

SIR AUCKLAND'S VIEWS ON WORLD CONDITIONS

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PROUD OF CANADA IN WORLD WAR

Sees Great Opportunities for This Country in the Re-establishment of Europe.

Toronto, Aug. 27.—Sir Auckland Geddes, British Ambassador to the United States, who arrived in the city last evening, when seen by a representative of the press, today, gave the following comments on world conditions:

"It is unthinkable that prices will again return to the pre-war level—at least for many years," said Sir Auckland. "While there is chaos in Russia and Poland, and while production has not increased as it should, we probably will later on, it cannot be expected that prices will drop very much. But the world is on the way back to stability.

"Prices are tumbling in certain parts of the world now. There is enough of the world at peace to make this possible."

He predicted that when Russia and Poland are quieted down and those countries again enter the productive areas of the world the economic situation in Europe will be bettered.

Canada's Status

Canada's improved status as a nation was a topic that he confessed interested him mightily, though he had to be careful not to talk too much about it. He declared himself favorable to an interchange of professors between Britain and the Empire Dominion, though he thought it would be more effective to have students travel to various parts of the Empire.

Addressing the Canadian Club this afternoon, Sir Auckland referred to the Great War and Canada's part in it. He recalled that in 1913 he spoke of the almost inevitable war with Germany and of Canada's part when the fatal hour was struck. Speaking of the part this country had in the war Sir Auckland Geddes said:

"You do not know the extraordinary sense of pride with which we watched the response of Canada."

Sir Auckland spoke of the "impenishable glory of the second battle of Ypres, after which was added the crown of Vimy and the last hundred days," which stand out, he said, "as a period of remarkable fighting. The price in blood and the Empire Dominion was perhaps more than the most pessimistic ventures to believe possible."

Great Opportunities

The Ambassador said that the price paid by Canada, heavy as it was, was not as great as that paid by England and Scotland.

"You know how great the strain of the war was out here," he said. "It was greater in England. It is very heavy and will continue to be very heavy for years to come. The whole framework of the industrial life of Europe cannot recover without the assistance of the American continent, both North and South."

"As in war, the assistance of Canada and the other nations of the British Empire before is absolutely necessary to the winning of peace. Never before has Canada had such an opportunity as today," Sir Auckland said. "Never before did she stand in the same favorable position as today. Through your wonderful harvest you are in a position to do more than any part of the Empire to help re-establish normal conditions. It is a great responsibility, but it is a great opportunity."

NOTE IMPERTINENT

Of Such a Nature it Will be Subject of Exchange of Views Between Premiers.

London, Aug. 27.—The following despatch from Lucerne was received by the London Times:

"Premier Lloyd George has received the Soviet note, and the impression created by it is not a satisfactory one. The tone of the communication is considered to verge on studied impertinence. This note will be the subject of an exchange of views between London, Paris and Rome."

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SPECIAL MASS OF INTERCESSION FOR MAYOR McSWEENEY

Dublin, Aug. 27.—A large congregation gathered at the Cathedral here this morning for a special mass of intercession celebrated in behalf of Lord Mayor MacSweeney of Cork, who is on a hunger strike in prison at London. The Lord Mayor of Dublin and the members of the city corporation attended and several hundred dock workers suspended labor, marching to the cathedral to participate in the services.

CONDITION OF CORK MAYOR UNCHANGED

Premier Lloyd George Bombarded With Appeals in Behalf of Terrence MacSweeney.

London, Aug. 27.—Premier Lloyd George at Lucerne is being bombarded with appeals in behalf of Terrence MacSweeney, Lord Mayor of Cork, who is on a hunger strike in prison here. The general tenor of the appeals is that a show of clemency in this case will open the gate for reconciliation with Ireland, while a refusal would have the opposite effect. A strongly worded letter from James O'Grady, member of the House of Commons, has also been received.

"The test of your sincerity in desiring a reconciliation is unconditional," says Mr. O'Grady's letter, "release MacSweeney. If you refuse this then be damned to you and your government."

