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POLICEMEN VOTE FOR STRIKE TODAY

PLIGHT OF RUSSIA A KNOWN PROBLEM FOR THE ALLIES

Every Solution Blocked by Question of Who is to Speak for Her.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The Russian problem already has been taken up by President Wilson with French statesmen. It was taken here today, and the determination of a definite policy on which all the allied countries and the United States may agree will be one of the first things undertaken at the preliminary meetings which are to precede the peace conference.

Russian's plight; and the attitude to be adopted by the victorious associated nations is recognized as one of the most serious problems of the conference. Every proposed solution so far is said to have been blocked by the unanswered question of who is qualified to speak for the Russian people.

The government at Omsk, of which the allied governments have expected much, is now in the hands of a dictator and split into factions. The entente nations have not given up hope that the Omsk authorities may yet evolve a stable form of government for Russia, but this has not been accomplished now and none of the allied governments had recognized the Omsk regime officially, although all of them are dealing with Russian representatives who are in close touch with Admiral Kolchak and his government.

Prince Lvoff, who was premier in the Kerensky cabinet and who has devoted most of his life to the development of the Zemstvo system in Russia, and Boris Bakmeteff, Russian ambassador in Washington, appointed by Kerensky and his government, are the two main figures in the Kerensky cabinet and who have been in Paris or already there with other prominent Russians to do what they can to aid the allies in the solution of the Russian problem. But whether they represent the Kerensky government or the Zemstvo system, at this time is a question which is privately admitted cannot be answered here.

Not a Bolshevik. Prince Lvoff has recently been in Washington where he discussed the situation in his country with President Wilson and the Secretary of State Lansing. Prof. Milukoff, who stands in Russia under the czar and during the Kerensky regime, has recently returned to Constantinople from the heart of Bolshevik-controlled Russia, by route not yet divulged. Some months ago it was reported that Prof. Milukoff had come under the influence of the Bolsheviks, but it is regarded as evident from his opinions expressed in Constantinople that he is not a Bolshevik now.

Alexioff, Denekine and other Cossack leaders are in control in the Cossack districts on the Don and at Orenburg, and are maintaining a government more nearly stable than any other in Russia at present, unless it be Archangel, which is operating in accordance with the allied forces in the north.

The Cossacks are extending their control over nearly all of the Ukraine. Far from according any recognition to the Soviet regime at Petrograd, the United States some time ago called upon all civilized nations to condemn the Bolshevik regime.

To Prevent Famine. Even when a set of leaders is recognized as Russian spokesmen, the allies must face the great question of how they can be aided in setting up a stable government; and in preventing famine, or the outbreak of Russia herself, as in the interest of the peace of the world. Until the armistice was signed, troops and supplies could be sent to Russia only thru Siberia, a distance two-thirds of the way around the world, or by Archangel, which was not feasible for extensive operations because of the transportation facilities. Now, however, the Black Sea, the Baltic Sea and the railroad lines thru Germany and Austria territory offer better means. It is believed by officials here that the land route thru Germany and Austria would be the best and most practical way of reaching Russia.

It is stated that, in considering whether a joint expedition should be sent to deal with and thereby interfere with Russia's internal affairs, the representatives of the allies must decide whether the Bolshevik movement is such a menace to civilization as to justify extraordinary steps to eliminate it.

To aid him in the conferences with the allied leaders, President Wilson has taken a corps of Russian experts with him to Paris.

BRITISH MAILS.

British and foreign mail (via England). Letter and registered mail only, will be closed at the general postoffice as follows: Regular ordinary letter mail at 6 a.m., Dec. 20, 1918. Supplementary ordinary letter mail at 2 p.m., Dec. 20. Regular registered mail at 12 midnight, Dec. 19. Supplementary registered mail at 1 a.m., Dec. 20.

PEOPLE OF BRITAIN WERE ILL-PREPARED FOR ONE-DAY VOTING

Hurried Preparation of Lists Developed Many Grievances at the Polls.

FOUR-YEAR-OLD VOTED Was Wheeled to Poll in Perambulator, and Cast Ballot.

London, Dec. 17.—News from country constituencies rather shakes first impressions as to the apathy of the electorate, indications being that a good percentage of the voters was cast on Saturday. Labor candidates everywhere claim to have polled full support. Special interest attaches to the West Lothian election, where the Coalitionists and Liberals united to defeat Ramsay MacDonald, who was disavowed by his former supporters on account of his war attitude. His opponent, Green, ran as a National Democrat, being the chairman of the British Workers League.

