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PHILA. CAR STRIKE BRINGS FIERCE RIOTING

Men Quit Work Suddenly Saturday Noon — Several Cars Burned — 3000 Additional Police to be Sworn in.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 20.—Rioting in every section of this city followed the attempt of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company to operate its lines here to-day, following an unexpected strike of the employes yesterday. Passengers and crews were driven from the cars by infuriated mobs of strike sympathizers, and in nearly a score of instances, the abandoned cars were burned or otherwise destroyed. At nightfall every car was withdrawn from service.

Stern measures were adopted by the police to quell the disorders and nearly 500 persons were arrested, charged with inciting to riot. Two women were shot by stray bullets, and many people were removed to hospitals.

Mayor Reyburn to-night ordered Police Director Clay to swear in 3000 additional police and issued a proclamation putting in effect the riot act.

The executive committee of the Central Labor Union at a meeting this afternoon, pledged both moral and financial support to the striking car men. They also decided to call a sympathetic strike of every union man in the city in case the authorities put in effect their threat to operate the cars with police and firemen.

During the morning hours, cars were run on every line with little difficulty except in the mill district of Kensington, where cars were stoned by disorderly mobs. At 11 o'clock the transit company officials announced that cars were running on their regular Sunday schedule. Shortly afterwards riots were reported from scores of widely separated localities.

Incidents of Rioting.

At 20th and Wharton-streets, in the southern section of the city, a mob of boys drove the conductor and motorman from their posts and after the four women passengers had left the car, set it on fire with waste from a nearby freight car. The following car was also stopped and was being set on fire when a detachment of police and a chemical engine reached the scene.

In this same section, Mary Devlin, aged 16 years, was shot in the leg when the police fired their revolvers in an effort to check the mob.

In the usually quiet residential section of West Philadelphia mobs were formed which for a time baffled the police. Iron bars and stones were piled on the tracks and several cars were wrecked. Mounted police were powerless to disperse the mobs here, and a fire hose was finally brought into play.

The most seriously injured in today's rioting was 13-year-old Violet Beauvan, who was shot in the abdomen by a stray bullet from a policeman's revolver as she was stepping from her home at 926 North Thirteenth street, while a mob was attacking five trolley cars in front of her house.

George Feltzaup, aged 22 years, a nurse in the Friends Asylum, was struck by a stray bullet while hastening to a train. His condition is not critical.

Three Hundred Cars Wrecked.

The transit officials saw 297 cars were wrecked, two completely burned and one partially burned by the mobs to-day. Two thousand six hundred and eight car windows were smashed. The officials of the company charge that the rioting was directed by union men. They say that all their lines except those in the northeastern section of the city, where the rioting was the most severe, will be in operation tomorrow. The union leaders say they will force the company to arbitrate. They charge that the company has for months by a series of petty persecutions, been endeavoring to force the union to strike and finally, by discharging a large number of union men, practically declared a lockout.

Great attention to details was shown by those engaged in wrecking and burning the cars. Before the car was burned at 26th and Wharton-streets, a freight car on nearby siding was forced across the street to block the possible arrivals of fire engines. The pins were withdrawn from the car wheels and every possible precaution was taken to prevent the moving of the car after the torch had been applied to the cotton waste with which it had been filled.

To-day's rioting was a continuation of disorders that occurred yesterday afternoon and evening during which two cars were burned, a score of cars were attacked, forcing their crews to abandon them, and numerous arrests were made.

Strike Came Suddenly.

The strike is the second by trolleymen within a year. It came so suddenly that thousands of persons were caught away from their homes and much inconvenience was caused by the curtailment of street car service. The leaders of the union declare the trouble was started by the company, but the corporation says the strike was pre-arranged.

Since the threatened strike of a month ago, a committee from the union and President Kruger of the company had been endeavoring to reach an agreement to take the place of the one made after the strike of last summer, which expires on June 1. The men asked for an increase in wages, and among other things wanted to bind the company not to recognize any other union but the Amalgamated Association.

The union leaders charged that a rival organization, known as the United Carmen's Association, had been put in the field to defeat the efforts

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Quebec Sentiment On Naval Schemes

La Presse Readers Are About Evenly Divided on Government Policy and Continuing Present Arrangements.

MONTREAL, Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Montreal La Presse, which is conducting a canvass of its readers on the naval question by soliciting an expression of their choice of four propositions submitted, had, up to yesterday, a small majority in favor of the government's proposals, as against continuing the present arrangement.

