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BOSTON STORES ON FULL TIME

Coal Restrictions Against Them Are Lifted.

SOME TRAINS RESUME

Railroad Service Restoration, However, Not So Rapid—Eight Thousand Armenians Hear Plea for Country—“Red” Sunday School in Lawrence Broken Up by Police.

(Special to Times.) Boston, Dec. 15.—Boston's business affairs, curtailed last week by a federal order restraining the use of fuel, resumed normal operations today. Every store and office building affected by the coal restrictions is permitted to return to its usual hours, using as much light and heat as may be necessary. Restoration of railroad service will not be quite so rapid. The Boston and Maine has made plans for putting its seventy-four trains before the new year, bringing the service practically to normal. Only two trains, however, will be resumed. The greatest increase in service will be tomorrow. The New Haven railroad announces that tomorrow sixty-four of the 119 trains taken off will be restored. Within a week, provided shipment of coal continues uninterrupted, all scheduled service will be back. The Boston and Albany is on normal schedule today, except the 20th century and one other through train. James J. Skowron, New England fuel administrator, started for Washington at night to find out the real situation in the movement of coal. He wants to know just what New England can expect in immediate deliveries of coal. It comes down to a transportation problem altogether. Assuming the miners are going back to work, the amount of coal produced will depend on the movement of the railroads.

ARMENIANS

Eight thousand Armenians thronged the building yesterday afternoon to hear the American military and civil officials and urge the recognition of the republic of Armenia by the United States. Professor Hart of Harvard declared that “as Armenia is a nation, it is our duty to recognize it.” He said that the Armenians are a people who have been persecuted for centuries and that it is the duty of the United States to recognize them as a nation. He also said that the Armenians are a people who are loyal and patriotic and that they are deserving of the recognition of the United States. The speaker said that he did not wish any one to think that the council was playing the hands of the company, so it was decided to let the matter stand over to get the written opinion of the city solicitor.

ACTIVE WARFARE AGAINST “RED” ACTIVITIES

Active warfare against “Red” activities was opened by Lawrence police yesterday. A squad went to I. W. V. hall and dismissed a Sunday school class of about forty children, and named Ima Kaplan, apparently in charge, and other adults that the dissemination of radical and revolutionary propaganda will not be tolerated in the community. The raid was the second of the police in this “Red” school. Three weeks ago the city marshal and officers found a class in full swing with several men and women as teachers. Marshal O'Brien charged of operations and against the acts of the adults present, sent the children, who were all of non-English speaking parents, to their homes and which were used by the pupils. The raid was the second of the police in this “Red” school. Three weeks ago the city marshal and officers found a class in full swing with several men and women as teachers. Marshal O'Brien charged of operations and against the acts of the adults present, sent the children, who were all of non-English speaking parents, to their homes and which were used by the pupils.

‘INEAL SHAKEN’ BY EARTHQUAKE

Juneau, Alaska, Dec. 15.—Juneau and vicinity were rocked at 4:10 p.m. yesterday by one of the heaviest earthquakes experienced here in years. Buildings were badly shaken but no major damage has been reported. It is believed the shock centered about the Katmai volcano, near Kodiak, and that the volcano may be in eruption again.

ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF PREMIER IN CAIRO

Cairo, Dec. 15.—An unsuccessful attempt was made this morning to assassinate the premier. The attack was made while he was driving to the ministry. His assailant, a student, was arrested.

N. B. Power Company Seeks Tax Reduction

Council Takes up Appeal But Awaits Advice of City Solicitor—The Bullock-Fisher Incident Closed