In Scotland, the success of the Coalitionists would mean the capture of this historic party in the hands of the Unionists, who form a majority of the Scottish coalition candidates. The national issue is being fought in the division of Glasgow, where there is a straight race between the two parties, who are a valued member of the war cabinet, and MacLean, who is frankly Bolshevik, and served a term for sedition speeches, but was released only on the eve of election thru the personal intervention of Lord Balfour.

From Ireland come reports of an overwhelming victory of the Sinn Fein party, which is reduced to eight or ten seats. The Unionists claim a record poll and an unbroken phalanx in the new parliament. Many Grievances at Polls. On Saturday the British electorate embarked on the great experiment of the vast extension of the franchise and the hurried completion of the new register, developed many grievances at the polls. Owing to the shortage of experienced clerical and printing staffs, the lists bristled with errors, tens of thousands being disenfranchised. Similarly many unqualified persons were on the lists, a striking instance being that of a four-year-old boy who was wheeled to the poll in a perambulator and whose vote was duly recorded.

No personal registration exists, the onus being placed on the authorities, which in that instant the election agents. The present election, with its dilatory and hasty methods, has aggravated the confusion of the lists, brought with it a host of anomalies, and in some instances has resulted in corruption, but in Britain they take the situation philosophically, and the press publishes numerous glaring cases, now there is a hint of deliberate malfeasance.

Voting in Three Categories. The total vote cast falls under three categories. With the home vote on Saturday there was cast the vote by proxy of the navy was solely reserved for distant Salonia and Mesopotamia, and these ballot boxes are now locked in the police stations. The third category is that of these boxes will be taken to a central counting place in each constituency. The no distinction made, made. Copies were sent to absent soldiers in France, Belgium and Germany, and they mailed back their votes to their proper constituency. These are now arriving in separate ballot boxes, but at the count will be added to the residential and proxy vote, no distinction made. Consequently this is unlike the recent Canadian election. The final figures will not be known until the count is completed. It is doubtful whether the general result will be available that night.

CADETS IN ENGLAND TO RANK AS OFFICERS Canadian Associated Press Cable. London, Dec. 17.—When the armistice was signed, several hundred Canadian cadets from all units were in England undergoing training for commissions. The training schools are now closed, but Canadian headquarters, recognizing the conspicuous service these cadets have rendered, have decided to return them to Canada as officer cadets. Each will receive a grant of twenty pounds to purchase a uniform, and will embark first class wearing officer's uniform, but without rank badges.

FURS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS. What to give for a Xmas gift is a proposition that is occupying the minds of most people these days. There is no cause for worry, however, as anything in furs will prove an acceptable gift. The Dineen offering of rare and imported Canadian furs affords you an unlimited choice. It includes high-grade fur-lined coats for men and women, Russian Sable and Otter Stoles, Ruffs, Capes, Muffs, etc., made from Persian Lamb, Seal, Fox, Mink and various other furs. The designs come straight from New York and every garment is made by Dineen artists, only superior linings are used. A choice from this reputable stock will please both the recipient and the giver. Write for our special catalogue on furs to Dineen Co., 140 Yonge Street.



Canada looks good after years spent fighting in Europe. This is how the boys greeted Halifax when the Olympic drew into the harbor.

CHANGES FORESHADOWED IN BRITISH MINISTRY

Gen. Smuts Will Have Important Duties and May Be Delegate to the Peace Conference.

London, Dec. 17.—The Daily Chronicle's parliamentary correspondent says that Lieut-General Smuts, who was reported Monday as having resigned from the war cabinet on the ground that the war having terminated, his services no longer were required, probably will remain in office as long as the war cabinet continues. The newspapers say that in the ordinary course of events the war cabinet will be superseded by a normal cabinet, of which General Smuts will not be a member. General Smuts is reported to have been in England from party controversies, and that it is obvious he could not possibly serve in a domestic cabinet.

General Smuts will have important duties to fulfill in connection with the Paris peace negotiations, and that it is believed he will go to France Friday to meet President Wilson.

