

Plan General Strike For Entire Province Of British Columbia

[By Special Wire to The Courier] VANCOUVER, B. C., July 16— Though the consensus of opinion at the labor convention yesterday was in favor of having a general strike to bring more clearly before the people of British Columbia, the conditions under which the coal miners are working and also if possible to bring about the end of the struggle, many local labor leaders think the step is an ill-advised one and it is within the bounds of probability that when the question is put squarely up to the members of the different trades there will be nothing like the vote in favor of it that is anticipated.

a few exceptions, such as the printers, but generally speaking there would be a wholesale dislocation of business through its operations. It is difficult to give with any degree of accuracy, figures of measures in various trades unions, but a rough estimate places the number at something like forty thousand workers. Taking the population of the province at slightly under four hundred thousand, one fourth of whom are workers, and reckoning that 25 per cent. of the union men and thirty per cent. of the non-union men are employed, this figure would appear to be a close estimate. Labor leaders cannot themselves state with accuracy to what extent their decision will apply, but say the number affected might exceed this number.

GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE ITS FIGHTING

The Home Rule Bill Causes a Unique Situation in Parliamentary Annals

[By Special Wire to The Courier] NEW YORK, July 15.—A cable to The Tribune from London says: The policy of the government with regard to the home rule amending bill will be settled at an important meeting of the cabinet, which has been convened for this morning. Yesterday in answer to a question published by Mr. Bonar Law, remier Asquith announced his intention of placing the bill down for discussion on Monday provisionally, but the second reading is not likely to be taken on that day. From the parliamentary point of view it is important that the finance bill should be carried without further delay and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will probably be utilized for that purpose. In that event the second reading of the amending bill will be moved on Thursday of next week. What the fate of the bill will be no one can predict, the circumstances being so abnormal. It may not survive its passage through the Commons but if it should happen to do so the bill transformed by the Lords will be returned to the upper house in a very amended condition. Hopes of a settlement by consent are fading. A remarkable note was sent by (Continued on Page Two).

BLEW THEM OUT

French Aviators Were Successful Against Fierce Tribesmen.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] PARIS, July 16—How two military aeroplanes destroyed with bombs the inaccessible mountain stronghold of the Riata tribesmen in the Taza region of Morocco, is described in despatches which have just been received here. The tribesmen's retreat had been located, and General Gouraud sent out the two aeroplanes, one manned by Lieut. Feisterstein and Capt. Raymond, and the other by Lieut. Paretti and Morletis. The attacking parties carried four bombs each. They speedily discovered the hiding place, and dropped the bombs with such precision that the camp was destroyed, many tribesmen being killed. The aviators then made maps showing the position of the fastness which enabled General Gouraud to round up the natives who had escaped death by the bombs.

MONTREAL HEAR FATAL

One Death and Dozens of Prostrations When Thermometer Records 86. MONTREAL, July 16.—One death from the heat and dozens of cases of prostrations were recorded here yesterday, which was the hottest day in the year in Montreal, the thermometer recording 86. The fatal case is that of Mrs. Annie Alexander, 29 Arcade Street, who collapsed in her garden and died soon afterwards. She was 81 years of age.

RAIN HAS MADE FAVORABLE CROP CONDITIONS IN BRANT

Farmers Buy Freely and Seem to Have Plenty of Cash in this County—How Things Were Found by Toronto Correspondent, Who Gives Glowing Account of the County's Agricultural Prosperity.

