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REMEDY THE R.R. CONDITIONS FIRST

Resolution Passed by Governors of New England

Also Want Some of Largest Vessels Assigned to Their Ports by U. S. Shipping Board—The Sugar Situation

(Special to Times.)

Boston, Dec. 11.—Governors of the New England states, at a conference in Boston yesterday afternoon, unanimously adopted resolutions which set forth the return of the New England railroads to private control, under present conditions, "would manifestly be disastrous to New England industries, institutions and investors," and called upon congress to enact legislation to remedy the situation before the roads are removed from the jurisdiction of the federal railroad administration.

The governors further resolved that the United States shipping board be requested to assign some of its largest vessels to New England ports. Edward G. Buckland, president of the New Haven, Central New England and Rutland railroads, presented statistics showing that during the three years preceding the war, this amount was reduced to \$10,612,375 during the twelve months of government operation and, in place of a surplus amounting to \$10,111,829, there was a deficit of \$19,968,991.

General John H. Sherburne, chairman of the state commission on the necessities of life, in a report on the sugar situation, submitted to the legislature yesterday, placed the responsibility for the shortage of sugar on the United States sugar equalization board. To remedy the situation, he recommended that the price of sugar be fixed at 10 cents a pound, and that the government should purchase the surplus sugar of the Massachusetts market and consumers will soon be paying from 15 to 20 cents a pound. The legislature is unable to pass laws that would increase the supply of sugar, or that would help the situation.

SELL CITY LOTS TO CARLETON CHURCH

Parcel of Four For \$400 Under Restrictions; Tenders For Some Work

At a committee meeting this morning Mayor Hayes presiding, it was decided to sell to the congregation of the Carleton Methodist church four lots now owned to that body, measuring in all about 200 feet by 400 feet, and fronting on Winslow and Ludlow streets. One is a corner lot, and the parcel is in block. The purchase price is \$400 for the entire parcel, subject to the restriction that the land will be used for nothing but religious, temperance or social community purposes. This land has been owned by the congregation since 1838.

H. S. McNeely of the Carleton ferry staff, petitioned the council through Commissioner Bullock for the difference between his wages and physician's fees, and the amount allowed him by the Workmen's Compensation Board, following injuries received by him while on the wheel of the ferry. The amount, \$25.40, was ordered paid. It was said that the compensation board was a ruler unnecessary expense, as the city had to pay the premium and the full wages as well.

Mr. Lomer suggested that some members of the council should attend the meeting of the Railway Commission of Canada next week when matters relating to an increase in telegraphic tolls will be considered. Tenders were also opened for similar work in Douglas Court. The estimates were: Rock Earth \$8.00 \$2.00 Moses, Tobias & Ferris 8.70 2.50 Louis Stevens 8.88 2.73 William Irons 8.40 1.90 The estimates are based on cubic footage. Tenders were also opened for similar work in Douglas Court. The estimates were: Rock Earth \$8.00 \$2.00 Moses, Tobias & Ferris 8.70 2.50 Louis Stevens 8.88 2.73 William Irons 8.40 1.90

REPORTED CLASH OF FRENCH TROOPS WITH D'ANNUNZIO'S MEN

Paris, Dec. 11.—(Havas)—French troops clashed with D'Annunzio volunteers at Fiume and many were killed and wounded on both sides, according to a Geneva despatch printed by the Petit Parisien, with reservation. It is said the D'Annunzio troops had pillaged French depots at Fiume.

Premier Lloyd George and Trades Union Congress

State Should Find Work or Provide Subsistence—Congress Wants Peace With Russia

(Special to Times.)

London, Dec. 11.—At the Trades Union Congress yesterday, James Henry Thomas, Labor member of parliament for Derby, and general secretary of the National Union of Railways, reporting the interview he had with Premier Lloyd George on Monday, said the premier admitted that it was the duty of the state to find work or provide subsistence for the unemployed, and looked upon society falling in that respect as barbarous.

