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AMERICANS AND FRENCH CLASH

DOMINION CONVENTION OF GREAT WAR VETERANS

MANY IMPORTANT QUESTIONS ARE TO BE DISCUSSED

(Special to The Record)

VANCOUVER, B.C., June 30.—With over three hundred delegates from the Atlantic to the Pacific already registered, the third annual convention of the Great War Veterans' Association of Canada and the first Dominion peace convention, awaits the zero hour to commence a history making session.

The convention opened at ten o'clock to-day and will not conclude deliberations until Friday evening, during which period most vital problems, touching the returned soldiers interests and carrying far-reaching effects will be decided.

Sir Frank Barnard, Lieutenant-Governor; Premier Oliver, of British Columbia; Mayor Gale, of Vancouver, and W. J. Bowser, a member of the legislature addressed the delegates at a civic reception luncheon to-day, after which the business sessions commenced.

The subject creating the most discussion is the famous Calgary resolution calling for grants of two thousand, fifteen hundred and one thousand dollars, according to service for those who were in khaki. Evidently since the Ontario provincial convention at Windsor this gratuity demand has gathered greater impetus and support from the province of Ontario. Central Riverdale of West Toronto and the Earlscourt delegates are working unanimously with the western members on this gratuity proposition, making the outlook encouraging. Strong opposition offers and presages one of keenest fights of the convention.

The present labor unrest throughout Canada is one of the principal matters for consideration by the convention. It is expected to pass a resolution, drastic in its demands and asserting that the high cost of living is the g reatest contribution of the cause of unrest. Toronto will be first over the top towards the objective and will advance four stages, covering the uncertainty of the returned soldier's future, namely: Professional labor agitators; bolsheviki; aliens and high cost of living. Comrade C. E. Wilson, of Central Toronto, will feature the debate by drawing attention to the lack of energy by the government on above conditions, pointing out the folly of its past inertia, resulting in present disturbances.

The majority of the delegates are for absolute government control of the prices of foodstuffs and articles used by the public and for the punishment of war profiteers.

The reorganisation of D.S.C.R. is one of the big items on the agenda, although indications point to greater interest in this vital subject from eastern delegates than from the west. There is no doubt whatever but that resolutions will pass calling for prompt and vigorous action on what is regarded as of paramount importance to returned men in general.

Membership qualification will be settled during the sessions and provide rich food for debate. This subject is a very contentious one, with wide differences of opinion. It is impossible to forecast the result at present, although if anything slightly favoring the open door policy.

Several surprises are predicted during the convention which will prove a power to association for good and exempt in large measure, the spirit of the returned soldier, welded into a tremendous force for furthering the ideals for which they fought. The 1919 peace convention of the Great War Veterans of Canada will reflect a glorious victory of right over might, coupled with a determination to still "Carry on" for Canada, the empire and the principles of democracy.

HE WON'T BE MUZZLED—H. H. STEVENS.

Unionist M.P. from Vancouver, who attacked the operations of grain elevators in the House of Commons, Ottawa, on Thursday, and said that he would reveal everything he knew about the operations.

MAYOR CHURCH AKS FOR NEW BOARD IN CARMEN DISPUTE

UNLESS PRESENT BOARD GETS BUSY

TORONTO, June 30.—"I am going to get a new board if this board does not accomplish something right away," said Mayor Church early to-day. He referred to the board of conciliation, consisting of Judge J. A. Barron, W. J. Hevey, and Hon. F. H. Phippen, appointed to arbitrate in the matter of the strike of the employes of the Toronto Railway Company.

"When I was in Ottawa," declared the mayor, "both the Minister and the Deputy Minister of Labor promised me that the board would have arrived at a definite result within five days from the time that they began their investigations. It seems as if they were not doing the work for which they are appointed but rather that they were trying to act as peacemakers and diplomats. If they don't do something right away I am going to try and get a new board appointed."

CONCILIATION BOARD IS AT SEA IN MATTER

TORONTO, June 30.—Confronted by the question of whether or not the taking over by the Ontario Railway Board of the Toronto Railway Company changed their status and rendered further investigation useless, the Government's Conciliation Board investigating the dispute between the Toronto Railway Company and its men, adjourned shortly before noon to-day, to discuss the situation in the privacy of the office of Hon. F. H. Phippen, who was nominated by the company as its representative on that body. Judge Barron said that it was not likely that a decision would be reached and an award made. The Board spent considerable time this morning in obtaining official information, which heretofore they had not received, regarding the present ownership and management of the Toronto Railway Works Commissioner Harris explained the taking over of the company's assets, stating that he was to be manager as long as the property was held by the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board.

