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## WOMEN TO BLAME IF RIOT RIOTS, SAYS TRIAL JUDGE

Story of Street Battle is Related in the Winnipeg Court. Canadian Press Despatch. Winnipeg, Dec. 12.—That women have themselves to blame should anything happen to them when they are present at a riot, was the assertion of Mr. Justice Metcalfe at the trial today of R. B. Russell, who is accused of seditious conspiracy. His lordship on the question of the presence of women at the place where the rioting in the city occurred, June 10, cropping up, took occasion to make the following declaration: "In these days, when women are taking up special obligations and assuming equal privileges with men, it may be as well to state now that the women are just as liable as men to ill-treatment in a riot. They can claim no special protection, and are entitled to no sympathy, and if they stand and resist the officers of the law they are liable to be cut down." Plans of the strike committee for running one of the big wholesale houses in the city during the strike were disclosed by E. C. Marrin of Jobbin, Marrin, wholesale grocers. "Tries to Pour Riddle," in an attempt to pour ridicule on the whole affair, E. J. McMurray questioned Mr. McMurray as to whether he had seen men drilling, marching about with rifles and preparing generally for battle, but was cut short by the judge, who said that no charges had been made by the crown as to strikers being seen marching about with guns, and as to people being hanged on poles. R. A. McLean and S. A. E. Clayton, employees of the Canada Bread Company, testified to intimidation at the company's place of business and declared that the plant had been closed because of it. The plant was reopened "by permission of the Bakers and Confectioners' Union," according to a notice posted on a window.

Story of Big Riot. The story of the big riot near the city hall, in which the general strike culminated, was told by Sgt.-Major Blinn, who was in charge of the mounted police squad that was in the trouble. He stated that there had been firing from the crowd for three minutes before his troops got orders to fire. He said that the streets were cleared as a result. He was sharply cross-examined by Mr. McMurray and replying to one question, made the statement: "There is no rioting in the Royal Northwest Mounted Police."

Shift City Government. Capt. C. F. Wheeler gave an account of one of the strikers' parades, headed by R. F. Bray, one of the accused. An attempt was made to overturn an auto in which were a couple of ladies. He recalled a remark made to him by one of the strikers, who wanted him to get the delegates of the Imperial Association, and Jugo-Slavians in January. It is considered probable the soldiers are going to these districts in connection with the coming plebiscites.

BRITISH TO OCCUPY PLEBISCITE AREAS. London, Dec. 12.—Seven British battalions have been ordered to make preparations for proceeding to Silesia, Schleswig-Holstein, Bohemia, and Jugo-Slavians in January. It is considered probable the soldiers are going to these districts in connection with the coming plebiscites.

MEXICO REPIES ON OIL QUESTION. Claim That Production Has Risen Over Four Hundred Thousand Barrels. Mexico City, Dec. 12.—Despatches from Washington to the effect that the Mexican government's forced curtailment of the petroleum production is a menace to the American merchant marine have brought a prompt statement from official sources. The petroleum department is quoted as declaring that from the potential daily production of roundly 1,600,000 barrels of petroleum last February 28, the production has increased to nearly 2,018,000 barrels and also that petroleum companies have been able to export only about 11 per cent. of their production.

Kingston Orders Vaccination Pupils and College Students. Kingston, Ont., Dec. 12.—(Special)—The board of health is now going to wait for smallpox to reach Kingston. This afternoon it passed a resolution requesting the school authorities and the senate of Queen's University to put the vaccination act into effect so that all pupils and students in schools and university may be vaccinated between now and the reopening after Christmas vacation.

## 70 PER CENT. OF MINERS HAVE GONE TO WORK

Coal Restrictions to Be Modified Soon and Train Service Restored When Situation Warrants—Some Operators Critical of Settlement Terms. Washington, Dec. 12.—Regional directors of railroads were given authority tonight by Director General Hines to remove restrictions on the use of light, heat and power derived from coal as soon as the fuel situation improved. The regional directors also were authorized to restore train service removed or curtailed to meet the coal shortage due to the bituminous miners' strike, as soon as the fuel supply in the various regions justifies.

