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EARLY ACQUISITION OF G.T.R. BY GOVERNMENT ASSURED

Toronto Starts War on High Rents

TO ALL LANDLORDS TEN PER CENT. ONLY ON GROSS VALUATION

Legislation Committee of City Council Adopt Alderman Ball's Suggestion to Obtain Federal Restraint on Exorbitant Toronto Rentals.

"Profiteers have been flourishing like a green bay tree," affirmed Mayor Church in a startling speech at yesterday's meeting of the legislative committee appointed by the city council. "The people are being bled to death all along the line. The thing has been a public scandal. Ottawa has been sleeping on a volcano for the past two years. A volcano broke in Winnipeg and it might break anywhere else if the federal authorities do not take drastic action. Trusts and combines are flourishing right in Toronto today and who is to stop them? If the government grant me the power I will start something, but I have no power."

Just before the mayor arrived and delivered his remarks the committee had been taking evidence regarding high rents and some glaring instances had been produced of profiteering in this line. Alderman Ball, who followed the mayor, brought the discussion back to rents and thought the remedy lay in immediate government action. He referred to what took place in the old country where the government passed legislation that rents were not to be raised during the war. He moved that the committee recommend to council that the Dominion government be requested to pass legislation at the present session restricting rentals of dwellings to a gross revenue per annum of 10 per cent. The question was raised as to whether this should be 10 per cent of the assessed or actual value, and actual value was favored. Mayor Church suggested that the federal authorities should be requested to enact legislation forthwith along the lines of Alderman Ball's motion providing that for a period of six months from the date of such legislation there would be no further increase of rents. Alderman Ball was favorable to this being incorporated in the motion carried. A proposal by Alderman Blackburn that the Ontario government be requested to appoint a commissioner to investigate the rent question and that it be asked to introduce legislation protecting tenants of property was virtually laughed out of court.

The feeling of the committee was decidedly earnest that parliament should do something at this session without delay.

Mayor Affirms.

The mayor, who was completely confident on the subject, did not confine himself to rent but to profiteering in food and other necessities as well.

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AUSTRALIA'S SHARE TEN MILLION POUNDS

If Germany Makes the First Indemnity Payment by Next Year.

Reuters Cable.

Melbourne, Sept. 10.—Premier Hughes has informed the members of the Australian cabinet that if Germany makes the first indemnity payment by 1920, Australia's share will be ten million pounds sterling.

When the indemnity was fully paid, he stated, Australia's share would be nearly sixty million pounds sterling.

COCKSHUTT STATES HE FEARS GERMANY MAY RULE LEAGUE

Convinced More Shots to Be Fired—Lemieux Says Article Ten Vital.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Sept. 10.—Debate on the peace treaty continued in the house through today's sitting. Tomorrow, it concludes, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, who took up the major portion of the afternoon, agreed that the covenant of the league was useless without Article 10. But, by ratifying the treaty, was Canada not surrendering financial control over her military and financial powers? He described the Dominion government's war policy as one of exploitation, extravagance, profiteering and waste. There had been an utter disregard of statecraft, with an abject surrender to party needs. He thought, too, that the Irish home rule bill should be enforced and "King Carson" silenced.

Mr. Cockshutt (Brantford) was critical of the league, also declaring he would vote for ratification. He predicted that the time might come when Germany, if admitted to the league, would largely constitute its voting power. And he was convinced that the last shot had not been fired, nor the last battle won.

With the conclusion tomorrow of the debate on the peace treaty, the debate on the address will be resumed. This is to conclude on Friday. On Monday, business waiting on the order paper will be taken up. Owing to the illness of the prime minister, however, presentation of certain government legislation is being somewhat delayed, and it is probable that the house will not hold evening sittings through the week.

Mowat (Parkdale), in the house this afternoon, presented his bill to substitute election law as a means of capital punishment. The bill was read a first time.

Treaty Invitations to Canada.

Mr. Rowell read correspondence which passed between Sir Thomas White, then acting premier, and Sir Robert Borden, at the time in London.

