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## PERIOD OF SEVEN DAYS' GRACE GRANTED GERMANS; ITALIANS CAUSE DELAY IN AUSTRIAN TREATY; MOBILE CITY SWEEP BY DEVASTATING FIRE

### Prepared For Trouble at Winnipeg

Government Determined That the "Red Flag" Shall Not Take the Place of the Union Jack at the Strike-ridden City.

### PROHIBITION BILL TO SECOND READING

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### Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, May 21.—The "red flag" will not be permitted to take the place of the Union Jack in Winnipeg. Speaking in the Senate today Sir James Loughery, government leader, made it plain that attempts at Bolshevism or revolution would be firmly put down, and that the government has now in Winnipeg all necessary force to achieve such an end. His exact words, uttered quietly but determinedly, were as follows:

"There is no change in the situation in Winnipeg. No overt act has been committed, there has been no disturbances or rioting of any kind. The government, however, is impressed with the gravity of the situation, and has taken all necessary steps to maintain law and order. It has within the city a number of troops, sufficient, I venture to say, to suppress any rioting or disturbance. The 9th Regiment, the 70th Regiment, the 10th Regiment, the Fort Garry Horse and 13th Battery, all these units, up to strength are in the city, and in addition there are ample reserves made up of civil units. In addition there are a number of Northwest Mounted Police in Winnipeg, including a squad just returned from overseas, and is at the present detained in Winnipeg pending the development of any disturbance. Under the circumstances I have mentioned, the government should be able to maintain law and order in that city."

In the Commons the day was spent with the government's prohibition bill, the measure getting a second reading and progressing through committee. As on the occasion of its first reading the bill was subjected only to a half-hearted criticism. Members opposed to it while willing to wound were afraid to strike, and after Mr. Nowell had made a strong defence of the measure, antagonism waned to practically nothing.

### KILBANE AND FOX MATCHED TO GO SIX ROUNDS

Since His Arrival in America the Englishman Has Defeated Several Well Known Boxers.

### Philadelphia, May 21.—Johnny Kilbane, world's featherweight champion, and Joey Fox, English featherweight, today, for a six-round bout to be held at the Philadelphia National League baseball park on June 16.

Since his arrival in this country about three months ago Fox has defeated several well-known featherweights.

### ROYAL INDUSTRIAL INVESTIGATORS HOLD SESSION AT HAMILTON

Employers and Employed Heard—Much Unrest in That District and Strike Votes Are Now Pending—Men Insistent Upon an Eight Hour Day and Better Housing Conditions—Federal Legislation for Eight Hour Day Suggested.

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### "HOLD OUT AT ALL COSTS," SAYS LEON TROTSKY

Urges Bela Kun to Keep on Presenting a Fair Face to the Allies Fooling Them Until Rumania Falls.

### TYPHUS IS RAGING AMONG BOLSHEVISTS

Among 20,000 Austro-Hungarian Prisoners Returning from Russia a Tenth Are Dead from Typhus.

Vienna, May 21.—"Hold out at all costs," is the wireless word sent to Bela Kun, the Hungarian Communist leader, by Leon Trotsky, the Russian Bolshevik minister of war, in a new code arranged by airplane a week ago, so that the Allies might not intercept messages. "Keep on presenting a fair face to the Allies, thus fooling them until we are in possession of Rumania."

Nikolai Lenin, Russian Bolshevik premier, is also sending words of hope to Bela Kun. The Hungarian red arms has orders, it is affirmed here, to burn Budapest and slay all hostages, and then scatter to the four winds, in case the attacks of the Bolshevik army in east Rumania fail, and if also the Serbo-Czechoslovak advance succeeds.

General Franchet d'Esperey, who is in command of the Allied forces in Macedonia, and whose headquarters were transferred to Constantinople has arrived at Arad from Constantinople for the purpose of directing a new attack on Budapest.

Typhus is raging among the Bolshevik troops operating against east Rumania, and also among the troops and people of Ukraine, and in East Galicia and Lemberg.

E. A. Frick, Swiss agent of the International Red Cross, and a nephew of H. C. Frick, of New York, has arrived in Vienna suffering from typhus. He spent March and April in Galicia and Ukraine. Among 20,000 Austro-Hungarian prisoners returning home from Russia, and halted by the Czechs, one-tenth are dying from typhus. So many have died in box cars that their comrades merely threw the bodies out, leaving them unburied along the tracks.

