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CRISIS RAPIDLY APPROACHES IN WINNIPEG'S BIG STRIKE

Toronto's Labor Men Postpone Decision on Mass Strike Until Next Week

PRINCIPLE PUTS OFF POWER CAUSE UNTIL NEXT WEEK

Four Hundred Non-Contentious Sections of Railway Bill Are Passed.

PASSES TO JUDGES

R. L. Richardson Opposes the Principle of Free Transportation.

Ottawa, May 20.—Parliament has been in session three months today. While a great deal of legislation has been dealt with much still remains to be disposed of and it is quite possible that the house will run a full five months. Today was one of the house of commons working days. The consolidated railway bill, which was introduced on the first day of the session and which has undergone lengthy consideration by the special committee of which J. E. Armstrong was chairman was under consideration and its four hundred non-contentious clauses were expeditiously passed.

Then the more controversial clauses were considered, but those of a really contentious nature, such as the power clause in which Toronto and the Toronto and Niagara Power Companies are interested will be discussed on Tuesday or Wednesday next.

GERMANY OFFERED DENMARK TERRITORY

Hoped to Get Support From Scandinavia During the War.

Washington, May 20.—Foreign Minister Scavenius of Denmark in a speech, a copy of which has been received by the Danish legation here, discloses for the first time, so far as is known, that during the war Germany approached Denmark with a proposal to return the Danish portion of Schleswig-Holstein to Denmark at the same time as the possibility of support from Norway and Sweden, Denmark, the foreign minister said, declined to have anything to do with the proposal.

The One Last Bet—Buckwheat!

Many a farmer in Ontario, because of the persistent rain, has not yet gone on his fields, let alone put in his crop. He has seen it rain every other day for two months, and the creeks under his feet are five or six times the normal. The strength in his fields has been washed away.

What happens in a late season is that without the early start, that an ordinary spring is able to give, the root is not developed before the hot sun of summer rushes on the plant. What should go into root and head mashes the mark, and bleach and blight takes its place. It needs spring as well as summer to make grain; drained dry land as well as showers; cold as well as heat, each in its place.

Prince of Wales Coming To Toronto in August

Ottawa, May 20.—The Prince of Wales will visit Canada in August of this year, and will open the new parliament buildings at Ottawa. Sir Thomas White stated in the house this afternoon just before the commons rose for dinner that he had received a message from His Majesty the King, thru the governor-general, as follows: "I am very glad to tell you that, with my entire approval, the Prince of Wales will visit Canada this year in August. He will open the new parliament buildings in Ottawa."

TORONTO LABOR STILL HESITATES ON BRINK

Defer Decision on General Strike Until Monday Next in Order to See Result of Metal Trades Conference With Employers.

Action with respect to the possible general strike will be deferred until Monday night next, when the convention of unionists in Toronto will meet to decide the final issue. In the meantime the representatives of the District Trades Council will commence a conference with the employers of the metal trades in order to reach, if possible, an amicable conclusion of the matters in dispute. The convention pledged its unanimous support to the metal trades council, and decided to request the employer of the Dominion to immediately legislate an eight-hour day and a 44-hour week for all workers in Canada, working longer hours, this to be done without in any way reducing the daily pay of such employees. The postponement to Monday night will give time to instruct locals which sent delegates unattended last night, as to necessary action. The Trades and Labor Council will continue to work in conjunction with the Metal Trades Council.

The delegates are requested to arrange as to the time when a general movement in favor of the metal trades strike shall take place. A hundred and five locals had been invited to send three delegates apiece to last night's convention of labor unions of Toronto held in the Labor Temple. About two hundred delegates were present, and it was understood to be a stormy session. One lot of delegates, those from the General Workers' Union, refused admittance, but it was stated that the Canadian Federation of Labor was represented, and that representatives of the General Workers' Union were refused there was reason for such action.

BANDITS SHOT AND MANAGER WOUNDED IN BANK HOLD-UP

Brave Girl Cashier Dares Hot Crossfire to Save Superior in Gun Duel at Agincourt—Laing and Assailants Seriously Wounded.

Robbers who attempted to steal \$10,000 in money from a branch office of the Bank of Montreal at Agincourt during the noon hour yesterday were shot by the bank manager, who also fell a victim. As a result of the shooting, which lasted for many minutes, all three are in the Toronto General Hospital in a serious condition. Robert T. Laing, a middle-aged man and manager of the bank, fought the hold-up men when they commanded him to throw up his hands at the point of revolvers, and grasping a revolver from the bank vault fired upon both while they made murderous attacks upon him from different directions in the small office space in the building. Fred J. Putwain, aged 37 years, and Harold Gordon Boyes, 19 years of age, both residents in a Selby street rooming house, were badly wounded by shots from the gun in the hands of Laing. Laing was shot above the groin, the bullet penetrating the bowels in three different places. He was admitted to a private ward in the hospital late yesterday afternoon an operation was performed. The operation, according to attending physicians, proved successful, and unless better removed at the hospital, At midnight his condition was critical, and it was stated that very little hope was entertained for his living thru the morning. Boyes, who was shot in three different places, fled from the building to a Ford coupe, which the robbers had in readiness outside of the bank, and drove to the home of Putwain's brother-in-law, Henry Dawson, at 186 Curzon street, with blood pouring profusely from his wounds.

