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CHILDREN FIND MANY FRIENDS

119 Youngsters from Lawrence Accorded Warm Reception in New York.

WILL BE CARED FOR.

Thousands Volunteer to Provide for Kiddies Whose Parents are Engaged in the Textile War.

New York, N. Y., Feb. 10.—An innovation in labor war tactics was tried tonight by the distribution here of 119 children, whose parents are engaged in the textile strike at Lawrence, Mass. The arrival of the little tots had been heralded as due early in the afternoon, but owing to failure to make connections at Boston, the children did not arrive until five hours later, and during that time a crowd of several hundred socialists stood shivering in the Grand Central station awaiting their coming.

Red banners and a large number of socialist emblems were borne by the crowd, and when at last the train arrived, a band blared forth The Marseillaise and mighty cheers were given.

A line of 20 policemen was brushed aside like so many chips as the crowd surged forward to greet the children. With difficulty the children were led to an elevated station and whisked away to the labor temple up town. On the way many persons rushed forward and seized them and carried them on their shoulders and the elevated station and train were packed almost to suffocation by the crowd.

They were finally ranged around long tables, where hot steaming soup, rice, potatoes and other vegetables were set before them. By the time the meal was over the children were feeling happy enough to cheer and sing the Marseillaise. A large mass of people packed outside the doors took up the words of the revolutionary hymn and it was sung and resung.

After the children had eaten their full innumerable flashlights were taken and physicians were admitted to examine the children. Only one child was in need of treatment.

Among the large number of persons who gathered to offer to take care of the children were Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont and the Rev. Percy Slickney Grant, pastor of the Church of the Ascension. Mrs. Belmont and the minister were denied, however, being told that there were 700 applications and there were only 119 children to distribute.

For the distribution the children were taken to a large hall and seated on the platform and while the negotiations were going on most of the smallest children fell asleep, too tired to care much what became of them. Difficulties were encountered when it came to splitting up a family, when one little golden haired girl burst into tears and cried loudly for her brother. The scene convinced the committee that it would not do to split up families and many persons agreed to take five or even seven children temporarily until a further distribution could be made.

REPUBLICANS ARE WILLING TO GIVE GROUND IF NEED BE

Peking, Feb. 11.—An edict establishing the republic will probably be issued on Feb. 12. A statement from the Chinese foreign board says that the republicans are harassed by dissensions and are prepared to waive a majority of the proposed modifications. The statement further asserts that there is no fear of transfer of the capital from Peking, although that point has not yet been absolutely agreed upon.

COULDN'T SEEM TO AGREE ABOUT RABBI

Moncton, Feb. 11.—A number of Jewish residents in Moncton met tonight at the residence of one of their number for the purpose of engaging the services of a rabbi. During the meeting a dispute arose and a fight followed in which bottles and various articles of furniture were used. As a sequel four of the disputants were arrested and lodged in the police station, but later they were released on bail.

EX-PREMIER ASSAILS THE AGREEMENT

Ratification of Franco-German Accord Made the Occasion of Bitter Speech by M. Clemenceau to Deputies.

GERMANY HAS NO GOOD WILL FOR FRANCE.

Paris, Feb. 10.—The ratification of the Franco-German accord, with the concurrence of the chamber of deputies, was signaled today by a dramatic speech by ex-Premier Clemenceau in which he characterized the treaty as a diplomatic monster. He attacked the concessions made to Germany, saying that the negotiations should not have been backed up under the threat of the Panther's guns. He doubted if the accord would be an instrument of peace, as he saw no indications of good will and moderation on the part of Germany, which five times since 1870 had menaced France with war without provocation.

M. Clemenceau closed the debate with a characteristic criticism of the treaty, which he declared could not possibly be defended. France had her finger on the trigger and should have said, "No" to the negotiations conducted "under the guns of Agram."

The attitude of the nation in the recent crisis, however, was an excellent omen for the future and he said: "All peoples have a right to their share of life, and that is what Germany has denied France since 1870. He repudiates any idea of a rapprochement with Germany and said that the defeat of 1870 ought not to involve a state of vassalage.

Premier Follmer said that while the treaty was not perfect it was necessary to ratify it as a matter of policy and in the interest of the triple entente.

SUPERANNATED MEN MAY HAVE TO RETURN TO WORK

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Feb. 11.—A queer mix-up has occurred in connection with the Hansard staff. The debates committee of the House has recommended the appointment of two of the official reporters and the elevation of two others to be editor and assistant editor of the debates.

