

FRANCE MAKES HER POSITION CLEAR TO ALL

Will Never Consent to Suicide Through Reduction of Her Defensive Armies.

WAR MINISTER GIVES SENTIMENT OF FRENCH Desire to Reduce Military Expenses But Must Have Assurance of Protection.

(United Press) Paris, Oct. 16.—In a new declaration which may be interpreted as the government's attitude towards the Washington conference on armaments and policy, French delegation will pursue at American meeting, Louis Barthou, minister of war declared today that France, his nation would never consent to "a suicide" through reduction of her defensive armies.

Barthou voted at the unveiling of a statue of Paul Desroches—great republican patriot—the sentiment which has inspired nearly every French statement since the disarmament question was projected. He argued for "guarantees," or in lieu of guarantees, a military frontier along the Rhine which he said would render war in Eastern Europe impossible but insisting these he declared France could not stand on her knees.

France loyal. "No country desires more loyalty than France," he said, "a reduction of military expenses. France has furthered the generous appeal of United States by every possible means for words, but for deeds. She cannot, however, consent to her suicide. France is the outpost of the world. She is the sentinel who can not be deserted."

"France renounced Rhine military frontier—which would have rendered war impossible—for the promise of a written guarantee. But in default of writing written guarantee of alliance with England and United States we must assure our own defense."

Stature of Desroches which was unveiled, was made from metal of status of Kaiser Frederick III, which used to stand on the same spot.

The Bootlegger And Bolshevik In Same Class

He is in a Nefarious and Traitorous Business, Says Prohibition Commissioner.

Pittsburg, Oct. 16.—The bootlegger and Bolshevik are in the same class according to Prohibition Commissioner Roy A. Haines. "He is a wretched American who falls to see in the bootlegger of today the spirit of an anarchist," Haines declared today at the Methodist Episcopal Conference here. "It is time that citizens upon whom we depend to uphold our Americanism awaken to a realization that the bootlegging is not a mere pastime, but a nefarious and traitorous business. The bootlegger, whether in the highest or the lowest walks of life is, in the last analysis, a law violator, and stripped of his social prestige or political influence is a criminal giving assistance and encouragement to those forces of bootlegging and criminality whose business it is to make prostitutes and debauch citizenship, which have murdered more men in discharge of their duties in proportion to the number of enforcement of law than fell on the battlefields of France in defense of our flag."

Well Known Train Dispatcher Dies From Pneumonia

Special to The Standard Moncton, N. B., Oct. 16.—Thomas Vye Tozer, a well known C. N. R. train dispatcher, died at his home here today after a short illness of pneumonia. Mr. Tozer was formerly dispatcher at Newcastle, but was transferred to Moncton about fifteen months ago. He was well known among railway men and especially along the line between Moncton and Campbellton. He was 51 years old and is survived by his wife, who was formerly Miss Isabelle Call, of St. John. He is survived by two brothers, Dr. F. W. Tozer, of Portland, and H. E. Tozer, of South End, North County, Wolfville, N. S., and Miss Jennie Tozer, Orange, N. J. The remains will be taken to Newcastle Tuesday for burial.

Bourassa in Fight As Independent

Ottawa, Oct. 16.—Henri Bourassa, the Quebec Nationalist leader, will run as an independent candidate in the constituency of LaBele. Although reported to be in Montreal, Bourassa appeared at Painesville, which is organized in a caucus.

11 SUICIDES IN 24 HOURS SETS RECORD IN BERLIN

Eleven suicides in the last twenty-four hours were reported in two afternoon papers Sunday which state that is a new record for Berlin. The best known among suicides is Gustav von Wagemheim, a former soldier who turned actor and playwright. He had strong pacifist leanings and was the son of the famous German actor, Eduard von Wagemheim. He ended his life with poison.

HARDING READY TO GRAPPLE WITH STRIKE PROBLEM

Gov't Seeking Means to Avert National Calamity of Railroad Walkout.

READY TO EMPLOY DRASTIC MEASURES

What Direction Administration Activities Will Take Has Not Been Determined.

Washington, Oct. 16.—The government is seeking means to avert the national calamity of a general railroad strike. Drastic measures would be employed to keep transportation system should necessary methods fail to bring railroad workers and their employers into agreement. High officials of government regard a tie up as impossible, and will utilize every means for preventing it.

What direction the administration's activities will take has not been determined. President Harding, members of Congress and administrative officials have interested themselves in the problem, and developments are expected within a few days.

Members of public group of railway labor board are on the capital and will confer Monday with the Interstate Commerce Commission on general subject of wages and freight rates. President Harding is expected to call an administrative committee on the subject of alterations in both rate and wage schedules, which may be acceptable to both parties in the labor-outlet.

