

CABINET TO SHARE COST OF WORKLESS

Dominion, Provinces and Municipalities to Divide Financial Burdens of Unemployed.

FEDERAL AUTHORITIES CHANGE VIEWPOINT

Official Statement of New Policy Will be Made in a Few Days.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Plans for unemployment relief during the next few months, the cost to be shared by municipal, provincial and federal governments, are understood to have been drawn up at recent meetings of cabinet council, and an official statement to this effect is expected to be made in a course of a few days. Under the proposal which is stated to have resulted from recent conferences between the government and returned soldiers' leaders and others, the relief work must be inaugurated by the municipal authorities, and then the cost will be divided equally between the municipality, the province and the federal government. In last week's conference, the position taken by the federal government was that the municipal and provincial authorities had an equal responsibility with the Dominion Government in the matter of providing against unemployment as far as possible.

Favors Unemployment Insurance.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—Unemployment insurance in Canada was advocated by Tom Moore, President of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, in an interview here today. "Insurance is the only permanent solution of the unemployment problem," Mr. Moore said. "I realize that any scheme, in order to be a success must have within it some incentive to limit the amount of unemployment. The incentive could be secured by assessing employers according to the number of men they lay off from their normal staff. Establishment of administrative boards through the Dominion government was suggested by Mr. Moore. The duty of the boards being to ascertain the normal working conditions in a number of enterprises in each factory during good times, lay an assessment, somewhat similar to that levied by the workmen's compensation boards.

QUEENS HARD HIT BY SLASH IN THE DOLLAR

Interest Upon Endowments Inadequate to Meet Needs of the University.

SALARIES FAR TOO LOW ALSO

Many New Buildings at Huge Cost Are Required at Early Date.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—As a result of the depreciated value of the dollar, the situation at Queen's University, Kingston, Ont., was not merely acute, but critical, Rev. Dr. R. Bruce Taylor, principal of Queen's informed the Royal Commission on University Finances here today. Owing to the decreased purchasing power of the dollar, Dr. Taylor said, the interest upon endowments was inadequate to meet pressing needs, and the increased cost of material additions to the plant added to the difficulty of financing the institution.

Needs New Buildings

Dr. Taylor presented a report upon the needs of Queen's University, which allowed conditions of serious overcrowding and a need for new buildings at a large expenditure. Salaries were shown to be hopelessly inadequate, and these, combined with the needs for added equipment and apparatus, urgently required an immediate grant of a considerable sum, Dr. Taylor said.

WOLVES OUTWITTED HUMAN HUNTERS

Girard, Ill., Dec. 13.—Nearly a thousand men joined a hunt at the Boston chapel, four miles east of here yesterday in an effort to exterminate a pack of wolves that has killed cattle and sheep valued at \$1,000 within the past few weeks.

The end of the hunt proved to be a battle of wits between the hunters and the wolves, in which the wolves by their shrewd cunning won out, the hunters bagging nothing but a lone jackrabbit.

COTTON PRODUCTION INCREASES

Washington, Dec. 13.—Cotton production in the United States this year is larger than that of any year since 1914, when the record crop was grown. The final estimate of the crop announced today by the United States Department of Agriculture placed production at 12,987,000 bales exclusive of flint.

British Ships Sailing With Full Cargoes For Trade With Russ. Soviets

London, Dec. 13.—British and other traders have re-opened commerce with Russia without awaiting a trade treaty between the governments, the foreign office announced today.

It was denied officially that Britain had signed an agreement with the Soviets. However, it was said it was known British and other ships were proceeding to Russian ports. These traders are without official recognition by the government and without its guarantee of protection, it was announced.

QUEBEC A LINK NOT A BARRIER PREMIER CLAIMS

Hon. Mr. Taschereau at Montreal Pleads for Fair Recognition of Province.

FRENCH SCATTERED IN ALL PROVINCES

About 300,000 in Ontario and the Western Provinces He Declared in Address.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—Speaking at the Canadian Club weekly luncheon here at the Windsor Hotel, Premier Taschereau, of Quebec, expressed gratification that the part Quebec was called upon to play in the Canadian confederation "seems now to be better understood." At one time, he said, Quebec was considered as a solid, antagonistic and refractory block, cutting off Ontario from the Maritime Provinces, having no political affinity with the Western Provinces and drawn by its commercial interests towards the United States. But better than such attitudes were the ties of blood that Quebec has with the west and the other provinces.

