

ASK GOVERNMENT RETAIN CONTROL U. S. RAILWAY

Employees Looking for Wage Increases Urge Extension of Government Control

Washington, D.C., Dec. 31.—Federal control of railroads for an indefinite period beyond March 1st, the date set by President Wilson for their return to private owners, looms as a possibility.

As a result of the stand of railroad labor leaders, representing two-million workers, in favor of Federal control for two years, railroad workers are expected within the next few days to renew pressure on the Railroad Administration.

Representatives of the railroad employees, at an all-day conference here, issued a declaration of principles, urging extension of government control and opposing the anti-strike provisions in the railroad bills now pending before congress.

Demand Wage Increase

Railroad workers demanding increases number about 85 per cent of all railroad employees. Demands expected to be pressed this week include those of railroad shopmen, clerks and maintenance of way employees. Firemen, trainmen and conductors also have requests in for increases, but they will probably await the outcome of the other workers' demands. The engineers are not asking a raise, but any decision in the case of the other brotherhoods is expected to be followed by a further request from them. Wage increases demanded average from 15 to 20 cents an hour and, according to officials connected with the railroad administration, come close to half a billion dollars annually.

To Offer Suggestions

Labor, speaking through Samuel Gompers, within the next few days, is expected to submit to President Wilson's industrial commission a list of proposed changes in the tentative plan for settling capital-labor difficulties.

MONTREAL STAR BUCKS UNION BY NEWS WRITERS

To Pay Senior Men On Editorial Staff As Much As Mechanics

Montreal, Dec. 31.—The Montreal Star has ordered a lockout of all its union reporters and editors, to take effect New Year's Day. The lockout is announced in a letter to each member of the staff, signed by C. F. Crandall, manager-editor.

Mr. Crandall, after recapitulating the qualifications and the "special aptitude" necessary for a journalist, declares that on account of the duty owed to the public by newspapers, it is impossible to allow the news to be written or edited by men who are allied with any particular section of the community. In this case, organized labor. Accordingly, he announces, no members of the Newswriters' union will be retained on the staff after the end of the year.

At the same time, he says, the senior men on the Star editorial staff, commencing with the new year, will be "paid at least as much as the mechanical staff."

LIEUT. BOAST SHOT BY ONE OF HIS PATROL PARTY

Verdict of Jury At Inquest Inquiry Into Death of Officer

Dublin, Dec. 31.—Lieutenant Boast, the officer of the guard, who met death in Sunday night's shooting at Phoenix Park, was "accidentally killed by a bullet from his own patrol party," it was found by the jury at the inquest into the lieutenant's death held Monday.

Pte. Riddle testified that Kennedy drew an automatic pistol, with which he shot Lieut. Boast in the breast. The witness added that the corporal of the guard, one soldier and Kennedy fired at the same time. The lieutenant shouted: "They've got me."

Pte. Barnwell swore that Kennedy tried to catch Lieut. Boast by the throat. One of the soldiers, who went to the lieutenant's relief, said he saw a man lying on the ground. When the witness tried to turn his over, the man fired two shots at him, whereupon the witness shot him in the neck.

The stories of various military witnesses differed materially regarding details of the affair. The testimony established, however, that no pistol was found on Kennedy's body or near the place where it lay.

The coroner, in summing up the evidence, emphasized that the fragments of the bullet which killed Lieut. Boast, produced in court, proved it was a military bullet.

MOORE AGAINST GENERAL STRIKE

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Premier Tom Moore of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress who has steadfastly refused to comment on the merits or demerits of the case of the Winnipeg strike leaders since the time of their imprisonment, when interviewed Tuesday relaxed to the extent of expressing his strong disapproval of the proposal made by Alex. Ross, of Calgary, that organized labor stage a 48-hour general strike as a protest against R. B. Russell's two-year sentence, following his conviction on the charge of seditious conspiracy.

Mr. Moore, when interviewed flatly refused to comment on the sentence imposed on Russell, but when the Ross statement was drawn to his attention, he declared: "It is regrettable that any individual occupying a responsible position in the organized labor movement should make such a statement. A general strike at any time is ill-advised and in this case it is particularly so."

AUSTRALIAN NATIONALISTS WIN ELECTION

Melbourne, Australia, Dec. 31.—Returns received to date from Australian elections indicate that the Prime Minister, Wm. Hughes, has been returned to power with a large majority.

The party led by Mr. Hughes, which was a coalition formed with the slogan "Win the War" is known as the Nationalist party.