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TAKING OVER GRAND TRUNK MATTER OF FEW DAYS ONLY

As Foretold in World Last Week, Government Will Acquire Railway by Agreement Almost Immediately.

By a Staff Reporter.

Ottawa, Sept. 10.—The World learns on good authority that the government and the Grand Trunk officials have practically reached an agreement, and in a few days the government will be in possession of both the Grand Trunk and the Grand Trunk Pacific. The exact terms could not be learned, but following a conference today, between members of the government and officials of the railway company, it was stated that the government would acquire the old Grand Trunk without being compelled to resort either to arbitration or liquidation.

TWENTY-FOUR UNIONS IN STEEL INDUSTRY DECIDE ON STRIKE

Declare All Efforts to Secure Conference With Corporation Have Failed—Will Walk Out September 22.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Washington, Sept. 10.—Twenty-four international unions in the steel industry announced today that by unanimous vote it had been decided to go on strike September 22, "having exhausted every honorable and possible means of securing a conference with the United States Steel Corporation for the purpose of discussing the intolerable and brutal conditions under which the men are compelled to work."

In announcing the action the executive council of the union declared that efforts of President Wilson to obtain a conference between the steel corporation and the unions had been unavailing. Meanwhile, it was said, "the most un-American outrages and unlawful tactics were employed to destroy union."

The statement issued by the union heads said:

"The 24 international unions in the steel industry and affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, having exhausted every honorable and possible means of securing a conference with the U. S. Steel Corporation for the purpose of discussing the intolerable and brutal conditions under which the men are compelled to work and having failed in these efforts, have decided by unanimous vote to cease work on Monday, September 22."

Have Tried All Means.

"The representatives of these international unions have for the past four months tried every conceivable means to secure a conference with Judge Gary, representing the U. S. Steel Corporation. A personal letter from President Gompers to Judge Gary was totally ignored. Later on a committee waited upon Judge Gary in New York and was refused an audience. Subsequently they were advised that a letter signed by Judge Gary that he would not deal with union labor representatives, which is an absolute denial to his employees of the right of collective bargaining."

"The executive council of the American Federation of Labor brought the situation to the attention of President Wilson, for the purpose of securing co-operation in arranging a conference. Up until the present time the committee has not been advised that the efforts of the president have been in any more successful than efforts of President Gompers and the committee representing the employees."

Un-American Outrages.

"While we were engaged in these efforts, the most un-American outrages and unlawful tactics were employed to destroy our unions. In western Pennsylvania we were denied the rights of free speech and free assembly. Owners of meeting places were prevented from permitting our gatherings in their halls. In street meetings were broken up with the pretext that we did not have permits for the same, in spite of the fact that it was impossible to secure such permits from the steel mill town officials, who are owned body and soul by the steel interests. Our organizers have been jailed and are attempting to speak to our members. Our meetings have been picketed by hundreds of gunmen, thugs and company officials in order to browbeat and intimidate the workers from meeting together to discuss their grievances. Thousands in our membership have been discharged for no other reason than having become members of our union."

"Add to this with the cold blooded and brutal murder of seven of our organizers and members by steel mill guards and professional gunmen during the past few days, it has become impossible to restrain the employees any longer. In view of the stubborn and uncompromising attitude of the steel trust officials there is no alternative left to the committee except to comply with the demands of the steel workers for release and to declare a strike to become effective Monday, September 22."

Are Well Organized.

"The strike was called to compel recognition of their unions and of the principle of collective bargaining by the United States Steel Corporation. A declaration attributed to Judge Gary of the steel corporation that the steel workers were not more than ten per cent organized was ridiculed by union great difficulty in having orders filled, and many of the best makers refuse to take on any more orders for spring delivery on account of scarcity of materials, brought on by strikes, etc., and to add to this, prices have gone up and are still soaring, and as one manufacturer put it the end is not yet come. The Dineen Company is issuing this warning to their customers not to expect present prices for men's hats to drop for some time. The Dineen Company stock of fall hats are now opened, and while the prices are much higher than they were a few years ago, they are very much less than they will be later on when further deliveries are received. Full lines of Christy's, Hilligley's and Hens's best quality of English hats now opened, price \$8.00; other good makers, \$2.95 to \$6.00. Come into Dineen's and take advantage of present prices. 140 Yonge street."

