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FEDERATION OF LABOR SOLIDLY BEHIND MINERS

Strikes Will be Prosecuted With Fullest and Most Effective Cooperation of A. F. of L.

GOMPER'S ENVOYS VISITED LEWIS

Secured Miners' Report of Situation and Assured Them of Full Support.

New York, March 23.—The general assembly of the American Federation of Labor, which opened here today after a visit to the officials of the American Federation of Labor, Mr. Gompers' delegates came here shortly before midnight, and after a short conference with John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, left early today for Washington.

"The purpose of this conference," a statement of the delegates said, "was to make possible the fullest and most effective co-operation with the United Mine Workers on the part of the American Federation of Labor, and its affiliated departments and divisions. It was desired that there might be available for President Gompers, the latest authentic information before the departure of President Lewis for Cleveland."

Strengthened For Battle

With the assurance of the American Federation of Labor support, representatives of the anthracite division of the anthracite workers here, today were optimistic of success in the general strike. They expressed confidence that, should the strike become a long drawn battle between the operators and miners, railroad members of the American Federation of Labor would come to their moral and financial aid through the Railroad Miners Protective Alliance.

With these assurances, the members of the Wage Arbitration Committee of eight went into their final conference with the operators this noon, prior to their departure for Cleveland to complete strike arrangements for putting the strike into effect April 1.

Mr. Lewis announced that his organization would have the support of the Rail and Miners Protective League in the walk out for April 1. This announcement, coming on the heels of Mr. Gompers' offer of the united and effective support of the American Federation of Labor, allies two of the most powerful of the labor organizations of the nation with the miners, the anthracite men asserted.

"The Rail and Miners Protective League," he said, "is a potential source of moral, financial and active aid." Mr. Lewis declared, by ratifying the programme of the league, its 770,000 members, he said, are bound to support the miners with any and all means in their power. Mr. Lewis said the league's officers would meet with the General Police Committee at Cleveland, tomorrow, to determine how it shall aid the miners to obtain their demand for a 30 per cent wage increase. Should the deadlock continue until the miners \$2,000,000 was checked was distributed in strike benefits the funds of the league would be placed at the miners' disposal, Mr. Lewis said.

DEATH PENALTY FOR BOMB THROWING

Ulster Parliament Adds Such Clause to Restoration of Order Bill

Belfast, March 23.—The House of Commons of the Ulster Parliament today added a new clause to the Restoration of Order Bill authorizing the imposition of the death penalty for bomb throwing.

The Attorney-General, supporting the amendment, said he was prepared if these special powers proved inadequate, to advise the Government to extend the death penalty to other offenses such as hearing threats without a permit. When asked whether the death penalty would apply in cases where bombs did not cause death, he replied:

"Certainly, it is only through faulty construction of a bomb or the mercy of Providence that death does not occur."

HALIFAX POLICEMEN ARE EXONERATED

Had Been Charged With Thefts of Rum from London Street Garage.

Halifax, N. S., March 23.—After an investigation the Police Commission today completely exonerated police officers, Reicher and Buchanan, from charges of complicity in the theft of seventy-five gallons of rum from Frederick Castle's garage on London St.

Announcing the verdict, Mayor J. S. Parker, chairman of the commission, declared there was not a tittle of evidence against the officers.

BELFAST SPECIALS ATTACKED BY PARTY OF ARMED MEN

Opened Up Fierce Onslaught and Riddled Constables With Bullets.

Belfast, March 23.—The special constable who was wounded in the May street shooting this morning, died late today in a hospital. An eye witness declared the attacking party followed the specials until abreast of them before firing. When the constables fell, the gunmen bent over and riddled them with bullets. Margaret Weaver, aged 60, who recently was wounded by a bomb, died today.

BOLSHEVISM REJECTED BY NATIONALISTS

Turk Assembly Will Place No Restrictions on Entry of Capital Into Anatolia.

NOT PLOTTING AGAINST BRITISH

Prepared to Direct All Energies Towards Peaceful Development of Asia Minor.

Paris, March 23.—The question of peace in Asia Minor again, today, took up the greater part of the Conference of the Foreign Ministers of Great Britain, France and Italy, who appear to be going ahead in confidence that Greeks and Turkish Nationalists will accept the armistice terms proposed in the communication dispatched yesterday by the conference to the Greek and Turkish capitals.

Constantinople, March 23.—The Turkish Nationalist Government, by action of its assembly at a recent session, repudiated the principles of Bolshevism as contrary to Islamic prescription and decided that no restriction should be placed upon the entry of foreign capital into Anatolia.

Peaceful Settlement.

The declaration was based on a resolution that peace should not be bought at the price of a renewed offensive, and that a peaceful settlement consistent with the dignity of an independent state, should be accepted.

