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WINNIPEG BEGINS TO RESUME SOMETHING OF ITS NORMAL ACTIVITY

Electrical Workers' Mass Meeting Decides To Postpone Strike Action

Metal Workers and Their Employers Agree To Get Together in Conference

PROHIBITION BILL PASSES COMMITTEE STAGE IN COMMONS

Amendment, Allowing Making of Stronger Beer in Ontario, is Defeated.

REFER TO WINNIPEG

Rowell Hints if Bars Were Open There Would Be Graver Situation.

Special to The Toronto World.

Ottawa, May 21.—The government's bill to extend war-time prohibition for a year after the proclamation of peace went thru committee stage in the house of commons this evening, and now stands for third reading. The Liberals took practically no part in the long and somewhat rambling discussion that was carried on by the supporters of the government. The only amendment suggested was voted down without a division. It was moved by Major Hume Cronyn, of London, and provided for the exportation of beer from Ontario of the strength prescribed by the laws of Quebec.

Some vigorous temperance speeches were delivered. Mr. Nicholson, of Algoma, protested against the claim that the workinmen were opposed to prohibition. One thundred thousand dollars, he said, had been expended by the liquor traffic in an effort to get railway employes to declare for stronger beer, but not a single local union had passed the desired resolution. R. L. Richardson, of Springfield, delivered an old time temperance lecture and vigorous attacks upon the liquor evil were marshalled by Levi Thmopson, R. C. Henders, Sam Charters, of Peel, and Thomas Foster, of East York. Mr. Henders, president of the Manitoba Grain Growers, said the western farmers were strongly for prohibition.

Blake Is Outspoken.

The only outspoken speech against the measure was delivered by Dr. M. R. Blake, Unionist member for North Winnipeg. Dr. Blake thought that tea and tobacco did more harm than intoxicating liquors. He attributed the present unrest to a policy of compulsion and restriction. He favored abolishing the bar, but wanted government dispensaries which would furnish the people with pure liquor at moderate cost. There were at present, he declared, in Winnipeg an army of bootleggers and no less than five hundred illicit stills.

Hon. N. W. Rowell had charge of the bill on behalf of the government. He declined to accept the Cronyn amendment which was accordingly voted down. He said the present bill merely implemented the pledges of the government but intimated that the question of permanent prohibition might be dealt with at the next session.

The patent medicines bill is re-

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HOG PRICES BEAT PREVIOUS RECORDS

Phenomenal Rise is Inexplicable, in View of British Control.

All records in Canada in respect to former hog prices were yesterday smashed when $21.75 f.o.b. per cwt.; $22.75 to $22.85 for choice fed and watered, and 23 cents weighed off, was paid at the Union Stock Yards Exchange. The highest previous point, according to local buyers, was 50 cents less, and that for a short time only. Just why hog prices should be soaring in view of reported good supplies in the country, is hard to say, and nobody seems to know where it is going to stop or why the price is so high.

A buyer for one of the large packing plants told The World last night that the sharp advance was a jolt to the companies doing business, that there was no rhyme or reason in it, and that the plants could never get their money out of it on the British market. The Englishman, he said, would pay so much and no more, and besides there was a law in England limiting the price which a man could charge for his bacon. The run yesterday was about 1,100 and they sold like hot cakes.

Six Hundred Per Cent.

A line about the advance in the hog market at this point will show just how the price has shot up within the last five years. At the outbreak of the war hogs were bought on the Calgary market at around 8 cents per pound; since which time they have gone forward by leaps and bounds. Fifteen and twenty years ago they were bought in thousands at from 4 to 4 1-2 cents per pound, and one of the best known buyers on the local market said last night that all one fall they were bought—thousands of them—at from $3.15 to $3.40, and fattened on peas, at that. These figures show that the price of live hogs on the Toronto market in the last 20 years has increased by 600 per cent.

FOUNDRYMEN DECIDE TO REGOGNIZE METAL EMPLOYES' UNION

Offer to Meet Metal Trades Council Is Employers' First Step Tending to Avert General Strike, Tho Situation Is Still Dangerous.

