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GET TOGETHER SPIRIT RULES CONVENTION

Delegates Attending the N. B. Tourist, Game and Resources Convention Optimistic Over Future.

LAUDABLE BOOSTING SPIRIT EVIDENCED

Association Ready to Scatter Propaganda Setting Forth Natural Resources of Province.

Special to The Standard.

Dalhousie, N. B., June 16.—Beautiful June weather prevailed on the opening day of the All New Brunswick Tourist, Game and Resources League convention at Dalhousie. It is quite appropriate that the second annual convention of this association which has for one of its aims a wider knowledge among our own people of the beauties and possibilities of New Brunswick, should take place here. The scenery of the surrounding country is magnificent and the Inch Arran Hotel, in which the business sessions are being held, overlooks the wide expanse of the famous Bay Chaleur.

The St. John party arrived at Dalhousie Station early this morning in their special car. At eight o'clock they were met by the citizens of the town and driven in automobiles to the Inch Arran Hotel where breakfast was served. The route led through the Main Street, which was gaily decorated with flags and bunting. As they turned into the drive, leading to the hotel, the cars passed under an arch inscribed with words of welcome.

The convention was formally opened at eleven o'clock, Hon. C. H. Labillois, vice-président of the Restigouche branch of the League presided. Addresses of welcome were given by the Mayors of Dalhousie and Campbellton, and short speeches by many of the delegates present. The different speakers all referred in glowing terms to the scenic beauties of New Brunswick, and of its great natural resources which are at present lying dormant.

A get-together spirit characterized the opening meeting and if the fine harmony prevails throughout the convention, manifold benefit to the whole province will result.

Delegates Present.

The following delegates were present at the opening session besides the St. John representatives mentioned yesterday. Mayor C. C. Avard, of Sackville; David Champoux, President of the Board of Trade, Campbellton; George McKenzie, Judge McLatchy, Peter Shannon, Fred MacRae of Campbellton; T. H. Meevoy, S. Blanchard, Dalhousie.

Welcome Speeches

Hon. C. H. Labillois, in his opening remarks, regretted the absence of the President, F. B. Edgecombe, of Fredericton. He referred to the wise decision of the meeting last year to hold annual meetings in different sections of the province. In speaking of the aims of the Association, he said it was time that the leading men of the Province should take a hand and protect the glorious heritage handed down to us by a good Providence. Mayor Barberie, Dalhousie, then read an informal address of welcome to the delegates. He said:

"On behalf of the citizens of the town of Dalhousie I have much pleasure in extending a hearty welcome to the delegates of the All New Brunswick Tourist, Game and Resources Association assembled here in their second annual convention. Our people appreciate the fact that at the first convention held last year in the city of St. John, it was decided to hold the convention of 1920 on the North shore of New Brunswick and in our quaint little town. I trust that you will enjoy your stay among us. We had hoped to have been able to treat you to a sail on our river, and on the famous Bay of Chaleur, but, knowing that at this busy season you could not spare more than the two days, and with so many important matters to consider, we have to ask you to be satisfied with our good will and rest assured that in the North shore population you have citizens who will always be ready to co-operate with the other sections of our fine little province towards developing the great heritage that has been handed down to us by a good Providence. Again let me welcome you to our town and country."

Dr. Murray, Mayor of Campbellton, read an address of welcome from his town. He said the citizens of Campbellton were pleased to co-operate with their sister town of Dalhousie in extending a welcome to the visiting delegates. The honor conferred upon Restigouche County was fully appreciated and will not be forgotten. He expressed the hope that before the delegates returned to their homes, that they would take a sufficient cargo of first-hand evidence of their city, in referring to the objects of the Association he said there was every reason to believe that the ultimate result would be the practical development and expansion of our great Provincial assets and the inauguration of a new era in the social, economic and industrial life of the Province.

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POLICE KILLED IN STREET FIGHT AT BELMULLET

Belmullet, County Mayo, Ireland, June 16 — Constable Doogue was killed in a street conflict which lasted ten minutes last night. Chief Constable Cahill was seriously injured and Sergeant Morris and Constable Hannon received slight injuries.

PEEL BEING TRIED ON THREE COUNTS

Great Interest Being Taken at Amherst in the Case—Crown Presents Strong Case.