The premier intimated to him that the iron moulder's strike was having a paralyzing effect not only on the iron trade, but at Woolwich, where repairs of various kinds were greatly hampered. He thought the labor movement should find some method of settling the dispute. Mr. Lloyd George also said that the trade unionists, especially the millwrights, were hindering the making of locomotives at Woolwich. The premier expressed the opinion that continuance of the unemployed dole would prejudice a scheme to be submitted ultimately. This has reference to the proposed national unemployment insurance bill.

Regarding Russia, the premier stated the policy he outlined was the government's policy and that when the 15,000,000 pounds sterling last voted were spent, no support of any kind would be given to Russian intervention. With respect to the demands for the abolition of conscription, Mr. Lloyd George pointed out that peace had not yet been ratified, and declared that it would be madness to abolish the conscription while any danger in connection with evasions by Germany existed. London, Dec. 11.—(By the Associated Press)—The trades union congress, in session here, adopted a resolution yesterday calling upon the government immediately to consider the peace overtures of the Soviet government and raise the blockade between Russia and the outside world, and demanding the right for an independent inquiry into political, industrial and economic conditions in Russia. The resolution also instructs the parliamentary committee to appoint a deputation to visit Russia.

GOV. TO HOLD THE PREMIERSHIP

Perhaps Remain For Two More Sessions: Opening of The Legislature

Quebec, Dec. 10.—With the opening of the new session yesterday talk of changes in the high direction of the government has never been more active. There are several candidates for the premiership, based on the still unsubstantiated stories that Sir Lomer Gouin, after fifteen years of generally acknowledged good leadership, is to leave the provincial political field. Sir Lomer is still prime minister and just as strong as ever. Insurgency at Montreal, and which mellowed down to mild remonstrance at Quebec yesterday, was based on his retirement as a certainty. He is practically certain to remain through this session, and the latest information is that probably he will remain another session or even two more. It is said that what looked very probable last week is not so probable today. Establishment of a ministry or department of commerce and industry will be urged upon the government by the Montreal Chamber of Commerce.

INCREASE FOR CATHOLIC TEACHERS OF QUEBEC

Montreal, Dec. 11.—The Catholic school teachers will get the increased wages they have been asking for, but only after the board has secured the required funds. The legislature will be asked to allow an increase of ten mills in the school tax. Such was the announcement yesterday by Judge Lafontaine, president of the board, in answer to requests presented by two delegations of teachers.

ROUMANIA SIGNS TREATY

Paris, Dec. 11.—General Coanda, former Roumanian premier, signed the Austro-Bulgarian treaties for the Roumanians last evening. He also signed the treaty guaranteeing the rights of minorities.

As Hiram Goes It

Several Houses in Dublin Raided, Including That of Count Plunkett

Dublin, Dec. 11.—Thomas Kelly, Sinn Fein M. P., was arrested in the course of raids by the police and the military this morning, when the houses of several prominent Sinn Fein members were searched. The residences raided included the home of Count Plunkett, who was absent at the time.

HALIFAX GARAGE IS FIRE VICTIM

Five Autos and a Motor Truck Destroyed

Tenant Fined One Cent For Sub-Letting Rooms—Inquiry Into Loss of French Steamer Colmar

Halifax, Dec. 11.—Fire last night destroyed Britter's garage and auto store here, at a loss of about \$80,000. Five valuable autos and a motor truck were burned. The high winds made the fire particularly hard one to fight.

FREDERICTON FOR DAYLIGHT SAVING

Executive of Board of Trade Endorses it as Federal Measure

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 11.—The executive of the Board of Trade here has endorsed daylight saving as a federal measure in accordance with the action of the Toronto Board of Trade. It will also attempt to have the National Association of the United States visit Fredericton next year while it is in this province. Federation of Canada and the British West Indies also was endorsed.

MRS. J. E. GOSLINE SUFFERS IN FIRE IN HER HOUSE

In King Street, Carleton

Mrs. James H. Gosline, 85 King street, W. E., had her arms and face badly burned and considerable damage was done to her home when a burning oil stove, in the parlor exploded this morning and ignited the carpets, rugs and furniture in the room. The stove, which had been placed in the room to counteract the excessive cold, exploded at about eight o'clock and when the flames had extinguished the flames an hour later damaged to the extent of \$600 had been done to the room, rugs, furniture and walls of the room. The injured woman, who had gone into the room after the explosion, to save some of the furniture, was burned about the forehead, face, left arm and hand while trying to save some pictures from over the mantel. First aid was given her by her daughter, Mrs. Parker, who sent in the alarm.

