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PREMIER PROMISES MARITIME LOWER FREIGHT RATE IF JUSTICE TO REST OF THE DOMINION WIIL PERMIT CHANGES

Delegation from Atlantic Coast Provinces Tells Federal Heads That Terms of Confederation Must be Observed Fully to Overcome Industrial Stagnation Prevailing Rates Have Caused.

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA ACT CANNOT BE CONSIDERED SCRAP OF PAPER

Premier Meighen Declares No Thought of Discriminating Against Maritime Provinces and That They Are Entitled to Their Chance of Making Same Industrial Progress as Rest of Canada.

(Special Staff Correspondence)

Ottawa, June 1—The Maritime Convention to urge the fulfillment of the confederation pledge to the Maritime Provinces in the operation of the Intercolonial Railway, was given at attentive hearing by the members of the cabinet this morning. At its close Premier Meighen promised a full and sympathetic consideration of the claims set forth by the speakers, Messrs. Hon. R. B. Finn, H. J. Logan, K.C., Ivan C. Rand, H. R McLellan and W S. Fisher, the delegation, fifty of the leading business and professional men of the Maritimes and the Maritime members filled the large Railway Committee room to capacity. The arguents presented seemed to make a deep impression of those present.

At the Hearing

The premier occupied the chair. Other members of the cabinet present were Sir Geo. Foster, Hon. J. A. Calder, Hon. Mr. Spinney, Hon. F. B. McCurdy, Hon. G Robertson, Hon. Hugh Guthrie, Hon. R. W. Wigmore, Hon. J. D. Reid, Hon. C. J. Doherty, Sir Henry Drayton and Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, Senators Lougheed, Thorne, Daniel, Fowler, McDonald and Stanfield, and the following M. P.'s were also present:—Martin McGregor, Hon. W. S. Fielding, Sinclair (Guysboro), Tremaine, McIsaac, Davidson, Chisholm, eKnnedy, Caldwell, Douglas, Turgeon, Sinclair (Queens, P. E. I.), Copp, Hon. A. K. McLean and Gen. McLean. The delegation was introduced by Hon. F. B. McCurdy, minister of public works.

Hon. R. E. Finn

Hon. R. E. Finn, the first speaker, said the Maritime Provinces were a unit in the demand that the I. C. R. be kept a separate unit, with management in the Maritime Provinces and the rates be such as would permit of the manufacturers marketing their product in the markets of Upper and Western Canada. They were asking that the promises made at the time of Confederation as a price of their coming into the union be made good. By entering into union with Upper Canada, these provinces had lost a great market in the United States because of the high tariff wall, and now they were in danger of losing the market in Upper and Western Canada by reason of the very high freight rates. To carry out these Confederation promises the I. C. R. must remain under the minister of railways and separate and apart from the Canadian National system. The I. C. R. was in the same position with regard to the Maritime Provinces as Upper Canada was to the canals.

H. J. Logan, K.C.

H. J. Logan traced the history of the railway from 1867, when it was first mooted down to the present day and quoted extracts from addresses by the fathers of Confederation, which proved, conclusively, that they never expected the railway to be a commercial success, and that it was built to give the people of these provinces access to the markets of Upper and Western Canada in return for New Brunswick and Nova Scotia entering into the union, referring particularly to the statement of Sir George Brown that "It was better to build half a dozen I. C. R.'s than lose the union."

Hon. Mr. Meighen here interjected a question as to how Confederation hindered trade with the United States?

Mr. Logan in answer said he believed the tariff wall never would have been erected against the Maritime Provinces had they not been in the union. The people of the Maritime Provinces were not asking for charity or for special concessions; they were only asking for the carrying out of the original bargain. During the past twenty-five years there had been spent in railway building in Canada over one billion dollars, and of this the only ones built in the Maritime Provinces were from Edmundston to Moncton, and a short piece on the south shore of Nova Scotia. They were not complaiing of this, however, but they did want their just rights in the I. C. R. They reminded the cabinet that the general welfare of the Maritime Provinces was necessary to the general welfare of the dominion, and that these provinces were destined to be more than a mere right of way from Central and Western Canada to a seaboard. A just policy toward the manufacturing interests of these provinces would make for their prosperity and for the prosperity of the whole country.

