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U.S. Government Takes Drastic Action Against Profiteers

Judge Robson Promises Effective Action on Living Costs

Chairman Robson Confident in Prosecutions of Illegal Combinations, Provinces Will Not Block Enforcement of Federal Orders—Board Holds First Session.

Special to The Toronto World. Ottawa, Aug. 14.—The government has apparently made a good selection in appointing Judge Hugh Robson chairman of the board of commerce for Canada.

Judge Robson and W. F. O'Connor, K.C., the two members of the board already appointed, constitute a quorum, and they were busy today outlining the work of the board, looking for quarters and engaging a staff.

Interviewed by The World this afternoon, Judge Robson said that the people of this country wanted action, and words from the board of commerce respecting the high cost of living. Asked about the prevailing impression that the work of the board would be hampered by the terms of the act which commits the prosecution of all offenders to the various provincial attorneys-general, the judge said: "I cannot believe that the Dominion government would have passed the legislation unless they intended to enforce it."

Fortress No Clash. The law against illegal combinations in restraint of trade and profiteering are directed against offenses that affect the entire nation, and the national government will naturally be expected to enforce them.

W. F. O'Connor, K. C., said he observed in the house on the passage of the bill had been misunderstood. Mr. Melghe, he said, was (Concluded on Page 7, Column 4).

JAPAN IS UNABLE TO ASSIST KOLCHAK

Tokyo, Aug. 14.—It has been learned that the Japanese government has informed the government of Admiral Kolchak that Japan is unable to assist in his request to send several divisions of troops to the front in the war against the Bolsheviks.

COAL MEN ACCUSED OF FAMINE PLOT

U. S. House Told That They Are Withholding Coal to Secure Big Prices Later.

Washington, Aug. 14.—Representative Huddleston, himself a large owner of coal lands, told the house yesterday that "sky high" prices for coal next winter and intense sufferings are bound to result from "the refusal of the National Coal Association to sell coal now at a reasonable price."

The members of the association having failed in their campaign to sell their coal at the present exorbitant prices, said Mr. Huddleston, have now decided to withhold fuel from the market until the snow flies. The association claims there is a shortage of coal now, because of a shortage of labor and coal cars.

Demand Exorbitant Prices. "The whole trouble is that there is no market because the operators are demanding exorbitant prices. There is no shortage of labor or of coal, but the shortage is found in the coal association which is woefully lacking in the principles of common honesty and humanity."

Mr. Huddleston read to the house a letter from the attorney administratively halting the supply of coal cars is admitted, but there is no demand for them because of the war. The National Coal Association, Mr. Huddleston claimed, recently appropriated \$50,000 to carry on a "buy-coal-no-war" campaign.

SUPPRESS SINN FEIN IN COUNTY CLARE

British Government Announces Decision in View of Great Increase in Crime.

London, Aug. 14.—The government announces that owing to increase in crime in County Clare, Ireland, it has been decided to suppress all Sinn Fein and kindred organizations in that county.

STERN WARNING SENT BY U. S. TO MEXICO

Carranza Told That if Murders and Outrages Continue, Drastic Steps Will Be Taken.

Washington, Aug. 14.—The first definite move toward the long expected change in policy in dealing with Mexico was disclosed today. Carranza has been warned that if the murders and outrages of Americans continue the U. S. may be forced to adopt a radical change in its policy with regard to Mexico.

The government announced its action by publishing an exchange of notes with Mexico City, and pronounced its official statement with the expression that the diplomatic representations referred to had been taken in view of the murder and outrages of Americans in Mexico, culminating in the murder of Peter Caron at San Luis Potosi last month, and the perpetration of other acts in disregard of American lives and property.

The communication to Mexico is couched in the most guarded language used in any form by this government since the exchanges preceding the Vera Cruz occupation.

COURT REFUSES BAIL TO WINNIPEG LEADERS

Says They Broke Promises When Out on Bail First Time By Taking Part in Labor Unrest—Mounted Police Escort Them to Jail.

