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FAIR AND COOL

TWO CENTS

SEES HOPE OF AGREEMENT IN MINER STRIKE

Conferences Between Labor Leaders and Gov't Continue With Bright Prospects.

LONDON WORRIED OVER RAILWAY TROUBLES

Suggestion to be Made That Transport Men Postpone Walkout Until Thursday.

London, Oct. 22.—The strike situation tonight was considered more hopeful by the fact that the peace conversations between the government and the miners' leaders are continuing unbroken. There were no new developments, however.

At a joint conference tomorrow between the railwaymen and miners, from which it is hoped peace may spring, it is expected the suggestion will be made that the railmen postpone their strike, set for Sunday night, should there be no agreement between the government and the miners by Saturday night after Wednesday's Trades union conference.

London is worried.

The greatest anxiety exists among Londoners for the rail strike because effective Sunday night the underground tube railways will cease working. It is possible also that the trams and buses, whose drivers are members of the transport workers' union, will suspend operations. The bus and tram drivers, however, have expressed themselves as reluctant to join the movement.

There is division among the railwaymen with regard to a strike, large sections of them opposing it. J. H. Thomas, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, has authorized the statement that he is against the strike.

Not Before Thursday

This has brought about the very general opinion that there will not, in any case, be a rail strike before Wednesday, but should it transpire, the delivery of transport has an emergency plan.

Emergency Bill Delayed

The desirability for a session of the House of Commons Saturday to pass the Emergency Bill, giving the government wide powers in the event of public disorders, was considered this afternoon, but it was decided that the House should take a recess over Saturday and Sunday and continue Monday.

Predicts Nationalization

Montreal, Oct. 22.—"Nationalization of the British mining industry is inevitable," said Ben Spoor, British M. P., prior to sailing for England on the Metagama. Speaking of the miners' strike, he said, "this is not a wage dispute in the ordinary sense. It is rather an active protest against the government's violation of pledges. The government had promised to stand by the decision of Mr. Joslin Sankey in the commission of 1917, who recommended nationalization of mines as the only practical alternative. The government, however, refused to give effect to this recommendation."

Mr. Spoor does not think the strike will last long. The dislocation of the whole nation will be so terrible that an early offer of terms by the government is certain. "The financial loss," he said, "will be incalculably more than the small advance in wages would be, so it would have been a better policy for the government to have released this and conceded to the men's demands."

SERBIANS BURN 4,000 HOUSES

Col. Burnham Declares They Are Laying Waste All Albania and Montenegro.

Montreal, Oct. 22.—The following cable has been received here from Colonel Fred Burnham of Winnipeg, who went out to Siberia in charge of a Red Cross mission: "The Serbians are destroying Albania and Montenegro with fire and sword. Thirty thousand refugees from Dibra are now in Triana, the capital of Albania. All the district of Dibra and half the district of Matia, are destroyed. In the district of Dibra alone 4,000 houses have been burned by the Serbians."

TEN CENT FARES IN HARTFORD, CONN

Hartford, Conn., Oct. 22.—The Public Utilities Commission, in an order made public tonight granted the petition of the Connecticut Company for a flat ten cent rate on its trolley lines instead of the seven cent fare now in force. The order is to take effect on November 1.

MacSwiney At The Point of Death Is Latest Bulletin

Violent Attack of Delirium Seized Him But When it Was Over He Slept.

London, Oct. 22.—The Exchange Telegraph announces that it has been informed that Lord Mayor MacSwiney is at the point of death.

Mayor MacSwiney, says the night bulletin of the Irish Self-Determination League, had a violent but short attack of delirium at 7 o'clock this evening, after which he slept.

GRIM DEATH HE SOUGHT WAS IN RAGING NIAGARA

Suicide Waded Into River Until Current Caught Him and Took Him Over Brink.

THINK HE CAME FROM HAMBURG N. Y.

"I Can't Vote for Harding So I May as Well Go Over Falls"

Remark to Vendor Near.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Oct. 22.—Before the eyes of a score of sightseers at Prospect Point late this afternoon a man climbed over the railings, waded into the river and was carried over the American falls. Too astonished to move the spectators stood by while the man drifted to the brink waving his hand and shouting: "Here's where I leave you; good-by."