The questions and the vote thereon are:

(1) For the proposed new navy	2473
(2) For contribution to British navy	38
(3) To continue as at present	2205
(4) For Quebec to remain aloof	102

The last named proposition was based on the question whether, all the other provinces having shown a passionate sentiment in favor of a local navy or of a direct contribution, Quebec should refuse to lend assistance to Great Britain in the hour of danger.

SIGNS OF CONFUSION IN NATION'S FINANCES

British Government Will Raise Another Twenty Million By Treasury Notes.

LONDON, Eng., Feb. 20.—Further practical evidence of the confusion into which the national finances have fallen was the announcement that government will borrow another $20,000,000 by the issue of treasury bills, raising the total of those outstanding to $181,500,000. Until recently treasury bills of shorter duration than three months were never issued. Under the present stress of borrowing from hand to mouth until the delayed taxes come in one month bills were inaugurated. Nine million pounds sterling ($45,000,000) of these and $27,500,000 of two months bills have been created.

The non-payment of taxes, especially the income tax, has had one curious result. There is now lying in the banks the sum of at least $60,000,000 which ought to be in the national exchequer. The consequence is that for the time being money is abundant and cheap. But it is possible that when the large payments of the income tax and other duties come to be made the money market will be more than stringent.

Meantime the promoters of new companies are taking full advantage of the plentiful supply of money in order to place their schemes with the public.

TWO WINNIPEG SUICIDES

Frenchman and Galician Hurry Over the Rubicon.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Two suicides and one attempted one were the features of Sunday afternoon. Georges Deaux, 32, who came from Paris last November, shot himself thru the head, dying instantly. He has been unsuccessful in securing employment. He was a clever fancy skater, and has a sister in Montreal.

Twenty minutes later, H. S. Winzeski hanged himself in a lonely shack on Higgins-avenue. He tied the rope round his neck and dropped thru a hole in the floor from the first floor to the bottom. He was a Galician, agen 45, and had been in Canada a considerable time.

War Veteran Ends Life.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—J. B. Sargent, son of Archdeacon Sargent of Qu'Appelle, hanged himself Saturday night with a necktie. He served with the Canadian contingent in South Africa, first as a private and later as a lieutenant. He came here five years ago and latterly had been unemployed.

PARIS SANITATION GOOD

No Epidemic Feared Now—A Cause of the Flood.

PARIS, France, Feb. 20.—Notwithstanding the continued rainfall, the Seine is slowly subsiding. The work of disinfection is being carrie out so thoroly and intelligently that the board of health has no fear whatever of a typhoid epidemic. In fact, the sanitary condition of Paris is satisfactory.

M. Daubee, director of the departments of waters and forests, who is chairman of the sub-commission to find out the relation of the destruction of trees to floods, thinks that, owing to the peculiar constitution of the soil in the plateaus of the affluents of the Seine, wholesale tree cutting is a principal cause of the recent flood.

NEW THEATRES IN WEST

C. P. Walker Plans Them in Winnipeg Fort William and Saskatoon.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 20.—C. P. Walker of the Walker Theatre has purchased the Winnipeg Theatre for $120,000, and will this season erect another modern theatre in Winnipeg. The Walker will be given over entirely to vaudeville. It is also understood that Walker will erect theatres at Fort William and Saskatoon.

Fire at Swan River.

SWAN RIVER, Man., Feb. 20.—P. McKay's large general store, Baldwin's millinery store and some smaller buildings were destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss $20,000.

CANADA WON'T BOW ON TARIFF

No Official Advices Yet From Washington as to the Proposed Changes.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—(Special.)—The Herald's Ottawa correspondent wires:

Who advised by the press that the United States has expressed a desire to Ambassador Bryce for tariff negotiations with Canada the Dominion Government has not yet received the communication. The press despatches printed in Canada convey an unfortunate suggestion that the Washington Government expected Canada before this to have made known its reasons for believing the maximum American tariff rates should not be applied.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his ministers are satisfied that the extension of certain intermediate tariffs and special rates to France and those nations enjoying "most favored nation" relations with Canada do not "unduly discriminate" against the United States. At the same time it is pointed out that the Franco-Canadian treaty which brought these lower rates into effect was negotiated before the United States adopted a maximum and minimum tariff.

Canadian officials are slow to believe that the United States Government entertains the expectation that Canada should present herself at the bar and plead immunity from the deadly maximum. President Taft in his December message to congress said that it was hoped that the maximum might never be employed, but that "friendly negotiations" would result in the removal of discriminations in the law or practice of other countries.

This naturally has justified the Canadian Government in the idea that the United States would broach the subject. In due time unofficial advices that the tariff board would come to Ottawa strengthened this opinion, but without that the Dominion Government would have had difficulty in convincing itself that Canada should go suing for tariff peace at Washington. The rebuffs which Dominion trade envoys have suffered there in the long ago made "no more pilgrimages to Washington" a national slogan dangerous to violate.