Turkey, the resolution declared, was not plotting against her neighbors or seeking to destroy the security of the British possessions in Asia, but would direct all her energies towards the peaceful development of the country. The pact with Russia, it was set forth, was due to the rejection of the Nationalist claims by the Allied Powers. The rights of minorities, it was added, would be adequately guarded.

HEAVY ICE AND FOG HAMPERS SHIPPING

Coast Guard Cutters of U. S. Keeping Tabs on Ice Fields.

Boston, March 23.—Reports of heavy ice and fog, about 455 miles east of Boston, and just off the westbound trans-Atlantic steamer lanes, were received here today from the coast guard cutter Seneca. The cutter Seneca was ordered to proceed immediately to the Seneca's assistance. The cutter, which has been in the service of the international ice patrol in the North Atlantic for several weeks, reported that her operations were hampered by the fog which came up last night while she was keeping in touch with a drifting berg.

JURY FREES GIRL ON ARSON CHARGE

Complaint Brought by the Mother—Evidence Showed Family Quarrel Caused Complaint.

Halifax, N. S., March 23.—After ten minutes deliberation, a jury arrived at a verdict of not guilty in the case of May Delaney charged with arson in connection with a fire in a house owned by her mother, Mrs. Estelle Walsh, 187 South Park Street, this winter. The charge arose out of bad feeling between the mother and her daughter, and the evidence brought forward had mainly to do with family quarrels.

U. S. HOUSE PASSES SOLDIER BONUS BILL

Washington, March 23.—The four billion dollar soldier bonus bill was passed tonight by the House by an overwhelming majority. It now goes to the Senate, where its fate is regarded as uncertain.

The vote was 323 to 70, or 84 more than the two-thirds majority necessary.

EXECUTIVE OF MINERS ADOPT SABOTAGE PLAN

MacLachlan's Radical Scheme to Cut Coal Production Wins in Favor.

MEN CAUGHT LOAFING ON JOB

Were Dismissed by Coal Company—Miners and Operators May Clash

Sydney, N. S., March 23.—"Striking on the job," is the policy. "Sabotaging the output" is the object.

By a vote of four to three the Executive Board of District 24, United Mine Workers of America, today adopted Secretary J. B. MacLachlan's radical scheme of calling upon the 12,000 miners of Nova Scotia to cut coal production to the point where all profits vanish, as the most effective method of waging an immediate labor war against the British Empire Steel Corporation.

When the matter came to a vote after two days' discussion, the executive lined up as follows:

For MacLachlan and "striking on the job"—Dan Coleman, Springhill; Alonzo Hall, Stellarton, and W. J. McKay, New Waterford.

For Baxter and a fair day's work—Vice-President Delaney, Glace Bay; Lewis McCormick, Glace Bay; Angus McPhee, Sydney Mines. Baxter himself, as chairman, did not vote.

Several members of the executive were no doubt swayed to some extent by the recently demonstrated fact that MacLachlan dominates at least ninety per cent of the membership of the United Mine Workers in this district.

At one time it was reported that the whole executive had deserted MacLachlan for Baxter, but those who kept in mind the decisive result of the recent referendum were never in doubt as to the ultimate outcome.

The Dominion Coal Company yesterday fired about eighteen men who were caught "loafing on the job," but whether this will have much effect remained to be seen. So far the output of the mines shows no falling off, indicating that the original manifesto of the district secretary has had little or no effect.

Should any large number of men undertake to "strike on the job" tomorrow, a clash with the company is inevitable.

DAIL CABINET TAKING DRASTIC MEASURES

Determined to Use Stern Measures in Dealing With Uprisings in Army.

Dublin, March 23.—Sunday's convention of the Irish Republican Army is a topic of paramount public interest. Richard Mulcahy, Minister of Defense in the Deil Bheirne Cabinet, issued a statement tonight that any officers or men attending the convention would hereby sever his connection with the Irish Republican Army, but that the commanding officer would for the present regard each case as one for suspension.

"Political friction has been forced into the army from the outside," says the statement, "but in the face of the grave issues before her country we must anticipate that this friction will pass and the fundamental unity of the army restored."

The national executive of the Irish Labor Party has adopted a resolution calling on the Dail Ministry to reimpose the boycott against Belfast.

MINERS ARRIVING AT CLEVELAND

Policy Committee Gathers to Arrange for Nation-Wide Strike Effective April 1.

Cleveland, March 23.—Miners began arriving tonight for the meeting tomorrow of the policy committee of the United Mine Workers of America to arrange for the nation-wide strike effective April 1.

Interest of Ohio operators centered on the fight between President Lewis and Frank Farrington, president of the Illinois miners. They say they believe that unless a settlement of the controversy is reached tomorrow the future of the Great Lakes coal trade, amounting to more than 20,000,000 tons annually, may be lost to Lake Erie ports.

