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REDUCED MAJORITY FOR SIR LOMER'S GOV'T; MOUNTED POLICE RAD LAB' NEWS' OFFICE; GERMANY WILL SIGN TERMS UNCONDITIONALLY

Soldiers Scrambling For Farms

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Ottawa, June 23.—That loans aggregating upwards of fourteen million dollars have been made to returned soldiers, who propose to take up farming, was an interesting statement made in the House of Commons today when the Soldiers' Land Settlement bill was under review in committee.

Mr. Meighen dealt at length with the operations of the land settlement board up to the middle of the present month, showing that nearly nine million dollars has so far been spent on land, and nearly five million dollars on the purchase of stock and equipment. The total number of loans granted has been 40,262, and the average amount has been \$3,394.

Applications for certificates qualifying men to go on the land have exceeded seventeen thousand, while over twelve thousand have been granted. Ex-soldiers have chosen all the provinces for farming themselves, with the largest number going to the Atlantic coast, and Prince Edward Island being at the bottom with 241.

Mr. A. E. Frapp, Ottawa, during the course of the discussion, asked what the government proposed to do to enable returned men who do not intend to farm to rehabilitate themselves. Would they be given an opportunity to start shops or set themselves up in some other way? he asked.

Mr. Meighen answered the question by explaining that aid to soldiers, other than that given to those who will go upon the land, is one which would have to be settled by the government as a whole, and not by the minister of the interior.

Mr. D. D. MacKenzie was not inclined to be enthusiastic by the government's plan. He expressed the opinion that men who do not profit by the scheme might be dissatisfied. He suggested that it might have been better to give each soldier a sum of money and let him subsequently depend upon himself.

The minister explained that the order-in-council, passed in February, giving the board the right to acquire private lands for soldiers' settlement did not give the right to expropriate land. That power was being sought in the bill before the House. After a long debate the committee reported progress.

Late in the evening consideration of the resolution providing assistance for the construction of highways was resumed.

Dr. Michael Clark wanted to know where the twenty million dollars to be spent through the provinces was coming from, while J. H. Maharg advanced the view that in the west railways are required more than highways.

Mr. Sesemith, East Peterboro, defended the government's programme and said its carrying out would aid production.

ADJOURN RAILWAY SHOPMEN QUESTION THREE WEEKS

Believed That at That Time the Railway War Board and Executive of Unions Will Have Something to Work Upon.

Montreal, June 23.—An adjournment of all negotiations for a period of three weeks was the proposition put up to the Canadian Railway Board this morning by the executive of the division No. 4 Railway Shopmen of America representing 30,000 men.

This suggestion was made in view of the assurances received by the officials of the division whilst in Atlantic City, that the United States Railway administration would have its finding completed within three weeks. The executive expressed the opinion that if this is done here, at the end of three weeks, the board will have something definite to work upon.

LABOR NEWS OF WINNIPEG SAYS SOMETHING

Claims Returned Soldiers Are Becoming Restless and Are Threatening to Take Things in Their Own Hands.

MOUNTED POLICE RAID NEWS OFFICE

Took Steps to Suppress Further Publications of the Periodical by Carrying Away Type and Arresting Editor.

Winnipeg, Man., June 23.—The Western Labor News, special strike edition number 32, this morning under the display headline "Strike Unbroken—Kaiserism will not Work," has much to say about the happenings of Saturday. Most significant, perhaps, is an article entitled:

"Is There a Way Out?" in which an attempt is made to find common ground for settlement.

"The returned soldiers," it says in part, "are becoming restless and threatening to take things in their own hands. They are tired of the policy of 'do nothing, keep order' so consistently followed by the strike leaders."

"Mediation by a body as well equipped as any that is likely to be fixed, has apparently failed. There is a deadlock. What will happen? How will it end? Is there any possible way out? Mediators have failed. Possibly something might be done if the principals could be brought face to face."

"The Labor News goes on to suggest, 'a shift of basis of discussion, the suggested solution,' a committee with extraordinary powers; power to make full investigations, powers to suggest and enforce radical and far-reaching policies, powers, if found necessary, to actually keep the business of the country going."

