

THE WHOLESALE GROCERS' ASSN. IN CONVENTION

Eminent Speakers in Open Discussion of Questions Troubling the Consumers.

BELGIUM RECEDES FROM POSITION

Will Permit Munitions to Pass Through to Poland.

RUSSIA WILL BE REUNITED

And Function Under a Govt' Expressing Will of Majority, Says Gen. Wrangle.

Toronto, Aug. 26.—President Hugh Blaine, at the opening of the Wholesale Grocers' Convention at the King Edward Hotel today, said that since the war confusion had been worse than founded than ever. Everywhere there was a wall of distress, "even in our land, where plenty abounds."

"We are pursuing a course of extravagance and thriftlessness. The shock of the war seemed to have distorted the moral and industrial fibre of the world. The high cost of living—the result of those conditions—has been largely attributed to the distributor, the so-called middleman, while, as a matter of fact, the responsibility rests chiefly with the producer," said Mr. Blaine.

"In my experience, the distributor actually made a lower percentage of profit on his turnover during the war than he did previously."

Over 125 wholesale grocers from all parts of Canada were present when the address of welcome was given by the Lieutenant Governor.

Armand Chaput, of Montreal, replying to His Honor, pleaded for more unity between Ontario and Quebec.

"My her position, Quebec holds the gate of the federation and I may say the key that opens the gates that will lead to the midst of our great country," he said.

"We in Quebec enjoy more liberties, less labor troubles and more freedom of language and religion than any other place in the Dominion. We are all here for a sole object, of uniting forces to battle in the life of business and fair play for all."

A telegraphic message was received from J. H. McLaughlin, president of the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association, of the United States, dated at New York, expressing regret that he could not attend the convention in Toronto, owing to "the extremely critical condition of the sugar market of the United States."

Mr. McLaughlin stated, in his message, that the sugar market was demoralized, and many wholesale grocers throughout the country were threatened with financial ruin. He stated that he was being deluged with letters and telegrams in consequence.

President Hugh Blaine stated that the sugar business in the United States was ten times worse than in Canada.

In a discussion on "the uniformity on charging sales tax," J. W. Charles, of Niagara Falls, Ont., claimed that manufacturer should make an allowance of one per cent. on account of the wholesaler all along the line. He declared that it was the average retailer and not the public who was made "the goat" throughout the country.

"It would be easy if price lists were adhered to by the wholesalers," remarked Mr. McIntosh, of the Toasted Corn Flakes Company, London, Ont., "but price lists are not being adhered to. Sir Edmund Walker, president of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, who addressed the convention this afternoon on "the Canadian system of banking," stated his belief that high prices, as compared with prices before the war, would last for another generation, though he thought they would not continue as high as they have been. "The price of all commodities and all services," Sir Edmund said, "will have to be high until we have broken the back of the war debt."

WILL MANAGE TWO RAILROADS

Matter of Coordinating Grand Trunk and C. N. R. is Now in Hand.

Winnipeg, Aug. 26.—A. E. Warren, in addition to being general manager, Western Lines, Canadian National Railway, has assumed the position of General Manager of the Grand Trunk Railway. He stated that the matter of co-ordinating in every way the operations of the two railways is now in hand and that the announcement regarding the official changes resulting therefrom will be available in a day or two.

There seems to be some misunderstanding about the price of The Standard

price of The St. John Standard is two cents per copy, not three cents. And this applies to all trains as well as newsdealers and boys.

POLES ADVANCE INTO RUSSIAN TERRITORY

Paris, Aug. 26.—Polish forces have entered Grodno, according to a despatch to the Matin today. Grodno, 160 miles northeast of Warsaw, was last reported to be the Bolshevik main headquarters. It is in Russian territory.

ANOTHER MURDER MYSTERY IN N. Y.

Woman Found Slain in Woods With Man's Gold Watch Chain Clutched in Her Hand.

Grantwood, N. J., Aug. 26.—A man's gold watch chain, clutched in the dead hand of 26-year-old Mrs. Blanche Schulz, former burlesque actress and wife of a New York car conductor, found slain in the woods near the Hudson River yesterday, is being traced tonight as the main clue to the new murder.

Identification of Mrs. Schulz's body today, and the formal finding by Bergen county authorities that she probably had been stunned, attacked and then killed by cutting her throat, brought close inquiry into the movements of Frank Schulz, her husband, last Saturday night when the woman is believed to have met her death.

Later in the day the police announced that no suspicion was attached to Schulz, and trailers were sent out broadcast on the trail of the owner of the watch chain—the single bit of material evidence which promises hope for identification of the murderer.

