

## AN INDICTMENT CHARGING CHAS. W. MORSE WITH VIOLATING THE U. S. SHIPPING BOARD ACT RETURNED BY THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY AT NEW YORK YESTERDAY.

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New York, May 3.—An indictment charging Charles W. Morse with violating the Shipping Board Act, which prohibits sale of American registered vessels to foreigners, was returned by the Federal Grand Jury here today. Morse was indicted with Captain W. S. Mitchell, the United States Steamship Company and the J. G. McCullough Company. Judge A. S. Hand issued bench warrants upon request of Assistant Federal District Attorney Jerome Simmons, who has been conducting an investigation lasting four months.

The indictments charge that in August, 1917, the steamship John G. McCullough was chartered by Morse to the Government of Tunisia, a French province. The sale of the vessel, which was torpedoed and sunk in May, 1918, was conducted, the indictment charges, through a Paris concern.

The Shipping Act of 1917, which the Government says was violated, prohibits the sale of an American built and registered vessel to a foreign citizen without the permission of the United States Shipping Board, and without giving that body an opportunity to purchase the craft at the price offered by the foreign purchaser. A penalty of five years' imprisonment, a fine of \$5,000, or both, is provided. Mr. Morse entered a plea of not guilty, through his attorney, Stuart Gibbons.

At the close of the hearing, Mr. Gibbons issued a statement in which he said it was in 1917 that negotiations for the sale of the ship to a French company were conducted, but the completion of the transaction was dependent on the approval of the United States authorities.

"When a question was made about it," he said, "the whole matter was submitted to the United States Shipping Board and was especially examined by Hon. Charles D. Coffey, then a member of the Board. Every detail was considered, and at the suggestion of the Shipping Board the transaction was abandoned.

This, he added, was early in 1918. At that time, Mr. Gibbons said, the records involved were offered for inspection by the District Attorney, and many were produced.

## AMERICAN RED CROSS RATHER PARTISAN

Accused of Neglecting to Provide for Ex-Soldiers of Canada Residing in United States.

Ottawa, Ont., May 3.—(Canadian Press)—While the Canadian Patriotic Fund is assisting veterans of the United States forces in Canada, it is like pulling teeth to get all from the American Red Cross for ex-soldiers of the Canadian Army residing in the United States, asserted C. H. Bonner, executive secretary of the Vancouver Branch of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, giving evidence before the Parliamentary Committee on Pensions here today. Mr. Bonner said that, particularly in Seattle, ex-Canadian soldiers or their families who needed a start to re-establish themselves, were being told by the American Red Cross to "get out and earn their own livelihood." American women were aided by the American Red Cross, while Canadian women, living beside them, were told to go out and find work, Mr. Bonner said.

## NEW HOSPITAL FOR FREDERICTON

Contract Let for the Construction of the Fraser Memorial Hospital.

Fredericton, May 3.—(Canadian Press)—The Geo. A. Fuller Co., of Montreal, have signed the contract for the construction of the Fraser Memorial Hospital, which it was recently intimated would be built here this year. Archibald Fraser, of Edmuntson, authorized the announcement from Edmuntson upon his return from Montreal, where the formal contract was signed. The provisions calling for the building to be completed by March 1, 1921.

The new hospital building will be of stone, three stories in height, with modern in design and equipment, extensive sun parlors for convalescent patients being one of the features. The estimated cost is between \$50,000 and \$300,000. The construction of the hospital was provided for by the late Donald Fraser, Sr., who founded the business out of which the Fraser Companies Ltd., developed.

## REBEL FORCES MAKE STEADY ADVANCE

Agua Prieta, Sonora, May 3.—Advance forces of Alvaro Brigon, leader operating in Southern Mexico, have reached Texaco, four miles from San Lazara, the suburb of Mexico City, according to an announcement this afternoon by Juan Hico of the publicity staff of the revolutionary army of the North, west with headquarters here.

