

**BRITISH GRANT TO RUSSIA**  
It was announced by Lord Balfour at the League of Nations Assembly at Geneva that the British Government was prepared to grant £100,000 to fight pestilence arising out of the Russian famine. The offer was subject to the condition that other countries gave a total of £200,000. Replying to the charge of the League of Nations had not done enough to combat famine and epidemics in Russia. Lord Balfour observed that Dr. Nansen was right, and it would be in the interests of humanity to attempt to find a means of putting an end to this scourge. In England the Prime Minister meant to do everything possible

to combat the Russian famine, but the situation was difficult because the appeal came at a time when England was afflicted by another scourge—the coal strike—which cost the Government £200,000,000. Even in those conditions the British Government gave £250,000, and the British public subscribed considerable sums for the Russian Relief Committee, although control of the use of the money sent to Russia did not appear to be assured, and the Soviets themselves had ample gold to buy food for their own people. With regard to epidemics, Lord Balfour declared that the present moment was grave, and that danger was at their doors.

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**TRADES COUNCIL VOTES IN FAVOR HYDRO STANDBY**  
Call Opposition to Proposal Designs Against Municipal Ownership.

Winnipeg.—Construction of a stand-by plant in connection with the Hydro power service, was unanimously favored by the Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council at the organization's semi-monthly meeting in the Labor Temple. Arising out of a report of the municipal committee, presented by W. McCormick, the question of an auxiliary plant was discussed at length. The opposition directed against the projected scheme was characterized as an "organized effort to wreck the Hydro system and a serious attempt to defeat municipal ownership."

"Where does the opposition to the stand-by plant originate?" James Winning, secretary of the council asked. "Investigation will reveal the monied interest banded together directing the blocking campaign. They seek the doom of all municipal enterprise," he said. "Winnipeg will be confronted with a grave unemployment problem this winter," Mr. Winning added, "and if work on the plant can be started at an early date, it will have the double effect of providing work at a needy time and the auxiliary station when completed will protect the department's customers in case of emergency."

E. Robinson, former secretary, criticized the city council for permitting the construction of the new power transmission line in such close proximity to the old towers. The speaker suggested that if the second service line had been erected along a different route, the danger of complete disruption of the power service experienced in the past, might have been averted. W. H. Hoop and R. S. Ward spoke strongly in favor of the stand-by scheme.

R. A. RIGG A VISITOR  
R. A. Rigg, newly appointed superintendent of the Employment Service of Canada, and for many years prominently associated with the International labor movement in Winnipeg was a visitor at the meeting. He assured the council of his earnest co-operation, and possible assistance from headquarters at Ottawa. Referring to the condition of the labor movement in Winnipeg he declared that the darkest days had been passed and that with serious effort the trade union movement could be restored to the splendid position of influence and power it commanded in years prior to the secessionist fever.

A comprehensive review of the threatening railway situation in Canada and the strike in the United States was given by R. C. McCutcheon, organizer of the International Boilermakers. He declared that the fight waged by the shopmen on the other side of the line, must be accepted by Canadian railway workers as a struggle, the result of which would ultimately reflect itself in Canadian working conditions. The railway interests in both countries were so closely linked up, that any settlement effected with the shop-craft employees in the United States would to a certain extent be applied on this side. He contended that the railway workers of Canada, even if at considerable personal sacrifice should contribute to the U. S. shopmen's strike fund. At the present time, Canadian railroad workers in the west had failed to respond, he said.

A concrete effort will be launched by the organizers of the International movement to increase the local membership. According to Mr. Winning, workers who had remained "on the fence" for some time and many secessionists were seeking affiliation or reinstatement. A meeting of the organization committee will be called shortly.

Lloyd George is the object of heavy criticism in England because he doesn't pay sufficient attention to having his trousers pressed. There is said to be no truth in the report, however, that the Opposition will bring in a bill requiring the Premier to wear knickerbockers.

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**SONG OF THE TYPE**  
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Click, click, click, List to the song of the type; Alone on a far foreign strand, How sweet are its tidings of home, Its words from his dear native land! The captive for liberty's sake Repining in dungeons and chains At its faintest heard accents awake, And gather new hope from its strains.

Click, click, click, List to the song of the type; The arch of the press is the bow Of promise to nations unborn, Its lustre dimmish shall know, Its beauty no cloud shall deform Serene, and majestic, its span Shall reach and encircle each shore A symbol and token to man, The deluge of darkness is o'er, (Montreal Gazette, 2nd August, 1922).

**A HAND ON THE SHOULDER**  
When a man ain't got a cent, An' he's feelin' kind o' blue; An' the clouds hang dark and heavy An' won't let the sunshine through; It's a great thing, oh, my brethren For a feller just to lay His hand upon your shoulder In a friendly sort o' way.

Oh, the world's a curious compound With its honey and its gall, With its cares and bitter crosses— But a good world, after all, And a good God must have made it— Leastwise, that is what I say, When a hand is on my shoulder In a friendly sort o' way.