Judge Phippen maintained that the board having taken the place of the company there was now no dispute between the company and its employes to investigate.

General Manager Harris, on the contrary, took the view that the Toronto Railway Company was still existent, only the directorate having changed. Judge Barron also expressed the view that the boards occupation was gone, but finally after private conference they adjourned to meet in Mr. Phippen's office.

Former General Manager Fleming was present at to-day's meeting. Assistant Manager Hubbard was also there but this time as an aid to Mr. R. C. Harris and not his former chief. He wanted to know if the board intended maintaining order at the private conference but was informed that it was simply for the purpose of having a free discussion in absence of the press.

CANADA'S CLAIM IS A VERY LARGE ONE

OTTAWA June 30—Mr. J.H. Sinclair of Guysboro and Hon. Rodolph Lemieux pressed Sir Thomas White in the Commons today as to the amount of indemnity claimed by Canada from Germany. Sir Thomas White could not give the definite amount but he stated that it consisted of: First the amount of war the expediture, roughly $1,500,000,000. Second, the capitalisation of the pension charges, which was very heavy. Third, claims for direct damages to shipping by submarines. The claims have been put in but what the divident will be" he declared "I am unable to state".

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& MAYOR GROSS RECEIVED & PEACE NOTE THIS AFTERNOON & "Peace Treaty signed by Canadian plenipotentiaries Saturday afternoon four o'clock." Signed G.W. Gates Prime Minister's Secretary. &

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WINNIPEG STRIKE NOT CLEARED UP

COMPLAINTS OF SLOWNESS IN TAKING STRIKERS BACK

WINNIPEG, Man., June 30.—Labor leaders are more than ever dissatisfied with the slow progress in the reinstatement of strikers So far as can be learned no definite action has been taken with a view to calling 'Protest" strikes, although the strike committee continues to receive reports from various unions, which executive members term "very unsatisfactory."

Doris Meakin, business agent of telephone operators union, declares that none of operators have been reinstated. They have been reemployed, she says, without regard for their seniority in service. Miss Meakin also declares that while many girls are demanding that another strike be called, no step of this kind has been taken. "Only fifty per cent. of the girls are back at work," Miss Meakin asserts. "Others have applied for work and been refused, despite the fact that girls on duty are obliged to work overtime in order to maintain the service. It is the most unfair deal we have ever been handed by a provincial government."

Other union officers refuse to discuss reinstatement. Everything is so unsettled, they say, that a comprehensive review of the situation is impossible. It is unlikely, they say, that any official action will be taken or that the strike committee will move until all unions are heard from. Rev. J. S. Woodsworth, held by the police on a charge of sedition, was freed from custody on Saturday afternoon on $3000 bail.

Rumors have been current around labor circles for the past two days that the running trades employes would strike should employers refuse to reinstate all workers who went out on a sympathetic strike. High officials of the running trades federation stated that the executive of the organisations had taken no action in this regard. In fact the matter has not even been considered by them. Members of running trades organisation who participated in the unlawful strike will have to look out for themselves after this. The International Union will expel the organisors of the unlawful walkout and will take the ones who were misled back into the organisation. They will not demand the reinstatement for any of them.

DOUBT EXPRESSED WHETHER CANADA IS BEING SOAKED

QUESTION UP TODAY IN THE COMMONS

(Special to The Record)

OTTAWA June 30—In official circles here there is no knowledge of the conditions portrayed in an overseas cable which represents that the British Ministry of Shipping is controlled by four large shipowners who have boosted Canadian shipping rates from a hundred to three hundred per cent, to the great disadvantage of the Canadian exporters.

Deputy-Minister of Marine Johnson was questioned about the report this morning and expressed a doubt of the accuracy of the statement.

RELIEF AND HOPE GRATIFICATION ARE EXPECTED

BY LONDON NEWSPAPERS, TO-DAY

LONDON, June 30.—Relief, gratification and hope for a speedy readjustment of the world are voiced in editorials published by all the morning newspapers, on the signing of the treaty of peace. "President Wilson's telegram to America," says the Chronicle, "struck the right note regarding the treaty." Several newspapers mingle thanksgiving with warnings that there must be no relaxing of effort to make the league nations effective. The Daily News mentions an apprehension regarding Japan and the Far East, and denounces elements "on both sides of the Atlantic, who," the paper asserts, "are trying to stir up disorder between England and America." The Telegraph does not appear to fear anything in this direction, saying "we made this peace in cooperation and friendship with the American people, such as has never hitherto been approached."

