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UNITED KINGDOM FACES ANOTHER SERIOUS STRIKE

Building Trades Federation, Plumbers, Painters and Allied Trades Favor It—Work Stopped on Several Big Buildings—General Strike Predicted in March.

London, Jan. 26.—The United Kingdom is again threatened with serious labor unrest. The building trades federation, in addition to calling upon the plumbers, painters, and allied trades to strike, has also decided in favor of bringing about a national building strike.

Should the recommendations of the executive council be ratified London's building industry will be brought to a standstill. Work has already ceased on a dozen big buildings in the course of construction, involving the expenditure of \$50,000,000. These in-

clude London's new county hall and several government buildings.

There is no sign of a settlement of the coal carriers' strike, and the employees of several big street transport companies threaten to support the coal men.

Trouble is also brewing in the shipping world on the eight-hour question and higher wages.

Tom Mann, formerly president of the International Transport Workers Federation, in a speech at Dublin tonight, predicted a general strike in England in March, involving engineers, boiler-makers and shipwrights.

TIME TO DRAW LINE, GOVERNOR JOHNSON SAYS

Discriminate Between Those Who Want Work and Leaders Who Preach Anarchism and Refuse to Labor.

Sacramento, Calif., Jan. 26.—"The line must be drawn between the man really wanting work and the few leaders who preach the tenets of the Industrial Workers of the World, who neither wish work for themselves, nor desire employment for others, and who preach an anarchist doctrine at variance with organized government," said Governor Johnson today on receiving the representative of State Labor Commissioner John McLaughlin on the condition of the unemployed in California, and the need of extending State aid.

McLaughlin's report showed that there were 29,000 idle men in San Francisco at the time of his investigation, the first week in January, only 3,000 or 4,000 of whom were in need of assistance. Thousands were living off their savings of last summer and autumn.

In Los Angeles, 12,000 to 15,000 day laborers were out of work, most of whom made idle by the rains. The coming of better weather would remedy this condition.

The commissioner contends that California always will be the dumping ground for workmen coming from other states to escape the colder climates. He says that any action by the state to support or maintain those out of work would only increase the problem for thousands who would flock to the state to live in idleness.

SUFFRAGETTES HAVE PROMISE OF BISHOP TO VISIT HOLLOWAY

Bishop of London, if Permitted, Will Investigate Charges of Cruelty—Won't Prostrate Themselves Before King.

London, Jan. 26.—The Bishop of London, the Right Rev. Arthur Foley Winnington Ingram, tonight promised a deputation from the Women's Social and Political Union, that if he can obtain the home secretary's consent he will in the course of a few days visit Holloway jail accompanied by the Bishop of Kensington in order to investigate the allegations that three suffragettes imprisoned there suffer excruciating torture while being subjected to forcible feeding. If official permission is obtained the two bishops will witness the operation.

This projected action on the part of the bishops is the outcome of statements made at a meeting of the militants' union by Miss Florence Ansell, recently released from Holloway, that while there, she heard shrieks and moans twice daily proceeding from the opposite cell occupied by Hachel Peace, who is serving an 18-month term.

At the same meeting Miss Barbara Wylie, referring to the purpose of the militants to call on the king as announced by Mrs. Dacre-Fox a week ago, said that the deputation would not prostrate themselves before the throne as Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster Unionist leader, said the Ulster men would, but would stand before His Majesty erect. She did not think that the deputations would find any difficulty in obtaining an audience with the king, if nothing came of it, the women still had the same right to sight as Ulster.

INVESTIGATE WRECK AT JACKSON

Division Superintendent Claims Accident Due to North Bound Train Not Taking Siding.

Jackson, Mich., Jan. 26.—Officers of the Michigan Central Railroad this afternoon began an investigation of the wreck on the Saginaw division of that road which caused the death of four persons and the injury of a dozen others late Sunday night. According to Division Superintendent Wright the crew of the northbound freight train was responsible for the collision. They should have taken the siding at the Michigan Line crossing to allow the southbound passenger train to pass, but instead of so doing, ran a quarter of a mile beyond the switch, where the two trains, running at nearly full speed, crashed together. The freight crew apparently forgot all about the oncoming passenger, which, although a regularly scheduled train, runs only on Sunday night.

