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WOOD LEADS IN 4 BALLOTS BUT DEADLOCK IS UNBROKEN Board of Commerce Acts to Stop Flagrant Speculation in Sugar

SUGAR PROFITEERING OF A FLAGRANT KIND REVEALED IN REPORT

Commerce Board Judgment Blames "Speculators"—Will Prosecute.

NAMES MANY FIRMS

Ottawa, June 11.—(By Canadian Press).—The first "sugar judgment" of the board of commerce since it arrogated control of this commodity on February 26 was issued this evening. While dealing specifically with a complaint made by J. Gale, of Ottawa, against the firm of Durocher and Gosselin, general merchants, of Estevieville, the board declares that there has been profiteering in sugar of a flagrant character, which has not been confined to those involved in this particular matter.

"The board's questionnaire systems, which extend throughout Canada, and whereby many thousands of traders report their costs and prices, disclose undoubted and indefensible profiteering in sugar by wholesalers and retailers alike," says the judgment, "and it goes on to state that there has arisen a new shortage profiteer—the pure speculator—who purchases second-hand from wholesalers and retailers alike, then re-sells at relatively enormous profits, the consumer ultimately suffering."

"The board is determined to put a stop to the practices mentioned," says the judgment, "and it invokes," (Continued on Page 2, Column 1).

REPUBLICAN POLICY AFFRONT TO LABOR

Gompers and Woll Return From Chicago to Stir A. F. of L. to Action.

"COLD, BRUTAL INSULT"

Democratic Party Will Be Given Chance to Get Organized Labor's Support.

Montreal, June 11.—The Republican platform adopted in Chicago is declared "an outrage and an affront to the working people," and a document with which Wall Street and the trust ought to be highly pleased," by Matthew Woll, vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, in a statement issued here tonight.

"It provides for compulsory labor in all government and semi-government services," continued the statement, "but in profoundly and impressively silent on the great junction issue, and gives what I take to be a pledge that the United States will police Mexico for the benefit of organized oil, mineral and mining appetites."

"The platform is an outrage and an affront to the working people, and a cold, brutal insult to the great masses."

"The platform promises no relief from the profiteers, and has the audacity to propose continued submission to heartless exploitation."

Mr. Woll returned here today from Chicago, where he, with President Samuel Gompers of the federation, (Continued on Page 10, Column 2).

FIRE RANGER CONFESSES TO ACCEPTING A BRIBE

Received Twenty-Five Dollars in Return for Wood Clearance Affidavit—Story Comes Out at Timber Probe.

Port Arthur, Ont., June 11.—The Riddell-Latchford timber commission ran out of witnesses early Friday afternoon and after about an hour's session, adjourned until Saturday morning.

The most interesting evidence of the afternoon was given by Sidney Ross, a ranger who had been employed by the government, and who had a great amount of self-possession but a rather falling, or, at least, a slow memory, so slow, in fact, that the presiding judge thought well to hurry it up a little by suggesting on several occasions that there were cold cells awaiting for such as he.

After a great deal of questioning about his methods of seeing that the homesteaders out as much timber as they cleared, and no more, and of taking their word for it, he confessed to taking more than the word of some, or, at least, of one. One man had given him \$25 for letting him take out an affidavit, the word of which he took out later. There might have been other payments of the kind. He could not just remember.

David Poole confessed, too, with some evidence of pride, that he was

BRITAIN HELPING TO FEED GERMANY

Paris, June 11.—Fifteen thousand tons of wheat destined for England have been diverted to Germany and will be held to forestall the serious shortage there. It is learned from the international relief committee here that the decision of Great Britain is the outcome of the recent visits to London of the German food controller, Herr Mann, who asked for wheat and other supplies. Large stocks of frozen mutton also will be sent to Germany from English storage houses.

ROWELL'S MANDATE STIRS UP CARRIERS TO BITTER FEELING

Urge Minister Himself to Resign—Adamant for Strike.

PAY INADEQUATE

Hon. N. W. Rowell's mandate respecting the civil service employees in Toronto, who are liable at any moment to go out on strike, has apparently only whetted the determination of the letter carriers to fight for what they term their rights. The following statement was issued last night by the press representatives of the Letter Carriers' Association—C. J. Onley and Albert E. Hull—to the World:

"If Hon. Newton Wesley Rowell really believes that he or the government can deal with the civil service employees as he suggests, according to interviews given to the evening papers yesterday afternoon, he has become the victim of grave error of judgment. Further, we emphatically tell the public that if he believes that the maximum salary of \$580, with the added benefit of \$420, totaling \$1,000, sufficient to fit the needs of a family of four or five, he has proved beyond doubt that he is the wrong man in the wrong place. We can also say the same respecting the maximum salary of \$1820, including bonus granted to the postal clerks, altho we do not assume to speak for that association."