Although the returns are not yet complete, they are sufficient to indicate that the Nationalists secured 33 seats in the House of Representatives, as against 27 won by the Labor party. In addition ten members have been returned by the Farmers party and these are expected to support the Hughes group.

ASK G.N.R. TO RESTORE DAILY TRAIN SERVICE

Restoration of the daily train service on the Great Northern between Brandon and St. John, N.D., is one of the projects that the Board of Trade is working on. At the meeting of the Council of the Board, Tuesday night, it was said that the Great Northern have restored other trains and that there should be a daily train service on this line. At present there are but three trains a week into Brandon. The present convenient hours of arrival and departure may be retained, it is hoped. A committee is taking the question of the service up with railway officials in St. Paul.

The Board of Trade will help the Educational Association to popularize a series of lectures to be given by Brandon College professors during January, February and March. Lectures are to be on instructive topics.

Income Tax Office

Efforts are to be made to extend the scope of the Brandon office dealing with income tax. At present everything outside of the city of Brandon is centralized in Winnipeg and this plan does not make for efficiency, it is said. Communications are to be sent to Dr. Whidden, M.P., and the Department at Ottawa suggesting a policy of decentralization in the interests of efficiency.

A Permanent Secretary

Messrs. Willmott, Ames, McKenzie and the President were named a committee to make a recommendation regarding a permanent secretary. Expression was given to the belief that the Board cannot achieve its highest usefulness unless there is an alert, aggressive secretary devoting his whole time to the work.

In order to justify the employment of such an official there will have to be greater financial support given the Board. The Committee will give some time and thought to the various phases of this question.

Paying the Piper

Payment for the banquet tendered the National Editorial Association is a vexed question. A committee composed of the Mayor, several Aldermen, the President and a committee from the Board of Trade, and representatives from the Summer and Winter Fair Boards had the matter in hand. When the hotel presented the bill to the City Council a cheque was made out for half the amount and presented, the hotel management with the suggestion that the Board of Trade should be looked to for the balance of payment. The hotel holds the city responsible and is pressing for payment. Messrs Ames and Secretary Blake were instructed to make the Board's position clear to the City Council.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trade will be held on January 20th when reports of the year's work will be presented and the officers and Council for 1920 elected.

WILSON NOT TO SEEK THIRD TERM AS PRESIDENT

Announcement To Be Made At Jackson Day Dinner In Washington

New York, Dec. 31.—The Evening Sun today publishes the following from its Washington correspondent:

"President Wilson will formally announce in a message to the guests at the Jackson Day Dinner, to be held here January 8th, that he will not be a candidate for a third term in the White House." This statement was printed here today in the Washington Post and was confirmed later by a high administration official.

The President will write a letter to his guests, announcing his intention not to continue in political life after March 4th, 1921.

CANADIAN SILVER AT A 15 PER CENT. DISCOUNT IN TOLEDO

Toledo, Dec. 31.—Toledo banks today began discounting Canadian silver and currency fifteen per cent, to prevent business concerns in Detroit and neighboring cities dumping their Canadian money here, following similar action in the Michigan metropolis.

Clearing house officials announced that the discount would prevail until a financial adjustment is made between the United States and Canadian Government.

WISH J. C. WARD ALL GOOD THINGS

Monday evening the department managers at Nation & Sheehan's Limited, entertained at dinner in the Prince Edward Hotel in honor of Mr. J. C. Ward, who leaves this week for Oshawa, Ont. Mr. N. E. Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer of the Company, presided and during the evening presented Mr. Ward, on behalf of the managers with a gentleman's club bag fittings in ebony and silver, as a slight token of the esteem in which he is held by those present. Mr. Johnson assured the company that everyone hoped that he would have a very prosperous future. Mr. W. H. Elsie also gave a short address and voiced the sentiment of the others present by asking them to rise and drink to the health of Mr. and Mrs. Ward and family.

Mr. Ward feelingly responded, regretting that it is necessary for him to leave so many friends in Brandon and thanking the donors on behalf of Mrs. Ward, for the cut glass set sent to her during the day. He also thanked them for the club bag set and for the pleasure of meeting them together at the dinner party.

For the past fourteen years Mr. Ward has been a member of the staff of Nation & Sheehan's Limited. During this time he has been most popular not only with the other members of the staff, but with the general public, who will very much regret his departure from the city. Together with Mr. W. A. Dewland of Portage la Prairie, Mr. Ward has purchased a drug store in Oshawa, Ont. He will be succeeded as department manager in Nation & Sheehan's by Mr. Robert Duff.

