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## CARDS ON THE TABLE FACE UP AND PLAY GAME LIKE MEN

### Call By Lumbermen's President To Canadian Industrial Life

#### First Meeting of Canadian Lumbermen's Association—The Work During the War and the Task in Reconstruction Period—St. John's Claims Presented by Mayor and Board of Trade President

Lumbermen from all parts of Canada assembled in the Board of Trade rooms at ten o'clock this morning for the eleventh annual convention of the Canadian Lumbermen's Association. The retiring president, W. Gerard Power of St. Paul, P. Q., was in the chair and the number of delegates present crowded the room to its capacity.

Addresses of welcome were given by Mayor Hayes and R. B. Emerson, president of the Board of Trade, in which references were made to the local aspect of the lumber industry and to some of the problems which confront the lumbermen as well as others during the period of reconstruction.

In a carefully considered address the president reviewed the work of the last year and discussed the future of the trade and some of its present problems. Reports were received also from the secretary, treasurer and the executive.

During the morning there were interesting discussions on a proposed amendment to the Burt Act, which was referred to a special committee, on the gathering and publication of lumber trade statistics and a suggested amalgamation with the Eastern provinces, which subjects were referred to the resolutions committee.

The business sessions were continued this afternoon and will be tomorrow morning. This evening the annual banquet will be held in the Union Club and tomorrow the visiting delegates will be entertained by the New Brunswick members at luncheon.

Mayor Hayes was called upon to welcome the delegates to the city and in doing so referred to the importance of the lumber industry in this province and to this port. In spite of the great quantities of lumber already cut, there still remain great areas of virgin timber in the New Brunswick province of the leading lumbering provinces of Canada.

On the subject of the revival of the wooden shipbuilding business, touching on the Dominion's experience and achievements in the war, he expressed his belief that the reconstruction period the business men of the country would do their share. The mayor told of recent developments in St. John's, what still was to be done here, and in closing extended a hearty greeting to the delegates.

The president briefly replied, thanking the mayor for his welcome. R. B. Emerson, president of the St. John Board of Trade then welcomed the delegates on behalf of the business men of the city. His address is given elsewhere.

The president replied and then proceeded to the routine work of registration, etc. W. E. Bigwood, of Toronto, addressed the meeting on a resolution previously presented providing for the election of directors on the arrangement of three years, to be elected each year. The presentation will be as follows—Ontario, Quebec, 6; N. B. and N. S., 4, and so on, in that order, until the end of twenty. In order to begin the arrangement and secure the election of directors, the seven directors will be elected for three years, the next seven for two years and the remaining seven for one year. In succeeding years it will be necessary to elect only seven members to succeed those retiring.

In reply to Angus McLean, it was explained that the maritime province representation was not separated by province. On the suggestion of F. C. Beattie, it was decided to give the maritime provinces an opportunity to confer on candidates. Balloting will take place this afternoon.

A. C. Mather of Toronto, who is going overseas to conduct a publicity campaign in the interests of Ontario lumbermen and their products, was permitted to withdraw his name from nomination. The secretary presented a communication of the National Drainage Congress which met in Chicago last year, dealing with reclamation of waste lands by drainage. It was explained that the only way Canada might be affected would be by the diversion of water. No action was taken.

The retiring president then presented his annual address as follows: It gives me particular gratification to meet so many old friends, and some new ones, at this the 11th annual convention of the Canadian Lumbermen's Association.

The lumber trade of Canada has gone a long way in the world during the past four years. They have been represented in all departments of the war, from the private in the trenches to major generals, and some of our lumbermen have lost their lives. The trade has lost future members, and I am sure the deepest sympathy goes out to all who suffered through the war. They have been represented in all departments of the war, from the private in the trenches to major generals, and some of our lumbermen have lost their lives. The trade has lost future members, and I am sure the deepest sympathy goes out to all who suffered through the war.

## PUNISH THEM, NO MATTER HOW HIGHLY PLACED

### British Attorney General Speaks of Enemy Officer Offenders

#### GATHERING EVIDENCE Who They Are and What the Offences Cannot Be Publicly Discussed Yet—Security Necessary to Succeed in Investigation

Paris, Feb. 5.—(British Wireless Service)—Sir Gordon Hewart, British attorney-general and member of the committee on responsibility for the war, made a brief statement yesterday with reference to the British view on the punishment of enemy officer offenders. "The British view," he said, "unambiguously placed, must be made to suffer visible punishment without any avoidable delay."

"Who, precisely, are the offenders, what offences will be charged against them and by what process punishment will be imposed, are questions requiring most careful consideration. Nor is it convenient to discuss these questions, as many questions before the peace conference may not be discussed publicly. The commission on offences and punishments is really engaged in a task of criminal investigation, and for that task secrecy is no less important than despatch. Three sub-committees have already been appointed, one to collect and examine the facts, and the other two to consider questions of law. The foundation of the whole matter must, of course, be evidence, and in this department, as well as upon questions of law, the commission will derive much assistance from the careful and continuous labors of a committee in London appointed last November by the law officers of the crown. A great deal of material has already been brought together, and this work is being continued without pause."