CANADA TO OWN G.T.R.

National Railways of This Country Will Be the Greatest System in the World.

TORONTO A NATIONAL RAILWAY AND TELEGRAPH CENTRE

Some Indications of the Consolidations, Economies and Improvements to Be Effected—Electrification to Follow.

THE absorption of the Grand Trunk into the Canadian National Railways makes the greatest system of public-owned railways in the world. But more significant than this is the revolution in transportation in Canada that will take place in consequence of this consolidation. Let us enumerate a few of the changes that will take place almost immediately.

Beginning with Toronto: the first important feature as far as this city is concerned will be that a new consolidated service will be created between Toronto and Ottawa direct, over the double track system of the Grand Trunk as far as Napanee, and then on the track of the Canadian Northern direct to Ottawa, via Smith's Falls. This single track portion of the Canadian Northern will undoubtedly be doubled right away. The distance between Toronto and Ottawa at present is:

Toronto to Ottawa, C. N.	257 Miles.
Toronto to Ottawa, G. T. (via Kempton)	265
Toronto to Ottawa, G. T. and C. N.	247

From these figures it will be seen that there will be a saving of 18 miles in distance and most of the run over the present double track system of the G. T. R. along the lake front towns and villages.

Another advantage of this consolidation will be that most likely the Canadian Northern will be double-tracked, not only from Napanee to Ottawa, but from Brighton to Napanee, and in this way a service will be given thru the heart of Trenton, Belleville and Deseronto. The Toronto-Ottawa service will be one of the most profitable in Canada.

The next great improvement in regard to traffic to and from Toronto that results from the consolidation is in the transcontinental services; and what applies to Toronto, will apply with equal force to Montreal, Ottawa and all other eastern points, namely, that the national transcontinental service will practically start at Halifax, will come via the Intercolonial, Transcontinental and the Grand Trunk to Montreal. From Montreal the service can go either by Grand Trunk or Canadian Northern to Ottawa; and from Ottawa by the Canadian Northern via North Bay and on the Canadian Northern to Long Lake, this side of Lake Nipigon, where the Canadian Northern has its nearest approach to the Transcontinental—only 25 to 30 miles to build between the systems. And once this link is made the transcontinental trains, instead of going by way of Port Arthur, will pass from the Canadian Northern at Long Lake to the Transcontinental, and over the Transcontinental to Winnipeg; and from there, via the Intercolonial, to Montreal and Ottawa. The Toronto end of this transcontinental train will go by way of the Canadian Northern to Parry Sound and Capreol, connecting there with the line above referred to. Surprising consolidations can be effected in all the western provinces.

In the city of Montreal the National Railways, while it does not get the use of the Windsor Station of the C.P.R., gets the Bonaventure Station and under the mountain, gives much the best route to Ottawa and to the west, and may mean a greatly improved railway station in Montreal.

A further improvement that will be effected immediately following the consolidation will give the Grand Trunk advantage and use of the connections that the Canadian Northern have already secured for joint uses of the stations, lines, sidings, and over the Bonaventure Station and the Mimico and of Toronto, and Mimico toward the west.

One of the outstanding advantages of this consolidation is that the National Railways gets possession of all the properties, sidings, stations, Niagara Falls, Hamilton, Brantford, Black Rock, London, Sarnia, Windsor and many other cities and towns in the Dominion, constituting of themselves the greatest group of railway assets in the world. The World has heard it said that the Grand Trunk's real estate, in the way of sidings, stations and the like, in Canada, is practically worth more than one-half of the total value of the system, and has ahead of it a potential of growing into enormous value. The bridges and what is an immense asset. It includes the new ferry routes and car-ferry routes that will be established.