Timothy M. Healy, former member of Parliament, in a letter to the Dublin press, angrily accuses Premier Lloyd George of over-riding the King's desire to show clemency in the MacSweeney case. He declares that the Premier "by closing the gates of mercy with a clang has made a more perverse, ignorant and lawless invasion of the authority of the Crown in Ireland than any man in arms against it."

WOMEN WORKING FOR CORK'S MAYOR

Failed in Their Effort to Lay Before U. S. Officials Protest Against Imprisonment.

Washington, Aug. 27.—A number of women who have been active in connection with the Irish Freedom movement here, today in their effort to lay before Secretary Coby a protest against the continued imprisonment of Mayor MacSweeney, Cork. After waiting several hours to see Mr. Coby the women went to the White House, but found that officials there also were out.

The group was headed by Mrs. Gertrude Cortess, who said that a cablegram had been received from Mrs. Hanna Sheehy-Skeffington, Ireland's first woman jurist, asking the newly enfranchised women of the United States to urge action in behalf of MacSweeney.

MEN WANTED TO MAN NAVAL SHIPS

Needed for the New Ships Which Mother Country Has Presented Canada.

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 27.—(Canadian Press)—The Department of the Naval Service is making an effort to obtain a limited number of ratings to man the new ships which the Mother Country has presented to Canada, and bring them to this country. Men with experience are desired and when obtained they will be sent to England. As far as the officers of the new ships are concerned, it is understood that two-thirds of them will be Canadian and it is stated that both the destroyers will be commanded by Canadian. The cruiser will, for the time being, be under the command of an experienced British naval officer. The three vessels will probably sail for Canada early in October.

DROP IN FLOUR IS PREDICTED

Expected to Follow the Start of the Fall Movement of the 1920 Crop.

Winnipeg, Aug. 27.—Following the start of the fall movement of the 1920 crop and the resumption of competitive dealing by millers, it is stated today on good authority, according to a local paper, that there will be a drop in the price of flour and also in the price of bran and shorts.

One prominent miller said that the drop in the price of flour would be \$1.50 per barrel at least. It was likely to take effect soon, probably next week, or the week following, he estimated. The price of flour per barrel now is \$14.30.

The price of bran and shorts, it was said, would drop from \$5.00 to \$7.00 per ton.

'LONGSHOREMEN MAKE SUDDEN TIE-UP MOVE

Spring Surprise When 2,000 Quit Loading British Ships in New York.

MOVE PLANNED TO AID IRELAND

Irish Sympathizers on Ships of Other Nations Join in the Walkout.

New York, Aug. 27.—Elated by their tie-up of virtually every British ship in New York, the 2,000 or more longshoremen, who suddenly quit work today, expect to spread their walk-out to every port in the United States in the hope of forcing Great Britain to release from jail Terrence MacSweeney, the Lord Mayor of Cork, and permit Archbishop Mannix to land on Irish soil. The women pickets, who inspired the unexpected walk-out of longshoremen, and the marine firemen, water tenderers and others who joined them, feel the same way about it. They are not going back to work on British ships, they said, until Great Britain meets their wishes.

Irish sympathizers, working on United States, French and Belgian steamships, also quit work during the whirlwind campaign the strikers waged along the North River this afternoon. Although not an immense number of various nationalities rushed from the holds of vessels at the command of their Irish comrades. More than 250 negroes, who were unloading the cargo of the Cunard liner, fell into line and recited a big oration from the other strikers.

Women Were Leaders

A little band of women pickets inspired the strike during the noon lunch hour. They stationed themselves outside the White Star line pier the morning to await the arrival of the Baltic, from which Archbishop Mannix was removed to a British naval vessel on the ship's last voyage to Ireland, but was taken to England, and longshoremen said they resented this.

When the Baltic docked, the women held up a placard reading: "When Mannix goes to Ireland let the Baltic leave New York" and also displayed other signs and banners referring to Mannix, Lloyd George and Terrence MacSweeney.

During the lunch hour the longshoremen, who had started work on the Baltic, were ordered to get on the pier, and accompanied by the women pickets, they went into the holds of the other nearby liners, Canopic, Olympic and Celtic, where they quickly induced hundreds of other longshoremen and allied workers to join their walkout.