#### RUSSIANS URGE ALLIED ACTION AGAINST BOLSHEVIKI

Vladivostok, Feb. 5.—(By W. E. Playfair, Canadian Press Correspondent)—The decision of the peace conference regarding Allied policy in Russia and Siberia is eagerly awaited by the Canadians and others of the Allied forces here. The general belief at present is that the attitude of watchful waiting will continue in the meantime, but the military heads here appear to be uniform in regard to future procedure. The Russian press guardedly is opposing withdrawal of the Allied forces, and is urging active participation against the Bolsheviki. In accordance with this, the Japanese are evacuating part of their forces. The Czechs are withdrawing from the Ural front to guard the railway line.

#### RETURNED SOLDIER MAYOR OF STELLARTON.

Halifax, Feb. 5.—Nova Scotia towns yesterday were saddened by the news that in Stellarton, owing to a misunderstanding as to a new division of the town into wards, the people failed to elect a councillor. Dr. G. W. Whitman, a returned soldier, was declared mayor of Stellarton by acclamation.

#### BUFFALO MEAT FOR SALE IN TORONTO

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 5.—Buffalo meat appeared upon a Toronto market yesterday for the first time in the city's history. It was from the carcasses of three Buffalo bulls killed at the Harris abattoir last week because they had become unmanageable enroute from a government ranch in the northwest.

#### IN WALL STREET.

New York, Feb. 5.—Motors, leathers, oils and some of the food specialties recently favored by speculative investors were reactionary at the quiet and heavy opening of today's stock market, denoting further bearish pressure. United States Steel and other standard industrial stocks moved within extremely narrow bounds, with only an occasional transaction in transportation. Oil and tin prices were equally apathetic, tobacco and American Sugar alone displaying firmness.

#### NOON REPORT

Coppers continued to weigh heavily upon the market, breaking sharply in the second hour, when announcement was made of the cut in American Smelting dividends from one and a half per cent to one per cent quarterly. Smelting extended its reversal to four points, kindred stocks falling one to two, while motors and oils added to their reactions of the opening. United States Steel cancelled its moderate advance and other leaders were subjected to renewed pressure, though rallying moderately at noon. Liberty bonds were easier, foreign exchange holding steady.

## Isolate The Germ of Influenza Army Doctors Also Identify That of Trench Fever and Other Diseases

London, Feb. 5.—The virus of trench fever and those of influenza and of some forms of nephritis have been isolated and identified, according to a report submitted to the director general of the army medical service in France by army medical officers who have been investigating.

According to the official statement the virus in each case has been proved to be a minute globular cell, varying in size and behaviour in the three types of disease. Investigations have resulted, it is believed, in the isolation of the germs of mumps, measles and typhus, the virus of which have hitherto been obscure, and the bacilli of which have never been isolated.

#### HALL CASE TO TRY THIS AFTERNOON

Saco, Maine, Feb. 5.—The case of Henry H. Hall, Wells Depot pastor accused of the murder of his wife, will probably be in the hands of the jury this afternoon. With the examination of the preacher himself completed yesterday the proceedings moved rapidly toward the finish.

#### MRS. ROOSEVELT GOES TO FRANCE, TO GRAVE OF HER SOLDIER SON

New York, Feb. 5.—Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt was among the passengers on the French liner Lorraine which sailed from here today. She will visit the grave of her son, Lieut. Quentin Roosevelt, who was killed in an airplane battle over the German lines.

#### THOS. BOUQUÉ, NOVA SCOTIA FISHERMAN, IS DROWNED

Liverpool, N. S., Feb. 5.—The 17-month fishing schooner, "Eggs," returned to port today from the Banks, reporting the loss of one of the crew, Thomas Bourque, of Sluice Point, N. S. Bourque was out in his boat yesterday morning and to his tragic fate he fell overboard. The boat was hauled back intact and, while he was being hoisted, he expired under a big sea struck it. Bourque, aged 30, was thrown into the sea, sank immediately.

#### RESCUED N.V.A. SCOTIANS LANDED AT NEW YORK

New York, Feb. 5.—The crew of seven men of the Nova Scotia schooner William Duff, abandoned sixty miles east of Nassau on Feb. 1, was brought here today by the Red D line steamer "Pulsadelpia," which rescued the men. They were caught in a heavy gale on Jan. 27, and soon after the ship sprang a leak. The Duff was carrying all from Turk Island to Lunenburg, N. S., where the vessel was owned.

#### DO NOT MEAN TO RELEASE SINN FEIN PRISONERS UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES

London, Feb. 5.—Reports that the members of the Sinn Fein who had been interned in England were to be released were set at naught today by a statement issued from the office of the secretary of the British government that the Sinn Fein prisoners were not to be released "under the present circumstances."

