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FAIR AND COLD

THREE CENTS

OVER THIRTY KILLED DURING RIOTS IN FRONT OF THE REICHSTAG BUILDING

Chancellor Bauer Springs Sensation by Accusing Independents of Giving Signal for the Mob Rush.

POLICE COMPELLED TO THROW BOMBS

Minister of Defence Prohibits the Sale of Bolshevik Papers Throughout Territory Where State of Siege Exists

Paris, Jan. 14.—Thirty-one persons were killed during the riots in front of the Reichstag building in Berlin yesterday, according to Berlin advices reaching here today.

The cabinet of the National Government, together with the Prussian cabinet, has issued a statement in which the members declare unanimously for the maintenance of order by all means available.

Appeal to People

Berlin, Jan. 14.—The Social Democratic Party has issued an appeal to its members not to allow themselves to be provoked by independent and Communist "wire pullers" who are directly responsible for the bloodshed and want to continue to playing an unscrupulous game with human lives.

The appeal asks whether the workers will permit national representation to be placed under terrorism, and tells them that the German nation can be saved from complete destruction only by work.

Level minded citizens of Berlin call for government measures to prevent further rioting, especially those directed in connection with the anniversary of Dr. Lehnrecht and Rosa Luxemburg. The Vorwarts, editorially declares that according to all reports, the police showed the utmost patience in the rioting of Tuesday and did not fire until ten police men had been seriously wounded. It points out that Dr. Heine, Prussian Minister of the Interior and Chief of Police, Ernst personally controlled the police.

"The aim of the criminal elements, however," it said, "was achieved and the workers were increasingly stirred by the bloodshed. The responsibility will be on the heads of those who senselessly led innocent people into danger of destruction."

All the Rightist papers also support the Government and welcome the proclamation of martial law. The Conservative papers regret that the measure was not applied sooner by way of precaution, and for this reason shift the responsibility for the bloodshed to the Government.

London, Jan. 14.—A Berlin wireless despatch, under date of Wednesday, says that Dr. Kaas, Prussian Minister of the Interior, speaking in the assembly today on Tuesday's disorders, assumed full responsibility for the protective measures adopted and accused the Independents of having incited the masses to disorder. The speech was notably interrupted by the Independents.

Chancellor Bauer: "I regard it my duty to express, in the name of the Government, my thanks to the safety police. They opened fire only after they had been attacked by criminal elements in the crowd and brutally maltreated and killed with their own arms. Signals were given to storm the Reichstag building by the Independents who had succeeded in getting in the building, serious trouble would have taken place."

Threw Bombs

London, Jan. 14.—Eye witnesses estimate the casualties in Berlin on Tuesday at fifty killed and one hundred wounded, according to the Reuters correspondent. The police were finally compelled to throw bombs among the rioters, causing a panic in which many were struck by bullets, and numbers, including many women, were trampled under foot.

Subdue Red Flag

Berlin, Jan. 14.—The German Government has asked the Federal Council of Switzerland to make representations to the British Government with regard to propaganda in favor of Poland, which is reported in progress among the German prisoners interned in England. The Government complains that an endeavor was made to enlist by force 210 of the prisoners in the Polish army to prevent the men from voting in regions where plebiscites are to be held to determine whether they shall be Polish or German territories.

Berlin, Jan. 14.—Minister of Defence Noeke, has prohibited the sale of Di Freihelt and Red Flag throughout the territory where a state of siege has been proclaimed.

Railroad Detectives Surprise Gang Attempting To Rob Car of Whiskey

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 14.—Railroad detectives surprised robbers attempting to break into a freight car containing 1,600 cases of whiskey, estimated to be worth \$215,000, on route to Winnipeg from St. Louis, today, and Jack Burke, local prize fighter, was shot and instantly killed by a policeman Harry Robinson, of Winnipeg, said by Federal authorities to have purchased the liquor in St. Louis, and plotted to have the car robbed here while on its way to Canada so the whiskey could be sold for higher prices than are being paid in Canada, was arraigned late today. He pleaded not guilty to the charge of conspiracy to rob the car and was remanded to jail, as he was unable to furnish \$25,000 bail.

Two Americans Killed In Clash With General Semenov's Troops

London, Thursday, Jan. 15.—Two Americans were killed and three wounded in a clash with an armored train of General Semenov, Commander in Chief of the All-Russian armies, between Lake Balkal and Verkhneudinsk, in the Province of trans-Balkala, according to the correspondent of the Daily Mail at Harbin. The Americans were reported as having captured the train. Other clashes were reported between the Czech Slovaks and General Semenov's troops. A Moscow wireless despatch says the majority of the Cossacks in the Amur region, and also the Buriats and the Kirghizes of the trans-Balkal region have revolted against the massacres of General Semenov and repudiated his representatives.

