

BOLSHEVISM PREPARING TO SEIZE ITALY

Labor Intends to Set up Soviet Government in Near Future.

UNIONS AND FARMERS WORKING TOGETHER

When a Supply of Raw Materials Has Been Secured the Revolution Will be at Once Started.

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Milan, Aug. 25.—Here is the "Bolshevik" program for Italy—backed by two and one-half million organized workers—as explained today in a conversation by Signor Bonai, secretary of "Camera de lavoro," which is the controlling organization of the industrial capital of Italy.

It is a simple plan. Its first phase is revolution with a minimum of violence; the second, establishment of a soviet government with its capital at Rome or Milan, the third, organization of workmen's councils in every industry; the fourth, a foreign policy to consist only of maintaining relations with other labor governments and the non-recognition of capitalist states; the fifth, immediate development of railroads, agriculture, and an uncultivated land in southern Italy and Sicily.

Bonai is the Gompers of Italy. Though out the head of a general federation he leads the largest single force, 220,000 men, here, and he has the backing of 850,000 farmers from Lombardy to Bologna. He is a man of great energy, has a red face and hair, with clear blue eyes, and he exercises even greater personal control over the workers than does Gompers. He said:

Forecast Government Change.

"Conditions in Italy compel a change in government. The proletariat are sure sooner or later of having a Soviet. We cannot have a revolution now because the workers realize we need larger state of coal, iron, and raw materials to run the mills; but we are going on as if the present government did not exist. We obey rational laws, and are orderly; but that is all. We are really are organizing every industry into workmen's councils which even now can be controlled by the central labor body, a head which will be replaced by a soviet when all organizing is completed.

"When such materials are in hand, we simply will take them over for the people, proclaim a new government and begin production. The question of violent revolution depends on how well we have organized the industries, and the measures taken by the old government for its existence. The cost of living has gone up more than 350 per cent. for the working man; the government is not, even now, developing land or iron mines. Northern Italy only has modern methods of production. There are large tracts in the Campagna, Romagna, southern Italy, Sicily, and Sardinia that should bear 100 per cent more and produce the grain, rice and other things Italy needs. Ostia is the only region in the south producing what it should.

"We would rather have a committee of American business men run Italy than the Rome government. It only needs efficient, practical, honest men, and the nation will double its wealth. The country is given over to politics and war, and the only remedy is new blood and new ideas at the head."

All Workers in Accord.

Bonai says the workers in the city and the farmers are not divided in their Socialist aims as the groups are in other countries. The farmers have the same ideas regarding the future as the mechanics, and both have declared their intention to work together. There will be no more bosses, and public utilities will be run the same as any big American corporation, so far as efficiency is concerned.

Bonai is positive his dream will come true, and his office is systematic, with well kept data and an intelligent force.

But is it a question whether there is not an unwritten psychology about the whole program which merely is working itself out until Italy regains a stable position. Surely, Bonai could upset things now. One little gesture toward the anarchist wing of his party would rock Milan like an earthquake. But the leader seems to be able to keep his balance and, according to the opinions of other prominent Italians, holding the balance of labor between mere threats and direct action will continue until some stars rise to guide their destinies at Rome.

Last night the streets of Milan were traversed by a mob carrying banners inscribed Vive Lenin; Vive Russia. They sang and cheered, but the people who lined the streets to gaze at the parade made no sign of approval.

SOVIET LEADERS QUIT LONDON

London, Aug. 25.—M. Katsenoff and M. Krassin, the Russian Soviet emissaries who have been in London for some time endeavoring to negotiate trade relations, will go to Moscow Friday, says the London Times. Krassin is one of the five great Bolshevik leaders and his presence in Moscow is needed owing to the present crisis, the newspaper asserts.

LAY DOWN TOOLS AND PRAY FOR LORD MAYOR

Dundalk, Ireland, Aug. 25.—A thousand men employed in the railway works here laid down their tools today and marched to the cathedral to pray for the release of the Lord Mayor of Cork. The church was crowded, many kneeling outside the edifice. When the service was concluded the men resumed their work.