Helen E. Hermann, who was mistakenly identified last night as the girl whose body was found yesterday in the woods near Grantwood, N. J., appeared at the marriage license bureau here today with Nicola Rintrom, a chauffeur, the couple were taken to police headquarters in order that the girl might be confronted with her partner.

Schulz tonight was ordered held as a material witness by District Attorney Laughlin, Bergen county, after he had announced there were numerous discrepancies in his statement.

Harry Faulkner, a friend of Schulz, who was with him Sunday night when Schulz said he searched for his wife, was also held tonight as a material witness. Both Schulz and Faulkner were taken to Hackensack.

MASONIC PICNIC AT ALBERT

Hillsboro and Albert Lodges Join in a Day of Sports and Fun.

Albert, Aug. 24.—A joint Masonic picnic of Howard Lodge, Hillsboro, and Albert Lodge, of Albert, was held at the Rocks on Thursday of last week. The day was an ideal one for the purpose, and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

After a pleasant dinner, under the shade trees, the guests were guided around the rocks, after which a game of baseball was played by the two lodges, Howard Lodge, of Hillsboro, winning by a small majority.

Sports were then held which proved very interesting. The most amusing event being a team race in which the men were blind-folded and driven by the ladies.

A number of small hurdles were placed in the course and guided only by run and whip of their fair drivers. Numerous collisions, spills, etc., was the result, in many cases the drivers going down with their horses. No serious accidents occurred, however, all starters coming down the home stretch and under the wire with very little distance separating them.

Last, but not least, a tag-of-war between the two lodges, Albert winning chiefly through their anchor man, Brother Collins, who is of the heavy-weight class.

As evening came on the guests departed homeward, voting the picnic a huge success.

A motion is to be put before the lodges making it an annual affair, which, no doubt, will be carried unanimously.

DIVISIONS OF OPINION ARE MORE ACUTE

Irish Executive and the Cabinet Not in Accord Over Methods Employed.

REDMOND ACTED ON OWN INITIATIVE

Irish Republican Party Do Not Agree With Him in His Statement to Lloyd George.

London, Aug. 26.—The Evening Standard's Dublin correspondent says: "Divisions of opinion between the Irish executive and the cabinet have reached an acute stage, culminating in Sir Hamar Greenwood's visit to Premier Lloyd George at Lucerne. The Vice Roy's position, as well as that of the responsible members of the executive, is in the balance and it is stated here that the next few days will bring definite announcement of a more liberal and ameliorative policy in Ireland, or resignation that must vitally alter the personnel of the Irish administration."

"The fact is that MacSwiney, and other hunger strikers, have been more or less the cause of precipitating the present crisis, but the situation has been ripening for months."

"Viscount French and his counselors frankly oppose the policy of drastic repression and, while fully prepared to enforce law and order, they hold that conciliatory measures should immediately be given a more particular form than hitherto. While Sir Hamar Greenwood sympathizes with this view, and is prepared to support it, he feels that his share in the Irish administration must necessarily take its direction from the cabinet."

London, Aug. 26.—Father Dominic, interviewed by the Press Association regarding Redmond Howard's appeal to the King in behalf of the Lord Mayor, said that Mr. Howard was acting without any authority from the Irish Republican party. The party, he declared, did not agree with Mr. Howard's statement in the telegram that murders were being committed in Ireland. The Republicans did not admit that any murders whatever had been committed.

Mary MacSwiney, the Lord Mayor's sister, today replied to the telegram which Premier Lloyd George sent her yesterday from Lucerne. She said: "I made no appeal to you for exceptional treatment for my brother. I warned you of your responsibility in event of his death. He and his comrades demand that freedom as a right."

"If my brother, or any of his comrades, must die to win that freedom, they do so willingly, and we are proud of them, but their death lies on you and your government. Self-determination, for which you say England went to war, is as much Ireland's right as Poland's. We claim it and will have it, even if you have decided that my brother is to die."

PONZI BECOMES POPULAR HERO

Thongs Follow Him as He Traverses Newspaper Row in Boston.

Boston, Aug. 26.—Charles Ponzi, on leave of absence from the East Canada jail, today revisited places familiar to him in the palmy days of his career as a popular financier. His tour was in connection with the effort of his recent years to round up what remains of his property for the benefit of creditors.

As jauntily in demeanor as in the heyday of his popularity, Ponzi again attracted crowds in the business district, and policemen mounted on foot patrolled newspaper row while the throngs sought a glimpse of him.