United Farmers of York-Sunbury Lacking Funds

At Meeting Saturday They Failed to Secure the Necessary for a Campaign.

Special to The Standard Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 16.—As forecast some days ago, the financial situation has given pause to the United Farmers of York-Sunbury. The spirit of the by-election, which the American press is very, very weak. A so-called nominating convention was held by the United Farmers, or Progressive, in the County House on Saturday afternoon. In point of attendance, the convention was a success, in point of enthusiasm, the success was not so apparent.

Rev. J. H. Jenner At Lexington, Mass.

Former St. John Pastor Preached His Initial Sermon There on Sunday.

Special to The Standard Boston, Mass., Oct. 16.—The Rev. J. H. Jenner, preached his initial sermon at the First Baptist Church, Lexington, this morning. He accepted a call to this church from the Charlotte Street Baptist Church at St. John, N. B. Rev. Mr. Jenner will be formally installed as pastor on Wednesday evening, October 20, when he will be tendered an elaborate reception by his parishioners. Accompanying Rev. Mr. Jenner are his wife and daughter, Muriel.

Further Light On Mystery At Petitediac

Moncton, Oct. 16.—Some further information regarding the body of an unknown man found in the woods near Petitediac, Friday last, has been learned. Two years ago a man, whose name has not been named, worked at Forest Glen and started to walk to Petitediac. That was the last

GEN. PERSHING GREETED BY LONDONERS

Arrives to Present Congressional Medal of Honor to Unknown Tommy.

HIS COMING HAILED WITH GRATIFICATION

American Tribute to Great Britain Interpreted as Another Evidence of Unity.

London, Oct. 16.—All misunderstanding has been allayed, General John J. Pershing, U. S. A. who all but returned to the United States without presenting the Congressional Medal of Honor to an unknown British Tommy lying here this afternoon to be greeted by a crowd of 500 people, as many as the authorities would permit within the train shed at Victoria Station. He was accompanied from Paris by General Sir Henry Wilson, of the British Army and from Dover by Major Oscar Soibert, U. S. A. military attaché of the London Embassy.

Met by Committee.

As the General stepped from the special car, he was met by a reception committee including a personal representative of Lord Curzon, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Lord Lee, First Lord of the Admiralty, Sir Laming Worthington Evans in his official capacity as secretary of State for War, Capt. F. E. Gues, Minister for Air and Quartermaster General of the British Navy, Sir Travers Clarke, and Sir Henry Ostry, Second Sea Lord represented the service side of the admiralty. This was General Pershing's second reception in England Sunday for military authorities at Dover had greeted him officially earlier in the day. Arriving here he drove at once to the Embassy to pay his respects to Ambassador George Harvey.

A picked contingent of 300 American infantrymen from the Rhine Army is due to arrive here at 9 p.m. to march direct to the Duke of York's barracks. A contingent of officers and men from the United States cruiser Olympia, one time the flagship of Admiral Dewey in European waters, has arrived to represent the Navy in the ceremonies. At 10 p.m. the Admiral, given by the Ambassador tonight, Earl and Lady Haig, Secretary of State for War, First Lord of the Admiralty and Viscount and Lady Astor were among the principal guests.

Niblack, U. S. N. and Mrs. Niblack of the Embassy, also were invited to the Ambassador's dinner.

Leading Sunday morning papers hailed the coming of Pershing with much gratification seeing a tribute by America to Great Britain, which they interpret as another evidence of Unity of purpose animating the two nations. The weekly despatch, in typical friendly expression, says the Medal of Honor on an unknown Tommy's coat of arms is a symbol of permanent friendship and outstanding affection that bound the United States and Great Britain together during the war. Recalling the time, four years ago, when American troops first marched through London, bound then in haste for France, observers say the presence of the contingent brings confidence that the friendship of war has outlived that time and become an everlasting comradeship.

More Week End Riots In Belfast

Belfast, Oct. 16.—One man was killed and two wounded in week end disturbances here. Revolver shots were fired and stones thrown in spasmodic outbreaks which were finally checked by the police.

FORCED TO ROB, HE SAVE TO KEEP HIS FAMILY

Had Only 27 Cents for Wife and Seven Children When House Was Searched

Chicago, Oct. 16.—Seven children, a wife and only twenty-seven cents in the house and no work, furnished the explanation today of Edward Dolph, 38, for his robbery of several men on the South Side recently. Dolph was arrested last night by the Graceland police and is believed by them to be responsible for about thirty recent holdups in and about their district.

"I have no means of work for three months," said Dolph. "I've got seven kiddies and my wife, and I just had to do this."

When the police searched the Dolphs' home they found only twenty-seven cents in the possession of Mrs. Dolph.

OUTLINES SERIES OF SUGGESTIONS TO AVOID STRIKE

Immediate Reduction in R. R. Freight Rates Corresponding to July Wage Cuts.