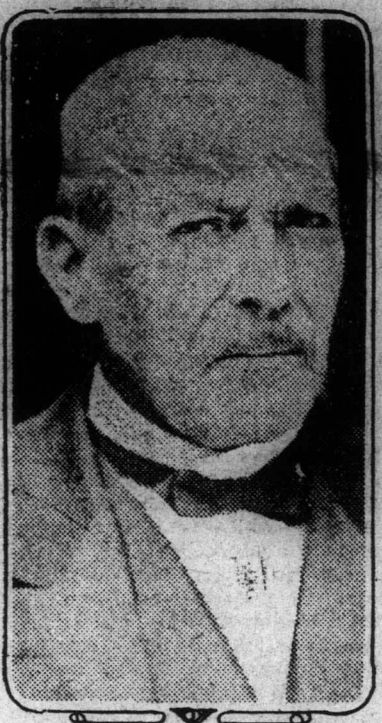
The following appears in the Globe today: In a county like Brant where mixed farming prevails, there is no uniform set of conditions by which the crop situation can be estimated. Each section sets its own standard. This year's crop is measured by last year's results and one is unable to determine in any accurate way whether that use is being made of the farms which will yield the maximum returns. Farmers on all sides recognize the backwardness of the season. Spring weather conditions operated directly against a substantial early growth. One does not require to consult the agricultural experts to learn this; through the windows of the passing train, from the sides of the radial car, here and there along the highways, the fields of stunted grain tell of a retarded early development. Generally Good Conditions But in spite of this, crop conditions in Brant county are generally good. Close to the city much of the land is given over to the growing of garden truck. These farms are looking well. There has been ample moisture so far this season, and the ultimate return to the farms should yield good profits. Coming to the field crops, hay is not as good as last year. Last year's crop of hay in Brant county was decidedly good, so the farmers this season are reaping what they call an "average crop." But the prevailing prices are satisfactory, and one does not hear many complaints. Fall wheat is not an average crop. The severe winter had generally a harmful effect. This does not mean

HUERTA DOES THE EXPECTED, HIS RESIGNATION HANDED IN

Peaceful Entry Into Mexico City by Carranza and Villa Now Said to be Sure—President Joins His Family After Formally Quitting the Job. They Both Fled EX-PRESIDENT HUERTA.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] MEXICO CITY, July 16.—The change in government, whereby Gen. Victoriano Huerta turned over the provisional presidency to Francisco Carranza, has been calmly received by the populace. Beside the demonstration made in honor of President Carranza when he was leaving the Chamber of Deputies building after taking the oath no other outbursts of importance have occurred. There were a few shouts in the streets of "down with Huerta" and "vive Carranza," but the police promptly intervened, stopping all such demonstrations. General Huerta, who remained in the capital some hours after his resignation, is in flight, probably on his way to Puerto Mexico to join his family and friends, who left for that port a day earlier. General Aurelio Blanquet, his war minister and strong adherent, went with Huerta when he left the city late last night as did several other of his close friends.

tionalist leaders for a peaceful entry into the capital. The committee consists of Jesus Uribe, Jose Ines Novales and Enrique Bordes Mangel, former members of the Chamber of Deputies. General Huerta's resignation was sent to congress late yesterday afternoon and was accepted by the Senators and the deputies, after a brief debate, by a vote of 121 to 17. In the meantime, Huerta took occasion to make bitter reference to the United States Government. Following the acceptance of the resignation, Francisco Carranza was appointed provisional president and he took the oath of office at the joint session of the Senators and deputies two hours later. A feature of the discussion in the Chamber while the resignation of Gen. Huerta was pending, was the speech made by Deputy Musquiz Blanco, who made a bitter attack on Americans and American politics. All the newspapers issued extras on the day's events, El Pais which was suppressed by the government two months ago reappeared last night.



Who Resigned as Mexico's Dictator. GENERAL BLANQUET



War Minister Who Decided Not to Wait for Villa's Coming.

Text of Resignation The text of General Huerta's resignation follows: Deputies and senators: Public necessity admitted by the chamber of deputies, by the senate and by the supreme magistracy of the republic. Later, when in this same hall I had the honor of addressing you in compliance with the constitutional precept. I promised that all costs to bring about peace. "Seventeen months have passed and in that brief period of time I have for-

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ARMY WORMS IN OXFORD LEAVE A TRAIL OF DAMAGE

Under Cover of Darkness, Pests Get Good Start in the Fields.