## JUAREZ IN HANDS OF SONORA REVOLUTIONISTS

All Foreign Residents Being Treated With the Utmost Consideration—No Interruption of Work at Smelters.

El Paso, Texas, May 3.—Juarez tonight is in the hands of the Sonora revolutionists. The revolution was peaceable and its announcement by Gonzalez Escobar was accompanied by a popular celebration. The Oregon Junta from El Paso crossed to Juarez tonight.

A telegram from Consul J. B. Stewart in Chihuahua City to American Consul Dove in Juarez, sent by way of Douglas, Ariz., tonight, said that the district surrounding the state capital is quiet. The telegram added that Pinar and Cuahuahua, two important mining towns, are in the hands of the rebels. Operations of the mines and smelters were not interrupted when the change of government occurred.

Military men in the mining district controlled by the rebels have announced that foreigners will be permitted to continue there and will be given complete protection. All foreigners resident there are being treated with utmost consideration.

Following the fighting for possession of the State Capital, the rebel commanders forbade looting, released all political prisoners and announced the Mexicans and foreigners alike would not be molested if they maintained absolute neutrality.

General Elias P. Calles and Governor Adolfo de La Huerta, of Sonora, are expected tomorrow to take charge of the situation. Earlier in the day it had been announced that Juarez had no connection with the Sonora movement, but this was denied tonight.

General Calles is mobilizing troops in Sonora with which he will march through Pulpito Pass, in the Sierra Madre, into Chihuahua. After coming to Juarez with his column he will proceed south to Chihuahua City, then to Torreon and from there will march on Mexico City. This was announced here late tonight by Arturo M. Elias, brother of General Calles.

## CONFUSION FOLLOWS CHANGE OF TIME

Montrealers All Mixed up Sunday When Daylight Saving Went Into Effect.

Montreal, May 3.—There was a good deal of inevitable confusion yesterday and much more today when the computers and suburban dwellers commuted coming into the city, many of them having forgotten to put ahead their clocks and watches to meet the new daylight saving regulation. At many of the Catholic churches people were late on Sunday, while this morning it is reported that numbers of factory workers turned up for work at seven by their watches and eight by the new time, thus losing an hour.

## LONDON EDITOR HAS MANY TROUBLES HERE

Loses Three Pairs of Gloves, Two Umbrellas, Two Trains and One Ship.

Montreal, May 3.—Arthur Wallace, associate editor of the Manchester Guardian, addressing the Reform Club, today, said that in his 14,000-mile journey through Canada he had lost three pairs of gloves, two umbrellas, two trains and one ship, and the fabled, too, that he had lost his reputation, temporarily, at least, in Toronto, where, he said, he had made some injudicious remarks about prohibition and its efficiency. Mr. Wallace said that it was impossible to Judge of Canada in the two months he had spent here. Speaking of Liberalism in England, he said it was beyond a party, being bigger than Asquith or Lloyd George.

Lindsay Crawford, editor of the Statesman, also spoke, claiming that intelligent citizens of the United States were now wondering whether they had sent their sons to destroy an autonomy in order to aid an autocracy only one degree less bad.

## PARIS RAILWAY STRIKE PROVES GREAT FAILURE

Optimistic Feeling Prevails Around Official Gov't Quarters While Gloom Permeates Ry. Quarters.

## TWENTY WARRANTS ISSUED AGAINST LEADERS OF THE RAILWAYMEN AND MEMBERS OF THE ADVANCED SYNDICALIST PRESS.

Paris, May 3.—The situation at the railroad stations, created by the strike of railway employees, was much improved this evening, especially at the St. Lazara Station, and the current opinion expressed was that the strike would prove a failure. The optimistic feeling prevailing around official Government quarters and the Ministries of Public Works and Interior was quite different from the anxious pessimistic appearance of the railroad men's headquarters. An official statement issued by the railroad men, however, asserted that "the development of the strike surpasses the February movement and exceeds our hopes. Complete victory is certain."