### CASHIN INVITED TO FORM CABINET IN NEWFOUNDLAND

St. John's, Nfld., May 21.—It is understood that former Finance Minister Cashin, who resigned yesterday, hereby forcing a crisis which led to the resignation of the loyal Lloyd cabinet, was invited by the Governor, today, to form a new ministry, and that the former is now considering the matter.

The cause of the cabinet crisis was differences between elements composing the ministry. One section, known as the "fishermen's union," and led by Lloyd, was regarded by the other as trying to usurp control of the majority seats at the next election, and thereby dominate the legislature. The other, led by Cashin, desires representation on the basis of the relative strength of the parties when the present parliament was elected six years ago.

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### GERMAN CABINET REFUSE TO SANCTION SIGNING THE PEACE TERMS AS PRESENTED

Claim to Have Ceased Military Operations on President Wilson's Fourteen Points Which Were Promised as Basis for Peace Terms—Misquote, in Their Arguments, Some of Wilson's Speeches—Washington Comment on "What Might Follow."

Berlin, May 21.—"Germany declines to sign the peace terms laid before her because they spell economic destruction, political dishonor and moral degradation of the entire German nation, not only for the present, but also for still unborn generations," was a statement authorized by the cabinet on Monday through the Associated Press.

"That these consequences must logically follow acceptance of the peace conditions the American press itself has recognized without question," the statement continues: "Toward them Germany took the standpoint that acceptance of such conditions could not be demanded, and that the Entente was unjustified in imposing such demands."

"Germany has not only a moral right to complain with the general public, but also a right to demand, clearly defined, according to the basic rules of international law, on all the Entente Powers and especially on the United States, a specific recognition of the right of Germany and of the German people to a peace of right, justice and reconciliation, instead of the partitioned song of hate, which was written at Versailles, is contained in

### Prohibition Bill Called Forth Warm Discussions In The Commons Wednesday

Ottawa, May 21.—The Commons spent today deliberating on the merits of the government bill validating, with modifications, the Orders-in-Council passed under the War Measures Act relating to prohibition in Canada.

The discussion took place in committee and was, for the most part, based upon an amendment moved by Mr. Hume Cronyn, which would have permitted the manufacture in Ontario of beer of a greater alcoholic content than that permitted elsewhere in the province.

Consideration of this amendment was productive of a general expression of opinion as to the necessity for the government legislation, the great majority of the speakers being Unionist members. An exception was Mr. W. D. Euler, of North Waterloo,

### FIRE IN MOBILE RENDERS 1,500 PEOPLE HOMELESS

Ten Square Blocks of City's Residential Section, Near River Front, Wiped Out.

Mobile, Ala., May 21.—Ten square blocks of Mobile's residence section, lying near the river front, were swept today by fire which caused \$250,000 property damage, left 1,500 people homeless, and destroyed 249 buildings.

The flames were checked before reaching docks and shipbuilding plants which lay in the path. A citizen relief organization, hastily formed, is now caring for those left homeless.

The fire which started in a trash pile, back of a retail store, was spread by strong winds over a wide territory, and fanned out of control for several hours during which the business and industrial districts of the entire city were threatened. The area devastated was one of the older residence sections, and few of the buildings destroyed were of modern construction. The fire was finally stopped at the western boundary of the Alabama Drydock and Shipbuilding Corporation's property.

London, May 21. (By Can. Assn. Press Cable)—The result of the new Market strikes run today was as follows: Dominion—3-1. Old Bill 33-2. Lord Basil—4-1.

### GERMANS GET SEVEN DAYS' EXTENSION

This Period of Grace Granted That Plenipotentiaries May Have More Time to Study Treaty and Formulate Replies.

### GERMANS MADE PLEA FOR EXTENSION

Thursday, May 29th, is the Date Now Determined Upon When the Plenipotentiaries Must Give Final Answer.

New York, May 21.—The Associated Press tonight issues the following: A period of seven days' grace has been extended to Germany by the plenipotentiaries of the Entente and associated governments in which the German plenipotentiaries may conclude their study of the peace treaty and formulate such replies to the various clauses as they desire.

The extension of time, which originally was to have expired at noon Thursday, was granted at the request of the Germans, who advanced the plea that more time was required in order that they might formulate arguments of such importance and length that were the original date adhered to, it would be impossible to complete them. Thus, the time has been for Thursday, May 29th.

Efforts made in Germany to ascertain even the gist of the contents of the proposed propositions of Germany have been without reward. Reports from the German cabinet, the East German frontier, the territory occupied by the Allied forces, and the amount of its indemnity and the method of its payment are to be dealt with.