Special to The Standard

Amherst, N. S., June 16—The court room was crowded to the doors when at 12.35 this afternoon Alva Peel of Oxford, N. S., charged with manslaughter, arson and negligence, was escorted into the prisoner's bench. He seemed perfectly calm when the three counts of the indictments were read to him by the prothonatory.

On the first two charges he pleaded "not guilty," but to the third stood mute on the advice of his council who, previously, had endeavored unsuccessfully to quash this count. His Lordship ordered the Crown to enter a plea of "not guilty." The afternoon session of the court opened under the same congested conditions, the crowd reaching well out into the hall and filling every available bit of standing room. The empanellment of the jury was first proceeded with. Crown Prosecutor J. A. Hanway, K. C., opened the case for the Crown. He went over the general trend of the evidence, outlining the theory of the prosecution. The evidence of Mrs. Rushton, who overheard a conversation and smelled kerosene oil, was particularly stressed. He concluded by exhibiting to the jury a scale plan of the interior of the Wood-Patton block where the alleged crimes took place.

Cyrus Halliday, one of the principal witnesses, told of the meeting in Peel's store and of certain things that went on there, including drinking and the extinguishing of a small fire from an overturned lamp. Truman Thomson corroborated the evidence of Halliday. Mrs. Rushton was then further cross examined and told of hearing sounds of a fight in Peel's store, afterwards dragging sounds and later a voice say "Al, Al, you damn fool you'll have everything on fire, I'll complain on you." The voice yelled "Ted, Ted, come down here." later still she heard a laugh and a cry together. Soon afterwards she had smelled smoke and discovered the fire. Col. Ralston and Mr. Logan cross-examined the witnesses for the defence. At 4.45 p. m. the court adjourned until 9.30 a. m. next morning.

SYDNEY 'LONGSHOREMEN TO RESUME WORK

Pending a Settlement of Their Grievances With the Reid Newfoundland Company.

Sydney, N. S. June 16—The Federal Union, North Sydney, has arranged for the 'longshoremen to resume work according to D. D. McDonald, organizer, and will permit the 'longshoremen to work for the Farquhar Company and all other employers pending final settlement with Mr. Robinson of the Reid Newfoundland Company, who now awaits an answer from the head office in Halifax. The men appreciate greatly the fair treatment accorded them by the Foulton and Salter Companies, North Sydney, but contend that the Reid-Newfoundland Company will not recognize their communications, and are importing men from the Ancient Colony, with residence and food aboard the company's ships, and yet who do the work that should be the perquisite of the men of the town.

CONFESSES TO WIFE MURDER

Worried Over Payments on a House He Had Purchased Causes Man to Poison Helpmate.

Bennington, Vt., June 16.—Arrested on a charge of murdering his wife, Byron N. Pettitbone, according to a statement issued by the State's Attorney, today, confessed that worry over payments on a house he had purchased caused him to seek his wife's death and he put poison in a dose of salts which he gave her.

TO RELEASE SINN FEIN PRISONERS

Dublin, June 16—The new policy of the British Government toward Ireland, soon to be instituted, involves the unconditional release of all Sinn Fein prisoners who have not been convicted, it was learned on good authority here today.

GOV'T'S BUDGET RESOLUTIONS ARE PASSED

Many Modifications Made Which Come Into Effect Today, and Merchants Should Take Notice.

'THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS'

Those Who Have Paid Taxes on Full Value of Suit of Clothes May Kiss His Money Farewell.

GOVTS BUDGET

Special to The Standard

Ottawa, June 16—A great variety of business was transacted by Parliament today. Chief among the accomplishments was the passage of the Government's budget resolutions in their entirety, and the securing of first reading for the bill based upon them. In view of the novel and highly controversial character of some of the new taxation measures (some of them would have been regarded with amazement half a dozen years ago) the progress made was remarkable, and Sir Henry Drayton has reason to be thankful that the ordeal is over. There have been many modifications of more or less importance, modifications which are unquestionably an improvement upon the somewhat haphazard, hit and miss proposals in their first form. These latter come into effect tomorrow, and merchants must guide themselves accordingly. Uuon one point, however, they may rest easy, there will be no refunds, and the person who paid taxes on the full value of a "luxurious" suit of clothes, or a fifteen dollar pair of natty boots, instead of upon the excess above the comfortable living dead-line may kiss his or her money farewell. The minister, who has changed his mind since last week, declared that refunds would be impracticable, and no doubt merchants will agree with him, as the House most certainly did.