"PERFECTLY ABSURD" SAYS AUCKLAND GEDDES

Regards Charges as Made by Member of Congress Too Silly to Notice.

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 25.—Chargée of Consular Affairs, Britain, the British Ambassador at Washington, for "entertainment purposes" in furthering the Democratic presidential campaign, were declared today to be "perfectly absurd" by Sir Auckland Geddes, British Ambassador, who is here attending the convention of the American Bar Association.

Sir Auckland said:—"The British Government has not made any contribution of any sort to any party in any State for any purpose. The only fund which the British Government has placed at my disposal is the one covering the living expenses of myself and thirty other persons connected with the embassy. The amount is about \$7,000, or less than \$3,000 a year for each person, and as prices now are, it is an insufficient amount."

LLOYD GEORGE MAKES POSITION CLEAR

Declares Mayo: McSweeney Was Concerned in a Conspiracy Against the Constabulary.

Lucerne, Aug. 25.—Continuing his statement today concerning the case of Lord Mayor MacSweeney of Cork, Lloyd George, of Great Britain, said:—"The release some weeks ago of hunger strikers in Ireland was followed by an outbreak of cruel murder and outrage."

The Premier cited the crime for which Lord Mayor MacSweeney was convicted and said it indicated he was "concerned in a conspiracy against the constabulary, who are the defenders of order in Ireland."

Mr. Lloyd George declared it was the Government's duty to protect these brave men. He concluded:—"I may add that every invitation to discuss with those who are, for the moment, the spokesmen for Irish Nationalists, a peaceful settlement of Ireland, has been spurned by them. The latest offer of the Government, made in Parliament on the date of its adjournment, has been scornfully rejected by their leaders, and we have been driven to fight against a claim for complete secession of Ireland, north and south, from the British Empire. This claim we can never recognize."

LLOYD GEORGE TURNS DOWN CONSTANTINE

Former King of Greece Refused an Interview With British Premier.

Lucerne, Aug. 25.—Former King Constantine of Greece is reported to have refused an interview with Premier Lloyd George yesterday. In refusing, the Premier said that such a meeting would be undesirable, especially in view of the recent attempt upon the life of Premier Venizelos of Greece.

Mr. Lloyd George has at last begun his real vacation, although big bags of mail and hundreds of telegrams from all parts of the world, notably Warsaw, are keeping his secretaries working overtime.

MONCTON GREETS PREMIER MEIGHEN

Crowds Gather at C. N. R. Depot Where They Were Briefly Addressed by Head of Gov't.

Moncton, N. B., Aug. 25.—Quite a number of citizens assembled at the C. N. R. depot here this afternoon upon the arrival of the Ocean Limited from Halifax to greet Premier Meighen on his return from Truro. The Premier, after being introduced to many of those on the depot platform, mounted a truck and, after being introduced by Dr. O. B. Price, briefly addressed the gathering. He expressed his pleasure at meeting so many of the citizens of Moncton and promised to return at no distant date to look over this progressive city and meet the people.

TURGEON TALKS ON HIGH TARIFF AND FREE TRADE

Attorney General of Saskatchewan Says Western Canada is Not Asking for Free Trade.

OPPOSED TO HIGH PROTECTIVE TARIFF

Tells People of Regina That Agriculture Deserves and is Entitled to More Than Industries.

Regina, Sask., Aug. 25.—Hon. W. F. A. Turgeon, in a speech last night, pointed out that the people of Western Canada were not asking for free trade, but they were opposed to a high protective tariff and asked that agriculture should be freed from the burden of paying taxes for the protection of other industries.