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ENGLAND'S M.P.'S WANT MORE CASH

Still Receive 400 Pounds Annually as Before War Raised Expenses.

London, June 1—The hardships of the members of the House of Commons whose official salary of £400 yearly has not been changed since the war, despite the incrased cost of living and travelling, have been the subject of much discussion reecntly, and the government on recommendation of a special committee has proposed to exempt the salaries from the income tax and to allow the travelling expenses.

Fierce Opposition

These proposals have met with fierce opposition outside the House, mainly on the ground that such action would render the members indifferent to the interests of the income tax payers.

When the proposals were submitted in the House today the government felt constrained to allow the members a free vote, with the result that both proposals were rejected. Austen Chamberlain, the government leader, in the course of the debate, expressed the opinion that the House could recognize the expenses of travelling as working expenses.

Cabinet Consider Liquor Vendor Board

Ministers to Visit St. John Today to Consult With the Hon. Mr. Tweeddale.

Fredericton, N. B., June 1—At the meeting of the Executive Council of the government, held here tonight, it is said that most of the evening was spent considering the work of the Board of Liquor Vendors. Several members of the government will be in St. John tomorrow to see Hon. Mr. Tweeddale, chairman of the Board, relative to the taking over of stocks of liquor there.

CHURCH UNION OFF FOR TIME

Presbyterian Committee Will Report Against Immediate Organic Union of Churches

Toronto, June 1.—Unanimous agreement recommending to the Presbyterian General Assembly further postponement of organic union with the Methodist, Congregational and Anglican churches has been reached by the church union committee which will report to the assembly this week, according to the Toronto Telegram.

The report recommends, it is understood, a continuation of "co-operation with the other denominations towards Christian unity," but the committee is of the opinion that the time is not ripe for actual organic union

Against Immediate Union.

However, although the committee has reached a decision against immediate union, the report, it is said, will show definite progress toward that ultimate objective.

Incidentally this is the first time a Presbyterian church union committee has reached an unanimous report on this contentious subject. At previous assemblies a minority report has always been presented.

American Labor Conditions Better

But Little Prospect of Any Immediate Sharp Improvement in Work State.

Washington, June 1—While a "definite turn for the better" has been taken by some branches of industry and the business outlook for the season continues generally more favorable there is little prospect for any immediate sharp improvement of conditions, the United States Federal Resreve Board declared tonight in its review of the financial and economic situation throughout the United States during May.

"RALPH CONNOR" MODERATOR OF THE ASSEMBLY

Retiring Head Thinks Greater Place Must be Given Women in Churches.

RECALLS SUCCESS OF SALVATION ARMY

Church Cannot Afford to Neglect Woman's Calls to Wider Duties.

Toronto, Ont., June 1—Rev. Dr. C. W. Gordon, of Winnipeg, better known perhaps as Ralph Connor, the novelist, was elected modrator of the Presbyterial Church in Canada at the opening sederunt of the 47th General Assembly tonight in St. James' Square Presbyterian Church here. Only two other names were placed before assembly for a vote, those of Rev. Dr. Ephiram Scott, of Montreal, editor of the Presbyterian Record, and Rev. Dr. E. D. McLaren, of Vancouver. Two others were also nominated, Rev. Dr. W. L. Clay, of Victoria, B. C., and Dr. W. J. Clark of Montreal; but these two withdrew before the vote was taken.

Tribute to Fallen

The retiring moderator, Prof. Ballantyne, of Knox College, delivered a forceful and eloquent sermon, emphasizing the need of giving women a wider sphere of activity and influence in the church and for the brushing aside of non-essentials in considering the question of church union.

The time had come, he thought, for granting a wider recognition of the services of which women were performing. In modern days women seemed to have lost some of the responsibilities which she formerly enjoyed.