Militia Estimates

The evening was spent on militia estimates, and they produced a surplus of heat and discussion. With the war over, the Opposition has once more adopted anti-militarism tactics, and professes to discern all kinds of danger in the Government's estimates providing for a moderate militia force. Mr. MacKenzie King talked a la Norman Angel about the fearfulness of militarism and the tyranny of armament and moved an amendment reducing one item alone by several thousands of dollars. Mr. King, curiously enough, found an ally in that erstwhile sturdy defender of a strong militia, Sir Sam Hughes. Sir Sam could not understand why such a large standing force was necessary, and, in passing, took occasion to revive his old vendetta against General Currie. The now somewhat hoary reflections upon the capacity and, indeed, the valor of the Corps Commander were repeated in Sir Sam's characteristic style, but the House was not impressed for Sir Sam's attacks upon General Currie are now a very, very old story, and the House, which does not believe them, is weary of it all. It likes Sir Sam, knows that he played a fine part in the early days of the war, and wants to give him full credit for what he did, but it does not like to see him (as it suspects) run up his own record by running down that of a man whose achievements brought so much lustre upon Canadian arms abroad.

The end of the session is well in sight. Th Opposition is attempting to put up a fight against expenditures for military matters, and threatens to block the new naval estimates, but its heart is not in the fight and prorogation is likely to come by the end of the month.

KEEPING EYE ON UNITED STATES

England Watching Naval Development of the Big Republic.

London, June 16.—Walter Hume Long, First Lord of the Admiralty, declared in the House of Commons today that the Admiralty was following important developments of the Naval programme of the United States with the greatest closeness.

Mr. Long said the Admiralty would not fail to ask parliament for necessary powers if its members thought they were falling behind their proper naval standard.

LONDON STREET CAR STRIKE ENDS

London, Ont., June 16—After a strike lasting nine days the street car service was resumed this morning at 11 o'clock. This was the result of a vote taken last night, accepting the offer of the Ontario Railway Board, granting a wage scale of 48 cents, an increase of 4 cents per hour.

BELGIUM NOT TO CONFER WITH RUSSIAN ENVOY

Brussels, June 16.—(Havas.)—In official quarters denial was made today of a report emanating from London that Belgium would join in the negotiations with Gregory Krassin, Bolsheviki Minister of Trade and Commerce, for a resumption of commercial relations with Soviet Russia.

JAPANESE WANT ENGLAND TO KEEP OUT OF DISPUTES

Tokio, June 16—Japan inserted an article in the Anglo - Japanese alliance pact of 1911 to remove the risk of England becoming involved in any dispute between the United States and Japan, it was declared today by Viscount Kato, former foreign minister, in an interview urging renewal of the treaty.

WILSON BLAMED FOR FAILURE OF PEACE TREATY

French Publicists Claim He is Responsible for Attitude of Moderation Toward Germany.

Cross-Atlantic News Service. (Copyright.)

Paris, June 16.—Criticism of President Wilson's peace policies by French publicists continues. Increasing feeling here that French policies are being more and more submerged is moving public men to bitter assaults on various causes which they regard as underlying the increasing international attitude of moderation toward France's late enemies. Alfred Capus of the Academie Francaise writes bitterly in the "Gaulois": "Whether at San Remo or Hythe or at Spa, all conversations and discussions concerning the peace treaty are tainted with the Wilsonian spirit, and that constitutes the real reason for all difficulties, present and future.

"Let us not forget that Wilson dreamed of giving the German defeat a mystical character. He wanted to hold Germany up as an example, but he would not allowe her to be punished and he sought various combinations by which the guilty could repair the damage done without suffering themselves. 'I will force Germany to repent,' he said one day without remarking the contradiction between repentance and constraint. He shut himself up and we shut ourselves up with him in a search of substitutes which Mr. Lloyd-George had no interest in unravelling . . .