The Saskatchewan Attorney General declared that the Tariff Commission had been appointed in a spirit of opposition to tariff reform. It was a Commission whose hands were tied. They were being sent out, to quote the words of Mr. Meighen himself, with the object of providing for the further expansion of the manufacturing industries. Mr. Turgeon stated that the future welfare of the country lay, not in bolstering up so-called infant industries, but in the development of the natural resources of the country and greater production of the basic industry, agriculture. A high protective tariff, he pointed out, served to impede this progress. The audience was warned that efforts were being made to terrify the people into the belief that all who opposed the maintenance of a high protective tariff were Bolsheviks and anarchists, and quoted references to Mr. Meighen's speeches to his opponents as "wreckers," "humbugs" and "destroyers."

"Let us not be backed into such a false position by the sophistries contained in that enunciation of principle. Those of us who seek tariff revision are just as good and loyal to British institutions and just as patriotic and more so," said Mr. Turgeon, "to see that one outstanding and perhaps the most outstanding of all British institutions—representative government—carried on, as Mr. Meighen is."

SERBS FRIENDLY TO CANADIANS

Deny Report That Government Had Ordered Canadian to Leave Montenegro.

Montreal, Aug. 25.—"There is no truth in the statement that Serbian has requested a Canadian doctor, Colonel F. W. Burnham, to leave Montenegro," said Captain A. V. Beteravitch, consul-general of the Kingdom of Serbia. "Today I received word from my government in Belgrade that there was absolutely no foundation for the rumor."

NO OCCASION FOR UNDUE ALARM

Vancouver, B.C., Aug. 25.—(Canadian Press)—There is little cause for alarm in the reports that friendly relations between France and Great Britain are being strained almost to the breaking point, Lord Burnham told the Canadian Club of Vancouver today, during the course of an address at luncheon at which he and the other delegates to the Imperial Press Conference were guests.

"These reports are highly colored," he stated briefly and emphatically. "They have been through a process of distillation that I will not describe. It is true there are difficulties, but there is also just as much determination on the part for both nations to arrive at a fixed policy and joint action as there ever was. We realize there are many difficulties to be overcome in the French policy, but I am persuaded that we need not have the least fear that the friendship of the two peoples will suffer."

EXPEDITIONARY FORCE NO MORE

Ottawa, Aug. 25.—The Canadian Expeditionary Force is no more. The fourteen N. C. O.'s who were employed to conclude the statistical work of the army yesterday, wrote "0" on the concluding page of a mass of records covering every unit and every man who ever served the Canadian uniform.

Just this number of records kept of every individual man would come as a surprise to even the soldier whose records they are. The militia department has original and duplicate of about twenty-one army forms relating to everyone who served.

Asked what was going to be done with the thousands of apparently useless books and army forms, a militia department official stated that they would be carefully preserved and locked away.

Another Murder To Credit of Sinn Feiners

Bantry, Ireland, Aug. 25.—A constable was shot and killed and another was critically wounded last night in the village of Glengarret. They were attacked by four masked men.

GRAND LODGE K. P. ELECTS OFFICERS

Annual Session at Woodstock Closed Yesterday With the Customary Fun.

Woodstock, N. B., Aug. 25.—The afternoon session, which proved most interesting, was the concluding session of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Wm. Stewart, of St. John, the supreme representative, rendered his report, after which the following officers were elected:

Grand chancellor, D. M. Cochran, Sydney, N. S.

Grand vice-chancellor, J. G. Lord, St. Stephen, N. B.

Grand prelate, R. H. Holmes, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

G. K. of R. and S. A. P. Gorbell, Moncton, N. B.

G. I. Guard, R. J. Mills, Moncton, N. B.

G. O. Guard, C. H. Smythe, St. John, N. B.

P. G. Chancellor, R. B. Wallace, Fredericton, N. B.

Grand Trustee, Harrison McAllister, Moncton, N. B.

The Grand Lodge will meet next year at Charlottetown, P.E.I., on the third Tuesday of August. The Duke, an offshoot of the Knights, then said a grand parade through the street, hauling His Worship Mayor Nodden in a fancy rig, and blowing horns, etc. The lodge (Gamel) had a prominent part in parade. An uninitiated one depicted a Knight what it all meant, and he humorously said: "The initiation fee is \$25 to join the lodge, it has seven degrees. You are given a bottle of whisky at each degree, and if you survive, you are then initiated."

