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WOULD SAVE THE LIVES OF CITY LITTLE ONES

Forty Two "Starved to Death" in City in Half Year

Project for Appointment of Baby Nurses in City—A Statement Growing Out of "Inanition" Reports to Health Board

Do people know that forty-two people starved to death in the city of St. John this year up to this day, and that of this number all were less than one year old?

These figures are taken from the physicians' certificates of deaths, the doctors declaring thereon that the cause of death was inanition.

Did you ever think when admiring your own little one, or that of a friend, "how helpless it is?" And isn't it the truth?

What right have you to say that in the time between now and Christmas there shall starve to death in this city thirty babies under one month old because they cannot help themselves?

You have none whatever. You would not note out that sentence to your cat or your dog, to say nothing of yourself.

The schools of this city are supported by the city and the teachers are paid by the city largely, yet you would not keep your children from receiving an education on the grounds that you would not accept charity, and is not the health and the very life of the babies at least as important as their education?

A nurse employed by the city's money could do more to prevent the deaths. A large enough number of nurses working consistently could prevent them altogether.

"If babies were well born and well cared for, the infant death rate would almost cease to exist," are the words of no less a man than Sir Arthur Newsholme, medical officer of the British government board.

A specially trained "baby" nurse in St. John, who would call on the expecting mothers, offering suggestions on how to care for themselves, who would attend at the birth, if requested, and who would assist with the care of the little stranger for the first few days after his arrival, carrying out the attending physician's orders, would mean that those physicians would not be forced to write on a death certificate, "starved to death."

The Sub-District Board of Health proposes to employ the part time of five such nurses just as soon as they can get the money from the municipality.

COBB CLIMBS TO FIRST PLACE

Wins in Race With Sisler; Ten Points Ahead

Wheat and Thorpe in Slump in National League But Indian Holds on to the Premier Position

Chicago, Aug. 9.—The battle between the two stars—Sisler, St. Louis, and Cobb, Detroit, for premier honors among the American League hitters—resulted in the latter taking first place with an average of .365, according to unofficial figures released today.

Other leading hitters include Peckinpah, New York, .349; Jackson, Chicago, .334, and Flagstead, Detroit, .326.

In Accord With New Government

Allied Mission Reports on Conference at Budapest—Archduke Joseph Says Terms of Armistice Will be Carried Out

Geneva, Aug. 9.—The inter-Allied mission at Budapest, after a conference with Archduke Joseph and Premier Friedrich, has forwarded to M. Clemenceau, president of the peace conference, a report to the effect that the Entente representatives are in full accord with the new Hungarian government, according to a Vienna despatch received here.

Paris, Aug. 9.—At today's session of the supreme council of the peace conference consideration was given a message from Archduke Joseph, head of the new Hungarian government, announcing the intention of his regime to execute the terms of the armistice and asking recognition and authorization to send delegates to Paris. The message outlines the policy of the new government and says that it will call a properly selected constituent assembly to re-organize labor with a view to increasing production.

Suspensions in Italy. Rome Aug. 9.—Commenting on the situation in Hungary, the Popolo Romano suggests the possibility that Archduke Joseph is aiming to restore the Habsburg monarchy and again join Vienna and Budapest.

"The annexation of Croatia and Slavonia may follow," the newspaper says, as these two regions are even more bitter against the Serbians than against the Italians.

Berlin, Aug. 9.—An official Roumanian statement declares that reports of excesses by Roumanian troops in Hungary are false, according to a despatch received here from Bucharest.

CONDENSED NEWS

Conferences yesterday failed to settle the Yorkshire coal miners' strike. The Ulster Union Council, following an address by Sir Edward Carson, yesterday decided to revive the Ulster political clubs and celebrate Covenant Day on September 28 with a special drinking campaign led by Sir Edward.

The general strike at Basle, Switzerland, ended yesterday in a complete failure, like the one at Zurich. Seventeen deaths were caused by a dynamite explosion on Thursday in the Rosario mine, Pachuca, Mexico. The Belgian chamber of deputies yesterday ratified the annex to the peace treaty concerning the military convention entered into by Great Britain, France, the United States and Belgium. There were prospects today of a provisional settlement of the London bakers' strike.