TO END DISORDERS: 50 DEPUTIES ARMED WITH SHOTGUNS

Lackawanna, Dec. 31.—Fifty deputies, armed with shotguns, arrived here today to suppress disorders by steel workers, which Mayor Toomey informed Governor Smith and Sheriff Bradley of Erie County, he was powerless to suppress. The streets were quiet today.

NATIONALIST PARTY IN EGYPT WANTS INDEPENDENCE

Cairo, Dec. 31.—Determination to struggle for the complete independence of Egypt is affirmed by members of the Nationalist party, in reply to a statement issued by Viscount Milner, British Secretary of State for the Colonies, who declared that the Commission which he heads wishes to reconcile the aspirations of the Egyptians with the interest of Great Britain, and expressed a desire for Egyptians to freely express their opinions.

BERLIN SOCIALISTS NOW AGITATING GENERAL STRIKE AS PROTEST AGAINST COSTS

Paris, Dec. 31.—Independent Socialist circles in Berlin are carrying on an agitation in favor of a general strike as a protest against the new increase in the cost of foodstuffs.

COUNCIL DISPOSES OF GREAT DEAL OF BUSINESS

In Last Session For This Year—Committee and Council Meeting

OBJECT TO EXEMPTION

From Taxation Which Is Afforded Creameries In This Province

There were very few outstanding features to the last session of the 1919 Council held Tuesday and with the committee and regular meetings combined the City Fathers rushed through the business in quick order.

In answer to the communications sent out some time ago to the various societies, two replies were received regarding the memorial question. A communication from the Trades and Labor Council of this city shows them to be in favor of a free hospital as a memorial to those who fell in the Great War. Their letter to the City Council is as follows: "That the memorial should be paid for by taxation by municipal levy and should take the form of a free hospital. Other municipalities using Brandon as a centre for hospital treatment to be invited to participate." No comment was made by the aldermen on the communication which was filed for the new Council to deal with. The School Board also wrote stating that they had nothing to suggest with regard to a memorial for the city, but that they were quite willing to meet the City Council and other bodies at any time to discuss the question.

Make Creameries Pay Taxes

That the law providing exemption of taxes on certain creamery buildings property in Manitoba has outlived its usefulness was the expression of opinion by the Council, Tuesday. Mr. Tundeland of the Tundeland Creamery Co. wrote asking for exemption of certain property, but the Council, after receiving a report from Mr. Bates stated that it had no power to grant further exemption on the property. The City Fathers then went on record as being in favor of general legislation to abolish the exemption given to creameries on their property in Manitoba.

Trans-Canada Flight

A letter was received from the Pacific Aerial Services at Vancouver stating that they were arranging a trans-Canada flight and asking this city if they could arrange suitable landing grounds here and put up a cash prize for the contestants. They stated that a moving picture operator would probably be taken along with the aviators and pictures would be taken of the district from the air. The City Council turned the matter over to Alderman McDiarmid to look after, and some arrangements will probably be made to have the aviators stop over in this city.

The Builders Iron Foundry wrote stating that a clerical error had been made in their quotation on a valve for the d'Auria pump at the Warworks plant here. The price quoted by them, first by telegram and then by letter was \$435 which they now say should be \$535, a difference of \$100. As the valve deck has already been ordered, the Council decided to pay the extra \$100. Alderman McKenzie stated that the Utilities Commission would probably recommend a change in the system and that any expenditure made now would be money wasted.

A letter from Dr. Peirce who has been acting as the city's bacteriologist was read reporting on the condition of the city water. Two samples were taken from the river intake and the city filter. The analysis showed no colon bacilli present although the bacterial count is still high. This condition is due to the low water condition of the river at the present time, reported the bacteriologist.

For Big Convention

There was some discussion over the accommodation to be afforded the Grain Growers when they meet here early in next month, and some doubt was expressed at the City Hall being able to take care of all the delegates expected here for the convention. A committee looked into the matter several days ago and as a result it has been suggested that the Gordon McKay building be used and special arrangements made to seat large gatherings. However nothing definite was done to secure the McKay building until the Grain Growers have made a report to the special committee from the City Council which is handling the accommodation question.

Wm. McFadden of Antler, Sask., wrote asking the city to sell him the East half of section 6-5-7 W. which property the city owns near Miami. The price quoted was \$5,000 but the City expressed its unwillingness to sell half the section.