"A charming story is told of an old Parisian who inviting a grand duke to dinner, proposed that the diner try his luck at a new game.

"What is the game?"

"Odds or evens."

"Proceed," said the grand duke, and the old Parisian asked, "Odds or evens?"

"Evens," replied the nobleman.

"You lose," said the Parisian. "Now let's play for the champagne. Odds or evens?"

"Odds."

"You lose again."

"What is this game?" asked the astonished grand duke, and the old Parisian explained:

"Well, you see I think of a number. If I think of an odd number and you call even you lose!"

"The devil," observed the grand duke; "it's a game one cannot play with everybody."

"It is this kind of a game which Mr. Wilson is inviting us to play with Germany. He wants to let Germany 'think' of the sum which she owes us. Today we can see that it is better to fix the sum ourselves and we must profit by all occasions progressively to eliminate from the peace treaty all that remains of the Wilson spirit."

SUGAR PRICES TO ADVANCE TWO CENTS

No Reason Given by the Refineries for the Sudden Big Advance.

Montreal, June 16.—Notices were sent out this afternoon by all the Montreal sugar refineries that at 4 p.m. today the price of granulated sugar would go up two cents per pound or $2 per hundred pound bag at the refineries. J. Stanley Cook, Secretary of the Board of Trade, also stated today that the wholesale price of granulated sugar in Montreal would be 21 cents a pound with proportionate increases in other parts of Canada according to freight charges.

No statement was issued by the Refineries as to the cause of the increase save that it was due to the high price of raw sugar and the increasing cost of refining with higher wages and higher cost of everything involved in the manufacture of sugar.

SITUATION BETTER IN MESOPOTAMIA

London, June 16.—Sensational reports, emanating from Paris to the effect that fresh disturbances had broken out in Mesopotamia were met here with the statement today that the latest official reports from Mesopotamia said the situation was much quieter.

The town of Tell-Afar, to the northwest of Mosul, which was temporarily lost to the British, is again in their hands, it is stated.

SIR SAM HUGHES DIRECTED THE FIRING SQUAD

Hot Shots Fired During the Debate in Parliament on Militia Dept. Estimates.

COL. PECK'S MODESTY WAS QUESTIONED

Sir Sam Charges Sir Arthur Currie With Being a Coward, and Having Been Reprimanded.

Ottawa, June 16.—(By Canadian Press)—Charges that there had been a propaganda to boom Sir Arthur Currie, "who was not an unwilling victim but the instigater were again made in the House this evening by Sir Sam Hughes, former Minister of Militia during the debate on Militia Department estimates. Sir Sam charged that Sir Arthur Currie had allowed the odium of being called a coward to lie over the head of an other officer, and when he, Sir Sam, investigated, he found that it was "A. W." and not "John" Currie who had run away and hid in his dugout. Sir Sam declared that General Currie had been reprimanded by a British officer. Other generals, like Turner and many others, were infinitely superior to General Currie in strategy and personal courage.

Debate Full of Fire.

The debate was full of fire at times. Col. C. W. Peck, V. C. (Skeens)), in praising the work of the Canadian Artillery, said he was sorry the member for Dorchester (Lucien Cannon) had not had the same opportunity of studying the work of the Canadians at the front as he himself had had. Mr. Cannon, in reply, said that while the members on both sides of the House were honored in having among them one who wore the highest decoration of the British Empire, Colonel Peck had apparently overlooked one of the qualities of heroism, which was modesty.

A few minutes later Mr. Cannon appealed from a ruling by Deputy Speaker Boivin, who was in the chair. Mr. Boivin was upheld on division by a vote of 93 to 48, a government majority of 45. The Progressives, 14 strong, voted with the government in support of the chair.

No Summer Camps.

Chief discussion during the evening was on an item of $120,000 for allowances to active militia. In re-introducing the estimates of $12,500,000 Hon. Hugh Guthrie said the idea that these were an increase of $4,000,000 over last year was erroneous. Many items, charged last year to war appropriation, had this year to be charged to Militia Department.

He announced that, instead of summer camps, the drill this year would be confined to city units. This would save the country approximately $400,000. He informed Hon. Mackenzie King that there would probably be supplementary estimates for Militia Department amounting to $1,200,000 or $2,000,000.

