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## The Printers' Strike.

On Monday the St. John's Typographical Union went out on strike and the Advocate consequently did not issue that day. The Printers demanded that they should work 44 per week instead of 48 hours, their wages to remain the same. This was a proposition that the Advocate could not consider as frankly it is impossible to add to the burden of expense under which all newspapers are operating to-day. The depression which is felt in all trades is also felt in the printing trade, and best proof that can be afforded of this is the voluntary suspension of the Evening Herald a few months ago and the apparent reluctance of anybody to take over the plant, which we understand is now in process of liquidation.

The printer seek to create impression that this 44 week scheme was agreed to two years ago. This is absolutely false. It may have been agreed by employers abroad, but the proposition has not been put up here until recently. The excuse that the Printers have to fall in line with the International Typographical Union with which they are amalgamated falls to the ground when it is remembered that while the 48 hour week came into effect in 1906 in the United States and perhaps other places, it was not put in operation here until a few years ago.

When the 48 hour week was given the union scale of wages of \$28.00 per week was given, and even \$30.00 \$32.00 and even \$35.00 per week in some cases. The proposition now is a minimum wage of \$28.00 and a 44 hour week. The claim that this proposition would mean no loss of production does not hold water. The same claim was made when the 48 hour week took the place of the 54 hour week, but it did not work out in practice.

The Printers know full well that a 44 hour week for newspapers in this country means overtime for them and there is no possibility of getting away from it.

The claim that the Printers are working in conditions that lower their vitality and take 9 years off their life is not one that can be applied to this country where the operators have plenty of air, light and sunshine, and a hundred per cent better conditions than that enjoyed say by the clerks in Water St. We have asked one of the principal insurance men of the city whether his Company considers workers in newspaper any greater risk than the ordinary.

He replied at once that the premium charged in the case of Printers is the ordinary rate charged everybody, which at once disposes of the claim that the life of a Printer is shortened by his work as if such were the case the Insurance Companies would certainly discriminate against them.

We can speak for our own former employees and say that a more healthy looking crowd would be difficult to find in any walk of life.

It has never been difficult to get Printers to work overtime, and as we have said, the Printers know that a 44 hour week must mean overtime.

The conditions here cannot be classed with those of congested cities where operators work in ill lighted buildings, and where they have to work every minute of the time.

Here it is vastly different in every particular.

The Advocate has always granted the requests of the Printers in

the matter of wages, but under the present circumstances when business has decreased and all industries are feeling the strain of present world conditions, the further demands of the Printers are more than we can see our way clear to accept. It will be generally realized that the matter of a "living wage" is not involved in this dispute.

We ask our readers, advertisers, and correspondents to appreciate the difficulties of publishing while the Advocate is adjusting itself to new conditions.

## Death of Mrs. Grenfell Sr.

Last week in England there passed away Mrs. Jane Georgianna Grenfell in her 88th year. As the mother of Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell she was deeply interested in Newfoundland, and her many friends here will revere her memory. The Grenfell Hall in the Seamen's Institute is dedicated to her memory. In his auto-biography Doctor Grenfell gladly acknowledges that his mother was the inspiration of his life of service.

Mrs. Grenfell was born in India, her father being a Colonel of many campaigns, and her brother an engineer in charge during the siege of Lucknow 'till relieved by Sir Henry Havelock.

Dr. Grenfell was due to sail for England from New York this week to visit his mother who had been in failing health for several months.

## Bell Island Elks.

The annual meeting of No. 3 Lodge B.P.O.E. Elks was recently held at Bell Island when the local Lodge received its Charter under the Grand Lodge of Newfoundland. The following officers were elected for the coming year, viz.:—

Exalted Ruler—J. P. Burke, (chairman W.C. Council).

Lecturing Knight—J.M. Greene, Chaplain—C.B. Maine, Loyal Knight—Edward Spencer, Leading Knight—J. Cramm, Secretary—E. F. Jardine, Treasurer—R. Proudfoot, P. E. R.—C.B. Archibald, Watchman—W. Lindsay, Guide—S. Scotrin, Aide—N. Cohen, P. M.—W. Filler, Esquire—E. Ryan, Tyler—R. Ryan.