The representatives of the metal trades foundries section of the Employers' Association have offered to meet the representatives of the Metal Trades' Council, thus recognizing the Metal Trades' Council, and also the principle of collective bargaining. One thing alone, it is said, is needed to end the metal trades' strike, and that is the decision of the employers to grant the 44-hour week without reduction of pay now granted for a nine or ten-hour day. Negotiations will doubtless close one of the most strenuous periods in the history of Toronto labor. Even at this the situation is fraught with danger. The railway mechanics of the three great railroads have delivered an ultimatum to the war board to grant both an eight-hour day and an increase in wages, and are liable to lay down their tools, 45,000 strong, within the next 30 hours, inaugurating a new strike, Dominion wide, and seriously affecting the situation in Winnipeg.

Ontario itself at the moment of going to press is menaced by a possible tie-up of electric light and power, covering 130 municipalities.

On the other hand, it may be stated with fair certainty that the offer of the foundrymen employers has averted a general strike in Toronto.

Situation Better

At the parliament buildings, Queen's Park, a more satisfactory view is held of the situation. It has not been considered necessary to communicate with Premier Hearst or to interfere with his rest after the session. He intended to return in any event next week. Attorney-General Lucas is acting premier in the interval and the information which Hon. Mr. Lucas has does not justify any alarmist view of the local situation. Sir Adam Beck is depended upon to deal as adequately with the light and power zone of danger as anyone can; and it is not expected that he will require any assistance. If occasion should arise on Monday next to communicate with Sir William Hearst and secure his presence in Toronto, he can be got on the telephone; but he is expected to come without any hurry-up message.

Humberside Collegiate

The action of those boys and girls at the Humberside Collegiate Institute, who recently went out on strike for shorter school hours, is said to be condemned on every hand, parents of other children, the principal himself, F. C. Colbeck, and Fred Hambly, of the board of education, all deprecating such action. Parents of the strikers are also lining up against the strike.

However, Principal Colbeck has in-

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NIAGARA POWER STRIKE POSTPONED ONE WEEK

Chippawa and Welland Workers Temporarily Decide to Await Sir Adam Beck's Conference With Municipalities Likely to Be Affected.

There will not be a strike of the electrical workers at Niagara or of the men working on the Chippawa development for at least another seven days. This was the decision arrived at last night at a mass meeting of the men, called by the Niagara Trades Federation to discuss the question of an almost immediate strike. Frank A. Healey, the president of the federation, faced quite two thousand six hundred men when he rose to report the result of his conference with Sir Adam Beck earlier in the day. He explained the situation clearly to the men and after a perfectly orderly meeting at which no "Red" principles were even mentioned, the men came to a unanimous decision to continue to work for another seven days to give Sir Adam a chance to consult the municipalities concerned and interested in the electrical production and development. All classes of workers will be on the job as usual this morning.

The personality and good common sense which has always so characterized Sir Adam, has won out again. Directly the strike was threatened he went to the men's headquarters—their union—and asked for a conference on the whole trouble.

Yesterday's Conference

Sir Adam Beck stated at the close of yesterday's conference, held at the offices of the commission, that while the meeting had resulted in practically a deadlock, the final decision of the men would not be known until the specially summoned mass meeting at Niagara Falls, held last night, had been concluded.

The commission, said Sir Adam, had pointed out to the representatives of the Niagara Trades Federation, that the power house men themselves were working on an eight-hour basis, and that it was only a very small section of the entire Hydro-Electric force in the Niagara district which was working on the ten-hour basis, and that if in this particular work, the development scheme on the Chippawa Canal, the hour basis was decreased, the commission would be unable to finish the work on time, and that paying the present daily wage on a two-hour-a-day reduction in construction energy the commission would be forced to both extend the time limit on the date of contract and to exceed the present overhead charges by $6,000,000, thus embarrassing the competitive value of this public utility.