"Who ever ordered the shooting last Saturday is a Kaiser of the deepest dye, the Labor News says. The responsibility must be placed and the crime brought before the bar of justice."

The Committee of One Thousand must be taught that ideas are more powerful than bullets. The blood of martyrs is the seed of the church. We shall carry on, in spite of Hell, till the victory is ours."

Winnipeg, June 23.—Members of the Northwest Mounted Police raided the offices of the Western Labor News late this afternoon and took steps to suppress further publications of that periodical. The mounties remained at the Labor Temple for more than two hours and when they left they took away all the type and "copy" that had been prepared for the issue of tomorrow.

J. S. Woodworth, acting editor of the Western Labor News and former by a Methodist minister, was arrested at the door of the printing office. Several years ago he gave up the ministry and took charge of the "all people's mission" here, later being employed by the government in social service work. After that he was at the Pacific coast for a considerable time in recent months where he worked as a longshoreman.

Steve Scherbanowicz, formerly of East Selkirk, Man., but recently living at 222 Lisette street, Winnipeg, died this evening in the general hospital of gangrene as the result of being shot in both legs. This is the second death resulting from Saturday's rioting, the other being Mike Sokolowski, who was shot through the heart. All the others injured are said to be progressing satisfactorily.

FIRE DESTROYS 102 AIRPLANES

Broke Out in St. Cyr Air-drome Doing Heavy Damage.

Paris, June 23, (By The A. P.)—Fire broke out yesterday afternoon in the air-drome at St. Cyr, destroying 102 biplanes and 102 airplanes. An enormous amount of other damage resulted. The loss is estimated at four million francs.

AMERICAN STRM. SUNK BY MINE

London, June 23.—The American steamer Farnam, from Baltimore, has been sunk by a mine explosion, according to a despatch to Lloyds from Gothenburg.

Reparation Problems Delay Completion of Austrian Terms

Paris, June 23.—Completion of the Austrian peace conditions has been delayed by the reparation problem. The American proposal that the new states formed from Austria-Hungary bear something toward the cost of the army of liberation has not met with favor. The French delegation is working upon a new plan.

Three Officials of United Mine Workers Defeated in Election

Sought Leading Officers in the U. M. W. Which Recently Absorbed the Amalgamated Mine Workers.

Sydney, N. S., June 23.—Incomplete returns tonight indicated that the three chief officials of the United Mine Workers had been defeated in their contest for the principal offices of the U. M. W., the international organization which recently absorbed the Amalgamated Mine Workers. Sydney Mines returns are complete and show that Silby Barrett, Robert Baxter and J. B. McLachlan were badly defeated. Full returns had not been received from Glace Bay, but they showed that the trio had also lost favor in the district. Barrett, Baxter and McLachlan had been president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer, respectively of the A. M. W. In the elections Barrett had been running for the office of international president, Fred McDonald, secretary of president, and McLachlan for the office of secretary-treasurer. The newly elected men will probably be: president, Fred McDonald; Secretary-Treasurer, Michael Byrne; International Board Member, Kent Foster.

INFURIATED MAN SHOOT AND KILLS A COMRADE

Lemuel Grant of Sydney Fires Revolver Shot at George Mapp, Killing Him Instantly.

Sydney, N. S., June 23.—Infuriated because George Mapp started for the police station to obtain protection for his (Grant's) wife, Lemuel Grant killed him with a revolver shot at 153 Tupper street this morning. He also fired at Mrs. Grant, but although she was only about three feet from him, he missed her, as she fell just as he fired. The revolver contained only two bullets, and the murderer was unable to complete his work. The incident, which led up to the shooting, occurred in the kitchen, in which Mr. and Mrs. Grant, Mapp and Albert Barrow were sitting. According to stories told by Mrs. Grant and Barrow Grant had been abusing his wife for about three weeks. Mrs. Grant referred to a woman on Hankar street, whom Grant has been keeping. When the argument had reached the climax, Mapp left the kitchen stating that he was going to the police station to obtain protection for Mrs. Grant. He reached the hall, when the murderer pulled the gun and shot him. The bullet entered Mapp's jaw and took an upward course.