#### SON OF MR. AND MRS. JO IN R. RUSS, SOLDIER, SUGGESTS IN AN ENGLISH HOSPITAL

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Ross of Westfield have received an official telegram from Ottawa announcing that their eldest son, Pte. W. Percy Ross, had died of lobar pneumonia in the military hospital, Bransford, England, on Jan. 26, aged twenty-eight years. He leaves to mourn his father and mother, five brothers and five sisters. The brothers are James, with the American forces in France; Horace, of Portland, Maine; Albert, of St. John; William and Richard, M. Ayes of 88 Autumn street, Katicene, Mabel, Amanda and Anne, at home. The parents are grief-stricken over the sad news, particularly as this is the second death in the family in six weeks—Mrs. William Marshall of St. John, who died on Dec. 12. Boston papers are asked to copy.

#### WINNIPEG TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL BANS THE REPORTERS

Winnipeg, Feb. 5.—At a meeting of the Trades and Labor Council last night, it was decided to exclude the representatives of the press from all deliberations of that body in future, and that a press committee be appointed. A notice of motion that no officer of the Trades and Labor Council be permitted to hold any public office will be dealt with at the next meeting.

#### FAREWELL PRESENTATION.

Fredericton, Feb. 5.—The members of the imperial government of Germany arrived in Weimar Monday. They took up their residence in the palace and later held a cabinet meeting.

#### HAD SLEIGH DRIVE.

The students of the Currie Commercial Institute enjoyed a sleigh drive to Turbun and return last night. About seventy were in the party. On arrival back in the city they enjoyed a pleasant social time in the institute rooms.

## No Intervention in Russia On A Large Scale

### Not To Be Thought Of Says Balfour

#### NO IMPROVEMENT TODAY IN LONDON

#### Rain and Snow Make Matters Still Worse

#### THE BRITISH STRIKES

#### Hotels in Metropolis Offer Only Meagre Imitations of Regular Menu—More Men Return to Work in Glasgow

London, Feb. 5.—There was no improvement today in the strike situation in London. All the tubes and underground lines with the exception of the Metropolitan, which, however, has only one line running into the city, were still closed up. The hotels and restaurants, while able to replace a few of their servants, still were offering only meagre imitations of their regular menu.

Thousands of people, again had to trudge long distances to work, unfortunately through slush an inch deep caused by a sudden thaw followed by rain during the night. To make matters worse there was a slight fall of snow today.

Some government offices and large business firms overcame the difficulties of the situation for their staffs by running motor lorries from the outlying districts to central London. There were many more automobiles on the streets, and bicycles are coming into their own again.

Today will decide whether or not the staffs of the electrical power stations will join the strikers. According to the authorities, it makes little difference what action is taken, because the Electrical Power Engineers' A station have promised to keep the stations in operation, while there are many men on the executive staffs of the big companies capable of taking the places of the regular workmen.

More men returned to work today in Glasgow, while the presence of Lord Pirrie, controller of merchant shipbuilding in Belfast, gives some hope of a settlement there.

#### PROPOSIT BOLSHEVIKI CONFERENCE T AT WOULD ECLIPSE ALL

Stockholm, Feb. 5.—An exhortation from President Lenin addressed to all Bolsheviki committees in Germany, Austria, Poland, the Baltic provinces and Finland to convene a common conference intended to eclipse both the peace conference at Paris and the Socialist conference at Bern, is published by the Petrograd newspapers. Lenin declares that the Bolsheviki also will have the right to take the initiative at the proposed conference.

#### SEVENTEEN HUNDRED GERMANS IN CAMPS IN CANADA AT PRESENT

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—There are at present in various internment camps throughout the Dominion about 2,200 interned prisoners, of whom 1,700 are Germans, the remainder Austrian and other enemy nationalities. Of the 1,700 Germans, 800 were captured from the West Indies and are held at the request of His Majesty's government. The government has been providing for the deportation of all enemy prisoners of war who are regarded as dangerous, hostile or undesirable, and this order is now being carried out subject, of course, to the limitations necessarily imposed by the shortage of shipping and the restrictions by enemy countries upon repatriation. Inquiry is also being made of His Majesty's government for the purpose of obtaining direct advice as to what disposition they wish to be made of 800 Germans who were transferred from the West Indies.

#### DISEASE CAUSED MORE DEATHS THAN WAR.

New York, Feb. 5.—Pestilence caused more deaths than war during 1918, according to the annual report of the New York Life Insurance Company. While the death losses paid by the company in 1918 exceeded those of the previous year by \$5,000,000, it was stated that the actual number of deaths was five per cent less than the expected mortality.

#### BOYCOTT AT BUENOS AIRES.

Buenos Aires, Feb. 5.—The shippers here last night declared an absolute port lockout because of the maritime workers persisting in boycotting some vessels. Every hand aboard coastwise shipping was dismissed.

#### SCOTIAN AT LIVERPOOL.

The steamer Scotian, from St. John and Halifax, arrived at Liverpool yesterday.

## WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, Director, meteorological service.

Synopsis—The weather is now very cold in the western provinces and moderately cold in other parts of the Dominion. The barometer is highest in Manitoba and lowest near the Atlantic coast.

Snow—Maritime—West and north winds, moderately cold with light snow falls. Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—Moderately cold with light local snow falls.

New England—Local snows and colder tonight; Thursday, fair and colder; moderate winds, mostly west.