The tracks were cleared of debris late today. The body taken from the wreckage of the smoker was that of Laverne V. Beck, superintendent and vice-president of the American Top Company of the injured in local hospitals were in a serious condition tonight. It was believed, however, all but one, Henry Smith, of Alma, Mich., whose skull was fractured and who was badly bruised about the shoulders.

STRATHCONA'S FUNERAL HELD YESTERDAY

Simple Ceremonies—State Officials and Prominent Men Attend—Buried Beside Wife—Service at Westminster.

London, Jan. 26.—The body of the late Lord Strathcona was buried today with the most simple ceremonies in Highgate cemetery, North London, beside that of his wife, who died only a few months ago. Before the interment a great funeral service was held in Westminster Abbey and was attended by a large gathering of state officials and persons prominent in all circles of society. From the residence of the deceased statesman in Grosvenor Square, to the Abbey, the streets were lined with crowds of people who reverently uncovered their heads as the procession passed.

The pallbearers were: The Duke of Argyll, Keeper of the Great Seal of Scotland; The Earl of Aberdeen and the Marquis of Lansdowne, all former Governors General of Canada; The Earl of Lichfield; Sir Thomas Vansittart Bowater, Lord Mayor of London; The Right Hon. Lewis Harcourt, Secretary of State for the Colonies; Sir William Oaker; Sir Thomas Skinner, and Professor George Adam Smith, Vice-Chancellor of Aberdeen University, of which Lord Strathcona was Chancellor up to the time of his death.

King George and Queen Mary, Queen Mother Alexandra and several other members of the royal family, as well as Premier Asquith, were represented at the service in the Abbey, while most of the members of the cabinet and the foreign ambassadors, including Walter Hines Page, United States ambassador, attended personally.

HON. MR. ZEN'S FEELINGS ON SLABBER AGAINST DAY OF FUNERAL

Dangers Not Greater Than in Other Places and Cliff's Statement Not True.

HON. MR. LEMIEUX GETS THINGS MIXED UP.

Ex-Postmaster's Imagination Runs Away With Him in his Effort to Repeat the Blue Ruin Story.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Jan. 26.—Andrew Broder of Dundas aptly described the attitude of the Liberal party in his speech in the Commons this afternoon, when he likened them to a man who had lost an eye and had it replaced by a cat's eye. When asked how he was getting along with the new eye, he replied that "the blamed thing was always looking for cats and mice."

This was the case again today. The House had another great feast of blue ruin and black disaster. Never was Canada painted in such gloomy colors. Rodolphe Lemieux, the chief speaker on the Liberal side, excelled all the other orators of his party in calling to his aid the saddest phrases of the English language to describe the terrible condition into which Canada had been plunged. The wretched strain went on for three and a half hours, and then on the motion of the Postmaster-General the House adjourned.

Of course to find substance for his "blue ruin" story Lemieux had to draw on his imagination. For instance, he stated that 17,000 men were out of work in Vancouver. This was easily disposed of by H. H. Stevens, the member for Vancouver, who pointed out that as the result of a searching inquiry by the local labor union the mayor and the board of trade it was found that only 2,500 men were out of work and that was "less than normal" at this time of year.

Similar misstatements were exposed by other Conservative members.

Mr. Broder doubted the existence of hard times in Ontario. He had not seen anything of it. He knew that the farmers of Ontario at any rate were prosperous. But there was no doubt about the increased cost of living and this he was sure, was due to two things, extravagant habits and under production. He came out against free wheat, stating that the by products of wheat were essential for mixed farming.

Mr. Lemieux seems to have committed the Liberal party to the old platform of free trade. He came out in favor of free trade, free agricultural implements, free trade with Great Britain in five years, and wound up with the statement that combines "business and mergers had flourished in Canada since 1873. This was a terrible commentary on his own Liberal administration of fifteen years, and the government members enjoyed the "break." It is expected that the debate will close tomorrow evening.