The failure of General Secretaries Midol, Monmousseau and Leveque, the three railwaymen's leaders for whose arrest warrants had been issued, to appear in appearance at the headquarters of the railwaymen today cast gloom and depression upon their followers. Twenty warrants have been issued, some of which effects the leaders of the General Federation of Labor, but only the leaders of the railwaymen and members of the advanced Syndicalist press.

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Plain clothes men, making no pretense of hiding their faces, were seen every day leading out of the Railroad Federation's headquarters, which was deserted by the leaders.

In case of prolongation of the strike, the Under-Secretary of State for Aviation will get into serious commercial lines between Paris and Havre, Nancy, Strasbourg, Brussels, Dijon, Lyons, Marseilles has been crippled by the increasing number of airplanes now out of service. It is assumed that a monetary caucus, which, in all probability, will be held toward the close of the session. The same gathering, which will be held in Paris today, will also decide upon a party conference.

The members in several regions intend to strike on Tuesday, according to dispatches received tonight.

The homes of five union leaders were raided in Paris today. Extensive searches were made at the homes of leaders at Rouen, Moulins, Marseilles, Toulouse and other places have been searched. At Toulouse the strikers forcibly released a leader who had been arrested.

Sentences ranging up to eight months in prison were given to thirty persons arrested in connection with the May day demonstrations.

## GOVERNMENT WILL BE KEPT BUSY

Portentous Array of Matters for Consideration at Their Meeting Called for This Week.

Fredericton, May 3.—There is a portentous array of matters for consideration by the Provincial Government, but with the meeting this week not taking place until Thursday there is some doubt as to whether all the programme can be taken up at this meeting. It would not be surprising if an appointment will be made to the chairmanship of the Public Utilities Commission so that the important business of the body, which has been held up since the term of office of G. O. Dickson, City, of Hampton, an chairman, which expired in April, can be proceeded with.

## MEMBERS OF COAST GUARD DROWNED

Portsmouth, N. H., May 3.—Three members of the coast guard crew at Appledore Island were drowned last night when their thirty foot motor launch was struck by a squall and sank. They were Reginald C. Chesterport, and Leo E. Foss, both of Newburyport, and Sherman Parker, of Cape Elizabeth. Mr. Elmer Alley, the fourth man in the boat, was rescued.

## DISORGANIZATION OF ECONOMIC POSITION

Of Europe, Due to War, is Reflected in Rise of Prices Which is the Source of Universal Discontent.

Ottawa, May 3.—The disorganization of the whole economic position of Europe due to the war, is reflected in the rise of prices which is at present the source of universal discontent among the peoples, belligerent and neutral alike. A declaration on economic conditions of the world approved by the Supreme Council, on March 8, and tabled in the House of Commons this afternoon by Sir George Foster.

## PREMIER BORDEN WILL ARRIVE ABOUT MAY 15

Will be in House in Time to Participate in Budget Debate—Reports Regarding Health Conflicting.

Ottawa, May 3.—Sir Robert Borden, it can be stated authoritatively, will be home on or about May 15th. He will be in the House in time to participate in the debate on the Budget, but whether he will make a statement outlining the Unionist fiscal policy will depend upon the development.

In regard to the Premier's health, reports are conflicting. The truth appears to be, nobody outside a very intimate circle, is in a position to make a reliable statement on any of the other. The general opinion, however, held in the best informed circles, is that he is not sufficiently improved to warrant his resuming the arduous and exacting duties of the Premiership, and that after protraction, his retirement will be announced.

The question of a successor in the event of the Premier's death, therefore, very much to the fore, the two names most prominently mentioned being those of Sir Thomas White and Hon. Arthur Meighen. Both of these gentlemen have powerful support. Sir Thomas deriving his chief strength from the Treasury bench, and Hon. Arthur Meighen from the Unionist rank and file.

