

HUNGER-STRIKE NOT LIKELY TO GAIN FREEDOM

For the Men Who Are Now in Prison—Government Intends to be Firm.

APPEALS ARE IN VAIN

American Ambassador Asked to Intervene, Says it is Outside His Duties to Do Anything of Kind.

Dublin, April 13.—The Lord Mayor and High Sheriff of Dublin visited the American Consulate today in connection with the Irish hunger strike. The consul informed them that he had no power in the matter, and referred them to John W. Davis, the American Ambassador at London. The Lord Mayor then telegraphed Mr. Davis asking his intervention.

London, April 13.—Acting Lord Mayor O'Neill, of Dublin and High Sheriff McWater, appeared in court today to John W. Davis, the American Ambassador, after they had failed to persuade the American Consul at Dublin to intervene for the Irish hunger strikers.

Ambassador Davis, in reply, telegraphed: "My powers do not extend to any representations on behalf of citizens of the United States."

London, April 13.—(By the A. P.)—Indications that the government will finally resist yielding on the question of liberating the Irish hunger strikers was the outcome of a debate started in the House of Commons today by P. O'Connor, Nationalist, supported by John R. Clynes and other labor members.

Earlier in the session, Andrew Bonar Law, the government leader, admitted that many of the Irish prisoners both at Mount Joy, Dublin, and in English institutions, are being detained without charges having been preferred against them, and with no plans to bring them to trial going forward. Mr. Bonar Law was replying to questions and added that under existing conditions in Ireland, where murder was so rife, it was necessary for the protection of lives of persons to be arrested on suspicion.

During the day's debate Mr. Clynes pointed out the danger of labor disturbances in Ireland, spreading to England, urged that the government be either tried or subjected to special treatment.

Sir Donald MacLennan, Nationalist leader member, also supporting Mr. O'Connor, the Irish leader, complained that prisoners without trial are being treated as condemned criminals, and he advocated the appointment of a committee to investigate each case as was done after the rebellion of 1916.

Dennis Penny for the government said that the question was not one of party politics but elementary civilization. The government, he said, was unable to bring the men to trial because any suspected of being given evidence would later be found shot. Ten thousand men are being held no longer able to maintain order with aid from military, he declared, pointing out that in the course of a single night, there were sufficient tanks on barracks in Ireland to require the existence of 25,000 men under arms. Mr. Bonar Law reiterated that there was no possibility of the government changing its decision and that any sign of weakness in this matter would only aggravate the situation.

Dublin, April 13.—Two of the prisoners in Mount Joy have been released because the military authorities declared not to prosecute them. One of them was a hunger striker, but was officially declared that this was merely incidental and does not affect the original situation. The executive of the Irish Trade Union Congress has issued an appeal to the workers of Great Britain urging "if they have the spirit of free men let them prove it by resolutely supporting the Irish workers."

Dublin, April 13.—The strike which began today in Ireland, except in Ulster, in sympathy with the political prisoners here and elsewhere was a general one. At first it was intended as a one-day demonstration, but a manifesto issued today by the Trades Union Congress and the Labor Party calls for its continuance indefinitely. The manifesto exhorts all citizens to assist in preserving perfect order. It says the strike is a solemn protest on which the lives of men are dependent, and that no occasion should be given the military for an outbreak of violence.

The strike could not have been more complete. All kinds of business were suspended. The banks and the stock exchange here which managed to keep open during the afternoon, were closed during the strike. Even the offices of the government departments found it impossible to carry on their work.

Crowds of visitors who came to Dublin for the Panchestown races were marooned in hotels where they were compelled to cook their own food and make their own beds.

A few of the large hotels tried to keep open but they were picketed and obliged to close their doors.

Up to a late hour this evening no disorders anywhere had been reported. Thousands of persons in Dublin still were carrying on demonstrations during the day airplanes sailed over the crowds at times, almost touching the house tops.

The Irish bishops at their meeting at Maynooth today issued a statement

FRANCHISE BILL AGAIN UNDER DISCUSSION

In Committee of the Commons and Non-contentious Sections Agreed to.

AN AMENDMENT

Prohibiting Contributions to Campaign Funds Was However Voted Down After Long Arguments.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, April 13.—The House of Commons today wrapped itself into a cloak of virtue and unctuously raised its voice in protest of campaign funds. In 1908, Parliament passed an act prohibiting corporations subscribing to party whistles or to the expenses of individual electioneers; but when the fact was recalled this evening, members almost gasped their astonishment, so far has the legislation been forgotten. Everybody had apparently been under the impression that the same law, incorporated into the present Franchise Act, was a new and heroic act of a regenerated democracy; and when Mr. Guthrie reminded the House that it was really getting hoary with age, even the old timer seemed amazed.

