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THE CAPE BRETON TROUBLE

Violence in the Cape Breton coal mining region, creating the necessity for sending troops to the scene, materially changes the whole situation, for now the merits of the dispute are overshadowed by the greater issue of law and order. The differences between the company and the miners cannot be settled by civil war. The public's right to peace, order, safety of life and property, takes precedence over all other questions.

It is announced from Ottawa that important steps looking to the restoration of order, and apparently also to the settlement of the dispute, are to be taken by the federal government, though the nature of the contemplated action is not yet disclosed. A statement by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons is expected to-day.

The situation in Cape Breton has been going from bad to worse for some weeks, and a crisis was precipitated by a clash between the miners and the company police, by looting and destruction of property. The mines are owned by the province, and so the responsibility for promoting a peaceful settlement rested first of all upon the Nova Scotia Government, and the federal administration had steadily refused to intervene, but with the outbreak of serious violence, making it necessary to send militia to the scene, the Dominion Government has evidently decided that the trouble now comes within the sphere of federal action.

The long sustained idleness has done Nova Scotia great economic harm. Business conditions throughout the province have been seriously depressed. The dispute is one of great bitterness, and it has become clear that guidance and pressure on the part of the higher authorities will be necessary in order to bring about peace and the resumption of work. Whatever the merits of the dispute may be, the country at large has no patience with bloodshed and the destruction of property. Throughout Canada there will be strong hope that federal intervention will result not only in upholding the law, but in bringing about a settlement leading to the resumption of work. A continuation of idleness, not to speak of violence, would be bound to produce increased misery and to multiply the already grave economic loss to the miners, to the company and to the whole business structure of the province.

The maintenance of work necessary to prevent the flooding of the mines should never have been interfered with. Aside altogether from other features of the dispute, there could be no excuse for any action leading to the injury or destruction of the mines or of mining property.

SIR WILLIAM PETERSEN'S DEATH

The tragic death of Sir William Petersen appears to have been directly due to excitement and disappointment in connection with his contract for an ocean steamship service which has been the subject of extended controversy at Ottawa. His removal from the scene leaves the whole question of control of ocean freight rates in a position of uncertainty. News that developments in the imperial committee which has had this matter under consideration for some weeks were increasingly unfavorable to the plan preceded Sir William's death and no doubt superinduced it. Reports cabled to London, indicating the probability of an unfavorable report by the committee, had evidently created uneasiness on the part of Sir William's financial backers in Great Britain, and at the moment it seems probable that with the disappearance of the central figure in the plan, the man who devised it and upon whose personality its success in no small measure depended, these financial interests may be inclined to hesitate or withdraw.

The special committee, as a matter of fact, is evidently not prepared to give the subsidy plan its approval, without which it cannot be carried out. The committee suggests that the investigation be continued with the idea of securing more complete data. Testimony before the committee has been directly conflicting from the first, and while it appears to have been established that rates are so high as to depress Canadian export business, witnesses on behalf of the steamship companies have contended throughout that lower rates could only be granted by subjecting the transportation companies to heavy loss. The investigation will probably be proceeded with, and this is all the more likely because of the news that the rate on cattle, already very high, is to be raised. As the matter stands at present a very important issue, one of the outstanding features of the Government's economic programme, is left in a state of doubt and uncertainty as the session draws to a close.

NO FREEDOM TO TALK ANARCHY

Some of those who would like to have it understood that freedom of speech includes the individual right to advocate the destruction of constituted authority by force recently challenged the constitutionality of the New York Criminal Anarchy Act, a measure widely designed to provide for the suppression of incendiary talk. That law has just been upheld by a decision of the United States Supreme Court, which once more makes it clear that free speech and criminal license are not the same, and that the state's right to forbid and punish sedition cannot be questioned. An appeal was taken in the case of one Benjamin Gitlow of New York, publisher of the Revolutionary Age, a former member of the State Legislature, who was convicted of having urged the overthrow of the government by force.

