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## CUT TWELVE PER CENT OFF RAIL WAGES

First of July to See Drop in Schedule of All Canadian Railroads.

### OVER 150,000 MEN ARE IN REDUCTION

No Indication Yet as to Way the Transportation Men Will Act.

Montreal, June 17.—The Canadian Railway Companies today formally advised their employees through their representatives in a conference here that on July 1 they would be invited to accept a 12 per cent wage reduction.

The number of men to whom the wage decrease applies is 160,000. The decrease is to become effective July 1.

The reasons given for the decrease are:

1. Inability of the railways to continue present wages, despite short time in shops and elsewhere and the adoption of every economy possible.
2. A deficit of eleven million dollars being carried by the Grand Trunk this year.
3. The action of the United States Railway Labor Board, whose decisions have always been copied in Canada, in declaring a wage reduction of 12 per cent.

Who is Concerned

Maintenance of way and shop crafts deal directly with all railways through the Canadian Railway Association. They were all called into conference, but as the United States Labor Board has not yet given a decision respecting their reduction, their case will have to be taken up again later.

The union representatives here state that they will report the proposals of the railroads to their respective points.

The point most strongly insisted upon by the railway's announcement was that the time between now and July 1 was insufficient in which to give thought to the various crafts interested in the Grand Trunk operation.

This is countered with the reminder from railway officials that the unions were aware that any change made by the Chicago Board would be applicable simultaneously here if the spirit of the precedents established was to be continued and the good relations which exist between railroads and employees in Canada maintained.

The men were not told what would happen if they refused the decrease in wages, and when railway officials were asked they replied that they did not anticipate any refusal.

Those who met the railway officials here were the following general chairmen of the various crafts interested in the Grand Trunk operation:

- W. Maloney, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.
- Thomas Todd, Order of Railway Conductors.
- W. G. Dewar, Brotherhood of Engineers.
- W. J. Dowell, Brotherhood of Electricians and Firemen.

A large delegation representing the clerical forces met Mr. Robb after the running trades.

## POLICE KILLED BY LAND MINE

Four Concealed in Road Over Which Irish Auxiliaries Had to Pass in County Cork.

Cork, June 17.—Two auxiliary constables were killed and four wounded last evening in an attack on their lorry by Republicans at Rathcoole, near Banteer, County Cork. It is officially stated that four land mines were laid on the road near Rathcoole, and that three of them were exploded, wrecking three lorries. After this three hundred civilians attacked the auxiliaries, who numbered twenty-five. The fighting continued for hours, but eventually the Republicans withdrew. The official statement says the constabulary scoured the countryside until early this morning. One Republican was found dead, but other dead or wounded are believed to have been carried off.

### POLICE ARREST DIFFICULT

Sydney, N. S. June 17.—Two policemen, manfully toiling at the oars, overtook a motor boat when the engine stalled in the middle of the harbor last night and arrested Dick Shepherd and Sam Leod, its occupants, on a charge of theft of the craft.

### MASTER PRINTERS END NEGOTIATIONS

Toronto, June 17.—The Toronto Typothetae dismissed its negotiating committee at noon today. This means that the employing printers stand firm for 48 hour week at \$36 per week. Any move must now come from the employees. Reports are that the employers are getting all the help they need.

### ARRESTED AT HALIFAX

Halifax, June 17.—William Hartnett, of Moncton, and George Mellich and William Chandler, of Halifax, were arrested here tonight on a charge of theft of \$15 from the post office at Chester, N. S., which was broken into on Thursday night last.

## ENGLISH MINERS TO CONTINUE THE STRIKE

Over 20,000 Majority in Excess of the Two-thirds Required if "Destructive" Was to Continue.

London, June 17.—The two-thirds majority required for the continuance of the coal stoppage was exceeded by more than 20,000 votes. This came as a complete surprise to all those concerned.

No decision relative to the next move of the miners could be reached at a lengthy conference of the executive of the miners' federation tonight, an adjournment was taken until tomorrow.

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## GERMANS AGREE TO GIVE GRAIN TO ALLIES SOON

From Season's Crop 2,500,000 Tons Must Be Delivered to the Entente.

Berlin, June 17.—The compulsory delivery of 2,500,000 tons of grain by German producers out of this year's harvest is provided for in a bill adopted by the Reichstag today after a stormy debate. The bourgeois parties, advocating the measure, were solidly opposed by the three Socialist factions. The latter demanded a national reserve stock of 4,500,000 tons, which would amount to a continuance of the present system of government requisitioning.

The present action is the first step in abolishing official control and rationing of grain, which it is believed here will be discontinued permanently in 1922.