In a black dory found near the place where the man climbed the railing was found a piece of paper on which was written: "This hat belongs to Carl A. Ellis, of Hamburg, N. Y."

Looks Like Man.

The description of the suicide corresponds to that of Ellis, who could not be located in Hamburg tonight. The owner of a souvenir stand near the falls told the police that the man approached him and laughingly said: "Well, I can't vote for Harding, so I may as well go over the falls." The souvenir seller thought the man was joking and paid no more attention to the incident until a short time later when he saw the fatal leap.

POLAND TO HAVE TWO HOUSE RULE

Socialists Rioted for An Hour When Decision Was Announced There.

Warsaw, Oct. 22.—Commotion, which lasted for more than an hour, followed adoption by the Diet today, by a majority of six votes of the changes of the constitution providing for a two-chamber parliament. Left wing Socialists and peasant and Labor members rapped upon their desks and sang revolutionary songs as a protest against the action. Finally, the speaker reached such a stage that the speaker was compelled to adjourn the sitting.

The recently elected German members from Pomerania cast the six deciding votes. Final action upon the constitution is expected within the next few weeks.

ALEX JOHNSTON TO JOIN EMPIRE STEEL AT \$18,000 SALARY

Ottawa, Oct. 22.—Alexander Johnston, who for many years has been deputy minister of marine, will leave the government service at the end of October and become General Assistant to the President of the British Empire Steel Corporation. It is understood that his salary will be \$18,000 a year. Mr. Johnston is regarded as one of the most competent executive officers in the government employ. Before entering the government employ, he was a member of parliament for South Cape Breton. Edward A. Hawken, assistant deputy minister, will be appointed acting deputy in place of Mr. Johnston.

LABOR M. P. P. MAY HAVE TO RESIGN FROM C. N. RAILWAY

Winnipeg, Oct. 22.—The Manitoba Free Press carries the following Dauphin despatch today: "Choice of giving up either his seat in the provincial assembly or his position with the railway is given George H. Palmer, Labor member for Dauphin, in an order issued by the Canadian National Railway. The order forbids employees of the company to hold public office, and the man is preparing to resign it."

NOT GUILTY VERDICT IN M'NEAL CASE

Prisoner Collapsed for First Time When Free of Charge of Slaying Little Girl.

"CLOSE CALL" IS VIEW OF JUDGE

Held by Authorities for Deportation to United States on Robbery Charge.

Wolland, Ont., Oct. 22.—After three hours' deliberation, tonight, a jury acquitted David McNeal of the murder of four-year-old Margaret Boscock, of Thorold, on July 13th last.

As the words "Not guilty" fell from the lips of Foreman Neff, McNeal was embraced by his wife and her mother, Mrs. Honeywell, who came from Los Angeles, Cal., to comfort her daughter through the trial. A demonstration of approval was started, which brought from Justice Kelly a strong rebuke.

Cried Like a Child.

Then the nerve which the accused displayed all through the trial and his ordeal in August at Thorold, when he was almost lynched by a mob, disappeared. He sank into his chair in the prisoner's box and wept like a child. Justice Kelly informed McNeal, whose correct name is Wals, that he had a close call, "that another jury might have convicted him on the same evidence. As McNeal walked from the box he was taken in charge by Inspector Reynolds, of the Dominion Immigration Department, and will be held for deportation, which is expected to fit in with the plans of the United States Federal authorities, as he is wanted in Philadelphia for robbery and other charges.

REFINERS WANT GOVERNMENT TO COME TO RESCUE

Delegation Sees Sir Henry Drayton to Urge Some Assistance for the Trade.

Ottawa, Oct. 22.—Sugar refiners were in conference with Sir Henry Drayton, minister of finance, for some time this morning, but decision as to a definite line of action was not reached. Members of the delegation are loaning that of a remission of duties in raw sugar is likely to be accepted, and there is much questioning if the government will be able to give any effective assistance.

Should the government decide to lend assistance, it is understood that two of the main conditions will be: 1. Previous examination of the books of all the refineries seeking assistance to determine what their profits in recent years have been. 2. Assistance to be based on actual losses sustained by each refinery as a result of the operation of government control.