Recalls Salvation Army

The Salvation Army had done something towards restoring them, but the work of women in the war had done most to force the situation on the attention of the public. Women had heard the call to new duties and the church, the speaker felt, could not afford to hold the last ditch against their advance.

Before retiring fro mthe chair, Prof. Ballantyne made feeling references to leaders of the church, who had passed away in the last year. Among them were Dr. Robert Campbell, who had occupied the position of clerk of the assembly for thirty years; Dr. John Fallis, Dr. T. F. Fullerton, of New Brunswick; Dr. Andrew Robertson, of Toronto; George McCraney, of Saskatchewan. He also paid tribute to memory of Rev. J. D. Morrow, who, he believed, had been without a peer in Canada in reaching the outcasts of society.

OPENS SAILORS' INSTITUTE

Halifax, N. S., June 1 — Formally opening the Halifax Sailors' Institute here tonight, Commodore Aemilius Jarvis, of Toronto, president of the Navy League, who is in the city attending a conference of the Dominion Council of that organization laid emphasis on the fact that the Navy League probably organizing in a sentimental desire of inland people to show their gratitude and devotion to the Canadian sailor, had reached the business of a proposition.

LEAGUE TO TALK OF ARTICLE 10

London, June 1—The committee on amendments to the covenant of the League of Nations, which held its first meeting in Geneva on April 6, resumed its sessions in London today, its programme including proposed alterations of ten articles of the covenant submitted by eleven nations, members of the League. The sessions under the presidency of Hon. A. J. Balfour, are expected to continue a week. Among the most important proposals to be considered is the amendment offered by Canada for the total elimination of Article X, which the Dominion opposed during the Peace Conference and which is the keystone of the opposition of the United States.

Advises More Study of Shale Problem

Ottawa, June 1.—In the Senate today Senator Fowler presented the report for the committee investigating oil shale development and recommended that as the committee had not completed its work it be empowered to continue its investigations next session.

No Paper Tomorrow

Tomorrow being the King's Birthday The Standard will not be issued.

TWO DUBLIN PAPERS BARRED FROM MAILS

Freeman's Journal and Evening Telegraph Cannot Circulate in Martial Law Areas for Week

Dublin, June 1.—By order of Major-General Sir Edward Strickland, commanding the British troops in Munster, the Freeman's Journal and the Dublin Evening Telegraph have been excluded for a week from circulating in the area covered by martial law.

BETTER FEELING BETWEEN MINERS AND OPERATORS

Pitmen Accept Premier's Statement That No Compulsion Was Intende.

CUT LEAVES AMPLE FOR LIVING COSTS

Withdrawal of Rail Embargo Cuts Feet from Beneath Coal Miners.

London, June 1.—Premier Lloyd George's emphatic denial that compulsion had even been hinted at in connection with the miners' strike was accepted today by Frank Hodges, the leader of the miners, who, however, declares that such was the impression gained. Good temper is therefore once more in the ascendant, but the miners' district councils continue to record decision against the government's plans. Nevertheless, indications are increasing of a possibie approach between the miners and the mine owners.

Cut Leave Ample.

Sir Robert Horne, chancellor of the exchequer, has made an important statement, drawing attention to the fact that wages are so high that even with the proposed cuts they would be quite equal to the present cost of living. Increased outputs, says the chancellor, is the crux of the whole situation. Especially important is the withdrawal by railway and transport workers of the ban on imported coal.

Embargo Never Effective.

The embargo has never been really effective, and was still less popular with those expected to work it and yesterday's withdrawal of similar prohibition by the locomotive workers cut the feet from under the other unions.

Lord Gainforda, prominent mine owner, declares that the owners are always ready to meet the men to discuss the wages. They would also meet them to discuss general principles of a national character, but as to the application of such principles they would prefer to meet by districts

Howard P. Robinson Married At Winnipeg

After Wedding Tour Mr. and Mrs. Robinson Will Reside in St. John.

Special to The Standard.