Trustees—J. H. Hughes, J. H. Bennett, R. T. Kent.

The meeting was very enthusiastic and under the new Executive No. 3 Lodge will take on a new Lease of Life. Arrangements are being made to hold the annual ball sometime in May, when a large number of brethren are expected from St. John's together with their lady friends.

From the present outlook it seems No. 3 Lodge of Elks will eclipse anything of its kind in Newfoundland.

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## BOMB OUTRAGE.

Johston, Penn., May 1.—An eighteen year old girl was killed and five other persons were injured last night at South Fork near here when a bomb sent through the mails exploded in a store owned by Tony Raneri. Anne Raneri was killed and three of her sisters, a brother and an unidentified person were injured.

## MAY DAY IN BUENOS AIRES.

Buenos Aires, May 1.—May Day here was marked by the throwing of two bombs, an attempt to blow up the railway bridge, and a parade by Socialists and workmen who carried red flags. Nobody was injured by explosions and little material damage was done by them.

## MARINE WORKERS REJECT WAGE CUT.

New York, May 1.—Although Union Leaders declared to-night that a strike had not been called, the Marine Workers Union's meetings here today voted to reject the fifteen per cent wage cut proposed by the United States Shipping Board, until proposed working conditions are modified.

## SUSU SAILS.

The S.S. Susu sailed on the Fogo mail service at 11 a.m. yesterday taking a large freight and the following passengers:—Messrs. Hobby, A. Watton, Miss E. Starks, Miss E. Brown, Miss P.H. Hutchings, H. West, K. Way, G. Bown, Mr. and Mrs. Green, Miss W. Carter, S.E. Pinsent. The ship will call at all ports as far as Change Islands. This is the Susu's first trip this season and she is now in first class condition, having received a thorough overhauling during the winter.

## C. L. B. SPORTS.

The C.L.B. Cadets held their annual indoor sports last evening which proved very successful and were attended by over 1500 persons. The different events were closely contested and are as follows:—Obstacle race Intermediate 1st. Pte. G. Bailey, 2nd. H.W. Smith, 1 Mile (Sr.) 1st. Pte. N. Skirving, 2nd. Sgt. H. Hooksey, Candle Race (Jr) 1st. E. Pomeroy, 2nd. W. C. Keats; Tug of War Final won by Band; Wheelbarrow Race, (Int.) 1. Martin, G. Bailey, 2nd. H. Whitten, E. Pomeroy; Quarter Mile 1st. R. D. Long, 2nd. G. Bailey; Back and Front Race, (Sr.) H. Skirving and J. Martin, 2nd. E. Cranford and J. Bellows; Half Mile (Intermediate) 1st. G. Bailey 2nd. W. Rees; Kit Race, (Jr.) Pte. C. Press, 2nd. W. D. D. Curlew, 2nd. H. Skirving; Cavalry Tournament, 1st. H. Adams, 2nd. D. Hennebery, 2nd. C.S.M. Rendell, and J. Vail; Quarter Mile (Int.) 1st. R. Nicolle, 2nd. H. Oakley; Three Leg Race, 1st. H. Skirving and F. Martin, 2nd. Corp. Keats, Pte. G. Cook; Tie-knot Race (Jr.), 1st. H. Whitten and E. Pomeroy, 2nd. R. D. Long; Relay Race, won by A Company; Back and Front (Jr) 1st. W. D. D. Curlew, 2nd. H. Whitten and E. Pomeroy; Catch The Train Race, 1st. Corp. A. Curlew, 2nd. R. Nicolle, the original Jerry Houlihan and wife. The Brigade Band was in attendance during the evening and gave several excellent selections.

## At Grand Falls.

Last week the staff and operatives at Grand Falls were notified that a reduction of wages must take place, and they were asked to give the proposal a full and fair consideration. This they did with the result that the proposed cut was accepted, and work is proceeding as usual. The reduction so far as we can learn, is from one fifth to one third of former rates. The fact that Scandinavian factories can land paper in the world's markets at a lower figure than it takes to produce it locally would suggest that the only alternative for many plants would be closing down, and in the present serious state of the labour market such an alternative would have proved a serious calamity. Grand Falls is to be congratulated on the wisdom displayed by employees and employers alike.

