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FAIR AND COLD

THREE CENTS

RIGID ECONOMY IN CONSERVATION OF COAL NEEDED

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Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 3.—"The fuel situation in Canada was never as grave at any time during the war as it is at the present moment," declared Mr. C. A. McGrath, Dominion Fuel Controller, in an appeal to the public for fuel conservation issued today. He draws attention to the fact that Canada has received practically no soft coal during the month of November, and that the allotment of 150 cars a day which has been made is extremely small as compared with normal imports. From present appearances, he says, all that can be expected is to keep the public utilities and institutions supplied with fuel, in addition to meeting the domestic needs. Many industries may have to close down before we are well into the winter.

Mr. McGrath draws attention to the fact that he would call upon the Government to pass regulations limiting the use of fuel as was done during the war. He believes, however, that an appeal to the public, setting forth the gravity of the situation, will result in the fullest possible response, and he, therefore, resorts to this means. The statement in part, given out by him this morning follows:

"While I have made two appeals to the public to conserve fuel in every possible way in view of the existing coal strike in the United States, I will admit that I believed that the dispute would have been settled before this. Finally, I concluded to wait for three days in the present month and see if the miners would accept the increase of fourteen per cent. offered, and effective from the first instant. There is no evidence of the miners returning to work, and the public of central Canada, depending upon supplies from the United States, might as well face the facts."

Mr. McGrath also, at an early date as possible, fix the time for the siting of the commission named by the government, some months ago, to inquire into the possibilities of the far northern regions of Canada as wool and food producing areas by the domestication of reindeer, caribou and muskox. He is also the chairman of the commission, and in view of his other activities and the difficulty of inducing witnesses to come to Ottawa during the holiday season, it may be some time in January before the inquiry opens.

MURDERER'S WIFE THREATENS TO KILL JAIL GOVERNOR

Now Occupies Cell in Same
Prison With Husband Sen-
tenced to Hang December
19.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 3.—Annie Kowalski, wife of Kowalski, the murderer condemned to be hanged on December 19, is a prisoner in the jail where her husband awaits death. She was arrested at her home last night. The charge against her is that she threatened to shoot James Ogilvie, governor of the jail. With her were arrested Mike Stosiek and John Kulick. They are held on a nominal charge of vagrancy.

FAMILIES OF ANARCHISTS ARE TO BE DEPORTED

New York, Dec. 3.—Families of anarchists are to be deported with them to Soviet Russia, according to a telegram received today by Harry Weinberger, counsel for Alexander Berkman and Emma Goldman, from Anthony Caminetti, commissioner-general of immigration.

"If you represent any alien ordered deported to Russia, who has a family, file your application for family to accompany such alien and the same will be given consideration," the message said.

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U.S. Possesses Evidence of Mexican Intrigues of Startling Nature

Pres. Poincare Will Stick To Public Life

Paris, Dec. 3.—President Poincare does not intend to retire from public life upon the conclusion of his present term in February. "I do not believe that I have come to the age of retirement," he is quoted as saying. "Fate has decreed that my seven year term should coincide with the greatest disturbances of history. I have acquired ideas which I will place at the service of my country as long as I keep my strength, and I confess that I do not feel at all exhausted."

Race Track Report Soon To Be Made

Few Additional Sitings of
Commission Will be Held
in Eastern Canada Before
Report is Submitted.

Ottawa, Dec. 3.—Hon. F. B. Carvell and the other members of the Railway Board who have been holding a number of sittings in the Western provinces will be back in the capital before the end of the week.

On the return of the commissioners, Dr. J. G. Rutherford, who was the commissioner named to inquire into the matter of race track betting in Canada, will probably hold a few additional sittings in Eastern Canada, after which he will draft his report in time for it to be submitted to parliament in February.

TORONTO BOARD OF TRADE TO FIGHT TELEGRAPH RATES

Toronto, Dec. 3.—Secretary Morley of the Toronto Board of Trade, in a letter to the Board of Control today, said that the Board of Trade was "already on the job" in connection with opposing application of the telegraph companies for an increased tariff.

THEATRICAL MAN OF PARIS EXPECTED TO FIGHT DUEL

Manager and Critic Have
Their Seconds Meet to Ar-
range Details — No Stage
Duel Promised.

Paris, Dec. 3.—The theatrical world is stirred by the prospect of a duel between Alphonse Franck, manager of the Gymnase Theatre, and Ernest Charles, a dramatic critic. Franck objected to an article written by Charles and despatched to him as his seconds Joseph Renaud, author and distinguished swordsman, and M. Fontaines, manager of the Chatelet Theatre. Charles selected two authors to represent him, Henry Klatschack and Paul Marguerite. Both Franck and Charles profess to be in steady earnest and declare that the duel will not be a stage scene.

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LEVERHULME OPPOSES GOVT OWNERSHIP

Objects to Nationalization of
Railroads, Believing it the
Supreme Duty of Gov-
ernment to Make
Laws.