Winnipeg, Aug. 14.—Bail was refused for the eight Winnipeg strike leaders by Justice J. D. Cameron of the court of appeal today. The accused, William Ivens, R. B. Russell, John Queen, A. Heaps, R. E. Bray, W. A. Pritchard, R. J. Johns and George Armstrong, were accordingly taken into custody by the Royal Northwest Mounted Police and escorted to the provincial jail, where they will remain until they appear for trial at the October sittings, unless defense counsel can obtain their freedom from one of the judges in higher courts.

SIX CENTS DAMAGES AWARDED HENRY FORD

Mount Clemens, Mich., Aug. 14.—A jury tonight awarded Henry Ford six cents damages against The Chicago Tribune for calling him an anarchist. Damages of a million were asked.

Judge Hulet, foreman of the jury, said they took "nine ballots that I can remember," the first one, according to Leonard Mease, another juror, standing 8 to 4 in favor of awarding Mr. Ford some damages.

"Does the award of six cents about the case?" Mr. Hulet was asked. "It just about does. That expresses our judgment." Attorney Alfred J. Murphy for Mr. Ford said: "The important issue in this case has been determined favorably to the plaintiff. He has been vindicated. Money damages were entirely unobtainable, and were not sought by Mr. Ford. He stands not only vindicated, but his attitude as an American citizen has been justified after a trial which raised every issue against him which ingenuity and research could present. His friends are entirely satisfied."

LAVOIE REQUEST ENDS IN ARREST OF G. W. KENNEDY

Collinson States Drinking Bout Terminated in Blows and Kicks.

"That Norman Francis Lavoie came to his death as the result of blows and kicks received in a fight with George Washington Kennedy at No. 6 Empire avenue on July 28," was the verdict of the jury last night. Kennedy was at once placed under arrest.

The man Collinson whose name had figured repeatedly in the evidence and around whom some mystery gathered, put in an appearance. He gave the startling testimony that he saw George Kennedy kick Collinson, and a scarp in the Kennedy kitchen, although he did not think anything serious would happen.

The evidence generally was conflicting, causing Coroner W. J. McCollum to remark that perjury was being committed somewhere and that he would direct the attention of the attorney-general to it. There was further testimony as to drinking and the facility with which liquor is obtained was emphasized.

G. A. Grover, appeared for the crown. W. K. Murphy represented the Kennedy family and B. W. Essery was for the witness, Collinson. "Drink the 'Crook'." Arthur James Dainty, 842 Manning avenue, said that on the night of Sunday, July 27, he was at the Kennedy home. He went for a walk with George Kennedy and Collinson. Someone suggested getting a "crook." A man they approached promised to get a "crook" which cost \$6. The man wore a button. The three of (Concluded on Page 7, Column 5).

SHOPMEN'S STRIKE IS CALLED OFF

Chicago, Aug. 14.—The railway shopmen's strike is off, and the men will return to work Saturday. This was the decision tonight of representatives of the strikers from widely scattered points throughout the country after an all-day meeting. The meeting was called by the Chicago Central Labor Union, which was held in the city hall.

MANAGERS REFUSE MEDIATION OFFER

Volunteer Committee of Playwrights Seek to Intervene in Actors' Strike.

New York, Aug. 14.—Theatrical managers of New York gave a flat refusal today to an offer of mediation in the actors' strike made by a volunteer committee of playwrights headed by George V. Hobart, George A. Dean and Irvin S. Cobb. Replying for the managers, Arthur Hopkins declared: "We will not compromise. We will never recognize the Actors' Equity Association."

The strikers' response to the offer of mediation, made thru Frank Gilmore, secretary of the equity association, was a statement that the association asked for recognition of the actors and that all contracts be made on the equity plan. Mr. Gilmore added that if the playwrights found the position of the actors a fair one, and could arrange for its acceptance by the managers, the actors would be ready to act promptly.