Most of this morning's committee meeting of the common council was taken up with the discussion of an appeal for a reduction of taxes on the New Brunswick Power Company and it was decided to lay the matter on the table pending the receipt of written advice from the city solicitor. The mayor presided and all the commissioners were present. At the outset the mayor pointed out that the assessment for 1919, computed under the Campbell act, had amounted to \$20,800. Under the Campbell act the company was to have been assessed at 4% per cent on income and at the regular rate on real estate. There existed, he said, some doubt as to the interpretation of the act, which was to have been cured by the legislature at its last session, but the matter was instead handed over to the judges. In view of the fact that it was in the opinion of the city solicitor possible that the judges would decide in favor of a reduction to something in the vicinity of \$15,000, he thought the city should accept the compromise. Commissioner Thornton said that as the mayor was in Frederickton when this matter came before the legislature, he felt morally bound to support the resolution otherwise he was opposed to the compromise. Commissioner Fisher said at the last meeting one member of the board referred to the honesty of another. Commissioner Bullock said he was willing to apologize for any words used and Commissioner Fisher said he would take this as a compromise and he looked to the board to do the same. Referring to the Power Company matter Commissioner Fisher said he had not been asked to support the resolution and he would not do so. The mayor pointed out that under what was known as the Currier recommendation the taxes were reduced by about one-half. So that by a verbal agreement between the mayor and the company's solicitor the matter was allowed to stand as it was until the decision of the legislature. Fisher said that the agreement was only verbal and that the city might not be in a position to collect the taxes. He said that the city was coming out short in their dealings with the company. He said the city was losing on agreements with the power company. He therefore opposed the motion. The mayor said he did not wish any one to think that the council was playing the hands of the company, so it was decided to let the matter stand over to get the written opinion of the city solicitor.

OTHER APPEALS

Appeals from the Harris Abbot Co. and the Swift Canadian Co. were also taken up. The mayor said that in the assessors' report on these cases it was stated that both these companies contended they were over-assessed on income. Both filed statements showing no incomes or profits. They were therefore taxed on \$10,000 income each. Commissioner Fisher said he saw no other course than to sustain the assessment and he therefore made a motion that that effect be carried. In the case of the appeal from Armour and Co. it was said that they were reported to have filed no statement and were assessed according to the assessment on \$10,000 income and \$20,000 personal property. The mayor said that as he understood the case, this company came to the city about May and paid a license which was understood by them to cover them for the current year. Commissioner Fisher moved that under the circumstances one-half the tax on income be abated. The motion carried.

HIGH PRAISE FOR BRITISH SHIPS

Viscount Jellicoe Visits Carmania to See Nelson Plate Won For Victory

Halifax, Dec. 15.—Viscount Jellicoe paid a high tribute to the work of the British merchant marine throughout the war at a function aboard the Cunard liner Carmania on Saturday afternoon. The occasion was the presentation to the Carmania in recognition of her meritorious achievement in sinking the German auxiliary cruiser Cap Trafalgar off the island of Trinidad in the early months of the war. A little after 1 o'clock Lord Jellicoe was “piped” aboard the Carmania, officers and sailors forming a guard of honor at the entrance to the main companionway. He was received by Captain G. W. Melson, commander of the Carmania and Captain Capper, marine superintendent of the Cunard line. He was conducted to the lounge, where Lieut.-Governor Grant and Captain Capper presented to him the guests as well as many of the passengers who were eager to pay their respects to the distinguished admiral of the grand fleet. In reply to an address presented subsequently in the dining room, Lord Jellicoe described the Cap Trafalgar fight in detail and praised the work of the merchant marine throughout the war and a half year's struggle.

WASHINGTON AMERICAN LEAGUE CLUB SOLD

Washington, Dec. 15.—Sale of the Washington baseball club of the American League by a stock company which formerly owned it to Clark C. Griffith and William M. Richardson, Philadelphia, was announced here last night. The price is said to have been approximately \$400,000 and Griffith, manager of the club for the last eight years, will succeed Benjamin S. Miner as president, continuing to act as field manager also temporarily at least.

THEATRE ROOF COLLAPSES; 14 CHILDREN KILLED

Paris, Dec. 15.—(Havas)—A despatch to the Echo de Paris from Paris says that fourteen children were killed and thirty injured by the collapse of the roof of a moving picture theatre there.

As Hiram Sees It

“Hiram,” said the Hiram reporter to Mr. Hiram, “we must hang a few women. If it is not done, I will never give another cent for the cause of child welfare—not a cent.”