Begin Parade

Forming outside the White Star Line pier, inside of which were officers calling for police reserves, the strikers began a parade that swept up West Street, engulfing hundreds of longshoremen at the docks, the Cunard, Anchor and other British lines and leaving in its wake more than a dozen steamships, with loading schedules badly disrupted.

It was all in the nature of a surprise attack, but persuasion was not necessary to lure the men away from work as the growing parade flowed into piers where the longshoremen kept nothing of what has been going on further down the river. With cries of "get out of here" and "let's go," the strikers raced into the piers, up gang planks and down into the holds of a steamer. In a moment they would return, followed by fresh reinforcements, many of whom knew not whether they were going, nor why.

Stunned by the appearance of the paraders as they hurried into piers and out again with new strikers trailing behind them, steamship officials were unable to state what they were to do to maintain their schedules in the unexpected situation, nor were Longshoremen Union leaders, who declared the strike unauthorized, though stating that most of their men were in favor of "Irish freedom." The walkout came so suddenly and deflections from working crews varied so between unanimity in the British steamships to only a few in the holds of other vessels, that neither Longshoremen chiefs nor steamship officials could estimate tonight the number of men who quit work.

A five-minute ovation greeted one hundred striking members of the Baltic's crew when they marched into a theatre here tonight where a mass meeting protesting against MacSweeney's imprisonment was in progress.

The gathering, which numbered nearly 4,000, was addressed by Frank P. Walsh, chairman of the American Commission on Irish Independence, and Eamonn De Valera, "President of the Irish Republic."

A collection was taken for the 2,000 participants in New York's first purely political waterfront strike. Walsh said 3,000 more men would quit work on British shipping here in the "fight for Ireland."

"With the cold-blooded assassination of Terrence MacSweeney will come about the downfall of England," said Walsh. "King George will be directly responsible for this assassination. Of the men who left the Baltic today, 150 were native-born Englishmen."

"The Valera said that 100,000 men in Ireland were ready and willing to do what MacSweeney is doing, if they are put to the test."

"MacSweeney does not want to die," said De Valera, "but he knows that

FIFTY CHRISTIANS SLAUGHTERED BY BEDOUIN TRIBE

Cairo, Egypt, Aug. 27.—One hundred and fifty Christians have been killed at Ajlun, a village about fifty miles northwest of Jerusalem, by a band of Bedouins, according to a despatch received here from Haifa, Palestine. Another despatch states that in a recent Bedouin raid on a train near Damascus an Italian naval officer was among the killed.

DISAGREABLE AFFAIR AT THE OLYMPIAD

Booing of British National Anthem at Conclusion of Water Polo Match Calls Forth Protests.

Antwerp, Aug. 27.—The "booing" of the British National Anthem at the conclusion of this afternoon's water polo match, in which England won a hard and close fought game from the Belgian team, resulted in the British representatives calling a meeting of the representatives of all the nations competing in the Olympiad this evening. At the meeting a protest was made over what was termed a national insult and it brought a promise of the publication in tomorrow's official programme and in the Antwerp newspapers of an apology for the action of the spectators. The apology will be made on behalf of the Belgian Olympic Committee.

The incident occurred at the conclusion of what was virtually the gala day of the Olympic swimming competitions. The Belgian Princess Marie Jose occupied the Royal box. The British Black Watch military and pipe bands played at intervals during the programme. Main interest centered in the polo championship match. The British and Belgian teams had been picked by the public as the best teams entered and as a result the grandstands were crowded.

The feeling of the spectators were manifest early in the contest when each adverse decision against the Belgian team by the Swedish referee occasioned prolonged booing from the Belgian supporters. This was heightened when the referee disqualified the Belgian players and one English player for fouling.

The Princess was leaving the Royal box amid the cheering of those in the nearby sections of the grandstand just as the Union Jack proclaiming the English victory was being run up and the band was playing "God Save the King." Those who saw the Princess continued their cheering until she entered her motor car, but a majority of the thousands present, ignoring the attempts of the Belgian officials to quiet the demonstration, hoed and hissed even for a few minutes after the band had finished the anthem.