## Must Turn in Stock

The German producers, by virtue of the bill, will be permitted to dispose of their surplus stocks in the open market after having turned in the required total of 2,500,000 tons.

The Socialist organ this afternoon severely rebuked the Reichstag for adopting the measure, charging it with automatically resulting in an increase in the price of bread flour, as the powerful interests in that commodity, now no longer under rigid governmental scrutiny, will be permitted to German prices of their own fixing.

## Port Arthur Next Nat. Council City

Women May Hold Their 1923 Convention in Halifax for First Recognition Received.

Calgary, Alta., June 17.—Port Arthur will be the next meeting place of the National Council of Women. This was decided at today's session of the council. It was also argued that the council consider Halifax as the convention city in 1923. It was stated that the first parliamentary recognition the council had received was given to it in Halifax when the delegates were invited to hold one of the first convention in the parliament buildings. The council's famous suffrage resolution was also passed at another convention held later in the historic Nova Scotia city. Mrs. W. Dennis, Halifax, was elected convener of the immigration committee, and Mrs. E. M. Murray, Halifax, convener of the taxation committee.

## JUSTIFIES THE LORDS

Montreal, June 17.—A justification of the House of Lords formed the chief feature of the address delivered today by the Rt. Hon. James W. Lowther, former speaker of the British House of Commons, at the Canadian Club luncheon here. His argument was that the upper House contains a galaxy of exceptional and varied intellect and experience which is not really utilized by the nation as it should be.

## PULPWOOD RESOLUTION PASSES

Washington, June 17.—A resolution authorizing the president to open negotiations with Canada for abrogation of provincial and dominion regulations restricting exportation of pulpwood to the United States passed the Senate today and was sent to the House.

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## AIRSHIPS IN CROWN SWEEP IN MONAGHAN

Important Captures Said to Have Been Made in the Wide Drive.

### SEVENTY MAILED RAIDED IN WEEK

So Far 3,186 Rebels Have Been Placed in the Internment Camps.

Dublin, June 17.—The weekly review on the situation in Ireland, issued at Dublin Castle, today said that during the week five policemen were killed and thirty-four wounded, and that two soldiers were killed and one soldier wounded. The review declares that bombing outrages in crowded streets continue a regular feature of the rebel operations, resulting in casualties to innocent civilians in greater number than to the police or the military.

### Seventy Mailed Raids

Continuing the review asserts that there were seventy raids on the mails and sixty arrests for "outrages and political offences." Of 49 trials of civilians by court martial, 44 resulted in convictions and five in acquittals. Sentences to fifteen years' penal servitude were imposed three times on persons charged with the possession of arms and ammunition. The total number of persons interned is given in the review as 3,186.

### Airships in Sweep

Belfast, June 17.—Five airships participated in the sweep made by 6,000 troops in South Monaghan, which terminated today. Several important captures are reported to have been made. The telephone service has been restored.

A dispatch from Dublin Thursday said government forces had been making a sweeping round-up in certain areas for several days with the apparent idea of making large captures and sifting them for men who were "wanted." It was added that the operations in Monaghan county had been in progress all this week, that hundreds of arrests had been made, but that all those taken into custody, with the exception of about a dozen persons, had been released.

## LLOYD GEORGE LOSES ELECTION

Anti-Waste Candidate Wins in Hertford by Nearly 7,000 Majority.

London, June 17.—The Lloyd George candidate was defeated in a by-election today when Rear Admiral E. M. P. Suster, running on an anti-waste ticket, was elected for the Hertford constituency rendered vacant by the resignation of Pemberton Billing, independent.

The evening session was opened at 7.30. Rev. H. A. Goodwin, newly appointed field secretary of evangelism and social service, was introduced to the conference and spoke of the cooperation and sympathy which he desired to have to make a success of his work.

The sustentation fund committee reported through Rev. K. Hudson, secretary, and Rev. S. Howard, chairman. Receipts for the year were \$2,040.16. The circuits recommended for assistance are Zion, Silver Falls, Appahang, Newhawk, Jacksonville and Margate. Representatives from the woman's missionary society were presented to the conference by Rev. W. Wadwell. These were Mrs. E. Westmorland and Mrs. G. M. Young. Mrs. Westmorland addressed the conference, reporting that this had been one of the most successful years in the history of the society. The total membership for Canada of the W. M. S. was 106,564, an increase over 10,000. The total raised for the year was \$413,984.50. In the thirty-six years of its history the society has raised \$2,457,597.

At the close of the address a resolution was proposed by Rev. H. E. Thomas, seconded by W. B. Snowball, thanking the ladies for their work. Rev. W. D. Wilson, field secretary for temperance, addressed the conference. The stationing committee is having its final sitting tonight.

