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Conscript Material Wealth, Too, Even If General Strike Necessary To Force Government Action

Important Statement by J. C. Watters, President of Trades and Labor Congress of Canada — Man-power Alone Not Sufficient

Ottawa, Ont., July 4—In reply to a letter from the secretary of the British Columbia Federation of Labor asking for a statement from J. C. Watters, the president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, as to the attitude labor should assume towards the conscription of man-power as provided for in the military service bill now before parliament, Mr. Watters has issued a statement in which he says:

"Man-power is not fficient in itself, nor is material wealth, to protect and defend the state. Both are equally necessary. Man-power is useless without material wealth in the shape of land for the production of food supplies, mines, mills and factories for the production of fuel, minerals, all war munitions and other necessary supplies, and railroads for transportation of same, since men must be fed, equipped and supplied with munitions to be effective.

"It logically follows that, to protect the state, both man-power and material wealth as defined above must be utilized to the best purpose and to do which both must be conscripted, if necessary.

"I am strongly of opinion that the greatest and most patriotic service we can render to our country, our motherland and our allies in the struggle to preserve our liberties and our democracy, is, on the day conscription of man-power is put into effect to implement the pledge of the prime minister by forcing the government to conscript material wealth throughout every worker in the dominion refusing to work for the gain of the private profiteer and offering his service to the nation and the nation alone. In other words, not a wheel of industry would turn save only for the nation in its hour of need. Not a mine, railway, mill or factory necessary to be operated for the successful prosecution of war would be operated for the profit of the owners of such, but solely for the purpose, in conjunction with man-power, for military purposes, to protect the nation. Let labor demonstrate their loyalty and patriotism on the day man-power is conscripted by seeing that the work of their brain and every ounce of their physical energy is utilized for the support of the men at the front and in defence of the nation, to provide ample remuneration and adequate pensions to the men in khaki and a full measure of protection to the dependants of such men, and to relieve the nation from the burden of debt which the productive work of labor alone can meet, even if a general strike is necessary to bring it about."

PLAYS PIANO AT FIVE YEARS OF AGE

Little Reta McMahon of Hospital Street a Wonder in Music—All by Ear

St. John boasts a musical wonder, little Reta McMahon, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. McMahon of Hospital street. She displays at this early age marked ability as a piano player. A Times' reporter was invited this morning to hear the little one play and from the time she started until she finished it was one surprise after another.

From patriotic pieces of the day including "Rule Britannia," "We'll Never Let the Old Flag Fall," "The Marseillaise," and others to popular songs, this little girl plays with ability marvelous in one so young.

The little miss as yet plays entirely by air. She hears a piece once outside and can come home and play it with preciseness. The child is yet too young to go to school but in music she is far beyond her years. Last evening she was in an up-town theatre and relieved the regular pianist for a short time. She also played during intermission and was given an ovation.

She has two brothers at the front including Howard, who went with the first contingent, has been on the firing line for three years and has been wounded three times. He left St. John for the front before his little sister displayed her brilliancy at the piano and he hears about her cleverness only through letters. He has never heard her play and there is a musical treat waiting for him when he returns home. Another brother William has been soldiering for two years and is also at present in France.

Little Reta began to play when she was three years of age and has been making rapid progress ever since. When the time comes for her to be taught she should make a name for herself and for the city. Her father and uncle both are members of the City Cornet Band.

TODAY'S BALL GAMES

National League—Cincinnati at Chicago (2), clear, 10.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.; Boston at Philadelphia (2), cloudy, 10.30 a.m. and 3 p.m.; New York at Brooklyn (2), cloudy, 10.30 a.m. and 3 p.m.; St. Louis at Pittsburg (2), clear, 10.30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

American League—Washington at New York (2), cloudy, 10.30 a.m. and 3 p.m.; Philadelphia at Boston (2), cloudy, 10.30 a.m. and 3 p.m.; Cleveland at St. Louis (2), clear, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.; Chicago at Detroit (2), clear.

Kaiser to Visit Vienna

Zurich, July 4—The Nachrichten, of Munich, says that the German emperor and empress will visit Vienna at the end of this week.

SOME REFUSE STRIKE ON PATRIOTIC GROUNDS

But 2,500 Men in Shipbuilding Work in New York District Are Out

New York, July 4—With about 2,500 metal workers, boiler makers, pattern makers, riveters and blacksmiths employed at the shipyards in this district on strike, labor leaders, predicted further walk-outs during the day unless the employers submit to the men's demands. The strikers ask an increase of about fifty cents a day.

