

MARK WORKMAN RAISES VOICE IN PROTEST

Objects to Steel Merger as Planned Until More Definite Information is forthcoming.

LONDON ADVISORY COM. WITH HIM

Demand Information re Property Scale and Financial Condition of All Companies in Scheme.

London, June 15.—(By Canadian Associated Press.)—Mary Workman, Canadian member of the London Advisory Committee of the Dominion Steel Corporation, made the following statement to the Canadian Associated Press, today, regarding the merging of minor companies with the British Empire Steel Corporation.

"On May 6, I attended a meeting of the London Advisory Committee, amongst whom attending were Sir William Beardmore, Benjamin Talbot, who also represented the Furnesses, and Henry Steel. Opportunity was afforded me to state my views and those of my directors as to the question of entering the British Empire Steel Corporation, I pointed out the great risks of our having English co-operation to help develop our natural resources through their financial assistance. I found the members of the committee fully alive to the advantages, both from the commercial and sentimental standpoint, I then brought to their notice the proposal to merge several minor companies in the concern, and expressed the view that I considered many of those companies non-essential, and even detrimental to our mutual interests, but that, in any event, these companies should not be merged without the fullest investigation into property valuation and financial conditions, and due regard as to the price at which it was proposed to bring them into the amalgamation."

Full Information Wanted. "The committee were then unanimously, instructing their secretary to send a cable to Canada asking that full information be furnished the Advisory Committee in regard to the property scale and financial condition of all companies it was proposed to place in the merger. It was intimated that, in the meantime, the directors of the Dominion Steel Corporation would safeguard all interests here before any action was taken."

"The Advisory Committee," continued Mr. Workman, "are still without the information asked for regarding the companies it is proposed to merge. Under these conditions, I feel it my duty, and in the interest of all concerned, that I make these facts public. I protest most vigorously against this proposed merger of non-essential companies without the fullest investigation, and in this I have, to the best of my knowledge, the fullest cooperation of members of the London Advisory Committee. Some of the most influential members of the London syndicate have already lodged protests with the syndicate manager here."

ATTEMPT MADE TO BURN BARN

Spite Shown Against Officer Engaged in Enforcement of Prohibitory Law.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., June 15.—An attempt has been made to burn down a barn on the farm of a constable engaged in the enforcement of the Prohibition Act in Victoria County, according to a report given out today by Rev. W. D. Wilson, the chief inspector.

LIBERALS AGAINST NAVAL ESTIMATES

At Caucus Yesterday They Decide Upon Their Future Action.

Ottawa, June 15.—(By Canadian Press)—The Liberal members of the Commons met in caucus this morning when, it is understood, discussion centered chiefly on the progress made during the session and the matters still on the order paper.

PASSING 'PHONEY' MONEY.

Saskatoon, Sask., June 15.—A resident of Wakow, Sask., found guilty of covering a cent piece with 'silver' paper and passing it off as a quarter has been sentenced to thirty days' imprisonment with hard labor.

AMERICANS OBJECT

Officers of U. S. Ship at Dublin Didn't Want to be Searched for Arms.

Dublin, June 15.—The removal of personal arms from the officers of an American ship which arrived at Dublin became the subject of inquiry by the American Consular officials today. When the freighter Milwaukee Bridge arrived at Dublin recently the police took pistols from the captain and three other officers under pretext that a raid for arms by Sinn Feiners was feared. It is pointed out that a ship, while in port, is amenable to local law but the American officials want assurance that there is an apparent necessity for the seizure of arms in Irish ports.

SEAMEN'S CONFERENCE OPENED AT GENOA

Proposition "to Make Seamen All the World Over Freemen" Was Defeated—Canada Well Represented.

Genoa, June 15.—The International Seamen's Conference opened here yesterday with delegates from many countries present. Canada's representatives are G. J. Desbarats, Deputy Minister of Naval Service, Thomas Robb, Secretary of the Shipping Federation of Montreal, and C. J. Gauthier, of Montreal.

At the preliminary session yesterday a proposition submitted by the United States delegates, which, they declare, was designed "to make seamen all the world over freemen" was defeated. The British, French and the Belgian and Spanish delegates voted against it and it was supported by Italy, Holland, Norway, Germany, Sweden and Japan.

While as to nations, the proposition had a majority the actual vote by the delegates stood 15 to 23 with five refusing to vote and ten absent. Andrew Furuseth, President of the International Seamen's Union, one of the United States delegates, in urging the proposal, claimed that, at present, European seamen have the status of "serfs, being unable to enjoy the liberties and rights acknowledged as belonging to all men."

COLONEL TOLLER DIES AT OTTAWA

Well Known Figure in Military and Financial Circles—Brother-in-Law of Lady Tilley.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, June 15.—Lieut. Colonel Frederick Toller, former controller of Dominion currency and at one time officer commanding the Governor General's Foot Guard, died this morning. Colonel Toller was 79 years of age and was a well known figure in military and financial circles in Ottawa. He was one of the oldest and most highly respected officers of the G. G. F. G. and took an active interest in the unit for 20 years. On his retirement a few years ago he held the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and commanded the regimental band of the Dominion Currency.