The ultimate decision—assuming of course, that Sir Robert Borden goes out—will rest with a Unionist parliamentary caucus, which, in all probability, will be held toward the close of the session. The same gathering, which will be held in Paris today, will also decide upon a party conference.

Mr. Meighen said last evening that he would not seek to succeed Sir Robert Borden, and the present bill would tend to increase strikes rather than guard against them.

## TWO KILLED WHEN WALLS COLLAPSE

Walls and Floors of Toy Factory in Burlington, Vt., Fall in.

Burlington, Vt., May 3.—The floors and walls of a building, occupied by a toy factory, collapsed today, killing two men and a boy. The accident happened during the noon hour under the daylight saving schedule which went into effect in this city today. That most of the fifty employees were taken from the building four women and Mr. Sychon being the only ones who escaped. One of the workmen saw the wall begin to crack and he shouted warning, but before Shanley and the boy could get away the wall toppled over and crushed them to death. The east and north walls collapsed afterward and the second floor fell, but by this time everyone was a safe distance from the building.

## CYCLONE WIPES OUT SMALL OKLA. VILLAGE

More Than Fifty Persons Killed and One Hundred Injured by the Blow.

Muskogee, Okla., May 3.—More than fifty persons are known to have been killed and approximately 100 were injured in Muskogee, Okla., when a cyclone struck the village last night. The storm, which was a small village in the North-west corner of Cherokee County, about 9 o'clock last night. Whole families were crushed to death when their homes were torn to pieces by the force of the gale. Nine members of the Lewis family; seven of the Little family; eight persons by the name of Frank, and five members of the Willerson family are numbered among the dead.

## MASS. SENATE WANTS STRONGER BEER

Dealers Claim the Advance Necessary Because of Higher Freight, etc.

Boston, Mass., May 3.—The Senate today passed the bill to make 2.50 per cent beer a legal beverage in this state, should the Volstead Act be declared unconstitutional, but President McKnight of the senate refused to attach his signature. The measure had been passed by the House previously, but cannot go to the Governor until President McKnight's signature is attached.

## FIGHTING TO SAVE COPPEN FROM THE GALLOWS

Ottawa, May 3.—(Canadian Press)—Counsel for George Coppen, sentenced to be hanged at Toronto on Wednesday are to make a final appeal tomorrow for a reprieve. They were here a few days ago, but it is understood, were unsuccessful in securing any interference with the sentence.

## VOTING HOURS IN FED. ELECTIONS UNDER THE NEW

Franchise Bill Came in for Much Discussion at Session of the Commons Monday Evening.

## INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ALL CONSIDERED

Opposition Leader Thought Proposed Amendment Put Too Much Power in Hands of Union Leaders.

House of Commons, Ottawa, May 3.—(Canadian Press)—Hours of voting in Federal elections, under the new Franchise Bill came in for much discussion at this evening's session of the Commons. Rural members, for the most part, were against opening the rural polls at six o'clock, the time provided in the bill. Hon. Hugh Guthrie, Solicitor General, agreed to an amendment which would open city polls at six o'clock and rural polls at 8 o'clock. In each case the hour of closing would be six o'clock in the evening. "The farmers have won again," remarked C. G. Power (Quebec South), when the Minister moved his amendment.

Time To Be Used. Fernand Lafont (St. James Montreal) demanded of the Minister whether the standard time or daylight saving time was to be used in elections. In Ottawa and Montreal it was six o'clock when it was only five o'clock in some smaller towns. Mr. Guthrie replied that he intended making it clear in the bill that standard time was to be followed.

Many minor amendments to the bill were carried during the evening. The afternoon was spent in discussion of the bill for amending industrial disputes Act. This gave August McDonald, (Temiskaming) the chance to make his maiden speech. He proposed that the amendment which provided that application for an arbitration board must come from the majority of men affected, would preclude a minority of men from applying for such a board when it so desired. Mr. Mackenzie King protested that this clause was putting too much power in the hands of strikers and would give the minority affected no redress.

