

MOVIE MEN BUILD UP 'WAR CHEST' TO FIGHT COMBINE

Plan Is To Build and Buy Many Movie Houses in the United States

Atlantic City, N.J., Jan. 15.—Members of the Associated First Pictures, incorporated, meeting here, voted to increase the capital stock from \$3,400,000 to \$20,000,000.

The fund, it was said, will be used as "a war chest" to fight four great motion picture concerns, alleged to be backed by Wall Street and to plan a monopoly of the motion picture business. The organization, according to reports, plans to build and buy movie houses in every state.

Organization of the new corporation was to be perfected, when directors chosen Wednesday were to elect officers. The four Wall Street organizations were said to have combined capital stock of \$40,000,000 and plan to increase it in order to buy additional theatres. The new organization, through its affiliation with the First National Exhibitors circuit, will have control of productions featuring Chas. Chaplin, Mrs. Charles Chaplin, Norma and Constance Talmadge, Anita Stewart, Marshall Neilan, Charles Ray, Catherine McDonald, Henry Lehrman and King Vidor.

Directors elected were Robert H. Kiebler, Indianapolis; H. O. Schwalbe, Philadelphia; M. H. Gordon, Boston; Jacobs Fabian, Paterson, N.J.; Moe Mark, New York City; J. E. Clark, Pittsburgh; E. B. Johnson, San Francisco; John K. Kumsy, Detroit; Frederick Levy, Louisville, and J. J. Allen, Toronto.

COMMERCE BOARD WANTS TO KNOW ITS FULL POWERS

Asks Opinion of Supreme Court—Action Against Crescent Creamery

Ottawa, Jan. 15.—The Board of Commerce has asked the opinion of the Supreme Court as to its powers to administer the Combines and Fair Prices Act, as conferred on it by Parliament. The reference to the Supreme Court is the result of certain interests challenging the right of the board to do so.

The Crescent Creamery Company, of Winnipeg, for example, has questioned the right of the board to interfere with business which has its origin and scope solely within a single province.

Will Call Case

Winnipeg, Jan. 15.—The case of the Board of Commerce of Canada vs. the Crescent Creamery Company, Ltd., will come up in the police court for hearing before Sir Hugh John Macdonald Thursday morning, Harry Whitla, K.C., counsel for the board, stated.

Information against the company for violation of the board's order regarding the purchase and retail price of milk was laid by Mr. Whitla Wednesday morning. The case is a test one to determine the validity of the board's order, the company having furnished the evidence on which to base the action for prosecution under agreement, of officials declared.

CHINESE BOLSHEVIKI TO ASSIST THE RUSSIANS

London, Jan. 14.—(Canadian Press)—Russian Bolsheviki forces, within four hundred miles of Tsingtao, will be aided by Chinese Bolsheviki, according to a Moscow dispatch, quoting advice from Chelabinsk. It is said the Chinese will operate in the coastal region.

The Bolsheviki expect soon to encounter Japanese forces sent to Eastern Siberia, and the Moscow dispatch states that the Soviet forces will not "undertake any aggressive action calculated to provoke collision."

OFFER OF 100,000 FRANCS TO INVENTOR OF SAFETY DEVICE FOR AIRPLANES

Paris, Jan. 15.—(Canadian Press)—A prize of 100,000 francs is offered by the Union for Security in Airplane Service to the inventor of a device which will tend to render air navigation in a heavier-than-air machine safer than at present. No limit is placed either on the principle involved or on the nature of the invention. The competition is open to all nationalities.

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

London, Jan. 15.—(Canadian Press)—Football cup results today—Westham 3, Southampton 1. Leicester 2, Newport 0. Luton 1, Coventry 0. Wolverhampton 1, Blackburn 0.

JUDGES EXAMINE PROPAGANDA

Winnipeg, Jan. 15.—After perusal of numerous publications in the propaganda introduced as evidence against R. B. Russell at his trial, Chief Justice Perdue said, Wednesday, "It seems to me that men who write that sort of stuff in Canada are subject to a mental derangement."

A. J. Andrews, K.C., continued the argument in support of the admission of the documentary evidence by Mr. Justice Metcalfe, at the forenoon session of the Court of Appeal.