French in Other Provinces

Premier Taschereau pointed out that Quebec had 20,000 French-Canadians in Alberta, 25,000 in Saskatchewan, 30,000 in Manitoba, 10,000 in British Columbia, and 200,000 in Ontario. As for interposing themselves between the Maritime Provinces and Ontario, Premier Taschereau believed that "would rather and in a line in the chain of provinces."

TOWN PLANNING LECTURES IN THE MARITIME UNIV'S

Fredericton, Acadia and Dalhousie to Have Mr. Thomas Adams.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—The Commission on Conservation has arranged with Canadian universities for courses of lectures during the current session by its expert advisers on town planning, housing and water-powers and hydro-electric and allied problems. The town-planning and housing lectures will be delivered chiefly by the commission's expert adviser, Mr. Thomas Adams, and will include lectures at McGill, Toronto, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, Dalhousie, Acadia and Fredericton Universities. The lectures on water-powers and hydro-electric and allied problems will be given by the commission's engineer, Arthur V. White.

ANSWER TO NOTE FROM UNITED STATES NEARS COMPLETION

London, Dec. 13.—The British Government is drafting a reply to the most recent note of the United States Government concerning the exploitation of the Mesopotamian oil fields, in which the United States sets forth its right to be consulted. This reply, after submission to the cabinet, will be forwarded to the United States' State Department probably within a few days.

Pending the cabinet's approval, no hint is given concerning the nature of the reply.

IRISH TO GIVE UP ARMS DEC. 27

Proclamation Issues Calls for Surrender of Arms, Munitions and Explosives.

Dublin, Dec. 13.—December 27, has been set as the date when arms, ammunition and explosives held by civilians in the area under martial law in Ireland must be given up. General Neville Maccready, military commander of Ireland, made this known in a proclamation issued today.

HONORABLY ACQUITTED

Quebec, Dec. 13.—Damas Lamoureux, of Barabue, Abitibi, was this morning found not guilty and honorably acquitted by Hon. Judge Crockett on the charge laid against him of retaining merchandise shipped through the C. N. R.

WANTS JOINT COMMITTEE TO STUDY IRISH

Democratic Representative Suggests Eight Nations for the Probe.

CLAIMS BRITISH INSULT AMERICA

Refusal to Permit Committee of One Hundred to Visit Ireland the Offence.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Charging that the State Department had been placed in a position to contempt by the refusal of the British Embassy to vize passports issued by it to citizens of the United States desiring to go abroad to investigate the Irish question, Representative Sherwood, Democrat, Ohio, introduced a resolution in the House today proposing an investigation by an international commission of reports of violence and terrorism in Ireland.

Under the resolution, the president would invite France, Italy, Sweden, Belgium, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Argentina to appoint one representative each to the commission and to co-operate with the United States Government in the investigation.

THREE HUNDRED BUILDINGS BURN IN CORK FIRES

Most of Them Have Been Extinguished But Some Are Smouldering Yet.

SIR HAMAR GREENWOOD DENIES RESPONSIBILITY

Two More Police Barracks Are Attacked by Armed Sinn Feiners.

Cork, Dec. 13.—More than three hundred buildings are said to have been destroyed in the fires which yesterday night broke out in the city. Most of the fires have been extinguished, but there are occasional sporadic outbreaks of flames. The police and military are having the greatest difficulty in keeping the thousands of spectators from the wrecked premises, the walls of which threaten to collapse.

A military patrol was ambushed at Clonoe, seven miles east of Queenstown, yesterday. The attackers threw bombs from two houses, but were defeated. Two of the attackers were killed, several wounded and two captured. One soldier was wounded. The houses from which the bombs were thrown were burned.

Not Set by Crown

London, Dec. 13.—Sir Hamar Greenwood, Chief Secretary for Ireland, in answering questions in the House of Commons today with regard to the Cork conflagration, said it was not known by whom the fires were started, but he produced a statement suggesting, without any evidence, that the fires had been started by forces of the Crown.

There was no evidence to that effect, declared Sir Hamar, and it was obvious to anybody, he said, that if any of the kind were the only possible arguments to be used against the government's policy in Ireland.

No Evidence of Outrage

Sir Hamar declared there was not the slightest evidence to confirm the reports that three civilians in Cork had been dragged from their houses and shot, or that the hose of the fire brigade had been cut and the firemen fired upon. Every available policeman and the military had turned out to assist the firemen, he added.

There was some evidence, said the chief secretary that the fires had been started with incendiary bombs. There were no incendiary bombs in the possession of the military, he asserted, but the Sinn Feiners had such bombs.