Almost simultaneously with the request by the peace plenipotentiaries for more time comes from Berlin a statement of the German cabinet that Germany is unwilling to sign the peace treaty. The document is a reiteration, although in stronger words, of the views of the foremost statesman in Germany that the sealing of the compact would spell the ruin of the former empire.

The old ground that signing the document, as it stands, would involve economic destruction, political dishonor and moral degradation of the country is adhered to.

President Wilson's fourteen points for peace are demanded by the statement as the basis of the peace desired, it being asserted that Germany accepted these terms and laid down her arms believing that they would be carried out.

### ITALIANS CAUSE DELAY IN THE AUSTRIAN TREATY

Paris, May 21.—(Havas)—The Temps anticipates that the revision of the Austrian plenipotentiaries at St. Germain, will be delayed for a few days. This will be due, the newspaper says, to the fact that the Italian government appears not disposed to sanction the new Austrian Jugo-Slovak frontier so long as the question of the frontier between Italy and Jugo-Slavia remains undetermined.

### BRITISH AVIATOR ASKS FOR NEW NAVIGATOR FOR PROPOSED FLIGHT

Physicians Pronounce Morgan Unfit for Trans-Atlantic Air Trip Because of Injuries Received Sunday—Starts Rebuilding Another Craft to Take Place of Damaged Machine.

St. John's, Nfld., May 21.—Captain Frederick P. Raynham, the British aviator, whose Martinsyde plane was wrecked when he tried to take off in the wake of Harry Hawker, today cabled the builders of his machine in England asking that another trans-Atlantic navigator be appointed to replace Captain Charles W. F. Morgan, declared by physicians to be out of the trans-Atlantic race because of injuries received in the accident with Raynham.

The British aviator also cabled that repairs on the broken Martinsyde, already underway, involved the virtual building of another craft from the spare parts here without plans or specifications, in a country lacking mater-

### Strike Com. Meets With Opposition

Efforts of the Central Committee to Maintain Control of Utilities in Winnipeg Get Rude Setback.

### CITIZENS BEGIN TO TAKE INTEREST

Union Men at City Water Works Declined to Furnish Full Pressure, Places Filled by Force from Manitoba Engineers.

Winnipeg, May 21.—Efforts of the central strike committee to maintain control of local public utilities and industries throughout the city met with the sharpest opposition today that has been shown since the general strike was declared last Tuesday. When union men at the city water works today declined to furnish full pressure, as the council had ordered, they left the building and their places were filled by a force supplied by the Manitoba Society of Civil Engineers. Leaders of the central strike committee were in conference until this afternoon and no announcement was authorized.

The central strike committee announced today that there has been a disagreement between Mayor Charles Gray and the union for disregarding the mayor's order demanding that placards, carrying the statement that certain business activities are "permitted by order of the central strike committee," shall be immediately discontinued.

The Western Labor News, official strike publication, made this announcement regarding the mayor's action: "The matter was fully discussed and there was an evident unwillingness on the part of the committee to accede to this request. But the whole matter was again referred to a committee for thorough discussion."

The Winnipeg Great War Veterans Association announced today that the association has decided to remain strictly neutral during the strike. The announcement also stated that President James Winning, of the Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council, told the association that there was a possibility of a strike settlement within a few days.

The central strike committee today agreed to the demand of the city council that "union permission" placards be discontinued. Deliveries of coal were being made this afternoon.

### SANE OR INSANE WINS JUDGMENT

New York, May 21.—John Armstrong Chaloner, Merry Mills, Va., millionaire, who escaped from an insane asylum here twenty-two years ago, was awarded \$20,000 verdict today against the New York Evening Post in his \$100,000 suit for alleged libel. The defendant at once moved to have the verdict set aside on the ground of excessive damages, and Judge Hand took the motion under advisement.

Chaloner's suit was based on an Evening Post article reporting the killing of John Gillard at Merry Mills, Va., ten years ago.

Although insane, according to a judgment of the New York Supreme Court, Chaloner was permitted to prosecute his suit in the Federal Court when he produced judgments of a Virginia court declaring him sane.

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ials or facilities for airplane production. Men familiar with only the general principles of construction are available to assist him, he said.

Fliers here tonight advanced but one idea to account for the complete disappearance of Hawker and his Sopwith plane. This is that the unfortunate little craft was forced into the ocean within an hour or two of its start from this coast, and sank at most immediately.

Complaint continued today of the British air force meteorological division, which was charged with a five hour delay in relaying to this port the storm warnings which might have caused Hawker to postpone his unfortunate flight until conditions were more propitious.