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WOULD PERMIT PENSIONERS OF SLIGHT DISABILITY CHANCE TO ACCEPT SETTLEMENT IN FULL

Commissioners Urge Amendments to Present Laws Whereby a Veteran's Disability at End of Three Years Would Be Considered Permanent—Over 40,000 Men Affected Under the Proposed Change.

TO HEAR DEPUTATIONS.
Ottawa, April 16.—Canadian Press.—Suggested amendments to the pension act were before the special committee on pensions and re-establishment at its meeting this morning. These were in the form of recommendations from the board of pensions commissioners and the committee considered the clauses, some of them rather drastic in their proposals, which the committee submitted.

Adjournment was made to Tuesday morning next, when the pension proposals of the Great War Veterans will be dealt with. Deputations from the Amputation Club, Toronto, and the Trench Invalids' Welfare League were on hand this morning and will probably be heard.

Several striking changes in the pension laws were recommended to the special pensions committee of the Commons today in a statement submitted by the board of pensions commissioners. Consideration of the proposed amendments is now under way.

Among the important changes suggested was one whereby a pensioner's disability would be considered permanent after three years had elapsed from the date of the amendments being adopted. The board of pensions commissioners in their recommendations pointed out that many disabilities would increase with the aging of the pensioner, and medical re-examinations, if continued, would continue to increase Canada's pension bill.

Another important suggested amendment was to the effect that all pensioners of less than 20 per cent disability be given the option of accepting a lump sum gratuity in lieu of pensions. The amount of money involved would be between \$8,000,000 and \$12,000,000, and some 40,000 men would be affected by this decision. The gratuity would probably be paid off within three to five years, and the administrative expenses of it would be materially reduced by the adoption of such a plan.

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POLITICAL PRISONERS IN JAIL AT DUBLIN REFUSING TO EAT
Latest Hunger Strike Involves Guilty and Unconvicted.
FORTY ARE AFFECTED
Sergeant Henison, Wounded During Demonstration, Dies.

Dublin, April 16.—Another hunger strike is reported to have begun in Mountjoy prison. The political prisoners, both convicted and unconvicted, who are still detained there, refused to take food last night.

Sergt. Henison, who was shot during the passage of a procession through the streets of Balbriggan Wednesday, died today.

CZECHO-SLOVAK CABINET QUILTS
Premier and Colleagues Tender Resignations.

Prague, April 16.—Premier Vlastislav Tuscar's government, formed in July, 1919, has tendered its resignation to President Masaryk of Czechoslovakia.

STEAMSHIP TASHMOI DISABLED.
New York, April 16.—The steamship Tashmoi, New York to Irish ports, is disabled about 60 miles off Sandy Hook, with steering engine broken, according to wireless advices. The vessel is returning and is being operated by hand pump.

BUSINESS BLOCKS BURNED.
Grand Prairie, Alta., April 16.—Fire which caused losses amounting to about \$60,000, destroyed the Spencer, Donald, Patterson and Morrison buildings Wednesday night and did damage to adjoining structures.

What's Doing Tonight?
THEATRES.
Valetto—"Liberty Hall," all-star cast.
Star-Jack Dempsey in "Daredevil Jack."
Allen-Lew Cody in "The Beloved Cheat."
Grand—"Tolliver."
Loew's-Billy Burke in "Sadie Love," and vaudeville.

OTHER EVENTS.
Informal Dance—Ontario Hospital, auspices of Good Cheer society.
Oddfellows—Canton London's seventh annual "at home," Oddfellows' Hall, Alma Block.
A. F. and A. M.—Kilwinning Lodge, 64, Masonic Temple, 730 p.m.
Pet Stock and Poultry Association—Duffield Hall, 8 p.m.

STRIKE LEADERS ARE ALLOWED LIBERTY ON BAIL, ON PROMISE TO CEASE ACTIVITIES

Railway Strikers in Chicago Area Less Aggressive Since Govt. Action.

PLANS OF THE I. W. W. Haywood Claims Organization Had Nothing to Do With Causing Trouble.

Chicago, April 16.—Chicago strike leaders were at liberty this morning under bonds of \$10,000, or were arranging for bail, on promise to refrain from participation in strike activities pending hearing of charges of violation of the Lever food control act. Their active militia, it was pointed out, was not a part of the I. W. W. This would be a final payment of all his claims.

Consider Rank on Return.
Amendments would also extend the provision of the act to men in the headquarters staff, permanent force and active militia. It was proposed to make the present pension act applicable to every soldier and sailor, but not to pensioners on disability or death were attributable to service.

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WOMEN ASK TO BE ALLOWED TO DON OVERALLS
Dallas, Texas, April 16.—Women working in the offices of the Texas and Pacific Railway here yesterday asked permission to don overalls along with men of the office who have been granted that privilege.

The office force here includes approximately 800 persons. City employees, however, have petitioned the city commission to declare blue overalls the uniform for city employees.

French Artist Gives His Last Work to Nation
Ferdinand Roybet Presented Painting of Noted General to Country.

