CALL TO WORKERS TO QUIT WORK FOR MANHOOD SUFFRAGE

Belgian Premier Admits Gravity of Situation, But Says Strike Is Promoted by Secondary Leaders.

VOTE BOUND TO COME

Labor Chief Says It Is Not War on Capital — Strike of Folded Arms, Not Raised Fists.

CHARLEROI, Belgium, April 12.—Billboards all over the city have been covered today with great red posters, on which is printed the Socialist call to the workmen to strike for manhood suffrage by laying down their tools on Monday, when it is expected that from 300,000 to 400,000 men will quit their work.

The placards are printed in large type and point out to the workingmen: "This is a strike of folded arms and not of raised fists. Respect the liberty of those who wish to work and the authorities will also respect in like manner the freedom of those who wish to cease work."

Complete passiveness is urged upon the strikers by the Socialist unions, which tell them that "injury done to our opponents is injury done to our cause."

Government posters have been hung by the side of the Socialist placards, and these quote in full article 310 of the penal code respecting those interfering with the right to work, and calling attention to the penalties inflicted by the law for any infringement.

Situation is Grave.

BRUSSELS, April 12.—Premier de Broqueville, speaking to the journalists, did not disguise the gravity of the general strike situation.

He said he believed the strike is being promoted principally by secondary labor leaders, who hope for promotion thru it at the expense of M. Vandervelde and other eminent labor leaders, who always had disapproved of a general strike, believing that manhood suffrage was bound to come if the workmen only had al ittle patience.

The premier said he hoped the strike would be a peaceful one, as had been announced. The spectacle of the labor party calmly and dignifiedly demonstrating its strength and discipline could not fail to make an impression upon the nation. The premier said, however, that he had made every preparation to stop disturbances and defend the freedom of labor.

M. De Broqueville reaffirmed that the government's position is that the vital question of the moment was national defence and said it declined to submit to threats and abandon its stand in favor of a discussion of the constitutional revision.

Bound to Come.

The journalists who had gathered for the talk with the premier seemed to be of the impression, however, that he was inclined to share the opinion of M. Vandervelde, that manhood suffrage was bound to come to Belgium in a few years.

M. Vandervelde, in the course of an interview, declared emphatically that the strike movement was of a purely political character, and in no sense a war on capital. He said the workers would use their utmost endeavors to preserve national industry , as its injury by the extinction of the furnaces or the caving in of the coal mines would utterly defeat their object, since the workers would be the principal sufferers.

The unions, M. Vandervelde continued, would appoint gangs of men to keep things going in the various establishments so that the very day the strike is ended the factories and mines would be able to resume full operations.

May Not Join Strike.

BRUGES, Belgium, April 12.—The Christian Unions, as the Catholic workmen's associations are known to distinguish them from the Socialist trade unions, have decided not to join the strike. It is believed here that nearly half the workmen of Belgium will refuse to quit their employment on Monday.

No Bread Monday.

DAMPREMY, Belgium, April 12.—The bakers of this city notified their customers today that they will not deliver any bread after Monday.

Officer Would Not Peach on Superiors

New York Policeman Sent to Prison For Three Years For Perjury.

NEW YORK, April 12.—John J. Hartigan, the policeman who wouldn't "squeal," went to Sing Sing today to serve three years for perjuring himself to shield higher police officers accused of graft.

Hartigan was the first member of the police force punished in connection with the crusade against levying tribute on protected vice.

His trial, his sentence, and finally his trip to prison, were delayed in the hope that he would seek to lighten his punishment by a confession, but he started for Sing Sing today, protesting his innocence, and without a word against any of his associates.

The district attorney declares that the police "system" paid Hartigan $25,000 for his silence.

Antlers Unearthed In Don Swamp, Tell Of Days of Long Ago

Horns Well Preserved in Casing of Muck, Dug up by John H. Taylor Probably Over 100 Years Old.

Bringing us close to the days when Toronto was a little bush settlement, fringed with deep woods, Indian-pathed, a group of deer's antlers have been dug out of a swamp in the Don valley, just outside the city, where they lay six feet down. The horns are well preserved and are big ones, larger than those one usually sees brought down from northern woods.

