

REDS REFUSE TO LET HOVER MEN FEED THE BABIES

Bolsheviks Would Not Allow Relief Commission in Occupied Territory.

CHILDREN OF POLAND ALLOWED TO STARVE

Soviets Did Not Want Americans Running Around Loose Whether on Humanitarian Mission or Not.

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Berlin, Aug. 18.—The Hoover relief administration applied to the Soviet Government for permission to continue its baby-feeding work in the districts of Poland occupied by Bolsheviks, but received a flat refusal from Lenin, Trotsky and company. I understand that the administration expressed in its request that the work of children's relief was purely humanitarian, without bias against bolshevism or any other political opinion and that Polish children were no less in need after than before the advance of the Red armies. The Soviet reply in substance, however, said that it did not care to have a lot of Americans at large in its territory even on an errand of humanity, and declined, therefore, to give them the facilities to continue the work.

The Hooverites at Warsaw made several efforts to penetrate the Bolshevik lines and investigate conditions at Vilna and other towns where the children's fund operated up to the time of the Bolshevik invasion, but unsuccessfully. It is feared that the scanty supply of local foodstuffs in such places may have been snapped up immediately by the food hoarders and that the children of the poor are in a far worse plight than before the Hoover work in Poland, and are consequently starving.

GOVERNMENT HAVING TOO MANY PICNICS

Irate Labor Members of Ontario Legislature Finding Fault.

Toronto, Aug. 18.—According to Peter Heenan, Labor M. P. P., for Kenora, in an opinion gratefully expressed while he was waiting at the legislative buildings this morning for Hon. E. C. Drury to appear, there is "too much picnicking" indulged in these days by the members of the Farmer-Labor Government of Ontario. Mr. Heenan declared that they should be in the offices every day "the same as business men." The labor members from the pulp woods was appalled, however, when he was informed that the Farmer Premier was at that moment in the motor car of a well known politician, stirring up the dust in a dash from his party to a picnic on the hill to Toronto in order to keep his appointment with Mr. Heenan.

CASHIER HELD ON THEFT CHARGE

Montreal, Aug. 18.—Hector Watier, 1244 Papineau street, a cashier in the employ of the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company, appeared before Judge Lacote this morning, in the arraignment on a charge of appropriating \$11,160 from the company. He pleaded not guilty. Bail was refused at the request of the prosecution until the Crown Prosecutor could be consulted as further developments are expected. According to the officer who made the arrest the thefts extended over a period of several years.

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Get the Habit of Calling up.

LEON TROTSKY ISSUES CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Moscow, Aug. 18.—(By The Associated Press).—Leon Trotsky, Soviet Minister of War, today issued a call for volunteers to reinforce the southern front. The call was issued in the course of an address at an opera house meeting here in honor of Bela Kun, Communist leader and former foreign minister of Hungary.

BOSTON SLOOP REGINA BECOMES TOTAL LOSS

Strikes Rock While Sailing for Sword Fishing Grounds at Forbes Point.

Yarmouth, N. S., Aug. 18.—(By Canadian Press).—The Boston auxiliary sloop Regina, Capt. Jack McGrath, is a total loss near Forbes' Point, Shelburne County, the crew arriving in Yarmouth, and proceeded by the steamer Prince Arthur tonight for Boston. The sloop is the same vessel that put into Yarmouth two weeks ago with her steering gear disabled, and she sailed from here for the sword fishing grounds on Monday morning last. Captain McGrath reports the fog after she left port was densely thick and, after making the Seal Island fog alarm, he shaped his course as though to take him well off shore, and everything went well until 11 o'clock that night, when the vessel struck on a rock off the above point. The crew remained aboard for about an hour and a half after, but as the tide ebbed, the Regina fell over on her side, filled with water, and the men were obliged to leave her. The Regina was a comparatively new craft. She was built at Quincy, Mass., about two years ago for the sword fishermen, and was splendidly fitted with powerful twin-spirals and other necessary equipment. Captain McGrath attributes the loss of the craft to his compass, which, he claims, put the vessel ashore where she is, claiming that it must have been at least some four or five points out.

TORSO OF WOMAN FOUND IN HUDSON

Gruesome Discovery Made by Longshoremen Who Found Torso With Head, Arms and Legs Chopped off.