SAILS ALL SET BUT SHIP DRIFTS TO CERTAIN RUIN

Port Pierce, Fla., Oct. 22.—Water-logged with sails fully set and lifeboats intact, but not a soul on board, the Canadian schooner Adonia has drifted ashore opposite Jensen, and is fast being battered to pieces by the heavy seas. The crew are clinging to a message from Jupiter lighthouse, to be picked up by a passing steamer and saved, though their present whereabouts had not been learned.

The Adonia is a three-masted schooner, owned by Adonia and Company, of Wolfville, N. S. She was built at Bridgetown, N. S., and is in the West Indies trade, being registered at Bridgetown, Barbadoes.

MRS. KEITH DEAD

Special to The Standard

Corn Hill, Oct. 22.—Mrs. Victoria Keith, at the age of eighty-two years, passed peacefully away at the home of her son-in-law, William Dickey, after a brief illness of pneumonia and heart failure. Her daughters, Mrs. Albert Thorne, Haystack, and Mrs. Hanford Price, Moncton, arrived a few hours previous to her death. The funeral was conducted by Rev. M. Addison, assisted by Rev. Mr. Hatfield, the remains being laid to rest beside those of her husband in the Haystack cemetery.

HEARTY AT 110 YEARS

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 22.—Charles Quick, a resident of this city, is today celebrating his 110th birthday. He is hale and hearty and still works at his trade of saddler.

EARTHQUAKE IN ALASKA

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 22.—An earthquake shock was registered at the Gonzales observatory today. Superintending the 110th birthday. He is hale and hearty and still works at his trade of saddler. The order forbids employees of the company to hold public office, and the man is preparing to resign it.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA

The Board of Commerce has resigned—the Government will not name any successor.

George Chisholm found dead under mysterious circumstances near Amherst, N. B. Two held as material witnesses in case.

David McNeal not guilty of slaying child at Thorold, Ont.

UNITED STATES

Prisoners who escaped from Sing Sing are captured.

Hamburg, N. B. man leaps into the Niagara River and goes over the Falls.

THE BRITISH ISLES

There is a prospect of a settlement in the coal miners' strike within a few hours.

A London report says that Lord Mayor MacSwiney is dying.

FOUND DEAD IN DESERTED AUTO; MURDER FEARED

Lumber Cruiser of Oxford, Who Had Much Money on His Person, Found Dead.

TWO STRANGERS ARE GONE FROM DISTRICT

Body When Discovered Was Jammed Between Seats in Automobile.

Special to The Standard.

Amherst, Oct. 22.—Mr. George Chisholm, a lumber cruiser of Oxford, was found dead in a deserted car discovered on the main street of Londonderry at daybreak this morning.

The cause of death has not yet been ascertained, but foul play is suspected. An inquest is being held at Londonderry.

Mr. Chisholm left Oxford by car in company with two strangers who had been in the town for the past two or three days. Nothing more was heard of him until this morning when word was received that his body was found in the car jammed down between the front and back seats.

It is known that Chisholm had a large sum of money in his possession when he left Oxford. The two strangers who accompanied him have disappeared.

The Londonderry police are holding William and Robert Williamson, of St. John, as witnesses in the case.

UNKNOWN TOMMY WILL REST WITH NATION'S NOBLEST

Britain Will Bury One Nameless Hero in Westminster Abbey as War Tribute.

RECEIVED WAR CROSS

South Devon, N. B., Oct. 22.—Mrs. Harry Heron, of South Devon, received yesterday from Ottawa the silver memorial cross awarded to all mothers and wives who lost husbands and sons in the great war. The cross is in memory of Sgt. Harry Heron, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Heron, who was killed at the battle of Arras on Sept. 2, 1918.

LORD SHAUGHNESSY'S DAUGHTER-IN-LAW TO MARRY IN ENGLAND

Widow of Capt. Alfred Shaughnessy Will Wed the Hon. Piers Legh Soon.

Montreal, Oct. 22.—Lord and Lady Shaughnessy have received a cable from London, England, announcing the engagement of their daughter-in-law, Hon. Mrs. Alfred Shaughnessy, to Captain, the Hon. Piers Walter Legh, second son of Lord Newton. Mrs. Shaughnessy is the widow of Captain Alfred Shaughnessy, who was killed during the Great War.