PROTESTANT STORES FIRED IN DUNDALK

Dundalk, Ireland, Aug. 27.—Two males and one salesman were burned to death in stores of two Protestant Unionist tradesmen in Dundalk early this morning. The buildings were set on fire, and the houses of the owners of the stores were burned. Other clerks in the stores were able to make their escape, but the fire spread to adjacent property, including the Ulster Bank, which was damaged.

EXPENSIVE LIVING IN AUSTRALIA

London, Aug. 27.—(By Canadian Associated Press)—In Australia, according to official figures just issued, the cost of living in July 1920, as compared with the same month in 1914, showed the following increases: New South Wales, 63 per cent.; Victoria, 56 per cent.; Queensland, 31 per cent.; South Australia, 46 per cent.; Western Australia, 26 per cent.; Tasmania, 69 per cent., or an average for the continent of 57.6 per cent.

Borgiars, equipped with a motor lorry, backed up to the office of the Italian Mosiac Company on King street west, Toronto, during Thursday night, and got away with the office safe, with contents, including \$1,000 cash intended for wages today.

on his fortitude and determination more depends for Ireland than the fate of an army corps. If he dies, it will not be a suicide as the British contend, but he will die as a soldier in battle and his death will be on the hands of the enemy."

In spite of conditions brought by the strike, the White Star liner Olympic will sail on schedule this morning for Southampton tomorrow, her officials said tonight. At the Cunard line offices there was confidence that the Aquitania also would leave on time tomorrow for the same port. The Cunard line has five steamships scheduled for South America, and the I. M. M. Company's lines have three, these etc. companies being the heaviest sufferers from the walk-out.

Several British ships are scheduled to arrive tomorrow and early next week, but the longshoremen declare they will not unload, except for mail, until MacSweeney is freed and Archbishop Mannix is allowed to go to Ireland.

EUROPE IS MENACED BY COAL SPECTRE

German Supply from Upper Silesia Cut off by Strike of Poles.

THE SPA FACT ENDANGERED

Germany With a Crippled Output Fears Demands from the French for Payment.

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Berlin, Aug. 27.—Coal, like a black spectre, again is looming as an aggravating factor in the European situation. This time the menace of a coal shortage, with its inevitable consequences of unemployment and political disturbance, proceeds from Upper Silesia, where the trouble is by no means ended merely because of the cessation of hostilities between them and the Belgian state. The general strike in the mines of Upper Silesia, declared by the Poles—who constitute the bulk of the miners of that region—is likely to extend indefinitely as a protest against the way in which the dispute between them and the German population is being handled, and against the German mine owners. Apprehensions are felt for the safety of the coal pits, which are in danger of being destroyed.

Not only is Germany's immediate precarious industrial position seriously menaced by this strike, but the entire foundations of the present European coal economics, the basis of which was laboriously laid at Spa in July, is endangered. The Upper Silesia mines were just on the eve of a reciprocal agreement between mine owners and the miners, who were able to produce during the month of June 2,640,000 tons out of the 11,000,000 tons mined in the whole of Germany.

It was in anticipation of receiving the fall output of the Upper Silesian mines that the German delegation at Spa consented to deliver 2,000,000 tons monthly to France, leaving only slightly more than 5,000,000 tons which to carry on all German industries—a figure which being estimated to show was absurdly low in comparison with the needs of a large industrial nation like Germany. With the Upper Silesia coal supply cut off, at least for the present, and with production in the Ruhr district already diminished by the action of the Essen miners' union in discontinuing the supplementary hours of labor, thus reducing the daily yield by 100,000 tons, it is little wonder that Germany is viewing the situation with alarm. Its development is the question uppermost in the minds of people here, who with one eye, look despairingly eastward, while with the other they regard with anxiety and fear the west, where the menace of the French advance into the Ruhr stands like a perpetual peril and warning.

France, on seeing the action of the Spa convention imperilled, will, it is felt, bring all kinds of pressure to bear upon the Allies to prevent Germany from violating its demands, namely, that 2,000,000 tons must be delivered monthly whether they are drawn from Upper Silesia or any other source.