Planned to Kill Bavarian Cabinet. Munich, Dec. 12.—At the trial today of Alois Linder, who is accused of having shot Herr Auer, former minister of the interior, in the diet last February, the testimony was given principally by former ministers of the Bavarian cabinet. This tended to show that Kurt Eisner, the former Bavarian premier, who was assassinated, and his followers, not only intended to shoot Auer, but had planned a wholesale murder of all the Bavarian ministers.

TO CONTINUE SALE OF THRIFT STAMPS. Some to Be Withdrawn and Replaced by a New Savings Certificate. Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 12.—The government has decided to continue the sale of thrift stamps and saving certificates at banks, postoffices and other agencies, it is announced by the minister of finance, Sir Henry Drayton. However, as a means of eliminating unnecessary expenditure, the national war savings committee and the different provincial committees and their head office officials are relieved of their duties from January 1, 1920, on the investment of the stamps.

Operators Critical. Operators representing the Central Pennsylvania district, one of the largest in the United States, were the first to act today upon the settlement proposal, and while accepting it criticized its terms, with the utmost vigor. The problem was taken out of his hands. The public and the operators, as a result, have been delivered into the hands of the United Mine Workers of America. F. E. Harkness, counsel for the fuel administration, announced during the day that prices of coal contracted for by purchasers prior to the resumption of government price fixing could be legally raised to absorb the cost of the 14 per cent. increase in miners' wages granted under the strike settlement. Coal mined on contract was said, in some cases, to be sold at a price below the government maximum of \$2.35 per ton mine-run, and contracts ordinarily carried a clause binding purchasers to pay the difference in costs incurred after their making. Fuel administration statistics, it was said, indicated that even after the 14 per cent. increase the greatest portion of the contract coal still would be sold below the \$2.35 maximum.

URGE DEVELOPING POWER IN ONTARIO. Deputation Points to Shaw Falls as Ready for Work to Start. Deputations from municipalities east of Kingston waited upon the Ontario cabinet yesterday afternoon asking that Hydro-Quebec be instructed to proceed with the development of power at Shaw Falls at the St. Lawrence River, and further that they be given representation on the Hydro-Quebec commission, naming Mayor Lewis of Brockville. Premier Drury said the matters had already been under consideration by the cabinet, but he could give no definite answer, he thought it was proper that the representation on the commission should be balanced, and if western Ontario had a member eastern Ontario should have the same. That was his personal view.

ADD THREE SHIPS TO LIST IN DISTRESS. Disabled in North Atlantic—Report Tug Bison Safe. Canadian Press Despatch. Halifax, N.S., Dec. 12.—Tonight three steamers were added to, and one subtracted from the long list of vessels which have fallen victims to the series of gales now sweeping the north Atlantic. The three steamers added to the list are: The Ed Kingsley, enroute from Montreal to Halifax, in ballast, ashore at White Head; the West Lofts, which had the disabled Davidson County in tow, ahead and making for the nearest port, and the Sheba, which is calling for assistance from a point 330 miles east of Halifax. On the other hand, the United States shipping board tug Bison is reported safe at Port Hastings, after having been given up for lost since Tuesday. No further particulars are available regarding the "Hastings," a British steamer in distress near Sable Island, with her fires out; the Chetopa, which reports herself as unmanageable owing to a damaged propeller, 250 miles off Halifax; and the Mercian, a Leyland liner, reported to be on 35 miles south of Cape Race.

GENERAL BOMBED IN MOSCOW. London, Dec. 12.—A Bolshevik wireless communication from Moscow reports an attempt to assassinate General Barotoff. The general, says the despatch, was wounded in both legs. The assassin threw a bomb into his motor car.

