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A BIT SERIOUS IN SOUTH AFRICA

One Report Says Situation Nears Crisis.

Strikers Urge a Republic in Pretoria—Another Account Says the Solidity of the Strikers Has Been Broken.

(Canadian Press Cable.) London, Feb. 6.—The strike situation in South Africa appears to be working toward a crisis, according to Johannesburg messages. Despatches to the Exchange Telegraph Company and the Central News say that amid wild cheering a huge meeting of mine strikers on Sunday passed a resolution requesting those members of parliament not in Pretoria to proclaim a provisional government and declare a republic.

At a mass meeting held in the town hall the chairman intimated that, despite the progress with Premier Smuts, all the strikers must obey orders and "pull out" all strike-breakers. Another speaker warned the officials who were working the essential services that they were "pulled out" on Monday.

A Pretoria despatch states that Premier Smuts, with P. B. Nalen, the minister of mines and industries, is conferring with deputations of the industrial federation and the chamber of mines in an attempt to reach a settlement of the labor dispute which has tied up the Rand Gold Mining district for the better part of a month.

A Different Story. London, Feb. 6.—The solidarity of the strikers in South Africa has been broken, says a despatch to Reuters from Johannesburg, by the action of the moderate strike committee in repudiating their strike leaders and asking Premier Smuts to receive a deputation to consider the appointment of an arbitration court.

It is now announced that the workers' federation has decided to withdraw its invitation of the premises to use the government machinery for the purpose of investigating a way out of the labor dispute.

Picket's Do Damage. London, Feb. 6.—(Canadian Press.)—The South African strike situation is given a somewhat different complexion by the organization of so-called commandos or picketing parties. A concerted campaign has been launched to damage the railways and other properties during Sunday night and also removed officials from the railway tracks near Springs Station.

The government, according to Mr. Flett, takes the stand that to incorporate in government contracts a clause insisting upon wages and conditions prevailing in the locality in which the work is being done would be "slavery."

It is considered that the commandos are becoming a menace to the government. Women are also participating and in some cases rivaling the exploits of the men, notably when a petty thief, a commando charged through the police and seized an official. The police have persuaded the women to withdraw, and that the commandos were afterwards took together.

\$20,000 IN SIGHT FOR UNIVERSITY

War Memorial Hall Canvas to be Concluded Soon—Frederick's Sick.

(Special to Times.) Fredericton, Feb. 6.—The campaign for the funds for the War Memorial Hall at the University of New Brunswick is progressing steadily. \$20,000 in Fredericton and immediate vicinity is believed to be in sight. The work of canvassers has not been completed but probably will be in the near future.

A rumor has been current in Fredericton that the city council would be approached by a delegation central committee of the memorial fund campaign and asked for a grant on behalf of the Fredericton and immediate vicinity is believed to be in sight.

The condition of Temple Savage of Marsville, who is in Victoria Hospital with double pneumonia, is reported today to be serious. Hopes are now held out for the recovery of Dr. D. W. Ross who has been ill with heart trouble. A specialist from Montreal held a consultation on his case on Saturday. William Johnson of Marsville, is reported in a serious condition with pneumonia.

Cardinal Ratti, the Archbishop of Milan Is New Pope, Pius XI

ELECTION CONCLUDED BY THE SACRED COLLEGE THIS MORNING

Smoke at 11.33 o'clock Showed that Selection of New Pontiff Had Been Made—Was Created Cardinal Only Last Year—Proceedings Following the Election.

(Canadian Press Cable.) Rome, Feb. 6.—Cardinal Achille Ratti, Archbishop of Milan, was proclaimed elected Pope, in succession to the late Benedict XV this morning. He has taken the name of Pius XI.

The thousands waiting in front of St. Peter's for the wisp of smoke which would tell of the election of a new Pope or the failure of the Sacred College to reach a decision gave a mighty shout at 11.33 when a thin wisp of smoke came from the chimney leading from the Sistine chapel. It was then known that the Catholic Church had once more a duly elected Pontiff.

After the Vote. So soon as the two-thirds vote for Cardinal Ratti had been verified, Cardinal Vanuttelli, as dean of the Sacred College, arose and proceeded to the throne of the chosen one, accompanied on either side by Cardinals Logue and Bialelli, respectively dean of the cardinal priests and the cardinal deacon.

