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SIDESTEPPIING BY THE UNION GOVERNMENT

H. C. L. Problem Not a Welcome Subject

Indication of Desire to Shelve Debate About Board of Commerce — Sphinx-like on Motion for Abolition.

(Special to Times) Ottawa, Ont., April 13—Union government is sidestepping any discussion in the Commons of the Board of Commerce and its work, and the ever present problem of the H. C. L. Almost a month ago a resolution was placed on the order paper asking for an order of the House for a copy of all correspondence between the Board of Commerce or any of its members and the government respecting Judge Robson's resignation of the chairmanship. Every time the resolution has been reached it has been allowed to stand over at Sir George E. Foster's request. Last night there was further evidence that shows the government desires to shelve all debate relating to the Board of Commerce. There are many enemies of the board in the House, the question of its jurisdiction is still before the supreme court of Canada, and if the government has any policy on the subject, either to make more clear the board's powers or to solve the high cost of living, it is obviously determined to maintain a sphinx-like attitude.

H. DeLauriers, of St. Mary's, Que., introduced a resolution calling for the abolition of the Board of Commerce, and the substitution thereof of provincial boards. Half of dozen members of the opposition participated in the debate, but S. F. Glass, of East Middlesex, was the only Unionist who contributed to it. Not one of the Farmers' party members have anything to say. Usually a member of the government makes some sort of reply to the resolutions of private members, but not so with Mr. DeLauriers' motion. The ministers merely looked on and were silent.

When the resolution was put to a vote it was defeated by the government supporters, although there was not a large attendance in the House. It was impossible to distinguish whether the Farmers' party voted for or against it, did their voices could not be heard above those of the government and Liberal supporters.

Alphonse Verreille, Liberal Labor member for St. Denis, Que., made some veiled threats of future strikes and labor unrest if the government did not take quick action to alleviate the high cost of living. He informed John H. Barnham, of West Burnham, that he would hang all the politicians.

Ottawa, April 13—(Canadian Press)—Yesterday in the House of Commons, first reading was given to a bill to amend the civil service act. It provides for the reclassification of the civil service on April 1, 1919. A bill to confirm the agreement for the acquisition of the Grand Trunk Railway was introduced; also a bill to amend the domain lands act, so as to give soldiers who served in United States armies home-coming privileges.

Col. J. A. Currie introduced a resolution to restore pensions privileges to Grand Trunk employees who were penalized for taking part in strikes. This resolution was withdrawn.

More clauses of the franchise bill were considered in committee.

Third reading was given to a bill to provide for settlement of the British Columbia Indian lands dispute.

THE SENATE DID NOT SIT

HAVE DISCHARGED 30,000 TO DATE

That Many Canadian Soldiers As Unfitted for Service.

Ottawa, April 12—Thirty thousand Canadian soldiers have been discharged to date as unfit for further military service. This figure was made known today by the records branch of the militia department, which has practically completed the rather tremendous task of distributing the king's certificate on discharge to all such members of the Canadian expeditionary force.

LOOTS THE TOWN BEFORE LEAVING

Plauen, April 12—(By Associated Press)—Owing to the energy of the Saxon government against Max Hoels, communist leader and former lecturer in a motion picture theatre, Hoels and his band of marauders have disappeared and their whereabouts is unknown. They took the precaution to cut the telegraph and telephone wires leading out of Plauen before their flight.

Before quitting his headquarters at Falkenstein near Plauen, Hoels, angered at the refusal of the Plauen business community to submit to his levy of a half million marks, had his raiders descend upon the town. They compelled all the cafe and restaurant patrons to turn their pockets inside out and give up their money. The raiders then turned to the wealthy citizens, rifled a safe or two and returned with the loot to Falkenstein.

BURNS WANTS TO FIGHT AGAIN

London, April 13—(Canadian Associated Press)—Tommy Burns, of Calgary, ex-heavy-weight boxing champion, will fight in the Daily Mail, says he has decided to return to the ring. He is willing to meet Beckwith who considers him the best fighter in England today. Burns says that he is still on the look-out for a promising champion.

Much Better in The West and Much Worse In The East

Situation Today in Switchmen's Strike — Bad in New York Region — General Wood Takes a Hand — Kansas Coal Industry About Paralyzed

Chicago, April 13—Main strength of the striking railroad workers today was exerted in the section east of Pittsburgh and in the Pacific northwest, with conditions, according to railroad brotherhood leaders and railway officials in the remainder of the country, pointing toward a return to normal. Around New York passenger service was hard hit and several thousands of workers were threatened with enforced idleness unless the situation quickly changed.