New York, Aug. 18.—The torso of an unidentified woman, with head, arms and legs chopped off, was found last night by longshoremen in the Hudson River, it became known today. Clinging to the skin were shreds of cloth, whips of twine and the minute pieces of wrapping paper. Medical examiners estimated it had been in the water about two weeks. The police believe that the woman was about 25 or 30 years of age and weighed about 130 pounds.

FRASERS PLANNING TOBIQUE WORK

Preliminaries Are Being Arranged for the Big Construction Work at Tobique Narrows.

Fredericton, Aug. 18.—In preparation for proceeding with the construction of dams on the Tobique River and a pulp and paper manufacturing plant at Tobique Narrows, a few miles from the town of Andover in Victoria County, the Fraser Companies, Limited, are said to be obtaining options now upon properties which will be required for carrying out their immense new project.

RUSS. SCHOONERS AT HALIFAX

Arrived There Yesterday to Load Cargoes of Lumber.

Halifax, Aug. 18.—Two Russian schooners, the Janow, and the Regulus, arrived here today to load cargoes of lumber.

LORD BEAVERBROOK ABOARD AQUITANIA

Montreal, Aug. 18.—The Cunarder Aquitania, westbound from Southampton and Cherbourg, was reported 1,672 miles east of Ambrose Lightship at 7 p.m. Tuesday, and is expected to dock in New York Sunday morning. Lord Beaverbrook is aboard the Aquitania.

CONFERENCE OF NAT'L LIB. AND CONS. PARTY

Ontario Members of New Party in Commons and Senate Form Central Organization.

PROVINCES TO BE ORGANIZED

With the Object of Building up Organization to Work in Cooperation With Headquarters at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 18.—A conference of Ontario National Liberal and Conservative members of the House of Commons and Senate was held in Ottawa today, dealing with questions of party organization. The immediate and primary object of the gathering was to arrange for a party convention in Ontario, this being the first step taken in an organization programme for the new National Party, which, broadly speaking, will probably embrace the following:

1.—The appointment of a national chairman or organizer, with headquarters in the capital, and responsible for the organization of the party's forces throughout the Dominion.

2.—The appointment of a director of publicity and propaganda, whose duty it will be to keep the country informed of the activities of the ministry and of the achievements of the National Party in the public's behalf.

3.—The summoning of conventions in each of the provinces of the supporters of the new party, with the object of building up provincial and local organizations to work in co-operation with and as branches of the national organization office to be established in Ottawa.

Active Force.

In other words, the aim of the new party is to construct itself into an active political force, organized to combat all hostile influences, to keep the Government and party in constant and intimate touch with the electorate, and to overcome the propaganda of discomfit which, during the past year or two, has made such headway throughout the country.

PITIFUL TRAGEDY BROUGHT TO LIGHT

Mother Succumbs to Death Through Starvation and Childbirth.

Montreal, Aug. 18.—A painful tragedy came to light as the inquest held here this morning into the death of Nellie Babcock. The verdict returned was to the effect that death was due to starvation and childbirth. The unfortunate woman had been deserted by her husband and, though pregnant, was the sole support of her five children. As she had neither food nor money the unhappy mother, after being refused by one doctor she went to another who assisted her in her trouble. The baby was born dead and the mother burned in the stove and shortly afterwards being made for the father, who it is present reported to be in the United States.

MOOSE AND AUTO IN COLLISION

Fredericton Motor Party Collides With Moose at Parisville.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., Aug. 18.—Early this morning about two a. m. while W. C. Burt and Mr. McKnight of Fredericton Motor Sales Ltd., were motoring here from St. John they ran head on into a big bull moose. Their car was damaged, the hood being smashed as well as the lights, mudguards and radiator, and the moose was knocked down, but soon got up on its feet again and scampered off into the woods. This event took place in Parisville, Queens County, about 25 miles from Fredericton.

BASSOFF SENT UP FOR TRIAL

Lethbridge, Alta., Aug. 18.—Thomas Bassoff, the train bandit, was committed for trial at noon today by Magistrate Burrell on two charges of murder, committed with shooting in the Bellevue Cafe here, on August 7, of Corporal Usher, of the Mounted Police, and Constable Bailey, of the Alberta provincial force. He will stand trial at MacLeod on October 12.

BELGIAN RY. MEN WILL REFUSE TO MOVE TROOPS

Brussels, Aug. 18.—The Belgian State Railway Men's Syndicate has decided to prevent the transportation of troops or munitions intended for Poland. This decision follows action by the Antwerp dockers.