## Charges The "Wets" With Much Activity

Claims Picture Shows and Comic Papers Largely in Interests of Liquor.

Winnipeg, June 17.—The Rev. Hugh McLean, pastor of the Methodist Church in Canada, told members of the Manitoba conference at this morning's session that picture shows and comic papers are largely in the control of the liquor interests and that Canada newspapers are every week saturated with false reports from "wet" sources. Mr. Dobson charged moderationalists with being backed by liquor interests. He called members of the moderation programme, "enemies of humanity." "There is more harm in moderate drinking than there is in convivial drinking with actual drunkenness," he asserts.

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## News of The World

### CANADA

George E. Loder, convicted of the death of Daniel Barry at Picton, N. B., will be hanged on August 31.

Ghostly story told by Western farmer accused of killing his wife and four children.

Coal miners vote by big majority on July 1, announced at Montreal.

### UNITED STATES

Seven men sent to prison at Portland, Me., for death of negro on a schooner.

U. S. authorities declare they have abundant evidence that machine guns seized were intended for use against England.

### BRITISH ISLES

Premier Meighen is cited in the House of Commons as favoring in 1914 the cause of the Irish.

Coal miners vote by big majority to continue the strike.

### METHODISTS IN LAST YEAR MADE GOOD PROGRESS

Reports Presented at the Sackville Conference Indicate Big Work in Last 12 Months.

### LADIES' MISSION WORK IS LAUDED

Rev. H. A. Goodwin, St. John, Presented as New Social Service Secretary.

Sackville, June 17.—The fifth sitting of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Methodist conference opened this morning at 9 o'clock, with the president in the chair. On motion a committee was appointed to arrange time of meeting of the conference and closing of the church financial year. The committee: Rev. Thomas Marshall, Rev. G. F. Dawson and R. D. Smith. Rev. A. H. Brown was appointed reporter for the Wesleyan. The public supply committee consisting of Revs. H. E. Thomas, W. M. Ryan and the secretary of the conference. A spirited discussion arose over the making missions of certain semi-independent circuits. At the close of the vote being taken the following circuits were so constituted: Winslow and Vernon River.

Rev. Hugh Miller.

At 11.30 Rev. Hugh Miller addressed the conference on "The Responsibility for the Task." The task was the evangelization of the life and powers of Jesus in the world, and the responsibility for that was placed upon the church. Where that power and life was imparted a heavenly order was established.

The earlier part of the afternoon session was taken up with hearing the report of the committee on evangelism and social service, presented by Rev. A. H. Brown. After the adoption of certain items the report was laid on the table to be considered later.

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## TODAY

IMPERIAL—Thos. Meighen in "Conrad in Search of His Youth."

OPERA HOUSE—Peak's Educated Blockheads and Punch and Judy; Other Big Vaudeville Features and Serial Dramas "The Purple Riders."

QUEEN SQUARE—Tom Mix in "The Untamed."

EMPRESS—"Bride 13."

STAR—"Son of Tarzan," a 2 Reel Western Comedy, Jimmy Aubrey and Fox News.

## SEIZED GUNS DESTINED FOR IRISH REBELS

U. S. Authorities Have Secured Evidence That Decides the Intention of Shipment.

### SHIP ENGINEERS IN STRANGE ACTIONS

Alleged to Have Refused to Take Vessel from Port After Brief Visit on Board.

New York, June 17.—Assistant United States Attorney Isaac Gross tonight asserted that circumstances surrounding discovery of nearly 600 machine guns aboard the steamer *Estasida* at Hoboken last Tuesday indicated that they were intended for use against a friendly nation, and that therefore their presence was unlawful.

Mr. Gross, by direction of Attorney-General Dougherty, today assumed charge of the investigation now being conducted by three federal agencies into ownership of the munitions aboard the steamer. Reports had reached government agents that the arms were intended for delivery in Ireland.

### Engineers in Trouble

Mr. Gross said special agents of the department of justice were seeking a chief engineer, who was alleged to have come to the *Estasida* shortly before the munitions were unboxed aboard and, after refusing to take the ship out, disappeared.

Mr. Gross hinted that two assistant engineers, who appeared with this chief, would be questioned when the *Estasida* reached Norfolk, Va., as they were understood to have sailed with the vessel.

### Considered An Excuse

According to Chief of Police Hayes of Hoboken and information in the hands of government agents here, the *Estasida* was scheduled to stop at Norfolk to load 350 for Ireland. An excuse that the boat was not in proper condition, which the chief engineer had been ordered to have offered for not sailing with his ship, was considered a subterfuge by officials of the operating company.

