

ADMITTANCE IS REFUSED SHERIFF BY PAPER MAKERS

Seizure Warrant Not Served and Paper Famine Is Most Serious

Ottawa, Jan. 14.—The seizure of newspaper at the Fort Frances mill on Monday afternoon was not effected, as forecasted in Tuesday morning's dispatches, the sheriff having been refused admittance when he attempted to serve his seizure warrant. The officials of the company threatened to use force to prevent seizure, and the sheriff withdrew. Even the serving of the warrant would not have resulted in providing newsprint for Western Canadian newspapers, as the company, knowing the seizure was to be attempted, had shipped practically all its pre-stocks of paper to the United States earlier in the day.

The mill was in operation again on Tuesday, but although it maintained its attitude of refusal to obey the paper controller's order of Saturday last, no further attempt on his part to enforce that order by the seizure of paper was apparently made.

The government Tuesday morning directed that information should be laid under the provisions of the Criminal Code against those officials of the Fort Frances company who obstructed the sheriff in the discharge of his duty on Monday, and the Crown Attorney at Fort Frances was instructed by wire to commence proceedings.

The Board of Railway Commissioners, it is said, has called upon the company to show cause for the removal on Monday of the switch by which cars are removed from the mill to the tracks of the Canadian National Railway. Meanwhile, no paper has been shipped to the company's Canadian customers.

Urgent representations are reaching Ottawa from other newspapers in Manitoba and Saskatchewan that their supplies are almost exhausted and that they also will have to suspend in a few days.

400 LIVES MAY HAVE BEEN LOST IN SHIP WRECK

When Steamer Afrique Sank On Roche Bonne Shoal, Bay of Biscay

ONLY 57 SURVIVORS
Rescued Sailors Said Passengers Refused To Enter Life-boats

Larochelle, France, Jan. 14.—(Canadian Press)—More than four hundred persons are believed to have lost their lives in the wreck of the steamer Afrique, on the Roche Bonne Shoal, Bay of Biscay. Only 57 survivors are known to have been landed. Hope for the rest of the passengers and crew faded during the night. As hour after hour passed without any tidings, and seventy-two hours after the vessel foundered, many feared one of the greatest marine tragedies of modern times was enacted off the coast before dawn Sunday morning. Sailors and French Colonial soldiers are the only persons from the ship known to have reached land safely. "It was impossible to approach the Afrique," said Captain Jouan, of the steamer Ceylan, which was summoned to the scene of the wreck by wireless on Saturday, and which attempted to rescue those on board the doomed ship. "I remained in wireless communication with the ship, however, and received the following message: 'I am drifting and I fear the ship will go ashore.' Later another message came, saying 'I am steering for a light,' then came the final message: 'We are sinking.' That is all I know about the loss of the Afrique."

Some of the rescued sailors declared that when with great difficulty the boats were swung out, passengers were afraid to jump for them, seeing they were already half full of water.

BELGIAN DUCHESS CLAIMS FORMER KAISER TOLD HER SON OF PLANS FOR INVASION

Geneva, Jan. 14.—Duchess D'Arenberg, of Belgian origin, who died recently at Montreux, leaving an estate in Belgium, which the Germans had sequestered, also left an interesting memorandum, saying that the former Kaiser informed her son three months before the war that Germany shortly would start hostilities and invade Belgium. He advised her son, who was a major in the German army, to withdraw his fortune from Belgium, and the son transferred his belongings and bank account from Belgium to Berlin. The duchess says she refused to take her son's advice and do likewise.

The Swiss newspapers suggest that the claims made in the memorandum be investigated, if former Emperor William is to be brought to trial.

OBJECTION TO ELECTION OF CITIZEN TO BOARD DIRECTORS OF U. F. M.

Though Meeting Was Advertised As a Public One, There Were Strenuous Objections When A. E. Smith Was Proposed as a Member of the Board of Directors, and His Name Was Withdrawn

Mistaken ideas regarding the purpose of the meeting caused considerable dissension in the ranks of the United Farmers who held a meeting in the City Hall Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of organizing a branch in this city. After running along smoothly for the greater part of the afternoon, a squall arose when the election of directors for the Association was before the meeting. A. E. Smith's name was proposed for the directorate, and Wm. Pitfield who had been proposed as a director asked that his name be taken off the list if Mr. Smith's name was allowed to stand. Several well-known farmers in the district gave it as their opinion that the meeting was one for farmers and that farmers should be solely on the executive.