Would Go Out

Frank A. Healey, president of the Niagara Trades Federation, replied that so far as he was able to gather the power house men would go out in sympathy with the others. However, the matter would be finally decided, he said, at a great mass meeting to be held at Niagara later in the day.

The commission asked the labor delegation if it would be possible for the power house men to extend the time limit for the strike until Thursday week. Replying, the delegation stated its intention of referring this proposal to the mass meeting.

Yesterday the following telegram was sent by Sir Adam Beck to all municipalities in the Niagara system:

"The Niagara Trades and Labor Federation of Niagara district have demanded for the laborers in that district, including those employed on the Queenston-Chippawa development an eight-hour day with ten-hour pay. Owing to war conditions and the increased cost of material, labor and duty, the cost of the development, notwithstanding the installation of special electric machinery for the purpose of excavating, the canal will exceed the 1915 estimate approximately $7,000,000. If the demands of the federation are granted it will seriously interfere with the completion of the work and will add another $6,000,000 to the work. The delay in completion will seriously affect the city of Toronto, as the necessary power might not be available to provide for the taking over of the Toronto street railway system in 1921. The commission's operators in the Ontario Power Company's plant and the transmission stations advised the commission that altho they have no grievance as to hours of work and rates of pay, owing to their having affiliated with the Niagara District Trades and Labor Federation, they will be obliged to join with them, which will seriously affect the supply of 100,000 horsepower to the municipalities and 60,000 horsepower to the Ontario and Lockport Co. The commission desire to know your wishes respecting the appointment of a conciliation board by the department of labor, and ask that you arrange to send representatives to a meeting to be held in the commission's offices in Toronto on Wednesday next, May 28. Answer sure."

STABLE GOVERNMENT WILL BE RECOGNIZED

Kolchak Notified That He Must First Guarantee a Constituent Assembly.

Washington, May 21.—Admiral Kolchak, dictator of the Omsk government, has been notified by the Paris peace conference that as soon as he has established a stable government with guarantees of freedom of speech and the press and a constituent assembly, his government will be accorded recognition as the government of all non-Bolshevik Russia, it was learned today from an authoritative source. Kolchak has announced that he was working toward putting his government in a position to warrant such recognition and has so notified the powers.

The delegates in Paris, it also was learned, are in constant communication with the Omsk government and are working out details of the formal recognition, which will be accorded simultaneously, according to present plans, by all the allied governments and the United States.

SIR ADAM BECK WINS HIS WAY AT WHITBY

Unanimous Resolution to Submit Toronto-Eastern Cost Bylaw.

Whitby, May 21—Sir Adam Beck is putting up a strenuous fight here tonight in favor of submitting to the ratepayers of the municipalities between Toronto and Bowmanville a bylaw giving the cost to the different municipalities of the Toronto and Eastern Railway, according to estimates of Hydro engineers. He is opposed by J. E. Willis, president of the board of trade, and Reeve Downie and some others. They are backing an amendment in favor of going on immediately with the construction by the government. Sir Adam declares that if the opposition succeeds, it will absolutely block the Hydro-Radial system east of Toronto.

At the meeting a letter was read from Dr. Reid, minister of railways, to the effect that he is prepared to submit to the government-in-council the question of handing over to the municipalities of the Toronto and Eastern for the actual amount that the government paid and immediately cease construction and allow the municipalities to do as they wish in connection with the further construction. Dr. Reid adds: "I hope you will consider this as fair and show to you that I am desirous in every way of having the best feeling in connection with this matter." Dr. Reid's letter was written to D. Dykes, of the Whitby board of trade.

Only One C.N.R.

In face of the letter an element in the meeting urged that negotiations for immediate construction be still continued with the government. Mr Willis stated he had it from D. B. Hanna's office thru Mr. Oliver that the government had secured an entrance into Toronto on Queen street west 10 minutes from Yonge street. F. H. Richardson and others declared this entrance could only be over the Canadian Northern tracks, that it was impossible for the government to buy such a right of way into Toronto over private property. Controller Maguire had a clash with Mr. Willis on this point, and some warm exchanges took place between them.