## CLAIM MEIGHEN ONCE FAVORABLE TO IRISH CAUSE

T. P. O'Connor in English Commons Cites Speech of Canadian Premier.

### ADMITS ALL ROADS LEAD TO IRELAND

Irish Leader Declares Canadian Sentiment Strongly in Favor of Irish Self Rule.

London, June 17.—(By Grafton O'Leary, Canadian Press staff correspondent)—The debate in the House of Commons today on the agenda of the premier's conference seemed to make things abundantly clear. It seemed to make it clear that there is not a responsible person or party in Great Britain who wants to see the autonomy of the dominions diminished or destroyed. The big thing was Sir Samuel Hoare's address, in which he pleaded for the strengthening of the ties of all Anglo-Saxon peoples.

Premier Meighen's name played no little part in the debate. It came up when T. P. O'Connor, who confessed that for him "all roads lead to Ireland," and pressing that the Irish question be dealt with by the conference, said the sentiment in the dominions was overwhelmingly in favor of Irish self-government and quoted a speech delivered by Mr. Meighen in Montreal on St. Patrick's Day, 1914, in support of this view. The House listened with rapt attention as the veteran nationalist quoted the Canadian premier declaring that, though a Protestant, he could not dissociate himself from the cause of Home Rule.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, speaking at the St. Patrick's Day banquet in Montreal on March 17, 1914, as Solicitor-General of the Dominion, said that, though born a Protestant and of the Protestant faith, he could not dissociate himself from the cause of Home Rule. He added that a word for the British Government that put the Irish parliament out of existence might not be out of place. Pitt believed he was achieving a boon for Ireland and for the Empire, but his misfortune was that he was forbidden to complete the plans he had laid down. It was, said Mr. Meighen, to the honor of the National party in Ireland that they had always disclaimed violence and adhered to constitutional methods. At this function William Redmond, brother of late John Redmond, then leader of the Irish Nationalist party, was the guest of honor.

### TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

Halifax, N. S., June 17.—Dr. A. Stanley MacKinnon, president of Dalhousie University, leaves tomorrow for England to attend the conference at Oxford of the Universities of the British Empire.

## NEW YORK HAD 109 MURDERS IN 5 MONTHS

Fifty-nine Remain Mysterious or the Police Have Failed to Make Any Arrests in Tragedies.

New York, June 17.—In the first five months of this year there were 109 murders in four of the five boroughs of New York. From records furnished by the district attorney, Manhattan tops the list with seventy killings. In thirty-nine of the cases, the police either have failed to make arrests or were unable to prove their case against those arrested. In Brooklyn there were 27 murders. Of this number the police failed to solve fourteen. In Manhattan there have been only two convictions, and only one in Brooklyn.

## ANGLO-SAXONS MUST REMOVE ALL TROUBLES

Greatest Duty of Premier's Conference is to Strengthen Ties Says Sir Sam Hoare.

### GIVE CANADIANS AN AMBASSADOR

Anglo-Japanese Pact Must be Framed So As Not to Antagonize America.

London, June 17.—Sir Samuel Hoare, Unionist, speaking in the House of Commons today concerning the agenda of the imperial conference to open here on Monday next, made a strong plea that the conference "consider among its most urgent duties the removal of any difference which might at present exist between the various branches of the Anglo-Saxon race." He urged that in framing the Anglo-Japanese treaty it be modified so as to meet the United States objections as far as possible.

### Favor United States.

Referring to Anglo-American relations, Sir Samuel said he hoped that during the imperial conference "our own representatives and the imperial premiers will be kept in closest touch with public opinion in the United States, and with its representatives here. There is scarcely any sacrifice I would not undertake to strengthen that friendship."

Turning to the Anglo-Japanese alliance, Sir Samuel said he thought no alliance should be signed that would be likely to embitter British relations with any of the six British commonwealths or with the United States. He declared: "There is reason to think that the Anglo-Japanese alliance in its present form has embittered feeling in the United States and has occasioned a good deal of anxiety in Australia and other British dominions."

He added that if the alliance were renewed it must be modified first of all to meet the just demands of China and, so far as possible, United States objections.

Sir Samuel urged the calling of a conference of all the powers who had an interest in the Pacific, not only the English, but representatives of the British commonwealths and the United States, Japan and China. He declared that if in the next year such a conference should be brought together it would be the best means of meeting the grave problems facing the country in the Pacific.

### Canada's Ambassador

Referring to the question of separate Canadian representation in Washington, Sir Samuel said: "If Canada wishes separate diplomatic representation in Washington, or Australia or in Tokyo, it being an independent commonwealth, should be perfectly free to have it." This declaration was greeted with cheers.

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## LODER TO HANG ON AUGUST 31

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