

Hon. N. A. McLARTY (Minister of Labour): The hon. member for Rosetown-Biggarr (Mr. Coldwell) was kind enough to give me notice of his intention to ask this question.

I received on Sunday morning a telegram similar, I believe, to the one he received, in which the chairman of the local committee, No. 195, of the Chrysler corporation employees advised that the corporation had locked out forty-five employees. Subsequently I received notification from the company to the effect that it was not in any sense whatever a lockout, but on account of the transferring of one employee from one department to another thirty-eight men in the other department decided voluntarily to walk out. There being such a wide variance between the two statements as to the facts, I thought the only way to handle the matter properly was to have someone from the Department of Labour go to Windsor and advise us accurately as to the actual facts. That was done; the representative was in Windsor yesterday and is still there. When I received the notice from the hon. member for Rosetown-Biggarr I endeavoured, unsuccessfully, to get in touch with him. Until we have a definite statement as to the actual facts I think we should not prejudge the matter or take any premature action in connection with it.

## BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

### PRIVATE MEMBERS' DAYS

Mr. ANGUS MacINNIS (Vancouver East): I should like to ask the Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King), in view of the way the business was carried on last session with no private members' day being provided, whether we shall have private members' days during this session?

Mr. HANSON: You had better wait and see.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): I think we should first conclude the debate on the address. What may be possible or desirable after the debate is concluded will depend, among other factors, on the length of time which the debate itself occupies. There will be a chance to discuss the matter later.

## INTERNED ENEMY ALIENS

### INQUIRY AS TO EMPLOYMENT ON CONSTRUCTION OF ARMY HUTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. CLARENCE GILLIS (Cape Breton South): I should like to address a question to the Secretary of State (Mr. Casgrain). Is

it correct that German prisoners in a certain internment camp outside of Toronto are being employed on the construction of army huts at the rate of twenty cents a day, thus displacing Canadian carpenters who in consequence are unemployed?

Hon. P. F. CASGRAIN (Secretary of State): I cannot give an answer offhand, but I shall make inquiry and try to have an answer for my hon. friend to-morrow.

## ANNIE RUBELIETZ

### PETITIONS FOR COMMUTATION OF DEATH SENTENCE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. ANTHONY HLYNKA (Vegreville): May I ask the Minister of Justice (Mr. Lapointe) whether, in view of the many petitions which have been sent both to the government and to members with respect to the death sentence passed upon Annie Rubelietz of Sturgis district, Saskatchewan, the minister is considering the commutation of the death penalty?

Right Hon. ERNEST LAPOINTE (Minister of Justice): An appeal has been lodged in the court of appeal of Saskatchewan against the conviction in question. Until the decision on that appeal is made we cannot deal with the numerous petitions which have been sent in urging clemency in the matter.

## SOLDIERS ON LEAVE

### INQUIRY RESPECTING PROVISION OF TRANSPORTATION AT CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. R. MacNICOL (Davenport): I wish to address a question to the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Ralston) in connection with the statement in this morning's papers about the Christmas and New Year's leave for soldiers. Will any arrangements be made in reference to transportation to and from their homes?

Hon. J. L. RALSTON (Minister of National Defence): No arrangement has been made except the usual one providing for a rate of single fare for the return trip.

## GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH

### CONTINUATION OF DEBATE ON ADDRESS IN REPLY

The house resumed from Friday, November 8, consideration of the motion of Mr. Brooke Claxton for an address to His Excellency the Governor General in reply to his speech at the opening of the session.