That conviction has now been upheld by the highest court of the country. A dissenting member of the court, Mr. Justice Holmes, in a minority report, said of some of the incendiary language quoted in support of the conviction that the law under review was necessary, and that the accused was guilty, "had no chance of starting a present conflagration." The opinion of the other members of the court, however, was given by Mr. Justice Sanford, who said it was a criminal offence if acts of force, violence or unlawfulness were advocated in general terms, and it was not essential that their immediate execution be advocated. Utterances inciting the overthrow of organized government by unlawful means, the court ruled, present a sufficient danger to the state to bring their punishment within the scope of law.

The decision is a timely one, even though it merely re-affirms well-known principles.

Not only New York but California, Michigan and several other states have laws of the character of that which the court has sustained. These are well devised to reach and to restrain incendiaries who desire to incite others to sedition and to revolution, while at the same time seeking to shelter themselves behind the privilege of free speech. Obviously the state, which must guard the liberty, the property, and the lives of the majority, must be able through its laws to strike at the enemies of civilized government, just as it has the right, which it so frequently exercises, to put down actual violence. Those who prepare the fuel and who enlist the incendiaries through their talk are no less guilty than those who actually apply the torch.

LIVING COSTS

Figures compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and the Labor Department of Canada indicate that while the cost of living has changed little in Canada since the end of 1921, the Canadian dollar to-day has more purchasing power at home than the American dollar has in the United States. The statistics given refer to food prices and also to the general cost of living. At the close of the war in 1918, \$1.77 would purchase as much food as \$1 in 1913 in Canada. In the United States at that time it required only \$1.68 to equal the 1913 dollar. In 1920 the peak was reached. In Canada \$2.18 would buy as much food as the pre-war dollar, and in the United States \$2.03. Food prices in the two countries were substantially equal in 1922, but in 1923 food prices in the United States were slightly higher, and at the end of 1924 \$1.46 was required to buy in the United States the food which could be bought for a dollar in 1913, while in Canada the figure was \$1.41.

When other necessities in addition to food are taken into consideration, Canada has a more substantial advantage. Indeed, taking this wider range of articles, Canadian prices have never been so high as those across the border. The cost of living in the United States has not receded more rapidly than in Canada. Here costs are but slightly lower than in 1922, and there is not much prospect that food prices will fall in the near future or that there will be much change in the cost of living. Whether or not the dollar will ever regain the purchasing power it had in 1913 is much questioned.

"It's the British lion that will keep the watch on the Rhine," says the Boston Transcript, referring to the coming security compact.

The death of Sir William Petersen, stricken down in a troubled hour at Ottawa, where his proposed steamship contract has long been a subject of controversy, is a tragic event which shocks the nation.

The decision of His Excellency the Governor-General not to accept a second term will cause general regret. The whole country would have been

glad had he thought it well to remain, and the fact that he was asked to do so is strong testimony as to Canada's appreciation of his personal and official worth.

Odds and Ends

"You never know what you'll find among the odds and ends."—From "Notes by a Wayfarer."

"Rain-Making"

"Rain-maker" Hatfield is still getting away with it. Recently a group of California farmers paid him \$8,000 for tapping the heavens and ending a long drought, and he immediately departed for a certain parched Texas district with his very mysterious "bag of tricks." Texas agriculturists had won out in the competition for his services when, after spirited bidding, they gave the "rain-maker" to understand that if he coaxed a downpour from the skies he could write his own check. How does he do it? Well, officials of the United States weather bureau will tell you that he doesn't. These scientific skeptics whose job is to trail facts to their lab interested themselves in "Rain-maker" Hatfield's achievement in California and proved that every rain for which he took the credit had its origin more than a thousand miles distant. "Not a drop fell from any storm local to his labors," they reported. "Either he was calling down rain from the distant deep or he was calling nothing." And the result of the publicity accruing from the investigation of the scientists was that the bidding for Hatfield's services became even keener than it had been before. Hatfield's modus operandi is to contract to provide a stipulated amount of rain in return for a stipulated amount of money in a stipulated period of time. If enough rain falls within the time-limit he gets paid. If it doesn't rain he receives no fee. He stands to win considerable—he can lose nothing but his time.

