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GOVERNMENT SUSPENDS SUGAR ORDER

FOIL A PLOT TO BLOW UP PENITENTIARY IN KINGSTON SUGAR SITUATION HOLDS UP MEIGHEN'S TRIP TO WEST BRITISH MINERS' STRIKE IS NOW ALMOST CERTAINTY

ASQUITH ADMITS PREMIER AND IS SCORED BY CARSON Former Prime Minister Says Lloyd George Condone Reprisals. IS CALLED A TRAITOR

London, Oct. 14.—The political tempest which has been aroused by the recent pronouncements of prominent men on the Irish problem, notably by Premier Lloyd George, Viscount Grey and former premier Asquith, received a fresh impetus today when Mr. Asquith bitterly attacked Mr. Lloyd George, while at the same time Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster Patriot leader, made an equally acrimonious assault on Mr. Asquith.

Speaking at Ayr with reference to Mr. Lloyd George's Welsh address, Mr. Asquith declared that "all the premier's flippancies and all his vulgarities have not diverted and cannot divert attention from the fact of the fact of his confession of political bankruptcy."

He said that the premier's speech would be interpreted as at least condoning the reprisals in Ireland. Sir Edward Carson, on his part, in a speech in London asserted that Mr. Asquith at the most critical moment in the Irish situation was attempting to minimize the efforts toward a solution. A man who would do that for the purpose of gaining support for his party issues, he declared, was a traitor to his country.

Regarding the reprisals, Mr. Asquith said he was confident that when parliament resumed it would insist upon an independent and impartial inquiry into the reprisals cases, which "were not acts of self-defence, but blind vengeance."

Referring to the burning of creameries he declared that no parallel to these reprisals could be found except in the achievements of the Germans. So far as he knew no one concerned in the outrages of the past four months had been punished. He concluded with a condemnation of what he called the makeshift home rule bill now before parliament.

Sir Edward Carson, discussing the measure put forward by the premier for home rule for the south and west counties and another for Ulster, said that a majority for this was secured, but he personally thought it was cruel to the people of Ireland to present to try to lead Ireland into a political war for independence. If once that war broke out it could not be ended during the present generation.

AMBASSADOR DAVIS LAUDS WORK OF THE LEAGUE New York, Oct. 14.—John W. Davis, United States ambassador to England, declared in a speech at Cooper Union tonight that the league of nations up to the present time has been entirely successful.

"It was never designed to take over and solve by mere magic the multiplied troubles which the great war has brought upon mankind," Mr. Davis said. "It has worked no miracles, but for an organization so newly-born, it has fully justified the highest hopes of its founders."

THIEF HAD POCKETS FULL OF DIAMONDS Makes Confession of Taking Valuables From Queen Street Jewelers.

DISCOVER BIG PLOT TO BLOW UP PRISON IN CITY OF KINGSTON Master Fiends Had Sufficient Nitro-Glycerine to Demolish Penitentiary—Unknown Parties Outside Jail Said to Be Leaders in the Scheme.

Kingston, Ont., Oct. 14.—(By Canadian Press)—The Kingston Standard, in an exclusive story on its front page today announces sensational and astounding discoveries of a master plot to make a general jail delivery from the Portsmouth penitentiary and to blow the entire institution to atoms. Have just been made at the penitentiary.

The finding of enough nitro-glycerine to blow the entire institution to nothing, together with some fuse and a quantity of weapons proved the unearthing of the most daring and fiendish plot ever recorded in this section of Canada.

While the officials at the penitentiary refused to discuss the matter today, it was learned that suspicion has been entertained of a plot for some time, and as the result of rigid investigation the discoveries were made. A general search was instituted, and after certain portions of some structure were torn away several cans of nitro-glycerine, together with fuses, were found, while elsewhere a number of rifles and guns were unearthed.

It is an open secret that there has been suspicion directed towards several convicts for some time, and the discovery is another link in the chain.

HAS DONE ITS BEST TO AVERT CALAMITY OF A MINERS' STRIKE Lloyd George Says Government is Still Ready to Explore Any Avenue Leading to Peaceful Solution—Miners Reject Government's Proposal and Country Faces Strike.

London, Oct. 14.—After consulting with Sir Robert Horne, president of the board of trade, today, Mr. Lloyd George replied to the miners' executive to the effect that the government had exhausted every effort to prevent a calamity, and had explored, and was still ready to explore, every avenue which might lead to a peaceful solution.

In a letter to Robert Smillie, the miners' leader, the premier expresses profound regret and disappointment at the rejection of proposals "so surprisingly reasonable," and says it is impossible to conceive of any situation more likely to bring about serious disaster to the country's trade.