Ottawa, Jan. 26.—At the opening of the house Mr. Devlin asked if the Canadian government had had any communication with the government of the United States regarding a joint international deep water-way from Duluth to the sea.

Hon. George E. Foster, in the absence of the Prime Minister, said that he was not aware of any such correspondence. Smith's skull was fractured and he was badly bruised about the shoulders.

FEDERALS INTERNED AT FORT BLISS RECEIVE PAY

First Instalment of Arrears For Service to Country—Each Man Get Five Dollars as His Share—Don't Look for Any More.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 26.—Although they are to be sheltered and fed indefinitely by the United States government, the Mexican soldiers from Ojinaga, who are interned at Fort Bliss received from their own government today some of the pay due them for fighting before they crossed the Rio Grande.

Each Mexican soldier received \$5, his first pay for months, and according to General Mercado, the commander, the last. None of the foreign soldiers were permitted to leave the reservation to spend the money.

An official census completed by Col. Frederick Perkins shows there are now 5,295 soldiers and refugees to be provided for. The officers total 238, the women number 1,237, and the children 562.

NEW HAITIAN CONGRESS MEETS

Organization Completed and Executive Acts Ratified—Conditions Quiet for the Present.

Port au Prince, Haiti, Jan. 26.—An extraordinary session of the new congress which was elected on January 10 last, was held today, 72 members, more than sufficient to constitute a quorum, being present. Organization was completed and the acts of the executive ratified. Conditions both here and in the south are for the moment quiet. In the north General Bellard has withdrawn his candidacy for the presidency.

President Oreste Chouteau on the loyalty of the south and on the partisans of Bellard here to resist the aspirations of Senator Theodore.

In case of trouble, the American minister gives assurance that seven hundred men from the American warships can be landed for the protection of the foreign legations. The German cruiser Vineta has arrived.

HAS HEARD NOTHING OF PROPOSAL

Chairman Casgrain of Canadian Section Says Great Lakes Project Never Before International Body.

Montreal, Jan. 26.—Mr. T. Chase Casgrain, K. C., chairman of the Canadian section of the International Joint Waterways Commission, has heard nothing of the proposal to have been presented by members of the American section of the construction of an ocean-going ship channel from Montreal to the head of the great inland lakes, and at present declines even to discuss the proposition.

The subject has never been brought up at past meetings of the Waterways Commission, when both Canadian and American sections met together, Mr. Casgrain says, and he has no further intimation that Chairman Tawney of the American section intends communicating with him on the subject than what has appeared in the press.

SCHMIDT HAD PLAN TO FACILITATE SUICIDE

Had Scheme for Making Poison for Them—Bogus Death Certificates to Avoid Scandal.

New York, Jan. 26.—Hans Schmidt, now on trial for the second time for the murder of Anna Amuller, had a plan to manufacture poison for the use of persons contemplating suicide, particularly those who were hopeless, in order that they might leave the world in which they were no use.

He confessed this plan to Detective Thompson, according to Thompson's testimony today. He said Schmidt planned also to provide bogus death certificates for would-be suicides, "so they could be buried without scandal."

FIGHT BEGUN ON BEHALF OF MOVED

Federation Starts Legal Defence of President and Officials Charged With Interference.

Houghton, Mich., Jan. 26.—The Western Federation of Miners today began its fight in the courts in behalf of its president, Charles H. Moyer, and his thirty odd officials and members who are under indictment here on the charge of conspiring to interfere with non-union employees of the Michigan copper mines.

When the strike cases were called in the Houghton circuit court at the opening of the January term, counsel for the federation asked for time to make special pleas, and at the same time filed a motion to quash the indictments on the main grounds that the special grand jury had been illegally summoned and that its deliberations had not been conducted in secret in accordance with the law.

The federation lawyers are expected to renew the demands for a copy of the testimony before the grand jury and to attack the form of the indictments. After this preliminary skirmish, the next move of the union forces probably will be an application for a change of venue in all the important strike cases pending before the court.