Winnipeg, June 1.—In Holy Trinity church, Donald street, Winnipeg, this evening, the marriage took place of Howard P. Robinson, of St. John, N B., managing director of the New Brunswick Telephone Company, and Miss Pearl Fox, of Fox Creek, N. B. a former overseas nurse. The ceremony was performed at nine o'clock by the Rev. Walter Southam. The bride, who was given away by R. F McWilliams, K. C., wore a navy blue travelling costume with white Georgette blouse trimmed with filet lace and a model hat of blue and white.

Reception at Devon Court.

The bridal bouquet was of pink roses. After the ceremony which was witnessed by a considerable gathering of friends of the parties, a reception was held at Devon Court, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams Later in the evening Mr. and Mrs Robinson left by C. P. R. on their honeymoon trip to Vancouver and Victoria, stopping at Banff, Lake Louise and other points enroute Returning in the course of a few weeks Mr. and Mrs. Robinson will make their home at 1 Chipman Hill St. John, N. B.

Germans Drive The Poles' Armies Back

Oppeln, Silesia, June 1—In heavy fighting this afternoon in the Posnowitz woods, near Gross-Strehlitz, the Poles were compelled to fall back before the onslaught of the Germans.

The Germans report their casualties as twelve dead and 31 wounded, who were taken to Krappitz. The Poles left 130 dead on the field. Their wounded were removed. The Polish forces were entrenched deep in the forest and the Germans were in the open. Eventually the Germans entered the forest, and desperate fighting ensued at close range with machine guns, rifles and revolvers.

Tonight the Poles had fallen back still further,

ESTIMATE 175 ARE SLAIN IN RACE RIOTING

Ten Blocks of Houses Occupied by Negroes Are Burned at Tulsa.

FEAR MANY LOST LIVES IN HOMES

Battle Between White and Colored People Stops When Soldiers Come.

Tulsa, Okla, June 1 — Later this evening police headquarters had reports that conservative estimates of the dead would be about twenty-five white and fifty negroes.

Tulsa, Okla., June 1 — Race riots here today resulted in the death of eighty or more persons, including whites, and the injury of scores, according to estimates by the police, and in the destruction of ten blocks of homes in the negro quarter. Despite the placing of the city under martial law, desultory firing continued during the afternoon, but the city this evening was comparatively quiet. Four companies of the National Guard under Adjutant-General Barrett on duty.

May Be 175 Dead

The reported death list grew all day. At noon the chief of police notified Governor Robertson at Oklahoma City that the total was seventy-five. In one statement Major Charles W. Daley, of the police department, put the figure at 175, saying he believed many negroes had been burned to death in their homes. Nine white men are known to have been killed.

With the early arrival of Adjutant-General Barrett and a machine gun company from Oklahoma City, a semblanche of order was restored. Several thousand negroes were assembled at Convention Hall, the baseball park and the police station, and there guarded. Orders were issued for the disarming of all persons not belonging to the guard or especially deputized.

Detachments of the National Guard were scattered about the city at stragetic points, especially about the negro quarter, where 10,000 to 13,000 negroes, it is estimated, make their homes. Nearly half that number are now under guard. Dick Rowland, the negro, whose arrest led to the disturbances, was removed from the city to a nunnamed spot. Officers declared he would be given a speedy trial.

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RAILWAY LABOR TO MAKE PLANS

Agreement on Wage Schedule Will be Formed to Oppose Expected Reductions.

Ottawa, June 1—The report of the United States Labor Board "recommending a general reduction in the wages of railroad employes should not have anything but an indirect effect on the situation in Canada." M. MacLean, Grand Secretary-Treasurer of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employes stated this evening. Officials of Canadian railways, he said, recently notified the representatives of the employes that they would seek a rvision in the schedules of wages and working conditions.

The changes that will be sought have not as yet been indicated, but in labor circles it is anticipated that the United States Labor Board decision will likely be used as a basis for negotiations. "The railway employes' organizations in Canada will likely get together an dformulate an unanimous policy respecting the questions in working schedules and wage scales," Mr. MacLean concluded.