The premier reviews the government's efforts to find a solution and points out how, finding that recent increases in wages have been followed almost automatically by reduced production, the government has sought an arrangement providing an incentive for a larger output. He expressed the belief that the country will be fortified in its determination to endure the trials imposed by the rejection of the offer in the knowledge that the proposals made by its elected government have received the support of the most responsible and experienced minds in the federation.

Facing Industrial Crisis. The United Kingdom today was faced with perhaps the most ominous industrial crisis in its history, due to their demand for the coal miners to allow the strike notices to become effective Saturday night following their rejection of the compromise offered to their demand for a two-shilling per shift increase in wages.

JAMAICA-CANADA PACT IS RATIFIED Kingston, Jamaica, Oct. 14.—The legislative council today ratified a trade agreement between Canada and Jamaica. Under the agreement Jamaica obtains a preference of 50 per cent. on several articles, including sugar, while Canada obtains a 25 per cent. preference in return for a subsidized steamship service between Montreal, Jamaica and the West Indies, which will carry freights at reduced rates, beginning in January next.

LIBERALS CHOOSE MAJOR H. KIPPEN FOR N. E. TORONTO Eight Were Nominated, But All Others Dropped Out. SPEECH BY DEWART

A very moderately-attended meeting of Northeast Toronto Liberals was held last night in Foresters' Hall, for the purpose of selecting a candidate to oppose Major A. Lewis, the Conservative nominee in the forthcoming election for the legislature on Nov. 8.

There is little doubt but that Dr. H. H. Dewart, M.P., who has obtained the support of the majority of the voters, was chosen as the Liberal candidate.

Major Kippen, in returning thanks for his nomination, declared himself in favor of the fullest development of hydro power, and restful, and he also wanted the Ontario government to make itself more felt, and in evidence at Ottawa, and contended Premier Drury should protest to Ottawa against the sugar embargo.

Mr. Dewart intimated that if Premier Drury, in his speech, had declared the farmer party, and not a party, he would have been elected.

MEIGHEN WARNED BY MAJOR LEWIS Sugar Order's Rescinding and Dismissal of Board Are Strongly Urged.

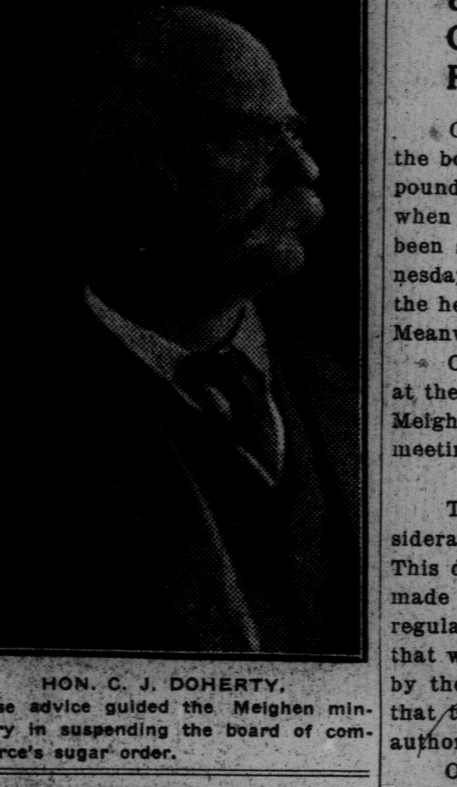
Resolutions vigorously protesting against the action of the board of commerce in restricting the importation of cheap sugar from the United States, and in fixing a maximum price of 21c a pound for the sale of Canadian sugar were unanimously adopted last night by the Conservative Association of Ward Two, Northeast riding, and the Conservative Women's Auxiliary of Ward Four. Major Alex C. Lewis, Conservative candidate in the coming by-election in the Northeast riding, last night telegraphed Premier Arthur Meighen at Ottawa, as follows:

"Hon. Arthur Meighen, Ottawa, Ont.: Order of board of commerce, maintaining high price of sugar and protecting refiners at expense of consumers, arouses great indignation amongst Toronto Conservatives. Good progress have been making will be seriously impaired if order is allowed to stand. Urge most strongly that members of board be dismissed and order rescinded.

HOPES WORST TROUBLE IN MESOPOTAMIA OVER Prince of Wales Proposes To Pay a Visit to Africa

London, Oct. 14.—The Prince of Wales has announced that he hopes before long to visit South and East Africa.

RESCINDING OF SUGAR ORDER ON OCT. 20 SEEMS CERTAIN Hon. C. J. Doherty Advises Dominion Cabinet That Board of Commerce Had in His Opinion No Power to Make Order Fixing Price and Shutting Out Competition—Premier Meighen Defers Western Tour for Week.