"Who is administering the postoffice department for Canada, the postmaster-general of Canada, Hon. E. P. Blondin, or Hon. N. W. Rowell? This is a question which is being asked all along the line. Is there a postmaster-general? We would go on to express our belief that the office of postmaster-general should be given to men who have risen from the ranks in the service."

"Thinking upon the threatened order of resignation of 'struckers,' we would tell Mr. Rowell that his own tradition would more than anything else work to the best interests of the public. We say, without fear of contradiction, that we know of no official either as cabinet minister or chief of department, who has the facile talent of making black appear white as Mr. Rowell himself. Will Mr. Rowell publish the reclassification bill in detail in the public interest?"

FORMER PREMIER TO FORM NEW ITALIAN CABINET

Rome, June 11.—The newspapers today announce that former Premier Giolitti has been requested to form a cabinet to succeed that of Francesco Nitti, which resigned June 8. The Messaggero says it is informed that Signor Giolitti has accepted the task.

FOREST FIRES ARE GRAVE PERIL IN NEWFOUNDLAND

Situation is Most Menacing Since Conflagration of Twenty-Eight Years Ago, Which Devastated Thousands of Miles of Forest.

Montreal, June 11.—The Montreal Star publishes the following St. Johns, Newfoundland despatch today: As the night settles down the sky westward is lurid and heavy columns of black smoke are passing seaward overhead, being carried along by a westerly wind from the forest fires, the nearest of which is fourteen miles distant from the city. The four weeks of unbroken fine weather has been followed by an outbreak of forest fires which have now spread practically all over the peninsula in the northern districts and on the southwest coast. The situation last night reached a stage of gravity unapproached since 1892, when similar conditions existed throughout June and July and resulted in the devastation of thousands of miles of forest and much destruction to property. All last night the city was shrouded by a pall of smoke, and the smell of burning turf and forest penetrated into residences. During the past twenty-four hours a southwest wind increased in velocity, and accelerated the progress of the fires and caused great concern to people and settlements along the coast. Would Advance Costs. The big three—Wood, Lowden and Johnson—were at their high water mark when the convention, after the fourth ballot, adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

POLES ACHIEVE BIG VICTORY ON BERESINA RIVER

Bolsheviki Concentrated Nine Divisions, But Were Completely Repulsed.

MADE DARING DASH

Warsaw, June 11.—The great battle along the River Beresina, which began on May 14, was crowned yesterday with a great success for the Poles, according to the Polish official communication today. The Bolsheviks, says the statement, had concentrated nine divisions of infantry in this sector, and tried to take the initiative by throwing all their forces into the attack. Bitter fighting resulted, various positions changing hands frequently. The enemy, however, was definitely defeated on June 3, the communists retreated on the next day the Poles attacked the bulk of the hostile forces behind the Beresina, taking six hundred prisoners and capturing numerous machine guns.

In the Gorval region, at the junction of the Beresina and the Dnieper, Polish detachments made a daring dash and destroyed 50 boats the Bolsheviks had prepared for a crossing of the river. North of Kiev, adds the statement, the Soviet forces are developing serious activities in the vicinity of Tchernobyl, near the junction of the Pripiet and the Dnieper.

ALBANIANS CAPTURE ITALIAN GENERAL

Athens, June 11.—Despatches from Janina, Albania, indicate a troubled situation in that country. They report that an Italian general has been made prisoner by Albanians and that Italian artillery has bombarded the village of Ouzati.

Several clashes between Greek detachments and Bulgarian bands along the frontier are reported from Thrace.

MRS. CATT RE-ELECTED SUFFRAGE PRESIDENT

Geneva, June 11.—Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt was unanimously re-elected president of the International Women's Suffrage Alliance at this morning's session of its congress here. She has agreed to accept the office. It was said, despite her declaration in a speech yesterday that she felt compelled to retire.

TERMINATE CONVENTION.

Ottawa, June 11.—Official notice has been given as to the termination, on June 19, of the convention respecting commercial relations between France and Canada. Notice was given to France on March 19.

CHILDREN FROM AUSTRIA ARRIVE IN ENGLAND

The hand of welcome extended to children from the famine area in Austria, on their arrival at Folkestone on May 26. Nearest camera is Mrs. Despard. Nearly 400 children arrived by the boat, and will be cared for in English homes.

CREARER WOULD HAVE LUXURY TAXES PAID BY MANUFACTURER

Collect Them at "Source"—Motion Lost on Government Majority by 14.

SOLDIER NOT EXEMPT

Ottawa, June 11.—(By Canadian Press).—Shortly before midnight, while the luxury taxes were still under discussion, Hon. T. A. Crear moved an amendment to have the taxes collected at the source instead of from the purchaser. The tax, so Mr. Crear's amendment provided, shall be paid by the manufacturer or wholesaler at the time of sale, or on importations in the case of duties of custom already imposed, and by the manufacturer or wholesaler to his majesty in accordance with such resolutions as may be prescribed.