## EXCHANGE IN LONDON TAKES FURTHER DROP TO RECORD LOW RATE

Erratic Money Market Causes Fresh Unsettling in Stock Market. New York, Dec. 12.—An exceedingly erratic money market and another break in exchange on London to the lowest rate yet recorded, created fresh unsettling in the stock market today. Many speculative shares made extreme declines of 3 to 15 points. These losses were at least partially recovered later when call money eased from 5 to 8 per cent. A very favorable government crop report impelled covering of short contracts. Much of the day's liquidation, in which foreign interests were again prominent, was traceable to yesterday's action of the federal reserve bank in taking further steps to curb excessive operations in the stock market by a general advance in interest and reduction of rates. Wall street accepted this as a warning and the day's wild fluctuations were a direct result. During the middle season, when prices were crumbling, many speculative accounts were closed out regardless of cost. Remittances to France and Italy improved slightly during the day, indicating that home governments were taking steps to rectify the adverse movement, but the exchange rate was still at a low level. The market closed, demand bills declining to the new discount of 3.65-1.4, against a gold parity or pre-war quotation of 4.86-1.5.

BETTER FEELING IN LONDON. London, Dec. 12.—The conference in Downing street on international financial problems and the definite announcement that the gold parity of interest on loans to the allies had been postponed three years, created a better feeling on the stock exchange today, where the quotations on most of the securities improved. French exchange also eased slightly, but American exchange did not respond. The market was less wild and the feeling in exchange circles was more confident.

IRISH QUESTION RAISES ROW IN UNITED STATES HOUSE COMMITTEE. Delegation Appears For and Against Bill to Send Diplomatic and Consulate Representatives to "Republic." Washington, Dec. 12.—The claim of the Irish Republic to recognition as an independent government was brought to congress again today and was debated in brilliant fashion through a tempestuous all-day session of the house committee on foreign affairs. A crowd which jammed the committee room and blocked adjoining corridors, during the proceedings, presented their arguments, and many times threw the session into disorder by yelling gratuitous advice to the committee and witnesses. It included many leaders of the cause of Irish freedom in this country, and manifested the most hearty sympathy with the plea for recognition. The occasion was committee consideration of a bill by Representative Kason, Republican, Illinois, which would appropriate funds for despatch of diplomatic and consular representatives to the government set up by the insurgent Irish Republicans. Its supporters declared it presented an opportunity for congress to do all it could constitutionally toward a full diplomatic recognition, and its opponents condemned it as an effort to involve the United States in a dangerous foreign situation. Late in the session, charges of pro-Germanism on the part of Irish Republican leaders, and some of their supporters in this country, threw the meeting into a furor which the committee quieted with difficulty after the chairman had warned against insults to any of the witnesses. Interruptions were prolonged and the committee's plan of concluding today was abandoned, and the arguments will be resumed tomorrow. Pros and Cons Debated. Justice Daniel F. Conahan of the New York state supreme court, and Frank P. Walsh, who headed the Irish-American delegation sent to Paris during the peace negotiations, appeared to espouse the cause of Irish freedom and ask for passage of the bill. The arguments in opposition were made by George L. Fox of New Haven, Conn.; George H. Lemon of Troy, N.Y., president of the National Federation of Presbyterian Patriotic Societies, and others. The provisional government, the speakers argued, clearly was the de facto government, having a complete executive and parliamentary organization, an effective army of 100,000, and united popular support. These statements all were denied by Mr. Lemon and Mr. Fox, who said there was a great division of sentiment among the Irish both in Ireland and the United States and that little real headway had been made by the republic as a governmental agency. Mr. Fox, turning to Mr. Walsh, declared that during the war "this man was thinking to help Germany." The crowd, in which the tricolor of the Irish republic was conspicuous along with the Stars and Stripes, booted down the assertion and cheered the committee men when they objected.

IN GOOD ACCORD WITH CLEMENCEAU. Sleeping Sickness Death in Hamilton. British, in Negotiations, Reported to Show Conciliatory Spirit. London, Dec. 12.—M. Clemenceau went to Buckingham Palace this afternoon, where he had tea with King George and Queen Mary. In the evening he dined with Earl Curzon of Kedleston and Lady Curzon, and later visited a theatre. It has been learned from a French source that the disposition displayed by the British representatives in the conference is considered "excellent," and that both sides are pleased with the progress of negotiations on various matters discussed today. These included the Adriatic situation and Russia. The conference will be resumed Saturday, and it is possible that M. Clemenceau may prolong his stay in London even beyond Sunday.