As epitomized by the brotherhood leaders today the entire situation was West—Vastly better.

Chicago—Much improved. East—Vastly worse, particularly New York.

From the Ohio river west to the coast the brotherhood leaders said, the strike was "burning out."

Brotherhood and railroad officials awaited with much interest the expected announcement by Attorney-General Palmer of the government's policy toward the strike.

In Chicago, where the strike started two weeks ago with a walkout of switchmen on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, conditions were sufficiently improved today to permit lifting by several railroads the embargo placed a week ago. Railroad officials estimated 25 per cent more freight was moved at Chicago yesterday than any other day since the strike started.

The Illinois Central Railroad reported freight traffic at Chicago was moving at a rate of 80 per cent of normal. The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad had 114 switching crews at work and reported normal.

At the Chicago stock yards 240 cow and calf stock were received yesterday, the largest volume in more than a week, and 10,000 employees returned to work. Approximately 35,000 workers still were idle, however.

Only about 25 per cent of Chicago's freight traffic is being received but railroad officials announced that if the situation became serious coal shipments would be given preference.

At Gary, Ind., thousands of steel workers were idle and last night steel production was at a standstill.

Railroad managers reiterated today the determination not to treat with the strikers who planned yesterday to present demands to the company representatives.

John Gruman, head of the strikers' new union, maintained his claims that freight traffic would remain intact and would not yield.

A break came in the strike at St. Louis when 224 Pacific switchmen consented to return to work yesterday. Strikers at Pueblo, Col., Muskogee, Okla., Saginaw, Mich., and several points in Dayton, Ohio, and several other points also decided to end the walkout.

Freight traffic continued badly impaired at Kansas City and railroad officials reported little improvement.

In Detroit the effect of the strike became more serious, approximately 100,000 factory workers in Detroit and other Michigan cities were without regular work. Detroit was lightless last night.

At Cleveland the strike spread to the Collinwood shops of the New York Central, where 200 shophmen walked out and a further menace was presented that shophmen were planning a city-wide walkout on Thursday.

The Columbus yardmen's union voted to call out all switchmen handling passenger traffic.

At Toledo a number of factories were closed today, and at Indianapolis a gas shortage was feared as the result of the cutting off of fuel shipments.

At Terre Haute, Ind., 500 switchmen voted to join the insurgents when Baltimore and Ohio switchmen walked out last night.

GENERAL WOOD TAKES HAND.

Boston, April 13—Major-General Leonard Wood today cancelled the leave of absence which he obtained to make a campaign for the Republican nomination and said he would leave for Chicago to resume his duties as commander-in-chief of the central department. He said that his action was due to the railroad strike conditions.

Montreal, April 13—The announcement was made at the offices of the C. P. R. today that passenger trains between United States points and Canada had not been affected by the strike on American railroads.

Pittsburg, Kas., April 13—Almost complete paralysis of the Kansas coal industry is reported today. The announcement at the headquarters of the coal operators as to operations said that only four steam shows were working. No deep mines were working.

BROTHERHOODS HELP BREAK IT.

New York, April 13—Union labor's co-operation in an effort to break the unauthorized strike of railroad workers here was pledged last night by representatives of four big railroad brotherhoods in conference with the representatives of the eastern roads. A statement given out after the meeting characterized the strike as "a mob movement" and asserted it was "bound to break."

KING AND QUEEN ARE NOT TO VISIT SPAIN.

London, April 13—The arrangements of King George and Queen Mary up to the present time do not include a visit to Spain this year. This was announced yesterday. A despatch from Madrid April 10 said it was reported from Sautero that the king and queen were about to visit Spain.

To Peace Conference.

Paris, April 13—M. Titulesco, former Roumanian minister of finance, has been appointed a delegate from Roumania to the peace conference.

As Hiram Sees It

Where be you going to pour in these widows' tears? asked Mr. Hiram Hornbeam of the Times reporter.

"What widows?" said the reporter.

"There," replied Hiram. "They'll all be widows."

"What for?" asked the reporter.

"For the widows' pensions," said Hiram. "Didn't you hear about it?"

"It did not," said the reporter.

"You orto go down to Brussels street," said Hiram. "It'd make a good story for the reporter."

"It is certainly news to me," said the reporter.

"I told me about it this mornin'," said Hiram. "One feller told me the Lord bed tetcht his heart the mornin' they begin to talk about payin' Brussels street. Another feller said 'Amen' an' Halleyuh—'an' said the Lord was openin' the eyes of the people like they hadn't been opened since the big revival sixty or seventy year ago. They both had seemed as if the Lord bed chosen them for a special purpose."

