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LABOR INVEST THREATS

BECK AT GUELPH, THREATENS THE CITY WITH A RAILWAY JUNCTION

Sir Adam Says Hydro Will Fight Radial Agreement, Even if Bylaw Carries.

Ottawa, Aug. 5.—In an address which lasted for more than two hours, Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, before an audience which packed the Griffin Opera House to the roof, dealt with the agreement which has been entered into between the Grand River Railway and the city of Guelph whereby the former takes over the operation and management of the Guelph Radial Railway for a period of 40 years, and agrees to construct a radial line from Guelph to Hespeler and Puslinch Lake at a cost of \$400,000. He characterized the whole agreement as being absolutely illegal, and stated in positive terms that even if the bylaw carried on Monday next the Hydro-Electric Power Commission would refuse to give its consent and would even go so far as to prevent by injunction the mayor from signing it. He made it clear that he was not to forget any agreement of this kind and was prepared to stay in Guelph from now until the vote was taken to defeat it.

Will Block Toronto Lines.

He also wanted the ratepayers of Guelph to understand that until the city of Guelph had signed the resolution making the city responsible for \$74,000 at 10 per cent. over and above what was voted in 1917, the Hydro radial project in so far as the line from Toronto to London was concerned, would be blocked and no progress could be made until the city had agreed to the streets of the city would be given over entirely and absolutely to the C.P.R. and that the Hydro or any other railway could not come in without their consent. He told his audience that the attempt to submit to the people in January next the question of the \$74,000 could not be done legally, that it would have to be passed by the city council or not at all.

Sir Adam who came here at the instance of the Trades and Labor Council, was well received, and given a splendid hearing. His remarks being frequently applauded. Thos. McPherson, president of the Trades and Labor Council, occupied the chair, and other members of the committee with Mayor Carter, occupied seats on the platform as well as Controller Halowan and Gordon Nelson of Hamilton, both of whom spoke briefly.

Says Back Statements False.

At the conclusion of Sir Adam's address Mayor Carter was called upon, but as it was then 11:20, he considered it too late to detain the audience and said he would reply to Sir Adam fully at a later date.

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HUSBAND AND WIFE KILLED BY TRAIN

Aged Couple Fail to Hear Warning at Level Crossing.

John Cassidy Bell, aged 70 years, and his wife, Maria Elizabeth Bell, walked in front of a northbound yard engine at the C.P.R. level crossing at the Winchester bridge, Riverdale Park, at 6 o'clock last night and were killed. The old couple did not hear or see the signal of warning given by the train-men, and they were struck by the engine before the emergency brakes brought the locomotive to a standstill. The yard engine was reversed and was going backwards when the accident happened. Bell was caught in the wheels and several cars mangled his body before the train stopped. Mrs. Bell was struck on the side of the head and thrown to the east side of the tracks. Her skull was fractured and she died 15 minutes later.

Mrs. Bell was dead when his body was removed from beneath the cars. They were identified by registration cards found in their possession. Mr. Bell's card gave his home address at 108 Harvie avenue, Toronto.

Hard of Hearing. Riverdale Park and had crossed the bridge and were walking behind standing freight cars. It is the belief of the police that they were hard of hearing and failed to notice the approaching train.

The engine was taking cars up the yard and was in charge of Engineer Thomas Darcy. Burwash street station, saw both people as they walked from the scene of the accident. He rang the bell and sounded the whistle. Several seconds later he saw them in front of the train and applied all brakes.

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LABOR INVEST THREATS

COST OF LIVING MANIFESTLY CONTRADICTS OTHERS

Ottawa, Aug. 5.—The cost of living commissioner makes the following report regarding woolen and worsted clothes for suitings and overcoats: Following my report of June 7, the retail trade made vigorous attack on the assertions contained therein and sought to have the cost of living committee of the house disprove the facts of the same. In the evidence brought out before the committee my assertion was fully substantiated that the Canadian manufactured cloth for suits to be sold during this fall was sold by our manufacturers this spring at prices 8 to 10 per cent. below their previous lists. Moreover, our domestic manufacturers submitted samples of goods made of very high quality and equal to many of the lines imported from England and previous to the war. It was brought out in testimony before the committee that the three and one-half yards of the finest domestic material necessary to make a suit of clothes only amounted to \$17.50 at the cloth manufacturers' prices. The goods purchased in the United States covering the same period showed an even greater decline in price than the Canadian over the previous sales.

INDUSTRIES MENACED BY THREATENED STRIKE ON RAILWAYS OF U.S.

Mills, Mines and Factories Will Have to Close if Walk-Out Materializes—Shoppers Refuse to Obey Their Executive—200,000 Cars Are Reported Out of Commission.