Margaret Long To Get Decision Soon

Fredericton, N. B., June 1—It will be some days yet before the case of Margaret Long, the girl who was acquitted of slaying her baby at McAdam recently, before the Lieutenant-Governor decides what will be done with her. It is understood that physicians will make a report on the present mental condition of the girl and that the Lieutenant-Governor has asked for a transcript of the evidence.

CLOTHING WORKERS WILL ACCEPT WAGE CUT

New York, June 1.—The clothing strike in New York which has involved approximately 65,000 men and women workers since last December, was settled tonight on a basis of a fifteen per cent wage reduction and an agreement as to a union policy and an impartial board of arbitration. Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, announced that 30,000 workers were to return to work at once. The agreement, he said, would be signed formally by the union and the clothing manufacturers' association tomorrow.

World News Today

CANADA

"Ralph Connor," elected Moderator of the Presbyteran General Assembly.

Entire crew of the "Esperanto" was rescued by fishing schooner and brought to Halifax.

Maritime delegation lays its claims before the Federal authorities and is proimsed consideration

UNITED STATES

Estimates that 175 whites and negroes have been killed in the race war at Tulsa, Okla.

BRITISH ISLES

Better feeling existing, it is said, between the coal miners, the government and the operators.

EUROPE

Germany pays one billion gold marks as part of the indemnity due the Allies.

POLITICS AND POETRY MIXED IN THE HOUSE

Biggs' Roads Set Both Parties Making Rhymes for Members' Amusement.

CHARGE HIGHWAYS GO NEAR MINISTER

Having Passed Grant Commons Went Back to Grand Trunk Loan.

Ottawa, Ont., June 1—For three hours tonight the house talked of the "roads that Biggs built"—the Hon. F. C. Biggs, minister of public works and highways for Ontario. It was discussion charged with severe criticism of Mr. Biggs' highways policy in Ontario, with counter claims from opposition that the Dominion government—in granting federal assistance to highways—was partially responsible for any extravagance. The government members, in the ardor of their attack, burst into rhyme.

Roads! Roads! Roads!

Gordon Wilson of Wentworth, who led the charge, parodying Tennyson, pictured Mr. Biggs with:

Roads to the right of him,
Roads to the left of him,
Roads on all sides of him.

Dr. Edwards of Frontenac, capping the parody, acclaimed, to the intense amusement of both sides of the house:

This is the road that Biggs built,
The costly road that Biggs built,
It runs right through Frank Biggs' farm,
Between Biggs and Biggs' barn;
It doesn't do Frank Biggs any harm—
This private road that Biggs built.

All Near His Home.

Among the charges made against Mr. Biggs were those of extravagance, that roads were not being distributed across the province, but that ebpenditure was being centralized in the district surrounding the farm of Mr. Biggs and his relatives.

Dr. Clark of Red Deer argued that the attacks on Mr. Biggs were equally attacks on the highways policy of the minister of railways. Hon. Dr. Reid, minister of railways, observed that the federal government had so far paid out very little of its forty per cent. share of the cost of the roads. A careful check would be maintained. There was no need for the Dominion to share in any undue expenditure.

The vote under discussion—one of $53,000 to pay for the organization and payment of staff of the commissioner of highways—was passed and the houe again took up the Grand Trunk loan.

Knights of Pythias Start Big Hall

Moncton Home Will be Financed by a Boud Issue to Cover Entire Costs.

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, June 1.—Turning the first sod this afternoon for the new castle hall to be erected by the Moncton Knights of Pythias, D. M. Cochrane, of Halifax, Grand Chancellor of the Maritime Domain, declared that Westmorland Lodge was starting the biggest undertaking of any K. of P. lodge in the Maritime Provinces, if not in Canada. The new K. of P. hall is to be three stories with basement, gymnasium, swimming pool and modernly equipped in every particular. way The building is to be located at the corner of Gordon and Bonaccord streets. The project will be financed by a bond issue, and Grand Chancellor Cochrane showed his faith in the undertaking by subscribing for the first bond to be issued. Work has already been started on the new K. of P. hall under the supervision of contractor Lorne Reid.