"One moment," said the reporter. "Isn't that an odd story re-visited? It seems to me that once when a big corporation was in trouble and the people took a hand and tried to squeeze the water out of the corporation produced a picture her stock went down in value. There will be no widows' pensions. There will be no widows' taxes paid. The widow is a convenient shield for the corporation's stock and the bank you heard in Brussels street is what. Today the widow is forgotten and left to waste the mud."

"Good Lord!" said Hiram.

"Good Devil!" added the reporter.

Walking In Sleep, P. E. I. Man Meets Death in Vancouver

Vancouver, B. C., April 13—(By Associated Press)—Evidently walking in his sleep, Colin C. MacLennan, manager of the Danforth hotel, fell from the window of the hotel yesterday morning, and suffered injuries which resulted in his death.

He was a native of Prince Edward Island.

TEN MAY USE THE "SPIT BALL"

Cleveland, Ohio, April 13—Only ten American pitchers are eligible to use the spit ball during the 1920 season, President Johnson announced last night, pending to his departure north for New York.

Cleveland has nominated Cokeskie and Caldwell; Chicago, Gicotte and Faber; Detroit, Leonard and Ayers; St. Louis, Shocker and Gallia; New York, Quinn; Boston, Russell.

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French Difficulty is Now About Solved

HELPER FOR A CHAIRMAN

Mr. Otty's Time Expired — Public Utilities Commission Cannot Act.

Fredrickton, April 13—With one of the most important cases which has been before it during recent years awaiting attention of the New Brunswick Telephone Company, the Public Utilities Commission, that body finds itself without a chairman, and consequently unable to proceed. The situation has just come to light on the eve of the hearing of the application of the New Brunswick Telephone Company for permission to increase its rates to meet increased cost of operation and to make necessary improvements and extensions.

The hearing was fixed for Thursday of this week but whether it will be held or not depends upon the action of the government in dealing with the situation.

The lack of a chairman has occurred through the expiration of the term of G. O. D. Otty, K.C. The original act, providing for the appointment of the commission, passed in 1910, contained no provision for limiting the tenure of office of the commissioners, but a amendment adopted in the following year contained a new section to the effect that "each commissioner shall hold office during good behaviour, during ten years from the date of his appointment, and may be removed at any time by the lieutenant-governor-in-council for cause."

As Mr. Otty was appointed on December 12, 1910, his term expired yesterday, and as he contains no provision for carrying on the affairs of the commission with less than the full number of three members it is apparent that the business will be suspended until the board until the government has reappointed Mr. Otty or appointed a new chairman.

Mr. Otty is the only survivor of the original board, appointed in 1910. The latter members who took office with the commission was established were Colonel J. McLeod, Vincent, K.C., of St. John's, chairman, and O. M. C. of St. John's, vice-chairman, and G. O. D. Otty, K.C., of St. John's, secretary.

The second quarterly conference of the St. Philip's church was held last evening in the church. Rev. C. A. Stewart, the presiding officer of the conference, preached on Sunday to large audiences. Three persons accepted Christ at the morning service and at the evening service, which was attended by many, five persons requested the church to pray for them.

The quarterly conference reports showed the church to be in a very healthy condition. It is gratifying to note that St. Philip's has enjoyed the unusual experience of four years of pleasant and undisturbed leadership, and in the spirit of harmony which prevails is the boast of its members and friends. The boards and auxiliaries work with an interest born of the confidence and respect which they hold for their pastor, Rev. R. H. W. Pung, and consequently the financial reports are considerably larger than heretofore.

The various departments of the church are energetic. The Sunday school, under the superintendency of R. H. McIntyre, continues to do very good work. The choir, with J. N. Barkeley as chorister and Charles Hamilton as organist, shows marked improvement and the net missionary and willing workers societies are busy in their privileges to work for the church.

The presiding officer spoke very complimentary of the work and addressed the conference to continue the great work.

BETTING ON DERBY

London, April 13—(Canadian Associated Press)—Betting on the city and suburban today was: Victoria, 10 to 1; Furlons, 8 to 1; Brigadier, 10 to 1; Scotwell, 10 to 8; Riazio, 10 to 1; Sir Orpheus, 10 to 8; Archibald, 10 to 8; Albeny and Winsau, 20 to 1.

Derby betting was—Furlons, 11 to 2; Prince Galahad, 8 to 1; Scotwell, 10 to 1; Sir Orpheus, 10 to 8; Archibald, 10 to 8; Albeny and Winsau, 20 to 1.

CERTIFICATE FOR OUR SOLDIERS WHO WERE PRISONERS OF WAR.