Mr. McDonald said that every sane man would seek to avoid strikes, and the present bill would tend to increase strikes rather than guard against them.

## King an Objector

The leader of the LIBERAL objected to the Minister of Labor being given power to inflate boards of investigation in industrial disputes. He urged that the Government should wait for an application. Mr. King also intimated that he would move an amendment that the Act apply to municipal employees. Hon. Arthur Meighen, who was piloting the bill, asked Mr. King to hold over his amendment until the Minister of Labor could be consulted. Progress on the bill was reported from committee after second reading.

## MONTREAL SHOOT COAL UP DOLLAR

Dealers Claim the Advance Necessary Because of Higher Freight, etc.

Montreal, May 3.—Announcement was made today by local coal dealers that the price of stove coal will now be \$16 a ton. The increase is a dollar a ton, and is declared to be caused by the increase in wages granted to miners. It is stated that not a cent of this increase will go in profits to dealers, all the extra amount being necessary to meet higher freight and increased miners' wages.

## KIEV NOT YET IN HANDS OF POLES

London, May 3.—The announcement by the newspapers in Warsaw that the Poles have occupied Kiev is unfounded, says a despatch to the London Times from Warsaw.

The Poles, however, have taken Piatow (about 40 miles south west of Kiev) on the railroad and are continuing to advance, the despatch adds.

## STRENUOUS TIMES IN Nfld'S LEGISLATURE

Opposition Actively Carrying on a Policy of Obstruction—Premier in Bad Light.

St. Johns, Nfld., May 3.—The Local Legislature now in session is the scene of strenuous times these days. One subject of the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne has occupied the House for over a week, sittings being held morning, afternoon and evening, and the Opposition actively carrying on a policy of obstruction. The opponents of the Government are making the utmost of the order of the day. William Woodford, elected to the House last Fall, but recently resigned, and alleging the Premier intended to be hanged in the House, sought to be hanged in the House, and the Opposition claimed the alleged act of the Premier an infringement of the court's rights, and a case of tampering with a witness.

## THE DUBLIN CORPN TAKES INITIATIVE

London, May 3.—(Associated Press)—The Dublin Corporation this evening passed a resolution acknowledging "the Irish Republican parliament's authority to undertake the carrying out of all its decrees affecting the municipal council. It was decided to send copies of the resolution to the European Governments and to President Wilson and the United States Senate.

## TWO MORE AMERICANS MURDERED IN MEXICO

Requests for Additional Warship Protection at Points on East Coast of Mexico Sent to Navy Department.

Washington, May 3.—The murder of two more Americans in Mexico, reported today to the State Department, accentuated the concern with which officials here are watching developments beyond the border. Requests for additional warship protection at points on the East Coast of Mexico already had been forwarded to the Navy by the State Department.

On the border, the reported closure of the port of Juarez was interpreted as indicating defection of the Federal garrison under General Escobar to the rebel cause. Loss of this strategic port, officials said, would be a serious blow to the Federals because of its revenue producing capacity. They believed complete rebel control of the state of Chihuahua would be the logical result.

The murder of Eben Francis Greenlaw and his young son, by Mexicans near Elora, only 125 miles from Mexico City, brought from the American Embassy in Mexico City a prompt and emphatic demand that the Mexican government arrest and punish the murderers.

The American government contends that the Carranza authorities were responsible for the protection of the Greenlaws' because of the presence of Mexican troops in the immediate vicinity.

Destroyers will be stationed at Tampico, Tuxpan, Vera Cruz and Fronteras, ready to take off any American who may be in danger either from the Mexican Federal authorities or the rebels.

General Oregon has pledged himself to protect foreign lives, and interests, if elected to the Presidency, a consular report to the State Department said. Oregon also included in his platform a declaration in favor of renewal of foreign investments in Mexico. He accused President Carranza of violating the constitution in assuming dictatorial powers and having injured Mexico through adoption of a policy calculated to drive out foreign capital.