SALOON KEEPER AND SONS KILLED IN THEIR HOME

Armed Guard Forced Entrance Into Residence and Made the Attack.

Belfast, March 24.—Owen MacMahon, a saloon keeper, and three of his sons were murdered early this morning (Friday) when an armed guard forced an entrance into his residence.

Another son and MacMahon's bar tender were badly wounded by the intruders.

ALL INTEREST DEPARTS FROM BRIT. COMMONS

Nothing Doing Until After Debate Next Week on Genoa Conference.

HOUSE OF LORDS SHOWS LITTLE PEP

Concluding Stages of Debate on Free State Bill Starts Something.

London, March 23.—(Canadian Press Cable)—All interest in temporarily gone out of the House of Commons proceedings. A feeling that nothing can happen in domestic politics until after the debate next week on the Genoa conference tends to make the members indifferent to the routine business of the session.

The House was engaged today in passing a number of supplementary estimates which have to be got through before the end of the financial year and the proceedings were unexciting only by Jack Jones, (Labour, West Ham) who declared in discussion an Irish estimate, that a Catholic in Ulster had as much chance of receiving justice as a cat in a hat of getting through Hell.

DELIVERS SLAP TO ST. JOHN CONCERN

Sugar Freight Rates Before Railway Commission—Maritime Refineries Petitioners.

Ottawa, March 23.—Pointing out that Montreal manufacturers work under heavy taxes totalling ten times as much as the St. John concerns, Huntley Drummond, President of the Canada Sugar Company, argued before the Railway Commission here, today, which is hearing the Eastern and Western freight rates appeal, against the pending application of the Maritime refineries for the removal of the arbitraries which prevent them from competing in the Pacific West. He said that matters should rest as they are in connection with freight differentials. The Maritime rate had, he said, received a reduction some time ago, but not a cent of this went to the consumer, the manufacturers getting it all.

"As soon as anything is given to the Maritime going West, the Dominion Company will ask for a similar grant and we will be in a very difficult position," said Mr. Drummond. "If the claim of the Maritime is granted, it will put the business back into the case from which the board extricated it."

Mr. Drummond said that he did not wish to see that if the Maritime received concessions, his company would come before the board to have their position strengthened.

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LABOR QUERIES PUT UP TO FEDERAL GOVT

Want to Know Position of Government Relative to Conditions in N. S. Coal Fields.

Ottawa, March 23.—(Canadian Press)—A series of questions, referring to conditions among the coal miners of Nova Scotia, has been placed on the order paper of the Commons by J. S. Woodsworth, Labor member for Centre Winnipeg.

Mr. Woodsworth has given notice of his intention to ask the ministry: "What steps, if any, are being taken to secure for the Nova Scotia miners a fair day's pay for a fair day's work?"

"In view of the high cost of living, has the Government used its influence with the operators of industrial companies to prevent any curtailment of production?"

"What action, if any, does the Government propose to take to prevent the British Empire Steel Corporation, in the minister's own words, from underselling its State Government policy?"

ADOPT ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE THRONE SPEECH

Debate Collapsed and Address Adopted Without Division Being Necessary.

MEIGHEN GIVING GOV'T A CHANCE

His Attitude in Marked Contrast to Carping Attitude of Past Opposition.

Ottawa, Ont., March 23.—The address in reply to the Speech from the Throne was adopted tonight without division. The Opposition decided that an amendment at this stage could do no good and refrained from moving one. Mr. Meighen's attitude being that more obstructive tactics are futile, and that the government should be given an opportunity to bring its programme before the House before it is attacked. It is an attitude in marked contrast to the carping attitude adopted by some opponents in the past, and has favorably impressed the House, particularly the Progressives.

Not imposing Debate

The debate, taken as a whole, was not an imposing one. Mr. Meighen more than maintained his reputation as a powerful critic. Sir Lomer Gouin showed himself an able, adroit speaker. Mr. Baxter exhibited a promising parliamentary style, but there were no other addresses of note. Mr. Raymond, of Brantford, was the only new member in the Government ranks to refer to a degree of capacity.

The estimates come down tomorrow. On Monday the House takes up supply. If rumor is to be believed, the estimates will show that Mr. Fielding has been making a real effort to economize. Drastic cuts are promised in all departments, particularly in military and defence. Although it is doubtful whether enough savings has been done to bring the outlay within the compass of steadily declining revenue.

When sittings of the Wage Arbitration Committee are resumed Monday, the labor section will be prepared to present specific data supporting their 13 demands for higher wages and better working conditions. It was announced tonight by the miners.

Mr. Lewis' charges that organizations throughout the country were working to overthrow the unions, was made in connection with an announcement that the Rail and Miners Protective Alliance had been formed to combat such an attempt.

GERMAN MARK DROPS TO NEW LOW RECORD

Extent of Collapse Probably Unprecedented in Modern History—Several Causes Given.