STAGE HANDS MAY STRIKE

Charles Shea, president of the International Association of Theatrical Stage Employees, announced that the stage hands would go on sympathetic strike at the right time if the actors cannot win without them.

RUSH SALE OF SUMMER HATS AT DINEEN & CO., 140 YONGE ST.

Men's Straw Hats, half price. Men's Panamas, half price. Men's \$6.00, \$7.00 and \$8.00 Felt Hats, for \$3.95. Men's \$4.00 Black Stiff Hats, for \$3.00. Men's \$5.00 Hats, for \$3.95. Bargains in Millinery. Bargains in Furs. Bargains in Raincoats. Bargains in Men's Light Overcoats. Bargains in Ladies' Traveling and Men's Suits. All summer stock to be cleaned up. Fall goods arriving, hence the great reductions. The W. & D. Dineen Co., Limited, 140 Yonge street.

QUANTITIES OF FOOD STUFFS SEIZED BY U. S. OFFICIALS

Prices Tumbled on Chicago Market

Caused by Government's Drive to Reduce the High Cost of Living.

Chicago, Aug. 14.—With the seizure today of 1292 tubs of butter, \$3,330 pounds, valued at \$50,000, in the government's first Chicago drive to combat the cost of living, prices on all commodities dealt in on the board of trade and foodstuffs handled in the produce market took exciting tumbles. Rapid development of the government's measures was given as the chief reason. The prices at the board of trade at the finish of the day's trading, as compared with 24 hours before, were setbacks of 7 1/4c to 8 3/4c a bushel for corn, 3 1/4c to 3 3/4c a bushel in oats and a drop of 9c to \$3.35 in provisions.

There was a decline in several commodities in the produce market. A further decline of 25 cents a bushel in the cheapest grades of early Ohio potatoes, a 2-cent drop in the price of cabbage, and a falling off in the price of highest grade yellow onions took place in the vegetable market. Prices of green corn, peaches, lemons and watermelons also were on the decline, while beets, carrots and oranges advanced slightly.

The confidence of holders of grain and provisions was shaken when the seizure of food staples became known. In the last hour of trading at the board of trade, numerous orders to sell were combined to make the decline more emphatic. The initial disturbance had its origin in the big market arrivals of hog hogs here had been more than trebled and quotations dropped in some instances as much as \$1.50 a hundredweight since yesterday. The influx of hogs was chiefly due to a resumption of work at the packing houses, where strikes had been in progress.

WINNIPEG EDITORS TO FACE SEDITION CHARGES

F. J. Dixon, M. L. A., and J. S. Woodsworth Will Appear in Police Court.

Winnipeg, Aug. 14.—F. J. Dixon, M.L.A., and J. S. Woodsworth were committed to the police court today on charges of sedition. Bail was granted at \$3,000 each.

OBJECT TO AUSTRIA SHELTERING BELA KUN

Vienna, Aug. 14.—The bourgeoisie throughout Austria is protesting against the government sheltering Bela Kun, the former Hungarian Communist dictator, in his accomplices. The entire mission to Austria have also expressed disapproval at Kun's finding asylum in Austria.

ANOTHER CONSTITUENCY HEARD FROM IN FAVOR OF CALLING CONVENTION

Queen's Park Politicians Making a Mistake in Failing to Trust the People—T. H. Regan, M.L.A., Favors the Proposal.

People are asking in the most pointed manner why the Queen's Park people are afraid to call a convention of the provincial Conservative party. "They are not afraid," was the explanation of a member of the party, "but they haven't."

"What's the answer? Is it a puzzle?" "No; it's like this: Everybody knows there should be a convention. Nobody in Ontario politics would object to a convention. In fact a convention was under way when two of the big noses from Ottawa, the kind The Appointed, came down and boxed the whole thing up tight and put it in cold storage. The government has lost a lot of seats for want of a convention. Do you remember North Ontario and how Wildfield was elected? A convention candidate would have beaten Wildfield easy, but the people would not stand for even a pretty good man under Ottawa auspices."