Besides his widow he is survived by four sons and three daughters. They are Guy N., Philip B., Owen C., and William Toller, all of Ottawa, and Mrs. J. G. Granston of Arnprior, Mrs. T. H. Markay, of Montreal, and Mrs. G. B. Greene, Jr., of Ottawa. His family have decided that there shall be no military funeral.

BRITISH COMMANDERS TO REMAIN NEUTRAL

London, June 14.—(By Canadian Associated Press)—The First Lord of the Admiralty, Right Hon. Walter Long, stated in the House of Commons today that British commanders in the Black Sea had been instructed not to assist either the offensive or defensive operations. The Prime Minister again denied that the British had assisted General Wrangel's attack.

FEDERATION OF LABOR TAKES FIRM STAND

On Questions Agitating the Public Mind—Let Russia Work Out Its Own Destinies.

DECLARE STRONGLY AGAINST O. B. U.

Building Trades Branch of Federation to War on O. B. U. in Winnipeg.

METHODISTS CLOSE THEIR CONFERENCE

Conference Has 16,000 Enrolled in Sunday Schools With 1,799 Officers and Teachers—District Officers.

Sackville, N. B., June 15.—At this morning's session of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Methodist Conference, reconsideration of the contingent fund report was given. It was moved to amend it and make the amount \$400. The report of the committee on Religious Education was submitted. Statistics showed a total enrollment in Sunday Schools of 16,000 officers and teachers 1,799; total 18,449. Raised by Sunday Schools for all purposes, \$19,808.32, an increase of \$2,975.00.

The Building Trades organizations of the Federation of Labor today declared war on the "One Big Union" of Canada. They decided to send representatives from each of the twenty international unions of the building trades department into Winnipeg, Man., to open the campaign. The One Big Union movement in Vancouver, B. C., Montreal and other cities will also be fought by similar methods. Officials of the Building Trades Union said that it had been decided to revoke charters of all local unions that fail to oust O. B. U. members. New locals will be formed wherever a charter is withdrawn.

THE POLITICAL PRISONERS

The convention also called upon President Wilson and Attorney General Palmer of the United States to secure "amnesty for all political prisoners." The resolution adopted declared that "further prosecution and imprisonment of the United States and political offenders is contrary to democratic ideals, and the traditions of freedom to which our country is committed."

Lucy Robbins, of the Central Labor Body of New York, in an address declared that 1,700 persons were being held in prisons in the United States for alleged war-time offenses, and because of their "political beliefs." The federation also pledged its support to Senator Brandegee's joint resolution of amnesty of "political prisoners" and repeal of the Espionage Law.

The convention also instructed the Executive Council to continue its efforts to obtain from the Governor of California a full pardon for Thomas J. Mooney and Wm. T. Billings. The final employment of the injunction by the Government, under the Lever Act, against the bituminous coal miners in the recent strike was condemned.

ALVA PEEL TRIAL BEGINS AT AMHERST

Grand Jury Returns True Bills on Three Charges Lodged Against Respondent.

Special to The Standard. Amherst, N. S., June 15.—Court opened at ten o'clock this morning and in the case of King vs Alva Peel on three charges, manslaughter, arson and negligently causing fire, came before his Honor Mr. Justice Ritchie of the Supreme Court, and true bills were found by the grand jury on all charges. There was a considerable body of evidence upon which these charges were preferred. One was that Alva Peel did unlawfully kill Lewis A. King. This was a charge of manslaughter only. The second count was that the accused had wilfully set fire to a certain block of buildings, a charge of arson, the last charge was that Peel had negligently caused a fire which resulted in the death of King and destroyed much valuable property.

HUDSON BAY ROUTE

Its Feasibility Questioned by Many Senators—N. B. Senators Divided in Opinion.

Ottawa, June 15.—(Canadian Press)—Opposition to the report of the Senate Committee, which investigated the feasibility of the Hudson Bay route, developed today when that report was debated in the Senate today. Senator Fowler, chairman of the committee, outlined the report and moved the adoption.

MAKING CANVASS FOR DOM. PROXIES

Montreal, June 15.—A fairly active canvass for proxies for the Dominion Steel meeting is being made on the local street. The different firms and brokers have been called on in connection with the proxies which they have for the meeting. The adjournment of the annual meeting has been made until Friday and, even though the time is short, every endeavor is being made to get as large a representation of the stock of the company as possible, either by having shareholders attend the meeting or by sending a proxy for it tomorrow.

O'CONNOR QUILTS COMMERCE BOARD

Will Retire to His Private Practice if His Resignation is Accepted.

Ottawa, June 15.—It is understood that W. F. O'Connor, K. C., whose resignation from the Board of Commerce was handed the Government today, will retire to his private practice at the end of this month, if his resignation is accepted. Mr. O'Connor was out of town tonight and the other officials of the Board are in Toronto so that no definite statement could be obtained. There is a rumor that Mr. O'Connor will be succeeded by a United States corporation which will shortly establish a pulpwood industry in Southern Labrador, and which will manufacture pulpwood exclusively for the British market.