Ottawa, April 13—The latest certificate to be received here by the militia department for presentation to Canadian soldiers, is that to be given out soon to a large number of former prisoners of war. It certifies that the soldier concerned displayed "determination and soldierly qualities in his efforts to escape when in the hands of the enemy."

The chairman of the standing committee of inquiry on prisoners of war from the British forces.

BONUS FOR NEW JERSEY MEN WHO WENT TO WAR.

Trenton, N. J., April 13—The senate last night passed the bonus bill (bonus bill allowing \$10 a month for each month of service in the army or navy, with \$100 a maximum of \$100 is fixed. A bond issue of \$12,000,000 for paying the bonus will be referred to the people to vote upon.

IN SOUTH THEY WEAR OVERALLS

Business and Professional Men Fight H. C. L.

Movement Begun in Tampa and Spreads — Wear Blue Denim Till Price of Clothing Comes Down.

Birmingham, Ala., April 13—Birmingham newspaper publishers have flatly denied a request of a committee of retail clothing stores that news of the "overall" movement through the south be suppressed on the ground that it was damaging retail clothing business.

The publishers informed the clothing committee that their papers would continue to report the overall movement, which they considered legitimate news.

The Tampa idea of wearing overalls as a means of fighting the high cost of clothing which originated in the city bearing its name, has spread to many cities throughout the south where business and professional men as well as workers are going all in blue denim.

It was reported here on Saturday that when the demand for overalls began some retailers had raised the prices from \$2 to \$6 a pair.

Mass meetings and public demonstrations are being held in connection with the movement in many places throughout the south. It was reported yesterday that there were 4,000 members of the "overall club" in Birmingham alone, all pledged to wear blue denim until the price of clothing comes down.

GUATEMALA CITY IS BESIEGED

Ousted President's Army Shelling Town — Revolution Spreads.

Guatemala City, April 13—Troops supporting Carlos Herrera, who has been proclaimed president of the republic following a swift revolution, are holding this city, although it is closely besieged by an army of 4,000 men. President Estrada Cabrera. Shells from guns in the hands of these troops have fallen in many places, but no serious damage has been done to the loss of life among civilians are as yet unknown.

Herrera's forces hold the principal railroad leading to this city, and reports indicate the revolution has spread over most of the interior of the country.

GREAT ON TALK BUT IS SHY ON READING

New York, April 13—Although he speaks fluently six languages and had lived in New York city ten years, Geo. Arsenis, a Greek grocer, has been held with his wife at Ellis Island since Feb. 20 because he is unable to pass the literacy test.

He speaks French, English, Spanish, Italian, Greek and Roumanian but could not read the required forty words of any language that would re-admit him to this country after a long stay abroad.

Arsenis and his wife, who is English and able to read, went to Europe several years ago on a long vacation. Legislation putting into effect the literacy test was passed during their absence.

SHOOTS GIRL AND SELF IN HOUSE IN WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, April 13—After firing five shots at Myra Fyler, nineteen years old, and Mrs. W. J. Cloughton, owner of a boarding house, George Locke shot himself in the temple and also was taken to the hospital. He is not expected to survive. Miss Fyler was wounded in the right arm and also was taken to the hospital. Mrs. Cloughton was unharmed.

The shooting is believed to have followed a quarrel in Mrs. Cloughton's house.

WATER SPOUT AND HAIL STORM WRECK VILLAGE

Havana, April 13—Three hundred houses and some tobacco warehouses were wrecked when a water spout and hail storm struck the village of Baer, Santa Clara province, early on Sunday morning, according to dispatches received here. Two persons are reported killed and a large number were injured and 150 families are homeless as a result of the storm.

SENATOR FOWLER CASE APPEAL

Ottawa, April 13—George Kidd, counsel for Senator George W. Fowler, will appeal on behalf of his client a judgment entered by Justice Latchford in the Supreme Court of Ontario, because he did not appear to defend an action brought against him by the Capital Trust Corporation.

Mr. Kidd said that he is taking the appeal in the interests of other senators as well as for Mr. Fowler. He contends that a member of the senate is entitled to exemption as a witness and the appeal court will be asked to decide whether a similar privilege extends to a senator if he is a principal. Mr. Fowler had contended that he could not attend because of his duties in the senate.

REPORT RAINBOW WILL BE SCRAPPED

Vancouver, B. C., April 13—According to reports here, efforts of the federal government to sell H. M. S. Rainbow, now lying at Esquimaut, have failed and the officials have decided to scrap the ship.

WEATHER REPORT

INCREASE IN POSTAL RATES IN MOTHERLAND

Big Deficit to Be Made Up and This Will Likely Be Budget Announcement.

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