Mr. Harry Cater and several others took exception to this. Mr. Cater stating that the meeting was called a public one and he had thought that everyone would be welcome. Mr. Wesley Rathwell said it looked to him as if the gathering was developing into a political one and that if the meeting was to be of the Grain Growers it should be for the Grain Growers. There was considerable argument heard from many sides till finally Mr. Smith stated that there was little use of him acting on the board and asked that his nominators withdraw his name. This was done and the meeting proceeded smoothly for the remainder of the session.

About Fifty Persons Present

There were about fifty representative farmers and citizens present at the meeting which was held in the Council Chamber. The meeting had been advertised as a public one to which everyone was invited, the intention being to form a local branch of the United Farmers of Manitoba. Mr. Thomas Patterson acted as chairman for the meeting. Mr. N. P. Lambert was expected to be present and address the meeting but he was unable to attend. Mr. T. Kennedy, Vice-President of the United Grain Growers Ltd., addressed the meeting at some length. Following his address, the election of officers for the local branch of the Association was proceeded with.

The first hitch came when Mr. T. Patterson was appointed President of the new local. He was asked by one member present if he could successfully be President of both the Little Souris and Brandon locals. Mr. Patterson admitted that he was head of the Little Souris organization but that he had decided to give that position up as he could not get out of the city as much as his duties called on him to do. He stated that they had good material in the Little Souris district and that he felt that they could do without him in that organization. Mr. Hugh Thornton who is Vice-President of the Little Souris branch said that if Mr. Patterson felt there is a greater work to do here that their local would spare Mr. Patterson to head the Brandon, United Farmers.

After Mr. R. Drysdale had been elected Vice-President by an unanimous vote, the nominations for six directors of the Brandon local were asked for. W. U. Pitfield, Thomas Chambers and Goodlands had been elected when Miss Thornton proposed A. E. Smith's name. This motion was seconded by H. Cater. Mr. Pitfield immediately jumped to his feet and declared that if Mr. Smith's name stood, that he would withdraw from the Board of Directors. Mr. Wesley Rathwell took a hand in the proceeding and told the meeting that the way it was being run was for the sole purpose of politics, and that he as a grain grower did not wish to have the meeting develop into that kind of a gathering. He was strong for grain growers and grain growers only being appointed to the Board of Directors.

If Movement is Representative

If the movement is to one of farmers and citizens, declared Mr. Harry Cater, there could be no objection to the board being a representative one. He stated that if there is to be a national party then all the good thought and ability of the community should be on that board. He said he could see plenty of work ahead for both Mr. Smith and Mr. Pitfield, and that he would like to see Mr. Pitfield withdraw his objection to Mr. Smith's name going before the meeting. Mr. Smith replied that it would be a serious thing if this sort of spirit prevailed in the organization and if it continued he would withdraw. Miss Thornton said she would not consent to Mr. Smith's name being withdrawn.

Many Diverse Views

That the meeting should forget the political movement and think more of the United Farmers was the advice

of Mr. Drysdale. Dr. New said he was with the farmers but would frankly say that the farmers could not win the next Federal elections without the citizens. He stated that he would like to see the citizens affiliate with the farmers. Hugh Thornton and R. Drysdale then spoke very strongly for the meeting electing only farmers to the Board of Directors. J. F. Fisher then addressed the meeting and told of the party system. "We are plundered and oppressed by the party system in Canada," declared Fisher who pledged his support to the farmers movement. He said that he would withdraw from the field, but the parties who nominated him did not withdraw his name.

"If it is just a question of whether residents of the city are to be on the Board of Directors, it puts an entirely new phase to the matter," said Mr. Smith. "But I do not intend to have my name bandied about nor to have a stigma on my name." The nominations have apparently been made according to the constitution of the United Farmers. Mr. Rathwell again stated that it was a farmers meeting, and after he had spoken Mr. Smith said, "There is no good of me standing on the board as I am not hankering for the position and I would therefore ask you to withdraw my name from the nomination list." Miss Thornton, who proposed Mr. Smith's name said that the procedure was unconstitutional as anyone could become a member of the United Farmers movement, but that if Mr. Smith desired it she would withdraw her nomination. Accordingly his name was withdrawn from the list of nominees.