TO HAVE A NATIONAL CELEBRATION

(Special to The Record)

OTTAWA, June 30.—Hon. Jacques Bureau asked to-day in the Commons: "Will there be any Dominion celebration on account of the signing of peace?"

Sir Robert Borden: "Only one treaty has been signed so far. That does not constitute peace. The treaty will need to be ratified and a proclamation made before peace actually exists. According to the terms of the treaty, three of the allied powers must ratify it before a proclamation is made that the war is over."

Mr. Bureau: "Will there be a Dominion celebration then?"

Sir Robert Borden: "Yes. I cannot speak for the United Kingdom and other parts of the empire, but I think the Dominion should have a national celebration."

DR. EPITACIO PESSOA.

President-elect of Brazil, who was the first Peace Conference representative to visit Canada.

THE BIG PEACE PARADE TONIGHT

WILL START AT CITY HALL.

The announcement has been made by Moyor Gross that a big parade will take place in the city this evening. At eight o'clock the procession will leave the city hall square.

Besides the procession there will be bonfires on the market square. Decorations of homes and autoes are looked forward to.

The members of the Kitchener and Waterloo branch of the G.W.V.A. will participate in the event and will be out in uniform. They are requested to be on the market square at 7.30 o'clock in uniform.

Th 108th band also will be out leading the parade.

Customs Figures.

Cusoms figures, local port, for June are 84,076.16.

5 CENT CAR FARES MAY BE ORDERED IN TORONTO

JUDGE BARRON SEEMS SO INCLINED

(Special to The Record)

TORONTO June 30—The opinion is held at the city hall that the board of conciliation may include in its findings a recommendation that the fares be increased to five cents straight.

Judge Barron, at the conclusion of the public session, referred to the fact that in some places the fares were as high, as ten cents, and his observations on that fact lead those who heard him to feel confident that a recommendation for an increased will be made.

SAYS CONCILIATION BOARD IS DEFUNCT WANTS NEW ONE

MEN'S AGENT PRESENTS THEIR SIDE

TORONTO, June 30.—Judge Barron, chairman of the conciliation board in the wage dispute between the Toronto Street Railway Co. and its employes, announced this morning that the board would not make any interim report under the statute, as in his opinion the change in management of the railway made the present board defunct and that anothe board would have to be named.

Joseph Gibbons, business agent of the Street Railwaymen's union, to-day issued the following statement: "The prospects for a settlement of the street railwaymen's strike seem no brighter than they did a week ago. The position of affairs, as I see it, is this: the company says distinctly that they cannot pay more than they are now paying If the Ontario Railway Board of Conciliation were to make an offer which would be acceptable to the men there is absolutely no guarantee that the Toronto Railway Co. would continue to pay th new rate. Therefore, as far as we can see, no award that is made will be of any material benefit to the men. Three weeks ago the city talked about a Royal Commission to enquire into the company's financial standing. At that time it was apparent that a strike would take place and now the strike has been in operation for one week and no effort has been made by either the city or the Ontario Railway Board to determine whether or not the Company is in a financial position to meet the demands of the men. Therefore we consider that the responsibility for the continuance of the strike does not lie at the door of the street railwaymen."

EARTHQUAKE KILLS MANY IN ITALY

VICCHIO A HEAP OF RUINS; VILLAGES DESTROYED

ROME June 30—One hundred and twenty persons are estimated to have been killed in and near Vicchio the center of an earth movement on Sunday in the Florence district.

The town of Vicchio was reduced to a heap of ruins and a number of villages were destroyed.

INAUGURATION OF PEACE IS FITTINGLY OBSERVED

Citizens Assembled Yesterday For Special Program

Sunday was another peace memorial day. It was observed at a special program provided under the auspices of the Daughters of the Empire and took place at the Chautauqua grounds shortly after three thirty o'clock in the afternoon.

Fifteen hundred citizens were present and were assembled under the big tent. The 108th band started the proceeding of the day. At three O'clock they started at the city hall and paraded down King street. Later they proceeded to the grounds where they then led in the program. The crowd on the suggestion of the Chairman Honsberger arose and led by the band, sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Rev. H.M. Langford followed with prayer. The Fisk Jubilee singers of the Chautauqua company who rendered such excellent numbers Saturday afternoon and evening sang a number of sacred selections.

