured from the Ontario Railway Board the appointment of Feb. 13 as the date when the Railway Board will be asked for an order compelling the Toronto Railway Company to provide two hundred street cars on penalty of paying a fine of \$1,000 a day. On the same date will be heard the city's application for an order compelling the company to turn out all its cars during rush hours.

Rome, Jan. 30.—Professor Magiora of Bologna University is reported to have succeeded in isolating the germ of Leishman's Encephalitis (sleeping sickness) in the blood of patients. He is now said to be preparing a serum to combat the disease.

Battle of Passchendaele Most Misunderstood of Whole War

Montreal, Jan. 30.—(By Canadian Press)—Lieut. General Sir Arthur Currie, Inspector General of Canadian Militia, speaking before the Returned Soldiers' Association of McGill College here, said that the battle of Passchendaele was the most misunderstood battle of the whole war, since it had resulted in such heavy losses with apparently small results in territory gained. The fact was, he said, that after the frightful losses of the

LONDON AROUSED OVER THE FURTHER FALL IN THE VALUE OF STERLING ON NEW YORK

Gompers Opposes The Compulsory Health Insurance

New York, Jan. 30.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor speaking today before the National Civic Federation, attacked compulsory health insurance, a bill for which is now before the United States Senate.

Mr. Gompers said he was unalterably opposed to the principle of compulsory health insurance and did not favor giving even the Government additional powers over the lives and normal activities of its people.

WHY SHOULD PUBLIC CARRY THE BURDEN? Railway Commission Warns Against Too Free a Use of Franks Distributed by Telegraph Companies.

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—In a judgment handed down today, and concurred in by other members of the Board, Chairman Carvell, of the Railway Commission, warns that very great care should be exercised in the distribution of franks by telegraph companies, because an application is now pending before this Board by the Telegraph Companies of Canada asking for a very substantial increase in their rates, amounting to from thirty to thirty-five per cent of the rates now in force, and any revenue lost by the giving of franks must be made up by the remainder of the community.

PESSIMISM NOT BECOMING TO SIR ANDREW McPHAIL

Reviews Pulp and Pulp Wood Industry of Canada in a Not Too Optimistic Vein.

Montreal, Jan. 30.—(By Canadian Press)—Speaking before the convention of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association today, Sir Andrew McPhail discussed in a somewhat pessimistic vein, "Paper making in its relation to the public weal." He stated he was not prepared to say that the discovery of America was the greatest disadvantage that had befallen civilization, or that the discovery of the West was the greatest calamity that had come to Canada, but he declared that the manufacturers would be obliged to face the existing condition until the United States and Canada filled up, then might come a situation of stability.

MATERNITY WING FOR HOSPITAL AT FREDERICTON

The New Addition to Victoria Hospital to be Sponsored by Hospital Aid Society at a Cost of \$25,000.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 30.—Major E. Flexman, of Ottawa, acting director of vocational training, is in the city inspecting the work being done at the D. S. C. R. school.

SHIPS INTERNED IN BRAZIL CAUSE OF DISCUSSION

Understood That France and United States Desire to Purchase German Craft—Allied Commission to Act.

London, Jan. 30.—The question of the right of Brazil to sell the German merchant ships, which were interned in Brazilian ports during the war, is being discussed in Paris by the Allied Commission which is debating the problem of the ultimate disposition of such vessels. The understanding here is that both France and the United States are negotiating for the purchase of the vessels Brazil holds.

Female Stowaways Reach States In Large Numbers

New York, Jan. 30.—Women stowaways have become so numerous since the war ended that Immigration officials today cautioned all steamship companies in this port to have their vessels carefully searched before departure from Europe. An instance of the heavy stowaway traffic was cited by an official who declared that a steamship, which reached an American port recently from Europe, brought more than twice as many female stowaways than the ship number of among its crew.

GOVT PROVIDES WHISKEY FOR FLU PATIENTS IN U. S.