Advertised as Public Meeting

There was then quite a lengthy discussion on why the meeting was called and who was eligible to attend. Mr. Goodlands was of the opinion that too much politics had entered the meeting for the organization's good. Mr. Smith said that he had seen the advertisement in the paper which stated that the meeting would be a public one, and that he was sorry if he was there by mistake. H. Cater also said that he was of the opinion that it was a general meeting. R. Drysdale then stated that the meeting was not called to discuss political matters, and that the views expressed by persons during the meeting along these lines were contrary to the purposes of the organization. This practically settled the argument on all sides and the election of the directors was proceeded with. They are as follows: William Pitfield, Dr. J. S. Fisher, Thomas Chambers, George Medd, Goodlands and Aberdeen.

DENIES STATEMENT CREDITED TO HIM

Dr. Gordon Bell Says No Reason To Believe Epidemic of Hiccoughs Coming

Toronto, Jan. 14.—"That is all rot," was the way Dr. Gordon Bell, chairman of the Manitoba Board of Health, characterized the report from Winnipeg that he had said that an epidemic of hiccoughs soon would sweep the country. "What I said in my address before the Sanitary Inspectors' Association at Winnipeg was that we had an epidemic of hiccoughs in Manitoba co-existent with the sleeping sickness epidemic," he said. "I further said that I believed the hiccough was a mild form of the sleeping sickness. In Winnipeg we had about 80 cases of persistent hiccoughs, lasting from 48 hours to five days, but the epidemic is dying out just now, just as the more serious one is."

"And you don't think there is likely to be a country-wide epidemic of hiccoughs?"

"I have no reason whatever to believe there will be one. Apparently one of those sanitary inspectors misrepresented me when he got outside, because nothing that I said warranted the statement attributed to me."

FORMER BRANDON MAN EDITS WEEKLY PAPER AT PORT HAMMOND, B.C.

A recent copy of the Port Hammond B.C. Weekly Gazette contains an announcement that will be of interest to many people in this city. In the editorial column appears the statement, that the Weekly Gazette has changed hands and that the new proprietor and editor is Mr. J. C. Machesney, formerly of Brandon, Manitoba. Mr. Machesney was a resident of Brandon for many years and his friends in the city wish him success in his new enterprise.

EVERY FAMILY SHOULD KEEP DOZEN HENS

Brandon Poultry Association Plan Canvass To Rouse Greater Interest

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Complimentary Remarks on Substantial Improvements At Experimental Farm

A very enthusiastic meeting of the Brandon Poultry Association was held Tuesday evening in the Council Chamber, at which the following officers were elected for the coming year: Honorary President: John Knowlton.

Honorary Patrons: A. L. Hall, A. R. McDiarmid, Mayor Dinsdale, President, C. S. Palmer; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. Jos. Woods; 2nd Vice-Pres., A. E. Shether; Secretary, John Sykes; Treasurer, W. S. Warren.

Directors: Arthur Howell, John Windover, W. J. Symington, D. H. Chambers, Jos. Woods.

Auditor: David Shirriff. Representatives to Manitoba Poultry Breeders Association: N. W. Kerr, Jas. McLean, W. F. McGuinness.

The next meeting of the Association will be held Wednesday evening, January 21st, at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber, to which the public are invited, whether poultry breeders or not, and arrangements are to be made for an energetic canvass for new members, the Association feeling that production should be their prime object for 1920 and every family will be urged to keep at least one dozen hens.

Complimentary reports were made on the substantial improvements made at the Experimental Farm where a most competent man is in charge of this branch, and where new houses have been erected and an Egg Laying Contest is now being conducted for the Province of Manitoba.

DOUBLE HANGING AT PETERBORO THIS MORNING

Three Minutes After Murderers Left Death Cells, Trap Was Sprung

Peterboro, Ont., Jan. 14.—(Canadian Press)—"Good-bye, Canon," simultaneously, Thomas Konek and Michael Bari uttered this last message to Rev. Canon J. C. Davidson, as the black cap slid over their heads this morning at 8.30. Three minutes after they left their cells, the trap was sprung and both men paid the extreme penalty for the murder of Philip Yannoff in June last. They walked to the scaffold with scarcely a tremor and made their last remarks unwaveringly.

CANNED FISH SHIPPED INTO CANADA MUST BE OF GOOD QUALITY

Ottawa, Jan. 14.—It is announced by the Department of Naval Service that on and after the first of next April, imports of shellfish preserved in cans or in other hermetically sealed containers, will be forbidden unless same comply with the conditions laid down in the meat and canned food acts of the Dominion. Imports must be accompanied with an affidavit that the contents do comply with these conditions, provision is made that goods may be inspected at any time in Canada and if it is found that they do not come up to requirements they are liable to forfeiture. The object of this step, says the Department, is to put canners shipping food into Canada in the same position as Canadian canners themselves.