"It was the same in Manitoulin, and St. Catharines was just the same as a defeat. They'll lose it at the next election." "Why is a convention not called, then?" "Because of Ottawa. The premier has to follow instructions, and the immediate party men have to follow the premier or start a revolt, which is not popular." "Do you mean they would rather sacrifice the party than the leaders?" "I am most certainly in favor of it."

MANITOBAN CONSERVATIVES TAKE LEAD FOR GATHERING IN NOVEMBER NEXT

Manitoba Conservatives Take Lead for Gathering in November Next.

A Winnipeg report says that Manitoba Conservatives are busy organizing a national convention. Resolutions of Manitoba organizations have been communicated to Toronto Conservatives, and as soon as replies are received from Toronto and from all parts of the Dominion, it is said a meeting of the central committee will be summoned and the time set for a national convention. It is not expected, however, to come before November.

Next week representatives of all federal districts in Manitoba (Conservative) will be held here. All Conservative associations in Manitoba have approved this plan.

A member of parliament spoken to in Toronto last night said the report was, in part true, and that a gathering will take place some time in November. He also stated that there would be a provincial convention before the federal gathering, and intimated that it might come much earlier than was generally expected.

HONORS FOLLOW RUSSIAN SERVICE

London, Aug. 14.—The following awards to Canadians of the Sixteenth Brigade Artillery serving at Arras are announced in The London Gazette: Bar to Military Medal, Bombardier J. Dipplil, Sergt. J. Beddow, Military Medal, Sergt. A. S. Hicks, Wm. Higgins and E. R. Skelton, Corporal P. L. Heaney, T. B. Greaves, W. Hughes, Bombardier J. W. Crockett, Signaller J. P. Reid, D. W. Buchanan, W. R. Harrison, Gunners G. P. Atherton, W. O. Cook, C. C. Cordell, W. J. Cunningham, W. Dowling, J. A. Francis, P. C. French, A. E. Halliday, J. McLean, C. Maloney, W. Maxwell, P. Meehan, J. Murphy, T. J. O'Connell, W. O. Ferryman, R. O. S. Wilson, Drivers G. Waters and M. A. Kennedy. Meritorious Service Medal, Quartermaster-Sergt. W. Hudge. Awards to Canadians in Murmansk command: Military Medal, Sergt. J. A. Cowie and J. Ivy, both First Battalion, Ontario Regiment; Sergt. Hayes, Manitoba Regiment; Meritorious Service Medal, Pte. F. Noe, 4th Battalion, New Brunswick Regiment.

NEW ALTITUDE RECORD ESTABLISHED IN FRANCE

Paris, Aug. 14.—A new world's altitude record of 30,000 feet is said to have been established in the Alps with passengers today by Lieut. Welles, the pilot, and Mechanician Begue, according to The Auto. The flight, which took 82 minutes, was made in Villa Coublay, near here. The aviators' instruments showed that they experienced a temperature of more than 55 degrees Fahrenheit below zero.

BELOGIUM AND HOLLAND UNABLE TO AGREE

Paris, Aug. 14.—The Belgian delegates have finished the presentation of their case before the commission, which is considering Belgium's demands for a revision of the treaty of 1919. The Dutch representatives are to be heard August 20 on the same subject. Meanwhile the commission will take a recess.

Also nothing has transpired thus far, concerning possible concessions by either Belgium or Holland. It can be said on good authority that the Belgians are still firm in their demand for a new regime for the Scheldt river and are likely to remain uncompromising on that point even if the latter may be disposed to modify their territorial demands.

The Dutch view is understood to be unchanged regarding the Scheldt, which they are willing to concede. They insist that they cannot consider a revision of the treaty involving modification of territorial boundaries. The final issue probably will come with the Belgians stoutly maintaining their demand for the opening of the Scheldt and the Dutch refusing any cessation of territory. A compromise between these two viewpoints, however, is considered probable.

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