"Moyer, Mahoney, and other officials will be here when they are needed," said A. W. Kerr, leading counsel for the miners. The strikers who were indicted jointly with them with one exception appeared today and were released under the same bond to return to court next Monday. The exception was Sidney Paul, a striker who has renounced his membership in the federation and has returned to work. He entered a plea of not guilty, and furnished other bonds for his future appearance.

Two strikers were given jail sentences today for carrying concealed weapons, and at the same time Judge O'Brien served notice that any one convicted in his court of that charge would be dealt with in a similar manner. The court refused to make an exception in the case of Vincent Kallies, although Prosecutor Lucas insisted that Kallies was carrying a pistol at the time of his arrest because he had \$50 of church funds in his possession.

"He had too many weapons on both sides of this industrial strike," the judge told Kallies. "You may have been protecting church property, but carrying a revolver still is a violation of the law and I cannot make an exception."

Kallies was given a sentence of fifteen days. The sentence was doubled in the case Frank Kolaski, who entered a plea of guilty.

Eleven women relatives of strikers appeared as defendants in strike cases and pleaded guilty. Three had been convicted in a justice's court on the charge of using indecent language. Three were charged with hindrance. All were released under suspended sentences. Geo. Males, who was convicted of an assault on a union man at the September term of the court, was sentenced to twenty days in jail. He already has been in jail forty-six days.

ALFONSO TO VISIT ARGENTINA

Madrid, Jan. 26.—The report that King Alfonso is preparing to visit the Argentine Republic in June lacks official confirmation. It is pointed out in official quarters that in view of the present political situation it would be impossible for the king to absent himself from Spain for two months.

ernment again, nor do they predict that he will return to any of the scenes of his former activities. The bulletin issued tonight reads: "Sir James Whitney is doing as well as possible under the circumstances. He is taking plenty of nourishment today." (Signed) "Alexander McPhedran." "C. K. Clark."

PREMIER WHITNEY MAY BE CONVALESCENT IN A FEW WEEKS

Toronto, Jan. 26.—Sir James Whitney may yet return to comparative health and strength should his progress be as continued and steady in the future as it has been during the past few days. His medical attendants are feeling very confident that they can prevent a recurrence of those strains which have jeopardized his life, which means he may be convalescent within a few weeks. They do not yet promise that the Premier will ever be in a position to assume the cares of the leadership of the gov-

LOSS OF LIFE AND DAMAGE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Three Drown, Buildings Swept Away and Many Homeless as Result of Torrential Rains Which Swept South of State—Towns Cut Off from Communication.

Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 26.—Three men were drowned, a boy was reported to have lost his life, many persons were driven from their homes; buildings were damaged, and steam and electric railways traffic was either tied up or seriously interrupted in Southern California today as the result of twenty-four hours' torrential rain.

The deaths were those of Louis Jones, a retired banker of Monte Cillo, Highspan Haven, said to be a Chicago capitalist, drowned near Monterey, and Rico, Rodriguez, who sank in the flood water of the San Gabriel river. A unidentified boy was said to have been swept into the Los Angeles river.

Los Angeles, Jan. 26.—Santa Barbara, Ventura and Oxford have been cut off from the rest of the world for more than fourteen hours. At daylight this morning the Southern Pacific had lost its coast line and its valley branch south of Mojave, and suburban electric traffic around Los Angeles had been badly crippled.

This morning began the third day of the worst storm Southern California has seen in years. Almost continuous rain fell Saturday night with a slight lifting of the clouds during the day on Sunday, followed by even heavier down pour most of last night, brought the season's precipitation six inches and more above normal.

Santa Barbara was last heard from at five o'clock last night, when it was reported the water was two feet deep around the Southern Pacific station. Oxford and Ventura were heard from for two hours more and they, too, had floods and railroad wash-outs to report.

FIVE BURN TO DEATH IN QUEBEC

Clothing of Boy Using Coal Oil Catches Fire and Flames Communicated to Others.