United States Marshal Ordered to Supply Reputable Physicians With Requirements.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 30.—United States Marshal Henry Bohrentz was authorized this morning, in a telegram from Washington, to furnish free of charge to all reputable physicians whiskey to be used in the treatment of influenza cases. He will be required to keep record of the quantities furnished each physician, and the latter will report to the authorities the names of the patients, and amount furnished.

ESCAPES POLICE WHILE HANDCUFFED TO ANOTHER LAD

Fifteen Year Old Lad Springs Old Game on Officials Having Him in Charge—Later Captured.

Montreal, Jan. 30.—William Shore, a fifteen-year-old boy, who escaped from the police, between Portage La Prairie and Winnipeg, by jumping off a train while handcuffed to another lad, was found by detectives in the Quisque Hotel, Craig and St. Donat, Quebec, with Lily Brown, who has been arrested on an attempted theft. The woman, who is of the hotel thief type, was discovered by the manager while prowling about in his room at night. He summoned detectives, who found her in another room with the boy. "Arrest me," she told them, "but let my little boy go."

STORMY SCENES BREAK FORTH IN NAT'L ASSEMBLY

Different Factions Endeavor to Howl Each Other Down With Independents Proposal to Abolish State of Siege.

Berlin, Jan. 30.—There were stormy scenes in the National Assembly today during the discussion of the independent proposal to abolish the state of siege. The various factions trying to howl each other down, Dr. Heine, Prussian Minister of the Interior, urged continuation of the public safety precautions. He threatened the independent leaders with court martial, shouting: "You are joking at the risk of your lives."

THE ASHTON BYE-ELECTION TAKES PLACE TODAY

London, Jan. 30.—(Canadian Press Cable)—The Ashton by-election takes place tomorrow. The seat is vacant through the elevation of Sir Arthur Stanley to the peerage. Counting takes place February 12. The result is generally considered as uncertain.

UNIONIST REVIVE HOPES FOR ELECTION OF ASQUITH BECAUSE OF HIS OPPOSITION TO LABOR

Russian Soviets Sent Money By Courier Plan

Washington, Jan. 30.—The Russian Soviet Government succeeded in transmitting \$150,000 to its ambassador in the United States. The money was sent by couriers, ten of whom reached Washington and another ten were intercepted in Finland or Germany. Some of the latter were shot.

This statement was made today by Ludwig A. K. Martens, Bolshevik ambassador to the United States before the Senate Committee investigating Bolshevik propaganda in the United States.

Martens also submitted a list of 31 concerns including some of the big steel manufacturers in the country who were willing to trade with Bolshevik Russia.

Celebrate Birth Of The League Of Nations

Pres. Poincare Presides Over a Notable Gathering Held Yesterday in the Sorbonne.

Paris, Jan. 30.—A public celebration of the organization of the League of Nations was held today in the Sorbonne, presided over by President Poincare. Paul Deschanel, the president elect; Leon Bourgeois, Albert Thomas, former Premier Ribot and Andre Honnorat, Minister of Public Instruction, occupied places of honor.

Recounting the development of the idea carried out by the League, M. Bourgeois, who was the French member of the Commission which drafted the League of Nations covenant said: "President Wilson, by his message and personal efforts, offered the means of realizing this ideal in a great international Convention. Whatever defects there may be in it, the pact of April 28, 1919 is sealed between the free peoples a solemn agreement for the union of all for the safety and independence of all."

COL. J. D. CHIPMAN LEFT AN ESTATE VALUED AT \$56,792

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 30.—Lieut. Col. John D. Chipman, vice-president of Scott & Walmaley, Limited, insurance underwriters, this city, who died on September 19th last, left an estate valued at \$56,792. The widow and three children are bequeathed the bulk of the property. The following legacies are mentioned in the will: The widow, \$2,000; John Howland Chipman, son, \$1,000; Lady Alice Tilley, St. John, N. B., sister of the testator, and Mrs. Annie Toller, wife of Col. Fred Toller, Ottawa, each \$250; a sister, Mrs. Laura G. Howland, London, England, \$500; John H. Thomson, Elizabeth Thomson and Archibald Thomson, grandchildren, \$100 each; fourteen nephews and nieces, \$5 each; two god-children, John Easton, London, England, and Edwin Ganong, Toronto, \$25 each; John McDonald, St. Stephen, N. B., an old servant, \$50, and J. T. Whitlock, an old friend, \$50.