The entrance of the hydro radials would be thru Scarboro, keeping as closely as possible to the waterfront, with terminals close to the Union station at the foot of Bay street.

After a spirited appeal by Sir Adam Beck, the amendment was withdrawn, and the resolution to submit the bylaws to the various interested municipalities unanimously carried.

SEVEN DAYS' GRACE ALLOWED TO GERMANY

Will Be Given Till May 29 to Reply in Full to the Peace Terms.

Paris, May 21.—The German peace delegation has been granted an extension of seven days, or until May 29, in which to reply in full to the peace terms, according to an official announcement. Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau stated that further notes were being prepared and that it would be impossible to complete them by 1 p.m., Thursday, when the time limit was up.

The note said the Germans desired more time to study a number of questions in the treaty which they have not yet had an opportunity to examine.

Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau has now asked permission for a special train to bring to Versailles printing presses and a force of workmen in order to hasten the preparation of the German reply for presentation to the allies.

A general summary of observations on the whole treaty is in course of compilation, as well as notes on various specific points. These notes will deal with the eastern boundary of Germany; Alsace; occupied territories; reparations; labor and German properties in foreign countries.

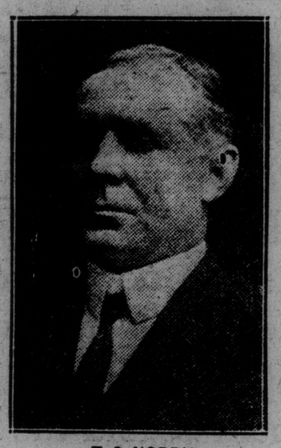
JELLICOE ARRIVES IN WEST AUSTRALIA

Albany, West Australia, May 21.—Admiral Sir John R. Jellicoe, of the British navy, landed here on his mission of reorganizing the Australian navy. The cruiser Melbourne and six destroyers arrived at Townsville. Admiral Jellicoe will proceed east and stop off at many of the important Australian cities.

BIG DAY FOR MEN'S HATS

This should be one large shopping day for men for hats. The fact that the Dineen Company is receiving daily new shipments of the latest designs and that the stock embraces such exceptional blocks as those by Henry Heath of London, England, for whom Dineen is sole Canadian agent, and Dunlap of New York, the greatest American maker, should bring you to Dineen's. In the splendid assortment there are Christy's latest stiff felt Derbys, starting at $6.00 each. All the new silks also. Door closes at 6.

STRIKE CITY THROWING OFF ITS YOKE OF INACTIVITY



T. C. NORRIS
Premier of Manitoba, who will join in the conference arranged to settle the Winnipeg strike.

City Water Supply Brought Back to Normal by Provincial Engineers and City Merchants Begin Deliveries---Heads of Iron Works Refuse to Meet Men, But Conferences Are Hoped For Today---Objectionable Placards Removed.

Winnipeg, Man., May 21.—Industry and the municipality today made the first attempt to throw off the yoke of inactivity which has rested on Winnipeg since last Thursday when more than 30,000 union members of 80 locals walked out in a general sympathetic strike. The city water supply was brought back to normal by provincial engineers who took over the pumping plant and business firms began deliveries. Only minor disorders were reported to the police.

The proposed conference between heads of the large iron works here and union representatives, arranged by city officials was not held. Mayor Chas. F. Gray announced that the employers had refused to meet the men at this time. The union committee in charge of the strike was in session practically all day, however, and the prediction was current that conferences between opposing factions would materialize tomorrow.

Mayor Gray, after meeting with union representatives, who agreed to the city's demands that placards which said that union permission had been granted for the operation of certain activities be removed, issued the following statement: "The situation is cleared up and it shows who is in authority and who has always been in authority."

Gideon Robertson, minister of labor, and Arthur Meighen, minister of the interior, are expected to be on the ground tomorrow.