RAILWAY SHOPMEN RETAINING PENDING WAGES ADJUSTMENT. Washington, D.C., Aug. 9.—Reports being made yesterday from all over the country, saying that striking shopmen were returning to work pending the adjustment of their wage demands by Director-General Hines.

EXTENSION STARTED. Work was commenced yesterday on the extension of the water and sewerage systems in Hawthorne avenue, which will carry these services 2,000 out the avenue from Parks street. The excavation is being done by the men of the water and sewerage department.

NONE OF THAT KIND HERE. A correspondent has written the secretary of the board of trade, asking for information regarding a place where "steel" ships are being built. It is not thought that any intimation was intended and an appropriate reply is being sent.

MARRIAGES AND BIRTHS. Sixteen marriages, two of which took place in 1918, and others in January, February and May, 1919, were reported to the registrar of marriages in the city this week. The birth of seventeen children, nine girls and eight boys, was also recorded.

Guard Prince's Ship From Danger of Bergs

St. John's, Nfld., Aug. 9.—Special precautions against the possible presence of ice floes and bergs in the path of the battleship Renown, bringing the Prince of Wales to this colony and Canada, were taken today. It was announced that the cruiser Dauntless, which preceded the escorting fleet to locate ice and would then proceed to sea to escort the Renown to her anchorage in Conception Bay.

Several unusually large bergs have been reported in the vicinity of the shipping lanes during the week. Preparations for the royal visitor's reception were being hastened today. The prince will be transferred from the Renown, will be escorted through long lines of gallantry to this harbor on Tuesday and will be received here, where the prince shall land decorated naval and commercial craft. It is planned that the prince shall land at noon and after receiving homage from colonial and city officials, ride beneath eight great welcome arches.

BRITISH FOOD CONTROLLER AGAIN TO RULE IN MATTER OF BACON, HAM AND LARD

London, Aug. 9.—George H. Rober, food controller, announced last night that the government had decided to resume control of the supply and distribution of imports of bacon, ham and lard, and that the prices to be charged would also be under supervision.

BELGIUM'S GREAT PROJECT TO RECLAIM LAND DEVASTATED IN WAR

Brussels, Aug. 8.—(By the Associated Press)—The Belgian government has undertaken a vast project for reclaiming the devastated farm lands in the battle zone. The farms will be taken over from their owners and worked under the latest scientific principles and then returned in first class condition to them.

ARE ANXIOUS NEVER WORK AT THE STEEL PLANT

Sydney Council, Board of Trade and T. and L. Council

LETTER FROM SUPERINTENDENT Sets Out Conditions—Joint Action to Have Government Furnish Orders so That the Men May be Employed

Sydney, N. S. W., Aug. 9.—That the city council act in conjunction with the board of trade and the trades and labor council to bring the matter of the closing down of the steel plant to the attention of the government, who will be urged to furnish orders in order that the men of the city might have work, was a resolution, moved by Alderman A. J. McDonald, and passed by the city council. The mayor read the following communication from General Supt. Rice of the Steel Company:

"I beg to state that the contract for the Canadian government was completed on July 31st. During the present week we shall finish all the small contracts for rails which are now on our hands. It is the intention to roll 5,000 or 6,000 tons of steel to be converted into billets, and these are intended for shipment in the form of billets, rods and wire products, to apply on orders which we now have, and for stock in case other orders may be received in the near future. The roll mill from present indications will continue to operate for some weeks, as the export demand for wire and nails is showing some improvement, and it is possible that the mills for the production of these products may be operated at an increased capacity during the balance of the year.

"The temporary suspension of operations in the departments will release a large number of men, but a considerable portion of these will be employed in construction work at the plate mill, which will be completed at the earliest possible moment. The officials of the company are making every effort to secure additional business. The mill furnaces which were closed at the earliest possible moment as possible and soon as there is sufficient business to warrant a resumption of activities.