Hon. Mr. King and Hon. T. A. Crerar protested against increased military expenditures at the present time. Mr. King declared there was no menace, and that fears of invasion were groundless. Mr. Crerar thought Canada might set an example in reducing her military strength, unless she had in mind some one she needed to prepare to fight.

Mr. King moved to strike off $20,000 of the item for active militia allowance. This would bring the estimate to last year's level.

DRAWING NEAR A SETTLEMENT

Robb Engineering Works and Strikers Getting Together on Differences.

Amherst, N. S., June 16.—Good progress is being made towards an early settlement of the strike in the moulding and core making departments of the Robb Engineering Works, which has been on for nearly two weeks now. A meeting of the men and management took place on Monday, at which an open and amiable discussion of the differences was entered into fully by both parties, with the result that considerable progress was made towards a satisfactory adjustment of the tie-up It is expected that the latter part of the week will see the men all back at work again.

WOMAN RECEIVES HIGHEST HONORS

Attends College With Baby in Her Arms and Finishes Four Years' Course in Three

Chicago, June 16.—The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was today conferred on Sir Alexander Falconer, President of Toronto University, at the Northwestern University graduation exercises. The highest honors among 878 graduates were awarded to Mrs. Howard Vanstray, who took her baby daughter to college with her and finished the four years' course in three years. Besides attending college and caring for the baby she did all her own housework.

POLES IN STRONG COUNTER ATTACK RE-TAKE KIEV

Constantinople, June 16 — Polish forces have retaken Kiev, in a strong counter - attack upon the Bolsheviki, according to a despatch received here today. The Poles inflicted heavy casualties on the Red armies.

WORKMAN'S PROTEST UNDER CRITICISM

Sir Newton Moore Declares Position of Mr. Workman Not in Accord With Former Statements.

London, June 16.—(By Associated Press)—In regard to the objections formulated by Mr. Mark Workman concerning the promotion of the British Empire Steel Corporation, Sir Newton Moore, another member of the London Advisory Committee of the Dominion Steel Corporation, told the Canadian Press, today, that he was aware there was some opposition to holding a meeting on June 18th, but apparently it had been postponed from June 12th to June 18th to allow of protests, made by certain dissenting directors, being placed before the shareholders. Sir Newton said he understood the question of the merger proposals would not be discussed at this meeting but proceedings would be confined to ordinary business.

"Mr. Workman's remarks now," continued Sir Newton, "are somewhat at variance with his previous written and public statements, in which he expressed himself most enthusiastically in regard to the proposals, and his regret that there was not that unanimity that was anticipated. Members of the syndicate here are quite satisfied that directors of the Dominion Steel Corporation will safeguard all interests, and that no company will be included in the organization without the fullest information being given to those interested. The British Empire Steel Company has not yet committed itself to any of the minor companies which are still subject to negotiations, and important concessions have already been obtained.

"Unless further concessions are made, some of these companies may be left out. "This, I understand," concluded Sir Newton, "has been clearly stated in the President's notice to shareholders.

VERDICT OF GUILTY AGAINST ROBBERS

Two More Connected With Hold-up of Mail Train Must Pay the Penalty.

Quebec, June 16.—The jury at the Criminal Assizes here this afternoon brought in a verdict of guilty in the case of George Topping, a former C. N. R. conductor, who together with J. Bernardin Proteau, held up the staff of mail clerks on the Ocean Limited train at Harlake on September 18th, 1919, and got away with $71,000.

The trial of Joseph Rudore Levasseur, the third party alleged to have been connected with the train robbery, will be started tomorrow.

NEAR CLOUDBURST IN CLEVELAND

One Killed, Many Injured and Much Damage Done.

Cleveland, O., June 16.—One man was killed, another was reported dead, and a dozen others had narrow escapes from death, and thousands of dollars of damage was done during a terrific electrical wind and rain storm of almost cloudburst proportions today. Nearly an inch of rain fell in six minutes, and the wind attained a velocity of 57 miles an hour, while the storm was at its height.