Strikers Prepare Report

President Winning, of the Labor Council, said that he had seen Premier Norris, who wanted a concerted report on what the strikers were willing to accept, and what they were willing to give, before he could go back to the citizens' committee. This will be done, and will be ready by Friday, when a great delegation will present it to Premier Norris. All morning the engineers, the firemen and the trainmen of all the railway systems have been in session, discussing their participation in the strike, and their sentiment seems favorable for a break.

Chief Detective George Smith stated that the city has never been so free of disorders as at present. Hardly an arrest has been made, and the unions are continually preaching to the members not to do anything that would cause trouble.

Winnipeg, May 21.—The central strike committee today agreed to the demand of the city council that "union permission" placards be discontinued. Deliveries of coal were being made this afternoon.

Efforts of the central strike committee to maintain control of local public utilities and industries and the movement thruout the city met with the sharpest opposition that has been shown since the general strike was declared last Thursday. When union men at the city waterworks today declined to furnish full pressure, as the council had ordered, they left the building and their places were filled by a force supplied by the Manitoba Society of Civil Engineers.

Leaders of the central strike committee were in cnference until this afternoon and no announcements were authorized.

The Winnipeg Great War Veterans' Association announced today that the association had decided to remain strictly neutral during the strike. The announcement also stated that President James Winning of the Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council told the association that there was a possibility of strike settlement within a few days.

Look to General Ketchen

Winnipeg, via Fort William, Ont., May 21.—Reports brought down from Winnipeg today indicate that General Ketchen is looked to by the suffering people of Winnipeg to become the Ole Hansen of the Winnipeg strike.

For many days there has been a flocking of men of all classes to the barracks where they have been drilled and taught the first principles of organized action as a body of amateur police and last night it was announced that General Ketchen has decided that the moment had come for a showdown. He was to send out the street cars thru the city this morning under armed guards with instructions that any attempt at interference was to be met with rifle and machine gun fire.

To Arraign Government

Passengers on the train which arrived here this morning stated that the prospect of action was welcomed by the majority of people and that the feeling of indignation against the civic authorities, the mayor of Winnipeg and the authorities at Ottawa was intense. They said that Senator Robertson would be called upon by the citizens' committee rather than by the strikers' committee to make full explanations regarding the inactivity of the government and that his difficulties might be rather with the public than with the strikers.

The sentiment among the war veterans is divided, but the large proportion of foreigners among the strikers, tho the strike leaders are English speaking, is tending to turn the scale of opinion among the returned men to the side of the citizens. Up to the time when the eastbound express left last night, order had been maintained, tho the streets were thronged with people and food supplies were still available tho there were signs of approaching scarcity within the next few days.

Special Constables Effective

Special constables sworn in from the citizens, are patrolling the city, fully organized and allotted to the various districts. These men are unarmed and their duty is to merely watch and exert any interference with public service utilities such as light wires and gas mains and other services. The big hotels, such as the Fort Garry, are still serving such meals as they can, the fare being cold canned meats and food which can be prepared without any cooking and can be served with the minimum of waiting, since the waiting staff are out and only the captains of the dining room are available to serve guests.

Much Hangs On Issue

A traveler who hails from Vancouver, and who had spent the last few days in Winnipeg, stated that the

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Plenty of Troops To Keep Order

Government Forcsees Settlement and Reports Authorities Have Forces To Control Affairs.

Ottawa, May 21.—The government is taking strong precautions to maintain law and order in Winnipeg. In the senate today, Sir James Lougheed, in response to an enquiry by Senator Bostock, made the following statement:

"There is no change in the situation in Winnipeg. No overt act has been committed. There has been no disturbances or rioting of any kind. The government, however, is impressed with the gravity of the situation, and has taken all necessary steps to maintain law and order. It has within the city a number of troops, sufficient, I venture to say, to suppress any rioting or disturbance. The 90th Regiment, the 79th Regiment, the 100th Regiment, the 106th Regiment, the Fort Garry Horse and the 13th Battery—all those units, up to strength, are in the city, and, in addition, there are ample reserves made up of civil units. In addition, there are a number of Northwest Mounted Police in Winnipeg, including a squad just returned from overseas, and is at present detained in Winnipeg pending the development of any serious disturbances. Under the circumstances, I venture to say that with the force which I have mentioned, the government should be able to maintain law and order in that city."