He was asked in Latin by Cardinal Vanuttelli, in accordance with custom, if he accepted the election to be supreme pontiff, and the new Pope answered with the formal: "Since it is the will of God, I must obey."

Then the purple canopies over the thrones of the cardinals were laid down, one by one, until only that of the new pontiff remained. This was done to show that the whole Sacred College rendered obedience to the new head of the church. Cardinal Vanuttelli thereupon asked the new incumbent what name he chose to take during his pontificate, and upon his reply "Pius XI," Monsignor Sincero, secretary of the conclave, verified his election to the papal chair.

The new Pope was then escorted to the ante room within the Sistine chapel where he discarded his cardinal robes, assisted by the ecclesiastics, and the papal vestments, which had been held in readiness since the opening of the conclave, were placed upon him. These included the white cassock, white surplice, white stockings, red slippers, a red and gold mozzetta, and finally the papal tiara, worked with gold.

The pontiff, fully vested in the papal garb and accompanied by his cardinals, thereupon returned to the throne he had extended in the Sistine chapel.

First Blessing. There the cardinals, according to their rank, and headed by Cardinal Vanuttelli, making his first act of reverence to His Holiness, kissing his feet and then his hands, after which the Pope bestowed upon him his first apostolic benediction.

"The Fisherman's Ring" was placed on his finger and he left the chapel, the whole assembly wending its way through the Sala Ducal and the Sala Regia, along the loggia to the Sala Clementina, the Pope's official residence. All along the way he received the homage of the attaches who served during the conclave.

Meanwhile the dean of the cardinals, Cardinal Bisetti, followed by several cardinals, repaired to St. Peter's, from which the election of scores of hopes have been officially proclaimed to the world, and solemnly announced to the great crowd awaiting expectantly below.

"I announce to your great joy the election of the Pontiff. This confirmed to the throngs in St. Peter's square the election which had been indicated by the thin stream of white smoke which came from the metal steeple projecting from the roof of the Sistine chapel when the voting papers with the labor group to tell it. It was a striking scene as Pope Pius made his first appearance at the front of St. Peter's. As His Holiness gave the benediction the troops assembled there presented arms, while the crowd acclaimed the new pontiff.

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As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeum, "I have been thinking about myself."

"Well," said Hiram, "I s'pose there's times when we all feel that way."

"Just what do you mean by that?" he asked the reporter.

"Times," said Hiram, "when we can't think about nothin' with while."

"Now," Hiram, "remonstrated the reporter, "you are quite wrong. When the people of the town want something really inspiring to think about they think about me."

"I wouldn't mind that if it really inspired me," said Hiram. "They think that they'd like to do to me what I do to them."

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Boundaries Question Up at Downing Street

No Word of Agreement Up to Noon, However—Names of Those Attending.

(Canadian Press Cable.) London, Feb. 6.—Negotiations on the Irish situation arising from the boundaries question and other points in the Anglo-Irish treaty were resumed at No. 10 Downing street, Premier Lloyd George's residence, this afternoon.

Arthur Griffiths president of the Dail, Michael Collins, head of the provincial government and others of the Irish leaders, met Lloyd George and other members of the original British representatives on the Irish committee of the cabinet.

The conference lasted an hour and a half, but up to noon no intimation was given as to whether an agreement had been reached on the questions discussed.

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BACK TO START IN SEARCH FOR SLAYER

Deep Mystery in Death of Movie Director.

An Actor Under Fire of Police Questions—Stories of Lingerie in Wm. D. Taylor's Rooms—Former Wife Tells of Him as Tanner.

(Canadian Press.) Los Angeles, Feb. 6.—Efforts of the police and the sheriff's office to solve the motion picture puzzle of the slaying of Wm. Desmond Taylor, director, brought the officers early today to a "cut back" to the beginning—a re-checking of the dead man's papers in the hope of obtaining a better clue than any yet evolved.

This comparative setback followed today an hour of manual activity in search for a solution to the enigma.

Last night the word went forth that an unnamed motion picture actor had been taken to the county jail for questioning as a "suspect" and that his connection with the case was considered so important that he had been hustled from the motion picture "lot" where he was at work with such speed that he had not the time to remove the makeup from his face.