DEMAND SAVINGS CERTIFICATES

Ottawa, June 16—The Finance Department states that about one and a half million dollars' worth of the new savings certificates which were first offered in February have been taken up. These certificates run for three years, are purchasable in denmonations of $5, $10, $25, $50 and $100, and yield 5½ per cent to the investor. They will continue on sale at banks and money order post offices.

NEW PUNISHMENT FOR PROFITEERS

Buda Pest, June 16.—A bill introduced by the Minister of Justice in the National Assembly today provides punishment of up to 25 strokes on the soles of the feet for male profiteers.

TANK STEAMER RUNS THE BLOCKADE

Fiume, June 16. — A British tank steamer ran the blockade today and landed a cargo of oil for Gabriele D'Annunzio, the insurgent leader, here.

SEN. FOWLER CRITICISES THE CIVIL SERVICE

Thinks Employees and Officials of the Upper House Should be in Control of Senate.

NOT SATISFIED WITH REORGANIZATION

Advocates a Return to the Old System of Appointment for Outside Service.

Ottawa, June 26. — (By Canadian Press.) — The Government's amendment to the Civil Service Act, which came up for a second reading in the Senate today, produced a great deal of criticism of the administration of the Civil Service Commission, Senator Fowler (Sussex, N.B.) moving an amendment taking the employees and officials of the Upper House out of the Commission's control and the committee of the whole, considering the bill, having to rise and "report progress" without passing the measure. The bill will be the first order of business tomorrow, when it will be decided whether or not Senator Fowler's amendment shall be accepted.

Senator Bradbury and Senator Power (Halifax) expressed disapproval of the work of the reorganization being given to a United States firm.

Senator Turiffe referred to the claim that half a million dollars had been saved by the Printing Bureau reorganization. This reorganization, he pointed out, had been brought about by a committee of Canadian printers, and not by Arthur Young & Co.

Advocates Old System.

Senator Fowler advocated a return to the old system of appointment for the outside service, claiming that a member of Parliament was the best judge of, and the only one directly responsible for, appointments. It is not so much his conduct in Parliament as his recommendations of offices that decides the fate of member of Parliament," said the New Brunswick Senator. "The Government has its ear to the ground for a certain type of moral and social reformers rather than for commonsense business people."

Senator Robertson said that the principle guiding in the Civil Service administration since Confederation had resulted in the aged and infirm securing the higher salaries, and the young and virile the lower. The principals of Arthur Young & Co. were born in Glasgow and engaged in reclassification work in the United States. Canada had no such firm. Many of the employees of Griffen-Hagen Company were Canadians.

The Government, in any case, retained full authority to reject, accept or amend any of the proposals of this firm, and the Civil Service Commission was in full accord with the work being done. Senator Robertson asked that the bill be adopted. Senator Robertson added that the contract with Griffen-Hagen Company for the work of reorganization had not yet been signed.

Moves Amendment.

When the bill reached the committee stage, Senator Fowler moved an amendment providing that the 1918 Act and amendments thereto should not apply to employees, officers and clerks of the Senate. Supporting his amendment, Senator Fowler said that it was desirable that the Senate should have control of its own staff. He said the House of Commons had, of late, shown a tendency to encroach upon the privileges of the Senate. The present Speaker of the Commons had ruled that no Senator must come within the Lower House's sacred precincts. "Although I am a former member of that House," said Senator Fowler, "I am debarred from its ebbbies. I mention this merely to show that we should be careful to safeguard our rights and privileges."

Sir James Lougheed pointed out that the passage of the amendment proposed by Senator Fowler might place the Senate in an embarrassing position, as it would mean restoration, so far as the Senate was concerned, of the conditions which obtained prior to 1918.

WILL REJECT OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

Sinn Feiners Not Ready to Accept Proposed Amendment to Irish Home Rule Bill.

London, June 16—The House of Commons has tabled proposed amendments to the Irish Home Rule Bill which were designed to prevent setting up a Republican parliament in Ireland, by making it essential that all candidates take the oath of allegiance to Great Britain in order to qualify for office. The amendments also provide that, under certain conditions, the British Vice-Roy in Ireland would be empowered to assume supreme legislative authority.

Sinn Fein sympathizers declare the amendments bore out their prediction that the government had a joker up its sleeve, adding that no Sinn Feiner would take the oath of allegiance.