Andrews Speaks
A. J. Andrews, K.C., continued the argument on the question of admissibility of the documentary evidence against R. B. Russell at his trial. There were roughly two main divisions of Socialists, he said, known as the right and left wing. Under the right wing were grouped the various shades of Socialism that believe in attaining their aims by evolutionary means. Under the left wing came the various organizations representing degrees of Socialism which believed in attaining their aims by revolutionary methods or by overthrowing the existing state of control.

The Socialist party of Canada, to which Russell belonged, and of which he was an officer, belonged to the left, or revolutionary wing, said Mr. Andrews.

The publication, "The Clarion," had formerly been the official organ of the Socialist party. This publication, however, having been banned the "Red Flag" was produced to replace it. Mr. Andrews produced a copy of the "Red Flag" of January 19th, 1919, in which was an article headed "Evolution or Revolution." The article was not read, but Mr. Andrews said that it counselled revolution as against evolution.

After perusing one of the documents, Chief Justice Perdue remarked that it was reasonable.

MILLERS NEED NOT ISSUE CERTIFICATES IF WHOLE WHEAT PRODUCT RETURNED

Winnipeg, Jan. 15.—In an order issued this week, the Canadian Wheat Board stipulates that each mill licensee in the province of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, who grists wheat for farmers, or other owners thereof, and returns to such owners the entire actual product of such wheat, shall not be required to issue Participation Certificates or to remit to the board the six cents per bushel. The mill licensee, however, must report to the board the name of the owner, quantity of wheat gristed and amount of flour offal or other product returned to the owner of the wheat. Under similar conditions licenses in British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec will not be required to issue participation transfers or remit to the board the fifteen cents per bushel of wheat.

JOINT INSTALLATION ODDFELLOW'S OFFICERS

A joint installation of officers of Onward Lodge, No. 62, and Brandon Lodge, No. 6, was held Wednesday night in the Oddfellow's Hall, Kelly Block. District Grand Master Brother Fred. Cross, of Lodge No. 21, Souris, was Master of Ceremonies and was assisted by Brother Abey of La Riviere and Brother H. R. White, of Souris. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony refreshments were served.

Officers installed in Onward Lodge, No. 62, are as follows: Past Grand, R. A. L. Stinson; Noble Grand, J. G. Murdoch; Vice Grand, E. Boyes; Recording Secretary, E. R. Collins; Financial Secretary, Robert Fortune; Treasurer, A. J. Doak; Chaplain, J. McIntosh; Warden, A. Broughton; Conductor, George McKay; R.S.N.G., R. Huddleston; L.S.N.G., J. W. Campbell; R.S.V.G., J. Mansen, Jr.; L.S.V.G., B. Thompson; R.S.S., L. McKenzie; L.S.S., J. Mansen, Sr.; Inside Guard, Wm. Ellams; Outside Guard, W. Brown; Pianist, T. Hicks.

The following are the officers installed in Brandon City Lodge, No. 6: Past Grand, C. T. Whillier; Noble Grand, W. B. Weber; Vice Grand, W. G. Oakey; Recording Secretary, J. A. McKellar; Financial Secretary, J. A. Cooney; Treasurer, George Porterfield; Warden, F. Hawkins; Conductor, H. H. Tackberry; Chaplain, W. H. Marlett; R.S.N.G., A. Mumley; L.S.N.G., J. Muir; R.S.V.G., W. McAnarlin; L.S.V.G., W. Crowley; R.S.S., A. McKenzie; L.S.S., W. Abbey; Inside Guard, W. Hawkins; Outside Guard, J. Carter.

PHYSICAL TRAINING IS COMPULSORY AT MCGILL FOR FIRST THREE YEARS

Montreal, Que., Jan. 15.—(Canadian Press)—McGill undergraduates must take physical training for the first three years or participate in sports.

HUGE FRAUDS DISCOVERED BY SPECIAL AGENTS

Many Millions Involved in Latest U. S. Shipbuilding Craft

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 16.—Frauds involving many millions of dollars in connection with the building of ships for the Government in Oregon, Washington and California, have been unearthed by Government investigators, it became known Thursday when Wm. H. Tidwell, special agent of the Treasury Department, was appointed chief assistant to special Assistant United States Attorney General Bert Schlesinger here.