The civil service commission has seized the opportunity to apply the principle of competitive examinations to the Hansard staff and is absolutely open for Canadians with eight dollar fees, and a long list of literary and other qualifications. It now transpires that the Hansard staff never came under the old superannuation scheme and there seems to be no way by which this difficulty can be overcome.

STRIKERS CHARGED BY BAYONETS OF FRENCH SOLDIERY

Lyons, France, Feb. 10.—A detachment of Chasseurs came into conflict tonight with striking coal miners, who have been engaged in serious disorders. The Chasseurs charged the strikers with their bayonets and then fired a volley into the mob, two of whom were killed. The enraged rioters attacked the troops so fiercely that the soldiers broke rank and fled. Subsequently they rallied and charged again, scattering the mob, numbers of which were injured.

GOVERNMENT BILL TO PROVIDE AID FOR AGRICULTURE

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Feb. 11.—A government bill embodying the policy of direct federal aid to agriculture is in readiness and will be brought down by the Minister of Agriculture immediately. The measure will resemble the good roads bill in its general provisions, the proposal being to grant subsidies for encouragement of scientific agriculture in co-operation with the various provinces.

Swift and Co. Still in Limelight

Deputation Waits on Government Asking that Conditions be Not Allowed to Lapse to Former State.

LIBERALS FAILED TO ENFORCE THE LAW.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Feb. 10.—A large deputation representing the Canadian Lumbermen's Association saw the government on Saturday in the council chamber and discussed the lumber tariff. They were introduced by Hon. Martin Burrell, J. D. Taylor, M. P., and A. S. George, M. P.

The lumbermen urge the government to prevent a return to the conditions which prevailed under the non-enforcement of the law by the old government. The present provision of the law as recently enforced, was declared to be working well, but the deputation urged the government to take such steps as would prevent a return to the conditions which prevailed under the non-enforcement of the law by the old government.

BURGLAR SUSPECT REMANDED—SECOND ARREST IS MADE

Nelson Letorneau Gives Evidence Against Lavigne and is Arrested as he Rises to Leave.

Special to The Standard. Campbellton, Feb. 10.—Robert Lavigne, the young man arrested in Bathurst and charged with burglarizing Miller Bros. and J. E. Renault's premises on the night of the 1st of February and stealing from the first place a box containing valuable insurance papers and receipts, and from the latter two revolvers, number of jack knives and \$13, was before Judge Matheson this afternoon. E. R. Richard, clerk of the peace presided.

The main witness for the prosecution was Nelson Letorneau, who had been seen in the company of the accused on the night in question. Letorneau's evidence was strongly against Lavigne, whilst he denied any complicity in the burglaries on his own account.

Lavigne after the evidence for the prosecution had been taken and the statutory clause read to him by the judge, elected to give evidence. His story implicated Letorneau in both jobs, they had planned and executed the robberies together and shared the plunder. Lavigne was then remanded on both charges until Wednesday next.

TWO THOUSAND BOY SCOUTS REVIEWED BY BADEN POWELL

New York, Feb. 10.—Two thousand Boy Scouts from many points in New York State, New Jersey and Connecticut were reviewed by Lieut. General Sir Robert Baden-Powell, chief of the Boy Scout movement in England and several thousand spectators in the Seventy-First Regiment Armory today. A squad of 26 blind boys acted as guard of honor to the visitor and a band of musicians composed of deaf and dumb inmates of New York institution furnished the music playing in perfect unison by watching the movements of their leader.

MONTCALM MEETS LITTLE TROUBLE IN TRIP SO FAR

Quebec, Feb. 11.—The Canadian government steamer Montcalm, which left Quebec last Friday morning for Seven Islands and Anticosti, has evidently made a most successful trip. Mr. Beland, agent of the Marine and Fisheries Department in Quebec, today received a marconigram to the effect that the steamer would reach Ellis Bay at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The report stated that there was much ice on the north shore, but it was very open in the Gulf. If everything goes all right, the steamer should be back in Quebec by Sunday morning next.

YUAN NOW AGREES WITH REPUBLICANS—ABDICATION SOON

Shanghai, Feb. 11.—The delay in the issuance of the edict of abdication is due largely to the necessity of an amicable settlement of the details of the organization in order to secure prompt recognition. Assurances are given that Yuan Shi Kai, the imperial premier, is now in full accord with the republicans and is actually advising with respect to future plans looking to the effective coalition of all the provinces and factions, and the arrangement of the machinery of the republican government.