HON. C. J. DOHERTY. Whose advice guided the Meighen ministry in suspending the board of commerce's sugar order.

Ottawa, Oct. 14.—Action by the government in regard to the order of the board of commerce fixing the price of granulated sugar at 21 cents per pound and confining sales to Canada, came with dramatic swiftness tonight when it was announced to the Canadian Press, Limited, that the order had been suspended pending a hearing before the governor-in-council on Wednesday, October 20.

Owing to the importance of the matter and his desire to be present at the hearing and until the question is finally disposed of, Prime Minister Meighen has decided to defer for one week his western tour. All dates of meetings announced are, therefore, postponed for that length of time.

The decision of the government was arrived at today after a full consideration of the effect of the regulations passed yesterday by the board. This decision, which is set out in an order-in-council based upon a report made by Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice, sets out the view that the regulations passed by the board of commerce are very probably illegal and that whether strictly illegal or not they are of a character never intended by the legislation establishing the board. The view is further expressed that they seem designed to effect a purpose wholly outside the board's authority.

On these grounds the government has acted on its own motion and has declared the order inoperative. In view of the very great importance of the question involved opportunity will be given to all interested, for and against, to be heard by the governor-in-council if they so desire, and Wednesday, October 20, at 10.30 a.m., has been fixed as the date of the hearing.

Doherty's Opinion as Guide. The order-in-council, after quoting the paragraphs of the board of commerce order which would have had the effect of prohibiting the importation of refined sugar into Canada, proceeds to quote the opinion of the minister of justice, which forms the basis of the decision arrived at. It is in part as follows:

"The minister observes that there arise on the face of the regulations embodied in said paragraphs questions which require to be considered. (Continued on Page 4, Column 2.)

OPEN FIRE ON CAR IN DUBLIN STREET CIVILIAN IS KILLED One Soldier Was Wounded While His Officer Was in Bank. MILITARY RAID IN CORK

Dublin, Oct. 14.—At 2.30 o'clock this afternoon an officer and two soldiers in a turreted armored car visited the Phiborough Bank to draw their pay.

The officer rushed out of the bank, revolver in hand. No shots were fired, and the members of the attacking force escaped.

Three Civilians Shot. London, Oct. 14.—A Dublin despatch (Continued on Page 11, Column 5).

SUGAR BUBBLE BURSTS BIG INTERESTS SHAKEN Directors of Certain Refining Companies and at Least One Supporting Bank Stand to Lose Heavily—Protests Against Dear Sugar Put Issue Squarely Up to Meighen.

Ottawa, Oct. 14.—Certain Canadian sugar refining companies, their directors, at least one bank that protected them, stand to lose a lot of money out of sugar; and they have appealed to the board of commerce at Ottawa for relief. They even allege that they refused to sell the refined sugar to the United States when they could have made a big profit, and sold it to Canadian consumers on a narrow profit.

A lot of speculation took place in refinery shares in sugar, aided by money being found to carry the shares on margin; also by money being found to carry sugar bought on speculation. A sudden drop in the price of sugar in the States has knocked the bottom out of this adventure in Montreal, and the refiners, their directors, the speculators in shares and sugar, those

SUGAR REFINERS "STUCK" WITH \$60,000,000 STOCK H. R. Drummond, President of Canada Sugar Company, Charges That Continuous Government Control Has Developed Crisis Affecting Entire Commercial Structure of Country.

Montreal, Oct. 14.—(By Canadian Press)—That, as a direct result of continuous Dominion government control of the industry, the sugar refiners of Canada are left with commitments representing a value of \$60,000,000, which they have been forced into acquiring, accumulating and holding under government orders, and which they are unable to sell, except at a loss involving the practical destruction of their industry, if compelled to do so in face of the ruinous market conditions that now obtain under the unusual market conditions in the United States; that the issues involved do not stop short at the sugar refiners, but they affect the entire commercial structure of the Dominion of Canada, and that the present situation is not of the making of the sugar refiners and would not have developed had they been left to their own devices—above are the points made by Huntley R. Drummond, president of the Canada Sugar Refining Company, Limited, speaking after a conference with representatives of sugar refining interests in this city

At a Standstill. As matters stand, the sugar industry in Canada today is at a complete standstill. The plants of the four refineries are closed. Twenty-five hundred men are idle. There is an accumulation of stock, raw and refined, amounting to millions of pounds, which cannot be marketed under present conditions. The aid of the board of commerce, except in a way that spells ruin for a considerable part of the industry. The issues do not stop short of the sugar refiners. They affect the entire commercial structure of Canada. The action of the board of commerce has been taken with complete knowledge of what these issues are. If it were merely a question of saving the refiners' profits, that would be another question, but it is much more far-