Isaac And John Mann Lose Lives In Fire

Brothers Suffocated In Their Home In City Road

Policeman Coughlan Makes Brave Efforts at Rescue But to No Avail—Outbreak in Early Morning in Bitter Cold

Fire, which practically destroyed a two and a half story wooden dwelling in City road, owned by Mrs. Susan Case, at an early hour this morning claimed the lives of two brothers, Isaac and John Mann. The origin of the fire is unknown.

COAL FROM THE MINES BY MONDAY

Strike Settled and Work Being Resumed—Reports From Various Places

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 11.—The coal miners' strike here was settled today and work resumed in the mines by Monday.

IRISH BILL IS ONCE MORE POSTPONED

London, Dec. 11.—The introduction of the Irish bill in the House of Commons was again postponed today. Andrew Bonar Law, spokesman of the government, announced that in consequence of the visit of Premier Clemenceau to British Columbia, it was unable to bring the measure forward either Monday or Tuesday, and it would be introduced next week.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service

Synopsis—A marked depression has moved into the middle Pacific states, while the high pressure system now centres in Maryland. The weather remains extremely cold from Lake Superior to British Columbia, and has become quite cold from southern Ontario to the maritime provinces attended by a few local snowfalls and very strong winds. Snow and Cold. Maritime—Decreasing northward to southwest winds, fair and cold today and on Friday. Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Sea—Decreasing northwest to southwest winds, fair and decidedly cold today and on Friday. New England—Fair tonight; Friday cloudy and warmer. Fresh westerly winds, backing to south.

CARMANIA NOT MUCH DAMAGED

In Collision Off Cape Race With The Maryland

Both Able to Proceed But Cunnarder is Damaged Above The Water Line—Expected at Halifax Tomorrow

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 11.—A tragedy of the sea was averted by the unselfish breath last night when the Cunarder Carmania and the British steamer Maryland crashed together in the storm-tumbled waters off Cape Race.

Details of the accident are lacking. The collision occurred in latitude 46-40 north, longitude 52-17 west, or southeast of Cape Race and west of the Virgin Rocks. The Carmania was bound from Liverpool for Halifax to land passengers, and was following the regular west-bound track for steamers, while the Maryland, which was bound to London from Baltimore, appears to have been far north of the regular eastbound track for trans-Atlantic steamers. It is probable that foggy conditions prevailed at the time of the collision.

SAYS HE IS GUILTY

THOUGH ANOTHER MAN SENTENCED

Alleged Confession of Former Boston Gangster Not Seriously Taken by District Attorney

Boston, Dec. 11.—James Murphy, a former gangster of Boston and Worcester, who is now serving a twelve year sentence at the Fairview (Peen) Hospital for the Criminal Insane, is said to have confessed yesterday to the murder of Edward P. Foley, manager of the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company's store, Roxbury, the night of Feb. 17, 1917, for which Charles Rollins of 22 Gibson street, Roxbury, was recently sentenced to life imprisonment.

STIFF GALE AND LOW MERCURY

With the wind blowing from forty-eight to fifty miles an hour last night, and still driving at a thirty-five mile rate at two o'clock this afternoon, the residents of St. John are experiencing the same troubles that the Torontonians had a few weeks ago. The official report of the temperature this morning was six above zero, but one reading at Rice's Point recorded zero and along the C. N. R. from the city to Sussex various temperature reports have been sent in this morning, ranging from four to ten below zero.

HAYES GIVEN TEN MONTHS

In the Supreme Court this morning Judge Chandler refused an application made by D. Mullin, K. C., to have the case of the King's John Hayes reserved, accused of assaulting Sheriff Wilson in the County Court in last June. Mr. Mullin pleaded for mitigation of punishment. The prisoner was sentenced to ten months in the county jail.