LABOR LEGISLATION DURING COMING SESSION OF FEDERAL PARLIAMENT

Ottawa, Jan. 14.—Ratification of the Peace Treaty paves the way to the probability of labor legislation during the coming session. Five international labor conventions were approved by Dominion Government delegates at the International Labor Conference. They were: Eight-hour day; unemployment, prohibition of the employment of women in industrial establishments during the night; children's charter; prohibition of the employment of persons under eighteen years of age in industrial establishments during the night. Within the course of a few weeks, it is expected, these conventions will come before the Dominion Government for ratification.

JACK DEMPSEY'S MANAGER DENIES SLACKER ALLEGATION

London, Jan. 14 (Canadian Press).—Jack Kearns, manager for Jack Dempsey, denies the slacker allegation. He says that Dempsey is married and is supporting invalid members of his family. He gave free exhibitions for charity, often being broke as a result.

MARTIAL LAW NOW PROCLAIMED IN ALL PARTS OF GERMANY

Minister of Defence Appointed Commander-in-Chief of Berlin District, Prohibits Street Parades or Demonstrations—Erects Barbed Wire Barricades in Down Town Streets

Berlin, Jan. 14.—(Canadian Press)—The Government tonight proclaimed martial law in all sections of Germany, following mob demonstration this afternoon, in which at least ten persons were killed and many others wounded by machine gun fire from guards in front of the Reichstag building.

Gustave Noske, Minister of Defence, has been appointed commander in chief for the Berlin district and Brandenburg province. Street parades, meetings and demonstrations of all kinds have been prohibited.

An increased casualty list is probable. The Government admits the loss of one guardsman. Only the prompt resistance of the guards prevented the mob invading the chamber. The members had a narrow escape when a heavy calibre bullet passed through two doors in the lobby. Noske's troops now have barbed wire and a rifle cord throughout downtown streets.

Twenty Raiders Killed

Paris, Jan. 14.—(Canadian Press)—Martial law has been declared throughout Germany, with the exception of Bavaria, Saxony Wurtemberg and Baden, according to Berlin advices. Dispatches from Berlin say that during the demonstration before the Reichstag building in Berlin yesterday, two policemen were killed and two are missing. Ten others wounded. Twenty members of the crowd which attempted to rush into the building were killed and forty wounded.

Basle, Jan. 14.—Many persons were killed or wounded in Berlin Tuesday when the troops fired upon or bayoneted demonstrators who tried to rush the Reichstag building entrances in protest against the exploitation law, says a dispatch from Berlin.

The dispatches add that since noon crowds have paraded the streets of Berlin, following an appeal from Die Freiheit, the Radical Socialist organ, for workmen to demonstrate in protest against the law.

Mob Rushes Troops

London, Jan. 14.—The mob made a rush against the troops guarding the Reichstag building and tried to disarm them. The troops fired and several persons were killed or wounded. Order was then restored.

A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph, from Berlin, dated Monday, says: "The Government is taking precautions against disorders, including the barricading of the front of the parliament buildings."

The new railway strikes and the stoppage of telephone and telegraph communications are causing much nervousness."

The precautions were taken because the Independents and Communists had ordered the workers to cease work at noon and carry out a demonstration before the Reichstag building, in which the national assembly was opening its session.

Business Disorganized

Berlin, Jan. 14.—Up to 2.30 Tuesday afternoon public order had not been disturbed in connection with the demonstrations before the Reichstag building. Big processions passed along the streets converging into the Koenigsplatz from all quarters. Numerous factories were forced to close. The demonstrators bore flags inscribed "We demand an unrestricted workers' council's bill."

Numerous speeches were delivered from the steps of the Reichstag sharply protesting against the bill in its present form. The street car service was partly suspended, the men being on strike.

The public security police restricted themselves to guarding the Reichstag with strong forces.

Ten dead had been brought into the court of the Reichstag building

when the national assembly adjourned at five o'clock this afternoon, according to an announcement made by President Fehrenbach.

Mob Storms Town Hall

Plundering on a large scale occurred today in the occupied town of Oberhausen. Men stormed the town hall, seized arms, threw the archives into the street and stripped the shops.

The disturbance spread to the villages of Marsebohn and Bruckhausen, where the plunderers used firearms against the police. Order has not yet been restored.