It is understood that Attorney General Palmer, on the strength of the scope of the alleged discoveries of graft in Pacific Coast shipyards, has ordered the United States Shipping Board to hold up claims approximating \$37,000,000 to await the outcome of the investigation.

U. S. WHEAT PRICES MAY SOAR WHEN GUARANTEE ENDS

And Then Again They May Drop—Guarantee Ends Next May

Washington, Jan. 16.—(United Press)—Wheat, now selling in some places at 80 cents to \$1 above the government's guaranteed price of \$2.26, may soar still higher in May, when the guarantee is to be removed, in the view of some government experts here. But others say the price will go down. Higher priced wheat may bring 15-cent bread.

The 1920 crop is going to be much smaller than the 1919 crop, if the acreage of the winter crop is an accurate indication. Farmers planting winter wheat last fall put in 37,770,000 acres official reports show. This wheat will be harvested in June, becoming part of what is known as the 1920 crop. The previous winter wheat acreage planted in the fall of 1918 and harvested last year, was 50,000,000 acres.

It is this reduction in acreage that leads some experts to believe the present high prices will be left behind. The other experts, however, believe the acreage of 27,000,000 is known as a "poor" crop. The rejoinder is that the normal crop now will be insufficient in the face of the world demand.

Farmers are not encouraged to put in a big crop again this year, it is explained, because that means they must use land available for other crops for which prices are also high.

BEAUDRY CHARGED WITH ACCEPTING BRIBE, WELL KNOWN HERE

Joseph A. Beaudry, a Provincial License Department official, who was formerly stationed in Brandon, has been charged with accepting a bribe, and corrupt practice. He is said to have accepted \$100 from William McDowell for protection against prosecution under the Temperance Act, and is also alleged to have agreed to "protect" McDowell from the law for \$200 a month. Beaudry was arraigned before Magistrate Macdonald in the Winnipeg Police Court on Thursday and pleaded not guilty to the charges preferred against him.

According to the police, Beaudry has admitted taking the money, but added that he took the money with the intention of having McDowell arrested later for bribery. When the two men met on Wednesday noon a marked bill was passed to Beaudry, and he was immediately arrested and taken to the police station.

CAILLAUX TRIAL SET FOR FEBRUARY 17TH

Paris, Jan. 16.—The opening of the trial of Joseph Caillaux, former premier of France, charged with intriguing to bring about a premature and dishonorable peace with Germany, has been fixed for Feb. 17th. M. Caillaux appeared before the Senate sitting as a high court. He looked pale and drawn.

Prosecutor Lescouffe asked that the trial be postponed to Feb. 3rd in order to give the newly-elected Senators time to study the voluminous documents in the case. Vincent Demora-Glauff, counsel for M. Caillaux, surprised all present by asking for a further delay to the end of February, instead of demanding an immediate trial. It had been reported he would and also his failure to request the provisional liberty of M. Caillaux.

GERMAN FOOD SUPPLIES FOR MARCH AND APRIL

London, Jan. 16.—(Canadian Press)—Negotiations have been opened between Germany and the Allies for the conclusion of an agreement regarding food supplies for March and April.

TROUBLE AHEAD IF SINN FEIN CANDIDATES WIN

Irish Elections Held Thursday Create Much Interest Over Probable Results

London, Jan. 16.—The local Government elections took place Thursday throughout Ireland. The results, which will be declared Saturday night, are looked forward to with much curiosity on account of the new circumstances of the contests. The chief points of uncertainty are as to the effect of proportional representation, which is being tried for the first time, and how it will influence the Sinn Fein. This problem can only be solved by the event, but if the Sinn Fein succeeds in proportion to its supposed strength it will control the municipal machinery over three-fourths of the country. In that case there is trouble ahead, for the Sinn Fein aims at making government impossible and may be relied upon to use to the fullest extent to that end the powerful instrument it would require. Anyway, those who recognize the urgent need for municipal reform in Ireland are not assigning the present election, though possibly the working of proportional representation may prevent their worst fears from being realized. The vacant seats are roughly 1,500. The Sinn Fein has 707 candidates. Labor 395, Unionists 436 and Constitutional Nationalists and Independents 588.