Putwain is also under arrest on a charge of shooting with intent. Detective Nurse and County Constable Hobbs guarded both men until midnight. Shortly after 12 o'clock Detectives Taylor and Mulholland, from headquarters, relieved them and remained at the hospital all night. Detective Nurse and county constables were despatched in a motor car from the city hall, when the news of the gun-play was made known. Nurse was outskipped in his praise for the plucky action of Grace Chapman, 19-year-old savings clerk in the bank, who not only sounded the alarm of the arrival of the robbers, which enabled Mr. Laing to arm himself, but during the cross-firing of shots, took hold of the arm of Boyes and wrestled the revolver from him, made a lame attempt to hold him prisoner. She was unable to do this, but thru her daring attack on Boyes, prevented him from firing any further on her manager. Nurse interviewed the young lady yesterday afternoon, and her story as told to the detective was as follows: "It was at 12:45 new time, when Mr. Laing and myself were preparing to go for lunch, when a young man, believed to have been Putwain, entered the bank and proceeding to the teller's wicket asked for change. Mr. Laing came from an office in the rear and opening the money drawer proceeded to give the man change for a five dollar bill. When this was done," continued the clerk, "the man asked for one dollar in coppers. Mr. Laing turned to the vault to get them, when the man drew over a chair, and placed it in front of the wicket, leaped over the wire cage, and ran in the direction of the vault."

CREW OF SEAPLANE HAD TRYING TIME

Adrift Fifty-Three Hours and Gave Up Hope of Being Rescued.

Ponta Del Gada, May 20.—"Exceptionally bad weather, which was totally unexpected, was the sole reason for the failure of all three of the American navy's seaplanes to fly from Trepassay, Newfoundland, to Ponta Del Gada on schedule time," said Commander John H. Tower to the correspondent of the Associated Press tonight.

The man who commanded the overseas flight in his flagship NC-3, and the members of his crew who had received a severe buffeting both from the storm overhead and the turbulent sea when the plane was damaged being rescued Saturday night, but collectively they showed no signs of fear and "carried on" until they arrived in port here Monday and heard the forts firing salutes in welcome and witness of the scenes of general jubilation over their escape from the sea.

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"The immediate worry is the thought that Toronto may on Thursday be deprived of her light and power by the men going out on strike. Last night, however, it was stated on the highest authority that also some 2600 men might walk out, the operators and skilled men of the generating stations would not follow them, but would stand by the Hydro in this difficulty. If that is so, Toronto will receive her usual quantity of light and power every day and night of the week. Mr. Adam Beck and his chief engineers are to meet this afternoon a delegation of the strikers with a view of effecting a settlement of the differences. If the metal trades in all their demands, a strike will undoubtedly develop. The prospect for a settlement last night was not bright. R. C. Brown, president of the Metal Trades Council, said:

CITY HALL MEETING WAS SATISFACTORY

Conference to Ease Industrial Situation Said to Gain Results.

Judging from appearances, the conference at the city hall yesterday between the labor and employing representatives appeared to have gone along satisfactorily. W. J. Hevey, secretary of the Trades and Labor Council, and John Doggett, secretary of the joint industrial council, represented labor, and Kenneth J. Dunstan, president of the board of trade, and Lionel H. Clarke, of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, the employers. The fifth member was Mayor Church.

TWO GREAT HAT MAKERS

Christy of London, England, and Dunlap of New York, the two greatest makers of hats in all the world, are in the United States, where he is known as the "Hatter to the Four Continents." The Dineen Company is sole Canadian agent for Dunlap and deals specially in select, blocks by Christy.

CITIZENS' ARMY PREPARING TO TAKE VIGOROUS ACTION

Returning Soldiers

S.S. Minnedosa docked at Quebec yesterday afternoon and then proceeded to Montreal S.S. Minnedosa is due at Quebec today, and the Citizens' Army, carrying the 19th and 20th Battalions of Toronto, is due at Halifax tomorrow.

HUNGARY LOOKS FOR ALLIED AID

Foreign Minister Says Entente Did Not Object to Formation of New Government.

Paris, May 20.—Baron Julius Boronizsa, foreign minister of the Hungarian provisional government, is quoted by the Vienna correspondent of the Temps as saying: "The entente knew of the formation of our provisional government, and did not aim to hinder it in any way. This fact seems to imply that the allied powers bear us no ill will. Let us even hope that we may rely upon their assistance."

"We have also tried to get in touch with the neighboring states, Rumania and Jugoslavia. Our advances have been favorably received, and we feel convinced that our provisional government will be on friendly terms with these states.

FIRE WIPES OUT TOWN IN ALBERTA

Three Hundred Residents of Lac La Biche Are Rendered Homeless.

Edmonton, May 20.—Fire today practically wiped out the Alberta town of Lac La Biche. Three hundred residents were made homeless. The provincial government has sent a relief train.