Many of the 1,200 men employed in the ship-building plants declined to join the strikers on the ground that doing so they would finish all government work so would be a blow to the government's war preparations. These men announced they would finish all government work despite orders of the union leaders.

EXPECT IMPORTANT SPEECH BY GERMAN CHANCELLOR THURSDAY

London, July 4—Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, German imperial chancellor, will deliver an important speech in the Reichstag on Thursday, according to a report received at Copenhagen from Berlin by the correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Co.

DEFER ACTION ON THE MATTER OF GENERAL STRIKE

Quebec, July 4.—The Central Council of Trades and Labor of this district last evening tabled a resolution that asked the council to take action on the proposal for a general strike throughout Canada as a protest against conscription. Action was deferred.

HAGUE CONFERENCE RESULTS IMPORTANT TO PRISONERS

London, July 4.—The Anglo German conference at the Hague, says a despatch to the Times from the Dutch capital, resulted in conclusion of agreements which will be of the greatest importance both to combatant and civilian prisoners. Various misapprehensions which prevailed, it adds, have been removed.

Tons of British Bombs on German Works

London, July 4.—During Monday night and Tuesday morning bombing raids were carried out on the docks of Bruges, Belgium, and on the ammunition depots at Lichtervelde, thirteen miles from Bruges, by the royal naval air service machines, according to an official statement issued today.

"Several tons of bombs were dropped in all and good results observed," continues the statement. All machines returned safely.

FOUR GALLANT SOLDIER LADS ARE HONORED

Reception at Pamdenec For Returned Men

Address and Presentation of Mementoes to Major McArthur, Sergt. Major Gifford, Sergt. Latham and Pte. James Archdeacon

Four popular returned soldiers were honored last evening by a gathering of about 150 friends at the summer home of J. H. Hamilton, at Pamdenec. An address of welcome and congratulation was read and suitably engraved, gifts were presented to each of the men in token of appreciation of their overseas services.

The recipients and the gifts which they received were as follows:

Major Douglas McArthur, 26th Battalion, signet ring.

Sergeant-Major Louis Gifford, 26th Battalion, locket and fob.

Sergeant Murray Latham, 4th Siege Battery, locket and fob.

Private James Archdeacon, 26th Battalion, cuff links.

During the evening there was an entertaining programme of songs and also a display of fireworks were enjoyed, followed by dancing. Refreshments were served during the evening by the ladies and the National Anthem marked the close of the affair. The address was as follows:—

A Welcome and an Appreciation.

Pamdenec, N. B.,
July 3, 1917.

Major Douglas D. McArthur,
Sergt. W. L. Gifford,
Private Murray Latham,
Pte. Archdeacon:

Dear Soldier Boys and Friends:

It goes without saying that we welcome you back to dear old Canada with open hearts and with open arms. We are proud of the distinction you have brought to our country by your valorous endeavors on the field of battle. Your battalions have brought glory to the Canadian flag and it will be only when this terrible war is all over and we are living at peace again with all the world that we will be able to appreciate your bravery in the fullest sense.

The residents of this country hilside take very much pleasure in tendering you this informal little reception, but it is only a small return for the risks and sacrifices you have made for us. As the years roll by we hope to show our appreciation in a more tangible and never-ending manner. The accompanying mementoes of this gathering are merely souvenirs. Accept them as a mark of the occasion only. No gift this group of summer residents could offer would be commensurate with your gift of ungrudging service and protection extended by you chaps to us stay-at-homes.

So, wishing you the best of health, luck and happiness for the remainder of your days and congratulating you upon your safe return, we wish you to remember us ever your cordial friends,

THE SUMMER FOLKS OF PAMDENEC, on the St. John River.

CORNWALLIS WEST IS DEAD

Noted Britisher Passes Away at 82—Wife Involved in Recent Army Scandal

London, July 4.—Colonel William Cornwallis West died today at Ruthin Castle, North Wales, aged eighty-two years.

Colonel Wm. Cornwallis West was lord lieutenant of Lonbigshire since 1872 and honorary colonel of the fourth battalion of Royal Welsh Fusiliers. He married, in 1872, the eldest daughter of Rev. Frederick Fitzpatrick and Lady Olivia, who was a daughter of the second Marquis of Headfort.

Mrs. William Cornwallis West became involved in an army scandal in January of this year. She was severely scored for her interest and subsequent antagonism to a young Irish lieutenant. The officer was promoted and then punished, largely through her influence. Field Marshall Viscount French, who was named in the report of the court of inquiry, was criticized, while Lieut.-Col. Delme Radcliffe was removed from command. Col. William Cornwallis West was one of the greatest land-prospectors in England.