FIFTEEN PEOPLE DEAD AS RESULT TRAIN FIRE

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—Fifteen are missing, believed burned to death, as a result of the destruction by fire early this morning of a tourist coach on the C.P.R. Winnipeg to Toronto transcontinental train at Bonheur Station, 120 mile west of Port William, Ont. Six passengers among the missing are still unidentified, but it is believed that the unidentified woman and little boy are the wife and son of C. Foote, ticketed from Regina, Sask., to Albion, Mich. Advice received here indicate that the fire started thru carelessness in handling a spirit stove or other light in a berth by a small baby. Within a few seconds the flames swept along the berth, curtains, making the car a fire trap. Eight passengers were rescued from the car uninjured, while four were injured, the none seriously. The injured have been taken to Fort William and their conditions are said to be satisfactory.

A list of the lost, as far as can be ascertained, follows: B. C. Clancy, ticketed Calgary to Windsor; Mrs. C. L. Hunter, ticketed from Regina to St. John, N.B.; E. Smith, ticketed Lockwood to Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Monkman and baby, ticketed Kerobert to Toronto, supposed to be from Consort, Alta.; Mrs. Joseph Cochrane, ticketed Russell, Man., to Baxter, N.S.; Pte. Larmouth, 5th Battalion, Quebec, ticketed Winnipeg to Iroquois, Ont.; woman and little boy, ticketed Winnipeg to Belleville, Ont.; two unidentified passengers, Regina to Belleville, Ont.; woman, ticketed to Elora; woman, ticketed Regina to Nanapanee; Mrs. C. L. Buchanan, ticketed Greenwood, Man., to Sussex, N.B.

The injured, none of whom is in a serious condition, are: Miss Crossman, Guernsey, Sask., to Kitchener, Ont.; C. Foote, Regina to Albion, Mich.; C. L. Buchanan, Greenwood, Man., to Sussex, N.B.; C. N. Hunter, Regina to St. John, N.B.

The following were rescued uninjured: Jacob Mitchell, Shaunavon, Saskatchewan to Windsor, Ont.; J. H. Bessley, Melita, Man., to Thornhill, Ont.; H. S. Kilgour, wife and baby, Winnipeg to Sussex, N.B.; Thomas Davidson, Sommer Cove, Sask., to Hariston, Ont.; W. Henderson, Winnipeg to Toronto.

Fort William, Dec. 17.—The victims of the holocaust on C. P. R. train No. 4 today have been brought to the McKeel Hospital here suffering from burns. They are: C. L. Buchanan of Greenwood, Ont., who is burned and hurt on the hands and face. He lost his wife in the fire after a plucky endeavor to drag her thru the window during the burning. Miss Minerva Cressman of Guernseyville, Alta., who was on her way with her sister to Kitchener, Ont., and whose husband is in the hospital, and Carson Foot of Brooks, Alta., who is said to have lost his wife and child. The survivors report that thirteen adults and two children were killed in the coach, which was burned to the car tracks.

The vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway issues the following statement regarding the accident: "At 5:37 a.m. today the second section of train No. 4 stopped for train orders at Bonheur Station, 120 miles west of Fort William, Ont. Conductor Beggs of Fort William, in charge of the train, walking back to the front end of tourist car 623. At once it was evident that the coach would be rapidly destroyed. "The train crew and the engine crew immediately burst into the coach and rescued as many passengers as they could reach. We regret to state that, as nearly as can be ascertained at the moment, thirteen passengers are missing, although it is just possible that several of these escaped into the other coaches, and have not reported themselves to the train conductor. Eight passengers, who were rescued, are slightly injured. "General Superintendent Stevens, Mechanical Superintendent Temple, and other officers of the company have left Winnipeg by special train to hold a searching investigation into the cause of the fire, and all the features surrounding it. From the reports of survivors it would appear that the fire started in the curtains of a berth occupied by a man, his wife and baby. It is believed that the child had been trying to heat food for the child with a spirit lamp, or had struck a light for some reason. When the flames reached the curtains of the berth, it would be impossible to control them. "Names and addresses of the rescued and the missing, and the result of the investigation to be held, will be given out to the press at the earliest possible moment."

POLICE DISMISSALS BRING QUICK ACTION

Home-Coming Soldiers Majority of Men Demand Reinstatement of Twelve Constables, With Strike at 6.45 This Morning as Alternative.

Toronto is to be faced with a police strike as the result of the action of the board of police commissioners, in dismissing twelve executive officers of the local force upon their reiterated assertion to stand by the charter allying them with the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress.