John H. Taylor found them on his property in the Don flats, close to the C.N.R.'s Leaside station, where his men were clearing out a swamp. He thinks they are seventy-five or one hundred year old. The horns are well preserved. They have been hermetically encased in the wet muck that prevented deterioration.

"When I was a boy—and I'll be sixty years next fall—I never saw deer in the Don valley, but my father who came out to clear this farm ninety years ago said he saw thirteen of them one day at the forks of the river, a short distance from where I found the horns."

Mr. Taylor thinks that the swamp was one time a "yard," where the deer used to congregate during the winter, and that the horns were shed at the end of the cold weather. The deer would find a place where the snow was lightest and where feed was plentiful and would there stay for the winter. If they wandered around the country, say came down Yonge street from the Don valley, they would be overtaken in the deep snow by the wolves. Herded together in the "yards" they would be able to present a formidable front to the wolves' attack.

But R. L. Patterson, whose place on Don Mills road is not far from Mr. Taylor's, does not think that the horns were shed in a "yard." Mr. Patterson should know. He has a deer in a little paddock back of his house, with a runway on the Don valley, a fine twelve-year-old buck that he has had for six years. "When the time comes for the bucks to shed their antlers at the end of February they feel ashamed and creep off into the woods away from the females, and they do not show themselves till the horns are pretty well sprouted. My old buck is just getting his new spring supply of horns, but he has not felt constrained to slink away. I have been looking for a mate for him for quite a while."

MAY VOTE TUESDAY ON CLOSURE MOTION

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"quarter hour" for someone, we should say for the opposition. The members on the left of the speaker have rallied more than once from a crushing blow. Four weeks ago, the opposition fox was hemmed in between the river and the wall, but whether he got over the wall or under the wall or took to the water, he certainly got away. Since Wednesday night, when Laurier finished his speech, the Liberals have been moping about, apparently hopelessly beaten; indeed they seem to be ostentatiously dejected. Hence the suspicion, the uneasy fear in some quarters that the last card has not been played. One can scarcely believe that the Liberal party is dead and buried so long as Mr. Pugsley is still above ground.

Well-Prepared Plan.

Be that as it may, the dramatic incidents of last Wednesday will long be remembered and perhaps they should be told again without color or party prejudice. That the scene was carefully rehearsed cannot be doubted and tho it seemed at the time that the actors were not letter perfect, it is difficult to see how the event could have been accomplished with less friction or with better success. Some thought that Speaker Sproule interfered with the plan of the government by insisting that Sir Wilfrid Laurier and not Mr. Hazen was entitled to the floor; his decision necessitated the singular spectacle of an appeal from the chair, sustained by the government and opposed by the opposition. A little reflection, however, will convince anyone that it would have been stupid politics to have Sir Wilfrid Laurier rudely treated by Dr. Sproule. The point requires no elaboration, and especially none for those familiar with the politics of Quebec. And in this connection, it is a matter of comment that the new rules confer no new authority upon Mr. Speaker. To this extent it is true that the Canadian closure is more drastic than its British model, because theagullotine is to be operated by the government without check or restraint from the chair.

What will puzzle the ordinary citizen will be the failure of the government to put thru the naval bill by the use of the rules which now make it so easy for them to put thru the closure amendments. The first rule invoked last Wednesday was one which could have been used at any time to prevent any Liberal member from addressing the house. That rule, No. 17, reads as follows:

When two or more members rise to speak, Mr. Speaker calls upon the member who first rose in his place; but a motion may be made that any member who has risen 'be now heard' or 'do now speak,' which motion shall be forthwith put without debate.

Cut Off Amendments.

It was evidently designed to meet some exceptional case where Mr. Speaker was acting arbitrarily; to make the motion under it is to appeal from the speaker. The reason why Mr. Northrup moved that Mr. Hazen be heard instead of Sir Wilfrid Laurer was that the government intended to cut off all amendments to the proposed closure rules by moving the previous question.

Had Sir Wilfrid Laurier spoken before Mr. Hazen he would have moved an amendment, and that amendment would have had to be disposed of before the previous question, that is the main question, could have been moved. While an amendment is pending it is not in order to move the previous question. Bourinot in his "Parliamentary Procedure and Practice," pages 336-337, says:

No amendment may be proposed to the motion for the previous question. Neither can it be proposed when there is an amendment under consideration. If the previous question has actually been proposed it must be withdrawn before any amendment can be submitted to the house. If an amendment has been first proposed, it must be disposed of before a member can move the previous question.