The fact is, of course, that this law, like countless others, has been to all intents and purposes as dead as Queen Anne, so far as its observance was concerned; Corporations, as the rank and file political amateur knows, having contributed so much toward political parties and causes during the past twelve years at any time in history.

The Farmer group, however, saw in this clause something especially designed to injure their cause. They contended that it was aimed at Farmer organizations and grain growers, which political-economic in their constitution, would come under its provisions (purely political organizations, whether incorporated or not, are not interfered with) and with Mr. O. R. Condit leading them, staged a considerable demonstration.

The fight was somewhat intensified and not a little confused by Mr. A. R. McMaster, of Bromo, who moved an amendment limiting individual election subscription to \$10,000 and compelling candidates to publish all donations given them, with the names of the subscribers, within two weeks after they were received.

Mr. McMaster, with more than average ability, would make a member of the House a member of a pharisee. He "holier than thou" attitude and did not make speeches that sound like an editorial from the New Republic. Today he talked as if all his fellow-men were thugs and thieves, as though Canadian politics was a cesspool of filth and a Canadian elector a virtuous member for Bromo alone, apparently, stood aloof from such horrible things as election contributions, while as for the benighted Tories and manufacturers and corporations, their electioneering intimacies are more than Canada can stand.

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The demands on which the announced increases were made by the board today called for a shilling a day increase for engine drivers, two shillings a day for cleaners, and a pound sterling weekly for other railway men.

Hotel proprietors deny these statements, and declare that at present from 25 to 40 per cent of their accommodations are unoccupied. A year ago rooms were hard to get because of the Peace Conference. Thousands of refugees also here then from the war area, have now returned to their homes.

Saskatoon, Sask., April 13.—Fire destroyed the Saskatoon Co-operative elevator at Denholm, Sask., last night, with about 9,000 bushels of wheat. The loss will affect many farmers who had their seed wheat stored there until required.

condemning the government's "insane conduct."

LATER. London, April 13.—Decision to modify the treatment of Irish prisoners who were arrested under the Defence of the Realm Act has been announced by the British Government, notwithstanding Andrew Bonar Law's statement in the House of Commons yesterday. It is stated in unofficial but well-informed sources.

It is understood the men now in Mount Joy Prison will not be released, but will be granted certain concessions which, according to some reports will take the form of privileges usually accorded political prisoners. These concessions will apply only to those who have not been tried and those who have been tried and convicted will not be able to take advantage of them.

The Same Old Story



THE FORTHCOMING LABOR CONFERENCE

Representatives of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Named—P. E. I. Yet to Come.

Ottawa, April 13.—(Canadian Press)—The names of representatives from all the Provinces of Canada, with the exception of Prince Edward Island, who are to participate in the conference to co-ordinate and unify the labor laws, which will take place here on April 26, have been made public.

Each Province will send a representative of the Government, an employer and one of the employees. These will meet with a representative of the Dominion Government and a representative of labor and one of the employing interests for the whole of Canada.

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LONDON GOSSIP ABOUT NOTABLES

(Special Cross-Atlantic Cable Service to The Standard. Copyright.) London, April 13.—King Gustavus of Sweden arrives in London today to spend a few days and later goes to South France, where he will spend some time with his father-in-law, the Duke of Connaught. Lady Patricia Ramsey, better known as "Princess Pat," with her husband have taken rooms for the summer at Bitchington near the popular seaport of Margate. Lady Cavendish and fiancée, Capt. Harold MacMillan are passing happy days in getting ready for their wedding. They have taken a house in the west end of London, and are furnishing it themselves. Friends dilate about the change in her brought about by the stay in Canada. She has developed into a broadminded, independent girl and wins everyone's approval. MacMillan will enter his father's publishing business after the marriage.

THE NEW NATIONAL PROGRESSIVE PARTY

Finds it Necessary to Assure Themselves and the Public That They Are Not Disunited.

Ottawa, April 13.—Categorical denial of the charges made in an editorial of a local paper yesterday that the new National Progressive party was disunited with internal schisms is made by members of the party today.

Levi Thompson (Qu'Appelle) who presided at today's informal caucus of the party, issued a statement in afternoon quoting the charge and adding: "There is absolutely no truth whatever in these charges and no foundation for making them. We are all united and know exactly where we stand on the really important matters to come before the House this session."

