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LABOR CHIEFS WILL OPPOSE SALARY CUTS

Eradicate Deflation is Advice of Tom Moore Regarding Present Situation.

WORKLESS WANT MORE SHIPS BUILT

Threaten to Visit Minister of Marine to Demand Work in Montreal.

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 9—Tom Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, addressing the Rotary Club here today, espoused the principle of protection for the Dominion and said the workers should also get a share of protection in their trades.

He appealed for greater co-operation among the conflicting interests of industry, and urged discussions on common ground of all difference of opinion.

Urges Work For All

Mr. Moore urged upon employers the necessity of making the workers feel their part of the responsibility in production, to allocate some of that responsibility and to employ all, rather than bringing about unemployment by the reduction of staffs, with longer hours for the few. Speaking in opposition to any suggestion of reducing wages to the 1914 standard. Mr. Moore said such a step would create as vicious a circle as that of the increasing prices of the past few years. The remedy was to eradicate deflation, he said, not to go back to the 1914 standard.

Shipbuilding State.

Montreal, Dec. 9.—A decision to convene a general meeting of various trade and other interests concerned with the unemployment prevailing here among ship building employees was arrived at when a conference took place between Frank Griffard and William Baugh, representing the Montreal metal trades council and Bernard Rose, legal advisor to the Canadian Workers' Federation of Returned Soldiers and Sailors.

Build More Ships.

It was suggested that at such meeting a proposal should be discussed of sending a deputation to Ottawa to wait on the Premier, Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, minister of marine, the leader of the Opposition and others. Ways and means of relieving unemployment included the building of icebreakers and that the government should build some joint passenger and frenght ships.

ORANGE LEADER MADE TROUBLES CRAWFORD SAYS

Orator Whom Moncton Would Not Hear Still Explaining Meeting.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—Lindsay Crawford National president of the Self-Determination for Ireland League, has telegraphed to The Canadian Press, denied, in reference to the recent demonstration against him at Moncton, N. B., that he did not sal on that occasion that he was willing as a British citizen to "kiss" the flag. Mr. Crawford says:

"I was tryin to explain to the mob that I was quite willing to kiss the Canadian flag, but my voice was drowned by noise."

Canadians—Not British.

"At all our meetings," says Mr. Crawford's messags, "the Canadian is in evidence but is arrant nonsense to call Canadians 'Britishers.' It is equally ridiculous to libel Moncton by describing a riotous mob of irresponsible youths as 'citizens.' Not five per cent. of the mob were returned men, and there were sixty returned men at the meeting as supporters of the Self-Determination League." Mr. Crawford again asserts that the man who put the question at the Moncton meeting was the "local Orange leader."

CAPITAL SHIPS FOR NAVY WILL NOT BE BUILT

Imperial Defence Committee to Report on War Results Before Action Taken.

London, Dec. 10—No programme of capital ship construction for the navy will be presented to Parliament until the whole question of naval strength as affected by the latest developments in naval warfare has been exhaustively investigated by the Committee on Imperial Defence and the results of such investigation have been considered. This announcement was made in the House of Commons tonight by J. Austen Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

FARMERS DECIDE TO OPPOSE MINISTERS IN BY-ELECTIONS

Platform Adopted Recently at Moncton Was Discussed But No Action Taken.

Special to The Standard.

Sackville, Dec. 9.—A. C. Fawcett, newly elected M. L. A. for Westmorland county, presided at the regular meeting of the Sackville branch of the United Farmers' which was held in the Town Hall, Middle Sackville, last night. After the routine business had been transacted an outline of the Farmers' platform, as adopted at the meeting held in Moncton on December 3, was submitted and discussed.

Owing to the small attendance action was deferred to a later date.

A resolution was passed in favor of putting farmer candidates in the field, in Sunbury and Queens counties, where by-elections are to be held for the new ministers, Hon. D. W. Mersereau, Minister of Agriculture, and Hon. Dr. Hetherington, secretary-Treasurer.

A special meeting of the local branch of the Farmers will be called in near future.

TRAGIC STORY OF MacSWINEY TOLD BY WIDOW

Sobs and Cheers When She Gives Evidence on Ireland in New York.

"SIMPLY RADIATED PEACE" SHE SAYS

Refused to Urge Him to Eat Because She Had Promised Not to Do So.