Senator Domville: "I do not suppose that the military forces will supercede the civil authorities?"

Sir James Lougheed: "Oh, no."

Senator Domville: "Not until the civil authorities cease to maintain order, will they? Otherwise it would be a drastic measure."

Sir James: "They are there simply to reinforce the provincial board authorities."

Government Optimistic.

A feeling of optimism prevails in government circles as to the Winnipeg situation. That advices have been received from Winnipeg indicate that matters are moving steadily in the direction of negotiations and conferences, which it is believed will result in a big improvement in present conditions.

At the railway department it was reported that no news had been received indicating the probability of the operating staffs of the railways going out in sympathy with the Winnipeg strikers. On the whole the outlook is regarded here as being much more promising than it was yesterday.

Will Be Fought Out.

F. L. Davis, M.P. for Neepawa, Man., who spent the week-end in Winnipeg, and conferred with the provincial, municipal and military authorities and the citizens' committee, states that the opinion prevailing was that no settlement by concession could be looked for, but rather that Winnipeg is but the spearhead of a general movement against the government, and that it must be fought out. The M. P. for Neepawa considered Gen. Ketchen was in a position to handle any difficulty.

HON. W. J. HANNA LEFT NEARLY TWO MILLION

The will of the late Hon. W. J. Hanna, M.L.A., disposes of an estate valued at $1,798,726.32. It is understood that there are no large bequests and that practically the whole estate goes to the family.

Dr. Anson Buck, formerly of Palmero, who died in Toronto April 18, left an estate valued at $35,334. To May Matheson, an adopted daughter, was bequeathed $500, and the residue to Minnie J. B. Campbell, daughter.

RETURNING SOLDIERS

A list of several hundred returning Toronto soldiers coming to Canada in the troopships Saturnia and Minnedosa will be found on Page 6.

BOYES DEAD, AND PUTWAIN DYING

Brave Bank Manager is Likely to Survive Both Gunmen.

Harold Gordon Boyes, the 19-year-old youth, who was shot during the cross-fire between himself and Robert Laing, manager of the Agincourt branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Tuesday, died at 3.50 yesterday afternoon in the General Hospital. His partner, Fred Putwain, shot in the eye, is still in the hospital in a dying condition. It was reported at midnight that Manager Laing's condition was much the same as reported earlier in the day, and his condition is still serious, altho the hospital doctors are confident that Mr. Laing will recover.

Boyes had the appearance of a clean-cut young man, and before he died he spoke to his father and other relatives who came to the hospital and were at his bedside when he died.

The body of Boyes was removed from the hospital to the morgue last night by the police and the chief coroner will determine today whether or not an inquest will be held. When the body is released for burial it will be taken to the home of Boyes' parents at St. Catharines.

It was stated at the head office of the Bank of Nova Scotia yesterday afternoon that both Laing and Miss Chapman, the young bank clerk, would be liberally rewarded for their heroic efforts in frustrating the robbers. The arrangements as to in what way the bank employes will be repaid by the bank has not been determined.

START FOR LISBON TO BE MADE TODAY

Slight Engine Trouble in American Seaplane Compelled Postponement.

Ponta Del Gada, May 21.—Lieut.-Commander A. C. Read announced tonight that the engine trouble which caused a postponement of the flight of the NC-4 for Lisbon this morning had been remedied. The plane will start at daybreak tomorrow, weather permitting, he said.

The wrecked plane, NC-3, has been brought into the beach where it is being dismantled, preparatory to shipment to the United States on the tender Melville.

Commander John H. Towers estimated today that it would take one hundred mechanics three months to put the machine into proper flying condition.

GOT OFF LIGHTLY.

Alec Winterfield, convicted of the theft of an automobile belonging to Geo. Hart, was fined $25, or three months, by Judge Coatsworth in the Sessions yesterday. The accused's previous good character and representations made in his behalf by Judge Morson were responsible for the leniency shown by the court.