FINED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION LIQUOR

Windsor, Ont., Aug. 27.—Dr. Fred Park, for many years Mayor of Amherstburg, and also a magistrate of that place, was fined \$1,000 and costs by Magistrate Alfred Myers in the police court this morning, following a plea of guilty entered by Dr. Park to a charge of having on May 26 last been in possession of liquor in a place other than a private dwelling. In explanation of the matter, Dr. Park told the court that the liquor in his barn was not his property and that he had merely had it put there in the public interests, so that it might not be stolen.

Sam Renaud, an Amherstburg constable, who was arrested on the same charge as Dr. Park and who was previously reported to have pleaded guilty, this morning changed his plea and denied any illegal connection with the case. He said he had merely helped Dr. Park to put the liquor in the barn. He will be tried Tuesday.

DECLARATION OF DIVIDENDS

Montreal, Aug. 27.—Dividend declarations: Canadian General Electric Co., Ltd., 2 p. c. for quarter ending September 30, payable October 1 to record September 15. Canadian Locomotive Co., Ltd., 1.34 and with preferred and 2 p. c. on common, payable October 1 to record September 20. Annual meeting called for September 16 at Kingston, Ont.

HUNGER STRIKERS TO HOSPITAL

Dublin, Aug. 26.—An announcement was made at Dublin Castle this evening that eleven hunger striking prisoners in the Cork jail had been transferred from cells to the prison hospital. The announcement added that no prison regulations were to be allowed to stand in the way of any possible palliative treatment.

A large crematory at Knocklong, County Limerick, was burned today. A crematory at Shogden was set on fire but the flames were extinguished.

FIERCE BATTLE AT CLONAKELLY BARRACKS

Cork, Ireland, Aug. 27.—A fierce, though brief battle was fought early this morning at Clonakelly, a suburb southwest of Cork, when fifty men attacked a small garrison in the police barracks. The attackers poured a heavy rifle fire into the building and one bomb was thrown. The police returned a steady fire and the raiders were forced to withdraw. No casualties were reported.

SUGAR SPECULATORS FACE HEAVY LOSSES

Loaded up With Intention of Making Big Profits, But Sudden Drop Turns Tables

Toronto, Ont., Aug. 27.—Some sugar speculators have been caught by the drop in prices, and it is said are offering sugar at decreased rates. It is said that some have been loading up with the expectation of making a big haul and are now faced with a considerable financial loss.

"The order went into effect at nine o'clock this morning," said one sugar refinery representative. "We are now selling at 22 cents instead of 24 cents. I don't think that the wholesalers will lose much, as they are not very well stocked up."

"I think you will see a still further drop in a short time," said a delegate to the Wholesale Grocers' meeting.

"I think that the board might have brought the price down to 21 cents a pound, and I expect that it will go down still further."

The whole thing has been brought about by the light in New York. One refinery there closed down while the others were buying high priced sugar. When the drop in the raw cane came, this refinery jumped in again and brought down the price.

DETROIT OFFERING SUGAR TO CANADA

Ready to Send Here Sugar, Freight, Duty and Exchange Paid, at \$17 Hundred Pounds.

Montreal, Aug. 27.—Detroit firms are offering sugar in Montreal at \$17 a hundred pounds, freight, duty and exchange paid, a local wholesale dealer announced this morning. This dealer said he did not buy because he was waiting for the price of sugar to drop to 15 cents.

A. S. Richardson, sugar broker, claimed to have 50,000 bags of St. Lawrence sugar, which he could sell below refinery price. He held that the government knew the excess profits of the refineries and must be familiar with their enormous profits of the last few years. "Why should all the refineries be allowed to sell at the same price?" he asked.

"They buy their raws independently, and their expenses must be approximately the same; why should the board of commerce not compel competition amongst them? In the United States they have the Lever Law to prevent just cutting of competition."

FIRES THREATEN BEACH RESORT

Four Bush Fires Get Beyond Control of Fire Fighters and Threaten Maitock Beach.

Winnipeg, Aug. 27.—Fanned by a 17-miles southeast wind, four bush fires north of Nettley have been steadily driven toward Maitock Beach, on Lake Winnipeg, until today, at noon, one was reported to be 200 yards from the nearest cottage. There are two fires on each side of the C. P. R.