## Personal.

Announcement is made of a partnership between Mr. William H. Limer and Mr. Fred T. Atwill, recently formed at Hartford, Connecticut, who have purchased the sheet metal business of C. G. Bostwick, with whom Mr. Limer has been associated for 19 years, and Mr. Atwill 6 years. The junior member of the Limer-Atwill Company is a Newfoundland, son of Mrs. Atwill of Leslie Street, and brother of Mr. W. G. Atwill of the G.P.O. He left Newfoundland about eighteen years ago! For five years previous to leaving Mr. Atwill was in the employ of Ayre & Sons, Ltd. He is a nephew of Jesse Whiteway, Esq., of this city. To the new firm the many friends of the junior partner in this country wish continuous and abounding success.

S.S. Sagona sailed yesterday for North Sydney, and will probably receive the Kyle for a few trips before going down the Straits.

## Meigle's Passengers.

S. S. Meigle arrived at Placentia 5 p.m. yesterday with the following passengers:—J. Carmichael, W.J. Sinnott, G. Squires, T. Lawrence, T.J. Badcock, M. Parsons, S. Avery, M. James, H.V. Rose and wife, W. Wight, Mrs. H. Squires, J. A. Moody, Rev. Fr. McLoughlin, Rev. Fr. Kearney.

The B.I.S. billiard dinner takes place to-night in their club, when an enjoyable time is anticipated.

## Labour Situation.

Quiet prevailed along the water front yesterday everything being at a standstill. At two premises several of the permanent office staff were employed handling fish, in one case the principal and his son, were obliged to carry the barrow. The S. S. Portia was still detained owing to the men refusing to start loading the ship until the Executive of the Union had been approached. Three small cargoes of coal arrived in port yesterday and at a meeting called last night, the matter of handling the Coastal boats, and the work of any other firm which will fall in line with the Union's demands was discussed. President Flavin was in the chair and the meeting was largely attended. Communications from the Minister of Shipping and from three other firms were received offering the men the old scale if they would handle their work, and after discussing the matter, it was decided that the men would resume work with these firms this morning. Nothing further has developed regarding the situation other than the foregoing.

## British Steamers Sailing From Montreal.

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**DE VALERA'S APPEAL.**  
Dublin, May 5.—The proclamation for elections in the Southern and Northern Districts of Ireland will be signed to-morrow and the clerk for the Crown will immediately issue writs, it was announced in Dublin on Tuesday. Eamonn De Valera to-day issued a manifesto to the Irish people appealing to them to rally to the Republic standard at the coming elections. "By an overwhelming choice of Republican candidates at the election in 1918 you made known your will in a manner unmistakable," he said. De Valera appeals to the electors to confirm the authority granted to the Irish Republican Government in 1918 to "strengthen the hands of the Government."

## SILESIA DISTURBANCES.

London, May 3.—As a result of the disorder in Upper Silesia, the Inter-Allied Commission last night declared a State of Siege in several Urban and Rural Districts, says Reuters' despatch from Berlin. Report says the French occupied several towns after ousting armed Polish insurgents. Destruction of railway bridges is reported and two are said to have been killed at Tarnowiz during fighting with French Cavalry.

## TO CONSULT U. S.

London, May 3.—The Allied Supreme Council to-day decided to take no naval action against Germany without consulting United States.

## ALLIES UNANIMOUS.

London, May 3.—Nine days remain for Germany to inform the Remanent of her intentions relative to the payment of reparations and give guarantees for the execution of her promises. She must deal directly with the Allies, it was believed here to-day, as Charles E. Hughes, United States Secretary of State, was deemed to have closed "the door to Washington," in the note he sent to the German Capital, late last night. The sum of 6,000,000,000 pounds was fixed yesterday as the principal of the German reparation debt. Pending a reply from Berlin, France and Great Britain will be preparing coercive measures. Upwards of 150,000 members of the class of 1919 have been called to the French colors. The Times asserts that the Allies are believed to be unanimous on all main points.