The report of Judge Cumberland on the majority recount was read and filed.

The Council is willing to co-operate with the Board of Trade in arranging a meeting with Mr. Sweating, C.P.R. Industrial Commissioner, with a view to bringing some more industrial concerns here, and the dates of the meeting have been left to the Board of Trade to decide.

J. J. Clegg and M. Varcoe wrote the Council asking for a refund of a portion of the license fee paid by them for the year 1919 for employment of fees. As they were forced to close their offices on August first, the City Fathers decided that it was quite proper that the fee for the last five months of 1919 should be returned.

Anxious to clean up the water arrears still outstanding against the Fair Board, a committee composed of Mayor McDiarmid and Aldermen Coleman and Curran were given full power to act in the matter and finally close up the long standing account.

The Council also asked City Engineer Smith to make a report on the installation of sewer and water to the McLaren School.

Two bylaws, one authorizing the borrowing of \$175,000 from the Bank and the other for the raising of \$10,000 to be used in the new park, were passed by the Council.

When the business of the Council had been finally disposed of Mayor McDiarmid rose and read an address to City Clerk Brown after which he presented the Clerk with a set of Durrill pipes and an ash tray. Mr. Brown was taken by surprise, but very surely replied to His Worship, thanking the Council for their gift and stating that he hoped at all times to deserve the confidence of the Council.

The address presented to Mr. Brown was as follows:

Harry Brown, Esq.,
City Clerk—
For a period of thirteen years you have occupied the position of City Clerk in Brandon and during that time you have been a most efficient and capable man and retentive memory have imbued and held until at the present time, Brandon Council is proud of its City Clerk not only by reason of your knowledge along your particular line, but because of the unfailing courtesy and kindness which mark your dealings with the public and your more intimate association with the members of this Board.

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This last year has been a strenuous one for us all, and there is not a member of the Council who has not on occasion looked to you for guidance and assistance out of the plenitude of your civic knowledge and we have never looked in vain.

At this closing session of the Council of 1919 we desire to place on record for the public generally and also personally for ourselves an appreciation of your invaluable services so generously rendered.

Will you accept the accompanying mementos of our affectionate regard and we earnestly trust that ensuing Councils may for many years to come continue to have the assistance of your talents in carrying on the city's business.

We wish you and Mrs. Brown all the compliments of the season and a very happy New Year.

Signed by—

A. R. McDiarmid, Mayor.
Aldermen—A. Sheehan
G. B. Coleman
J. A. Grantham
J. B. Curran
A. B. Brown
M. McKenzie
J. F. Cumming
Dr. H. O. McDiarmid
Wm. Bourke
George Dinsdale.

Retiring Mayor as Host

His Worship Mayor McDiarmid, who retires as chief executive of the city, was the host to the members of the City Council Tuesday night at a dinner held at his home, corner of Third street and Victoria avenue. All the members of the Council were present with the exception of Aldermen Bourke and Sheehan, who are at present out of the city, while Mayor-elect Dinsdale, City Clerk Brown and W. H. Bates were also guests at the dinner. After supper had been served, several addresses were made. Alderman Coleman voiced the sentiments of the Council in a short speech in which he praised the work of the retiring Mayor and telling of the splendid way in which he had looked after the city's

TEACHERS WANT EQUALIZATION OF SALARIES

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—The movement to link up Manitoba teachers with teachers in Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, into a Western Canada Teachers' Federation was started at the opening session of the Manitoba Teachers' Federation held in the Board of Trade Hall.

The aims of the movement are uniformity of qualified teachers, a common minimum of \$1,200 a year, mutual support for the adjustment of grievances in any of the Western Provinces and co-ordination in all other respects.

Report on Conference

E. K. Marshall, who was appointed to represent Manitoba in the conference of Western representatives in Winnipeg, October 21st, read a report of the meeting.

Recommendations set forth in the report will be discussed at a later session. No opposition to the Manitoba Federation throwing in its lot with the wider organization, is expected.

A final step in the provincial organization was effected when the convention decided to seek incorporation at the next session of the Legislature.

Revision of the salary schedule by the Winnipeg East Kildonan, Nepean and other school boards was termed a "substantial improvement" on previous conditions, by H. W. Huntley, in the course of the preliminary report. He urged a bonus or arbitration to settle difficulties between school boards and teachers, the appointment of a travelling secretary to strengthen the provincial organization and the raising of the number of teachers on the educational advisory board.

