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ARMY AND NAVY VETERANS IN CONVENTION AT MONTREAL

WAR MEASURES ACT LIKELY TO REMAIN UNTIL TREATY IS RATIFIED BY THE GOVT.

Prohibition, Racetrack Betting and Other Orders-in-Council Will Be Considered by Dominion Parliament At Next Session—Early Proclamation in Great Britain Will Be Followed by Immediate Action in Canada.

Ottawa, July 23.—Parliament will be in session again before the war measures act, and the race track betting, prohibition, and other war-time orders-in-council passed under its provisions, expire. Such is the understanding here, and was the understanding when Parliament prorogued a fortnight ago. At this time, the final complete text of the peace treaty with Germany had not been received in Ottawa and, therefore, could not be submitted to Parliament for ratification. Drafts as prepared had been received and changes made were cabled from Paris. But it was not until the arrival in Ottawa of Hon. J. Doherty, who with Hon. A. L. Sifton, signed the treaty as Canadian plenipotentiaries, that the text as signed at Versailles was available. The understanding with the British Government when Sir Robert Borden left London was that there would be no proclamation of peace by Great Britain for some time, and not before the Canadian Parliament had full time to ratify.

Special Session in Fall.

Since then, however, greater necessity has apparently arisen in Great Britain for an early proclamation that a state of war no longer exists. It is in communication with the imperial authorities on the subject, and that there is being laid on the necessity for full opportunity being given to the Dominion Parliament for discussion of the treaty's terms before formal proclamation of peace by the King. Notice has already been given of a special session in the fall for ratification. While the question has not been discussed in the cabinet as yet, it is probable that these war measures will be advanced a week or two to avoid any uncertainty. But that peace will be officially proclaimed before the Dominion Government can be summoned is regarded here as extremely unlikely.

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WHEN CAN LIQUOR COME INTO ONTARIO?

(From Toronto Telegram.)

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UP AND DOWN TOGETHER

URGES PRIVATE OWNERSHIP OF RAILWAYS UNDER SUPERVISION OF U. S. TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Plan Offered to Congress Commerce Committee Calls For Government Assurance That Companies Will Receive Net Return of Six Per Cent On Their Investments.

Washington, July 23.—Private ownership and operation of railroads, merged into twenty or thirty great competing systems under the supervision of a federal transportation board, with a statutory rule of rate making assuring to the roads a net return of 6 per cent, was offered today to the House commerce committee today, as the plan of the national transportation conference held here today.

Harry A. Wallace, former president of the chamber of commerce of the United States, who assembled the conference, explained that the plan was evolved over six months, at which shippers, railroad men, labor union officials and bankers, had been heard. The plan evolved was said to be a combination of the best features of plans already put forward by some new elements assembled in a remedial conference.

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GEORGE H. PRIMROSE, FAMOUS MINSTREL, DIES IN CALIFORNIA

Well-Known Theatrical Man Was Born in London.

ON STAGE AT 15

Credited With Having Originated Soft Shoe Dancing.

San Diego, Calif., July 23.—George H. Primrose, famous minstrel, died here today, following a severe illness that began one month ago. He was born in London, Ont., 66 years ago. A widow and a brother survive him.

Primrose's career as a minstrel dates since the time of the famous Haverly troupe. He began his stage career with fifteen years old, and is credited with having originated soft-shoe dancing.



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having originated soft-shoe dancing. After being with the Haverly troupe for several years, Primrose toured the country with a company known as Barlow, Wilson, Primrose and West. Later the name was changed to Primrose and West, a combination which lasted for many years. About 16 years ago, Primrose joined forces with Lew Dockett. Of late years he has appeared on the vaudeville stage.

General regret is felt in the city in the death of one of London's old boys. George H. Primrose, known as the American content as a minstrel and vaudeville artist. His death occurred today after a long illness.

George Primrose was born in this city, and for some years lived in Wellington street, below the tracks. He was a well-known figure in the city, and was always a regular "cut-up."

It was in London that Mr. Primrose first went into theatricals, little private performances at first and he later had a theatrical company known as the "Famous" and he was always a regular "cut-up."

The last time that he was in the city was in 1909, when he brought his own troupe to London, and received a great ovation at the Grand Theatre. By special request he danced the "soft shoe" dance, of which he was the originator.