Much has been written in criticism and defense of Hatfield. The following excerpt from a magazine article on the subject may explain the "rain-maker's" remarkable hold on the people: "Grandmother put goose grease on three sore throats that got well. Therefore, these three cases are more conclusive to her and her descendants than all the hundreds of millions of sore throats in the collected experience of the medical profession. The whole trouble is simply lack of imagination. Those Tulare lake ranchers could see the rain that fell in their own district. They could not picture it in its progress from the North Pacific to Mexico."

A Modest Request.

(Detroit Legal News.) Judge—Does the accused have anything to say for himself before sentence is passed? Bored Prisoner—I only ask that the time my lawyer used for summing up my case be subtracted from my sentence.

A Dog Curfew.

(Hamilton Herald.) A deputation of citizens asks the board of control that dogs be free to roam at large from 4 to 7 p. m. Of course every good dog could be trusted to return home on the stroke of 7.

The Why of Taxes.

(Manitoba Free Press.) Taxes are to pay for the things people want that they don't want to pay for.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

A Woman's Reason. Hub—"Of the two places we have dinner invitations for I should much prefer going to the 'Lester's.' I don't see why you've chosen the Burtons, whom we detest."

Wife—"It's perfectly plain, my dear. Mrs. Lester has already seen this gown and Mrs. Burton hasn't."

To Back Him Up. "To Longfellow getting ready for the fishing season?"

"Well, I understand he has bought an enlarging device for his camera."

The Answer.

Yearwed (anxiously)—"Nurse, is it a 'him' or a 'her'?" Nurse—"It's a 'them.'"

Both Failures.

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British United Press. ROME, June 14.—It is intimated in the semi-official press that the Brind Chamberlain agreement at Geneva for a new security pact probably will not be supported by Italy unless important clarifications are made, principally in regard to whether the pact shall include the same guarantees for Italy as for France.

Italian comment, which is based on sparse information on the proposed pact, is to the effect that Italy's frontier along the old Austro-Hungarian boundary must be safeguarded the same as the Rhine and the Danube.

"Daddy Longlegs" Plays Havoc With Bowlers

LONDON, June 13.—Bowlers at Bournemouth are anathematising "Daddy Longlegs," the insect whose grub, the leather-jacket, is so destructive to lawns. On the eve of the season the game looks doomed.

Great bare patches have appeared on the greens, and though chemicals have been used to destroy the grubs, the ground, to be swept up and burned, still the survivors continue their work of destruction.

Play will be restricted on some greens for some months, and on others probably prohibited altogether.

A Dab at That. "What!" said the young husband, "you can't make your own hats or dresses, or even bread or pies—then what in the world can you make?"

"Up," she answered promptly.

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BICYCLE FOUND.

A bicycle that had been left standing in Prince Edward street from 7 o'clock in the evening until nearly midnight Saturday was taken to police headquarters by the police and was called for yesterday by the owner, Eddie LeBlanc, of 138 Erin street.

\$200,000 LOST IN TWO STORMS.

ST. PAUL, Minn., June 14.—Two tornadoes descended on Central Dodge county this afternoon, doing property damage estimated at \$200,000. No loss of life was reported, but several persons suffered minor injuries.

One More Libel.

It's no use, they won't let the Scotch alone. We refer now to the race, not the beverage. A definition of a Scotchman now going the rounds runs: One who, when invited up to a friend's house for a drink, buys salted peanuts to eat on the way.

One Logical Woman.

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REALISM IN PULPIT.

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., June 13.—Rev. R. Wittenburg had realism in a sermon here recently. He selected from Genesis and the text was based around: "Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made."

The sermon was at an open air meeting and as Rev. Mr. Wittenburg spoke a black snake uncoiled in a tree overhead.

Members of the audience clubbed the reptile to death and Wittenburg went on with his sermon.

Montreal College Seizure From Antis Defended by Heads.

Canadian Press Despatch. MONTREAL, June 14.—A statement has been issued by Brig-Gen. J. G. Roy, the chairman, and Rev. Dr. R. E. Welsh, acting principal of the new board of management of the Presbyterian College of Montreal, defending their action in taking possession of the college seal and two registers.

The former principal, Dr. Fraser, who arrived back from England several days ago, had complained that the seal and registers had been "taken" while he was on the ocean, and deploring the "indecent haste" of the Unionists to take possession of the college from the head of which he had been removed.

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