The report showed a membership of 500 in the province and a balance of more than \$2,000 on hand.

E. K. Marshall declared that the press and public opinion was largely in favor of better salary and working conditions for teachers.

PREMIER WANTS TO SECURE A COMPLETE REST

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—There will be no public farewell to Sir Robert Borden when he leaves the capital in search of health and renewed strength shortly after New Year's Day. His departure will be as free from ostentation as possible owing to the fact that the Premier desires that neither the time of his departure nor his destination be known. So far as it is possible he wants to travel and to holiday in cognito.

There is no doubt that a trip to South Africa with Admiral Jellicoe has been in contemplation, but it is stated that the admiral's plans for the immediate future are not yet decided upon and he may not go direct to South Africa. After all, the trip itself might go very far toward improving the Premier's health, and in South Africa he would be free from that class of individual who will pay him expense of a letter or telegram but who would balk at a cable.

FIFTY THREE MILLIONS IN LOANS

On December 6th the Soldier Settlement Board had approved loans amounting to \$53,171,821. The number of returned soldiers qualified was 38,136.

Sairs. City Clerk Brown spoke for the City Hall staff and stated that the going to be desired. His Worship usually replied and told of the pleasant relationship that had always existed between himself and the Council.

The evening resolved itself then into a smoker and the party broke up at a late hour after voting the retiring Mayor an admirable host as well as a capable mayor.

TIRED OF WEARY ROUND WORKER ENDS HIS LIFE

For Fifteen Years He Rose At 5 a.m. and Did Weary Round of Chores

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—Tired of the routine in his life—a dull round of working, eating and sleeping—John Katuska, 65 years old, 1033 Burrows avenue, Monday put a noose around his neck and passed beyond the region of routine. He was found dead by Weston police shortly before noon, his body hanging to the rafters of the stable on the dairy farm on the outskirts of Winnipeg where he was employed.

"A clear case of suicide," was the verdict of Weston police and Coroner B. J. McConnell, after an investigation.

Katuska had grown tired of living, he frequently told his employers and friends. His life's work since he was 15 years old consisted of rising at five o'clock every morning, feeding cattle, and doing other farm chores. He had worked on the Weston dairy farm for several years as a chore hand. His pay was \$8 a month and his keep. He had planned for several weeks to end his life, police found, and had been brooding continuously.

Katuska had been hanging in the barn several hours. His body was cold and lifeless, when police and several dairy hands discovered it in the barn.

WHAT WILL BE SAID ABOUT THE DEFENCE OF KUT?

General Sir Charles Townshend Would Like To Live Long Enough To Know

Speaking at Newport, England, at a late organized by the Comrades of the Great War, General Sir Charles Townshend said that he wished he could live long enough to see what history would have to say about the defence of Kut. He was ordered to go forward with a band of 10,000 men, instead of having 20,000 men at his disposal he should have had 115,000. He had wanted the authorities of what might happen if he was asked to go on with only a limited number of effectives, but after having given the warning his duty was done. Any orders he received afterward had to be carried out. With a sufficient number of men he could have guaranteed not only to take Bagdad, but also to hold it. The Turkish army could have been thrown into the river. He very nearly accomplished that as it was, but under the circumstances which hampered him, it Bagdad had been taken it would have had to be evacuated the next day. He had found almost as many enemies when he came home as he had beaten in the field. He decided to halt at that place (Kut) to give the Government time to send out more troops from overseas, but without the necessary number of troops he was forced to surrender. Owing to starvation men were dying at the rate of 25 a day, dying of hunger but at the same time, he remarked proudly: "I did not surrender even then until I was ordered to do so, and told that no rifle could be sent to me."

MATSQUI TRAINING STATION

The Soldier Settlement Board of Canada has purchased the farm of the Hygienic Co. at Matsqui, B.C., and has established a station where prospective soldier-settlers will gain further practical experience before taking up farms of their own.

The Board has purchased a herd of thirty cattle and other livestock, and installed the necessary farm equipment. The farm comprises 510 acres in the Fraser Valley, about 50 miles from Vancouver. About fifty soldier settlers will have quarters there while training.

Prince Edward Hotel Brandon - Man.

THE "HUB" OF BRANDON—

The Prince Edward Hotel is the "hub" of Brandon—the centre of all attractions and where men of business and men of the prairies congregate.

Next time you visit Brandon—come to the Prince Edward and enjoy your trip thoroughly in congenial surroundings.