## HALIFAX BAKERS QUIT DOUGH DISH

About One Hundred Went Out on Strike Last Night.

Halifax, N. S., May 3.—About one hundred bakers, employed in Halifax and Dartmouth, went out on strike tonight. The men asked for an increase of 15 per cent in wages, which all the employers but one refused to grant. This firm signed a year's contract with the men.

## RAILWAY BOARDS REACH AGREEMENT

Come to An Understanding Relative to Collection of Freight Charges on Goods from U. S.

Ottawa, Ont., May 3.—(Canadian Press)—It is understood that the Canadian Railway Commission will issue an order tomorrow on the procedure to be followed in collecting freight charges on collecting charges on freight shipments originating in the United States. Settlement is to be made of the dispute arising out of the order of United States roads that such charges must be prepaid to ensure United States roads their full proportion of freight charges, by an arrangement between the railway boards of the two countries.

The United States roads will be allowed to collect the equivalent of United States currency for their portion of the haul and the balance will be collected in Canadian currency. It is understood that the United States roads are willing to enter into such an arrangement, the prepayment order being designed solely to prevent their proportion of freight charges on shipments to Canada being affected by the adverse exchange situation.

## NO TRACE OF MRS. BEVERLY LUTES

Mysteriously Disappeared from Her Home in Albert Co. Eighteen Days Ago.

Moncton, N. B., May 3.—Eighteen days have elapsed since Mrs. Beverly Lutes mysteriously disappeared from her home in Gammingsville, Albert County, and up to date no trace of the woman has been found. That Mrs. Lutes is dead and that she took her own life by jumping into the Petitcodiac river, is the generally accepted theory. A reward for the recovery of his wife's body is being offered by the husband.

## GREAT BRITAIN REGAINS TRADE BY SQUARE DEAL

Route Men Knowing That Contracts With British Firms Will be Respected and Lived up to, Says Col. Morden.

## BRITISH EMPIRE STEEL CORP. PLANS

Discussed at Toronto by President of the Big \$500,000,000 Corporation—Benefits to Accrue to All.

Toronto, May 3.—Colonel W. Grant Morden, promoter of the big merger known as the British Empire Steel Corporation; member of the British Parliament for Bradford and Chiswick, England, and a former Toronto boy, gave an address to the Toronto Board of Trade today. Col. Morden said, "proper combination today in trade is essential, just the same as combinations in all united efforts. There has been no consolidation of industries, to my knowledge, that has ever taken place which has worked out so scientifically, so freely, and so to conservative firms as the consolidation to be known in the future as the British Empire Steel Corporation."

Compare With U. S. Steel Corp. Col. Morden contrasted its position with that of the United States Steel Corporation, which had started with out a dollar of assets, behind its common stock. The British Empire Steel starts out by simply assuming a nominal funded debt of \$43,000,000.

We assume and put against the outstanding preference shares of the constituent companies an equivalent amount of preference shares, namely, \$7,000,000. Col. Morden said: "We issue 25,000,000 dollars of eight per cent. preference participating shares as against an equivalent amount of cash, and we pay for the combined properties sixty-eight million dollars in seven per cent. non-cumulative preference shares, and seven million dollars of common stock. That makes a total of 25,000,000 dollars."

"What do we pay for it?" the Colonel asked. "We have an appraised value that has been substantiated by the greatest experts obtainable on the North American continent and in England, of four hundred and three million dollars of assets, plus a surplus of some 43,000,000 dollars of quick assets over current liabilities. In other words, we have a net asset value there of 450,000,000 dollars."

Why Britain Succeeds. Col. Morden said that some people wondered how Great Britain was regaining its overseas trade. "One of the most important factors," he held, "is that men know when they make a contract with a British firm it will be respected and lived up to."

Col. Morden said his opinion of the way in which Canada could accomplish a binding partnership in the Empire was by building industrial partnership.

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