After the vocal numbers by the quartette the address of the afternoon was delivered by another member of the Chautauqua company, Signaller Tom Skeyhill, who had also spoken Saturday afternoon and evening. The Australian poet was in fine form and his oratorical words touched the hearts of the people present, Signaller Skeyhill said that it was a day of universal thankfulness for the restoration of peace, a victorious peace. Thanks should be offered to God for the victory. To-day the world rested in peace and how comfortable it was now that the Hohenzolerns and the Hapsburgs had been thrust from their thrones and the world made safe for democracy. He paid a tribute to the leaders of the allied nations and particularily, Marshall Foch of the French, who had been the instrumentality of God in a righteous cause.

The greatest credity for winning the war the Australian soldier should be handed to the women. Their sacrifice and devotion behind the men in the front lines made victory possible. He pointed out how the women had done so much for them in the way of Red Cross work. He related with unpleasant reflection the horrors in the early days at Gallipoli where the Australians fought and where man lives and limbs were lost simply because the doctors and surgical supplies had given out, the expedition having gone there not expecting and big resistence by the Turks. Not until the women appeared on the scene were the conditions which caused so much agony changed. Not only were suffering patients relieved through their efforts but comforts and luxuries were supplied to the men. The speaker said that any man who said that not all the Red Cross supplies reached the soldiers was not telling the truth. Any story to the contrary was enemy propaganda.

The speaker alluded to the problem of peace. He said that the work of the allies would not be complete unless certain things at home would be attended to. These had to do with the re-establishment of the soldiers into civilian life. The job would not be complete unless there would be an honorable re-establishment which would be fair to all returned men. Then there was the feeding of hungry Europe, the allied countries and these who had been the enemies. The people were all Christians and there was a duty to perform in this direction. Also by supplying the people in the former enemy countries with food they would be pacified more readily.

After the splendid address the hand and the jubilee singers rendered some selections which were appreciated by the hearers. A collection was taken up by the ladies of the Daughte of the Empire in aid of the returned soldiers fund. A handsome sum was received.

A Day of Contrast

The chairman, Dr. Honsberger, spoke briefly. He among other things said that there was general rejoicing that there is peace after these years of suffering. The doctor regretted that no public holiday had been proclaimed and said that when he had made enquiries he was to and that the town bell had not been tolled to send out the good news. When he made enquiries he was told that it had not been working well. He hoped that some day would be observed by the city, as a public holiday, it might perhaps be a national day.

The doctor emphasized the significance of the day, which meant the acceptance of the allied terms of peace and victory. It ensured everything that the allied armies fought for. He contrastet this day with the first day in August 1914 when the Kaiser's armies marched out from Berlin and when the Kaiser's promised the weeping wives and sisters and sweethearts that the men would be back beforethe leaves fell. But alas how different it was. What sufferings and anguish had been caused among the women and childrenand this both in the allied countries and in those which were our enemies. He contrasted the condition of beautiful and prosperous Germany of 1914 with that of to-day, all these changes being the result of the disastrous course followed by the war military leaders in Berlin. Dr. Honsberger however, said that it spite of the fact that the effects and sufferings of this war would be felt for generations to come among the people of the former enemy country Germany would arise again and would become a great nation even in the life time of many of us today. It was in the German race to progress.

In conclusion he appealed to every one, regardless of race to fittingly observe the inauguration of peace.

A selection by the band brought the program to a close.

Before Signaller Tom Skeygill left the grounds in order to motor to St. Mary's he was given a great ovation. He acknowledged this not for himself but for Australia, considering it an appreciation of what his country had done in the war.

GERMANY'S RAILWAY BEEN SETTLED

A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT

BERLIN, June 30.—At a meeting of railway officials and employes to-day it was decided, by an overwhelming majority, to resume work speedily on the railways affected by the strike.

It is said that a complete agreement has been reached.

HOSPITAL WORKERS WERE PUNISHED

FOR INCITING RIOT IN TORONTO ON FRIDAY

(Special to The Record)

TORONTO, June 30.—Seven young men, aged from 16 to 18, employes of a military hospital and wearing khaki, although not returned men or even soldiers, were to-day sentenced to three months' imprisonment for inciting the riot at Lansdowne carbarns during the strike on Friday evening last.

"Respectable returned men are being blamed for the acts of these boys," said Crown Attorney Corley.

TRAGIC END TO VISIT TO CITY

FATAL INJURIES TO AYR MAN.