DEATH OF CHILD

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Gates of 295 Brussels street will sympathize with them in the death of their infant daughter, Marion Hazel, aged five months.

A Noiseless "Fourth"

Patriotic But Sensible Celebration in States Today—Lord Aberdeen at Newark Observance

New York, July 4—A noiseless but patriotic programme featured the celebration of Independence Day in New York. A salute of forty-five guns on Governor's Island, followed by a salute and the unfurling of the flag on the block house in Central Park formally opened a patriotic and athletic programme in which band concerts, folk dances and military drills took the place of the noise producers in other years.

In public parks throughout the greater city these exercises were designed as an aid to recruiting for the national guard and the regular army.

Many thousands who formerly left the city for the fourth were forced to remain at home today because it was said the sale of excursion tickets had been practically discontinued for the day by railroads.

At a celebration in Newark, N.J., official representatives of the British government took part in the programme. It was the first time an American city has had a British general and his staff with a British peer as the guest of honor on the anniversary of Independence Day. There Brigadier-General W. A. White, head of the British recruiting mission in this country, and Lord Aberdeen, former governor-general of Canada, were guests of the city of Newark.

FRANK McGOWAN KILLED IN ACTION

Former Times Printer Missing Since October 8

Now Officially Listed as Dead—Lance Corporal H. C. James, Wounded; Also Lieut. J. S. Henry, Once High School Teacher

The news that her brother, Private Frank B. McGowan, who has been missing since October 8, 1916, has now been reported officially killed in action on that date, has been received by Mrs. R. E. Fitzgerald of 121 Elliott row. Private McGowan, who was formerly engaged as a type-setter on The Evening Times, left St. John about eight years ago and was employed with the Cincinnati Inquirer when war broke out. He at once crossed to Canada and signed on with the 33rd battalion at Windsor and was later transferred to another well known battalion. Besides Mrs. Fitzgerald, he is survived by another sister, Mrs. D. L. Howard, and one brother, John McGowan, both residing in Calgary.

L. C. Harold C. James

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. James of 104 Wright street have been advised that their only son, Lance-Corporal Harold C. James, was wounded in the right clavicle on June 28 and has been admitted to the Eighth British Red Cross Hospital at LeToque. The young soldier, who is now only nineteen years of age, was employed in the C. P. R. offices in King street before enlisting with the 55th Battalion. After reaching England he was transferred to a Nova Scotia battalion.

Former High School Teacher

Lieutenant J. Stuart Henry of Salisbury, who is reported in the official casualty list this morning as having been wounded, was engaged as a teacher in the High School when he resigned to go overseas. After taking several qualifying courses at Halifax he was appointed to the 64th Battalion and went overseas with that unit, afterwards being transferred to another infantry battalion at the front.

Died of Wounds.

Joseph Westall, of Nashwaaksis, has received word that his son, tPe. Gordon Otto Westal, had died of wounds at the seventh casualty clearing station on June 26. Pte. Westall enlisted with the 104th and went to England about a year ago. He was one of those who went over to France to reinforce the Mounted Rifles and had gone through the heavy fighting of Vimy Ridge, and the other heavy engagements without a scratch. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Westall, five brothers, Edwin, James, Herbert, Septimus and Joseph, and three sisters, Mrs. Harry Delong and Misses Thelma and Christine, al lof Nashwaaksis.

TUCKED AWAY

Copenhagen, July 4.—According to a press despatch from Helsingfors, the Finnish throne of the late Russian dynasty has been placed in the National Museum there.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service

A few scattered showers have occurred in Alberta and Saskatchewan, while in the maritime provinces light showers have been general. An area of high pressure now covers the Great Lakes, attended by very fine weathr.

Ottawa Valley—Light to moderate winds, fine and warmer today and on Thursday.

Fine and Warmer.

Maritime—Moderate winds, local showers today. Thursday, fair, with a little higher temperature.

New England—Fair tonight and Thursday; little change in temperature; gentle shifting winds.

ALL DOCKWORKERS AT AMSTERDAM HAVE GONE OUT ON STRIKE

Trouble Over Food Supplies—Soldiers, Ordered to Charge the Crowd, Refuse

Amsterdam, July 4.—All Amsterdam dockworkers struck yesterday. Builders, workmen and shipyard laborers struck yesterday in sympathy. A big protest meeting of strikers was fixed for the afternoon. The burgomaster has forbidden street demonstrations and open air meetings.