Toronto's most valuable railway asset that comes to the nation is the sidings. No one can begin to enumerate the changes, consolidations and savings that can be effected clear across the continent by uniting the Intercolonial, Transcontinental, Grand Trunk, Canadian Northern, Grand Trunk Pacific. Every city and nearly every town in Canada is on the great consolidated National Railways!

No one can begin to outline the improvements that will follow putting the Grand Trunk and Canadian Northern together in New Ontario. And we believe that the Timiskaming and Northern Ontario will be taken into the National Railways, putting most of the mines of Ontario on one system. The nickel, gold, silver mines of Ontario will be on the National Railways. Toronto will be able to come forward with sites and other aid for such block or blocks.

The consolidation of railway offices will result in the consolidation of administration staffs. A lot of officials, men, clerks, other employees can be saved and turned into other work. No one will be dumped, but turned into more efficient work.

A lot of trackage that can be lifted will go to places where it can be used to more advantage. Unnecessary tickets can be eliminated. In Toronto the Northern ticket office at Toronto and King, the Intercolonial, the C.N.R. in the Union Station can be closed, and so clear across the continent. The freight yard managements of the lines connecting the National Railways will save money and increase efficiency. Carriage lines, sleeping and diner car systems, news departments, hotels can be doubled up. A lot of legal officials, traffic solicitors, promoters will be saved, \$6 a one's loss.

Opportunity will be given to the poorer branches of the Grand Trunk in Ontario will be turned over to the Hydro-Electric radials of the province.

The electrification of the National Railways will now be taken up. We will develop our water powers—Ontario, as well as National Railways! Engineering propositions that could not be taken up by a single system may be tackled now. The real bridge crossing of the Don valley in Toronto, for instance, for the National Railways and the Canadian Pacific and Radialis, tonight gave emphatic denial to the fact that it will be even more revolutionary than the Bloor street viaduct! The great bulk of all thru freight traffic will be taken off the Esplanade and cross by the C.P.R. and C.N.R. joint trackage thru North Toronto station.

These great changes will not be effected in a day, but they will come along one after the other in a rather surprising way. The people of Canada have come into the makings of a great People's Railway and Telegraph service. This will not hurt the splendid Canadian Pacific System, but help it. Even these two services will find a way of working together.

SMOKERS MUST PAY ENHANCED PRICES FOR ALL BRANDS

Three-for-a-Quarter Cigars Extinct—Tobacco Packets Smaller.

Men who smoke after reading this story will feel inclined to proceed without delay to their respective employers and demand an immediate increase of salary. Cigars, tobacco and very soon cigarettes are all going up in price. The two former necessities for many men are going for an immediate increase as the manufacturers gave notice to the jobbers and wholesalers some time back of a raise in price of from seven to nine dollars a thousand at the present moment are selling off stock in hand, but in a day or so everyone will be paying more for his smokes. Tuckers of Hamilton, L. O. Groh of Montreal, T. McMill of London and Andrew Wilson of Toronto, the four largest cigar-makers in Canada, find that the cost of material, labor and overhead expenses has advanced at such a rate that it is impossible to manufacture profitably at present rates. All the above firms with the exception of Andrew Wilson—and they expect shortly to follow suit—issued a circular announcing a raise of a quarter for only two cigars, but the jobbers persuaded them into the ten-cent-straight idea.

SPARE NO EXPENSE IN PROFIT PROBE

Attorney-General Promises Assistance of Crown Officials to Commerce Board.

"My instructions are that no expense will be spared not only in rendering assistance to the board of commerce, but in any prosecutions that may arise in connection with combines or profiteering," remarked yesterday, in discussing the investigation to be opened by W. P. O'Connor in the city hall this morning.

Mr. Lucas also stated that J. S. Lundy, special counsel for the Ontario government in the matter, had a long conference with the authorities at Ottawa and discussed with them certain lines of action or procedure to be taken at the investigation.