A great many of London's older citizens knew the great minstrel well and speak very highly of him, as being a man of very fine character and a very clever vaudeville artist.

PLAGUE OF LOCUSTS ALMOST OBSCURE SUN

Rio Janeiro, Tuesday, July 23.—This city and vicinity are suffering today from a plague of locusts. Clouds of locusts from the south, swept in upon the town, massed in such dense swarms that in some places they almost obscured the sun. Damage to the crops and to vegetation in general in the interior is feared.

SARNIA MAN KILLED WHEN HAND TOUCHES HIGH VOLTAGE WIRE

Lee McLaren Meets Death While Working At Pole Transformer.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Sarnia, July 23.—Lee McLaren, a married man, 25 years of age, was electrocuted today when his hand touched a high voltage wire while working at the top of a pole. He was carrying a transformer on his back, and was working on a pole at the rear of Watson's clothing store. He was carrying a transformer on his back, and was working on a pole at the rear of Watson's clothing store. He was carrying a transformer on his back, and was working on a pole at the rear of Watson's clothing store.

An inquest will be ordered.

Mexico Is Infested With Twenty-Five Bands of Rebels

Carranza Has Force of 60,000 To Oppose Rebelious Element.

Washington, July 23.—Twenty-five distinct bands of rebels, with a strength of about 35,000 men, now are operating in Mexico, according to a tabulation which has just been published in Mexico City. Opposing them, Carranza has a force of about 60,000 men, however, is able to control little more than the railway lines with a narrow strip along the Pacific coast, from Guaymas to San Blas, and the territory around Tampico.

POLISH TROOPS TAKE TARNOPOL

Copenhagen, July 23.—Tarnopol, in Eastern Galicia, in the district in dispute between the Ukrainians and Poles, has been taken by Polish troops, the Polish general staff announces.

The Russian Bolshevik Government has already conceded the capture of Tarnopol by the Poles.

What's Doing Tonight?

Majestic—Charles Ray in "Hay Foot, Straw Foot," and vaudeville.

Grand—Anna Case in "The Hidden Truth," and vaudeville.

MEMBERS OF CREW WHO REFUSED TO TESTIFY ARE HELD

Investigation Into Dirigible Accident at Chicago Resumed.

Chicago, July 23.—The investigation by federal, state and city authorities into the cause of the destruction of the Goodyear, Tire and Rubber Company's dirigible, which resulted in the death of 12 persons and the injury of 28 others, and the wrecking of the company's building, was resumed today. The investigation, which started on Monday, was adjourned because of the refusal of two witnesses—John A. Boettner, pilot of the ill-fated airship, and W. C. Young, local aeronautical expert of the company, to testify, which is the subject of a writ of habeas corpus.

Coroner Hoffman is working with a double jury in an attempt to place the responsibility for the deaths, one jury hearing testimony and the other acting in an advisory capacity.

LETTER-CARRIERS TO STRIKE UNLESS THEY GET INCREASED PAY

Montreal and Toronto Men Dissatisfied With Low Wages.

Montreal, July 23.—Montreal's letter carriers may go on strike in a few days, Monday at the latest, if their demands for an immediate increase in pay, and a 10 per cent increase in the federal powers for their services are not met.

Toronto's mail men also threaten to go out on Friday.

"We are back to the 1912 rate of pay since July 1," one of the Montreal men said this morning. "We have been working steadily for months, and it has not come."

There are 500 carriers in Montreal, and they are asking for a maximum of \$1,200 per year.

FRENCH NEWSPAPERS PLEASED WITH VOTE TO M. CLEMENCEAU

Result Indicates That the Premier's Methods Are Not Blamed.

Paris, July 23.—All newspapers, excepting those distinctly hostile to the Government, comment today upon the success of Premier Clemenceau when he was voted of confidence in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday. Some papers make the point that the result shows the vote on Friday, in which the Government was in the minority, was not aimed at the Government, but at the policy designed to end the high cost of living, which it was declared, threatened to paralyze the country. The papers express pleasure that Clemenceau had pledged himself to consult the country soon, through the coming elections.

KING WILL PRESS BUTTON TO UNVEIL CARTIER MEMORIAL

Montreal, July 23.—King George has consented to unveil the memorial here to Sir Edmond Cartier by pressing a button at Balmoral. The Duke of Cornwall, who today ended E. W. Villeneuve, president of the Cartier Centenary, of which the former governor-general was a patron, that His Majesty would unveil the statue by this method.