He stated that in compliance with the expressed desire of the men's committee, he is endeavoring to arrange for them to hold a meeting in the Industrial Bureau tomorrow. Such a meeting would be subject to police control; a stenographic record of proceedings would be taken, and it would be broken up on any incitements to unlawful acts.

Hardly a meeting of the Committee has been held, during the past five weeks, without violent outbursts at what has been characterized by speakers as the arrogance of the Committee in introducing the idea of the "silent parade." An unconfirmed report says that a considerable number of rifles with ammunition were taken last night from aliens in the north end.

Some activity is in progress at the labor temple, where it would appear a meeting is being held. This is a block east of Main street on the corner of James street and right behind, back to back in fact, is the city police station outside which a number of special constables are waiting in automobiles.

Winnipeg Strikers Get More Sympathy From Victoria, B. C.

Victoria, B. C., June 23.—In response to the mandate issued by the Metal Trades Council, five thousand members of unions affiliated with that organization "dovetailed" here at ten o'clock this morning in sympathy with the Winnipeg strikers. Promptly at the strike of the hour set the strike went into effect. The large employment organization affected in Victoria is the Foundation Company of British Columbia, Limited, which concerns carries on a pay roll 4,200 men of all crafts.

The shipyard and machine shops are chiefly affected by the walkout. Two hundred men walked off the Choiberg shipbuilding contract, but, with the exception of about fifty men employed on sub-contracts, practically all the employees of the Harbor Marine Company, composed principally of returned soldiers, remained at work.

Union Gov't Record Is Unique

The Worst Scandal the Public Accounts Committee Has Been Able to Disclose is the Purchase of a Waste Paper Basket.

OPPOSITION SLEUTHS ARE CHAGRINED

Been Following up Every Scintilla in the Hope of Unearthing Some Big Graft Game But Acknowledge Defeat.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, June 23.—Union government has a record in regard to war expenditure which is unique. Since it was formed there has been three quarters of a billion dollars to a billion dollars spent on war, and hundreds of millions on other expenditures. And yet the worst scandal the public accounts committee has been able to disclose in regard to the purchase of a \$32 waste paper basket for Hon. J. A. Calder. When one considers the scandals that were unearthed every year in the days of the old regimes, when patronage ran riot, it is an astonishing record, the significance of which the public has, perhaps, not thoroughly seized.

The public accounts committee has been meeting diligently this session and the best opposition lawyers, in the person of Messrs. Duncan Ross, A. B. Copp, Thomas V. Joseph, Archambault, Lester Cannon and Edmond Proulx, have been carefully following up every scintilla of a scandal. Dozens of witnesses have been called and much time and money has been spent to ascertain that the government has been expending hundreds of millions of dollars have been wisely made. No hint whatever of graft or improper handling of the public money has been discovered or even hinted at. The only story, which could be set up by the opposition, was the purchase of the \$32 waste paper basket.

The evidence showed that the basket was purchased as a part of an office set by one of the departments in the absence of the minister and his secretary, and without his knowledge or consent. The minister not even knowing that such an article was to be purchased. The committee so far has really been a striking tribute to the honesty of the administration of Union Government.

LORD BEAVERBROOK TO PROVIDE FIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

Each Scholarship to be of the Value of \$325 a Year for the Period of a Whole Course.

Special to The Standard. Newcastle, June 23.—Lord Beaverbrook will offer five scholarships for the students attending denominational colleges. They will be awarded by competitive examination, and will be open to all students taking the matriculation examination for the University of New Brunswick. There is a further provision that three out of the five scholars must come from centres outside of St. John and Fredericton.

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Montcalm—J. F. Daniel, (Government), majority not given.

Charlevoix-Saguenay—P. Dufour (Government), 200 majority.

Chicoutimi—J. Goudreau (Conservative), 400 majority.

Winnipeg Put in Quiet Day Yesterday

Mayor Endeavoring to Arrange for the Strikers to Hold a Meeting Today in the Imperial Bureau.

Winnipeg, Man., June 23.—"Everything is quiet. I do not anticipate trouble today," said Mayor Charles F. Gray, to the Canadian Press Limited, today.

Asked whether he had heard the rumor that strike sympathizers were about to march on the city from the industrial northwestern suburb of Weston, His Worship said he had heard nothing of it.