At the same time, two other picture employes, one a camera man, also were taken to jail as possible material witnesses.

These actions resulted from a report that the actor's automobile, a distinctive constructed and painted machine, had been seen near the Taylor apartments on the night of the murder.

The actor was questioned for two hours, and then, still unable it was said, to tell definitely where he was at the time Taylor was killed, was hurried to the dead man's apartments for a re-examination of the crime as the officers had reconstructed it.

But residents of the same building court, who previously had given statements that they had seen a man skulking about the Taylor home the night he was killed, were unable to identify the actor as the man. He was released, but with instructions to keep in touch with the officers. The man taken as possible material witnesses also were given their freedom again.

Yet, as officers said, the actor had admitted ownership of the auto in question.

While these matters were developing, tales came to the police of the alleged possession by Taylor of woman's slippers, one pink and one white, a pink night robe, was reported missing from his apartment since his body was found. One witness was said to have stated, but not to the police, that this particular robe bore the embroidered initials of a motion picture actress.

Search for a durg peddler upon whose trail the police said they were "getting warmer" was also a development.

It was hinted the only peddler had sought through Taylor to make delivery of a medicine to an actress, who found it in the actress's room. The initials of the actress connected with this phase of the case were said to have been those of one who had reported missing from the Taylor apartments.

His Former Wife. New York, Feb. 6.—Mrs. E. L. C. Robbins, former wife of Wm. D. Taylor, slain in Los Angeles, motion picture director, last night told her married life with the murdered man, who she said, then went by his real name of Wm. Cunningham D. Tanner. She said she could throw no light on the mystery of his death. August 1914, he married Edward C. Robbins. Two and a half years ago I discovered that Wm. Desmond Taylor had been Mr. Desmond Tanner. I have no further statement which possibly could be of interest.

CALL ELECTIONS IN IRELAND?

Discussion on Difficulties of New Government.

Give Collins Mandate to Carry on His Work—The Ulster Boundary Question and the Railroad Strike.

(Canadian Press Cable.) London, Feb. 6.—Ireland's provisional government faces difficulties which are somewhat acute, so it is declared by Dublin correspondents of newspapers here.

The complexity of the situation, arising from the boundary question, the railroad strike and the postponement of the annual convention of the Gaelic League of Ireland, was discussed this morning, and some correspondents declared the provisional government would be forced to abdicate endorsement from the people through a general election before it would be able to solve the problems before it.

"The country's 'hope today,'" said the correspondent of the London Times, "is based upon Michael Collins' proposal for a discussion of the constitution by the parliamentary representatives of all Ireland. He and others, however, evidently think there is little likelihood that this suggestion will bear fruit."

The same newspaper pointed out that north Ireland would confer with the south only upon the basis of an imperial constitution and that one difficulty in the fact that nearly one half of the southern representatives were pledged to the policies advocated by Eamon De Valera.

The difficulty, he continued, might be overcome if an election should be called in Southern Ireland soon, and should result in the return of a substantial majority of free state candidates, and should result in the return of a substantial majority of free state candidates, and should result in the return of a substantial majority of free state candidates.

NEW ITALIAN CABINET. Rome, Feb. 6.—The task of forming a new cabinet was officially offered to Enrico De Nicola, president of the Chamber of Deputies, by King Victor Emmanuel today. Signor De Nicola accepted the task in principle, stating that he would give his majesty an official reply this evening.

That country was then torn with the estrangement from religion brought about by the communistic propaganda from Soviet Russia, and Archbishop Ratti counteracted the spread of radicalism. He also won the esteem of Polish Catholics by his efforts in behalf of destitute children orphaned by the war.

Cardinal Ratti as the Archbishop of Milan presides over one of the most important archdioceses in Italy. The city being a great industrial centre, one of its main requirements is that the cardinal shall possess a thorough knowledge of political and social problems. He is big physically and is reputed to have liberal tendencies.

The new Pontiff was created a cardinal early last year. London, Feb. 6.—Cardinal Ratti was elected Pope by receiving thirty-eight votes in the conclave in the Sacred College, says a Central News message from Rome this afternoon.