Washington, Dec. 9—The life story of the late Terence MacSwiney, Lord Mayor of Cork, who died of self-starvation in Brixton prison, was told today by his widow to the Commissioner of the "Committee of One Hundred," an organization promoted by the editor of a weekly paper for the alleged purpose of investigating the Irish question. Mrs. MacSwiney's accounts of the numerous arrests of her husband, and his efforts on behalf of "a free Irish nation," and her attacks on the British Government, were punctuated alternately by applause and sobs.

Carried Babe to Jail

Mrs. MacSwiney told of her marriage to the late Lord Mayor in England in 1907, after her husband had been released from one of the many prison terms. She related how their only baby was born while its father was in jail in Belfast, and how she daily carried the child to visit the father in prison.

Mrs. MacSwiney recounted the arrest on August 12, 1920, and the beginning of the last hunger strike. Her husband, she said, was charged with having had a code used by the police, and she asserted that this was proper because of his position as Lord Mayor. She was present at the trial and said the Lord Mayor told her then of his intention to continue on hunger strike. She became convinced then, she declared, that he would die of starvation unless the British Government granted his release.

Proud of His Courage

"After my husband made his speech at the trial," she continued, "I guess I became resigned to what the future was to bring. The shock came first. It came harder on me then. After that I was reconciled, and I was proud of his courage."

As hunger wore down the Lord Mayor's strength, Mrs. MacSwiney said, he "absolutely radiated peace and contentment."

"I knew my husband was happy," she declared, "and I never, never would interfere with my husband in a matter of conscience. It was his choice. It was the decision of his spirit."

Would Not Urge Food

Her husband exacted a promise from her, Mrs. MacSwiney said, that she would not insist that he take food. The prison officials, however, said they would not employ forced feeding until the prisoner became unconscious when they would give him food, Mrs. MacSwiney declared. Accordingly, five days before the Lord Mayor died, the prison authorities began feeding him, she asserted, and continued to do so until his death.

Mrs. MacSwiney gave a recital of her experiences with the British officials, and charged that the British Home Office had spread propaganda to the effect that relatives of the Lord Mayor were secretly providing him with food.

IMMIGRATION CONFERENCE ENDS

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—The conference of Dominion and Provincial Government representatives that has been in session in Ottawa for the purpose of discussing immigration publicity and propaganda closed last night, and the visiting delegates, who came from as far West as Victoria, B. C., and as far east as Halifax, N. S., left for their homes.

SOVIET RULE ESTABLISHED IN ARMENIA

Turk Nationalists and Armenians Agree on Terms of Peace to Turks' Profit.

ALL ARMS GIVEN TO THE NATIONALISTS

Complete Accord Said to Have Been Reached Between Russians, Turks and Armenians.

New York, Dec. 9—A "formal armistice" between the Turkish Nationalists and Armenia has been signed, presumably at the intervention of the Russian Bolsheviki, although what the Russians gain by it is not yet known, according to cable advices received by the Near East Relief here today from Sanain, frontier customs and railway station between the republics of Georgia and Armenia.

The report has been confirmed, it was added, that the Turks were massacring the inhabitants of two villages near Hamamloc in alleged reprisal for the killing of two Turkish soldiers by civilians. No other massacring was reported.

Not Much Left

Constantinople, Dec. 9—The treaty between Armenia and the Turk Nationalists provides that all Armenia's armaments must be delivered to the Turks, with the exception of 1,500 rifles, 25 quick-firers, and three cannon, which the Armenians are permitted to keep.

A Soviet administration has been organized in Erivan, according to the reports and a complete accord exists between Soviet Russia, Azerbaijan, Armenia and the Turkish Nationalists.

SOFT COAL MAY BE EXPORTED BY MARITIME MINES

Partial Removal of the Embargo is Announced by the Hon. Mr. Carvell.

BIG INCREASE IN MINE PRODUCTION

Still Necessary to Secure a Permit to Send Bituminous Coal Beyond Borders.

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—The situation in regard to supplies of bituminous coal in Canada has improved to such an extent within the past few weeks that it has been found possible to partially remove the embargo on exports of bituminous coal from Canada and shipments under individual licenses will now be allowed from the maritime provinces. However, should the circumstances arise at any time to hinder the production or distribution of bituminous coal n Canada these licenses may be refused by the Board of Railway Commissioners who are in charge of fuel control and distribution.

Carvell in Ottawa.