OLIVE BRANCH FROM HITCHCOCK

First Definite Move Toward Breasing U. S. Senate Deadlock Over Treaty

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—The first definite move towards breaking the treaty deadlock on the German peace treaty came unexpectedly late on Saturday when the heads of nearly three hours of heated discussion of responsibility for the treaty situation. Senator Hitchcock, Democrat, urged a compromise through a committee of consultation and said he “held out the olive branch.” During the discussion, however, Senator Hitchcock would make no motion to bring up the peace treaty until some understanding had been reached in a conference between Republicans and Democratic leaders. “The time for peace has passed,” he said. “I think it would be very unwise to bring it in and have it kicked around like a football.”

CAN PROHIBIT PAPER EXPORT

Power Given to R. H. Pringle on Intimation of Some Companies Relative to Controller's Orders

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—An order-in-council has been passed by the government giving power to the controller of newspapers, R. H. Pringle, to prohibit the export of paper by any company which refuses to comply with his regulations. The order is the result of an intimation by some of the paper companies that they would decline to be guided by the newspaper controller's price-fixing and distribution orders. Some large Canadian daily newspapers would probably have to cease publication if the paper controller had not given this power.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Sturges, chief, director of meteorological service. Pressure is relatively low from the lower lake region to the West. The weather is now cold throughout Canada, with continued very low temperature from Lake Superior westward. A few local snowfalls are reported from Ontario and Quebec, also in northern Alberta. Fair and cold. Maritime—Strong winds, moderate gusts, northwest to southwest winds; light snowfalls or furrors, but mostly fair and cold today and on Tuesday. Gulf and North Shore—Continued cold with some light local snowfalls or furrors. New England—Fair tonight and Tuesday; colder; fresh to strong west to northwest winds.

Fear Schooner Gone With All On Board

Report of St. Clair Therault Reaching Port in Nova Scotia Now Declared Mistake

That the schooner St. Clair Therault, which was reported about two hundred miles from here recently in a sinking condition, with part of her crew sick and two suffering from broken limbs, sank with all on board is the firm belief about the mouth of the Bay of Fundy, and it is believed that the city that she had arrived safely in Yarmouth, N. S., but this morning's report was denied. Another vessel had been mistaken for the St. Clair Therault and hence the report. A steamer en route to Europe a couple of days ago sent a wireless that she had sighted a vessel bottom up near the mouth of the Bay of Fundy, and it is believed that this vessel is the hull of the St. Clair Therault. It will be recalled that a message was received at the local Marine and Fisheries office saying that there had been a schooner in distress and was asking for help. J. C. Chesley, local agent, dispatched Mr. Therault for the schooner. She had to go nearly 300 miles to the location indicated and when she arrived there was no vessel in sight. She cruised around for some time and then had to deist as a storm was springing up and she was running short of coal.

AMERICAN IS IN MEXICAN HANDS

Held for \$10,000 Ransom by Villista Men—Englishman Seized But Later Released

Eagle Pass, Texas, Dec. 15.—Frank Hugo, an American citizen, manager of the J. M. Dobies ranch near Masquitas state of Coahuila, is being held for ransom by the Villistas who raided Mustang on last Tuesday. Hugo is being held for \$10,000 ransom. The Englishman released was J. B. Rawson, representative of an Eagle Pass lumber company. He was seized by the Villistas while on his way to the ranch. He was held for a few days and then released. He was held for a few days and then released. He was held for a few days and then released.

SHIP ABANDONED

Men From The Messina Are Being Taken to Boston

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 15.—The crew of the steamer Messina is safe aboard the steamer Regina, bound for Boston. The Messina was abandoned in a sinking condition in latitude 47.29 north, longitude 88.1 west. This vessel, as reported on Saturday, was on a voyage from St. John to Antwerp. The crew of the Messina are being taken to Boston. The Messina was abandoned in a sinking condition in latitude 47.29 north, longitude 88.1 west.

