

BUDGET DEBATE BECOMES MORE INTERESTING

Wheat Board Attacked as Being an Obstruction to the Progress of the Farmers in Open Market.

TAXATION SCHEME AGAIN KNOCKED

Argued That a Heavier Burden is Placed on Poor Man, While Profiteer is Not Affected.

Ottawa, May 21.—The Wheat Board was freely discussed in the budget debate again today. A. B. McCall (White) declared that farmers, throughout the country, wanted it abolished, and that it would be the best kind of free trade to allow open trading in wheat. There were enormous sales of live stock this spring because of shortage of food, a condition directly traceable to the Wheat Board. He attacked the Board of Commerce, which, he said, had unaccounted for perfect good beyond that indulged in by its own members whose first act was to get their own salaries raised. He ridiculed the Government's luxury tax and attacked the government for taxing baseballs and bats used by school boys, while it let the profiteers' wealth escape. The Government should raise \$500,000,000 and lose only the favor of a handful of men by taxing war profits.

A. McCall (Maple Creek) said farmers had opposed the Wheat Board at its formation. Now, however, they found buying in the open market. Therefore, he demanded "pooled" selling in Canada as the only means of handling their grain advantageously. Their regular channels have been blocked and they did not want to be cast aside. The budget would increase the cost of living, Mr. McCall declared. Free Trade England had been criticized. Mr. McCall had financed her Allies during the war and broke the back of Germany, while the United States withheld the aid that would abolish the Wheat Board and get back into speculation, and they were using a costly propaganda to win their point.

Sympathy for Minister

J. H. Sinclair (Antigonish and Guysboro) sympathized with the Minister of Finance, who was sitting in an empty chair in a complete silence for a budget. The country was going into debt at the rate of over a million dollars a day. Mr. Sinclair criticized many things in the budget, but he paid particular attention to press subsidies. He declared the Government was spending thousands of dollars in having itself flattered. The budget brought no relief to the working man, but would result in increasing the costs of things he must buy. O'Farrell (Gloucester) declared himself a free trader and criticized the Government for its Foreign Trade policy, which allowed the alert German to make a bid for world markets while Canada made no progress. The budget statement was lucid, but there should have been more generous treatment of the people in regard to taxation. A one per cent tax on land values would bring in \$80,000,000. As to the proposed tariff inquiry, he wanted something more substantial, which, so far, had only been amended but not fulfilled.

COMMITTEE NAMED FOR RAILWAY COORDINATION

Said to be Guest of Mexican Rebel Along With Other Mining Men.

Montreal, May 21.—An announcement was made from Montreal, today, that the Committee of Management for the co-ordination of the Grand Trunk Railway with the Canadian National System had been appointed, consisting of C. A. Hayes and S. J. Hangerford, representing the Government, and Messrs. Frank Scott and W. D. Robb, representing the Grand Trunk. The four gentlemen above named appointed Mr. Howard G. Kelley, President of the Grand Trunk, as the fifth member of the committee, and chairman.

Mr. W. N. Tilley, K. C., of Toronto, was present in behalf of the Canadian Government. All members of the new committee are well-known railway men. Mr. Howard G. Kelley has for some years past been president of the Grand Trunk system; Mr. C. A. Hayes is at present Vice President of the Canadian National railways, in charge of traffic; Mr. S. J. Hangerford is assistant to the Vice President of the Canadian National railways; Mr. W. D. Robb is Vice President of the Grand Trunk, in charge of transportation and maintenance. Mr. Frank Scott is Vice President and Treasurer of the Grand Trunk.

AVAITORS KILLED AT SAN ANTONIO, TEX.

San Antonio, Tex., May 21.—Leston, Alvin M. St. John, a Member of the House of Representatives, and Private Carl C. Thruler, of Elgin, Ill., were instantly killed here this afternoon when a plane in which they were flying crashed into a flag pole and then into a building at Kelly field.

ITALY AND RUSSIA TO RESUME TRADE

London, May 21.—According to a News Agency report in Rome the first exchange of merchandise between Italy and Russia will occur shortly by way of the Black Sea, says an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Rome. The goods to be sent from Italy, the report says, will consist of 30,000,000 lire worth of medical supplies, to be exchanged for an equivalent amount of wheat.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAPH RATES ARE GOING UP

Ry. Commission Allows a 32 Per Cent. Increase in Eastern Canada.