The Government Railway Commission are getting the bay boats ready for service and during the last two months they have been docked and overhauled. It was hoped to have a cargo of coal arrive this week to supply them with bunker, but the proposed sailing from North Sydney has been cancelled for the present.

The Star Athletic Association held their annual meeting on Sunday morning in the T. A. Armoury after the various reports were submitted which show the association in a good financial condition. The following officers were elected:—H. M. Wall Chairman, D. Hogan, Treasurer, H.P. Brennan Secretary, R. Walsh Captain Football Team, B. Hart, League Delegate.

The schooner Winifred Lee 4 days from Sydney arrived with coal to W. H. Hynes yesterday.

The schooner Rosiana Burton, 4 days from Louisburg, arrived yesterday with coal to Morey & Co.

The S.S. Winona leaves Montreal to-day and is due on Monday.

The schooner Evelyn Miller has sailed for Sydney in ballast.

The S.S. Rosalind was due to leave New York yesterday for Halifax and this port.

## Yesterday's Early Cables.

**GERMANY MUST MAKE GOOD.**  
LONDON, May 2.  
Germany will have till May 12 to accept the ultimatum of the Allies respecting payment of reparations and guarantees, binding her to fulfill her obligations, otherwise Ruhr district will be occupied by Allied troops. The pose of them, or hold them, as it pleased. The Allied Supreme Council decided to-day to invite the United States to send representatives as members of the Supreme Council and also to be represented on the Reparations Commission and Council of Ambassadors.

## TROUBLED IRELAND.

Dublin, May 2.—John J. Farrell, former Mayor of Dublin, announced to-day that a peace offer was to be made to the Irish Republican Parliament. Farrell said his information was Mr. Walter Long, member of Parliament for Yorkshire, who is an authority of the Irish office, declared the British Government was prepared to grant Dominion Home Rule in Ireland, Great Britain retaining control over the army and navy.

## LORD TALBOT IN IRELAND.

Dublin, May 2.—Viscount Talbot, the New Lord Lieutenant and Governor-General of Ireland, arrived here to-day. Two moving picture operators and the Venerable Keeper of Newstand whose privilege it has been for nearly half a century to welcome visiting Royalties and successive Viceroys were the only civilians permitted on the station platform to witness Lord Talbot's arrival. Newspapers were excluded from the ceremony in Dublin Castle, where an informal reception took place. Preparations for the approaching elections will now be hastened. Posters have already appeared in support of Republicans. Three men posting election notices were arrested in Black Rock on Saturday night.

## OFF FOR DUSSELDORF.

French Military Headquarters Mayence, Germany, May 2.—One division of Black Moroccan Infantry and one division of Cavalry under General Simon in fifteen trains left this evening for Ruhr. They will arrive in Dusseldorf Tuesday.

## A MOMENTOUS MEETING.

London, May 2.—Political correspondents of papers here are discussing the possibility of an interview between Premier Lloyd George and Eamon De Valera, the Sinn Fein leader. It is reported that De Valera is ready to meet Lloyd George, provided he is not "required to sue for peace." On the other hand the Dublin Castle authorities are reported to be against any "negotiations with rebels."

## Latest Messages

### U. S. 3 Percent Immigration Restriction To Continue For Fourteen Months.

### Farrell's Statement As To Peace Negotiations Officially Denied.

### BRITISH STEAMERS SAILING FROM MONTREAL WILL BUNKER AT ROTTERDAM.

## FARRELL'S STATEMENT DEMAND-ED.

London, May 3.—The British Government has sent no message to Sinn Fein "by anybody or authorized anybody to open negotiations on its behalf." Austen Chamberlain announced in the House of Commons to-day. The statement was made in answer to a question concerning the activities of John J. Farrell, former Lord Mayor of Dublin, who stated that a peace offer had been made to the Irish Government.

## U. S. IMMIGRATION BILL.

Washington, May 3.—The Senate to-day passed the emergency Immigration bill fixing the admission of Aliens to three per cent. of each nationality resident in the United States in 1919. The Bill is effective for fourteen months, beginning fifteen days after its enactment.