The officials of the Dominion expect when the communication does arrive it will be a perfectly reasonable request for negotiation of the question. This Canada will be glad to engage in. Those familiar with Canadian sentiment, however, will recognize the irritating effect of reports like the Press Association despatch published in all Canadian papers this morning, which is capable of being condensed into a headline like this: "Unless Canada is heard from United States maximum rates will apply March 31." It is felt here that the United States is too familiar with the Canada of to-day to expect any genuflection whatever.

VOTES FOR WOMEN IN ITALY

Premier Sonnino to Consider Favorably a Bill in Parliament.

ROME, Italy, Feb. 20.—Deputy Gallini has presented to parliament a project for a law sanctioning female suffrage in provincial and municipal elections, allowing women to exercise the liberal professions and to compete for public employments, and abolishing the husbands' authorization. Signor Gallini advocated the reform, which he said was justified by equity, and he hoped the project would be taken into consideration.

Suffragettes who crowded the gallaries warmly applauded Signor Gallini's speech, and also Prime Minister Sonnino's reply, in which he said that the recent intellectual economic and social improvement in women justified a corresponding improvement in legislation. Hence he was willing to examine the project.

NO SCHOOLS FOR ORIENTALS

McBride Government Refuse Request to Amend Educational Act.

VICTORIA, B.C., Feb. 20.—The British Columbia Government has refused Socialist and Opposition Leader Hawthornthwaite's proposal to amend the school act by making provision for separate schools for Orientals obligatory.

The refusal is based on the contention that such discriminatory legislation would be disallowed at Ottawa, and that dictation to school boards in local matters is contrary to the policy of the government.

BALFOUR HAS A BAD COLD

Unionists Fear Their Leader May Miss Critical Session of Parliament.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—Ex-Premier Arthur J. Balfour is suffering from a cold. His followers are much worried lest he should be unable to attend the session of the house of commons Monday, for which the ministry has sent out an urgent "whip," saying an important vote would be taken.

LANDSLIDE WRECKS A TRAIN

Many Passengers Injured Near Belfast, Ireland—Hung Over the Sea.

BELFAST, Ireland, Feb. 20.—A sudden landslide derailed and wrecked a mail train Saturday near Whitehead. Many persons were injured.

For upward of an hour the train hung over the sea a few inches from the water's edge.

MOURNING PLAYING CARDS.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 20.—A Belgium firm is issuing playing cards with a black border for use during the six months public mourning for King Leopold.

IN NORTH YORK

Getting ready for the opening of political navigation.

GOOD OLD LAKESIDE GOES MUST HAVE BETTER BOAT

"Niagara Central Route" Will Have Fast Craft on Port Dalhousie Line.

In marine circles it is understood that the Niagara, St. Catharines & Toronto Railway Co. are making arrangements for considerable improvements and extensions of the service during the coming season. That the Lakeside is too small and too slow for the route has been all too apparent for some time, and if the present intentions of the company are carried out, she will give way to a much swifter and larger craft. A boat will be purchased or built in England, but in the meantime another vessel, yet to be secured, will occupy the route this year, and the Lakeside laid up or disposed of.

The retirement of the Lakeside has become absolutely necessary, owing to the development of the company's line of railway in the Niagara district. In the past few years the road has branched out in all directions from St. Catharines, and this has been an important factor in the progress of that section. And further development is contemplated. Already the traffic has increased to the point that a more frequent and faster and more modern boat service has become a necessity, and it is expected that as soon as the railway is in a position to take care of the business, the company's new boat service will be inaugurated.

EGYPTIAN PREMIER SHOT BY STUDENT-POLITICIAN

Three Shots Struck Body, But Wounds Will Not Prove Fatal.

CAIRO, Egypt, Feb. 20.—Boutros Ali Pacha, the Egyptian premier and minister of foreign affairs, was shot and seriously wounded to-day by a student, who was arrested.

The student fired five shots, three of the bullets lodging in the premier's body. Two of them, however, inflicted only superficial wounds. The bullets were extracted, and it is practically certain that the premier will recover.

The crime was entirely of a political nature, the would-be assassin being a Nationalist. He declared that his motive was to avenge various acts of the government, which the Nationalists attribute personally to Boutros Pacha.

ITALO-CANADIAN CLASH

Tariff Reprisals of Favored Nation Clause Don't Go on Italian Silks.