THIS WOULD CAUSE LOWERING H. C. L. Labor Board Appeals to Executives of Roads and Labor Leaders to Prevent Strike.

Washington, Oct. 16.—The public group of Railroad Labor Board tonight has outlined a series of suggestions to railroad executive and labor leaders in the hope of avoiding an impending national railroad strike. It is suggested to railroads that they make an immediate reduction of freight rates of July first, and that the position of carriers for further wage reductions be withdrawn for the time being. Employees, it is suggested, should immediately withdraw or suspend the order for a strike, pending procedure necessary to get reduced freight rates into effect.

As a consequence of reduced freight rates and other suggestions, the board believes there will be a reduction in the cost of living, at a later date, would justify carriers in seeking lower wages.

The board does not indicate what its action would be if the request for lower wages is made, but says its decision would be rendered on the basis of facts as they are presented at this time. The course suggested does not involve any sacrifice of pride or prestige either to carriers or employees, said officials. The statement from board is being disseminated from board.

The public is urged to bring pressure to bear to force a settlement.

London Society Girl Is Found In The Woods

Case of Miss Beckett Mysterious in More Ways Than One.

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CRISIS NEAR IN RAILROAD WAGE WARFARE

Strike Call Issued That Will Add 500,000 More to Service Brotherhoods.

OCTOBER 20 THE DATE OF WALKOUT

Business in United States Will be Paralyzed Unless Dispute is Adjusted.

(United Press) Chicago, Oct. 16.—President B. M. Jewell, of the American Federation of Labor, Railroad Department, today prepared a strike call that will add 500,000 more railroad employees to walk out to that already employed by the Big Five of train service brotherhoods. This call will probably be issued, according to present plans, on Thursday, then the Railroad Labor Board will announce the officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad to show cause why that carrier should not be held in violation of the order of the board directing it to meet employees' representatives. If the United News is believed, the Board holds Pennsylvania has violated its orders. A. F. of L. railroad department, including all thirteen federated shops, and craft unions will take instant action in joining the strike movement.

The board has already held the Pennsylvania guilty of action "almost treasonable" in delaying its orders to meet employees for the purpose of passing on working rules—same question to be decided Thursday—it is considered a foregone conclusion that President Jewell will order his unions out to railroads to meet the board's order. This action is contemplated so that the unions can say it was the railroads who first violated the board's order.

Obeys All Orders.

"I have officially set no date for our announcement, and I do not know if it will be a public announcement when it does come," said President Jewell. "We have observed every order of the board, and we have taken our case to the proper authorities on all occasions. This crisis is not born of any hasty action of our men. They have voted overwhelmingly for a strike. It is doubtful if any action by organization leaders could prevent it now. If the executives are determined as they seem to be, to infringe further upon our rights."

"In face of a tremendous vote in favor of a strike, then there is but one thing for us to do and that is to see to it that our men obey the laws and regulations of our organizations when the showdown comes."

Jewell was in conference with A. O. Wharton, Chairman of the United States Railroad Board who interviewed. Wharton is a former president of A. F. of Labor Department and has been the leading spirit in fighting employees' battles before the board during the course of the past 15 months.

Jewell said he had not received any request from President Harding to come to Washington for a conference. Rail union chiefs expect such a request it was learned. A hurry up call was issued for a meeting of general officers and chairmen of all railroad unions, including clerks, telegraphers and station agents.

"We have taken no definite action as yet, but are in a position to do in a hurry," President Fitzgerald of the Clerks said today.

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A CABINET CRISIS NOW PREVAILS IN SPAIN

Madrid, Oct. 16.—Rumors that a cabinet crisis prevails in Spain were given considerable prominence by the newspaper El Heraldo in its final edition last night. Minister of Finance Cambó is said to be opposed to a continuation of the heavy expenses authorized by the government. The newspaper insisted that the ministry found itself in a difficult position because of differences of opinion on many questions between a number of its members.

MACKENZIE KING FAILED TO HOLD HIS AUDIENCE

Began Dwindling Out of Theatre Before He Was Half Through Address.

FELL DOWN ON QUESTIONS ASKED

Committed His Party to Nothing—Had No Remedy for Existing ills.

Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Major Powers, M. P., Quebec City, and Premier Poirer, of New Brunswick, addressed the Liberal meeting which was held in the Imperial Theatre on Saturday evening. About 1500 people were present when Mayor Schreiner, who presided as chairman, welcomed the visitors in his official capacity and proceeded to introduce the speakers.

The meeting did not start until after the conclusion of the first show at the theatre, shortly after nine o'clock; and, although there was a fair crowd present at the beginning, the audience gradually dwindled away until the building was barely half-filled at the start. This action is contemplated so that the unions can say it was the railroads who first violated the board's order.