HIGH PRAISE FOR ORGANIZATION WORK

Canada Has Set a Standard for Future Conduct of Imperial Press Lovers.

Vancouver, Aug. 25.—"I think it is the best piece of organization that I have ever seen," said Sir Roderick Jones this morning, referring to the arrangements made by newspapermen for the conduct for the Imperial Press party through Canada. Sir Roderick is managing director of Reuters Agency and a travelled man. "I have participated in tours through Europe and Africa, but I have never seen a tour so well organized," said Sir Roderick. "Mr. Crandall is, in a large measure, responsible for the success of our tour, and again, we are indebted to Lord Abolston for giving us the best arrangements made by newspapermen. I am sure that we could possibly have had."

"To the publishers and editors in Canada who have met and entertained us from coast to coast, we owe a great debt of gratitude and especially are we grateful to those Canadians who have left their desks and responsibilities to travel with us."

"The striking thing about it all is that there has been obviously so much preparation and pre-arrangement for this second Imperial Press conference. A standard has been set for the conduct of future conferences which it will be difficult to live up to."

INDUSTRIAL CRISIS IS THREATENED

Coal Strike in England is Sure to Come and it is Most Important Question, There.

Montreal, Aug. 25.—In an interview here today, Lord Beaverbrook, proprietor of the London Daily Express who has just arrived here from New York, stated that the threatened coal strike was incomparable the most important question in England today.

"Here we are faced with the most serious industrial crisis in the world's history," he added that no one seriously doubted that the strike would take place and that the situation in England was boiling with political and social danger.

He stated that Premier Meighen's prestige had been increased immeasurably by the Polish victories and that he now detested the European policy of the Allies.

FAVOR LEGITIMATE AIMS OF LABOR

Edmonton, Aug. 25.—The Amalgamated Union of Postal Workers' convention today went on record as favoring the legitimate aims of the labor party. The delegates were all engaged on committee work this morning consisting of changes in the constitution, resolutions and reports of officers.

FARMERS PLANS OUTLINED BY CALDWELL, M. P.

Follows Premier Meighen With Meeting at Truro in Interests of Farmers' Candidate.

ENTERTAINED THE AUDIENCE

Failed to Make Any Impression by His Illogical and Misleading Statements.

Truro, N. S., Aug. 25.—(By Canadian Press)—Mr. T. W. Caldwell, M. P. for Victoria-Charlottetown, N. B., addressed a meeting here tonight in the interests of the Farmers' candidate in the coming Federal election. The meeting, which was held in the Academy where the Premier spoke last night, was taxed to overflowing.

C. H. Blackwell presided and introduced the speaker. Captain Hugh Dickson spoke first for an hour in justification of his candidacy. He said the farmer in Dolbel township, Master shot the Melin girl through the head with a rifle and then killed himself with the same weapon. He had been employed on the Melin farm.

About one a.m. today Masters went into Mrs. Melin's room, secured a rifle and threatened to shoot the whole family, who rushed out of the house. Masters followed them and deliberately shot the girl. He failed in an attempt on the life of Elmer Melin, her brother, and then he placed the muzzle of the rifle in his mouth and pulled the trigger.

Masters was an Englishman and had been in the district two years. It is believed he was insane.

MONCTON MILK DEALER FINED

Charged With Selling Liquor Along With Milk — Son Fined for Delivery.

Moncton, N. B., Aug. 25.—At a meeting of the Moncton School Board today it was decided to ask \$85.00 interest for the issue of six per cent ten year bonds, and F. B. McCurdy Co. are to offer the bonds locally.

The local livery stable proprietor, charged with having delivered liquor and milk, having same delivered to customers at 8 under the heading of milk, was today fined \$100 and \$12.50 costs, while his son, who delivered the mixed wet goods, was fined \$50 and costs.