The Hon. F. B. Carvell, chairman of the railway commission, returned this afternoon from the maritime provinces, where he had several conferences with the coal operators. The result of these conferences was the decision on the part of the board to permit export of coal under license. Unless some difficulties at present unforseen should arise in the next couple of months, it is hoped by officials of the board that it will be unnecessary to again prohibit export of coal, but the necessity of securing a license for each shipment of coal out of the country will be a guard against any danger of shortage.

Increase in Output.

The production of bituminous coal in all the mining areas of the Dominion is stated to have shown a splendid increase during recent weeks, and little fear is now felt that there will be any shortage of bituminous coal to deal with.

In some regards the anthracite situation is also brighter though some sections of the country have been experiencing difficulty in the matter of obtaining their full supples..

May Make Strike Levy.

Halifax, Dec. 9.—A levy of $1 per month for a period of two months, may be placed upon all members of the United Mine Workers' Union in Nova Scotia within the next few days unless some settlement is arrived at in Alabama and West Virginia, so International Board Member Silby Barrett, stated at Glace Bay today. The International organization is conducting strikes at these places, and is in need of funds, he said.

May Bar Minto Miners.

Glace Bay, N. S., Dec. 9.—There is a possibility that the vote taken in the Minto, N. B., district will be waived by the United Mine Workers' tellers when they meet here to count the vote in the recent election for executive officers The Minto locals are not in good standing with the International, being seven or eight months behind in their union payments. According to the U. M. W. constitution the vote should not be counted.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA.

United Farmers of New Brunswick decide to place farmer candidates in the two divisions in which by-elections are to be held on December 27.

Labor in Montreal will ask government to start some work on ships.

Minister of Labor at Ottawa says unemployment question is largely one for the provinces and the various municipalities.

Rumor declare the British Empire Steel Merger will consist only of steel plants in the maritime provinces, but not all of these will be included.

UNITED STATES.

President Wilson to receive the Noble Peace prize today.

Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, widow of the late lord mayor of Cork, tells her tragic story in New York.

THE BRITISH ISLES.

Lloyd George will make a great announcement regarding Ireland in the House of Commons at noon today; it is rumored he may annunce martial law for the Island.

EUROPE.

Berlin hears the Allies may demand that Germany cease paying any money to the ex-Kaiser.

Armenian Capital has established a Soviet rule.

Turk Nationalists and the Armenians have signed a peace by which Armenia is stripped of her arms.

SMOTHERED TO DEATH IN GAS FILLED STUDIO

Former Montreal Man is Found Dead in New York Office.

MAY HAVE COME FROM HALIFAX

Confusion of Names Renders it Difficult to Establish Identification.

New York, Dec. 9—The body of a man who died Thursday night from inhaling gas at a studio at 6 East 14th street, was identified as that of Charles McDonnell, aged 34, a writer of 105 Closse street, Montreal. The identification was made by the man's brother, Horace McDonnell, who resides at 235 West 11th street. His brother, he said, came to New York about six months ago. The studio was rented by a man whose name could not be ascertained and who is said to be in Boston. Charles McDonnell, it is said, was his guest and was left in charge of the studio when the lessee went away.

Not Known in Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 9.—Inquiry at 105 Closse street, which is an apartment house, brought the information that there had never been a Charles McDonnell at that address. A Ralph S. McDonald had, however, been staying there up to six months ago when he left for New York to take up a position in an insurance office. He was by profession a chemist, but had for some time been an operator on the Montreal Stock Exchange. Previously he had ben employed as an insurance underwriter's clerk.

R. S. McDonald came originally from Halifax, N. S. He was married and had one daughter, Margaret who would be about eighteen months old at the present time.

DRURY WANTS TO SEND WORKLESS TO THE COUNTRY

Lumber Camps and Farmers Asked to Give Jobs to City Men.

Toronto, Dec. 9—A great effort is to be made by members of the Drury cabinet to transfer the surplus labor now in the cities to outlying districts. This morning Hon. Manning Doherty, minister of agriculture, conferred with the officials of his department toward arranging for the agricultural districts to absorb some.

Every agricultural representative has been instructed to imemdiately comb his district to see how much hel pcan be employed by the faremrs. The Hon. Beniah Bowman, minister of mines and forests, has already information that hundreds of men can be placed in the lumber camps, and has forwarded a memorandum to the minister of labor.

Premier To Meet Veterans Today For Discussion of Unemployment Situation

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—A conference on the unemployment situation between the Premier and other members of the cabinet, and representatives of the G. W. V. A. has been arranged for tomorrow morning.

ALLIES STOP EX-EMPEROR'S GERMAN CASH

Berlin Hears Great Britain and France Object to Payments.

