

COLLAPSE OF THE ILL-FATED COMMERCE BOARD

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SENSATION CAUSED BY MURDOCK LETTER

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Special to The Standard. Ottawa, June 24.—The resignation of Commissioner Murdock, sole survivor of the Board of Commerce, under circumstances that are regarded as sensational, is accepted in Parliamentary circles as definite collapse of this ill-fated court. Launched in circumstances that were promising, expected by many to prove a panacea for a host of economic ills, and with a personal reputation of high average of capacity, the story of the Board has been singularly marked by misfortunes. These began when its Chairman, Judge Robson, resigned, became intensifier when Commissioner O'Connor followed Judge Robson into retirement, and have now reached a climax to the exit of Mr. Murdock.

Of the blast of accusation against the Ministry, with which Mr. Murdock links his resignation, accusations which in brief compass are to the effect that the Government secretly impeded the work of the Board although lacking the courage to abolish it, no reply was forthcoming tonight. The Prime Minister, to whom Mr. Murdock's letter was addressed, and who, incidentally is absolved from all blame by the resigning commission, left the House of Commons early in the evening and other Ministers took the ground that, as the communication was addressed to the Premier, persons other than the charges made were analysed, it was not desirable that anything should be said either by way of comment or reply.

As for the House of Commons, it displayed keen interest in Mr. Murdock's charges, the burden of opinion being that the question would have to be threshed out on the floor of Parliament. In some quarters the suggestion was even made that the matter should be made the subject of inquiry by a Parliamentary Committee, but this, having regard to the fact that the session is in its dying hours, is regarded as unfeasible. A brief statement, touching upon the question may be made when the House meets tomorrow.

QUIET REPORTED IN DERRY LAST NIGHT

No Firing Since Mid-Day by Unionists and Nationalist Forces.

Londonderry, June 24.—Since mid-day there has been virtually no firing by the Unionists and Nationalist forces for a week. No attempt has yet been made to resume business, however. The streets are still deserted, the people keeping within doors.

At a meeting today of the magistrates, General Campbell gave the assurance that the government would provide sufficient troops for the protection of law-abiding citizens in Londonderry. He issued a proclamation putting the curfew order into effect from Saturday between 11 o'clock in the evening and 6 o'clock Sunday morning.

CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER

Miss Julia Chapman of Amherst Must Face Supreme Court.

Special to The Standard. Amherst, N. S., June 24.—The preliminary examination of Miss Julia Chapman, whose infant male child, about three weeks old, was found dead in the hedge on Holmes' farm, near Amherst, from suffocation, was finished today, and she was sent for trial to the Supreme Court on the charge of manslaughter, which court opens the last of August. Miss Chapman was given bail of \$3,000. Her bondsmen were O'Connell A. W. Moffat, \$1,500, and her father, Henry Chapman, \$1,500.

ONT. TO DISPOSE OF RADIAL LINES

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, June 24.—Conferences between the Minister of Railways and Canals and Sir Adam Beck, representing the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission, relative to the sale of the radial lines in Ontario forming part of the Canadian National Railway system to the province, are proceeding satisfactorily and it is expected that agreement will be reached shortly to include a mutual agreeable transfer undertaking, paper adds.

GERMAN FIGURES ON WAR LOSSES

Geneva, June 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Recent statistics published in Germany on that country's war losses state that 1,350,000 men were killed. There are today 520,000 war widows, according to the statistics, 1,130,000 war orphans and 500,000 maimed or consumptive, supported mostly by charity.

LONDONDERRY CASUALTY LIST GROWS DAILY

A Total of Seventeen Persons Have Been Killed and 29 Wounded During Fighting.

Londonderry, June 24.—A total of 17 persons have been killed and 29 wounded during the fighting in the city, according to an official statement issued by the police this morning. The statement says that five persons were killed and ten wounded last Saturday, two were killed and four wounded Monday; three killed and one wounded Tuesday; three killed and 14 wounded Wednesday and four killed Thursday.

A ten-year-old boy, named George Caldwell, was shot today while he was looking from a window. This morning the body of Patrick Plunkett, a commercial traveller and well known in Belfast as a cricket player, was found on Bishop street, and removed to a fire station. He was killed immediately after he had sent a telegram to his wife informing her of his safety. A barber named McLaughlin, who was killed by a sniper, was wounded two months ago. A woman named Moore was shot today while looking from a window.

NEW IRISH POLICY FORESHADOWED THURS.

Gov't Carefully Considering Advisability of Accepting Ulster Ex-Service Men for Work There.

London, June 24.—A possible new policy of dealing with the Irish situation was foreshadowed today when the Attorney-General for Ireland told the House of Commons that the Government had received an offer of the services of 8,000 officers and men from the Ulster Ex-Service Men's Association, and added that the offer was being carefully considered.

The English Liberal newspapers have had rumors that such a step was under consideration, and have expressed the view that it would greatly inflame Irish animosity. The soldiers employed in Ireland thus far have been recruited from the British army in the Channel, and it was commented that the use of soldiers from one Irish faction might result in a step towards civil war.

VETERANS READY TO BE MEDIATORS

Halifax Branch Offers Its Good Offices in Effort to Settle Shipyard Strike.

Halifax, N. S., June 24.—(By Canadian Press.)—At a meeting of the executive of the Great War Veterans' Association, tonight, it was decided to offer their services as mediators in the present strike at the Halifax shipyards.