Social Workers Are In Conference At Montreal

Federal Children's Welfare Bureau Advocated by One of the Speakers—Minimum Wage for Minors Considered.

Montreal, Jan. 14.—At the Congress of the Social Service Council of Canada which opened here today, Professor MacMillan, of Toronto, advocated the establishment of a Federal Children's Welfare Bureau in the course of an address on standards in child welfare work. As to education, he held that there should be compulsory school attendance up to sixteen, with continuation schools up to eighteen, study to be reckoned on the forty-four hour week. Other speakers on the same topic in the afternoon were J. B. Dawson, secretary of the Charity Organization Society, who opened the session; Dr. Styles, who spoke on infant mortality; Miss Mary Power, Chief of the Child Welfare Bureau of Ontario, and Miss Charlotte E. Whitton, assistant Editor of "Social Welfare," Toronto.

At the evening session, J. N. Barrs, Superintendent of the Boys' Farm and Training School, Shawbridge, said that prison cells and specific sentences of a given term for adults were "criminally stupid and barbarously atrocious."

Professor MacMillan, of Toronto, also addressed the session on minimum wages for women and minors, and Rev. Dean L. Norman Tucker, President of the Council, briefly reviewed the relations of the churches and of ministers to social service.

The program for tomorrow will deal with problems of the modern industrial order. At night Hon. Arthur Meighen will preside, and Premier E. C. Drury, of Ontario, will speak.

CLOTHIER LOSES IN DAMAGE SUIT AGAINST THE CROWN

Court Decision Holds No Minister of Crown Can Bind Gov't to Legal Contract Unless it is Ratified by Cabinet.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Jan. 14.—Sir Walter Casse, Chief Justice, Exchequer Court, has decided that no Minister of the Crown, except statutory powers has been conferred upon him, can enter into a legal contract without its ratification by the Cabinet. This decision was made in the case of Livingstone versus the Crown. The plaintiff, a Kingston clothier, entered into a contract in 1911 with Sir Frederick Borden, Minister of Militia, for a supply of uniforms for the Royal Military College Cadets. The agreement was to run until June, 1915, and was then subject to cancellation on six months' notice. After the change of the Government the contract was cancelled in 1912 without notice. The plaintiff claimed damages which have been disallowed on the ground that the original contract was not ratified by the cabinet.

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MACKENZIE KING GIVEN GOOD TIME ON THE ISLAND

Had Nothing New to Tell Those Who Gathered to Hear Him at Charlottetown Yesterday.

STILL SILENT ON PARTY'S POLICIES

Presented With Bouquets in the Form of An Armful of Memoranda from Visiting Delegations.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Jan. 14.—In the capable capacity of leader of the Liberal party, and representative, by acclamation, of the constituency of Prince, Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King had a strenuous time at the hands of demonstrative, enthusiastic and hospitable Prince Edward Islanders during his present visit. The reception tendered him last October, on his first visit to Summerside, was repeated on a magnificent scale on his present tour. Tonight he addressed two crowded meetings in the Prince Edward and Strand Theatres.

His speeches, in the main, apart from special references to conditions in this province, were along the lines of those delivered at Newmarket and Halifax. He rang the changes on stability and unity as the great needs of Canada, and on Liberalism as the solution of the problems confronting Canada. He was frequently interrupted by applause, and at the close was greeted with prolonged cheering.

On reaching the island last night he held an informal conference with several hundred representative constituents whom he thanked for returning him by acclamation. He was then presented with bouquets in the form of an armful of memoranda from various delegations regarding freight rates, erecting coal storage plants, branch lines of railway, etc.

Immediately after reaching Charlottetown, he was tendered a luncheon at which one hundred representative men, including the Premier and members of the legislature, were present. He announced that he intended to contact North York at the general election as he had been invited before receiving the invitation from Prince, and he did not wish to stand in the way of local aspirants of the latter constituency.

Mr. Lapointe also spoke at the luncheon, which lasted three and one half hours. A public reception in the Legislative Assembly chamber, followed by the invitation from Prince, and he did not wish to stand in the way of local aspirants of the latter constituency.

Lapointe, who also delivered two speeches here tonight, was warmly received, making a most favorable impression. This forenoon he was honored with an invitation to sit with the judges on the bench of the Supreme Court and, on the invitation of the Chief Justice, addressed the court.

The party leaves tomorrow for St. John.

CONSTRUCTION OF DEMOUNTABLE SHIP WILL SOON BEGIN

The Craft Will be a Cargo of Lumber Put Together in Form of a Ship.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 14.—"I expect that within a few days the actual construction of a demountable ship will be commenced," said John Arbutnot when questioned concerning his lumber transporting plan, which has been discussed both here and in Esquimalt. The first ship, according to Mr. Arbutnot, will go to England, propelled by sails and oil engines. The demountable craft is to carry a cargo of lumber put together in the form of a ship which can be taken to pieces on reaching its destination.