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MONCTON STREET CAR SERVICE TO RE-COMMENCE

Special to The Standard. Moncton, April 13.—Moncton Street Car service which has been out of commission since the car barns were burned down Christmas Eve last, will be resumed in a few days, officials of the company stated.

PRINCE ARRIVES AT HONOLULU

Honolulu, April 13.—The Prince of Wales was greeted here today. The British battle cruiser Renown arrived here after an uneventful voyage from San Diego.

Two days of festivities are planned for the Royal visitor, a feature of Tuesday's reception to be a "hook up" or gift giving ceremony by native Hawaiians in the same room in which the Duke of Edinburgh, his grand uncle was similarly honored in 1889.

Honolulu, April 13.—The cruiser Birnam and twenty destroyers left here last night to meet the British battle cruiser Renown, bearing the Prince of Wales on a tour to Australia and New Zealand. The flotilla will escort the Renown to this port.

BRITAIN AND FRANCE MUST ACT TOGETHER

If Peace of Europe is to be Assured These Two Nations Must Stand Side by Side.

Paris, April 13.—Both Great Britain and France realize the entire necessity of keeping in accord for the solution of the pending problems with regard to Germany and other parts of the world. Premier Millerand told the Chamber of Deputies this afternoon in referring to the questions raised by the French occupation of territory in the German neutral zone.

The Premier also referred to the attitude of Belgium in supporting the opinion of France in the occupation of the zone, this reference evoking an enthusiastic demonstration and long applause from the assembled deputies.

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NEW YORK STRIKERS REFUSE TO GIVE IN

New York, April 13.—Striking railroad men of Greater New York, meeting in Jersey City tonight, unanimously refused to return to work after hearing the report of their executive committee which had conferred during the day with Mayor Hague of Jersey City and representatives of the "Big Four" railroad Brotherhoods.

P. E. I. POTATO MEN ORGANIZE

Charlottetown, P. E. I., April 13.—A Prince Edward Island Potato Association, with a constitution along the same lines as the New Brunswick organization, was formed here yesterday. The proposal of the Falk Potatoes Company to erect a mill here was endorsed.

The City Council last night decided to adopt daylight saving for Charlottetown.

J. J. McCaffrey sells Hotel for \$325,000. Toronto, April 13.—The famous old Bay Tree Hotel, and the land it stands on, at the corner of Bay and Adelaide streets, has been sold by the owner, J. J. McCaffrey, President of the Toronto Ball Club, to a local syndicate for \$325,000. It is understood that the present building will be torn down to make way for a million-dollar ten-story office building.

FINE OF \$25 FOR STEALING A RIDE. Special to The Standard. Moncton, April 13.—Stanley Richard, Ronald McKinnon and Harold Cox, three young men, hailing from Amherst, were arraigned in the police court this morning charged by the C. N. R. police with stealing a ride on the train. They pleaded guilty and were fined \$25 each for three months in jail.

UNITED MINE WORKERS HAVE FINISHED WORK

For Present Session and Have Adjourned Till Next Year at New Glasgow.

NEW WAGE SCHEDULE

Convention Resolves to Stand Behind Minto Miners if They Should Decide to Go Out on Strike.

Truro, N. S., April 13.—The convention of the United Mine Workers of America concluded its sessions this afternoon and adjourned to meet at New Glasgow in April next year. The executive and wage scale committees recommended that the proposed wage agreement and present it to the operators or their representatives.

A petition from Bessboro Mines asking the convention to demand a six day and a five day week was reported unfavorably. The committee recommended an eight hour day for the purpose of improving sanitary conditions in such towns as participates was adopted.

The chair recognized the motion to re-open the debate on the Minto miners request for cooperation in case of a strike, and the following resolution presented from the floor was adopted: "Whereas, The members of the union in the Minto division of district 26 are being unfairly dealt with; and

"Whereas, The miners in this district have asked this convention assembled at Truro, that if the Minto men come out on strike that steps be taken to prevent coal being shipped in there from Nova Scotia and United States of America.

"Resolved, That this convention assembled go on record as being in sympathy with the miners in this district and respectfully request that such measures be taken, if possible, by the executive to meet this request."

After vote of thanks were passed to the citizens of Truro the convention adjourned.

GRAND FALLS MURDER CASE AGAIN PUT OFF

Accused Not in Fit State to Attend Court at Present Time.