DOUGHTY REPORTED IN AUSTRALIA

Toronto, June 24.—In its leading news columns today the Star states that it learns through an authentic source, that John Doughty, missing secretary of Ambrose Small, had fully decided to leave Canada for Australia. It is further understood that Doughty is at present in Australia, the newspaper adds.

SEES TROUBLE BREWING WITH UNITED STATES

'John Bull' Claims America Has for All Practical Purposes Ceased to be Friend of Britain.

'AMERICAN IDEALISM' SIMPLY YANKEE BLUFF

Wilson More Sued to Schoolroom Than to Deliberations of Statesmen.

At the earnest solicitation of certain people in high places, I have refrained for some time past from pursuing the subject of the unsatisfactory situation existing between Britain and America. I have contented myself with putting occasional questions in the House of Commons—and have not yet been introduced. At this morning's session, however, I have been inspired, I believe, by the Press, but events have been marching rapidly since last I wrote on the subject of our relations with America, and they have been proceeding in a direction in no sense favorable. I am quite ready to concede that the anti-British and pro-Spanish influences in America are largely exploited for political purposes—and that if there were no Presidential election looming in the distance we might see less of the mean men who would deny us our share of the credit, and more of the worthy few who would concede to us the acknowledgment of the sacrifices we made in winning the war. Americans, I know, are not all Daniels and Willsons. There are a few stalwart fellows like Andrew Carnegie, who are standing up for the Old Navy of the Old Country with a courage and a courage worthy of the best British stock.

UNITED BAPTISTS HAD VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Reports Submitted at Annual Session Show Increased Membership and Donations.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, June 24.—At this morning's session of the annual convention of the United Baptists at Lewisville reports from thirty churches of the forty-three of the district showed membership last year of 4,489, an increase of 4,000 and church property valued at \$277,825. Money raised during the year was \$55,484.

RUSS. REFUGEES DESIRE TO LOCATE IN DOM.

Are Now Inmates of Poor Law Institution in London—Imperial Gov't Ready to Help Them.

London, June 24.—(By Canadian Associated Press.)—Fifty men and women refugees from Petrograd, mostly husbands and wives, are now lodged in a London poor law institution and are desirous of going together to Canada to form a community. The Foreign Office has approached the Canadian authorities, intimating that if the Dominion is willing to accept them, the Imperial authorities would assist them towards becoming established. These people are British subjects, bearing such common patronymics as Miller, Johnson, Smith, etc., but, owing to their perpetual residence in Russia, many cannot speak a word of English. Because of their extreme desire to found a community among themselves, it is understood that the Canadian authorities decidedly hesitate about receiving them.

RY. DEADLOCK SPREADS IN IRELAND

London, June 24.—Reports to the Irish Office, today, say that the Irish railway deadlock, owing to the refusal of railway men to operate trains with munitions, troops or police aboard is spreading. No trains are leaving Limerick, according to the reports.

UNIONIST PARTY TO AGAIN CAUCUS THIS MORNING

Sessional Business Will be Further Debated and Increase in Indemnities Will be Discussed.

HOPE TO PROROGUE BY JULY FIRST

Formidable List of Legislation Yet to be Disposed of and Supplementary Estimates to be Introduced.

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OPPOSE GOV'T PLAN TO ASSIST SHIPBUILDING

Mackenzie and Duff Become Self-Appointed Watch-Dogs of the Dominion Treasury.

VIEN WARMLY CHAMPIONS BILL

Has Returned from France Where He Finds French Anxious to Place Orders in Canadian Yards.

Ottawa, June 24.—(Canadian Press.)—The proposal of the Government to assist shipbuilding in Canada by endorsing notes of purchasers, met with strong criticism from D. D. Mackenzie, North Cape Breton, in the House of Commons this evening. The whole idea was a fantastic notion void of businesslike method, said Mr. Mackenzie, and he was at a loss to know where the Minister of Marine had discovered it. The Government, found itself unable to give a bounty to returned soldiers, or go ahead with such needed public works, but it proposed to start lending the huge sum of \$30,000,000 to building of ships for foreign shipbuilders.

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BOLSHEVIK FORCE BACK THE POLES

London, June 24.—Bolshevik forces are continuing to drive back the Poles along the Zboronka-Proskuroff Railway southwest of Kiev, says Wednesday's official communication issued at Moscow and received here by wireless. The start of "a fierce battle" west of Retchitz is also reported. The Poles are said to be supported here by two armored trains.

DOM. STEEL CORP'N TO MEET AT SYDNEY

When Merger Proposals Will be Considered—S. E. Elkin, M. P., Member of Special Committee.

Montreal, June 24.—It is stated that the annual meeting of the Dominion Steel Corporation, which is to consider the merger proposals, will be held at Sydney, N. S., and not, as in former years, in this city. During the past three days a special committee composed of Colonel W. Grant Morden, chairman of the London Advisory committee; R. M. Wolvin, president of the Dominion Steel Corporation; Hon. Frederic Nicholls, Sir Henry M. Pollard and J. W. Norcross, vice president of the corporation; Stanley E. Elkin, M. P., H. B. Smith, Sir Clifford Sifton and J. F. M. Stewart have been in consultation over the terms on which the smaller enterprises are to enter the consolidation. It is now generally regarded as definite that the Canadian Foundries and Forgings, Limited, and the Port Arthur Shipbuilding Company will be left out of the merger.

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