VICTORIA BRIDGE READY FOR TRAFFIC

Three-Quarters of a Mile of Planked Roadway and a Number of Steel Girders Placed in Four Days.

Montreal, Aug. 26.—Three-quarters of a mile of planked roadway and a number of steel supports on Victoria Bridge which was burned last Sunday will be all ready at ten tonight, the Grand Trunk Railway Company announced today. The burning of the road, the only thoroughfare connecting Montreal with New York at a time when transit traffic has been heavy has caused much congestion and delay.

OPPOSITION TO ARMSTRONG

Shelburne, N. S., Aug. 26.—This was a significant day in Shelburne for the election caused by the retirement of Frank E. Smith, to allow Hon. E. H. Armstrong to run as Commissioner of Works and Mines. The latter was nominated by the Liberals, and Zenas P. Bower (Lumberman) was nominated as an independent candidate with the support of Labor, Farmers and Merchants.

Fear Attempt On The Life of Lloyd George

London, Aug. 26.—The Daily Mail's Lucerne correspondent sends the following:

"Owing to the reported departure from Ireland of six Sinn Feiners believed to be members of a group sworn to take Premier Lloyd George's life, the authorities are taking special precautions to safeguard him."

WESTERN ITINERARY OF TARIFF COMMISSION

Provides for Fourteen Sitings on Other Side of Great Lakes.

Ottawa, Aug. 26.—(By Canadian Press)—The official itinerary of the Tariff Enquiry Commission, issued tonight covering the four Western Provinces and Ontario as far East as Windsor, provides for fourteen sittings on the other side of the Great Lakes, and three additional sittings at Port William and Port Arthur, Saint Ste Marie and Windsor.

Winnipeg and Vancouver will have two sittings each. The dates of additional Eastern sittings will be announced later by Sir Henry Drayton, Minister of Finance.

The itinerary as announced is as follows: Winnipeg, September 14; Medicine Hat, September 17; Vancouver, September 20; Victoria, September 23; Vancouver, September 24; Vernon, September 27; Nelson, September 30; Calgary, October 4; Edmonton, October 6; Saskatoon, October 8; Regina, October 11; Brandon, October 13; Winnipeg, October 15; Port William and Port Arthur, October 15; Saint Ste Marie, October 18; Windsor, October 21.

WALESES FAVORING THE COAL STRIKE

Miners' Votes Recorders Show Large Majorities for Strike—Anti-Strike Unions Active.

London, Aug. 26.—Balloting today again shows heavy majorities in Wales in favor of a miners' strike. But in some parts of the country adverse votes were recorded. The indications are, however, that the strike will be voted by the necessary two-thirds majority.

Simultaneously, the anti-strike movement among other trade unions is growing fast, as the public begins to realize the serious results a coal strike would have on practically all trades, apart from domestic linen, venance and discomfit. Campaigning is active on both sides and strong efforts at mediation by the moderate labor leaders may be expected immediately the result of the balloting is announced.

INCREASES IN JOINT RATES

Authorized by Railway Commission for All Traffic Crossing the International Border.

Ottawa, Aug. 26.—(By Canadian Press)—The order of the Railway Commission, authorizing increases in the joint rates on traffic passing across the international boundary, went into effect today. This order was made on the application of the American Railway Association, which represented to the Railway Commission that increases had been authorized by the Inter State Commerce Commission on United States roads, and that the rates authorized by that body should be made applicable to international joint rates. The order applies to all rates and charges which were increased under the order of the Inter State Commerce Commission.

HUNGER STRIKERS TO HOSPITAL

Eleven of Them Removed from Cork Jail to Prison Infirmary.

Dublin, Aug. 26.—An announcement was made at Dublin Castle this evening that eleven hunger striking prisoners in the Cork jail had been transferred from cells to the prison hospital. The announcement added that no prisoners released were to be allowed to stand in the way of any possible palliative treatment.

A large creamery at Knocklong, County Limerick, was burned today on fire but the flames were extinguished.

SERIOUS RIOTS TERRORIZING THE BELFAST FOLKS

Riots Followed by Looting and Many Fires of Incendiary Origin.

MANY CASUALTIES FOLLOW CONFLICT

Between Military and Sinn Feiners, the Latter Being Objects of Machine Gun Fire.

Belfast, Aug. 26.—Serious rioting broke out in Belfast tonight during which there was considerable shooting and some incendiarism. A number of wounded persons were taken to hospitals.

Tonight's rioting began in the Falls district of West Belfast, the scene of the deadliest fighting in the July disturbances. It started with revolver firing, near the Kashmir Road of evil memories. Albert Street, in the Falls area, situated in the populous mill locality mostly inhabited by Nationalists, became the new storm center.