FRANCE AND U. S. IN ACCORD OVER RUSS. AFFAIR

France Agrees With the Principles of the Note Sent by U. S. to Italy.

DIVERGE ONLY ON ONE POINT

The Recognition of Gen. Wrangle by France is Contrary to U. S. Position.

Washington, Aug. 18.—The United States and French Governments are in entire agreement in principle as to the future of both Poland and Russia, Secretary Colby declared today, in a formal statement interpreting France's rejoinder to the United States note to Italy. His statement accompanied publication of the translation of the French note which was delivered to the State Department August 14th by Prince De Bover, the French Charge. France's declaration "of its opposition to the dismemberment of Russia" is "most gratifying," Mr. Colby said.

No Faith in Rulers.

The French note declares that the French Government "is of the same opinion" as the United States Government "concerning the present rulers of Russia," and proceeds to condemn the Bolshevik regime and its aims.

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Mr. Symington had been examining Mr. W. J. Moule, assistant controller of the C. P. R. at length on the cost of operation in the East and West, and showed that, during the past four years, net operating expenses in the West are lower than in the East, and the net earnings per train mile are higher, those for 1919 being approximately eighty per cent. higher.

East Helping West.

Mr. Moule in reply said the operating expenses in the East are largely incurred for the benefit of the West. These include large expenditures for port terminals, etc. For this reason, he said, operating rates are not a proper indication of earnings on Eastern and Western lines. Expenses in the East of this kind were not, he said, spread over the entire system.

The fight throughout the entire sitting was centered on the statement submitted last week by the C. P. R., and designed to show the need of that company for higher rates. It is to be prevented from having a deficiency during the year, which will end in June 30, 1921. In that statement it was claimed that the C. P. R. faces a possible deficit of over thirty-seven million dollars if the existing scale of wages is continued in force.

Twisting Figures.

Mr. A. C. MacMaster, counsel for the Toronto Board of Trade, met the C. P. R. figures with a counter statement designed to establish that the company is likely to have a surplus of at least nineteen millions. Mr. W. J. Moule, the statistical expert for the company, contended many of Mr. MacMaster's figures, declaring that those submitted by the company were well within the mark.

Mr. Symington, counsel for the Government of Manitoba, submitted figures to show a natural increase in traffic in 1920 over the preceding year. On this basis, he said, the total increase for the year would be \$245,000,000, of which the C. P. R. would get 44 per cent. While agreeing that the increase in freight traffic for the first six months of 1920 was over twenty per cent, Mr. Moule was not certain that this would be maintained. A forty per cent. increase in freight rates, he said, would give a surplus on freight traffic, but he was not certain that a 20 per cent. increase in passenger rates would lead to such satisfactory results. He noted, however, that the difference would have to be made up from the earnings on traffic. Mr. Moule was willing to admit that the increase in rates on the other side of the border was a factor in the present application, but he was by no means the only factor, the application being based upon the needs of the railways for more revenue. It has been thought, he said, that an increase of more than 20 per cent. in passenger rates might have a tendency to dry up the business.

Questioned by Mr. Symington as to the present ability of the C. P. R. to function, Mr. Moule said that the system was in better condition in 1919 and subsequent years when the train mileage was higher. He agreed that an increase of 20 per cent., or one-half cent. per mile, in passenger rates would probably yield an additional revenue of eight and a half million dollars.

In answer to Mr. Symington, Mr. Moule stated that he estimated that the adoption of the Chicago labor board scale of wages by the C. P. R. would mean an increase in the pay roll of approximately \$22,000,000. He admitted that last winter was a hard one on the railways, and that the difficulties caused by severe storms and cold might be partially responsible for the increase of 1.88 per cent. in operating rates.

U. S. ARMY PLANES REACH DAWSON

Dawson, Y. T., Aug. 17.—Airplanes numbers two and four of the United States Army aerial squadron blazing the air trail from New York to Nome, Alaska, arrived here this afternoon from White Horse, the actual flying time of the planes from New York to Dawson was 47 hours, 48 minutes.

The two other airplanes were delayed at White Horse, one of them bursting a tire in attempting the hop-off. They are expected to arrive here Wednesday when the four planes will continue the flight to Nome.