On September 6, the anniversary of Cartier's birthday, a wire will be run from Balmoral to the Canadian Pacific cable and the Canadian land lines, thus forming a direct electrical connection.

PRODUCTION OF COAL IN CANADA IS BELOW THAT OF LAST YEAR

Total Output For May Last Was Below Million Tons.

Ottawa, July 23.—The Dominion Bureau of Statistics, in its monthly survey of the coal production of the Dominion, reports that the total Canadian output of coal during the month of May was 996,536 tons, as compared with 1,217,893 tons during May last year. In May, the production fell from 509,975 to 493,833 tons, while the production of bituminous coal in Alberta dropped from 255,462 to 187,304 tons.

DEPUTIES EXCLUDED

French Socialists Members Voted For Military Appropriations.

Paris, July 23.—The council of the Senate, at a meeting last night, voted to exclude from the party and for candidacy for retention on the Socialist ticket three deputies from the department, M. Neveux, M. Rodier and M. Delaunay. The reason for the exclusion was that the deputies had voted for military appropriations.

LACK OF FUNDS MAY PREVENT SENDING OF MEN TO CONVENTION

Vancouver Labor Men Are Not Likely To Be Represented At Hamilton Convention.

Vancouver, July 23.—It is unlikely that the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council will send delegates to the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council, to be held in Hamilton, Ont., September 22, according to J. E. McLeod, secretary of the council.

The secretary said they would not send anybody if they could spare the money.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 84; lowest, 61.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 75; lowest, 55.

TOMORROW—THUNDER SHOWERS.

Toronto, July 23.—8 a.m.

Today—Light winds; fine and warm. Thursday—Moderate westerly winds; mostly fair, but thunder showers in a few localities.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Vancouver	86	54	Clear
Victoria	86	54	Clear
Calgary	84	50	Cloudy
Winnipeg	84	50	Cloudy
Port Arthur	80	58	Clear
Port Stanley	74	58	Clear
Buffalo	72	58	Clear
Toronto	84	60	Clear
Kingston	86	62	Fair
Quebec	84	60	Clear
Montreal	86	64	Cloudy
Father Point	82	62	Fair
Quebec	84	60	Fair

Weather Notes.

Pressure distribution has changed but little since yesterday, except that there has been moderate eastward movement of the shallow low area from Manitoba and Quebec.

The weather is showery and foggy in the Maritime Provinces. Elsewhere it is fine and warm.

COBALT MINERS STRIKE, DEMAND BETTER WAGES, SHORTER HOURS

All Mines in Northern Camp Affected by Walkout.

STRIKERS TO PARADE

Action Follows Refusal of the Mine Managers To Accept Conciliation.

Cobalt, July 23.—As threatened for some time and definitely decided upon last Sunday, the miners of the Cobalt camp went on strike at noon today, after the refusal of the mine management to consent to Senator Robertson's proposal for a board of conciliation to hear the grievance of the men regarding wages, hours and conditions.

This afternoon all the mines in the camp are affected, although some of them may keep their pumps going by steam.

A parade of the strikers is called for this evening.

The street railway, power and lighting services are being operated as usual, and the municipal and company officials are continuing to the continuance of these public utilities, which the strike threatens to disrupt.

So far as the miners' walkout is concerned, neither side is moving towards settlement, according to official report.

ONLY SLIGHT DECLINES IN COBALT STOCKS ON TORONTO MARKET

Toronto, July 23.—News that the long threatened strike of miners at Cobalt had at last become an accomplished fact, had little effect on the mining market here today, probably because it had been expected in most quarters for some time. There was little trading in some of the stocks, and the declines in prices were not at all serious.

Some of the members of the mining exchange here expressed surprise that the mine managers did not immediately accept a board of conciliation, as suggested by Senator Robertson.

WELSH COAL MINERS DECIDE NOT TO JOIN YORKSHIRE STRIKERS

275,000 Employees in Three Districts Now On Strike.

GEDDES AT LEEDS

Affording Protection to Men Willing To Work At Pumps.

TROOPS ON SCENE

London, July 23.—Troops were moved today into the Yorkshire coalfield, where the Government representative, explained that the move was for the protection of the mine men engaged in keeping the mine pumps in operation.

He is now at Leeds.