During the trouble an armored car appeared and fired on the rioters, a number of whom were taken to hospitals suffering from machine gun wounds. Crowds of shabby workers appeared from the side streets waving Union Jacks.

The military was heartily cheered as it was a section of the fire brigade which was summoned for an incendiary fire at the foot of Seaford street. A few minutes after the fire started the whole block was a seething mass of flames. There was much looting.

Many Fires
During last night's rioting the casualties were reported as one person killed and twenty injured, including two young women. One of the latter is in a critical state.

The fire brigade reported twenty-eight incendiary fires in the twelve hours ending at seven o'clock this morning. Thirty-nine persons were arrested for rioting and kindred offences.

The rioting originated in a report that Nationalists, yesterday, stoned children leaving the Campbell Street Nationalist School at Ballinacree, a Belfast suburb. Robert Caldwell, principal of the school, denied that the pupils were attacked, but there is no doubt that the report was believed by both sides, and that it set off like matches to tinder, especially since the recollection was still fresh of the stoning of a Sunday school excursion at Castle Dawson which precipitated a great riot following the Larkin Engineering strike in 1907.

LODGE BALKS ON IRISH QUESTION

Has Expressed Sympathy With Them and Has Nothing Further to Say.

Boston, Aug. 26.—Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, in a letter sent yesterday to State Senator John J. Walsh said that the resolution passed by the Senate last year expressing "sympathy with the aspirations of the Irish people for a government of their own choice" expressed his attitude with regard to Ireland, and that he had nothing to add to it.

The letter was in reply to one from Senator Walsh, asking that he introduce a resolution to provide for financing a commission from the United States to investigate conditions in Ireland.

HYDROPLANE AT FREDERICTON

First Machine in Trans-Canada Flight Reaches Capital.

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, Aug. 26.—The hydroplane No. 47, in a flight from Halifax to Ottawa, alighted on the east coast river here shortly after five o'clock this afternoon, after a flight of three hours and forty minutes, covering 212 miles.

The plane will start on the next leg of the course Friday morning, expecting to make River du Loup, Quebec, about the same distance. The machine came from Halifax via Truro, Isle Haute and the St. John Valley, not going within 200 miles of St. John city. Supplies were taken on here for the rest of the flight.

HOLD CEMENT IN CANADA

Shipment of Cement to States Retarding Construction Work in This Country.

GARRISON AT MAIMANAI MUTINIED

Bulletin, London, Aug. 26.—A despatch to the London Times from Simla, British India, dated Thursday, says the Northern Afghan Garrison at Maimanai, Sharif, has mutinied owing to Bolshevik influences. The troops are demanding the establishment of soldiers' councils on the Russian plan.

SIR THOMAS LIPTON TALKS OF YACHT RACE

Will Challenge Again Next Year for America's Cup—Thinks Canada Has a Chance.

Toronto, Aug. 26.—Probably the most jovial, hearty man in the Empire arrived in Toronto today in the person of Sir Thomas Lipton. Tired after a night's traveling, he sat down in the room at his hotel for three-quarters of an hour to tell two reporters all the amusing circumstances concerning the late races for the America's Cup, of which he could think.

"Next year I am going to challenge for the America's Cup," he said. "That Cup has been in a foreign country for seventy years, and I think that a month of its native air would do it good. This year we did something that has never been done before."

"We won two races. I think that the Americans were decidedly nervous after the second race. We are going to use the same type of yacht next year that we always used. Yes, we'll stick to the same type. If I were certain of winning a race, I would never race it would not be sport."

"What do you think of a Canadian boat as a challenger for the America's Cup?" he was asked.

"I do not know very much about it, but I should think that a Canadian boat would have as good a chance as any other," he answered.

REV. DR. D. HUTCHINSON, WITH WIFE AND DAUGHTER, HAVE BEEN VISITING SON—CONSIDERABLE BUILDING GOING ON IN WESTERN CITY.

Rev. Dr. David Hutchinson, pastor of the Main street Baptist church, accompanied by his daughter, has returned from Winnipeg, where they visited Doctor Hutchinson's son, William, and had a delightful visit.

Speaking of the trip, Dr. Hutchinson says they were away six weeks, and every moment was very enjoyable. His son, William, managed to take his vacation during the time they were in Winnipeg and was able to devote his entire time to his father, mother and sister.