WORKERS ON WELLDAN CANAL VOTE TO STRIKE, CRITICIZE DR. REID

St. Catharines, Ont., Aug. 8.—Workers of all trades from all sections of the Welland Canal last night demanded on a general strike to go into effect on Monday, unless fresh overtures for a settlement of the difficulties come from the department of railways and canals.

A resolution was passed calling for a strike unless the men's demands for higher wages were met, and denouncing the government for sending "an armed force, with rifles and machine guns, which paraded in a vulgar display up and down the works, discharging volleys over the heads of the men at work, because some laborers, impatient at long delays and unfulfilled promises, left their employment. This brutal and uncalculated display of militant forces while negotiations were pending between the officers of our organization and the government officials merits the severest condemnation."

THE STREETS. A correspondent writes the Times saying—"Just imagine the commission of the city spending \$6,000 for trimmings and they can not even repair the streets. They are very good spenders in the department of money, but when you look at Prince William street and Douglas avenue, over which the prince some time will be the impression he will carry away of this city? Surely some one can wake these commissioners out of their sleep. The public some day will rise and show them. If it is a fine day and the dust blowing in clouds like it does on Douglas avenue, it will be a nice ride for His Royal Highness."

LOCAL DEATHS. Thirteen burial permits were issued by the board of health this week, deaths being due to the following causes: Senility, three; inanition, three; heart disease, two; and myocarditis, cerebral tumor, arterio sclerosis, cholera infantum, and tubercular meningitis, one each.

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Austrians Bid For Amelioration of Terms

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Summary of Note Presented to Allied Peace Mission—"Expects League of Nations Will Hear Her in Hour of Distress"

Copenhagen, Aug. 9.—(By the Associated Press)—A summary of the Austrian note presented to the Allied peace mission at St. Germain, France, has been received here from Vienna.

"If German-Austrian territorial demands are fulfilled to the minimum extent maintained for in the appendix to the note," says the summary, "German-Austria will make efforts to believe she can live independently and in peace in this territory. She expects the League of Nations will hear her in her hour of distress."

"On the other hand, German-Austria still is firmly convinced that the economic burdens imposed upon her by the peace treaty cannot really be carried out, and that if they are not substantially lightened she is bound to collapse."

Dealing with the economic and financial clauses of the peace treaty, the note continues: "It will be impossible for the next few months to deliver milk in cans and cattle as German-Austrian children are perishing for lack of meat and milk. German-Austria must allow herself to be placed under the Entente Powers' financial control, but she expects the reparations committee will act with the consideration demanded by her desperate position and grant German-Austria the necessary credits to obtain raw materials and foodstuffs."

The note urges amendment, with a view to investing a commission with plenary powers regarding all economic and financial peace conditions. It then argues at length regarding "the unjust and unequal division of old Austria's debts among the states which succeeded it, and the unjustified shifting of the debt of the old monarchy. Apart from the bank note debt, clauses in the peace treaty show a burden of debt for German-Austria of some forty billion marks. This two-thirds of the entire debt of the Austrian states, without the note debt, is placed on the shoulders of one-third of the former population."

The note proposes, as in the case of pre-war debts, that all debts shall be divided by the reparations commission according to the ability of individual states to meet them. A similar proposal is made regarding Austro-Hungarian bank notes held abroad.

The note concludes with a reference to settling accounts between German-Austria and other states of the former monarchy, declaring that stipulations not capable of fulfillment must be removed, and these questions regulated by the reparations commission in order not to prolong the peace negotiations.

"It would be indispensable value for all parties," the note adds, "if the members of the German-Austrian delegation were heard and called upon to give oral explanations before the commission. The note is accompanied by extensive proposals on territorial and political questions."

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GREAT BRITAIN ON HIGH ROAD TO BANKRUPTCY?

Alarming Statement Made in House of Commons

VITAL MATTERS OF THE HOUR

Chorus of Press Comment After Statement by Chancellor of Exchequer—Provisions of Bill to Deal With Profiteering

London, Aug. 9.—Great Britain's financial condition, which J. Austen Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer, told the House of Commons shows the country is headed for bankruptcy, was brought forward yesterday by the newspapers as the most vital problem of the hour, even overshadowing labor troubles. The chancellor's statement recently that British expenses are four and one half million pounds daily came as a distinct shock to the country, but was emphasized by the details given by Mr. Chamberlain.