He believed, he said, that the fire had nothing to do with the ambush of the military force.

Police Barracks Attacked

Bellinches, County Loughfor, Ireland, Dec. 13.—The police barracks here was attacked this morning. A wall was blown in after a five hour battle but the police held the building. One constable was killed and three severely injured.

One Civilian Killed
Belfast, Dec. 13.—Armed Sinn Feiners last night attacked the police barracks at Camblough, south of Armagh. Military forces were hurried up from Newry, and a fight ensued in which it is known one civilian was killed. Several other deaths are reported to have occurred.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA

Cabinet decides date of sailing for unemployed men to be borne by Federal, Provincial and Municipal authorities.

UNITED STATES

Democrat member wants the House to appoint a commission of eight nations to study the Irish case.

Dempsey and Brennan will fight at Madison Square Gardens tonight. Dempsey is set for \$100,000 and Brennan \$50,000.

One hundred thousand textile workers to have wages cut 22 1/2 per cent.

United States will build 88 new warships within the next three years.

THE BRITISH ISLES

All communications with Dublin have been suspended since December 27. The number of buildings burned at Cork is estimated at 300 now.

In districts where martial law prevails in Ireland arms are to be surrendered by December 27.

Sinn Feiners believe they will not consider Lloyd George's truce offer at all.

SOAP-BOX PULPIT GOT THE PARSON A HUGE CROWD

People Wouldn't Come to Church So He Took Church To Their Jobs.

NOW HE HAS TO HIRE A THEATRE

Rev. W. A. Cameron's Startling Innovation in Toronto Church a Great Success.

Special to The Standard
Toronto, Ont., Dec. 13.—The Rev. W. A. Cameron, pastor of the Bloor street Baptist Church, has begun holding the evening services of his church in one of the uptown theatres of the city. For floor street church, this is a great innovation, for the place of worship is one of the stylish gathering places of Toronto.

But the congregation that assembles every Sunday evening has outgrown all accommodations in the old church, and the pastor has had to hire a theatre.

Only Church He Had
Mr. Cameron came to Bloor street as soon as he graduated from McMaster University, about a dozen years ago. It was one of the biggest of the city, so the young minister had a large-sized job on his hands. The congregation was small, but exclusive. A few Sundays after he accepted the task, he announced that as the crowds would not come to him, he would go to the crowds with his message.

The next day at noon on a soap box before the employees' entrance to one of the big factories. There he gave a short address and invited the men to come to church.

A Brilliant Orator

They accepted the welcome of the daring young minister, and from that time on, he never looked a crowd on Sunday evenings at Bloor street church. He was recognized as one of the most brilliant orators of Toronto, and he made his services brought in a brilliant orator.

When the war came he began to preach at once the necessity of every man doing his bit. The Y. M. C. A. appealed to the board of management to release Mr. Cameron from overseas work, with the result that for three years he was one of their big campaigners in the campaign of France and England with the rank of captain.

Salary is Raised
When the fight was ended, he returned to his Toronto pulpit, announced that he was no longer desirous of being called captain, and resumed his work. The friends he had made in the ranks at the front through his church until now it has been necessary to take the big theatre for the evening service.

His congregation recently showed its appreciation of his work by raising his salary from \$1,500 to \$6,000 per year.

GERMANS SECURE LOCOMOTIVE ORDERS

Were Able to Underbid English and American Competitors by Large Amount.

London, Dec. 13.—American officials were informed today that both American and British locomotive works have recently lost several large orders on the continent to their German competitors. German manufacturers underbid the American and British firms by 15 to 18 per cent and promised delivery within eleven months. The British and American firms were handicapped by the refusal of bankers to finance the deals. The Germans succeeded by accepting orders on a part-payment plan and, because of the difference in exchange and cost of labor, took orders valued at \$10,000,000 from English and American firms.

HOME RULE TO COME BEFORE LORDS TODAY

Slight Modifications Likely But Main Features of the Measure Stand.

CHANCES OF ADOPTION ARE MUCH BETTER

British Empire Exhibition is Given a Large Grant by the Commons.

London, Dec. 13.—In the House of Lords today the report stage of the Home Rule Bill was taken. The third reading of the bill is scheduled for tomorrow.

Recent conferences are stated to have improved the prospects of the bill, and it is now expected that there will be no difficulty between the two houses of parliament in arranging the matter, although the House of Lords has made drastic amendments. It is now probable that the measure will go through with a few modifications, the principal of which is the provision for a second chamber for each parliament.