A deputation of the dock workers visited the burgomaster yesterday and demanded a better supply of food stuffs and the withdrawal of the military guards from the markets, where serious potato riots occurred last night. With regard to the latter the burgomaster replied that order must be maintained at any cost.

According to the Het Volk a detachment of soldiers was ordered to charge the crowd but refused to do so and were marched off by the officer in command, amid cheers.

PREDICT SHORT LIFE FOR THE RESTORED MONARCHY IN CHINA

Tien Tsin, July 3—Prominent Chinese here believe that the restoration will not last three weeks. Tuan Chi-Jui, the ex-premier, who is still the strongest northern military leader opposing the restoration, has been promised support by Vice President Feng Kwo Shang and the military governor of Shantung. Although the Chinese are locally displaying the imperial emblem, there is no enthusiasm. All the local papers denounce the restoration.

London, July 4.—Foreign diplomats in Peking, while they have decided not to interfere with the situation at present, have warned the imperialists that they will hold them responsible for the safety of President Li Yuan Hung, according to a special despatch from Tien Tsin.

A report that President Li had committed suicide is said to be untrue.

A despatch to the Times from Peking says that the imperial edict issued on Sunday asserts that under the republic bribery prevailed and foreign obligations increased enormously.

President Makes Escape

London, July 4—The escape of President Li Yuan Hun of China from the palace at Peking on Monday evening is reported in an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Tien Tsin. The president is said to have gone to the legation of one of the Entente nations.

According to recent press despatches, President Li Yuan Hung was made a prisoner in the palace at the time of General Chang Hung's effort to restore the dynasty.

RECRUITING IN AUSTRALIA

Continue Voluntary System With Monthly Minimum Fixed — Proposed Home Holiday For First Contingent

Sydney, Australia, July 4 (via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—The statement of Premier Hughes on the government's recruiting policy announces that it is proposed to continue the voluntary system, fixing the minimum enlistments necessary to reinforce the existing divisions at present at the rate of 7,000 men monthly. Mr. Hughes says the present rate is inadequate, especially as the government desires, if the results permit, to give the first division a holiday in Australia.

AMERICAN HORSES AND SUPPLIES REACH FRANCE

Complete Success of Moving First Expeditionary Force Overseas

A French Seaport, July 3.—(Delayed.)—The last units of the American expeditionary force, comprising vessels loaded with supplies and horses, arrived here today amid the screeching of whistles and moaning of sirens. Their coming one week after the first troops landed was greeted almost as warmly as the arrival of the troops themselves because it meant complete success of the undertaking.

Fail Once More To Shake French

Harwich Is Raided By Enemy

Eight People Killed; Twenty-Two Injured

VISIT IN EARLY MORNING

Twelve or Fourteen German Airships Drop Bombs on Essex Town and Speed Away Seaward When Attacked by British

London, July 4—From twelve to fourteen German air raiders today dropped bombs on Harwich, a town in Essex. This was officially announced today. Eight persons were killed and twenty-two injured. The text of the official statement follows:

"A squadron of some twelve to fourteen enemy air planes attacked Harwich from a northeasterly direction about ten minutes to eight o'clock this morning. Bombs were dropped and the latest reports state that eight persons were killed and twenty-two injured. Only slight material damage was caused.

"Fire was opened from the anti-aircraft defences and the enemy's formation was broken up. Although the low-lying clouds rendered the visibility very bad. The raiders also were engaged by our own aircraft from a neighboring station.

"After dropping their bombs the enemy's squadron turned seaward without attempting to penetrate inland. The whole raid occupied only a few minutes."

INCREASE TO 500

Forestry Unit Growing so Well That Number on Roll is Enlarged

That the lumbermen of New Brunswick are coming forward and offering their services to the country is evinced by the fact that the forestry units are filling up very quickly, much quicker than was expected.

For the last few weeks Major Hanington's forestry unit has been getting a large number of recruits daily, and as a result military officials have considered it advisable to increase the total complement from 350 men to 500 men. This morning authorization for this increase was received at the office of the New Brunswick command.

This will mean the appointment of three more lieutenants. They, however, will not be appointed until the recruits are first secured. This is entirely a new scheme which is being tried out by the military officials, the appointing of officers as required. Heretofore the officers of a unit were appointed first and then the recruits were looked for. In some cases the recruits were not forthcoming and the result was that the government had on their hands surplus officers.

Major Hanington's unit will go under canvas in Sussex today.

SENT TO NOTORIOUS PUNISHMENT CAMP

Germans, Alleging Ill-treatment in Africa, Seize 23 Distinguished Belgians

London, July 4.—A despatch to the Times from the Hague says that as reprisal for the alleged ill-treatment of Germans by Belgians in German East Africa, Germans have seized twenty-three distinguished Belgians and removed them without warning to their notorious punishment camp in Germany.