LUMBERMEN OPPOSE AN IMPROVEMENT

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TWO SCHOONERS ENGAGED IN ICE TOWED TO PORT

Chatham, Mass., Feb. 10.—The two three-masted schooners the Annie R. Lewis and the Rhoda Holmes, with rigging and sails encased in ice, and with their crews near exhausted from long exposure to zero weather, were taken in tow for Provincetown tonight by the Revenue Cutter Great-ham. Both schooners were sighted this morning flying distress signals near Pollock Rip Shoals Lightship.

The Mononoy Point lifesavers started out in the face of a 30 knot gale and rescued the Rhoda Holmes after a four mile run, finding her helpless with split sails and a frost bitten crew. Meanwhile a wireless message had notified the Revenue Cutter of the predicament of the two vessels and she reached the scene from Woods Hole shortly before sunset.

Captain Winram, of the Gresham, reported by wireless that he found the Annie R. Lewis leaning E by S and with her rigging gone on one side. A boat's crew from the cutter was sent aboard to pump, and will remain there during the night. The Rhoda Holmes sailed from New York the last day of the year for Rockland reporting at Vineyard Haven on February 1.

TWO DEATHS MAY BE RESULT OF THIS \$150,000 BLAZE

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 11.—One life is believed to have been lost, a fireman was probably fatally hurt and \$150,000 damage was done in a fire that destroyed the plant of the Bingham Truck Company on the lower terrace early today. Albert Jones, watchman of the building, has not been seen since the fire and probably was burned to death. Six firemen were badly burned, and one of them, William J. Murphy, fell to the street. His legs were broken, the others were rescued.

RETAILERS DON'T WANT EXTENSION OF PARCEL POST

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Feb. 10.—The retailers of Canada are prepared to put up a fight against any proposal to extend the parcel post system, according to a statement made here by E. M. Trev-ern, secretary of the Retailers Association. The contention of the retail merchants is that a system of parcel post, as it is being advertised, would mean the taxing of the ordinary citizen and the small shopkeeper for the benefit of the big mail order houses. These or any other objections will, of course, be given due consideration by the government in the preparation of parcel post legislation.

DAM BREAKS, FLOOD SWEEPS ALL BEFORE IT—SEVEN DEATHS

Vancouver, Feb. 11.—Bursting of a dam at a small lake near Union Bay Saturday afternoon let out an immense flood of water which coursed down the valley, destroying 45 dwellings, with a property loss variously estimated at between \$20,000 and \$30,000. Seven persons, all of whom are

WILL DOMINATE BRITISH HOUSE

Leaders of Labor Party Set Out to Increase Representation by an Even Hundred—Two New Publications to be Issued—Platform Aims to Improve Conditions of Labor.

London, Feb. 10.—Since the Liberal party returned to power in 1905 and particularly since it has depended for its political life on the support of the labor and Nationalist parties, more legislation of the kind advocated by trades unions has been enacted than in any similar period in the history of the country. Still, labor, or at least the independent labor party which is largely dominated by the Socialists, is not satisfied, and has arranged a programme which, as last year's president of the party, Ben Turner, admitted, gives rise to expectations much greater than its possibilities.

Mr. Turner said that the party had not done all that it should have done, the fault lying in the fact that it lacked numerical strength. Its business now is, he added, to make it the dominating, controlling, guiding and ruling party of the state.

For the immediate future the party's platform contains planks looking to the further improvement of the conditions of labor: a right to work bill, that is, a law making it obligatory upon the government to provide work for those desiring it; the abolition of night work, as far as possible, a land policy, which would place the workers on the land, until the nationalization of land has been accomplished, and the nationalization of railways and

mines, and bills for the improvement of the housing of working men. The members of the party are bending their efforts to secure legislation reversing the Osborne judgment which ruled that trades unions could not devote part of their funds to the support of the labor party. It has been suggested that the party should make the support of this measure the price of their support of home rule, that an alliance should be formed between the laborites and nationalists looking to the passage of home rule and a bill to reverse this judgment.

Two labor daily papers are about to make their appearance. One, the Daily Herald, is to take the place of the Morning Leader, which is to be amalgamated with the Daily News. The Leader was never an official labor paper but it generally supported the party. The Herald will be an out and out labor sheet.

The second paper is to be the Daily Citizen, and it will be the official organ of the party. A fund of \$750,000 is being raised to make a start, and the party has subscribed \$30,000 towards this, and will give both financial and other support in the future. The leaders have set themselves the task of increasing the labor representations in the House of Commons from 42 to 142 and with this concrete party they believe they can dominate not only home, but also foreign politics.