RAIDERS BURN RESIDENCE

Mallow, Ireland, June 1.—The residence of Mrs. Purdon Coote, was completely destroyed by fire today The blaze was started by a party of fifteen men.

ALL CREW OF ESPERANTO IS SAFE IN PORT

Picked up Twenty Minutes After the Schooner Went to Bottom.

HIT SUBMERGED WRECK ON MONDAY

Vessel Tore Side Out and Went to Bottom in Twenty Minutes.

Halifax, N. S., June 1.—Capt. Benham and the crew of the American schooner Esperanto, which foundered off Sable Island early Monday morning, arrived here this morning on the Gloucester schooner Elsie.

Esperanto came to grief, they report, by striking a submerged wreck The crew took to the dories and the schooner sank in twenty minutes.

Three hours later the Elsie came along and picked up the Esperanto's crew and their dories.

Knew Wreck Was There.

Captain Goel, skipper of the Elsie at first thought of landing them on Sable Island, but the surf was too heavy and he decided to bring them to Halifax. Members of the crew of the Esperanto said they had known of the submerged wreck as being in the vicinity and that the schooner's course had just been changed to avoid it, when she struck. This was Monday morning at 6 o'clock.

Capt. Thos. J. Benham, of the Esperanto related that early Monday morning in thick weather, he set out from off the northwest light of Sable Island to a position off the northwest bar in search of fish. Finding the fishing poor here, he made for the southwest bar, where it appeared to be better. It was on this course, while south of the northwest light of Sable Island, in nine fathoms of water, that the Esperanto struck a submerged wreck, wripping off her port broadside and sinking in 15 minutes. The time was 5.45 o'clock Monday morning.

Took to Dories.

The crew immediately took to the dories and proceeded to row to Sable Island. An hour later the fog cleared and the Elsie was sighted on the middle station, three miles to the eastward. The dories were thereupon pointed in the direction of Captain Alden Goel's schooner. After taking the Esperanto's crew aboard the Elsie stood up the wreck, remaining in the vicinity for an hour.

Captain Goel believed, Benham said that it was possible for those on Sable Island to see the Esperanto's crew being taken aboard the Elsie and for this reason he did not finally set out for Halifax, the only port he could fetch under the weather conditions obtaining at the time until 10.30 o'clock Monday morning. With light head winds confronting him, he was unable to make port before this morning.

Feels Loss Keenly.

Capt. Benham naturally feels the loss of the Esperanto keenly. He states that he has been fishing off the island for upwards of twenty years, some times in three fathoms of water, and has never previously met with an accident. He leaves with his crew for Gloucester today. The Elsie Second is returning to the Banks for the purpose of completing her catch.

START WORK ON RAIL ORDER

Forty Thousand Tons of Rails Ordered by the Dominion Government.

Sydney, N. S., June 1—Work will begin here Monday on a forty thousand ton government rail order, it is announced at headquarters of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company today. The mills will first roll 20,000 tons of eighty five pound rails and by the time these are finished preparations will be complete for the rolling of 20,000 tons of hundred pound rails. A ten per cent. wage cut, affecting all classes of labor in the plant will go into effect June 6.

AUSTRIAN CABINET QUITS.

Vienna, June 1—The cabinet of Dr. Michael Mayr, chancellor and foreign minister, resigned today because of the plebiscite in Styria on the question of fusion with Germany. The minister took office on November 20 last.

TODAY

IMPERIAL—"Snow in the Desert."

OPERA HOUSE—Norris' Baboon, Dog and Pony Circus; Dolly Dumplin; 3 Other Big Vaudeville Acts and Serial Drama.

QUEEN SQUARE—Louis B. Mayer's Special "The Woman in His House."

EMPRESS—"The House of the Tolling Bell."

STAR—Tom Moore in "Just for Tonight."