Ottawa, May 21.—(Canadian Press)—Increases, ranging 32 per cent in Eastern Canada and 20 per cent in Western Canada, are allowed on commercial telegraph messages throughout Canada, in a judgment handed down by the Railway Commission today. The companies will be allowed to subsidize the existing rate zones east of Sudbury, Ontario, and extend those zones to Quebec Province. Flat rates for these zones are increased from 35 cents for a ten word message, to thirty cents, and excess words will cost one cent instead of one cent a word. Scaled increases from 10 to 25 cents a word are allowed on the \$1.00 transcontinental rate, with a special provision to permit the Grand Trunk Pacific to charge \$1.55 to Prince Rupert, British Columbia. Tariffs may be filed at once based on the Commission's rulings, and the rates will come into effect as soon as the commission ratifies the tariffs. The increased rates do not apply to press despatches or leased wires. The Commission rules that the increased rates may be applied to the portion of the Great North Western Telegraph lines which were formerly the Montreal Telegraph Company in Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The legalities of this ruling are called in question at the hearings.

MERCHANT MARINE BILL PASSED IN U. S.

Provides for Sale of Gov't Owned Ships to American Citizens or Corporations.

Washington, May 21.—The Senate without a record vote today passed the House Merchant Marine bill providing for the sale of government owned ships to American citizens or corporations, as soon as advisable, and pending such sale for the operation either by the Government or under lease. A permanent board of seven members would be named by the President comprising two each from the Pacific and Atlantic Coasts, one each from the Gulf and Great Lakes, and the seventh from the interior.

NOT AFRAID OF SUGAR BOYCOTT

New York, May 21.—Selling of sugars seemed to be overdone during early trading. Investors in sugar shares are not worrying about threatened boycott of sugar by pressure manufacturers, as they know use of sugar by these manufacturers, according to statement by President Blake, more of their association, is only 250,000,000 pounds, or about 12,000 tons. This is less than 3 per cent of the country's total sugar consumption, which amounted to 1,677,671 tons in 1919, according to Willett and Gray. When it is taken into consideration there is a shortage in Cuban crop of about 300,000 tons, compared with last year, and that Cuba has, so far this season, exported to countries other than the United States nearly 300,000 tons more than in the same time last year, the comparatively small effect this boycott should have on sugar investments becomes apparent.

N. S. LEGISLATURE IN LONG SESSION

Halifax, N. S., May 22.—(By Canadian Press)—The Nova Scotia Legislature was in session until after two o'clock this morning in an effort to make prorogation today. Amendments to the Temperance Act were under discussion. The proposal to permit the sale of beer, manufactured in Nova Scotia, in the province was killed.

READY FOR THE STEEL MERGER

Montreal, May 21.—The statement is made that Colonel Grant Morden within the past few days, practically completed all arrangements with the directors of the various companies to be included in the British Empire Steel Corporation and that circulars to shareholders of the constituent companies would be sent out within a few days. Special meetings of shareholders will follow within a few weeks and arrangements for placing the securities on the Canadian and British markets will be completed.

THRACE GOVT DISMISSES ALL OLD OFFICIALS

Bulgarians Are Crossing Into Turkey in Large Numbers, Joining the Turks Who Are Resisting Greeks.

BULGARS BACKBONE OF OPPOSING ARMY

Nationalists' Officers Are Using Harsh Methods to Secure Recruits for Their Army.

Constantinople, May 21.—(By Associated Press)—The new Thracian Government at Adrianople has dismissed all the old officials. Former sub-Governor Erduran Bey, who has arrived at Constantinople, said today that Bulgarians are crossing into Turkey in large numbers and joining the Turks, who are preparing to resist the Greeks. Bulgarians, according to Erduran Bey, will form the backbone of the forces opposing the Greeks, but he declared that Colonel Jafar Tayara, who was the Turkish commander at Adrianople, has 20,000 Turkish soldiers available. Erduran Bey, asserted that the French are permitting the Bulgarians to enter Turkey at will, but he is considered in allied circles here to be decidedly anti-French, and it is believed his statement should be taken with reserve.

Turkish Nationalists have seized the village of Koum Kaleh, at the southern entrance to the Dardanelles, troops are pursuing the Anatolian Army, the Nationalist leader, at various points along the sea of Marmora. Anesevur Pasha, the only commander of the Nationalists in Anatolia, has been seriously wounded and his chief of staff handed by Nationalists near Gouze. At Bakir Chehr, and other points along the Anatolian Railway, the Nationalists are bringing unwilling recruits in groups of five or six with iron rings, locked about their necks and connected up by chains with fellow shirkers. Frequently draft evaders have broken heads and bandaged arms and legs as a result of rough treatment by the guards, whose bayonets are fixed. Only Moslems are conscripted, the Nationalists declaring Christians to be untrustworthy.