SIR ALFRED ILL IN NEW YORK

New York, Aug. 25.—(By Canadian Press)—Sir Alfred W. Smithers, chairman of the board of directors of the Grand Trunk Railway, who arrived this morning on the Olympic, en route to Montreal, was taken ill during the voyage, and this afternoon was removed from the steamer to St. Luke's Hospital. At the office of the company here it was stated that Sir Alfred is not of a serious nature. He was met by Howard G. Kelley, president of the Grand Trunk.

PHYSICIANS HELD ON GRAVE CHARGE

Montreal, Aug. 24.—Doctors Provost and St. Quere were this morning found by the coroner's jury to be criminally responsible for the death of Mrs. Nellie Smith Babcock which occurred a few days ago as the result of an illegal operation. They will be arraigned in the Enquete Court tomorrow morning.

VICTORY FOR SUFFS

Washington, Aug. 25.—Justice Suddens, of the District Supreme Court, denied today an anti-suffrage application for a restraining order to prevent promulgation of the federal suffrage amendment by the state department.

INSIST MURDERED WOMAN IS A CANADIAN

Jersey City, N. J., Aug. 25.—A second anonymous letter received by the police today alleges the woman whose torso was found in the Hudson River here August 17, is "Mrs. De Costick," whose husband "now lives in Windsor, Canada."

MacSWENEY SAID TO BE IN VERY WEAK CONDITION

Cork, Aug. 25.—A message from Lord Mayor MacSweeney's sister saying that Mr. MacSweeney had collapsed this afternoon and that his wife had been urgently summoned to Beixton Prison, London, where he is on a hunger strike was read at a meeting of the Cork Corporation tonight.

SHOCKING TRAGEDY AT FARMER'S HOME

Hired Man, in Fit of Insanity, Grabs Gun, Shoots Child and Kills Himself.

Port Francis, Ont., Aug. 25.—James Masters, 38, and Anna Melin, 41, are dead as the result of a shocking tragedy at the home of Andrew Melin, a farmer in Dolbel township. Masters shot the Melin girl through the head with a rifle and then killed himself with the same weapon. He had been employed on the Melin farm.

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LUCERNE CONFERENCE HIGHLY COMMENDED

The Policy Announced by British and Italian Premiers Gives Promise of More Vigorous Action.

London, Aug. 25.—London newspapers, in commenting on decisions reached at Lucerne by Premier Lloyd and Giolitti, and the resulting British note to the Russian Soviet Government, strongly commend the position taken by the two statesmen.

"The British and Italian Premiers," says The Chronicle, "are very anxious to come to an agreement with Russia, but no agreement is possible unless the Russian Government remove the presumption it will not keep such agreement in good faith."

After warmly commending the British Premier's stand, The Times says the policy announced at Lucerne "gives promise of more vigorous action."

Only the wilfully blind can fail to discern the crafty intentions of the Soviet leaders," the newspaper continues. "Their pious resignation of Polish independence was, and is a sham. They would set up Bolshevik rule in Warsaw and spread ruin over the land."

The Daily Herald, the labor organ, attacks Lloyd George, expressing view that the victory of the Poles has revived the hopes of the French and British "capitalistic governments" that they may be able to overthrow the Russian Soviet republic.

POSTPONE FLIGHT FROM HALIFAX

Halifax to St. John Air Flight Postponed Because of Accident to Plane.

Special to The Standard, Halifax, Aug. 25.—The flight of the Sunday Leader plane from Halifax to St. John scheduled for tomorrow, has been postponed for one week. While attempting a landing, in a trial flight to Berwick today, Lieutenant Barnhill met with a mishap, resulting in a broken propeller. The pilot was not injured. The machine will remain at Berwick until a new propeller can be shipped from Truro.