Hon. T. A. Crear said the system of collecting through the retailer would prove inadequate and clumsy. There were something like 2,500,000 retail sales in Canada daily, and if every merchant made honest returns there would have to be a huge staff at Ottawa to check 2,500,000 invoices.

Would Advance Costs. The big three—Wood, Lowden and Johnson—were at their high water mark when the convention, after the fourth ballot, adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The contest then stood: Wood, 214 1/2; Lowden, 289; Johnson, 140 1/2; Hoover, 5; Harding, 61 1/2; Sproul, 79 1/2; Poindexter, 15; Sutherland, 8; Borah, 1; Dupont, 2; LaFollette, 22; Watson, 4. For a nomination 493 votes are required.

At the adjournment hour it still remained a three-cornered fight between Wood, Lowden and Johnson, for the remaining 12 contestants held only 240 votes. The vote for Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler of New York steadily dwindled until on the closing ballot it stood at 20. Lowden forces took the vote of the accessions from New York.

Hoover Got Five Votes. Twenty-four votes from Wisconsin cast for La Follette on three successive ballots amid hisses and cat-calls fell to 22 at the closing. It was the first convention in years at which La Follette himself had not appeared as a nominee. Herbert Hoover's maximum strength of the day was five.

Mr. Crear's amendment was defeated by 89 to 25, a government majority of 14. It was a straight party vote, the National Progressives and Liberals voting for the amendment. Progress on the resolution was then reported.

Tax May Be Permanent. In answer to a question by Dr. Clark, Mr. Henry Drayton said that in view of the necessity for revenue the new taxes might be made permanent if they worked out satisfactorily in private.

Mr. Clark contended that in some part of the country the taxes were being collected, while in others they were not. He offered to give names of offending retailers, in private.

The minister replied that the taxes would not be paid properly until the house passed the budget resolutions and allowed the country to settle down to the new measures as quickly as possible.

TO UNVEIL TRIBUTE TO NURSE CAVELL

Allied Representatives Invited to Ceremonies in Tuileries Gardens.

Paris, June 11.—Representatives of all the allied governments have been invited to attend the unveiling of a bas relief to the late Nurse Edith Cavell, in the Tuileries Gardens, Saturday the fourth.

The bas relief, which is intended to express the veneration of the allied governments for Miss Cavell, was erected by public subscription organized by the late Nurse Edith Cavell lying on the ground after having been shot, with the suggestion of smoldering ruins in the background. The bas relief covers the entire wall of one of the buildings of the garden terrace.

FOUR COMMIT SUICIDE ON U. S. TRANSPORT

Washington, June 11.—Four persons on board the army transport Mount Vernon committed suicide after one of the ship's propellers broke off the Virginia coast, according to a radio despatch received here today. Their names or the circumstances were not given.

The transport has aboard 4,000 Czecho-Slovak troops who are being taken to their native land from Siberia; 900 German war prisoners under a United States army guard and 25 women and children. She is bound for Norfolk and is due there tomorrow.

The Czecho-Slovak legation here has appealed to the American Red Cross for aid, as the ship arrives. Nurses in and around Norfolk are being mobilized to meet the vessel, and others are held in readiness here to go to Norfolk should they be needed.

TAKE FOUR BALLOTS FAIL TO NOMINATE THEIR CANDIDATE

Republican Convention Adjourns After Attempt to End Deadlock—Wood Leads, But Lacks 179 Votes of Number Needed to Nominate—Lowden and Johnson Come Next.

RESULTS OF VOTING ON FIRST FOUR BALLOTS

Candidate.	First.	Second.	Third.	Fourth.
Wood	287 1-2	289 1-2	303	314 1-2
Lowden	211 1-2	259 1-2	282 1-2	289
Johnson	133 1-2	146	148	140 1-2
Sproul	84	78 1-2	79 1-2	79 1-2
Harding	65 1-2	59	58 1-2	61 1-2
Coolidge	34	32	27	25
Butler	69 1-2	41		

Balance of votes distributed among other candidates. Number of votes required to nominate, 493.

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MACHINE WORKS HARD TO BREAK UP DEADLOCK

Chicago, June 11.—At midnight the manoeuvring and conferring among the convention leaders was at its height and centered in a conference at the downtown hotels, where Senator Lodge, Governor Hiram Johnson, Senator Watson, former Senator W. Murray Crane, Senator Borah and others were present.

Other conferences were going on at other hotels and various clubs. The Wood headquarters expressed satisfaction with the situation. Lowden headquarters was predicting sufficient accessions tomorrow to start the governor toward the necessary majority, and it was known that compromise offers of various sorts were being carried to Johnson headquarters.

QUIT AND FORFEIT JOBS, ROWELL TELLS POSTIES

House Applauds Emphatic Speech in Which Minister Declared Letter Carriers Receive More Pay Than Any Other Class Doing Similar Work in Canada.