Australia Still Keeps Ban on German Goods

London, Jan. 14.—Notwithstanding the exchange of ratifications of the German peace treaty putting it into effect, the Australian Government instead still keep in use the Customs Act prohibiting the importation of German goods. It is declared in a Melbourne despatch today.

Hon. A. K. MacLean Has Refusal of The Portfolio

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 14.—A successor to the Hon. A. L. Sifton as minister of public works is being considered by the cabinet. Hon. A. K. MacLean has the refusal of the portfolio.

LETTS HAVE WIPED OUT THE FIRST PETROGRAD COMMUNIST BATTALION

London, Jan. 14.—A despatch from Riga under date of January thirteenth received by the Lettish legation here says through the capture of Korsovka the railway between Dvinsk and Phkov was cut. The Bolshevik forces of Rzezytsa were thereby separated from their northern front, leaving Rzezytsa on the Moscow railway the only avenue of retreat for the Soviet forces.

With troops from the Estonia front, the telegram stated, the Bolsheviks attacked the Lettians, but were repulsed. In two days of fighting the Letts wiped out the first Petrograd Communist battalion, capturing a brigade commissary and its commander, together with several hundred prisoners.

The Railway Men Are Very Carefully Guarding Details

The Results of Last Friday's Negotiations Only Made Known Yesterday—Wednesday's Discussion Well a Secret.

London, Jan. 14.—The Executive Committee of the Union of Railwaymen, throughout the present railway dispute, has preserved what is considered a rather unwelcome secrecy in the progress of the negotiations, secrecy which has provoked adverse comment as inconsistent with the modern desire for "open negotiations."

Only tonight is an official account available of last Friday's proceedings, and the grounds on which the men rejected the government's offer. The official report shows the men accept the principle of standardization, but want it based on the highest rate of wages instead of the average rate. They rejected the sliding scale on the ground that other factors are involved besides the cost of living. They also demand increases retroactive to August, and the inclusion of the Irish railwaymen in the settlement. Likewise, nothing was divulged tonight as to the nature of the government's concessions, except that they concern the anomalies which affect the broad principles involved.

The negotiating committee of the Railwaymen's Union, together with members of the Executive Committee discussed for four hours tonight their new position. Some of the delegates were emphatic in declaring that mere modification of the details and the removal of some of the anomalies would not meet the demands of their branches, and that only acceptance by the Government of the full terms would justify them in voting for a settlement. The fact, however, that there was no abrupt rejection of the Government's compromise, was considered a hopeful sign.

JUGO-SLAVS FAILED TO SHOW UP AT CONFERENCE

Premiers Believed the Fiume Question Was About Settled When Slovans Side-stepped.

Paris, Jan. 14.—The Council of Three—Premier Lloyd George, of Great Britain; Premier Clemenceau, of France, and Premier Nitti, of Italy, today continued their consideration of the Fiume question. The Jugo Slavs and Italians were believed to be near an agreement, but the Jugo Slavs failed to appear before the council today. It is said the Slovans have objected to the Italian proposal that Fiume be a free city with its territory extending to the present Italian frontier. The council will consider the Turkish question tomorrow.

NEW BRUNSWICK BIBLE SOCIETY IN ANNUAL MEETING

Newcastle, Jan. 14.—The annual meeting of the N. B. Bible Society was held in St. James' Hall here yesterday and there was a goodly attendance from all parts of the province. The Veteran President, Hon. J. G. Forbes, of St. John, presided over all sessions. The newly appointed Field Secretary, Rev. F. S. Porter, of St. John, submitted the financial statement for the year, which showed an increase for the current year of \$1,500, which is the best in the history of the society.

Mr. George Henderson, of St. John, gave a survey of the work for the year, which was very interesting. The work of Dr. Heine among the immigrants, and the Misses Wesley and Henderson, the Bible women were very highly commended.

Inspiring public addresses were delivered in the evening to a large congregation by Revs. H. Wigle, of Sackville; L. H. McLean, Newcastle, and F. S. Porter, St. John.

Stormy Scenes Break Out In Berlin Nat'l Assembly

Leader of Independents Entered His Party's Protest Against Armed Force in the Reichstag.

Berlin, Jan. 14.—Immediately on the opening of the session of the National Assembly, today, Herr Gier, who succeeded Hugo Haase as the floor leader of the Independent Socialists, entered his party's protest against the presence of armed forces in the Reichstag. He charged that military protection was there with the consent of the President of the Senate.

Herr F. Fehrbach, president of the Chamber, denied this. He declared that on his arrival in the Reichstag building, the director informed him that the Government had provided protection for the legislators.