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Interviewed by the Canadian Press, Senator G. Robertson, Minister of Labor, admitted that the deputation waited upon him and the Solicitor-General, Hon. Hugh Guthrie. Asked if he cared to make a statement, Senator Robertson said the deputation was received and laid its case before the two ministers who will discuss it with their cabinet colleagues.

Friends of the imprisoned men here believe that there is every prospect of an early release for the men. A singular fact in connection with the visit of the deputation is that neither the Prime Minister's office, nor the Department of Justice knew of the conference being held.

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This afternoon the discussion by both parties was continued and the demands of the miners received in a conciliatory attitude by the operators present. The sitting concluded about four o'clock.

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BANDITS HOLD UP MAIL TRAIN

Take Four Pouches of Registered Mail from Missouri Pacific Train.

St. Louis, Aug. 18.—Four men held up Missouri Pacific passenger train No. 5, from St. Louis for Little Rock, on the outskirts of this city shortly after 8.30 o'clock tonight, and escaped with four pouches believed to have contained registered mail.

SEIZE QUANTITY OF AM. WHISKEY

Special Customs Officials Make Haul at Lacolle.

Montreal, Aug. 18.—One hundred and thirty-five quarts of American bottled whiskey was seized by special customs officers C. Hewson and W. McNeil at Lacolle today, and was taken to St. John's. The liquor was in an automobile, which was abandoned by its occupants when hailed by the officers. It is believed to be part of large quantities of whiskey stored at points along the border prior to the enforcement of prohibition in the States, and which it is now sought to smuggle back.

PEOPLE ARE NOT BEHIND THE U. S. NOTE, SAYS REDS

Herr Kopp, Soviet Envoy at Berlin, Hopes U. S. Labor Will Demand Release.

SEES WILSON'S HAND IN ITS EVERY LINE

Points to Events on the Polish Front as Proof That Bolshevik Rule is Sound.

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Berlin, Aug. 18.—Victor Kopp, Soviet envoy in Berlin, gave your correspondent his government's opinion on the American note on Russia today. He appeared to know its full contents in spite of the cryptic outline published in the newspapers here and the almost bare version received in official quarters.

"Neither I nor my government were surprised at this declaration of the American Government's attitude toward Russia," he said, assuming his best diplomatic form. "It is the logical continuation of Wilson's policy of sham and hypocrisy. It is the policy of the Versailles Treaty and the skull of the author of the fourteen Points run through every line."

"What will be the reaction of the Russian people to this American declaration as to faith in their nation and the promise to protect Russia from dismemberment and help to feed her?" Kopp was asked.

"The Russian people or at least the Soviet Government knows the views expressed by the Washington declaration are not those of the American people. They are not even the views of American business men, certainly not the sentiments of labor. We hope the working classes of the United States will repudiate this Wilson attitude and that the business men will demand its repeal. What is certain is that America will not find an important European power, apart from France, to co-operate with her in such a policy."

"That is all Herr Kopp could say or thought his government would wish to say on this question. The correspondent then asked his impression of the possibility in Moscow, whence he returned Thursday, and the Bolshevik emissary, again striking the ambassadorial pose, replied:

"The best impression I can give of conditions in Soviet Russia is to point to events on the Polish front. It is the most conclusive evidence of the unity of effort and purpose existing behind the lines."

"The interview which took place at the Soviet headquarters on Utenne Ten Linden was abruptly ended by the entrance into Kopp's office of an evidently important Bolshevik with a courier from Moscow. The man wore an extremely long beard and on both hands two unusually large diamond rings."

Kopp smiled good-by to your correspondent and most astonishing of all, unlocked the exit door with a key from his pocket. We had been locked in all the time.

TO FOLLOW THE POLITICAL GAME

Dr. Black Resigns Chairmanship of Soldiers' Settlement Board to Direct Organization Work for Nat'l Party.

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 18.—(By Canadian Press).—The resignation of Dr. W. J. Black from the chairmanship of the Soldiers' Settlement Board was announced by Premier Meighen tonight. Dr. Black will become director of the organization work of the Liberal and Conservative Party.

There is probably no one in the Dominion who is more familiar than Dr. Black with the administrative activities of the various provincial governments. He has had wide experience as a live stock judge; has lectured on agriculture in the various Provinces, and has addressed a great many important public meetings. As Commissioner of Agriculture he made a careful survey of the activities of the Federal and Provincial Departments of Agriculture.

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