## PROVINCE MUST CONTROL HYDRO, DRURY DECLARES

Monster Deputation Meets Premier—Drury Questions Wisdom of Making Commission Chairmanship Permanent—Many Tributes to Beck. It was a real Hydro day at parliament buildings yesterday, when one of the largest deputations known here waited upon Premier Drury and other members of the cabinet. There were some six hundred thoroughly representative men who came from the St. Clair river and from Ottawa with a desire to have Sir Adam Beck appointed to the chairmanship of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission for a term of six years at least, and a request that the municipalities throughout the province get representation on a board to be increased from three to five members. The deputation met the cabinet in the reception room, which was packed almost to suffocation. They found the premier in a sympathetic mood. He admitted the great reasonableness of the request for representation, and while he could not give a definite answer, he did hold out some hope after further consideration. With regard to Sir Adam Beck, Mr. Drury could not say it would be wise to make the appointment permanent, but emphasized that whatever was done it must be done in the province, through the legislature, fully controlled by the Hydro. He characterized Sir Adam as a great force. The premier also got an understanding from the deputation, that in view of the new nationalization scheme of railways, there would be nothing done in the direction of duplication so far as the radials were concerned. The resolutions to the premier were backed by a number of excellent speeches, the keynote of most of them being "Let Beck finish his work."

Future Rests on Hydro. Premier Drury had a hearty reception, the delegates rising and cheering and giving him a tiger. "I am going to answer you," he said, "not with deftness, but as clearly as I can at present as to the attitude of the government towards Hydro, and the three exceedingly reasonable requests you have put forward. I am an utter and outstanding believer in the public development of the water powers of the province. I believe that policy cannot be assailed by any reasonable man. The water powers which are absorbed the bulk of the arrivals from the Transvaal." (Continued on Page 6, Column 3).

ASK ABANDONMENT OF PROFIT FIXING. Winnipeg Retailers Requested Commerce Board to Change Policy. Canadian Press Despatch. Winnipeg, Dec. 12.—Twenty members of the Retail Merchants' Association, appeared before the board of commerce today and told that body that it was going about its business in the wrong way in securing the objects of the board were to enable the public to purchase necessities at the lowest price consistent with cost of conducting business; on the contrary, its object was to detect persons charging undue profits. Asked if what he was requesting, practically was not that the board should be abolished, Mr. Loftus replied that he supposed that that is what amounted to, but O'Connor told him he had appeared before the wrong body; he should go before the government. Mr. Loftus declared there had been a misunderstanding of the board's intention by retail merchants, and promised co-operation in carrying out regulations.

SLEEPING SICKNESS DEATH IN HAMILTON. Fatal Case of Dread Malady Also Reported at Fruitland. Special to The Toronto World. Hamilton, Dec. 12.—Two deaths, one at the city hospital last Thursday, and one at Fruitland yesterday, which have been attributed to leishmaniasis, or so-called sleeping sickness, gave intimation that the malady which has scourged the west is getting a foothold in Ontario. Dr. McCullough, provincial health officer, local physicians will not report cases of sleeping sickness to Dr. Robert Roberts, M.O.H. The case at Fruitland was that of a school girl. The attack came on with a violent headache and the girl became drowsy. She then fell into a deep sleep which ended in death. No new cases of smallpox were reported today, but the local situation is considered serious by Dr. Roberts.

## ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY ON REVISION OF TARIFF

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—(Special)—The government will make an announcement tomorrow on the revision of the tariff. Another important announcement restricting the importation of labor is also expected. During the coming winter it is expected that the government will insist on all immigrants having considerable money before they will be permitted to come here. Although employment is less than normal, it is not the intention to give any immediate opportunity for a big influx of the unemployed of Europe.