Internal injuries sustained in falling into a culvert on the Bridgeport street car line were responsible for the death of Mr. William Kendall of Ayr, Saturday evening. The young man died several hours later in Dr. Honsberger's office. A further reference will appear in the next issue.

W.J. Dempsey, three years old, was drowned in an artificial pond at Wooler road, Belleville.

GERMAN DELEGATES DEPARTED JUNE 29

TOOK LEAVE WITH PUNCTILIOUS POLITENESS

PARIS, June 30.—The departu re of Dr. Hermann Mueller and Dr. Bell and about fifty other members of the German delegation from Versailles last night, was virtually unnoticed. To avoid crowds, celebrating the signing of the treaty in the streets of Versailles, the German delegates were sent in fifteen automobiles by a roundabout route to Noyses-Le-Roi, where they boarded their train at 9 o'clock.

In party was Herr Scheurmann, who represented the Deutsche Tages Zeitung at Versailles and who was temporarily arrested by the French last week. The Germans were accompanied as far as Cologne by French and Italian officers. The Germans took their leave of the French officials at Versailles with punctilious politeness.

FILLING TASK WITH HEAVY HEART

BERLIN, (Saturday).—Dr. Hermann Mueller, Foreign Minister, begged to be excused from an interview with a correspondent of the Tageblatt on his arrival at Versailles, because he did not desire to detract from the nature of the mission assigned him. The Minister told the correspondent he was fulfilling his task with a heavy heart.

BIG CORK PULLING IN CHICAGO TONIGHT BEFORE GOING DRY

EXPECTED REVEL WILL OUTDO ALL RECORDS

CHICAGO, June 30.—Many saloon keepers and proprietors of restaurants, where liquor is sold, planned to keep their places open to-night long after midnight when wartime prohibition goes into effect. They expect to sell large quantities of liquor to patrons up to midnight and allow them to remain as long as they desire to consume it. Thousands of reservations have been made in hotels and restaurants for the celebration of the passing of liquor and proprietors predicted a revel which is expected to surpass those that have taken place on New Year's eve.

BOLSHEVIKI ARE LEAVING PETROGRAD

BLOWING UP THINGS BEHIND THEM

HELSINGFORS, (Saturday).—The evacuation of Petrograd by the Bolsheviki is hastily progressing according to recent decrees of the Bolshevik government received here. War Minister Trotsky has ordered that the fortress of Kronstadt be blown up before its surrender and that bridges and railway stations in Petrograd be destroyed before the last troops withdraw.

GOVERNMENT STILL DEALING WITH G.T.R. AND ACQUISITION

HON RUD OLPH LEMEIEX CRITICISES EFFORT

(Special to the Record)

OTTAWA June 30—When the Common today was considering a bill of Sir Thomas White's authorising the government to make loans, Hon. Rodolph Lemuiex said that he had not recently seen any reference in the press to the purchase by Canada of the Grand Trunk Railway. He presumedthat the negotiations were off and that the project would not be carried out. He was very glad because he calculated that it would help Canada's credit abroad. He thought railway purchases in the past by the present government had not given foreign investors confidence.

Sir Thomas White however, disabused his mind: "The negotiations with the Grand Trunk" he declared "are still proceeding. We've had several interviews with Mr. Kelly, representing the Grand Trunk board. We've had proposals from the Grand Trunk Railway Company. We have been making certain investigations as to certain allegations that the report of Messrs Drayton and Ackworth was not entirely accurate, partly with regard to the amount set aside for depreciation by the Grand Trunk year by year and partly with regard to the amount set aside as a reserve by subsidiary companies. It it not in my power to make a fuller statement than this at the present time."

Mr. Lemuiex then said: "The public will be able to read between the lines of the Minister's statement. It seems to me that the government has decided to deal with the Grand Trunk and not take the company by the throat and thus hurt Canada's credit abroad.

Sir Thomas White: "I stated in, the house before that the government as trustees of the Canadian people would be fair. It is our duty to see if the Grand Trunk is taken over that the terms are fair not only to the Grand Trunk but to the Canadian public".

RIOTS IN BREST CAUSED 2 DEATHS

BREST June 30—Two French civilians were killed and five American soldiers and sailors were severely injured and more than 110 wounded in riots here last night. Two of the American soldiers are expected to die.

MONSTER PEACE PARADE

8 p. m. from City Hall

All citizens requested to join the procession

DECORATE YOUR AUTOS

Huge Bonfire on market Square