IGNORE BOARD'S ORDERS AND MILK COMPANY IS FINED

Winnipeg, Jan. 16.—The Crescent Creamery Co. was fined \$100 Thursday morning in the city police court on the charge of not obeying the order of the Canadian Board of Commerce. James M. Carruthers, general manager of the company, was fined \$1 on a similar charge. The charges against the company and Mr. Carruthers of hoarding milk on December 13 to enable them to increase the price, was dismissed by Sir Hugh John Macdonald. It was announced that it will be argued in the Manitoba Court of Appeal as a stated case.

J. B. Hugg, K.C., counsel for the creamery company, is already at work preparing to appeal against the fine imposed, and to fight the stated case. The dismissed charges, which will be brought up by H. J. Whitla, K.C., on behalf of the board.

The charges laid against the company and Mr. Carruthers are for the purpose of testing the jurisdiction of the Canadian Board of Commerce in dictating the price of "necessaries of life."

The action of the company on January 13th was taken with the direct intention of violating the orders of the board to test their jurisdiction, it was stated. On January 13th, according to the charges, the company purchased a quantity of milk from a farmer at the rate of \$4.05 per hundred quarts. This was an increase of twenty cents over the price ordered by the board. This same milk was sold after being pasteurized at 16 cents a quart, one cent over the permitted price. In defence Mr. Carruthers stated that in pasteurizing he had been compelled to pay his employees one-half cent a quart more for work done.

The charges based on the alleged actions of the company on December 8th are those of having withheld the supply of milk for the purpose of selling at an increased price.

DANCE AND MAKE MERRY IS RIVIERA WINTER SLOGAN

Nice, Jan. 16.—Feasting and dancing are absorbing the attention of Riviera guests this season. The necessities of life are not abundant and there is an actual shortage of sugar, milk and coal, but pate de foie gras, truffles, grain fed fowls and lobster abound. Everything that is luxurious and superfluous is plentiful.

In the absence of fuel, visitors are keeping themselves warm by tangoing, fox-trotting and appropriating every other variety of terpsichorean exercise, the Riviera having been transformed into a vast dance, which absorbs all energies excepting those reserved for feasting.

Even the most conservative family hotels that until now have resisted the encroachment of the revelers, finally have succumbed, and the most ear-splitting jazz music now may be heard in the corridors of these places by day and by night.

Meanwhile the cost of living, influenced by the exorbitant prices paid for choice provisions by hotels and restaurants where the dancers dine, and sup, continues to soar.

Many a girl who marries to suit herself doesn't.

RADICALS FAIL PROVOKE GENERAL STRIKE IN BERLIN

Few of Large Shops Where Radicals Predominate Close Down

Protest Against Shooting Numbers of Mob Which Stormed The Reichstag Building

Berlin, Jan. 16.—(Canadian Press)—Attempts of radical labor leaders to provoke a general strike as a protest against the shooting of members of the mob which stormed the Reichstag building have failed completely.

A few of the large shops where radicals predominate closed down, but there were no street crowds in downtown centres.

Several persons are reported killed and wounded in disturbances at Duisburg, Streckrad and other industrial centres.

Arresting Mob Leaders
Berlin, Jan. 16.—(Canadian Press)—Proceedings against leaders of the mob which stormed the Reichstag as well as those responsible for the proclamation that brought crowds into the streets have been begun by the State Attorney. Fifteen arrests have already been made.

Seven Persons Killed
Essen, Jan. 16.—(Canadian Press)—Several persons were killed and wounded in disturbances at Duisburg, Streckrad and other towns in industrial district where 20,000 miners are striking. Duesseldorf region has been declared under a strict state of siege. Groups intervened at Frankfurt to enforce orders prohibiting an independent Socialist demonstration protesting against "assassins of Berlin."