HUGE SALARY ROLL SINCE HIS FLIGHT

Protest to be Made to Germans Against Continuing Salaries.

Berlin, Dec. 9—The Tageblatt hears that Great Britain and France have decided to send a protest to the German Government against payments being made to the former German Emperor.

Recent Berlin despatches reported that the former German Emperor had received from Germany nearly 100,000,000 marks since his flight from that country to Holland.

NEEDLE TRADES FIGHT AGAINST CLOTHING SHOPS

New York and Boston Manufacturers Have Stiff Fight on Hands Now.

HALF MILLION IN THE NEW ALLIANCE

Resolutions Score Shop Owners for Breaking Faith With the Workers.

New York, Dec. 9.—The needle trades alliance, launched here today, as a defensive and offensive organization of five big international unions to control labor conditions in the clothing industry, has decided to "take up the fight" of the clothing workers in New York and Boston against the manufacturers.

Announcement of the decision on this morning to enter the wage fight quickly followed formation of the alliance by delegates of unions representing nearly 500,000 needle workers.

Resolutions passed by the alliance condemned the attitude of clothing manufacturers in this city and Boston.

The Resolution.

The resolutions in part follow:

"We recognize that the clothing manufacturers of New York and Boston have declared war on the clothing workers of these cities by breaking relations with the Union, summarily dismissing the impartial chairman and destroyng the machinery of government in industry, hoping to thereby bring about a return to the sweat shop system, and as a move to destroy the organization of the clothing workers.

"We tender our unqualified support to the clothing workers in the fight which has been forced upon them."

FRED E. ROGERS KILLED BY AUTO

Hopewell Hill, N. B., Dec. 9—Alexander Rogers, ex-M.P., and Registrar of Deeds, received a telegram last night stating that his son, Fred E. Rogers, had been killed in an automobile acident at Niagara Falls.

The body is expected to be brought here for burial and will be accompanied here by W. A. Rogers of Kingston, Ont., a brother of the victim.

AMERICANS BUYING CANADIAN TURKEY SO PRICES ARE SOARING

Price for Christmas Birds in Montreal May be Sixty-Five Cents Pound.

Montreal, Dec. 9.—The price of Christmas turkeys may sour to 5 cents a pound. The change is attributed to wholesale buying by American packing firms attracted by the low rate of Canadian exchange.

No change is recorded in retail quotations of beef and pork although the wholesale price of the latter has fallen $7 a cwt.

More Americans Buying.

Brockville, Ont., Dec. 9.—At a Turkey Fair, which was held in Westport today, over fifteen tons of turkey changed hands. An average of 51 cents per pound was paid, although some buyers paid as high as 56 and 58 cents per pound. The buyers were nearly all Americans, who used the high rate of exchange on American money to run the prices sky high.

Lloyd George To Make Speech On Ireland Friday

British Premier Promises Important Statement to Commons on That Date.

London, Dec. 9—It is announced that Premier Lloyd George will make an important statement on Ireland on the opening of the House of Commons at noon Friday.

The terms of the statement were doubtlessly discussed in the conference between the premier, Andrew Bonar Law, the government leader in the commons; Sir Hamar Greenwood, chief secretary for Ireland, several officials of the Irish Department, which was held at the premier's official residence in Downing street this afternoon.

May Be Martial Law

Many reports are current in the lobbies as to what the premier is likely to say. It is believed in some quarters that he will announce the possibility that the government will declare martial law in Ireland, although at the same time indicate the readiness of the government to enter into conversations with the moderate Sinn Feiners, with a view to settlement.

PROVINCES AND CITIES TO AID WORKLESS MEN

Only When These Fail Will Federal Government Deal With Matter.

WILLING TO CO-OPERATE BUT NOT TO LEAD

Minister of Labor Urges Canadians to Buy Canadian Goods to Help Situation.

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—The attitude of the Dominion Government toward the unemployment situation in Canada is set forth in a statement which was issued this evening from the office of the Minister of Labor. It says in brief that unemployment problems are the more direct concern of the municipality or province in which the unemployed exists, and that they should be dealt with primarily by such municipality or province.

Ready To Help.

Federal aid should be given only when the problem becomes too difficult to handle locally. The government of Canada, it is stated, is willing and anxious to do what is necessary to aid the local bodies in solving the problem of unemployment, but it cannot assume obligations which properly belong to a particular municipality or province. Through the department of labor, the federal government wil be glad to co-operate with the provincial authorities as necessity appears, and through the department of soldiers' civil re-establishment, it will continue to give special attention to disabled or partly incapacitated soldiers.