Special to The Standard. Peter Bois (Wood), who is charged with assisting Newman Clark, the alleged murderer of Miss Phoebe Bell, in his escape from Grand Falls hospital on the night of April first, appeared before the police magistrate, N. A. Hanson, in the county jail here this morning, and was admitted to \$1,000 bail to appear for examination on April 21. Newman Clark, who was to appear today, was considered physically unfit, and was further remanded to appear for examination on April 21.

NO SHORTAGE OF FREIGHT CARS TO MOVE COMING CROP

Winnipeg, April 13.—No shortage of freight cars to move the 1920 crop is anticipated by the Canadian Pacific Railway, according to W. B. Lanigan, Freight Traffic Manager, who is in Winnipeg today on his way to Montreal after a Western trip.

"We will have plenty of cars if we get back those that are now in the United States," he said. "Arrangements are being made for their return, and they have 17,000 more cars of ours than we have of theirs."

IDENTITY OF SHELL SHOCKED SOLDIER

No Longer in Doubt, Finger Prints Fixed Him.

Ottawa, April 13.—Confirmation of the identity and criminal record of Clyde Denham, who has been posing at Toronto as "Frank Hall" the mystery soldier, has been established through the finger print system by the federal authorities here.

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BUDGET DEBATE CONTINUED IN LEGISLATURE

By Hon. Mr. Veniot, Who Entered Upon a Lengthy Defence of His Policy.

MR. YOUNG OF YORK

Who Followed, Claimed That if More Stumpage Was Demanded, Teachers Could be Paid Better Salaries.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., April 13.—The Minister of Public Works was the big noise at today's session of the Legislature. No member of any government even attempted to shoulder such responsibilities as did the Hon. Peter Veniot. He is who assumes the onus of the big deficit of over \$300,000 for the fiscal year ending in October.

The Minister was patient and pleasant in appearance on the floor of the chamber the Minister who was to enlighten the public on his reckless extravagance.

The Minister was given a glorious opportunity to square himself with the people but he failed to rise to the occasion. The Minister of Public Works is sometimes referred to as being bombastic. His tactics of today would bear out that statement. He was loud of voice but lamentably weak in his logic. He was certainly determined to leave his mark in Legislative halls, if not by his deeds of statesmanship then by his acts as he certainly left the imprint of his massive fist upon his innocent desk. The Minister evidently believed all he said whether anybody believed it or not.

The Minister in the beginning of his debate on the Budget, spent considerable time in laudation of his own works. Besides being convinced that he is a great man, he is also proud of his nationality and his religion. No one disputes his claim to the latter glory, many will question his claim however, to greatness. He surprised all who heard him by telling the members that his road building was of such a high standard that it had been accepted by the Dominion Government as the method to be employed by them in the future. The Hon. Peter believed this. No one else seemed to take it seriously. To justify his extravagant expenditure in road work he attempted to bluff his hearers into the belief that New Brunswick had better roads than the highways of the border state of Maine. This caused a smile to cross the faces of automobilists present who frequently take the roads to Maine for the pleasure of riding over good roads. Those who are familiar with Maine roads are not impressed by the Minister's laudation attempt to justify himself. The Minister side stepped all accusations as being a rank partisan in distribution of road monies in the work of his department. All work, according to him, was not done in the counties of the north. He would have the hon. members to understand that he had done considerable work in Queens county. He had caused the alder bushes to disappear from the highways so that the sun could shine in, and he had also built a beautiful road to the front door of the residence of the Speaker of the House.

After passing the customary congratulations to previous speakers, Mr. Young, of York, entered into a discussion of the topics of the day in their relation to affairs of the Province. Being a lumberman, he went into an exhaustive review of the stumpage rate and revenues hereof. He was of the opinion that had the Government accepted his suggestion of a year ago that a base rate of \$5.50 per thousand be asked, the treasury of the Province would show a surplus of \$300,000 rather than a deficit as is admitted by all members of the Government.

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The gentleman from York was fair in his criticism of the road work and gave the hon. Minister of Public Works full credit when credit was due. The speaker's complaints were the same as those of other complainants — injudicious expenditure. Mr. Young spoke with a knowledge of affairs that was convincing and his remarks carried great weight.

The Minister started out at one point in his debate to tell what he was doing or going to do for the farmers of New Brunswick. After announcing the sub-head of the debate, he went off on a tangent and the farmers are still waiting to hear what he is going to do for them. He did say, however, that when he had more money to handle he expected to do

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