Colonel Chipman lived in St. Stephen until ten years ago.

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—S. Alexander, conductor, Thomas Evans, Thos. J. Curley and Walter Kent, who were the train crew of Number One Section in the Canadian Pacific Railway train wreck at North Bay on Sunday morning, have been ordered back to North Bay to attend the inquest to be held there tomorrow morning. They left Ottawa this evening.

Wholesale Robberies From Farmers In Carleton Co., Ont.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 30.—Wholesale robberies from farmers in the different townships in Carleton County, whereby large quantities of poultry, horse and cattle feed and even machinery, which have taken place very frequently of late, have culminated in even cattle being taken away "on the hoof."

Spectator Takes the Ground That Ex-Premier Has Read the Times Aright and is Willing to Fight Labor's Supremacy.

PAISLEY BODIES ARE STIFF-NECKED

Believed That Ex-Premier Will Not Gain Much by Trumpeting in Paisley District Tolerance for Bolshevism.

London, Jan. 30.—(Canadian Press)—The Spectator, a weekly Unionist review, hopes on the whole that ex-Premier Asquith will win the Paisley election. It thinks his definite opposition to the Labor party is by first importance, for he has read the signs of the time aright. "However wrong," says the Spectator, "Mr. Asquith may be about other things, he is quite safe in taking this particular line. Labor extremists, in whose presence so many persons display false alarm, are an insignificant minority. If it were a question of supporting Mr. Asquith's whole policy, or supporting him as a possible head of a new government, we should write differently. The ex-Premier's Irish record alone would prevent us supporting him as Premier, but we are not clear that it would be a real advantage to have him as the leader of the opposition."

The Saturday Review says that if the Prime Minister and his whip, Sir George Younger, had much control over local Paisley plans, it would have been a graceful and generous act to present Mr. Asquith with this seat, so far as the Coalitionists are concerned, but the Paisley bodies are probably the most stiff-necked of any in Western Scotland. The Saturday Review does not think that Mr. Asquith will gain much in the Scottish constituency by trumpeting tolerance to Bolshevism.

Official denial is forthcoming that the Unionist candidate has received a letter of support from Mr. Bonar Law.

The Labor wing at Paisley has decided finally not to run another candidate so the fear of a fourth nominee has disappeared.

Hon. Arthur Meighen Defends Acts of Union Gov't

Kingston, Ont., Jan. 30.—Hon. Arthur Meighen, Minister of the Interior, addressed the Canadian Club here tonight. He said that the Unionist Government had been charged with drifting. Only a short time ago, the charge was that the government was travelling too fast. He reminded the gathering that only Parliament could legislate, and he said, that the sole duty of the government between sessions was to conduct the public services.

Hon. Mr. Meighen said that this country was suffering from extremists and he considered it essential that the moderate men of every class should get together and form a party that could hold the ship of state steady and steer it safely. Class organization was all right, he said, but class organization for national control was another matter. He said that Meighen emphasized the need of workers to produce the things that the world needed, the selling of these things in the best markets and the saving of a large portion of the money paid for them.

The restoration of the balance of trade between Canada and the United States should be sought by every citizen of this country, the minister said. Speaking of the finances of the Dominion he touched upon the business profits tax which, he said, yielded about \$35,000,000 a year. This tax had been much criticized, Mr. Meighen said, but if it were wiped out some other kind of tax would have to be substituted. As to the Federal income tax, which, he said, realized about \$20,000,000 a year, the opinion had been expressed in some quarters that it was not high enough. He claimed that Canada should not be handicapped by too high a tax in the competition with other countries, and he said the United States income tax was virtually on a level with that of Canada.