Paris, April 16.—Ferdinand Roybet, the noted artist, who died here on April 11, spent the last few months of his life in painting a portrait of the late Gen. Gallieni, who in 1914, by using tactics, mauled forces on the right flank of the advancing German army and broke the offensive of the enemy when it was almost within sight of Paris. He was in difficult circumstances, but refused to sell the picture, preferring to present it to the Hotel des Invalides where it will take a place among the other treasures collected by the nation.

MONTREAL DAILY STAR PRINTERS ON STRIKE
Montreal, April 16.—The Montreal Daily Star appears today in a somewhat irregular manner, owing to the fact that its typographical staff struck last night without warning. While the strike in other newspapers was not decided not to go out with them, the Star management early in the week announced a bonus of \$5 a week to day and night staffs, an increase similar to that which had been granted to printers in the employ of the Montreal Gazette, but this was rejected to-night in an emergency meeting of the Star staff, and a strike was then declared, with the result that the night staff at once ceased work. The Star management took the matter into their own hands and refused to admit the president of the local or the international representative to their meeting.

The work of the men who decided to return to the office was supplemented by type set on the instructions of the officials of the International Typographical Union, who have forklift in the strike. The men who returned to work when it was thought that no printers would be on hand this morning, the result was a photograph of the press in the recent New York printers' strike.

SHOOTING WRONG MAN
Saskatoon, April 16.—Enraged at his brother-in-law, Jake Sentf, for alleged improper relations with his wife, Harry Johnson drew a revolver and in attempting to shoot Jake shot Fred Sentf instead, killing him instantly. The killing was unintentional. Johnson was taken to the hospital, where he is held under guard, after he had slashed his throat and wrist in two attempts at suicide.

JAIL SENTENCE
Cecil Devine to Spend Two Months at Chateau Carter.

Cecil Devine, who a week ago pleaded guilty in police court to charges of theft, was sentenced this morning to two months in the common jail for such thing. The sentence will run concurrently. He had stolen a suit of clothes from a patient in Victoria Hospital while he was employed as an orderly there, and a watch chain and charm from an employee of the Victoria House, while working at that place.

1ST BATTALION BAND.—The band of the 1st Battalion, W. O. R., promises to be one of the best in the province. Already there are 36 men on the strength, and the prospects for a great many more are bright. Practically the whole of the Marconi Band under Professor Venetta has joined the ranks of the W. O. R.

THOUSANDS WALK UPSTAIRS WHEN ELEVATOR MEN STRIKE

New York, April 16.—Revival of the lost art of walking upstairs was forced upon thousands of reluctant persons in New York today by a strike of 17,000 union elevator operators.

The operators, who voted last night to strike for increased pay and shorter hours, did not show up for work this morning. Rummings of the apartment stores, and apartment houses, however, and an effort was made to maintain a service, but it was not adequate to the demand.

The great office buildings in the downtown skyscraper district, some of which house more than 10,000 persons each work day, were hard hit. Stranded thousands of persons, overcrowding the few cars that were operated by engineers, electricians and hastily-gathered volunteers. Many were forced to climb to offices on the tenth, twentieth or thirtieth floors.

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CAPT. MACDUFF, C-P-R COLONIZATION DEPT. MEETING FIRST PARTY OF C-P-R EMIGRANTS (SEASON 1920) AT ST. JOHN—A FINE TYPE OF PROSPEROUS SETTLERS

ARMENIANS AND TURKS FIGHTING IN NORTH SYRIA

American Mission Buildings Are Occupied by the Armenians.

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GERMAN GOVERNMENT FEARING NEW REVOLT, MASSES TROOPS IN CENTRAL PART OF BERLIN

Herr Severing, Prussian Minister of the Interior, Orders That Public Be Barred From That Section of the City Containing Government Buildings—Situation Is Reported Serious in Pomerania.

Berlin, April 16.—Government troops were massed in the centre of Berlin last night following the return of Herr Severing, Prussian minister of the interior, from the Ruhr district, where he was sent to conduct operations.

Among the units assembled were fifteen tanks, twenty armored cars and several detachments of machine gunners, and it is presumed this military movement was a result of rumors of a new revolt impending.

Herr Severing has ordered that the public be barred from the quarter of the city containing government buildings, and Wilhelmstrasse and Unter den Linden were held by fully-armed troops all day yesterday.

Conditions in Pomerania, where reactionaries are said to be very active, are reported to be of the utmost gravity.

DANGER OF A NEW REVOLT AGAINST GOVT. HAS PASSED.
Paris, April 16.—The danger of a new uprising against the Ebert Government in Germany apparently has passed for the time being, according to advices from Berlin today. Strict repressive measures are still being taken, however, the advices say.

Recent dispatches have reported a grave situation in Pomerania, with rumors of an impending revolt.

Indian War Hero Is Awarded Black Star of Poland
Capt. A. G. E. Smith of Hagersville, Has Wonderful Record.

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