GREAT FRESH WATER FLOOD THREATENS TO SUBMERGE HOLLAND

The Hague, Jan. 16.—(Canadian Press)—Unless the Rhine, the Maas, and other rivers speedily subside, Holland is threatened by one of the greatest fresh-water floods in history.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS BECOMES REALITY: INITIAL MEETING

First Official Act Appointment of Commission to Define Sarra Basin

Paris, Jan. 16.—(Canadian Press)—The League of Nations became a reality today when representatives of France, Great Britain, Italy, Greece, Belgium, Spain, Japan, Portugal and Brazil met in the famous "Clock room" of the French Foreign Office. The first official act was the appointment of a commission to fix territory of the Sarra Basin. Leon Bourgeois was elected Chairman. Sir Eric Drummond, British Secretary General, regret was expressed at the absence of United States delegates. Several speakers hoped the American people would soon be represented.

TORONTO SCHOOL TEACHERS ASK SALARY INCREASE OF TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT

Toronto, Jan. 16.—An increase of 25 per cent, on all salaries, together with an increase of 25 per cent, on the maximum obtainable through long service, is the demand of the 2,000 school teachers of this city, voiced at a mass meeting in Convocation hall Monday afternoon.

Four school trustees gave the teachers hope that their demands might be met by the Toronto Board of Education, though they did not actually promise anything.

N. W. Rossie, representing the Globe editorial staff, said the teachers had always been underpaid and underpriced. He assured the teachers that the press would support all reasonable efforts to improve their position.

EXAMINE RADICALS BEFORE ENTRY INTO SOVIET RUSSIA

Helsingfors, Jan. 16.—(Canadian Press)—Radical agitators, deported from America will be carefully examined before being permitted to enter Russia, is a statement made by M. Kishko, Secretary of the Soviet delegation at Dorpat.

AIRPLANE AIR SERVICE MAY BE STOPPED IN U. S.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Funds for the continuation of the airplane mail service were struck from the annual post-office appropriation bill on a point of order raised by Republican Leader Mondell. The action unless changed by the Senate or subsequently reconsidered by the house means the ending of the airplane mail service on June 30th next, when present appropriations will expire.

SPIRITUALISM NOT OPPOSED TO RELIGION

Declares Sir Oliver Lodge, Britain's Leading Exponent of Spiritualism

Prove Survival of Man Love and Affection Strongest Forces Attracting Men Who Lost Lives in War

New York, Jan. 16.—(Canadian Press)—Sir Oliver Lodge, a noted British scientist and a leading exponent of spiritualism, declared on arrival yesterday, that spiritualism is not opposed to religion but on the contrary, strengthens and supports it.

"The survival of man can be proven," he said, "and that perception will strengthen the hands of true religion." Sir Oliver Lodge asserted that men who lost their lives in the war have been communicated with but they cannot be summoned although love and affection are the strongest forces attracting them. He said that while he understood that there were crooked mediums he has never met one.

HOMESTEADER SHOOTS HIS TWO SONS-IN-LAW

When They Accompany Wives To Visit Their Sick Mother

Denied Entrance An Angry Argument Followed Culminating In Fatal Shooting

Tisdale, Sask., Jan. 16.—(Canadian Press)—John Watkins, homesteader, last night shot and killed his two sons-in-law, Harry Brand and Archie Purcell, both section laborers, at Roscoe, Sask. A bitter dispute preceded the shooting. Watkins is under arrest. Owing to the illness of his wife, Watkins went to the homes of his daughters and told them their mother wished to see them. The sons-in-law accompanied their wives to the Watkins home, where it is alleged Watkins denied them entrance. An angry argument followed, and culminated in the shooting of Brand and Purcell.

H. Denais, whose connection with the case is not clear, was shot at by Watkins, but escaped.

DOCTOR CHARGED WITH MURDERING WEALTHY MOTHER-IN-LAW

Markesan, Wis., Jan. 15.—Dr. J. A. Freudenberg, charged with the murder of his wealthy mother-in-law, Mrs. Nettie Duffies, by injecting mustard into her bladder, is in jail at Green Lake, without bail. Under the law ball cannot be fixed until after the physician's preliminary hearing, January 22nd. His arrest Monday followed quickly upon discoveries of evidence tending to show that Dr. Freudenberg might have brought about Mrs. Duffies' death to prevent her marrying a third time, and that the doctor had purchased mustard.

SHOULD ESTABLISH A STATE AS HOME FOR AMERICAN NEGROES

Washington, Jan. 16.—Establishment of a separate state under the protection of the United States for the segregation of the nation's negro population was advocated before the House Judiciary Committee by representatives of the negro race.