ITALY GIVEN A SHOCK AT GRIM ALBANIAN WAR

Rudely Awakened to Fact That Real Campaign Must be Waged.

FLOCKING TO COLORS ALL OVER COUNTRY

Desperate Night Charge Saves Avlona from Capture. Rome, June 14.—After a furious night battle lasting over four hours, Avlona has been saved from capture by Albanian rebels through a desperate bayonet charge on the part of Italian Alpine troops.

While the attack began shortly after midnight on Friday the city was already isolated, for all communications had been destroyed except from the sea. The Albanian insurgents, whose number is diversely estimated at 5,000, 10,000 and 40,000, had mined every road, blown up every bridge and occupied all the adjacent heights whereon they had planted batteries of 6-inch guns wrested from the Italians earlier in the month.

The fighting over the Albanian bayonet charge of the Alpine finally put the rebels to flight, leaving behind 600 dead, the Italians captured the battery of guns and took several thousand prisoners, among whom were many Turkish officers and Albanian demagogues.

The civil population, together with the actual garrison of Avlona, have been transported to Brindisi. There are uncertain reports about the fate of the garrison at Scutari, but those of Santi Quaranta, Dule, and Antivari have been driven to embark. Durazzo continues to maintain a plucky resistance, but every preparation has been made for its abandonment.

The dispatch of men and munitions to Albania, where a national insurrection is said to have now in progress everywhere has been impeded through partial strikes of seamen and railwaymen in various ports and cities and the upper Italy, proclaimed for this very purpose.

VANCE LEADS FIELD IN TRAPSHOOTING

Last Year's "Champ" Makes a Big Clean-Up in Sweepstakes.

Ottawa, Ont., June 15.—Under exceptionally favorable weather conditions the annual tournament of the Eastern Canada Provincial Trapshooting Association was opened here today under the auspices of the St. Hubert Gun Club, at the Rockcliffe traps. A ten event sweepstakes was the feature of the day's programme, with a cut glass bowl for the high gun in each event. Sam G. Vance, of Tillsonburg, Ont., who carried off the prewar honors at last year's tourney, struck his stride in the third of the series and, after capturing the bowl in that event, swept through the balance of the race with only one lost target. His score was 148 for the ten events, which entitles him to first money. W. Barnes of Hamilton, was runner-up, today, with a card of 146, while R. Lewis and C. L. Osborne, both of Montreal, were third with a score of 145 each.

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GREAT ENTHUSIASM

Displayed When Newly Elected Sinn Fein Council Held First Meeting.

Dublin, June 15.—Meetings of the newly-elected Sinn Fein Council in South Tipperary, Carrick-on-Shannon and other places have been accompanied by extraordinary scenes of enthusiasm. Resolutions have been adopted acknowledging the authority of the Sinn Fein Parliament, congratulating the Irish Republican Army on its manifold successes, and calling upon the army to protect the lives and property of the citizens. Copies of these resolutions have been forwarded to the governments of Europe and the United States.

HEAVY DEMANDS ON DOMINION COAL CO.

Will Have to Increase Their Output to at Least 20,000 Tons a Day to Cope With Orders.

Halifax, June 15.—(Canadian Press)—To supply the great local and overseas demand for coal, to say nothing of the Montreal market, the Dominion Coal Company's output will have to be increased to at least twenty thousand tons a day, and orders to this effect are said to have gone forth. During the past three years, the daily output, at all the collieries, has seldom passed the 12,000 mark. In 1914 the output rarely went below 14,000 tons a day, which, at that time, was quite sufficient to supply the company's customers.

However, since 1914 the output has fallen off considerably and today the company cannot supply anything like the amount required to fill their orders. The large coal bank at Number Two colliery has been all cleared up, something that never happened before at such an early date. In former years the bank was scarcely cleared away before September or October. To cope with the present demand the Dominion Coal Company collieries must produce an average of 20,000 tons per day, and they cannot do this without opening up more pits.

If the Dominion Coal Company adopts the former system of district superintendents there is no doubt that the outputs at all the collieries will be increased to some extent. Some of the collieries are not producing near as much as they should. It is understood that the company will open up four new coal mines in the near future.

EVIDENCE FAVORED SUICIDE THEORY

Prosecution in Ellis Trial Expected to Have Their Case Before Jury Today.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., June 15.—At the Ellis trial in Summerside today Aloozo Wilson, one of the neighbors who was at the Ellis home the night of the tragedy, gave evidence regarding the condition of the room and the blood-stained bed and articles. He had no doubt that it was a case of suicide.

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Sir Henry, conciliatory, was proceeding to reply when Mr. McMaster called out, "He's giving you taffy." Again Mr. McKenzie was on his feet. "I don't want that," he declared, "I want candy exempt." The House roared, but the tax on candy remained.

There were protests, too, against reduction of the tax on chewing gum from ten to three per cent. Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux would have preferred an increase of 30 per cent—gum was not chewed in any civilized country in Europe.

W. Loggie protested against the exception as applied to silk dresses. Sir Henry Drayton said silk was looked upon as a luxury, not suitable for all the year around, and, therefore, all silk garments were taxed.

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