## C. P. R. RECOVERS SOME OF ITS LOSS

New York Reports That Canadian Investors Are Buying Stock at Premium. New York, Dec. 12.—Canadian Pacific recovered some of its loss yesterday on reports coming from Montreal, that Canadian investors were buying the stock in this market in spite of the fact that they have to pay a 10 per cent. premium in view of the depreciation in exchange in this market. Although it would be only natural that Canadian Pacific should decline with the rest of the railroad list, still much of the selling in this stock, as has already been noted, has been on the part of British holders because of the depreciation in sterling exchange, which makes it profitable to sell in this market. This selling for foreign account has started the rumour that the British government was selling securities held as collateral for loans. This, however, has been denied in responsible quarters.

TO STABILIZE EXCHANGE. Montreal, Dec. 12.—Canadian Pacific stock was stronger today, following its extreme weakness yesterday. Among the various explanations offered for the late ten-point break, involving liquidation for London and European account, with the object of checking the further decline in sterling, and the sensational break in New York exchange on Montreal, etc., the first named seems the most probable. It is withstanding its denial by a prominent banking firm in this connection, there has been reports of considerable selling of American securities for the purpose of stabilizing exchange. There has been no development in Canada, or in the affairs of the railway which might have used any extensive selling of the stock.

MISSION TO CAIRO ARRIVES SECRETLY. All is Quiet But Burning Resentment Underlies Apparent Tranquillity. Cairo, Dec. 12.—Secrecy surrounded the arrival on Sunday of the British mission, which has not been achieved, secretary for the colonies. The party was driven to a hotel before the population was aware of its presence. Detachments of troops were about the station in the rain, but they were such familiar sights in Cairo that the natives did not suspect the reason for their presence. One newspaper, announcing the arrival of the mission, says: "We will soon see whether the Egyptians have forgotten their ambitions, which have not been achieved, or whether they interpret the arrival of the mission as a crisis necessitating a final effort." Fear Disturbances. London, Dec. 12.—Despatches from Cairo say all is quiet there, but add that underlying the apparent tranquillity is burning resentment which the arrival of the British mission will either fan or extinguish. The despatches indicate there are ample forces to quell any disturbances which might break out, but say the presence of these forces only makes the ultimate task harder.

THE EXCHANGE SITUATION. British pound (\$4.86) in New York, \$3.65, discount, 24 3/4 per cent. Canadian dollar in New York, 90-1-1/2, discount 9 3/4-4. BRITAIN'S LOAN TO BELGIUM. Brussels, Dec. 12.—According to The Independence Belge, a Belgian loan of \$50,000,000 has been concluded in Great Britain. The first instalment, says the newspaper, was paid today. \$45 WINTER OVERCOATS FOR \$32.50. The Dineen Company, 140 Yonge street, have on sale today sixty-nine heavy winter overcoats, the remarkably low price of \$32.50. Every coat is made from choice materials, lining and workmanship. The very best Meltons, Freeses, Naps, etc., in plain greys, browns, etc. These coats were ordered to be delivered in September and through some trouble in the factory were only delivered yesterday—hence this reduction. Every coat is value for \$45. If you want a bargain in a winter overcoat call into Dineen's today.

## GOLD SHIPMENTS ARE SUPPORTING CANADIAN DOLLAR

International Business Seriously Checked—Currency at 15 P.C. Discount in Seattle. In an effort to stabilize Canadian exchange in New York, the government yesterday announced the shipment of \$20,000,000 in gold to New York. A New York dispatch yesterday afternoon announced the arrival of \$10,000,000 of gold, which rules at a discount of 9 1/2 to 9 3/4 per cent. yesterday, as compared with an extreme low level of 11 per cent. on Thursday. The gold was advised as being in transit, and the better than corrective measures were under way arrested the downward tendency of the Canadian dollar, which had been at a discount of 9 1/2 to 9 3/4 per cent. yesterday, as compared with an extreme low level of 11 per cent. on Thursday. 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