NAMES MEIGHEN FOR PREMIERSHIP

Ottawa Newspaper Definite About Borden's Retirement

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—The Ottawa Journal says this morning: “Sir Robert Borden is retiring from Canadian public life. His resignation from the premiership will be officially announced immediately after the new year, and a caucus of the Unionist parliamentary party summoned in Ottawa to select his successor.” “The premier's decision to retire, which was made known to his cabinet colleagues last week, is due to his impaired health. Combat with the stress and strains of four years of war leadership has left its mark upon Sir Robert. When he returned from the peace conference his condition was such as to necessitate a rest, but it was thought that month or two in the south would completely restore his old vigor. This expectation, unfortunately, has not been fulfilled.

LITTLE BRITISH WAR IS ENDED

Two Columns Had Been Sent to Punish Ku's For Murder

London, Dec. 15.—Another milestone in the little British war has been reached with the return of two columns operating to the northeast of Mosul and to the south of Baghdad. The columns, which were successful in expelling the Kurds, in order, as officially stated, to punish the Kurds for their murders. The troops, consisting of four battalions of Indian infantry and a mounted battery, met with enormous difficulties in a country almost impassable, but the troops, met with enormous difficulties in a country almost impassable, but the troops, met with enormous difficulties in a country almost impassable.

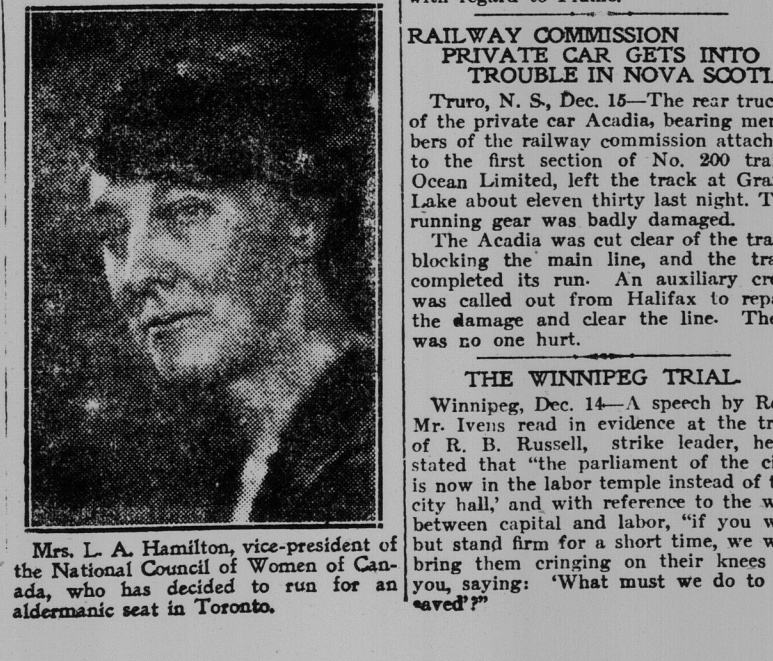
SETTLEMENT OF THE FIUME DIFFICULTY

Agreement Between D'Annunzio and Italian Premier Reported Signed

Fiume, Dec. 15.—(Associated Press)—An agreement between D'Annunzio and the government solving the Fiume situation has been signed by Premier Nitti and D'Annunzio, according to Pedrazzi, head of the press. The formal transfer of the city is planned for the earliest moment possible, probably Tuesday or Wednesday. The agreement, according to Pedrazzi, agreed to the annexation of Fiume. Fiume, Dec. 15.—Italy is to have complete sovereignty over Fiume and all the provisions of the treaty of London are to be carried out under the terms of a compact signed by Premier Nitti and D'Annunzio, according to a statement by Premier Nitti fully guaranteed their realization. D'Annunzio is declared to consider this as concluded, however, to defer action in the seizure of Fiume have been attained and that the agreement signed with Premier Nitti fully guaranteed their realization. General Cavaglia is reported already to have arrived in Trieste on his way to Fiume to take over the city on behalf of the Italian government.

LIBERALS ENDORSE NOMINEE FOR SPEAKER

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Pictou county Liberals at a largely attended meeting in Pictou on Saturday, sanctioned the acceptance of the speakership of the Ontario legislature by Nelson P. P. Pictou, Liberal M. P. for Pictou.



Mr. J. A. Hamilton, vice-president of the National Council of Women of Canada, who has decided to run for an aldermanic seat in Toronto.