SUICIDE LATEST EXPLANATION OF DUFOUR'S DEATH

Recent Developments Shed New Light on Mysterious Death of Quebec Stonecutter—Escaped from Police.

St. Scholastique, Feb. 11.—Stories of the strange condition of the man Albert Dufour, who was found dead in his shanty last week with his throat gashed and suit wounds in his body, support the suicide theory as against that of murder.

It transpired that twice recently Dufour had attempted to take his life. James Blegg, who shared the dead man's cabin, was awakened one night by screams and found Dufour with a gash in his throat, self-inflicted with a razor.

A few days later while they were coming home from St. Canute, Dufour attempted to leap over a bridge which spans a river between St. Canute and this town. Blegg seized and held him. Both attempts at suicide were made after Dufour had been over indulging his taste for liquor.

At the time of his death five dozen empty beer bottles were found in his cabin. The last person to see him before he was found dead was the young son of a neighbor to whom Dufour called asking him to buy him a bottle of whiskey. It is also learned that Dufour was wanted by the American police for a savage assault on a fellow workman some years ago near Lowell, Mass. Dufour was captured at the time and sentenced to 100 days by the court on his way to prison. The inquest into his death will be resumed here tomorrow.

CANADA WILL SOON HAVE NEW COUNCIL CHAMBER IN OTTAWA

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Feb. 10.—Canada will soon have a new council chamber and a new round table at which the members of the cabinet will sit. Just now it is somewhat in the air, but it is coming down. When it does the present council chamber will become the office of the Prime Minister. The new wing of the east block is nearing completion, and will provide housing accommodation for various now scattered branches of the finance department. There is no room in the new wing for a council chamber but there is still enough of parliament hill left for a still further addition.

THOUSANDS GET SCARE, NONE HURT

Throng in Theatre, Dance Hall and Tenements Pour to Streets on Alarm of Fire—\$300,000 Damage.

ENTIRE NEW YORK FIRE FORCE BUSY.

New York, Feb. 10.—A fire so serious that practically all of the fire fighting apparatus in the city was summoned to combat, broke out late tonight in one of the most congested sections of New York near the Bowery, throwing thousands of tenants, hotel guests, theatre goers and dancers into a panic.

In place of the great casualty list which the police feared, the reports from the scene were startling from the fact that not a single serious injury was reported. The wonder of it was that nearly five thousand persons were driven from crowded buildings at a late night hour, some in panic in the streets where they shivered in cold near zero. The total damage was about \$300,000. The route which the fire caused was summed up as follows: Three hundred tenants of the tenement building near the corner of Christie and Station streets, where the fire started. A thousand young women and men who were dancing on the upper floors of a seven storey building adjoining the tenement, which took fire and burned rapidly. Four hundred women in the Salvation Army hotel for women at No. 245 Bowery, which was seriously threatened when the dance hall behind it burned down; Four hundred men in Luther's Hotel near the Salvation Army place. A thousand spectators of a play in the Lipin Theatre, where the third act of "Love and Riches" was being played in yiddish; Fifteen hundred tenants of buildings in the vicinity which were not seriously threatened, but whose occupants were mainly foreigners, and became so frightened that they fled from their homes.

FOUR BUILDINGS ARE DESTROYED BY FIRE IN NEW GLASGOW

Special to The Standard. New Glasgow, Feb. 11.—Fire this forenoon destroyed a block of four buildings on Provost street belonging to Raymond and Miss Wright's restaurant and D. S. Fraser's shoe store. The loss will likely be under \$20,000 on stock and buildings. Fraser's stock well insured, will be the principal individual loss.

MONTGTON SEES SOME COLD WEATHER TOO—CARS LEAVE RAILS

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Feb. 11.—A broken wheel caused three coal laden cars on De-laney's west bound special to leave the track near Petit Rocher on the Moncton-Campbellton division of the Intercolonial Saturday.

Over 100 yards of track were torn up and traffic was blocked for some hours. The day express had to be transferred at the scene of the wreck and was somewhat delayed in consequence.

DEATH OF FORMER ST. JOHN MAN AT ANNAPOLIS ROYAL

Special to The Standard. Annapolis Royal, Feb. 10.—The death of Fred Leavitt, a prominent resident of this place, occurred here last evening. The late Mr. Leavitt was for a number of years registrar of probates and was in his eighty-second year. He was a native of St. John and leaves many relatives there. His ancestors were among the earliest pioneers of what is now the city of St. John and his father was at one time president of the Bank of New Brunswick. The late Mr. Leavitt was not only prominent in St. John but all through this county.