HAS TO TRAVEL BY STEERAGE

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CONVICTED DRAFT EVADER ESCAPES FROM CUSTODY

Made Escape from His Mother's House Where He Was Under Guard—Court Martial May Follow.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 21.—Grover C. Bergdoll, convicted draft evader, escaped from custody today. He had been confined in a military prison near New York, serving a five year sentence, and was brought here to sign papers. Watching his opportunity, he dashed from a consultation to an automobile waiting outside and in an instant was out of sight. Bergdoll was brought here from Fort Jay on a court order. He was in custody of a Sergeant and a Corporal. The escape was made from his mother's home at Wynnefield, a suburb he was sitting in the drawing room with his guard. He arose and walked slowly to the door. The men made no effort to stop or question him, but jumped to their feet when they heard the purring of a motor car. Looking out of the window, they saw Grover's big car speeding down the driveway, his chauffeur at the wheel. Bergdoll's mother was not at home at the time. Her attorney said he did not believe she knew anything of a plot to escape. The fugitive is dressed in the regular olive drab uniform of Federal prisoners.

WASHINGTON INN TO REMAIN OPEN

(Cross-Atlantic News Service. Copyright.) London, May 21.—Contrary to the original intention, the American hotel, Washington Inn, will not close in July, it will be continued owing to repeated requests from Canadian and American demobilized officers who have returned to England on business.

RAILWAYMEN AGAIN BUCK UP

Refuse to Handle Any War Material Intended to Assist Poland Against Soviets.

ASSAULTED AND ROBBED OF \$300

Treasurer of United Mine Workers' Local Set Upon by Highwaymen at Sydney.

Sydney, N. S., May 21.—(By Canadian Press)—Stephen Colvey, Treasurer of the United Mine Workers' local at Florence colliery, was assaulted and robbed of \$300 at 11 o'clock Friday morning, while on his way to the branch of the Royal Bank of Canada at Little Bras d'Or. The money was hidden in the United Mine Workers' local, which Mr. Colvey was going to the bank to deposit. The assault was committed by three masked men, whose identity is unknown. When near the old Serroun Road, Mr. Colvey was attacked from behind, and the three jumped on him, inflicting severe bruises about the head and body. They searched his pockets and took the \$300 in cash he had and finally made their getaway. Mr. Colvey, as soon as he recovered from the effects of the beating, made his way to a nearby house, and physicians were called.

SOLDIERS OBLIGED TO DO DOCK WORK

Dockers and Cranemen at Dublin Decline to Handle Military Cargoes.

Dublin, May 21.—The dockers and cranemen are putting into execution their threat to decline to handle military cargoes, refusing to unload a vessel which arrived today with army equipment. In consequence it had to be unloaded by soldiers. There was no attempt at interference by the dockers who declare their determination to carry out the movement by passive resistance.

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SHOT BY HIS HOUSEKEEPER

St. Albans, Vt., May 21.—Oliver Lovely, who was shot while asleep at his home early in the morning of April 20, died at the St. Albans Hospital last night. He was sixty years of age. In a statement to officers, Lovely said that he woke about 12.45 a. m. with a choking sensation, and discovered a bullet wound in his neck. He said he had no glimpse of his assailant. The theory of attempted robbery was advanced, but later Mrs. Kate Fies, housekeeper for Lovely, admitted, according to the officers, that she shot him because he had told her that he was about to leave town and that he did not intend to take her with him.

BOLSHEVIK HAVE ENTERED ERZERUM

Constantinople, May 21.—(By the A. P.)—A newspaper from Bursa reports that Bolsheviki troops have actually entered Erzerum, the principal city of Armenia, and are negotiating with Karabekir, Commander of the 15th Corps, whose headquarters are there.

HOLLINGER SHORT OF WORKMEN

Timmins, Ont., May 21.—As the result of the inability of Hollinger to secure sufficient labor, there is a serious decline in the tonnage treated at the mine. The tonnage being treated is said to be 1,700 daily, which is 250 tons less than the 1919 daily average.

PRICE SLUMPS CONTINUE TO UPSET MARKETS

HOLDERS OF GRAIN BECOME NERVED AND FLUNG MILLIONS OF BUSHELS UPON THE MARKET.