Failed to Make Good

The Liberal leader made mention early in his address to the question which the Prime Minister and the Minister of Customs and Excise had advised the people of St. John on Thursday evening last to ask him. He also referred to the numerous questions which the public press of the city were calling upon him to answer in regard to the attitude and policy of the Liberal opposition on certain issues of the campaign.

Mr. King declared that he did not purpose to answer these questions categorically, and would dispose of them during the course of his discussion on each matter. The Liberal leader spoke for a period extending over one hour during which time he showered and bombarded his audience with a multitude of words about actually committing himself or his party on any issue, and left it to those present to decide for themselves by their own interpretation of his remarks.

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Mr. King said that since the conclusion of the war no consideration had been given to domestic questions which affected the country.

At the time of the last election the people's interest was taken up with the European war. "But," he stated, "let us forget the war now that it is all over and let us look to the future and forget the past." He referred to the Prime Minister as an autocrat in taking over the leadership of the Conservative party upon the resignation of Sir Robert Borden; but did not draw any line of dissimilarity between the Prime Minister's act and that of Hon. Mr. Murray when he succeeded to the Premiership of the Province of Nova Scotia when Hon. Mr. Fielding was called into the Laurier Cabinet.

Has No Remedy for Ills.

The opposition leader described the manifesto of the Conservative party as one affecting only a small minority in the country. He criticized the railway policy of the Government and voiced his disapproval of the members of the board of the National Railway system. The members of that board, he stated, were interested as speculators in the railway.

TEST FOR THE IRISH PEACE CONFERENCE

This Week Will See British and Irish Delegates Down to Fundamental Issues.

INJECTION ULSTER QUESTION CERTAIN

It Will Offer First True Test of Sincerity and Efficacy of Parley.

London, Oct. 16.—This week which will see the British and Irish Peace Delegates getting down to the fundamental issues of the Irish problem will also see, it is indicated, the injection of the Ulster question, which is the most delicate phase of the situation and one which offers the first true test of sincerity and efficacy of the Conference.

Ulster to be Heard.

The speech of Sir James Craig, Premier of Ulster, in which he vigorously demanded protection of Ulster's interests indicated that this theme may after all, form the key to the whole situation. It is possible that Craig may be called to London in connection with the Conference and it is considered extremely significant that Arthur Griffith has summoned to the British Capital Egan Murray, one of the leading members of Northern parliament, for consultation.

On Tuesday and Wednesday conferences are expected to reach the vital issues, striving to reach an agreement as to the common basis from which they can proceed to a broad settlement of entire affair, with minor details to be solved afterwards.

Republican Courts.

By strange coincidence, Republican courts in Ireland became operative during the very week when Peace Conference opened, and people of Southern Ireland are already adjusting their legal difficulties through Sinn Fein channels. The first efforts of Sinn Fein Judges in Dublin have been to direct the suppression of practicing. In one case a woman, owner of a deli, was fined a hundred pounds for having sold adulterated milk. Other offenses of a similar nature are being punished with great severity.

The general atmosphere at close of the first week's session of the Conference at Downing Street is one of satisfaction. It is believed that the question of a continuation of truce has been satisfactorily settled and that this augurs well for a calm and sane attitude on both sides when the major principles are discussed.

"Catapult" To Launch Planes From Battleship

Devised by United States for Use on Its Fleet.

Washington, Oct. 16.—At last a "catapult" to launch airplanes from battleships has been devised by the navy. Temporary platforms, mounted on gun turrets and supported by the muzzle of the guns, have been used from time to time with indifferent success, but now the new "catapult" as announced by the navy today, promises to solve the problem of "minimum flying speed" without interfering with bag and most of all of simulating flying field conditions.

A complete unit is now ready for installation on battleships of the fleet. The "catapult" consists of a carriage moving on trucks. On this carriage is mounted an airplane. By means of motive plant used, the carriage is set in motion on tracks at increasing-pickup of speed until, near the end of the tracks it's speed is sufficient to permit the airplane's taking off. This speed is known as "minimum flying speed." The carriage is then brought to a stop by means of brakes and shock absorbers. Such apparatus can be made in various sizes so as to be adapted to launching any aircraft from the surface of ships.

Yanks Pitcher Under Arrest

Held Up for Speeding His Automobile—Engaged in Fistic Encounter.

York, Pa., Oct. 16.—A man giving his name as Carl Mays, and claiming to be the famous pitcher of the New York Yankees, was arrested at Hall, near here Sunday afternoon, after a shot had been fired at an automobile in which he was riding with a woman said to be Mrs. Mays. It is believed that Mays' machine was set to have gone through traffic signal in Hall and the constable boarded, passing one, pursuing the fugitive to a mile and firing a shot to bring him to a halt.