WOODSTOCK, July 16.—Despite the efforts of Oxford County farmers living on the border line between East Oxford and Burford Townships, the force of army worms, which for the last couple of days has been invading the pasture fields and hay and corn crops of farmers residing in the Township of Burford, near the village of Cathcart and Muir, successfully crossed the frontier from Brant to Oxford County under cover of darkness last night, and to-day they were marching steadily westward through the farms of East Oxford Township. A newspaper representative yesterday visited the found farmers busily engaged doing what they can put an end to the ravages of the pests. So far the worms have covered a stretch of about seven miles long and a mile wide. The greatest damage appears to have been wrought in the pasture fields through which a small stream, which the worms are following, passes, and in these, despite recent refreshing rains practically not a blade of grass is to be found. Farmers report that cows have fallen away tremendously in their supply of milk, and it is probable that the pasture fields will be of little value again this year. Cornfields as well have suffered as a result of the army worms, and in a number of the fields the young tender stalks have been stripped completely. In not a few cases the corn crop has been ruined. The worms apparently prefer the green grass of the pasture or the juicy leaf of the cornstalk. Some grain fields were also paid a visit, and the work of the worms is quite in evidence. The roads in the vicinity are covered with the worms and as the vehicles pass along hundreds are crushed to death. Black birds are also assisting the farmers in getting rid of the pests, and on the flats it is little trouble for them to find food these days. Bernard O'Brien of Marmora was mortally wounded with his own rifle, when he was attempting to use as a club on a couple of fighting dogs.

Canadians In Cleveland Welcomed by Former Brantford Man—Dr. Biggar at Picnic.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] CLEVELAND, O., July 16.—Two hundred members of the Canadian club of this city answered "present" yesterday afternoon at the first annual picnic of the club at Gordon Park. With their families more than 700 spent the afternoon and evening in games, running races, renewing old acquaintances and talking of the good old times across the lakes before they came to the United States. The picnic was to have been held July 1, but on account of rain was postponed. Dinner was served shortly before 4 o'clock. The main address was to have been delivered by Director of Law John N. Stockwell, but he was called out of the city. In his place Dr. H. W. G. Biggar (formerly of Brantford), welcomed the crowd, told of the objects of the club and of the hopes for a membership of 2,000 within a year. He pointed out that at least 30,000 Canadians reside in Cleveland and with their population declared the members should work to increase the membership to that figure. First discussion of the banquet to be given by the club in the fall came up, and members are determined to make it the largest event the club has given. At least five prominent Canadian officials have been invited to attend.

MR. HANNA BELIEVES ELECTION WILL BE VOID

If Judge MacWatt's Decision Rejecting Theford Poll Is Upheld by Appeal Court

TORONTO, July 16.—Hon. W. J. Hanna stated today that in his opinion the election in East Lambton was declared void in Judge MacWatt's decision throwing the entire poll at Theford is upheld by the Court of Appeals. A total of 122 voters are disqualified by the decision, Judge MacWatt holding that the ballots should not count because the counters were not detached. OFFICIAL WILL RESIGN MONTREAL, July 16.—H. Foster Chaffee, passenger traffic manager of the Canada Steamship Lines, Limited, has requested the management to relieve him of his duties after October 1, owing to the condition of his health

Paying \$20 For Seat At Smith-Carpentier Boxing Match Today

[By Special Wire to The Courier] LONDON, July 16.—There was a great influx of sportsmen from France and other continental countries today to attend the twenty-round fight between "Gunboat" Smith and George Carpentier, the French heavyweight champion down for decision to-night in the arena at Olympia. Many of the people who arrived to-day and who failed to book their seats in advance were doomed to disappointment as seats were selling at a premium. Even the poorest ones far back from the ringside were quoted at from \$15 to \$20, while those in the vicinity of the ropes were not obtainable at any price. The fight has created more interest here than any pugilistic encounter since the fight between Peter Jackson and Frank P. Slavin over a quarter

of a century ago, in spite of the fact that no world's championship is at stake. Carpentier to-day was still quoted favorite in the betting, although Smith's backers were ready to accept even money. Carpentier's followers, however, seemed very anxious to place their money at any odds. It was difficult to estimate the amount wagered on the event, as no central place for making bets exists in London, but it was known that practically everyone in the leading clubs and hotels had some money at stake. The promoters of this contest will apparently make a considerable profit on their enterprise and this, it is thought, will compensate them for the deficit on the recent fight for the lightweight championship of the world between Freddie Welsh and Willie Ritchie.