O ld Chief Knocked Speechless.

Would it have been better politics to have permitted Sir Wilfrid Laurier to have moved his amendment? The closure could not possibly have been passed without some debate and no extra delay of any length might have been occasioned by permitting the premier to make his speech in the usual way when Mr. Borden took his seat. It seemed harsh, at the time at least, to compel the father of the house to go "way back and sit down" after he had risen in his place, addressed the chair and been recognized. The worst of it was that Sir Wilfrid had risen in the most dignified manner amid great applause, and was then apparently knocked speechless by the sudden dash which bumped him down into his chair again and kept him there until his teeth were drawn, as it were, by taking away his right to move an amendment. It is absurd to say, however, that he was "howled down." There was a great deal of howling but most of it came from the opposition benches. Sir Wilfrid himself cried "shame, shame" over and over again, and his startled followers hurled almost any expletive which rose to their lips across the chamber. The government members were highly delighted of course with the success of their manoeuvre, and the discomfiture of their ancient enemy. They were by no means tongue-tied while the wordy war of epithets was in progress. "Take your medicine," "Shut up" and "Sit down," were cries directed to the opposition generally, rather than to Sir Wilfrid personally. The greatest rudeness of the day consisted in the effort of some Liberal members to hiss the prime minister when he rose to vote.

Caught in a Trap.

The Liberals were caught in a trap, and so neatly caught that some of them were more inclined to laugh than to cry. Sir Wilfrid made a good speech after dinner in which he betrayed some personal resentment and even bitterness toward the prime minister. Mr. Borden to some extent laid himself open to reproaches because his speech proposing closure had been most conciliatory and laid stress upon his personal temper and temperament as safeguards for the opposition under any code however draconian.

Thus Sir Wilfrid was able to say with some effect in spite of his bitterness:

'The spectacle of which we were witnesses when the right hon. prime minister concluded his remarks and placed in your hands, Mr. Speaker, the motion now before the house, was a very apposite commentary upon the speech of my right hon. friend. All thru that speech the right hon. gentleman stated and reiterated that the object of the government in proposing this new resolution was not to impede in any way the freedom of debate or to prevent free discussion, but simply to avoid the abuse of it. My right hon. friend declared that the minority, when these rules have been adopted, can always rely upon fair play; but the words were scarcely out of his lips when we were brought to realize how much fair play we may expect at the hands of hon. gentlemen opposite."

Again the question obtrudes itself why were not these rules, sufficient to pass closure, also sufficient to pass the naval bill? Why have they not been used to pass a great many other bills? As to the new rules, they are sweeping and drastic beyond doubt but a closure, to be of any account, must be airtight and watertight. The only pity is that the rules were not amended at the beginning of this parliament before there was bad blood between the parties.

IF THIS IS YOUR BIRTHDAY

You will be very happy in companionship with others, but material anxieties will thrust themselves before you and it will be well for you if you deny yourself pleasure and company to attend to ways and means of advancement.

Those born today will be spenders, and will like to shine in society. The emptiness of this will prove itself to the more intelligent in time, and then really successful careers are possible for these children.

Rubber Company Fails For Five Millions

The New York Commercial Company File Petition in Bankruptcy.

NEW YORK, April 12.—The New York Commercial Co., importers of crude rubber, with connections all over the world, filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy today. Its liabilities are stated at $5,023,000, its assets as nothing.

In its petition the company sets forth that it had turned over all its assets to John C. Lowe, jr., who was appointed ancillary receiver in equity suits brought against the company on Feb. 15.

The Havers car is being received very favorably in foreign markets shipments leaving the factory today for Johannesburg, South Africa, and for Buenos Ayres. Agencies have already been established with the Commonwealth Co-operative Motor Co., Sydney, Australia, and with the Australian-American Automobile Co. Brisbane, Australia. Negotiations are also on for a very strong connection in England which, together with pending deals in France, Germany and Russia, will give the Havers line a good outlet for export.

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