LAW FIRM SAVES \$2,000 BECAUSE OF TEN BABES THERE

Toronto, Oct. 22.—By reason of the members of the law firm of Donald, Mason, White and Foulds, of this city possessing ten babies their income assessment was reduced by the court of revision today from \$11,061 to \$9,061, each child under 18 years of age being good for a reduction of \$200. This is the biggest "baby exemption" in the history of the court.

DENY BATUM LEASE.

London, Oct. 22.—Official denial was given this evening to the statement in a Moscow wireless despatch received Thursday night that Great Britain had requested from the Georgian Government a lease for Batum for a long term of years.

COMMERCE B'D QUILTS; PLACES LEFT VACANT

Hon. Mr. Meighen Says No More Appointments Until Legal Status Decided.

ACTION FOLLOWED CABINET COUNCILS

After Judicial Position is Cleared up Gov't May Reconsider Need of Board.

Ottawa, Oct. 22.—The Board of Commerce is no more. Announcement was made from the Prime Minister's office tonight that the members of the Board had tendered their resignations to the Government and that no appointment to the vacant positions would now be made. The announcement from the Prime Minister's office followed a series of meetings of cabinet members which were held today, the last of them concluding at 5.30 this afternoon and lasting for a couple of hours.

Off Until Status Decided

The statement says that when a decision is given by the judicial committee of the Privy Council, as to the extent of the Federal authority in relation to the Board of Commerce Act, "it will be for the Government to consider what should then be done."

Premier Meighen's statement does not occasion much surprise in the capital, as it was felt here that the resignations of the members of the Board were certain to be handed in following the cabinet's reversal of the Board's order with regard to the maximum price of 21 cents per pound for sugar.

The Latest Three

The three commissioners who have now resigned are Captain William White, who was formerly secretary of the Board, and who was appointed a commissioner on the resignation of the original commissioners—F. A. Acland, Deputy Minister of Labor, and Major A. Dillon, purchasing agent for the Department of Justice. The formal announcement of Captain White's appointment as chief commissioner of the Board of Commerce is expected in this week's Canada Gazette, published tomorrow.

The appointment of the three gentlemen who have now tendered their resignations was stated to be a temporary measure following the resignation of Judge H. A. Robson, of Winnipeg, the first chairman; W. F. O'Connor, K. C., and James Murdoch, labor representative on the board.

The Murdoch Letter

Mr. Murdoch's letter of resignation, written to Premier Borden was the subject of much discussion just prior to the ending of the last session of parliament. The right of the Board to issue orders placing certain restraints on the export of Canadian products was challenged in connection with the export of pulp and paper. In regard to this the Prime Minister's statement tonight says: "The jurisdiction of the Board will shortly come before the judicial committee of the Privy Council for final determination. The Dominion Government has been pressing to have this case heard with the least possible delay but as the provinces have a right to be heard it has not yet been possible to have the exact date of the hearing decided on."

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BUSINESS BRIGHT FOR STEEL FIRMS ABROAD AND HOME

Head of United States Steel Corporation Declares World Markets Are Favorable.

New York, Oct. 22.—Business prospects are unusually bright, both in the United States and abroad, Elbert H. Gary, head of the United States Steel Corporation, declared in an address before the American Iron and Steel Institute here today. He returned recently from an extended tour of the devastated regions of those countries.

"GEORGIC" OFF RIVER SHOALS

Second Stranded Ship May be Refloated Soon—Both Vessels Are Damaged.

Montreal, Oct. 22.—The Georgic of the Prescote Line, which went ashore near Sillery Cove just above Quebec yesterday has been refloated. It is believed she has sustained some damage, since she has put back to Quebec instead of proceeding to this port.

The Chama of the Elder Dempster line, is still aground on Bellechasse Island, fifteen miles below Quebec, but it is believed she may be refloated at any moment. It is reported that she has been damaged which will necessitate her going into drydock at Quebec when refloated.

MONTREAL EXPECTS SUGAR TO DECLINE TO 16 1-2 TOMORROW

Montreal, Oct. 22.—Sugar was today quoted here by the refiners at 18 1/2 cents net, but it is expected that effective tomorrow or very shortly announcements will be made of a cut by two cents to about 16 1/2 cents net. Sugar brokers here say they are preparing for this cut.