ROME, Feb. 20.—It is stated that in the event of the failure of the negotiations between Italy and Canada in the matter of granting the most favored nation clause treatment to Italian silks, reprisals are likely to follow and the maximum tariff will be adopted here on all Canadian products.

NEW ELECTRIC LINE.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—An important extension to the N., St. C. & T. Railway will be built this spring, when a line will be constructed from Port Colborne to Fort Erie and Bridgeburg, connecting this city with Crystal Beach.

To-night's Dreadnought Meeting

To-night's meeting in Association Hall to discuss the navy issue is attracting a great deal of attention from those citizens who believe that in addition to the proposals of the Canadian Government, Canada should provide without delay one or more Dreadnoughts as the beginning of the Canadian fleet unit to help the imperial navy when the expected conflict with Germany occurs. Resolutions calling for Dreadnoughts will be submitted to the meeting.

The committee in charge of the meeting announce that the speakers will be J. S. Willison, Hon. A. B. Morine, Joseph P. Downey, M.L.A., Rev. Father Minehan and others.

The Daughters of the Empire, Veterans' Associations and other loyalist citizens of the empire are asked to attend in a body and make the meeting a success.

THEATRE FLOOR GAVE WAY AND CROWD WENT ALONG

Also a Stove—But No One is Seriously Hurt, Tho Chance For Horror Was Great.

PATTON, Pa., Feb. 20.—Four hundred people who attended a spiritualistic demonstration at the opera house last night are feeling considerably impressed to-day with the performance—about 25 of them, in fact, bear the brands of red hot coals and many other bruises.

The audience was just on the point of leaving when it was precipitated, together with a red hot stove, into the basement. The floor had buckled without warning.

No one was killed, contrary to an erroneous report last night, but more than 25 were either severely burned by the coals or injured in the scramble to get out of the cellar. None are seriously hurt.

The loss by fire was small.

HETTY GREEN'S CAT A HERO

Satan Meows and Scratches and Saves 140 Families From Fire.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Satan, a big black cat owned by Mrs. Hetty Green, one of the wealthiest women in the world, gave an alarm of fire to which 140 families, in a block of Hoboken apartments, owe their escape from danger Saturday.

Satan had been placed in the care of the janitor during the absence of his mistress. Smoke got in his eyes and he couldn't sleep. He meowed and scratched on a door and his temporary jailor woke up. The man roused the tenants.

Everybody got out safely, but the fire had gained such headway that a general alarm was turned in to save the block.

104 NEWLY-WEDS ON SHIP.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—"What is this—a steamship or a dove cote?" smilingly asked the gallant captain of the steamship Oceana, as it steamed away to-day for Bermuda.

On board the Oceana were no less than 52 married couples, the record passenger list for newlyweds.

NORWOOD CRIME MURDER ELDER SISTER SUCCUMBS

Miss Margaret Macpherson, Aged 73, Lingered Month After Being Struck DownWith an Ax.

PETERBORO, Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Miss Margaret Macpherson, aged 73, of Norwood, who, with her sister, 10 years younger, was assaulted by Robert Henderson, a youthful tramp, bent on robbery on Jan. 28, died to-day.

It had been feared from the first that she would not survive the injuries and shock, and Henderson has been held on remand in Peterboro Jail until it should be definitely known whether she would recover. He will now be charged with murder.

For 39 years had the Macpherson sisters lived a quiet and uneventful life in their home, some two miles from Norwood Town, and they enjoyed the good will of the entire community. A third sister, Mrs. Robert Graham, lives nearby, and there are other relatives in the county.

The assault was exceptionally brutal, inasmuch as Henderson declared after his arrest that he had not intended to murder. During the morning he had called at the house and asked for something to eat, saying that he was looking for a brother in the neighborhood. The kindly-natured old ladies obliged him. When he had finished, he asked if they had any wood he could cut and when told no, he insisted on leaving ten cents in payment for the food.

A short time later they saw him running past the house, and a moment later he opened the door, ax in hand. He struck the elder sister squarely over the head with the weapon; the other partly warded off with her arm the blow aimed at her. She screamed and Henderson, frightened, left the house.

Miss Susan ran to the home of her sister, Mrs. Graham, and gave the alarm. Doctors were sent for, while a posse was hastily gathered to chase the assailant. Henderson was overtaken on the railway track by some sectionmen on a handcar, but he held them off with a revolver. They then sent for Police Chief Bennett of Havelock, to whom Henderson quietly surrendered.

Henderson is English, 20 years old, and is wanted in Toronto for theft. According to his own story, he came to Canada in May last year to look for work as a steamfitter. He worked as a farmhand for a while.

In Toronto, he roomed at 56 DeGrassi-street, while employed at the gas works, but he lost his job. When he left the house, $15.40 belonging to a roommate also disappeared. He was known to own a revolver.