GIVES VIEWS ON PET THEORIES

Tells Press He is Interested in
Anything Which Will In-
crease Production and Al-
low High Wages.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 3.—Lord Leverhulme, formerly Sir William Lever, the English philanthropist, whose fame as the founder of the Model Village at Port Sunlight is universal, arrived in Toronto this morning. He addressed the Canadian Club.

"I am interested in anything which will increase production, reduce cost and so allow higher wages to be paid," said Lord Leverhulme, when interviewed today. "One of his favorite theories is the introduction of a six-hour day among workers and working two shifts. 'It is not a question of the size of the country,' he said, 'when asked if it was practicable in Canada. 'It is whether the capital invested in the plant, machinery and overhead costs are at least equal in amount to the weekly wage bill. If this is so, it will then be found more economical to work two shifts of six hours rather than one of eight.'"

The eight-hour day is impracticable because the machinery is not producing enough to pay the costs, he said. One of Lord Leverhulme's favorite maxims is, "It is better to sweat the machinery than the man."

His Lordship is opposed to the nationalization of railways. "I believe the policy of the Government is law-making," he said. "If the Government tried to run railways it will mean that a candidate in a railway district will promise his electors high wages, and the candidate in the city will promise cheaper fares. The Government will be divided between two parties, one advocating high wages and the other lower fares and the railway will be run at a loss."

COLLAPSE OF ROOF CRUSHES OUT LIFE OF WORKMAN

Another Severely Injured
When Roof of Newly Con-
structed Building on Which
They Were Working Fell.

Moncton, Dec. 3.—Yvonne Legere was instantly crushed to death and another man Arthur LeBlanc, was severely injured at Humphrey's Mills, about five o'clock this evening, as the result of the collapse of the roof of a newly constructed building on which they were working. The men were engaged on the construction of a boiler house when the accident occurred. The forms supporting the concrete roof were being removed when there was a sudden collapse of the roof. Legere was killed instantly, while LeBlanc barely escaped with his life. Other workmen in the building heard the impending collapse of the roof in time to escape. The victim of the catastrophe belongs to Memramcook and is twenty years of age. He was married last summer.

50,000 MEN IDLE IN BARCELONA

Madrid, Dec. 3.—The number of workmen idle in Barcelona through the strike has increased to 50,000, according to despatches received here today.

R.R. BROTHERHOOD CHIEFS MEETING IN WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C., Dec. 3.—Chiefs of the fourteen railroad brotherhoods were present for the meeting today at the American Federation of Labor headquarters to discuss the problems of the railroad employees. The wage standard was the principal subject for consideration. Representatives of the four independent brotherhoods were invited to meet with the main organizations affiliated with the A. F. of L.

MORE BOATS FOR HALIFAX

Ottawa, Dec. 3.—The Militia Department has been advised that the liner Osandara, carrying twenty officers and 137 other ranks, will arrive at Halifax on or about December 6th. The Royal George, carrying Imperial troops, is due at Halifax on or about the same date.

COAL OPERATORS AGREE TO GIVE THE MINERS MORE THAN GARFIELD AWARD

Washington, D. C., Dec. 3.—Representatives of all the larger coal mining corporations of the United States today reached an agreement upon a new wage scale for mine workers, after an all-day session here, and announced it would be submitted to the fuel administration for ratification tomorrow. It embodies, it was said, a little more than the fourteen per cent. for the men suggested by Fuel Administrator Garfield as the government proposal for dealing with the strike, which the miners rejected. Meanwhile, the operators were keeping in close touch with developments at Indianapolis, where the Federal Court, on the application of department of justice agents, cited eighty-four general and district officials of the United Mine Workers for contempt of Judge Anderson's order calling off the coal strike. Some optimistic reports reached the operators indicating that at several points in the central competitive field, around which the strike centers, miners were going back to work.

Gov't of Premier Drury Not To Entrench Itself Behind Patronage

Tells Toronto Audience That Merit Alone Will Count With
the U. F. O.—Government Not to Countenance Any-
thing That Might Lengthen the Life of the Gov't if it
Has to be Done at Expense of the People—Educational
Policy of the Province to be of Chief Consideration.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 3.—Premier E. C. Drury addressed the Canadian Club here today and was given a very cordial reception, about one thousand club members being present. The Premier made it plain that he was not going to depend on patronage or on servile party allegiance to retain power. "I do not care whether my Govern-ment is in power four years or four-teen," the Premier said. "I will never resort to patronage to retain office, nor will I countenance anything that might lengthen the life of the Government if it has to be done at the expense of the people."

Hon. Mr. Drury said his great aim was to give honest, efficient, straight-forward government, "and if the people are not satisfied with my policies and my administration," he added, "I hope they will dismiss me and I will return to my farm at Owen Hill."

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INVESTIGATE FLAG INCIDENT AT VT. HOSPITAL

American Nurses Take Of-
fense at What They Re-
garded as An Insult to
Flag by Canadian Girl.