NATIVE OF NOVA SCOTIA MEETS UNHAPPY END WHILE FISHING WITH A COMPANION

Halifax, Ont., Aug. 25.—Killed by a shot from his own gun in the bush on the Quebec side of Lake Temiskaming, while on a fishing trip with Dr. McIntosh Bell the body of Jim McMillan, a well-known drifter of the North Country, was brought here last night. Dr. Bell had become lost in the woods and fired a shot to attract his companion's attention. In reply he heard another shot and a few minutes later was horrified to find McMillan sitting on a log quite dead. The shot had entered his right side and had penetrated the heart. The accident happened on Monday, but Dr. Bell was compelled to wait with his dead until Tuesday afternoon when a boat came from South Temiskaming which brought him here. No inquest will be held. McMillan was a native of Nova Scotia, 38 years of age and resided with his mother at North Cobalt.

READJUSTMENT ON GRAIN RATES

Washington, Aug. 25.—Readjustment of rates on grain between Chicago and the Atlantic seaboard was ordered today by the United States Interstate Commerce Commission on the basis of thirty per cent. increase in domestic rates and 25 per cent. in export rates, instead of the forty per cent. authorized in the recent increase allowed by the commission.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A MINER?

Frostburg, N. D., Aug. 25.—Patrick Flynn, a coal miner, recently received \$264 for two weeks work in a mine here. He averaged nine hours a day in the pit.

ATTEMPT TO SWIM ENGLISH CHANNEL

Bulletin Dover, England, Aug. 25.—Henry Sullivan, Lowell, Mass., started at 8.40 o'clock this evening in an attempt to swim the English Channel from Dover to Ostend. This is the first attempt since the outbreak of the war to swim the channel.

RUSSIAN TRIP HAS CURED THE SCANDINAVIANS

Labor Delegation Will Not Stand for Bolshevists in Their Country.

LENINE HAS MADE LIFE UNBEARABLE

Country Had Great Deal More Real Freedom Under the Czar—Old Court Ceremonial Kept up.

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Copenhagen, August 25.—The Scandinavian Labor delegates who have returned from their visit to Soviet Russia as the guests of Lenin may be put down as completely cured of any Bolshevik leanings they may have had before their departure.

The Swedish delegation has openly declared in the labor press, that should Sweden by any chance ever become Bolshevik, they would lose no time in getting out of the country. The writer adds: "While anyone might criticize the Czar during the reign of the late Nicholas II, without incurring any risk, to say a single word against Lenin in Russia today means signing your own death warrant. Secret voting does not exist, and anyone who votes against the Bolsheviks is immediately arrested. Lenin has organized a system of spies which is far greater than that of the old Czar, and as spies are well rewarded, the Russian people are rapidly becoming absolutely demoralized."

Life is unbearable. "Life has become absolutely unbearable to the working classes, and only the commissioners of the people are living well, and incidentally squandering money recklessly on their mistresses and creatures. They are evidently great lovers of the stage, and many an actress who has nothing to recommend her beyond her good looks and easy morals is making a quarter of a million rubles a month from the state."

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At a banquet at the Winter Palace the Bolshevik representatives, Antilewitsch, declared in the name of the Soviet government, that "the hour was rapidly approaching when the thunder of the guns of the Red Army, would roll throughout the entire Europe and when the red flag would be hoisted on all government buildings in England, France, Germany, Italy and the Scandinavian countries. Then the hour would come when America which was more than ripe for Soviet government."

Present at the banquet was the former official reporter of the Czar, just as he used to be during visits to the imperial court of foreign heads of state, and altogether Lenin insisted on the full elaborate court ceremonial being carried out in every detail.

We have just had the honor of a short visit of Field Marshal von Ludendorff, who came here to confer with publisher of his memoirs, as he is on the point of submitting another work from his pen. He absolutely refused to see any reporters, but it was made known that the report to the effect that he had donated the entire revenues from the publication of his writings abroad to wounded German officers was incorrect.

It is now known that with this money he has bought a magnificent villa on Prince Ludwigoehne's estate near Munich, where he intends to take up his residence.

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