Washington, Aug. 5.—The threat of a railroad strike continues to spread throughout the country despite the efforts of the organized heads to hold the men in check until authoritative official strike votes can be taken. Shoppers everywhere are throwing down their tools in premature strikes. Above that hovered the threat of an even more serious labor situation, the demand of all the organized railroad unions, that the profits of the business be overhauled, to retire government capital and to create a new tripartite control.

Reports begin coming in today saying that unless railroad equipment can be kept in running order, mills, mines and factories will be threatened with closing. It was reported that there are more than 200,000 cars now out of commission.

Meanwhile threats of hundreds of thousands of railroad employees to go on strike to force higher wages to meet the high cost of living were reiterated. From many parts of the country, today came reports that striking shippers refused to return to work despite the fact that their action was denounced as illegal by the executive council of the six shop crafts. Strike ballots were mailed from the A. F. of L. for taking an official vote as to whether they would return to work or walk out to obtain their demands and express their disapproval of President Wilson's reference of the railway wage question to the arbitration board.

LIVERPOOL FACES ANOTHER STRIKE

Civic Employes Threaten to Go Out Unless Tramway Demands Are Granted.

Liverpool, Aug. 5.—The municipal employes at a meeting tonight decided to give 24 hours' notice of strike unless the demands of the striking tramway men are immediately granted. A meeting of the trade union organizations of all lines of industry tonight appointed a general strike committee which will meet on Wednesday. Tom Mann, president of the Workers' Union attended the meeting. The speakers generally supported the police strikers.

DRUG PEDDLERS GET TERMS IN BURWASH

Louis Clannahan, colored, and Albert Gouley, drug peddlers, arrested Sunday by Plainclothesmen Ward and Clarkson, were sentenced in police court yesterday morning to serve 18 months each at Burwash. Before passing sentence Magistrate Denison said, "These drugs are destroying the health of our people, while men like you are taking the money into your pockets over it."

Crown Attorney Corley remarked, "Hundreds of our soldiers had to be sent home from England because of the use of drugs."

LIBERAL CONVENTION OPENS IS OFF TO A GOOD START

British Labor Situation Is Again Becoming Acute

London, Aug. 5.—With the Yorkshire strike still unsettled, the bakers' strike continuing, a number of minor sporadic strikes in other trades in sympathy with the smouldering discontent of the police at the failure of their strike to secure the withdrawal of the police bill, and the possibility of another big railway strike, the labor situation has again become so threatening that it is stated Arthur Henderson, the labor leader, who is attending the socialist conference at Lacrosse, has been hurriedly summoned to London.

BRITAIN TO ISSUE FOOD RATION BOOKS

Much Public Comment Caused by an Announcement of Government's Intention.

London, Aug. 5.—The food situation is giving a good deal of anxiety, and the announcement that the government intend to issue ration books next month has caused much public comment. Meantime the agitation on the part of the public has been growing and will force government action.

OPPOSE INCREASE OF MINISTERS' PAY

Disent in British House to Proposal, and Consideration of Measure Postponed.

London, Aug. 5.—The government bill which seeks to raise the salaries of five cabinet ministers in amounts ranging from \$2,000 to \$2,500 each and increase the salaries of a number of under-secretaries was strongly opposed in the house of commons tonight. Sir Donald Macleod, national Liberal, declined to give his consent to the measure until the government had declared its policy with regard to a reduction in the government department to what he considered a scale conducive to national efficiency and economy. Other members reproached the government for showing a bad example when economy was declared to be imperative, and said the measure would lower parliament in the estimation of the people.

PARIS, AUG. 5.—THE INTRANSIGENT'S GENEVA CORRESPONDENT SAYS THAT ACCORDING TO A BUCHAREST DESPATCH KING FERDINAND IS WITH HIS ARMY IN HUNGARY.

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BOY PRESENTS BABY TO POLICE INSPECTOR

Inspector Bond of West Dundas street station was presented last night with a three-month old baby by a young boy, Bobby, of 35 Woodcrest avenue. It appears that the parents left the child, and the boy decided to hand it over to the police. Inspector Bond sent the infant to the shelter, where admittance was refused as the child was said to be no more than a few days old. The boy is to be admitted. While the police are investigating the case, the baby will be cared for by the attendants at the Infant's Home.

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A Thousand Delegates Present When the Temporary Chairman Calls Big Meeting to Order—Eliminating Dark Horses in Leadership Race.

By a Staff Reporter.

Ottawa, Aug. 5.—The big national Liberal convention got off to a good start this morning. Fully a thousand delegates were in their places when Hon. Charles Murphy called the convention to order. They came from every parliamentary riding in Canada and are on the whole representative men, some of the provincial premiers may have come here reluctantly, but they are here to stay and are taking an active part in the work of the convention.

PRICES AT CHICAGO ARE STILL FALLING AND CLOSE PANICRY

The number of men out on the London Southwestern Railway almost doubled today, and passenger service is suffering severe inconvenience. The strike is described by James Thomson, member of the house of commons, as a grave mistake and quite unauthorized.

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