CANADIAN REFUSED TO APOLOGIZE

Affair, Apparently One Hav-
ing Two Sides for Discus-
sion, Stirs up City of Rut-
land, Vermont.

Rutland, Vt., Dec. 3.—Testimony regarding an alleged insult to the American flag by Miss Annie McLane, a Canadian nurse at the Rutland Hospital, was heard today by an elderman committee appointed to investigate the institution, for which an annual appropriation is made by the city. Miss Josephine Niles, a nurse, testified that when she showed Miss McLane a postcard bearing a picture in which the American flag was shown, Miss McLane remarked: "That would be a pretty picture if it were not for that dirty red, white and blue flag."

After Miss McLane had refused to make an apology, which the witness demanded, Miss Niles said she and several other nurses went to the Canadian young woman's room with an American flag and insisted that she salute it. She refused and the nurses reported the affair to the hospital superintendent, Miss Annie Aitken.

Miss Aitken, according to the testimony of Miss Niles and other nurses, would not accede to their request that she make Miss McLane apologize, but instead reprimanded them for going to the nurse's room and told them she would deprive them of their next Sunday's duties. They said she reported the affair to the hospital superintendent, Miss Annie Aitken.

Three nurses testified that, so far as they knew, Miss McLane never has made an apology. They said she left the hospital shortly afterward, returning to her home in Canada, and although she had not completed her term of training, the Superintendent gave her a diploma.

Several nurses testified that they were reprimanded by the superintendent for taking an American flag to the table where Miss McLane was eating. The committee will hold another hearing tomorrow. A self-constituted committee of citizens went to the hospital tonight and conducted a secret hearing.

BIG DECREASE IN NARCOTIC IMPORTS

Since Restrictions Went Into
Force in May the Use of
Harmful Drugs Has Been
Reduced Over 50 Per Cent.

Ottawa, Dec. 3.—Interesting figures supplied by the Department of Public Health regarding the import of harmful drugs for the six months ending November 30, reveal the fact that since the coming into force of the restrictions in May last, the use of narcotic drugs in Canada has been reduced over fifty per cent. for the full year, as compared with the preceding year. The percentage of decrease for the second six months, as compared with the first six months, is much higher, running from over three hundred per cent. in the case of cocaine, and over four hundred per cent. in morphine, to nearly five hundred per cent. in crude opium.

BERLIN LOAN SHOWS SIGNS OF BEING FAILURE

The Premium Loan Provided
for a Lottery System as an
Inducement to Subscribers.

Berlin, Monday, Dec. 1.—The government has extended the time limit for subscriptions to the premium loan to December 10, instead of next Wednesday, December 3. The Vossische Zeitung says this tends to confirm widespread reports that the loan has been a failure. The loan, which was intended to raise 5,000,000 marks, provided for a lottery system as an inducement to subscribers.

Premier Lloyd George Gave No Pledge Gov't Would Settle Irish Question

London, Dec. 3.—Premier Lloyd George gave no pledge of any kind to the American representatives at the peace conference that in consideration of the question of Irish self-government not being dealt with by the conference the British would, as soon as possible after the signature of the peace treaty, settle the Irish question on a home rule basis. This statement was made by Andrew Bonar Law, the government spokesman in the House of Commons, in reply to a question in the house today.

VESSELS HELD FAST IN ICE AT MUD LAKE

An Altogether Unusual Thing
for This Time of Year—
Tug Will Try to Release
Them.

Sault Ste Marie, Ont., Dec. 3.—Several vessels are fast in the ice at Mud Lake, just below Sault Ste Marie, according to reports reaching this city today. An altogether unusual thing for this time of the year. According to the wireless reports these include the Maritan, Grant Morden, Odanah, and Midland King. The tug Illinois has gone to try to release them.

REORGANIZATION OF KOLCHAK CABINET

Personnel Announced in Of-
ficial Advises to Washing-
ton State Department.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 3.—The personnel of the new Kolchak cabinet was announced in official advisories to the State Department today from Irkutsk.

The Premier is Repallayev, who holds the portfolio of Minister of the Interior. Tretyakov becomes vice-president of Council and acting Minister of Foreign Affairs; Baurishkins becomes Minister of Finance and for the time being the new Minister of War will be General K. Hingine. The incumbents were retained in the other offices.

CAPT. SHORE TO HAVE CHARGE OF D.S.C.R. STORES

Was Quartermaster of the
New Brunswick Military
Hospital at Fredericton.

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, Dec. 3.—Capt. H. P. Shore, who was quartermaster of the New Brunswick military hospital, has accepted an appointment as officer in charge of stores at the D. S. C. R. Hospitals in New Brunswick, and will officially enter upon his new duties as soon as his discharge from the Canadian Artillery is received. He will continue to have his headquarters in Fredericton, and his many friends will be glad to learn of his appointment. Mrs. Shore and two daughters are leaving for their former home, Ottawa, where they will remain until after the holiday season, and Capt. Shore will join them at Ottawa for Christmas.

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