On the journey home the party visited Port Arthur, Saint Ste Marie, Fort William, Niagara Falls and Toronto. Speaking of conditions at Winnipeg, Dr. Hutchinson told The Standard last evening that while he was in the large western city there was a great labor problem debate on between one big union and another labor fraction. There is considerable building going on at present, and while talking with a real estate man, the doctor was informed that, although there is not such a boom as there was before the war, things are more ample and the prospects are very bright.

MACKENZIE KING SPEAKS AT RENFREW

Invites Laborers and Farmers to Help Elect Liberal Candidates.

Renfrew, Ont., Aug. 26.—Two thousand citizens of Renfrew and the surrounding district gave welcome to Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King here this evening. Many could not gain admittance to the armories. He made a strong appeal to both Labor and Farmers to enter politics, but not to enter as a class because, he said, if one class gained ground, jealousy would be engineered in another class, which would prove disastrous to both. He invited both parties to join forces with the Liberals, who, he said, were real democrats and ready to put into effect the lessons which the war had taught. He advocated tariff reform and described as dishonest people who talked free trade at this stage of Canada's history. He advocated reduction of duties on necessities of life.

"The country is honey-combed with combines at the present time," he said, "and the Government, instead of trying to combat them, are playing into their hands." He also strongly criticized a party which changed its name, policy, and Premier, without reference to the people of the country. Surely, he stated, no one could allege they were being governed by the people.

Other interesting addresses were also given by Mr. Jos. Archambault, R. C. M. P., Chambly-Vereches, and Mr. A. R. MacMaster, M. P. Froms, who attacked the Union Government for its autocratic policy.

THE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES AFTER BANDITS

Prompt Measures Taken to Secure Release of Foreigners.

FIVE THOUSAND TROOPS SENT OUT

Are Scouring the Mountains for Bandit Camp—Kidnappers Will be Severely Punished.

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Washington, Aug. 26.—Prompt measures have been taken by the Mexican government to obtain the release of the American and British citizens captured by bandits in the state of Jalisco, according to information reaching the State Department today from the American embassy in Mexico City. Five thousand federal troops have been sent into the mountainous country, where the incident occurred, ordered to obtain the release of the prisoners at once, and assurances have been given that all other steps considered necessary will be taken. The State Department has instructed the embassy in Mexico City to see that the pledges were carried out.

No definite information has been received here as to the number of persons in the hands of the bandits. Mexico City press reports have already reported that the British legation in Mexico City has received the names of six Americans and one Englishman as the captives.

A statement issued today by the State Department said: "The Mexican foreign office has advised the American embassy at Mexico City that it has taken urgent steps to bring about the prompt release of foreigners, including Americans, who are reported to have been kidnapped at the mining camp of Cuale, State of Jalisco, by bandits under the leadership of Zamora. Cuale is about 100 miles west of Guadalajara, the capital of the State of Jalisco. It is a mountainous and almost inaccessible region of Jalisco and more than 75 miles from a railroad."

"Five thousand federal troops under the command of General Enrique Estrada, according to the Mexico City press yesterday, are already in pursuit of the bandits. These troops have instructions from the Mexican government to annihilate the bandit gang and the troops are already in the region of Zamora's activities. The Excelsior states that eleven American and a British citizen are being held."

"The American embassy has reported that the British legation at Mexico City has received notice that the captives included Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doyle, Harry B. Gardner, three other Americans named Horvath, Culvert and Dietrich, and a British subject named W. B. Johnson. No other names have been reported to the department. The department has received no further particulars of the kidnapping."

WORKERS DESTROY MANY HYDROPLANES

Property Valued at \$2,000,000, Confiscated by Entente, Destroyed.

London, Aug. 26.—Munitions and hydro-aeroplanes valued at nearly \$2,000,000 which recently were confiscated by the Entente Commission in the Pineshe works on the Spree River were destroyed Thursday evening by the 3,000 employes of the plant, many of whom are ex-Communists, says a Berlin despatch to the London Times.

The Reichwehr was summoned out but proved powerless to act. The government is sending representatives to the scene.

BIG STRIKE ON LAKE STEAMERS

Cooks and Stewards Quit Work Yesterday in Effort to Enforce Wage Demands

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 26.—Between 200 and 300 stewards and cooks on lake vessels in the Cleveland harbor went on strike today in accordance with orders received last night from J. M. Secord, General Secretary of the Marine Cooks and Stewards' Union of the Great Lakes, according to local union officials. The men demand a twenty per cent. increase in wages and eight-hour day.

Make it your favorite

pastime to complain if your Standard is not delivered regularly and satisfactorily. \$5.00 in cash will be paid for evidence leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone caught stealing Standards from subscriber's homes or from doorways.