They had all directorial or other connections in the Congo, among them the seventy-year-old Count Jean D'Oultremont, the late King Leopold's lord chamberlain, also M. D'Ursel, who is aged sixty-seven.

NO BIDS FOR IT.

The Murray Kaye residence, a fine stone mansion at the junction of Mount Pleasant avenue and Sandy Point road, which was built at a cost of upwards of $100,000, but which has been standing idle for many years, was offered for sale at acution by T. T. Lantalum at Chubb's corner on Saturday. There were no bids and the property was withdrawn. The present owner is Frank Galalgher.

Death of S. J. Matthews

Quebec, July 4.—S. J. Matthews, general manager of the Quebec Street Railway, Heat and Power Company, died last night at the Jeffery Hale Hospital from an operation.

Extremely Violent Attacks By Germans

ENEMY LOSSES VERY HEAVY

Large Bodies of Hun Troops Hurled Against Petain's Men on the Ainse, But Only to be Completely Repulsed—Not an Inch of Ground Gained

Paris, July 4—Extremely violent fighting was in progress all through the night on the Aisne front, resulting in the rout of the attacking Germans with very heavy losses. The war office announces also that the Germans repeatly hurled large bodies of men against the French, attacking on the whole front from the north of Jouy to the east of the Californie Plateau. The repulse of the enemy was complete. The announcement follows:

"Late yesterday the Germans undertook a powerful offensive action, which was prolonged all night, against all our positions north of Jouy as far as to the east of the Californie Plateau. On this long front they made violent attacks repeatedly with large numbers of their special assaulting troops. Their efforts were directed principally east of Froidmont Farm, west and southwest of Cerny, north of Ailles and also against the Californie Plateau.

"The repulse of the enemy was complete and his losses were very heavy, especially in the region of Cerny and on the Californie Plateau. His main assaults were almost entirely routed by our fire. At certain points where the Germans were able to gain a footing at the first shock, victorious counter-attacks drove them back and they were not able to hold a single metre of our positions.

"Surprise attacks against our small posts in the sectors of Sapigneul and Vauquois were repulsed. The artilery was very active in the region of hill 304 (Verdun front)."

British Front

London, July 4—The British official statement issued today concerning military operations in Northern France says: There is nothing to report except considerable artillery activity on both sides at numerous points of the front."

ONCE, UNARMED, HE KILLED BEAR

Death of John Hinchey, Prominent Man in York and on the Miramichi

Fredericton, July 4—John Hinchey of Parker's Ridge, former councillor and warden of the municipality of York, died in the Victoria Hospital this morning after a lingering illness. He was eighty years of age and is survived by two sons and two daughters. Mr. Hinchey was a native of Chatham and was one of the best known men on the Miramichi. In pre-confederation days he lumbered for the late Hon. Peter Mitchell and other operators, and subsequently carried on business for himself. He was one of the pioneers of Gordonvale settlement in the parish of Stanley.

When a young man he came off victorious in a fierce encounter with a bear. He was attacked without warning and, being unarmed, killed the animal by severing its windpipe with his teeth.

The York county council now in session passed an appropriate resolution on Mr. Hinchey's death, and the members decided to attend the funeral this evening in a body.

REAL ESTATE

Transfers of real estate have been recorded as follows:

St. John County

Jessie M. and Eustace Barnes to A. E. Baxter, property in Coburg street.

E. O. Jones to Helen C. Keirstead, property in Olive street.

C. A. R. Kelly to Mrs. Ella S. Drummer, property in Simonds.

James McQuade to W. J. Rodgers, $250, property in St. Martins.

Kings County

J. R. Daye to Dorothy L. Brown, property in Greenwich.

Clara Purdy to G. E. Worden, property in Westfield.

George Seely to William Saul, $450, property in Westfield.

James Vanhorne to W. A. Barlow, property in Westfield.

GOES TO OTTAWA.

Harry D. Taylor, formerly of the office staff of Macaulay Bros. & Co., but for several months in the employ of the C. P. R., at McAdam Junction, has been transferred to Ottawa. He left last evening on the Montreal train after a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Taylor, West St. John. His many friends will be pleased to hear of his promotion.

Brigadier William H. Green.

Toronto, July 3—Brigadier William Henry Green, of the Salvation Army, died today. In the old country he had charge of some of the army's largest corps and was a divisional officer. He came to Canada in 1907.