Dr. Moses Madden, of St. Louis, told the committee a state should be established along the Rio Grande river on territory ceded by Mexico and the state of Texas, and that should be inhabited by and administered entirely by negroes under the general protection of the United States.

The Rev. R. D. Jones, of Philadelphia, advanced a plan for concentration of the negro in Liberia.

DEATH OF REG DE KOVEN OPERATIC COMPOSER GENERALLY REGRETTED

Chicago, Jan. 16.—(Canadian Press)—Reginald De Koven, American operatic composer and conductor, died today of apoplexy. His songs include the well-known setting to Kipling's "A Recessional."

NEW ALLIANCE GERMANY AND TURKEY RUMORED

Saioniki, Jan. 16.—(Canadian Press)—A telegram from a Greek source says that Turkish military authorities at Marzefoun, Anatolia, have received a message reporting that a new alliance between Germany and Turkey is about to be concluded.

PLAN HOSTELS FOR WOMEN IN ALL PROVINCES

Ottawa, Jan. 16.—Co-operation by the provinces in supporting hostels established by the Canadian Council of Women for household service was promised at the conference of the Council which concluded Thursday. Representatives of the various provinces brought assurance of practical assistance. The representative of Quebec was absent, through illness. Hostels at which immigrant women and girls seeking household service may have free accommodation for twenty-four hours, and afterwards at moderate prices, and under the guidance of competent resident superintendents, are located and in operation at Halifax, St. John, Montreal, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary and Vancouver.

The following resolution was adopted: "That a committee should be appointed to seek the co-operation of affiliated bodies, with a view to preparing a practical scheme, wherein the occupation of the household workers will be standardized in the matter of hours worked and efficiency, and in which the interests of both employer and employee will be considered. This committee is to report to the next meeting of the council."

All hostels work in co-operation with the provincial bureau of employment in the placing of girls, and are to be considered headquarters for girls at any time.

Councillors Elected
Mrs. William Dennis, Halifax, and Mrs. Ralph Smith, M.L.A., Vancouver, were elected councillors.

Those present at the conference as representatives of the Provincial Governments were: Mrs. William Dennis, Nova Scotia; Mrs. M. E. Lawrence, New Brunswick; H. A. Macdonell, Ontario; Dr. Ellen Douglas, Manitoba; Mrs. William Robertson, Alberta; Mrs. Ralph Smith, British Columbia. Representatives of the aforesaid organizations were also in attendance.

IRISH PROTEST FIRST PRESENTED LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Lodged By "Envoys of Elected Government of Irish Republic"

Paris, Jan. 16.—(Canadian Press)—The Council of the League of Nations received its first formal protest to be presented to it, almost before it came into being, with today's initial session. The protest was from "the envoys of the elected government of the Irish Republic" against an unreal English simulator of an international League of Peace.

CLEMENCEAU NOT A CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENCY

Premier of France Asks His Supporters to Help Re-elect Poincaré

Paris, Jan. 16.—(Canadian Press)—Premier Clemenceau today announced that he would withdraw as a candidate for the Presidency of the Republic. He has asked his supporters to vote for President Raymond Poincaré, for re-election.

RENT PROFITEERS BUSY IN MONTREAL

Montreal, Jan. 16.—(Canadian Press)—Rents here have increased enormously. In some cases they have jumped one hundred per cent. Never before has the housing problem been so serious, for during the five years of war practically no houses have been built. In apartment houses, homes for which \$80 was charged last year, \$150 is being asked this year. A \$40 tenant was told he could stay if he paid \$70 per month.

NEW BILL IS GIVEN AS CAUSE OF HUN RIOTING

Berlin, Jan. 16.—(Canadian Press)—Council Surveillance Boards, comprising a total membership of 600,000 workers throughout Germany will be provided for in the Industrial Councils Bill, now before the Reichstag. Opposition to this bill was the ostensible cause of the rioting on Wednesday.

SIX CARS OF LIQUOR LEAVE MONTREAL DAILY FOR TORONTO

Montreal, Jan. 16.—(Canadian Press)—Great congestion is being experienced in wholesale liquor houses through total inability to fill incoming orders. Six cars are leaving daily for Toronto.