Immediately upon receipt of their dismissals, the officers called three special meetings to be held in the Sons of England Hall, but as this hall was found to be unavailable, the meeting place was transferred to the Victoria Hall, Queen and Bert streets. The meetings were well attended, and the members showed themselves keen to stand behind their dismissed officers, and for the retention of their charter. The second and most important meeting closed at 2:30 this morning and the men up to that time had voted almost unanimously in favor of a strike. The third meeting, which begins at 3:30, is expected to do likewise.

The strike resolution read as follows: "That the Toronto Police Force go out on strike at 6.45 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, and that they remain so until such time as the twelve dismissed members are reinstated to their former positions. That there be a complete recognition of the union by the commissioners; and also the reopening of the Gordon Ellis case."

An amendment which was thrown out read as follows: "That the Toronto Police Force go out on strike at 12 noon, Wednesday, Dec. 18." The various labor men who were present to address the men were greeted with round after round of applause, and they assured the men that labor unions of Toronto were behind them to a man. Walter Brown of the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union, told the members that the action of the police commissioners in dismissing those twelve men, was the most radical thing he had ever heard of in this country or any other. "This arbitrary action of the part of the commissioners, or two of them at least, has placed you in your present position, he declared. He told of the deputation which waited on Premier Hearst, to ask him to take steps to avoid a strike, and of that gentleman's refusal to take any part in the affair when he might have averted the present situation.

Arthur Conn, president of the District Trades and Labor Council, said that he was not present to give advice, but to stand by any action the men might take, as any other action on his part might be considered as "agitation" by the commissioners. But, "now that you have taken your action," he said, "it is up to every labor union in the city to get behind the police and boot."

Another fraternal speaker was J. Young, of the Machinists' Union, who assured the police of the support of every member of 2,800 belonging to the machinists' trade in Toronto. "That the police are up to every strike, and that they are going to work in earnest, was illustrated by the fact of several members of the union leaving the meeting early, explaining that they had been told off for picket duty."

Another meeting of the union will be held today, when the union will point its standing committees for the campaign and perfect other details with the board of police commissioners, Trades and Labor Council. Two members of the board of police commissioners—Col. Denison and Judge Winchester—last night, emphatically insisted, particularly the former, that their decision to retire the twelve members of the union committee was the only thing they could do in regard to the efficiency and discipline of the force.

Police officers who expressed determination not to recognize the new Toronto Police Union, which is affiliated with the Trades and Labor Council, the board of police commissioners at their regular meeting yesterday dismissed 12 out of the 12 members who form the executive committee of the union. Mayor Church alone held out against this action, declaring it to be too drastic. Policeman Lewis was the only member of the committee which appeared

W.A.D. STATEMENT BY MRS. HAMILTON President Local Council of Women Thinks Appointment Backed by Ottawa.

"There is not a particle of personal animosity as some have suggested, in the statements that I have made by us regarding the appointment of Mrs. Gooderham and other women to the various positions," says a Toronto woman. "It is purely a matter of principle in a national issue. "Are such prejudices to be felt in future cases? We intend to see to it that they are not."

Speaking last evening to The World, Mrs. L. A. Hamilton, president of the Local Council of Women, said: "From the evidence submitted in a public interview with Mr. N. W. Rowell, appearing in yesterday's issue of The World, the statement that the W.A.D. organization has been authorized by an order-in-council and is under the department of militia and defence, I still feel that there is no evidence to prove that we have sought the appointment, but the evidence appears to be that the whole thing is backed up by government authority."

At the same time Mrs. Hamilton said she adhered to her statement which appeared in a contemporary evening paper. "That all appointments of women to such positions made at Ottawa would be made on the recommendation of women's organizations. If a protest is made we should protest on the ground that the appointments ought to be made democratically, and then say what the government have to say. Sir George Foster said on March 2, 1917, in a speech to the women: 'Help us in routing out of this country that old practice of patronage. You will not do it by applause but by our united efforts, for it is rooted deep.'"

The sub-executive committee of the National Council of Women has written The World stating that the officers appointed in connection with the appointment of Mrs. Gooderham as district superintendent, W. A. D. No. 2, are not regarded as the official opinion of the National Council of Women. No such claim was made for them. They were printed as a true report of the attitude taken towards the appointment by a number of prominent women who are vitally interested in the organizations affected.

LLOYD GEORGE TO TAKE A BRIEF HOLIDAY Paris, Dec. 17.—David Lloyd George, the British prime minister, will arrive in Paris next Sunday. After a short stay in the capital Mr. Lloyd George will proceed to the Riviera for a few days' rest.

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