SHOE PRICES DOWN THIRTY-FIVE PER CENT DURING YEAR

Continued Declines Are Predicted by Shoe Wholesalers Result Unsettled Markets.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 22.—Continued declines on prices of shoes in the United States were predicted by delegates attending a conference of the Western Association of Shoe Wholesalers, here today. Delegates asserted that shoe prices in general had declined on an average of 35 per cent since last May. The price reductions were attributed to unstable market conditions, a lull in foreign purchases and the decline in the rate of foreign exchange.

MANHUNT ENDS AT FOOTHILLS OF KEERSARGE

Prisoners Who Escaped from Sing Sing Last Saturday Recaptured.

TALK FREELY OF THEIR EXPLOITS

Were Real Desperadoes While Making Flight With Canada as Objective.

Warner, N. H., Oct. 22.—A man-hunt on the heavily wooded southern foothills of Keersarge Mountain ended today in the capture of George Stivers and Marcus Bassett, who escaped from Sing Sing Prison at Ossining, N. Y., last Saturday night. The men, tired and hungry, were surprised while eating apples under a tree by the roadside, and surrendered without resistance. They readily admitted their identity and tonight were on their way back to the prison in custody of Wardens Lewis E. Lawes and three prison guards. They had been making for Keersarge Mountain, but the general alarm sent out headed them off.

Prisoners Talk Freely

Stivers and Bassett talked freely after their capture. They said that their first move after escaping from the prison was to steal an automobile nearby. They drove back and forth over Connecticut roads, Saturday and Sunday hoping to throw pursuers off the track. On Tuesday they dashed into Western Massachusetts and managed to find their way to Springfield and Worcester, then turned northward again and drove to Keene, N. H. From Keene they proceeded to East Hopkinton, in Concord they stole another automobile, and Bassett drove it off followed by Stivers in the first car.

Failed in Robbery

They returned to Henniker and tried to rob a lunch room proprietor, firing one shot at him, but were frightened away by the arrival of armed neighbors. A short distance from the village they abandoned the car in which they had come into the state, and proceeded in the stolen automobile obtained in Concord.

On Wednesday morning their gasoline had given out and they obtained a small quantity at Carl Jewett's garage in Warner. When this was used up they abandoned the car, and seeing men approaching realized that they were being pursued and took to the woods.

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SYDNEY MINERS FAVOR STRIKE

Exact Figures Will Not be Given Out Until Leaders Return from Montreal.

Sydney, N. S., Oct. 22.—A large majority in favor of a strike is predicted by U. M. W. officials in close touch with the taking of the strike vote in district twenty-six. Alex. McIntyre and Jos. B. Moss, the official tellers in charge of the counting of the vote at U. M. W. headquarters, say they expect a big majority for a strike, but exact figures will not be given out until the return of the executive officers from Montreal, Glace Bay, Springhill, New Waterford and Sydney Mines locals have completed the ballot and forwarded the boxes to headquarters. When the original vote on the Royal Commission award was taken some weeks ago, only eight men in the whole district voted to accept it.

VICTIM OF HUNTING TRAGEDY IS BURIED

Special to The Standard

Devon, N. B., Oct. 22.—The funeral of the late T. Woodford Cross, of North Devon, who was accidentally shot and killed at Kentville, Monday, took place Wednesday afternoon from his late home in Devon, and was largely attended. The funeral was in charge of the military authorities at the D. S. C. R. and Loyal Orange Lodge, No. 21, of Devon. The service was conducted by Rev. H. H. Ferguson and interment was made at the Pickard burying ground, Douglas.

ADMITS ROBBING BANK

Ottawa, Oct. 22.—Napoleon Franche, 38 Murray street, pleaded guilty in police court this morning to the charge against him of robbing with violence the Bank of Nova Scotia, Rideau and Chapel streets, on April 1. Magistrate Askin remanded him one week for sentence.

SAWMILL BURNED

Quebec, Oct. 22.—Yesterday at St. Jovite, Quebec, the sawmill of St. Antonio Forget was totally destroyed by fire. The loss is very heavy.