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Germany Liable To Have Military Dictatorship

Paris, June 23.—The movement for a military dictatorship in Germany is gaining ground, according to advices received by the American military authorities quoting the Kreuz Zeitung of Berlin. Die Freiheit, the independent socialist paper, declares that the counter-revolutionary element is preparing to strike a blow against the government.

National Council of Women Elect Their Officials

In So Far as Quebec and the Maritime Provinces Are Concerned the Election is Complete.

Regina, Sask., June 23.—The election of officers for the National Council of Women resulted as follows, as far as Quebec and the Maritime Provinces are concerned:

Provincial vice-presidents—Mrs. D. McLellan, St. John, N. B.; Mrs. D. Carmichael, New Glasgow, N. S.; Mrs. Arthur Drummond, Quebec.

Vice-presidents—Prof. Carrie Dorick, Montreal; Mrs. Wm. Dennis, Halifax, N. S.

Education—Prof. Derrick, Montreal.

Taxation—Mrs. E. M. Murray, Halifax, N. S.

Mental deficient—Mrs. Stead, Halifax, N. S.

GOVIN RETURNS WITH REDUCED MAJORITY

His Former Strength Was 75 Liberals, 6 Conservatives; Yesterday's Returns Show 68 Liberals, 9 Conservatives and 20 Labor Union Men.

CONSERVATIVES LOST ONLY ONE SEAT

In Addition to Official Opposition of Nine Members There Are Several Liberals Elected on Independent Tickets.

Montreal, June 23.—Sir Lomer Gouin goes back to power in Quebec with a slightly reduced majority as a result of the provincial election. His former strength was 75 Liberals to 6 Conservatives. His present strength, leaving out Pontiac and Temiskaming, both of which returned Liberals last election, but returns for which are not to hand tonight, is 68 Liberals against 9 Conservatives and 20 Labor union men.

Labor is represented for the first time officially at Quebec, men who have formerly run under the name having been straight Liberals.

The government lost three seats on the island of Montreal, Maisonneuve, Laval and Dorion. In the first and last, labor replaces Liberals; in Laval it is a straight Conservative gain. Maisonneuve is the scene of Sir Lomer Gouin's speech last week.

The Conservatives lost only one seat, Charlevoix-Saguenay, by not contesting St. Ann in Montreal and Lac St. Jean they lost two others.

Outside of Montreal the government lost five seats, Ierville, Joliette, Labelle, Chicoutimi and St. Hyacinthe. The leader of the opposition, Arthur Sauvo was re-elected by 600 majority, a large one for a rural constituency.

In addition to the official opposition of nine members there are several Liberals who are elected on an independent ticket and of whom the government cannot be always sure.

A feature of the elections was the comparatively small majorities gained by the Liberal candidates, as compared with previous elections. Thus, Hon. Napoleon Seguin, the only minister to contest a seat, did not secure 1,000 majority, whereas in 1916 his majority was around 4,000.

The following results are reported in the provincial election today:

St. Sauveur—Arthur Paquet, (Liberal), 275 majority.

Quebec East—Louis Letourneau (Government), 379 majority.

Montmagny—C. A. Paquet, (Government), 182 majority.

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STEEL MERGER IS SURELY COMING

Negotiations Are on Foot Looking to a Consolidation of the Sydney Enterprise With the Steel Company of Canada.

Montreal, June 23.—Although official confirmation was withheld today, by officials of the Dominion Steel Corporation it is established beyond reasonable question, that preliminary negotiations, looking forward to a consolidation of the Sydney enterprise with the Steel Company of Canada, have been actually held and that further meetings between representatives of the two companies are to take place during the coming week. It was also stated that, in the event of a consolidation of the two concerns, the Sydney steel plant of the Dominion Corporation would, in all likelihood, be devoted almost entirely to export trade, to the development of which the steel officials are looking forward to so hopefully. The Steel Company of Canada, in that event, would confine its major efforts to domestic business.

On what basis such a merger would be worked out is altogether a matter of conjecture.

Washington, June 23.—President Wilson called Secretary Tumulty today that he expected to leave Brazil on his homeward journey Wednesday or Thursday.

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