It was remarked by some of the newspapers that this constituted a criticism of the cabinet of which he is a member, but his view was endorsed by Premier Lloyd George.

Virtually every newspaper in London joined a chorus of condemnation of the statement, but the government newspapers hostile to the government criticized it for "its rash, wasteful extravagance," the House of Commons, it was remarked, was largely responsible, because it surrendered control of expenditures.

The country is indulging in an orgy of spending, several of the newspapers remarked, and is contributing thereby to the high cost of living. People who temporarily have relatively great wealth, it was said, are willing to pay any price rather than forego gratification of their desires, so that while necessities of life are higher than ever there never was so much money spent on luxuries. All those who deal in automobile, apparel and entertainments of all sorts were said to be doing unprofitable business.

The cry against profiteers was said by the newspapers to be voiced by these reckless spenders as well as by the poor in cases of profiteering from any commodity followed up successfully. In this connection, it was said, the measure being taken in the United States to reduce the cost of living are being watched with much interest.

The government bill providing prosecution and penalties for profiteering, it was said, empowers the Board of Trade to investigate prices, costs and profits and to investigate complaints of unreasonable profits, whether wholesale or retail.

After investigation, the board of trade is authorized to declare what is a reasonable price and require that the article be sold at that price, and the board is empowered to take proceedings against offenders before a court of law, which may impose penalties not exceeding a fine of £200 or six months imprisonment.

The board of trade may require localities to establish local or other committees to whom the board may delegate all its powers, with a regulation to provide right of appeal by members from any order or decision of the local committees, and may make provision for the prevention of frivolous complaints.

The board of trade may authorize local authorities under prescribed conditions to purchase and sell any article to which the act applies. The act will continue in force for six months, unless parliament directs otherwise.

MONTREAL SHIPPERS ARE WORRIED OVER ACTION OF BRITISH GOVERNMENT

Ruling in Winnipeg on Certain Matters of Evidence

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General A. E. Ross, M. P. P. for Kingston, who is expected to succeed Sir James Lougheed as minister of soldiers' civil re-establishment.

ACTORS STRIKE

Thirteen Theatres Closed Thursday And Only Four of Them Were Able to Open Last Night

New York, Aug. 9.—Only four of thirteen New York theatres which closed on Thursday night after a strike called by the Actors Equity Association went into effect, were able to open their doors last night. In these cases numerous substitutions in the cast were noted.

The calling out of the players followed a strike meeting of the actors' association, 1,400 strong, in the afternoon, and was the reply of the association to the refusal of the managers to treat with it.

KILLS DOCTOR WHO WOULD NOT MARRY HER

Springfield Physician Target For Five Shots From Revolver in Street

Springfield, Mass., Aug. 9.—Dr. Henry Zimmerman was shot to death near his home here on Thursday by Miss Jennie Zimmerman, who fired five shots from a revolver at him, following a violent quarrel in the street. After the shooting Miss Zimmerman, who is not related to the doctor, threw the weapon away and held until the arrival of officers to whom she submitted, they say, that she did the shooting.

In a statement to the police Miss Zimmerman said Dr. Zimmerman had kept company with her about two years until last March, since when he had refused to have anything to do with her. She said she called him by telephone last Monday, but he refused to talk with her. She then bought the revolver. On Thursday afternoon she saw him riding in an automobile and called to him. She asked him if he intended to have anything to do with her. "No, and you can go as far as you like," whereupon she fired five shots at him.

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SEE SETTLEMENT OF BOSTON FISH STRIKE

Boston, Aug. 9.—Settlement of the strike of fishermen in this city and at other Atlantic coast ports which has been in progress since early in July, was forecast yesterday after conferences between vessel owners and union representatives called by Henry J. Shefferson, representing the department of labor. Delegates who attended the conference said that the plan of awarding a minimum price for fish on board ship would be the basis of settlement.

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