He sent telegrams also to the lord mayor and councils of the principal cities and towns in Yorkshire, Lancashire, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, emphasizing the need of coal, and notifying them that drastic restrictions will be put upon railroad services.

Ten thousand miners in Nottingham refused to go to work today as a sympathetic movement in support of the Yorkshire strike. Altogether more than a quarter of a million mine workers are idle because of the railway.

Representatives of the railway men, transport workers and miners met in London today in an executive session to consider action.

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ATLANTIC LINERS READY TO SAIL FOR CANADA HELD UP AT LIVERPOOL BY STRIKE

Scotian With 2,000 Passengers for Montreal, Is Held Back Due to Strike Among Dockers—Adriatic and Orduna Have Sailings Cancelled Indefinitely—No Prospects of Early Settlement.

Liverpool, July 23.—The strike among the dockers, which broke out here early this week, has resulted in bringing about chaos in the arrangements for handling more than 200 ships at this port, their sailings being cancelled or indefinitely postponed. The steamer Scotian, with 2,000 passengers, was ready to sail for Montreal yesterday, but was unable to leave. The Adriatic, due to leave on Thursday for New York, and the Orduna, scheduled to sail for New York on Saturday, have had their sailings indefinitely postponed. It seems unlikely that these two liners will be able to leave on time, and perhaps not until the strike is settled. There were no apparent prospects today of any speedy settlement of the difficulty.

VETERANS WOULD COMPEL ALL PROFITEERS TO REFUND EXCESS PROFITS TO NATION'S TREASURY

Proposals To Reduce High Cost of Living Are Made by the Winnipeg Delegates At Opening of Army and Navy Veterans' Association Convention in Montreal.

Montreal, July 23.—At least three proposals for making profiteers refund excess profits to the national treasury, for reducing the high cost of living and keeping the necessities of life at a reasonable figure and for insuring for labor a fair return for its toil, and for business enterprises a fair return on the capital actually used, were made at the dominion convention of the Army and Navy Veterans' Association by the Winnipeg delegates. The convention opened here today. Delegates of veterans of the British wars for the last 60 years are present from various parts of Canada.

BOLSHEVIKI ASK RUMANIANS TO CEASE FIGHTING

Peace Offer Is Made On Behalf of Lenin.

London, July 23.—A Bolshevik delegation arrived at Kishinev with an offer of peace to the commander of the Rumanian Danube troops on behalf of Nikolai Lenin, the Bolshevik premier, according to a government wireless dispatch.

Lenin offers to conclude a peace treaty with Rumania on condition that Rumania shall prohibit Ukrainian citizens and bands of Admiral Kolchak, head of the all-Russian government at Omsk, from crossing the Rumanian frontier. An armistice to last eight days has been concluded on the Bessarabian front, and the delegation has gone to the Rumanian headquarters.

WINNIPEG WORKERS PROTESTING AGAINST EMPLOYERS' METHODS

Labor Men Claim Discrimination Is Used in Reinstating Strikers.

STAMP OUT UNIONISM

Organizer Tells Reasons Why Men Went On Strike.

Winnipeg, July 22.—That by means of the alleged discrimination which is being shown in the reinstatement of the men who have been on strike a serious blow is being struck at unionism was the principal feature of yesterday's session at the inquiry into the effects of the Winnipeg strike in the Legislature.

Ernest Robinson, secretary of the Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council, offered to produce a list of names of individuals who had been strikers, and who had been discriminated against, who had been reinstated, and who had been employed by employers and the city of Winnipeg to stamp out unionism.

A. F. Landry of Ottawa, organizer for the Rumanian condition, in which he set forth the reasons for the strike. He said that the working class could not get sufficient wages for the necessities of life. The Government was discriminating against the workers by refusing to allow the employers to bargain with them collectively. He said that in consequence a general strike was the only alternative left.

A ballot form was used in taking the strike vote, was produced, and was shown by C. P. Wilson to contain a notice entirely at variance with the constitution of the Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council. This was a notice stating that the votes of all the unions would be pooled and the clearing of a strike would be the authority for the council. If the vote was in favor of a strike it followed that they would pull all the unions out, irrespective of whether a particular union had voted against the strike or not.

The constitution of the council stated that in the event of declaring a strike each individual union had to decide the question for itself. The trades and labor council, according to the evidence of Ernest Robinson, secretary, could only act in an advisory capacity, and not in a mandatory way.

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