Quebec, Jan. 26.—By using coal oil in starting a fire in a stove today, Wilfrid Robin, 12 years old, of Notre Dame De Rosaire, Montmorency Co., caused an explosion which set fire to his clothes.

In the panic which ensued, and in the efforts to save his life, the flames communicated to five others, five of whom are dead. Another is dying.

The dead are Joseph Robin and baby, three weeks old.

Wilfrid Robin, 13 years old.

Alma Labroque, 5 years old.

Joseph Labroque, 6 years old.

Joseph Robin was so badly burned that he may die.

The three who survived are Edmond Labroque, father of Madame Robin, and two of the Robin children.

CARSON IS READY TO JOIN REDMOND

In Attempt to Give Real Local Government to Ireland—Not Peace at Any Price, Though.

London, Jan. 26.—Sir Edward Carson, leader of the Ulsterites, in a speech at Lincoln tonight, said he was ready to join John Redmond, the Irish Nationalist leader, in an attempt to extend real local government to Ireland or to remove any abuses or injustices social or religious.

Referring to Mr. Redmond's speech at Waterford on Sunday, he declared: "It is the last word from his side, and in a lamentable and critical state of affairs. I am a man of peace, but not of peace at any price."

In his speech Mr. Redmond said that if any change was made in the home rule bill it would only be to buy the good will of the opponents of the bill, and he added that he saw no prospect of their good will being purchased at any price whatever.

REDUCTION IN ARIAN RATES ANNOUNCED

London, Jan. 26.—The American Cunard and White Star lines today announced reductions of 24 in their rates for eastbound passengers and \$2.50 for westbound passengers, bringing their price down to the cut rates of the Hamburg-American line.

COBEQUID SINKS OUT OF SIGHT

Yarmouth, N. S., Jan. 26.—As a result of the heavy wind and sea in the Bay of Fundy on Sunday, the steamer Cobequid, stranded on Trinity Ledges, has disappeared from view. Only one mast is above water. The wreckers on board the ship on Friday last found a live cat on board.

MINE WORKERS MEETING ENDS IN HOT DEBATE

Initiative Referendum and Recall Endorsed—Resolution Condemning both Political Parties Voted Down.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 26.—The initiative, referendum and recall were endorsed by the convention of the United Mine Workers of America here today. It was also provided in the resolution that the recall be applied to constitutional amendments and that judges shall be prohibited from declaring laws passed by the people unconstitutional. Endorsement of the so-called "gateway amendment," introduced by Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, which would make it easier to amend the constitution, was also contained in the resolution.

A resolution introduced by the Scammon, Kas, local, which condemned both the Republican and Democratic parties, was voted down.

According to value placed on time by President White of the organization it cost the convention about \$15,000 to reach the decision that it had no authority to compel either of the two Illinois local unions to pay a doctor's bill of \$74.45.

When the convention adjourned, it was involved in a heated discussion, which was participated in by President White on the action of the international executive board in permitting Joseph Poggian, business manager of the Mine Workers' Journal, to remain in the organization after he had admitted that he had illegally signed two transfer cards.

THREE ARE KILLED IN AVALANCHE

One Man Rescued Six Feet Below Snow—Houses Are Ground Into Splinters.

Stores, Utah, Jan. 26.—With a terrific roar, an avalanche, sweeping down the mountain side here today snuffed out three lives and seriously injured three other persons. Four houses were ground to splinters. Every tree in the path of the icy mass was snapped off at the roots.

The bodies of Mrs. Anna Pavkevitch and two Greek miners were recovered shortly after they met their death.

W. T. Thorne was rescued six feet below the surface of the snow suffering from internal injuries and a broken leg. The Greek laborers were uncovered, badly bruised and nearly suffocated.

Mrs. A. P. Webb, with an infant in her arms and two children by her side, fled along the mountainside and although showered by flying particles of snow and ice, managed to get out of its path.

OBJECT TO REDUCTION MADE BY COMPANIES.

Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 26.—Jamaica planters are protesting against the action of banana companies trading here in reducing prices by five dollars per hundred bunches.