FAIR WAGE CLAUSE

Toronto, Feb. 6.—The provincial government will not agree to the insertion of a fair wage clause in all contracts in which the government is interested.

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Three Events in Extra Races if There Should be a Tie at Lake Placid.

Lake Placid, N. Y., Feb. 6.—That there may be absolutely no doubt as to who will be the "winner" of the "American" at the conclusion of the Lake Placid diamond trophy championship, the world wide event, which is to be held here on Saturday, Friday and Saturday, officials in charge of the meet announced today that, in the event of a tie for the highest number of points won, the skaters tied would be re-raced, and three events, a 220 yard dash and a three-quarters mile and one mile race, would be run.

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LAST SESSION OF BIG CONFERENCE

Treaty Signing Day at Washington Meeting.

A Large Crowd—Applause for Shantung Decision—The Countries Represented in Agreements.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Writing the final page of its history today, the Washington conference in plenary session, was to hear a farewell address by Premier Lloyd George, and to witness the signing of the Shantung treaty, and the other agreements.

Four treaties were to be signed by the delegates at the big gathering in the Conference Hall, among which all the public meetings have been held. Two of these, one relating to the Rook "four points" and the other dealing with Chinese tariff revision, were to receive the signatures of the full delegation of the nine powers represented.

The treaties will now be signed, announced Secretary Hughes, and the U. S. delegation filed around to the foot of the big green topped table of the secretaries general's desks inside the enclosure and began signing. Mr. Hughes completed his signature at 10.12 a. m.

Baron De Cartier, the only Belgian delegate, took his place at the table. He was the last to sign, and he signed at 10.12 a. m.

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A returned soldier, Jack Chalmers, although dazed by a fall from a diving rock, with magnificent courage, swam to the rescue and dragged Coghlan from the monster's jaws.

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CANADA AT THE CONFERENCE

Reference to the Work of Sir Robert Borden at Washington.

(Canadian Press.) Washington, Feb. 6.—Canada's role in the Washington conference, although Sir Robert Borden was a member of the British empire delegation, has been appreciated upon the recommendation of the dominion government. This might have caused him some uneasiness, one which developed in the views of those delegates responsible to the home government and the dominions.

Happily, nothing of the kind occurred. The conference was performed by the whole, either on the question of armaments or upon the questions affecting China and the Far East. Sir Robert did his full part as a member of both committees. The detailed work, however, was done by the sub-committees. One of these was a sub-committee appointed to deal with questions affecting the fiscal and financial independence of China, including the Chinese tariff. Each delegation furnished one member for this sub-committee, and Sir Robert Borden was chosen as the representative of the British empire.

This sub-committee was headed by Senator Underwood of Alabama, under whose leadership it was to be the whole, either on the question of armaments or upon the questions affecting China and the Far East.

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WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Depressions are centered over the lower lake region and in northern British Columbia and pressure is highest over the middle Pacific states. Light snow or rain has occurred in many parts of Ontario, also in British Columbia. Elsewhere fair.

Snow and Rain. Maritime—Winds increasing to strong breezes or moderate gales southeast to southwest with snow and rain till midnight on Tuesday.

New England—Cloudy tonight, Tuesday fair and colder. Fresh to strong southwest and west winds.

Toronto, Feb. 6.—Temperatures: Highest during day 39. Lowest yesterday night 24. Stations: Prince Rupert 39 40 38. Victoria 44 40 38. Kamloops 42 32 22. Calgary 36 22 12. Edmonton 0 0 0. Prince Albert 0 0 0. White River 2 32 2. Saul Ste. Marie 23 16 4. Kingston 34 36 34. Ottawa 24 24 18. Quebec 22 24 16. St. John, N. B. 24 26 16. Halifax 22 30 14. St. John's, Nfld. 14 26 14. Montreal 32 30 22. Detroit 36 38 34. New York 36 38 34.

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H. R. McLellan returned today from Ottawa. To a representative of The Times he said he had interviewed the minister of marine and fisheries regarding some amendments to the Harbor Commission Act. He also conferred with the minister of public works regarding the extension of Negro Point breakwater. As a result of his consultations, he said, he is hopeful of results. In a few days he will make a detailed statement, and citizens will be given an opportunity to consider amendments to the present act. He said if such amendments were made he would favor harbor commission.

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