DROP IN PORK BIG SURPRISE

Merchandise Prices Are Being Generally Slashed in Large Department Stores of Cities.

Chicago, May 21.—Millions of bushels of grain were flung incidentally on the market today by holders who had become unnerved. Prices quivered and then collapsed. The strain, and its violent result, as attributed mostly to some changes announced in railroad operation and to nation-wide tightening of credits. Wreckage on values totalled 14 1/2 cents a bushel on corn, 6 1/2 on oats and 4 1/2 on a barrel on pork. Tonight, owing to the tension created, every brokerage house in Chicago was calling for heavily bid, crossed margins on all open trades, and there was prospect of another strenuous day on the exchange tomorrow. Whether a reaction or a further drop in quotations was to be looked for few authorities were willing to predict, but anxiety was evident that either contingency should be guarded against to an unusual degree.

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ALDERMAN HEAPS TALKS AT MONTREAL

Declares Canon Scott Was Ordered Out of Winnipeg During the Strike.

Montreal, May 21.—Alderman Heaps, of Winnipeg, at a meeting tonight here of the Workers' Defence League, made the statement that Canon Scott, D. S. O., had been ordered out of Winnipeg during the course of the Winnipeg strike last June. He added that he had met Canon Scott in Montreal two weeks ago, and had given permission to tell the story. Canon Scott, said Alderman Heaps, had gone to Winnipeg and had come back in favor of the strike. "On the night of the 12th or 13th of June mounted policemen came into his room and searched it for sedition literature and said what was going to happen to him. Next morning other men came to him and told him to leave."

BRITISH SUBJECT HELD FOR RANSOM NEW CORPORATION FOR WOODSTOCK

Washington, May 21.—George Miller, a British citizen, is being held by a French villa for \$60,000 ransom, according to official advice today of the State Department from Chihuahua. It was not stated whether Miller was captured in Pinar, where he lives, or kidnapped. He was Superintendent of the Alvarado Milling and Mining Company of Pinar.

GUSTAVE NOSKE CALLED TO ACT

Berlin, May 21.—Gustave Noske former Minister of Defence, says the Vossische Zeitung, may be appointed to conduct the disbandment of the old German army. This task is stated to be exceptionally complicated and difficult as it must be carried out with the least possible delay. Noske's influence in military quarters, it is pointed out, will enable him to carry out the disbandment quickly and satisfactorily.

BITTER FEELING IN LONDONDERRY

After Troops Had Been Removed from Streets Clashes Occurred Between Unionists and Nationalists.

London, May 21.—The bitter sectarian feeling aroused in Londonderry by the recent disturbances there, according to a despatch says, is being vent in a new direction. After troops, which early in the week had been sent in to quiet the city, were withdrawn from the streets last night, the despatch says, houses, occupied by two Nationalist families in a predominantly Unionist district, were attacked by masked men, the occupants compelled to leave. One house was damaged, furniture smashed and religious pictures were thrown into the street. Unionist families, living in the Nationalist area, also are being forced to leave their homes, says the report. Two Unionist houses were raided for arms and the families living there were driven out. When they returned to remove their furniture they declared to have found most of it stolen.

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PRES. HANNA STARTS ACTION AGAINST CAHILL

Sues Member of Parliament for \$50,000, Alleging Slander and Remarks Defamatory to Character.

OBJECTIONABLE TALK MADE IN MONTREAL

Claims That Cahill Said He Was Acting in a Fraudulent Manner.

Ottawa, May 21.—A civil action, in which Mr. D. B. Hanna, manager and president of the Canadian National Railways asked for \$50,000 for slander, alleged to have been contained in the remarks of Mr. Frank S. Cahill, M. P., for Pontiac, before the Reform Club, in Montreal, on April 17th, has been commenced, and Mr. Cahill has been served with legal notice of the suit. The statement of claim, in connection with the action, has arrived in the city. It sets forth that, by the remarks of Mr. Cahill, it was indicated that Mr. Hanna had acted in a fraudulent manner and in violation of his mandate and duty to the public and the Dominion of Canada. It also sets forth that the remarks of Mr. Cahill were false, malicious and defamatory and constituted a slander of the most damaging character, reflecting on the character and integrity of Mr. Hanna and subjecting him to the loss of public confidence. Mr. Hanna's claim is for \$50,000 and interests and costs of the action, and he asks that, in default of payment, Mr. Cahill be subjected to coercive imprisonment.

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