No Distinction Now.

"Obviously," says the statement, "there can no longer be any recognized distinction between the physically fit returned man and other unemployed workmen. The disabled or partly disabled returned soldier must and will continue to receive special attention."

After reviewing briefly what the federal government has done to try and improve the situation, the statement draws attention to the fact that the purchase of Canadian made articles will help to reduce unemployment.

"If every citizen will do his or her part in giving employment, where and when possible," and will purchase only the product of Canadian labor where obtainable, the unemployment problem will be minimized."

REVOLVER SHOTS BUT NO ONE HURT

Man Causes Excitement in Belgian Chamber of Deputies.

Brussels, Dec. 9—Three shots from a revolver were fired in the direction of the president's tribune in the chamber of deputies by a spectator in the public gallery, just as the chamber was adjoining last evening.

"I have been four years a prisoner in Germany and have not obtained justice since my return," the man shouted.

No one is reported to have been hurt, except a few deputies and spectators who were bruised in the scramble to leave the chamber.

RANSOM NOTE TO MOTHER IS YOUTH'S WORK

Vanished from Home, Then Wrote Mother Demanding $500 for His Ransom.

FANTASTIC TALE TOLD BY BOY

Detectives Secure Confession and Send Him Home to Ask Forgiveness.

Hyde Park, Vt., Dec. 9—The demand on Mrs. Maud Leplant for $600 ransom for the return of her missing 17-year-old son, Grover, three weeks ago was an invention of the youth himself, according to a confession that he is alleged to have made today to W. E. Tracey, state's attorney of Lamoille County, and E. C. Brown, a pvrate detective.

On Nov. 20, Mrs. Leplant found on her doorstep a bo xcontaining a note saying that if she wished to see her son again, who had been on a visit ni Richmond, she must place the ransom omney in the box and leave it unguarded or "his body would be disposed of."

Boy's Alarming Tale

That same evening young Laplant was found apparently dazed and numb with cold in a sugar house not far from his home. He said that while walking home from the railroad station, three men in a closed automobile seized him and knocked hi msenseless with a blow on the head. Later he said he escaped from a tree to which he had been tied, and wandered to the sugar house.

After the boy had confessed today to the state's attorney that he wrote the note himesif, he aws advised to go home and ask his mother's forgiveness. eH promised to do so.

LEAGUE ACCEPTS CANADIAN VIEW TO SAVE COSTS

Favors Committees Rather Than Expensive Commissions to Carry on Work.

LEAGUE DISAPPOINTED AT WILSON'S STAND

Delegates Were Sure He Could Do What Was Asked Without Trouble.

Geneva, Dec. 9.—President Wilson's negative reply t othe League of Nations' invitation to name an unofficial delegate to co-operate with the commission to be appointed by the assembly to discuss disarmament has caused great disappointment. It was thought the disarmament investigation afforded an opportunity of which President Wilson could take advantage of without committing himself.

Canadians, Score Again.

Canada, whose delegation has made a great impression on the assembly, scored again today when it secured elimination of the provision in the technical committee's report for permanent transit and health commissions. The assembly, impressed by the growing expenses of the League and the International Labor Bureau, accepted the Canadian view. The Canadians argued it was preferrable to work with temporary commissions, having consulting power only until it is possible to see more clearly just what may be done with specialized organizations.

DOG FAITHFUL TO DEAD MASTER

Police Had to Shoot Animal Before Body Could be Secured.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 9.—Not until a dog standing guard over hs master was shot were policemen able to remove the body of Thomas Maher, an aged recluse, from his home last night. Neighbors had not seen Maher for several days and the continual barking of the dog aroused their suspicious. Officers, looking through a window, saw the body of Maher on the floor and attempted to crawl through. The dog resisted their attempts. It was finally found necessary to shoot the animal. Maher had lived alone for twenty years.

FIRE DESTROYS CATTLE

Oxford, N. S., Dec. 9—A ten thousand dollar fire last night destroyed a large barn owned by David Giles, at Victoria, eight miles from here. Twenty-four head of cattle were killed in the conflagration. There is said to be no insurance on the property.

CHRISTMAS IN DUBLIN.

Dublin, Dec. 9.—The relaxation of the curfew restrictions for Christmas week here are in contemplation in official quarters, it was learned today.