In the Commons
In the Commons the draft rules under the government of India Act, the roads bill, and the expiring laws bill, were discussed today. In the House today on consideration of the British Empire Exhibition guarantee bill, an amendment was moved to reduce the guarantee from 100,000 to 50,000 pounds sterling, but this was defeated.

It was stated that 140,000 pounds sterling had already been promised privately in support of the exhibition on the understanding that if half of a million pounds were forthcoming, the British Government would guarantee six hundred thousand pounds sterling.

Cork's Council Insulting
Cork, Dec. 13.—A special meeting of the city council, presided over by Lord Mayor O'Callaghan this afternoon, adopted the following resolution:

"We, the corporation of Cork, at firm once more that the Irish nation is fighting for its very existence against an unscrupulous enemy, but is desirous of an honorable peace, consistent with its position as a sovereign state, and we express undiminished confidence in our elected representatives to speak in our behalf.

"We proclaim our unshaken determination to seek or sanction no truce save such international agreement as may be arranged between the Dal Eireann and English government."

WAR TIME LAWS BEING REPEALED BY U. S. HOUSES

Unanimous Vote Recorded to End the War With the Germans.

ONLY MINOR LAWS TO BE CONTINUED

First Step Taken to Put America Once More on Peace Time Basis.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Repeal of most of the war-time laws was voted today by the House, which adopted the Volstead resolution for that purpose after two hours of debate.

The vote of adoption of the resolution was unanimous, 332 votes being recorded as favoring it, with one opposed. The House before taking the dual vote, accepted an amendment providing for inclusion of the Lever Food Control Act, among the laws which the resolution would repeal.

The amendment, which covers all provisions of the Food Control Act, with the exception of the section relating to rents in the districts of Columbia, was carried by a vote of 179 to 137.

Some Acts Remain
The resolution, which now goes to the Senate, exempts from repeal only the trading with the Enemy Act, the war finance corporation act and its amendments, and measures dealing with the issuance of liberty and victory bonds.

The measure, as adopted, is practically identical with that passed by congress just before the adjournment of the last session and vetoed by President Wilson.

Republican leaders of the House asserted tonight that adoption of the resolution was one of the first steps taken by the Republican majority to fulfill the Republican pledge to put the country on a peace-time basis.

"WOLF'S" CONVICTION STANDS.
Washington, Dec. 13.—Conviction in New York of David Lamm, "the wolf of Wall Street" and Harry B. Martin, on charges of conspiracy to prevent the transportation of munitions of war to the Allies will stand as a result of the Supreme Court's dismissal today of the writ of error obtained by the defendants.

House Favors Strongly Bill To Stop Immigration Into America For Year

Washington, Dec. 13.—The House today transmitted to the Senate the Johnson Bill prohibiting practically all immigration to the United States for a period of one year. The vote in the House on the measure was 239 to 41. In the Senate the bill will be referred to the immigration committee, and the action will be deferred until the committee has completed hearings and investigated thoroughly all phases of immigration and nationalization questions.

100,000 TEXTILE MILL WORKERS' WAGES REDUCED

Twenty-Two and a Half Per Cent. Cut in New England Mills.

SOME PLANTS ARE STILL NEGOTIATING

Entire Industry in Upheaval Over the Drastic Wage Scale.

Boston, Dec. 13.—All of the textile mills of Maine, and practically all Rhode Island, will put into effect on December 20 a 22 1/2 per cent wage reduction, announced today in Lawrence, Lowell and New Bedford, and in many smaller New England mill centres. The reduction will apply to about 100,000 operatives.

The posting of notices of the reduction at the largest cotton mills in Lawrence today was duplicated in a large number of Massachusetts, Maine and Rhode Island cities. In some instances the amount of reduction was not specified, but it was understood that it would be approximately the same in all cases.

Some Are Negotiating
The Amoskeag Mills of Manchester, N. H., one of the largest cotton and worsted manufacturing plants in the country, and other mills in New Hampshire have not yet made any announcement as to a reduction.

Fall River, the principal textile centre, manufacturers and union labor leaders are conducting negotiations regarding wages.

Walter W. Wood, president of the American Allyn Company, which operates fifty mills in New England and New York State, said today that he had no statement to make at present on the matter of wages. A few days ago he announced that the directors of the company had not yet considered the question.

FRENCH CABINET LIKELY TO FALL WITHIN A WEEK

Will Probably Not Survive Attack Set for Dec. 17 on War-Finance Ministries.