NO WORD OF HAWKER AS YET PLANES AND SHIPS SEARCHING

Undismayed by Rival's Probable Fate, Rayham Announces That He Is Still in Race for Transatlantic Flight.

London, May 20.—Up to a late hour tonight there is no word of any kind concerning Harry Hawker and Lieutenant Commander Grieve and the Sopwith biplane in which they left St. John's Sunday afternoon. Not a single report has been received from any of the numerous airplanes, destroyers, mine sweepers and light craft of all descriptions which are sweeping the seas off Ireland.

STILL IN THE RACE

St. John's, Nfld., May 20.—Frederick P. Rayham, the British aviator, whose intention to attempt the ocean flight simultaneously with Harry G. Hawker, believed to have been lost at sea, came to grief when his Martinsyde plane was wrecked while running to the "take-off," announced today that he was in the race again for the first non-stop ocean air cruise. Recovered sufficiently from injuries suffered when his plane collapsed, to leave his bed, Rayham said that the machine could be rebuilt with spare parts at hand here, provided the motor was in working condition.

Study of weather maps here today showed the growth of the storm which partially wrecked two of the American seaplanes near the Azores, and which may have sent Hawker and his navigator, Lieutenant Mackenzie Grieve, to their deaths off the Irish coast. The original limited area of depression of the Azores moved northeastward, mushrooming as it progressed, until it covered half the Atlantic, leaping almost to the shores of Ireland.

Mayor Orders Gasoline Stations Opened and New Volunteer Force Makes Ready to Check Any Action by Bolshevick Element.

By Canadian Press Via Port Arthur.

Winnipeg, Man., May 20.—The strike situation is rapidly approaching a crisis. It is conceded that peace and order cannot much longer be maintained. The situation is such that Gen. Ketchen, district officer commanding military district No. 10, has called for volunteers to a citizens' army, and between five and six thousand have volunteered to do the uniform whenever it is necessary to combat the Bolshevick element, which appears intent on revolution. The labor paper being published in the city has frankly confessed that it is out for soviet government as they have it in Russia.

The city has been at the mercy of the strike committee. Food was sold in certain restaurants under the committee's authority. There was limited delivery of bread and milk. Theaters were permitted to open, but the strike committee. Food was sold in certain restaurants under the committee's authority. There was limited delivery of bread and milk. Theaters were permitted to open, but the strike committee.

NO WIDE POWERS FOR LABOR MINISTER

Robertson and Meighen Not Vested With Special Authority for Winnipeg Trouble.

Ottawa, May 20.—That Hon. Gideon Robertson, minister of labor, and Hon. Arthur Meighen, minister of the interior, who left for Winnipeg last night, were not clothed with wide powers to deal with the strike situation was authoritatively stated tonight. They have gone west as ministers of the crown, and as such will exert their best possible endeavors to effect a settlement of the dispute which has isolated Winnipeg and paralyzed its activities.

In connection with the report that the ministers were clothed with wide powers by order-in-council before they left Ottawa, it is pointed out that there is no such thing as a settlement more than to bring about a settlement more than to bring about a settlement.

Explains Civic Attitude

Mayor Gray told the common council that a combination of circumstances had been responsible for a mistaken impression thruout Winnipeg regarding the city's attitude toward the union forces. The premier said that when the general strike was declared he gave the central strike committee to understand that law and order must be maintained and that no suffering from lack of food should take place. The result was, Mayor Gray stated, that cards were prepared for union drivers of bread and milk wagons, that the movement of these commodities was approved by the union men. The drivers tacked the cards to their wagons and automobiles, instead of keeping them for presentation if the vehicles were stopped.

Mayor Gray told the council that the central strike committee should be notified that public display of such cards must be stopped immediately and that if the order was not complied with the city would use every available means to have foodstuffs delivered. A committee of union men followed the council meeting.

Premier Protested

Mayor Gray received a communication from Premier Norris today regarding these placards. The premier protested against them and said he would not take further steps toward mediation until the practice was stopped.

Although no announcement was made tonight at the conclusion of conferences between provincial, city and union officials, it was intimated that the conference would continue until the arrival of the two ministers who are expected here Thursday.

Passenger Service in and out of Winnipeg was maintained today. Reports printed in union publications yesterday that railway trainmen on the government lines were ready to walk out on call and that trainmen on the Atlantic Pacific lines are taking a strike vote had not been confirmed tonight.

Charles Lawrence, general chairman of the Canadian Railroad employees, arrived here today from Fort William, announced that employees at the Port Arthur ship-building plant had struck.

Voluntary, controlling of citizens for vigilance service in case of trouble was continued today.

Settlement Talked Off

Winnipeg, May 20.—Altho the deadlock between labor and industrial employees in the general strike here will enter into its fifth night tonight that the marking time period was rapidly coming to an end. Important conferences were held today by provincial and city officials with union delegates, and Gideon Robertson, minister of labor, and Arthur Meighen, minister of the interior, were reported to be traveling to Winnipeg.