The attorney-general went on to say that, on behalf of the government of Ontario, he had addressed another letter to Mr. Lundy in Ottawa requesting him to co-operate with the board of commerce in every way in the probe relating to the high cost of living. He authorized the board to give every publicity by way of advertising if necessary to the objects of the investigation and the need for active co-operation of the public.

Mr. Lucas further stated that he had authorized the utilization of the services of any of the crown attorneys and provincial police and the employment of any special officers who might be able to render any assistance in bringing about the objects sought to be obtained by the board of commerce.

A formidable task.

"I know the task ahead is a very formidable one," the attorney-general added in writing Mr. Lundy. "I leave it to your discretion and give you the widest possible authority as representing this department to co-operate with and assist the board."

Mr. Lucas was asked what part the provincial police would play in the matter.

"It all depends, of course, upon what orders are issued by the board of commerce," the attorney-general replied. "It will be the duty of the police to see that any orders are duly enforced, and if there are any violations in connection with the prosecutions that will inevitably follow."

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Opportunity will be given to those who have facts to submit to be heard. The proceedings commence at 10 a.m. likely in committee room No. 2.

OFFICIAL WHEAT PRICE IN TORONTO AND COUNTY

Farmers who are in the habit of selling wheat on the Toronto street market have for some time been more or less uncertain as to what price they have a right to expect for their product under the government regulation. It was stated here today by representative dealers that the price paid in Toronto is \$1.98 per bushel. At this price the farmer also gets a "participation certificate" guaranteeing any subsequent advance in price. Farmers out in York county are selling at \$1.95 per bushel with guarantee certificate. There is said to be no No. 1 Ontario wheat that is being quoted at \$1.95 and Marquis wheat at \$1.97.

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Cork Sinn Fein To Be Suppressed

Government Proclaims All Irish Societies in the City and County.

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The government has also declared that the first section of the Criminal Law Procedure Act of 1877 shall be applied to Cork, Limerick, Clare, Tipperary and the Dublin counties.

HOG PRICES OFF AGAIN

From \$24 per cwt. to \$18 per cwt. a straight decline in the price of live hogs, within the last few months, or a little more, is going some, but that is about what the Toronto market has shown in the time stated. Yesterday the local live hog change live hogs were quoted at \$18 to the farmer, \$18.25 f.o.b., \$19.25 fed and raised, and \$19.50 weighted off cars. Friday, Saturday and Monday leading will be on the basis of 50 cents and maybe \$1.00 less.

In Chicago yesterday thousands of hogs were unsold at \$14.25 a clean cut since August 28 of \$17.75 per cwt. Up to that time the cut immediately preceding from \$16 was said to be the most sensational since 1907.

Industrial uncertainties, the falling off in the export business, and the threatened strike of the packing-house and stockyards employees, together with the apparent anxiety of the growers to get rid of their hogs all at once, are some of the reasons for the steady tumble in price. The packers are also said to be up against the abnormal weakness of foreign legislation.

On the board of trade in Chicago yesterday grain and provisions both showed a strong downward tendency in view of the \$14 hog.

OPEN UP TERAULAY

Address College into Grenville and by St. Vincent to Bloor—Take Congestion off Yonge.

Before the war the city started in to extend Teraulay street from the west end of Davenport road. It bought and has a lot of property on the line of the street thus extended up to Bloor. But it failed to buy the key block, the frontage on College street (88 feet) and Grenville street (88 feet), immediately to the north.

This block, if opened up, would let Teraulay into St. Vincent street, and on that thoroughfare to Bloor street. The city has already paid for the land from the Osborne estate to widen the street by Christie street, along St. Michael's College.

And this one bit of land on College street, if opened up, would let the foot traffic go north west of Yonge street, and drop for some time. The Dineen Company stock of fall hats are now opened, and while the prices are much higher than they were a few years ago, they are very much less than they will be later on when further deliveries are received. Full lines of Christy's, Hilligley's and Hens's best quality of English hats now opened, price \$8.00; other good makers, \$2.95 to \$6.00. Come into Dineen's and take advantage of present prices. 140 Yonge street."

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