In Peterboro, he had been swindling the charitable-minded by circulating a bogus subscription list with a clergyman's name forged, soliciting funds to place two poor women in a Muskoka sanitarium. The list was found on him when arrested and indicated receipts of $140.

Henderson is good-looking, with light hair and blue eyes, and is well dressed. He has shown little concern since his arrest.

A RETROSPECT.

Feb. 21, 1901.—Premier George W. Ross electrified the Ontario Legislative Assembly when touching on government ownership of the railway line from North Bay to Lake Timiskaming district, he spake these words: "We are standing at the gateway to a great country, and all its resources, and we can allow no corporation to intercept this trade by discriminating rates or excessive charges."

ASQUITH NAMES REST OF HIS CABINET

And Nobody Wants Another Election for Awhile, Least of All the Recent Candidates.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—Premier Asquith has filled the vacancies in the ministry, which is an indication that he at least expects the government to pass safely thru the crisis. The new ministers are:

WILLIAM WEDGEWOOD BENN, and ERNEST JOSEPH SOARES, junior lords of the treasury; EDWIN SAMUEL MONTAGUE, under secretary for India, and CECIL WILLIAM NORTON, assistant postmaster-general. Mr. Norton succeeds Sir Henry Norman, who failed of election.

This completes the ministry. In the case of the junior lords by-elections will be necessary, tho they had good majorities last month, and there is little danger of their losing their seats.

The King's speech, it is believed, beyond the usual references to foreign affairs, will be confined to the questions of finance and the relations between the two houses.

Parliament will be formally opened at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon by the King, who will be accompanied by the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales and Prince and Princess Henry of Prussia. The formalities will take up an hour, and as Premier Asquith is expected to speak early in the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne, the members will not have long to wait for the government's announcements of its intentions.

PREMIER IS FIRM

If He Can't Control the Situation No One Else Can.

LONDON, Eng., Feb. 20.—(New York Tribune cable.)—Members of parliament who are threatened with another election before they have paid the bills for the last one are in a despondent spirit and are talking about mortgaging or selling their estates.

It is reported that a peerage may be in store for the chief Liberal whip, and that it will not be necessary to find a seat for him as a cabinet minister.

The large contributors to the Liberal fund will be rewarded when the next list of honors comes out, but on the Unionist side there have been enormous expenditures, with no prospect of immediate returns.

There is no evidence that the prime minister's hand has been forced by factional intrigues and hole-in-the-corner diplomacy. Hot and cold fits have followed one another at the National Liberal Club during the week, and there is a final reaction against secret negotiations and sensational journalism.

If Mr. Asquith cannot command the coalition groups and secure the passage of the belated finance measures no rival can do it on either side of the house, and a general election is inevitable.

That is the sum of the whole matter, and since an election is not wanted by any section of the house there is a reasonable expectation that it may be avoided.

Debate Will Straighten Tangle.

Certainly the prospect of harmonious action among the three groups which are opposed to the lords' interference with the commons' control over finance is likely to improve when the debates begin and Mr. Asquith has an opportunity for explaining what he meant by safeguards and guarantees and in what circumstances he looks for support from the crown in the event of a disagreement of the houses over the veto.

Loose talk will cease about obtaining pledges from the King before the veto bill has been introduced or an actual majority either for or against the budget has been ascertained by a decisive division in the commons.

The difficulties of government by three independent groups in coalition for certain purposes will be recognized, and the impracticability of invoking the power of the sceptre until legislation against the lords has been attempted and rejected by the privileged house will be apparent when the prime minister has spoken.

A general election cannot be avoided if the Nationalist and Labor parties make unreasonable demands and refuse to co-operate in legalizing the tax levies and working out the salvation of the commons in an orderly way. It can be averted if the independent factions allow the government to perform its primary functions of raising money thru the budget, which was submitted to the general electorate and apparently sanctioned, and then unite in carrying the veto bill with the full force of the coalition majority.

His Majesty Not in It.

Whatever may be the immediate or ultime effect of the government's policy, it is safe to forecast that the sovereign will not be subjected to dictation nor dragged into partisan warfare, and that Mr. Asquith will stand or fall as a self-respecting prime minister. He lacks a majority independent and powerful enough to justify a demand for guarantees if he ever intended to make it, yet he will not be bulled by factionas nor diverted from a rational course of action which makes finance the most urgent issue and leads up to legislation on the veto power, with a dissolution in due time.

As a normal consequence the faction leaders and Mr. Balfour must face the situation if financial chaos is produced by the premature downfall of the

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