The Assembly then entered upon the second reading of the shop councils measure, and the members were listening to the committee's report when the first shots were heard. The Independents left the Chamber, but returned a few minutes later, led by the redoubtable Frau Louise Zietz, who was prominent in the German naval mutiny in Wilhelmshaven in 1917. The radicals forthwith charged that they had observed how the orders to shoot were given by the officers.

VICTIMS OF POST WAR CONDITIONS SEEKING HOMES

Over 1,000 Children Arrive at Trieste from Vienna.

Trieste, Sunday, Jan. 11.—One thousand children, from four to nine years of age, the helpless victims of post-war conditions in Austria, arrived here today to be assigned to Trieste families for care and possible adoption.

SUPREME COURT ASKED TO DECIDE

Board of Commerce Requests Opinion as to Its Jurisdiction and Power.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 14.—The Board of Commerce has asked the opinion of the Supreme Court as to its jurisdiction and powers to administer the Combines and Fair Prices Act, as conferred on it by Parliament. The reference to the Supreme Court is the result of certain interests challenging the right of the Board to interfere with its business. The Crescent Creamery Company, of Winnipeg, for example, has questioned the right of the Board to interfere with business which has its origin and scope solely within a single Province.

Opposition To Milner Commission Grows Daily Throughout Egypt

Cairo, Thursday, Jan. 13.—Opposition to the Milner commission, now in Egypt in an attempt at conciliation, is giving indications of growth, due chiefly, it is stated by some close observers of developments, to the influence of Said Zagloul Pasha, the Minister of Justice. The Nationalists have forwarded a note to Viscount Milner, British Secretary for the Colonies and head of the mission, declaring that his proclamation, issued recently, cannot be regarded as a basis of negotiations, while the vernacular press have swung in a hostile direction.

Cairo is in semi-darkness owing to the men employed in the gas service striking on account, they declare, of the transfer of an old employee from one department to another.

TO FIND REMEDY FOR FINANCIAL CHAOS IN WORLD

A Call for One of the Largest International Conferences of Financial Figures Ever Assembled Has Been Issued.

BUSINESS MEN OF U. S. AND EUROPE

Join Simultaneously, in An Effort to Bring Leaders Together in An Effort to Solve Problems.

New York, Jan. 14.—A call for one of the largest International Conferences of commercial and financial figures ever assembled, in an effort to find a remedy for the financial and commercial chaos in which the world has been left by the war, was issued here today, following the meeting of a coterie of nationally known financiers.

The appeal was issued simultaneously with similar proclamations put forth in Great Britain, France, Holland, Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden and Norway. In each case the documents were signed by business, financial, political and educational leaders in their respective countries. In the case of the European countries the appeal was addressed to the respective governments. In the United States the Chamber of Commerce of the United States was asked to arrange the preliminaries of the conference, while the appeal was addressed jointly to that body, the American government and the Reparations' Commission in Paris. While Germany and Austria are not included in the original call, it was announced that delegates from those countries would be invited to attend the conference.

What is Planned.

"To sum up the document," says the official announcement of the conference, "it is a call to the people to return to pre-war standard of reason—an appeal to the reparations' commission for wise moderation as to the best business policy for all concerned—an appeal to governments to arrest inflation and meet inevitable hardships by increasing their revenue rather than by increasing their debts—an appeal to the people to work and serve—an appeal to leaders of commerce and finance to get together in order to study the problems dispassionately and take it up as a business proposition, relying on independent action rather than government intervention. Governments can be relied upon, however, to remove, as rapidly as possible, the obstacles that impede such a course."

In addition to the European countries who have united in the movement, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States is asked to invite delegates from Japan, the other countries of Europe and the principal exporting countries of South America.

MONCTON POLICE ON EIGHT-HOUR SCHEDULE

Information Laid Against Crescent Creamery Company

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, N. B., Jan. 14.—The eight hour day will be inaugurated in the Moncton Police Department tomorrow, in accordance with the decision of the Police Commission today. When officers are called upon to work more than eight hours, overtime will be allowed. Prior to this the Moncton officers have been on duty ten hours. In view of the shorter hours it is expected that eight hour shifts will shortly be arranged.

The death occurred at Shediac recently of Terrance Sweeney, father of C. N. R. Conductor Dennis Sweeney, of Moncton. The late Mr. Sweeney was 65 years old and was a native of Melrose, Westmorland County, where he was well known.

Grand Cross of Legion of Honor Given To Premiers

Paris, Jan. 14.—(Havas.)—On the occasion of the ratification, last Saturday, of the Treaty of Versailles, the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor was bestowed upon Premier Lloyd George, of Great Britain, and Premier Nitti, of Italy.

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