Efforts of over forty men to control the fires have proved unavailing and, unless the wind changes, the danger to Maitock Beach is held to be very serious. Winnipeg families, living at the southern extremity of the beach, commenced to move into the city last night, and it was reported that over 40 families had deserted the resort, nervous over the possible consequences of the fire.

GRAVE DIGGERS GO ON STRIKE

Hamilton, Ont., Aug. 27.—The laborers and grave diggers, employed by the Hamilton Cemetery Board, went on strike this morning. They have been receiving 65 cents an hour and demanded sixty cents. The board refused this, claiming that its employees in proportion to the work they do, are the best paid in the city's service.

NIPISSING IN REGULAR DIVI.

Toronto, Aug. 27.—Nipissing Mines Company has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 5 p. c. In addition to the regular dividend, an extra dividend of 5 p. c. has been declared. Both are payable October 30th to shareholders of record September 30th.

COMMERCE B'RD WILL PROTECT THE PUBLIC

Closely Watching the Sugar Situation and is Prepared to Go the Limit.

SUGAR MARKETS VERY UNCERTAIN

Tendency is Downward But May Not Reach Low Levels That Are Hoped for.

Ottawa, Aug. 27.—(Canadian Press)—The following statement dealing with the present sugar situation was issued by the Board of Commerce tonight:

"As has been already unofficially announced in the press, a conference between the Board of Commerce and the sugar refiners has resulted in a reduction of two cents a pound on the price of sugar.

This reduction extends to all grades and effective forthwith, leaving the selling price of refiners at 22 cents a pound. Former orders of the Board of Commerce, which remain in effect limit to two cents per pound the increased cost to the consumer, this limitation of profits applying equally of course to purchases made at prices below 22 cents.

The sugar markets of the world remain an uncertain quantity, with a tendency downward during the last week or two. The high sugar prices obtaining in the United States during the past year have been no doubt largely responsible for attracting to that country cheaper offerings from various parts of the world, with the result that several sharp breaks in the United States market have occurred recently, and prices, here and there, fell to a point which made it profitable to bring sugar over the boundary line into Canada, despite the duty and the difference in exchange.

Refineries Heavily Stocked

The reduction effected by the cooperation of the Canadian refiners in face of the fact that the refiners have been heavily stocked with sugar purchased at high prices, though not, of course, at the highest prices, and the selling price fixed becomes possible only by certain proportions of these stocks being sold at considerable loss. Two conditions, either or both of which may bring further methods to the Canadian consumer special reduction in the price of raws or a continued fall in the price of raws in the United States. No prediction is ventured with respect to these factors, but the Board of Commerce will continue to watch the situation closely and is prepared to take the limits of its facilities, action necessary for the protection of the public."

FUNERAL DIRECTORS' ASSN. WILL MEET

Members of the N. B. Funeral Directors' Association will gather in St. John during Exhibition week for the purpose of meeting members of the Department of Health, who will lecture on the new vital statistics law. Other lectures will also be given.

F. W. Wallace, of Sussex, secretary of the association, was in the city yesterday, arranging with local funeral directors for the meeting, which will be held on the 8th and 9th.

COMMISSIONER ASSASSINATED

Simla, India, Aug. 27.—Deputy Commissioner Wiltoughby has been assassinated in his residence at Khari, Province of Outh, by a Mussulman fanatic. The assassin, who was aided by accomplices, entered the residence of the Commissioner when all the servants were absent.

BIG STRIKE ON LAKE STEAMERS

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 26.—Between 200 and 300 stewards and cooks on lake vessels in the Cleveland harbor went on strike today in accordance with orders received last night from J. M. Secord, General Secretary of the Marine Cooks and Stewards' Union of the Great Lakes, according to local union officials. The men demand a twenty per cent. increase in wages and eight-hour day.

Some Stunt

There are three persons who can take rabbits out of a gentleman's skin. And the other day, in Kookuk, according to the Gate City, a lot of silver was found in an empty box.—Chicago Tribune.

There seems to be some misunderstanding about the price of The Standard. The price of The St. John Standard is two cents per copy, not three cents. And this applies to all trains as well as newsdealers and boys.