**KEEP TO THE RIGHT**  
"Why do you turn out for every road hog that comes along?" said the missus, rather crossly; "the right-of-way is ours, isn't it?" "Oh, undoubtedly," answered he calmly, "As for turning out the reason is plainly suggested in the epitaph which appeared in a newspaper lately." "Here lies the body of William Jay Who died maintaining his right-of-way; He was right, dead right, as he sped along, But he's just as dead as if he'd been wrong."

**FORT CUMBERLAND OLD BEAUSEJOUR**  
The Fort where the militant missionary, Le Loutre, made his famous stand in defence of northern Acadia to be preserved by the Canadian National Parks Branch.

Among the historic sites of Canada judged by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board to be worthy of preservation, is Fort Cumberland, situated at the head of the Cumberland basin on the Bay of Fundy, New Brunswick, near the town of Sackville, on the Missaguash river, which forms the boundary line of the two provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. The Canadian National Parks Branch of the Department of the Interior, is taking steps to preserve this famous fort from further disintegration, and, in the near future, intends to erect on the site a suitable monument and tablet, to fence the property and arrange for its protection from irresponsible visitors and the destructive forces of the elements.

The ruins of Fort Cumberland are remnants of one of the saddest stories in Canadian history. The building of the fort was commenced in 1750 under the direction of the French governor at Quebec and was named Beausejour. Never was a beautiful place-name more unhappily discredited by its subsequent history. It was intended to be an Acadian stronghold against the undefined claims of the English to the possession of Acadia, and was built on the north side of the Missaguash river which the French claimed to be their territory.

Across the river, Fort Lawrence had been erected by Colonel Lawrence, Governor of Nova Scotia, and was a strongly built fort of five bastions, provided with casemates and mounted with thirty-two guns and mortars. On the isthmus dividing the two provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia the French had erected other forts intended to form a complete system of defence for the northern portion of Acadia. Around Beausejour the Acadians had their homes and their farms, and little expected that within a few years those homes would be committed to the flames and their settlement become the battlefield of contending nations.

Beausejour was the centre of the activities of Le Loutre, the notorious militant missionary of the Micmacs, who held the office of vicar-general to Acadia under the Bishop of Quebec, and who became the real power behind the opposition of the Acadians to accept the conditions imposed upon them by the British Government. In 1755 the fort was attacked by the British and captured, the prelude to the dispersal of the Acadians. After its capture the fort was renamed Fort Cumberland in honor of the Duke of Cumberland, son of George II., at that time at the height of his military fame as Commander-in-Chief of the British forces in England.

Between the towns of Sackville and Amherst the railway traveller of today, gazing, it may be, listlessly on the landscape to the north of Cumberland basin will notice a knoll rising from the marsh and running back in a narrow ridge towards the north-east. Here are the wasting remnants of Beausejour with their crumbling powder magazine as the most conspicuous of the ruins. With this exception the remains of other buildings and earthworks are now only a few feet above the level of the ground. After the fall of the fort and during the remainder of the 18th century it was occupied by a British garrison but with the American war of 1812-14 it was practically abandoned as a place of defence. Up to about 1860 the soldiers' and officers' quarters were in tolerable condition but since then they have fallen into decay. In 1874 the guns were sold by public auction, and four of them are said to be still in existence. It is hoped they will be recovered and placed on the site. The Fort Cumberland estate covers an area of about sixty acres, but the actual site of the fort, is enclosed in

an area of five and a half acres. At present a fence is being built around the latter area, and the Canadian National Parks Branch will shortly erect thereon suitable memorials of the stirring events which took place on this famous site.

**KING AND QUEEN VISIT AULD REEKIE**  
Unveil Memorials at Holyrood and Receive Address from Church of Scotland.

Returning from Balmoral to London, King George and Queen Mary stopped at Edinburgh, where His Majesty unveiled the King Edward VII. Memorial at Holyrood. His Majesty referred to the trials and sorrows suffered by the nation the past few years, and recalled that, throughout, Scotland had remained unwavering in her devotion to the ideals of sincerity, wisdom, kindness and courage which his father had inspired and exemplified. After His Majesty had unveiled the statue, Queen Mary, with a silver key, opened one of the memorial gates. His Majesty later replied to an address of congratulation from the general assembly of the Church of Scotland on the marriage of Princess Mary and expressed appreciation of the reference of his attachment to the Church of Scotland.

**PICKINGS FROM PUNCH**  
It is time that somebody suggested to the Turks that they ought to save a few atrocities for a rainy day.

It is proposed to make gramophone records of speeches made by present-day statesmen for the benefit of coming generations. It is just as well that posterity should know what we have had to put up with.

The New York Evening Mail suggests that, as we are not paying our debt, America should send some of her lecturers to England. Don't do that. We'll pay.

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