Oberhausen is a town of about 100,000 at the junction of the Cologne-Hamburg and Wesel-Emmerich lines. It is situated just to the North of Mulheim. Both Marsebohn and Bruckhausen are just East of the Rhine in the same region.

CONCESSIONS ON WAGE QUESTION IN GREAT BRITAIN

Government Offers More Pay, But Will Not Sacrifice Principle

London, Jan. 14 (Canadian Press).

The Government is prepared to make concessions to the railwaymen on the wage question, but is unwilling to give way on the general principle upon which its recent offer, rejected by the men's representatives, was formulated, Sir Eric Geddes, Minister of Transport, informed a delegation of railway men to this effect, at a conference held this afternoon.

I. H. Thomas, Railwaymen's leader, will lay the Government's modified proposition before a body of delegates at a meeting this evening.

RECONSTRUCTION PLANS RECOMMENDED BY MANITOBA VETERANS

Winnipeg, Jan. 14 (Canadian Press).—A resolution urging the Federal Government to set aside an appropriation of \$200,000,000 to carry out a reconstruction policy and for re-establishment under the G.W.V.A. plan was adopted by the Manitoba Command of the Great War Veterans Association today. The scheme suggested includes a comprehensive and effective system of development of the natural resources of the Dominion.

REWARD FOR LOCATION A. J. SMALL, TORONTO, INCREASED TO \$5,000

Toronto, Jan. 14.—(Canadian Press)—The reward offered for the location of A. J. Small, the missing theatre magnate, has been increased to \$5,000 by his wife. The theory is that he is held for ransom.

IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE ON C.P.R.

Western Cities Effected—Millions To Be Spent This Year States Coleman

Winnipeg, Jan. 14. — (Canadian Press) — Extensions and improvements to the C. P. R. systems, involving an outlay of several millions, and putting the company on a pre-war basis of construction was announced by D. C. Coleman, Western Vice-President, who is at Fort William on his way home from Montreal. Practically every city or town of size in the West is affected.

U. S. BOULEVARD SHOCK TROOPERS AWARDED MEDALS

Declares U. S. Congressman In Urging a Complete Investigation

Washington, Jan. 14.—Charges that many army medals for distinguished service were awarded unfairly were made in the house by Representative Gallivan, Massachusetts, in urging a complete investigation by the House Military Committee.

Many army officers who never heard a shot were given medals, while scores of heroes in the American Expeditionary force have not been rewarded, Gallivan claimed, adding that the Distinguished Service Medal as a result is now known as the "desk service medal."

The representative was bitter in his denunciation of Chief of Staff March, claiming that "he has not enough space between his belt and his collar to display the medals received and yet did not hear a hostile shot throughout the entire war."

General Pershing was attacked as having given a medal to "every commissioned messenger boy."

"Scarcely a single member of the boulevard shock troops of Chaumont and Paris failed to receive a personal glorification through the placing of a medal on his manly chest," said Gallivan.

"It is believed that practically every member of the general staff here in Washington has been awarded one of these medals, regardless of the character of service. The reading of the sum total of these citations to swivel chair officers who never left Washington would certainly impress one with the fact that the war was fought with red ink at mahogany desks near the Washington monument rather than in the Argonne and at St. Mihiel. If a single one of these was passed over he must feel like a gray horse in a barnyard of mules."

"Surely the lounge lizards of the second army of the Potomac have no quarrel with their comrades, the lobby lancers of the capital."

RETAILERS ASK REORGANIZATION BOARD COMMERCE

And That Price Fixing By the Board Also Cease

SIR GEORGE FOSTER

Acting Premier, Replies No Organization Is Perfect—Promises Consideration

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 14.—(Canadian Press)—That Board of Commerce be reorganized and consist of one consumer, one producer, one manufacturer, one retailer and a chairman with judicial experience, was urged on the Government today by the Retail Merchants' Association delegation. Retention of Judge H. A. Robson, as chairman, was suggested. The delegation asked that price fixing by the Board should cease. Sir George Foster, Acting Premier, replied that the board's appointment was an effort to settle the prevailing unrest from the cost of living. No organization was perfect and the Board was doing its best. He promised further consideration of requests.

TORONTO POLICE COURT METHODS TO BE CHANGED

Toronto, Jan. 14. — Police court methods in this city have not been changed in about forty years, but some changes were decided upon at a conference Monday afternoon at the Parliament buildings between Attorney-General Raney, J. W. Curry, K.C., M.P.P., former Crown Attorney, and the four magistrates.

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