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Paris, Dec. 13.—The League has already been predicted, in those despatches, probably will not survive the parliamentary attack which is set for Friday, Dec. 17, on the Greek and Russian questions, but which will be most forcefully directed against the Ministers of War and Finance.

There is every indication that the struggle will end with Rene Viviani as premier, for even if M. Leygues succeeds in defending himself personally, the hostility toward Andre Lefevre, Minister of War, and Francis Faure, Minister of Finance, will put the government in the minority and make it almost hopeless for Premier Leygues, politician, to reorganize the cabinet, as M. Millerand, it is thought, will first ask him to do.

Among the possibilities of the next ten days are that M. Lefevre will resign before the interpellation on his policy comes before the chamber and that Premier Leygues, who appears before the committee on foreign affairs of the chamber tomorrow, will be able to explain the London conference to their satisfaction.

Blame War Department.
The criticism of M. Lefevre is based on the failure of the War Department to place before the chamber the projects demanded by the military committee for the reorganization of the army on a recruitment system, and for a shorter period of military service. The attacks against M. Marcell come from the Senate, where it is likely his financial policy will be subjected to a grilling examination next week.

As for M. Leygues it is thought in inner circles that as far as his Greek policy is concerned the results of the London parity are so satisfactory to the French that it will receive the almost unanimous approval of the chamber and that the Senate, although events in the Near East may make the future more gloomy for the Premier. A high official of the Quai d'Orsay in talking today of the London conference to your correspondent, admitted that "in any case, and not the powers, are now steering affairs in the Orient."

FIRE AT HALIFAX.
Halifax, Dec. 13.—First on fire destroyed R. G. Hubley's dye works 1022 Barrington street. All the contents were also destroyed. Mr. Hubley estimates his loss at between \$8,000 and \$10,000. He carried no insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

ALL WIRES TO DUBLIN HAVE BEEN SEVERED

No Communication Possible Between England and the City Says London Paper.

BELFAST FAILS TO REACH CITY

Belfast is Last Point With Which There is Any Connection at Present.

London, Dec. 13.—The Daily Mail says prominently in its second edition this morning that telephone communication between England and Dublin ceased early this morning. The Daily Mail said they were unable to communicate beyond Belfast. The Belfast post office reported that it was unable to get in connection with Dublin.

EIGHT HOUR DAY FOR SEAMEN TO BE CONSIDERED

Thos. Robb, Back from Geneva Conference, Says Brussels Conference to Decide Case.

HEALTH OF SAILORS TO BE DISCUSSED

Ship Owners Alarmed at Spread of Disease in Ranks of Sea Help.

Montréal, Dec. 13.—Back from Geneva where he has been attending the first session of the joint Maritime Commission set up by the recent Geneva Labor Conference, Thos. Robb, secretary of the Shipping Federation today stated the question of an eight hour day for seamen had been postponed to a formal international conference to see if it would be possible to fix these hours in a way that would be applicable to all maritime nations when in case of an agreement being reached, it would then be possible for individual legislation by the representative nations to be dispensed with.

To Meet in Brussels
This conference was provisionally fixed for the third week in January, probably at Brussels.

In regard to the health of seamen, Mr. Robb stated that facts were placed before the commission which were very grave in relation not only to the number of seamen who are the victims of venereal diseases but as to the extent to which they propagate it. The commission ordered that an immediate inquiry be instituted, that propaganda among associations of ship-owners and seamen be organized and propaganda already organized should be assisted.

WESTERN FARMERS TAKING STEPS TO STOP WHEAT POOLS

United Farmers Will Submit Proposal to Grain Organizations.

Winnipeg, Dec. 13.—Steps to effect the pooling of the wheat, not only of Western Canada, but of Ontario, have been taken as a consequence of the decision arrived at at the recent meeting of the Canadian Council of Agriculture in Winnipeg; and a tentative form of marketing agreement between the individual grower and the proposed United Farmers' Grain Corporation has been prepared. This agreement, it is understood, will be submitted to a committee composed of leading grain organizations, and the committee will be asked to make arrangements for the formation of an effective wheat marketing agency; to negotiate with the Farmers' companies for the use of their facilities to the extent necessary for handling the wheat in the pool; to take the necessary steps to secure incorporation and to work out the details by which the pool will be financed.

The committee will report back to the Canadian Council of Agriculture.

VETERANS BELL CLUB HOUSE.
Halifax, Dec. 13.—At a meeting of the Halifax Great War Veterans' Association tonight, it was decided to sell the club house on Barrington street, and curtail expenses as far as possible.

Its membership has fallen off during the past year from over 900 to about 400.