## JEWISH CASUALTIES.

Warsaw, May 3.—Jewish newspapers estimate that there were five hundred casualties among Jewish Socialists on Sunday, resulting from clashes with police. Polish newspapers estimate that about twenty persons were hurt during the day.

## BATTLE IN IRELAND.

Limerick, May 3.—In a five hour battle last evening near Galbally between 150 civilians and Crown Forces six civilians were killed and four ten other wounded, it was officially announced to-day. Two soldiers were wounded, one of them seriously.

## DISASTROUS STEAMSHIP FIRE.

Seattle, May 3.—Nine persons are believed to have lost their lives in the burning yesterday of the Japanese steamship Tokuyo Maru off Cape Mears, Oregon.

## GERMANY'S BILL.

London, May 3.—The Supreme Council reached a complete agreement this afternoon on the substance of the ultimatum to be sent to Germany by the Reparations Commission, not later than May 6. The Ultimatum, expires six days later. The Draft Committee is busy to-night completing the document, which will be finally passed at another meeting of the Council to-morrow and then handed to the Reparations Commission, which has been called from Paris, and which will forward the last word of the Allies to the Berlin Cabinet, in accordance with the treaty.

of Versailles. The total sum which Germany will be called upon to pay has been increased to 6,750,000,000 pounds sterling by inclusion of the sum due Belgium on account of her debts to the Allies. Under a bonding scheme to guarantee the payment of £100,000,000 annually, a 25 per cent tax on German exports, £600,000,000 in bonds will be issued when the Ultimatum expires if Germany accepts the terms. Bonds to the amount £1,900,000,000 will be issued in November. The balance £4,250,000,000 will be issued in accordance with Germany's capacity to pay. That capacity will be gauged by the product of 25 percent on Exports. Besides five percent interest on the Bonds an additional one percent will be imposed on them to form a sinking fund. The amount required for service Bonds will be thus £2,500,000,000. Should £100,000,000 annuity and 25 per cent on German Exports amount to more than the £250,000,000 required for interest on the service bonds to be issued immediately and in November a sufficient amount of the remaining Bonds, held in reserve, will be automatically issued in order to absorb the balance. There will also be an additional one percent on German Exports for the purpose of providing a fund to pay interest on the Bonds held in reserve. The interest on any Bonds paid off will continue for the purpose of the sinking fund. It is calculated that these Bonds will be redeemed within 37 years from the date of issue. In no case, according to the scheme, will Germany be paying more than five per cent interest and one per cent sinking fund on a total debt of £6,750,000,000. These amounts are to be a charge on German Customs or any other revenue that the Reparations Commission is prepared to accept. The Reparations Commission will receive the Bonds lies in accordance with the Brussels agreement. Each power will dis- and apportion them among the Al-

## BUNKERING WITH GERMAN COAL.

Montreal, May 3.—Instead of taking bunker coal for the round trip here, the usual practice when there are coal strikes in Britain, some of the British steamers, trading here, will take bunkers of German coal at Rotterdam for the west bound trip, it was said to-day, the cost of the coal, it is said, is being written off the German Indemnity.

Information is required regarding the whereabouts of the following:—

REGIMENT.

Last Known Address.

3461, Private J. Macdonald, 126½ George Street.

4971, Private Moses Baggs, Broad Cove, Bay de Verde

ROYAL NAVAL RESERVE.

764X., Edward Kelly, Cape Broyle.

1382X., Patrick Power, Marysvale, C.B.

2254X., Henry G. Simms, 12 Convent Lane.

829X., James Tobin, Fermeuse, Southside.

DEPENDENTS.

Mrs. Thos. Hayes, Mother of 1327X., J. Hayes, Ropewalk Range.

Robert Gilbert, brother of 2121X., William Gilbert, Flavin Street.

Mrs. Annie Parsons, Mother of 1110X., John Parsons, Wills's Range, head of Pleasant St.

Letters mailed to the above addresses have been returned undelivered.

Information will be thankfully received at the 'Pay and Record Office, Stott's Building, St. John's.'