MR. J. H. FISHER WIRES OTTAWA FOR EXPERTS TO FIGHT ARMY WORMS

As before related, the army worm has made its appearance in Brant county, although not yet to any general extent. The insect travels in vast multitudes from field to field, destroying grass, grain and other crops. MR. FISHER GETS BUSY. Mr. J. H. Fisher, M.P. for North Brant, wired the Minister of Agriculture at Ottawa with reference to threatened damage taking place in Burford township and the threatened danger to other townships of the county. He requested that an expert should be sent immediately. Mr. Schuyler, agricultural representative at Paris, is rendering valuable service. Mr. Fisher is on the scene this afternoon.

HOUSE OF LORDS REJECTS PLURAL VOTING BILL

Majority of Seventy Against Measure for Principle of "One Man One Vote."

LONDON, July 16.—The House of Lords yesterday rejected by 119 votes to 49 the plural voting bill which embodies the principle of "one man, one vote," and provides that a man who has more than one residence must, before an election, select which of his votes he desires to register. Earl Beauchamp, on behalf of the Government, intimated that the defeat of the measure was purely academic, as the government intended to see that it went into operation before the next general election. The bill already has passed twice through all its stages in the House of Commons.

IS ACCEPTED

Resignation of Rev. C. W. Ross at Park Baptist Church.

At the usual week-night meeting in Park church last night, an informal discussion took place, when the pastor's resignation was accepted and it was left to a select committee to meet next Wednesday and make arrangements to fill the vacancy. Mr. T. M. Foster occupied the chair. A testimonial of appreciation is being drawn up to be presented on a suitable occasion prior to the departure of Mr. Rose for Nova Scotia.

HE'S ON BOARD

PUERTO, Mexico, July 16.—It was currently reported to-day that General Huerta was on board one of the three special trains from the capital, known to be on the way here. The British cruiser, Bristol, anchored near the pier in front of the station, and the German cruiser Dresden was approaching the harbor.

WHERE IS PRETTY BLANCHE YORKE, A TAMWORTH GIRL?

Mysterious Disappearance of Young Woman Has Caused Investigation by Government Detectives—County of Addington is Stirred Up—Many Theories Advanced as to Where She is Located.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] TAMWORTH, Ont., July 16.—Government Inspector Miller has been in Addington County for the past few days, endeavoring to unravel the mystery connected with the disappearance of Blanche Yorke, a young dressmaker, of 33, who left the village on Wednesday, July 8, for the home of her father, Charles Yorke, farmer, near here, and has not since been seen. Miss Yorke is a dressmaker and had been employed by Mrs. Welch here. On Wednesday evening last after leaving work, she departed, apparently with the intention of spending the night at her home, which is a mile and a half outside of the town. In company with Miss Agnes Welch, she left the village on Wednesday about 8 o'clock in the evening. She did not, however, set out directly for her home, having an appointment with Mr. C. K. Robinson, whose office is just around the corner from the Welch home. Dr. Robinson had been treating Miss Yorke for some time for stomach trouble, from which she has been suffering. Miss Welch accompanied Miss Yorke to the doctor's gate, where the two parted. After treatment by the doctor, Miss Yorke left on her way home, and was seen shortly after leaving the doctor's office by Henry

Card, who recognized and spoke to her. She was then going in an opposite direction to her home. He made a careful search but was unable to find any trace of a woman, or even footsteps. Mr. Yorke and his family were not much exercised over the failure of the daughter to return home Wednesday night, as they concluded that she had stayed for the night with Miss Welch or with other friends in town. It was not until Saturday, when a young man called at Mrs. Welch's and found her absent, that uneasiness was occasioned. Known as "Happy" Miss Yorke was regarded in the highest esteem by the residents of the village. Her general disposition earned for her the sobriquet of "Happy." In fact this was the usual salutation with which she was greeted by her friends. When the news of her disappearance first became known something approaching consternation reigned in the small community, but developments of the past few days have led to the conclusion that it is possible the young woman's body may be lying at the bottom of one of the numerous lakes of the neighborhood. As a result search parties have dragged the small lakes and swamps have been closely examined. The shores of Beaver Lake have all been carefully patrolled, but without result.

THEATRE, SEABALL, CROSSE, FAIR, etc. Various advertisements for local events and businesses.