New York, March 23.—Germany's more serious financial and general economic position among the nations of the world found concrete expression here today when the mark fell to the new record of 29 1/2-100ths of one cent. The extent of this collapse, probably unprecedented in modern history, may be gauged from the fact that the normal or pre-war value of the mark here was 23 1/2-100ths cents. Selling of German exchange at this centre has been unusually large recently at steady reaction, but offerings assumed most impressive proportions in the last few days.

The increased liquidation apparently, accompanied by speculative offerings was described by informed interests as directly traceable to the demand of the United States Government for payment of the expenses of its army of occupation on the Rhine. For this a claim of \$261,000,000 already had been presented to the Reparations Commission. Yet another factor in the demoralization, the severity of the terms imposed on the Berlin Government as a prerequisite to the granting of partial moratorium. These involved the flotation of a foreign loan or levy on home capital and a halt in all capital exports.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY AT STAYNER

Collingwood, Ont., March 23.—The town of Stayner, nine miles south of Collingwood, was the scene of a terrible double tragedy last night, when Thomas Watson, aged 40 years, shot and killed his wife, aged 35, and afterwards killed himself.

WOOL SORTERS VOTE TO STRIKE

Lawrence, Mass., March 23.—The wool sorters union, one of the five craft unions affiliated with the Lawrence textile council, voted unanimously tonight to strike Monday next in protest against wage reductions of approximately 30 per cent announced by the textile mills.

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SO. AFRICA REJECTS FRANCHISE BILL

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MACHINE GUN FIRE CONTINUES IN BELFAST STREETS

Newspapermen Become Targets for Snipers in Caledonian District.

Belfast, March 23.—Spasmodic machine gun fire came from the south side of the border at intervals throughout the forenoon in the Caledonia district. A party of newspapermen, seeking to interview officers of the Southern Liaison Commission, became targets for snipers in passing through the district, and its members were obliged to flee for safety, having narrow escapes.

BIG BUSINESS ATTEMPTING TO CRUSH LABOR

Such is the Declaration of President Lewis of United Mine Workers.

ORGANIZATIONS AT WORK TO KILL UNION

Declares Rail and Miners' Alliance Will be Called as Last Resort.

New York, March 23.—Charges that "big-business and so-called Americanism organizations" of the country are engaged in a deliberate attempt to crush organized labor, were made here today, by John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers of America.

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DOUGHTY'S MEMORY PLAYS HIM FALSE

Unable to Recall Important Happenings in Connection With Small Case.

Toronto, March 23.—"No, I can't be sure enough to tell you just which watch 'Amby' carried that day," was the reply made to a representative of a Toronto newspaper who yesterday interviewed John Doughty, late secretary of the missing theatrical magnate, Ambrose J. Small.

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FIRE DAMAGES STEEL PLANT

Erie, Pa., March 23.—Fire early tonight nearly destroyed the plant of the Union Iron Works in the heart of the city's factory district with a loss estimated by company officials at \$460,000.

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COL. MACLAREN ARGUES RIGHTS OF MARITIMES

Insisted That Management of I. C. R. from Toronto Militated Against Eastern Provinces.

HEAVY FREIGHT RATES TRADE DETERRENT

Declared Weakness of Gov't Railway Policy Was Fact Members Were Not United.

Ottawa, March 23.—(By Canadian Press)—Dr. Murray MacLaren, (St. John-Albert) and A. H. MacLaren (Prince, P. E. I.), a Conservative and a Liberal, today jointly upheld the drive among Maritime members for a return of the headquarters of the Intercolonial Railway to Montreal, and a reduction in freight rates to their pre-war schedules. Both members insisted that the management of the I. C. R. from Toronto was militating against the prosperity of the Eastern people, while the high freight rates were acting as a heavy trade deterrent.

Dr. MacLaren went further. The inherent weakness of the Government's railway policy, he argued, was that the Government were not united on it. While, previously, Mr. MacLaren had remarked that since the control of the I. C. R. was transferred to Toronto the Maritimes were receiving the worst end of the deal.

Natural Resources

Both members also urged that the Eastern Provinces must be accorded a full share in any transfer of the natural resources of the Province of Quebec back to the Provincial Governments of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Mr. MacLaren was especially emphatic on this point, and urged that Prince Edward Island had not received as much from Confederation as the other Provinces of the Dominion. The New England States constituted Eastern Canada's natural market.

Later in the day, the member for St. John-Albert backed up the Liberal member for Prince, by declaring that the Government must decide between building up a healthy and substantial trade between the Maritimes and the rest of Canada, or unwittingly encouraging trade along the railway lines running into Portland, Maine. An appeal to patriotism was added. The Maritimes were second to none in true Canadian patriotism, Dr. MacLaren emphasized.

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