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SNOW OR RAIN

TWO CENTS

MOUNT ALLISON THE MECCA FOR METHODISTS

Pour Into Old School to Prepare for Drive for Half Million Dollars.

ALREADY OVER \$150,000 IN SIGHT

Glowing Tribute Paid to College Staff and Work Accomplished at the College.

Special to The Standard
Sackville, N. B., Jan. 19.—Mount Allison was the Mecca of Maritime Methodists today. They poured into the old school all morning to prepare for the drive for half a million dollars to endow the financial endowment of the college. Already over \$150,000 is in sight. An endowment and building fund of that amount is to be raised in the three Atlantic coast provinces in the week of Feb. 7 to 13. That it will all be secured is assured after the great rally of ministers and lay delegates here today.

Great Gathering

Preachers were here in large numbers. Nearly every St. John Methodist pastor arrived at noon. Others joined the train at the stations along the line until by the time the St. John train reached Sackville it had far more clergymen than others on board. From Moncton a special section of the train was sent ahead of the regular to accommodate delegates from the Eastern part of the Province. The clergymen of the Maritime were boys again today for a little time. At home they are Rev. Mr. X, but today they were Bill and Bob to each other as they recalled the escapades of less decorous days, when they studied at Mount Allison. There were routes of laughter on every side as stories of pillow fights, raids and other youthful escapades were related with an unobscured glow.

Mount Allison En Fete

Of course Mount Allison was on fire to receive the delegates. At the Sackville station and others were waiting to direct delegates to the college. At the building others were ready to pilot the "old boys" around the halls to places which they were once well acquainted with. The college, with a touch of sadness in their voices, admitted that time had changed things so much that they could not find their way around unassisted. The cold was intense and a strong wind made it "feel" even worse, so the hot dinner awaiting all delegates as soon as they reached the college was unusually appreciated. In the afternoon the two hundred delegates met in the Quebec Chapel where Col. F. B. Black, chairman of the campaign, presided.

Tributes Paid

After a brief devotional service, Col. Black delivered his welcome to the delegates and outlined the situation in which Mt. Allison finds itself. He paid glowing tributes to the college staff and drew frequent prolonged cheers as he declared that, in spite of very many attractive offers from other universities at much higher salaries, they had remained loyal to Mt. Allison. Some, he declared, said that the time was inopportune for an appeal for half a million dollars, and Col. Black declared that at least \$750,000 was needed if the college was to do its best. But Mt. Allison could wait no longer for assistance. For years it had been handicapped and war and high cost of living had increased its troubles. Now help must come. He said that it was a strenuous time in financial circles and that the church was barely over its forward mission campaign, but six months of lean days ought not to wipe out the gains of four fat years.

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No Reason Why Former Soldiers Should Suffer

Federal Government Has Been Ready Since Dec. 27th To Do Its Part.

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—"So far as the Federal Government is concerned, there is no reason why every man in Montreal, in need of relief, should not have had it since December 27," said Senator Robertson, minister of labor, to representatives of returned soldiers of Montreal, who interviewed him today. Senator Robertson made it quite clear to the delegation that the government was willing and ready to pay one-third of the cost of furnishing relief to all unemployed in Montreal, but that the initial motion and activity must come from the municipal authorities of that city. He intimated that the Mayor and City Council of Montreal were trying to shelve their responsibility in the matter to the shoulders of the Federal Government. The conference was still going on at two o'clock.

IMPROVING CABLE SERVICE

London, Jan. 19.—A large delegation representing the Empire Press waited on the postmaster-general today and urged the despatch of improved facilities for cable and telegraph messages.

Hon. A. L. Sifton Slightly Better

Consultation of Physicians Gives Secretary of State's Friends Encouragement.

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—The condition of Right Hon. A. L. Sifton, secretary of state, was reported as "slightly better" tonight by his friends, who are now quite hopeful that he will recover, although the period of convalescence will likely prove slow. A consultation with specialists from Toronto tonight gave Mr. Sifton's friends every encouragement. Mr. Sifton has been ill for some weeks with arterio sclerosis (hardening of the arteries).

UNITED STATES AIRMEN BEFORE ENQUIRY COURT

Participants in Spectacular Balloon Flight Tell of Incidents Precipitating Fight.

DISARMING OF FARRELL DISCUSSED

Hinton Claims Farrell Dropped from Exhaustion and Urged Others to Continue.

Rockaway, N. Y., Jan. 19.—Lieut. Walker Hinton, testifying this afternoon at the inquiry into the spectacular balloon flight he recently made into Canada when two other United States naval officers, declared that one time, while they were lost in the woods, he had consulted his pilot regarding the advisability of disarming Lieut. Stephen Farrell.

It was a letter from Lieut. Hinton to his wife, stating that Farrell had begged his companions to cut his throat, use his body for food and press on, that led to the fatal fight between Hinton and Farrell at Mattice, after they had trekked out of the north and Farrell had learned of publication of the letter. This quarrel later, apparently, had been patched up as the officers returned to United States soil. Farrell had vigorously denied the suicide story.

Hinton Tells Story

"At 12:30 on December 15, Lieut. Farrell fell from exhaustion. It would be unfair for me to state in this exhausted and fainting condition the remarks that were passed, but I called Lieut. Kloor and consulted him as to the advisability of taking the knife from Lieut. Farrell and going on as signified by him—only with the hope that we would find assistance."

"My conviction that we were on the stream that emptied into the river upon which was the house which we had seen from the air just after hearing a dog bark, I fully believed that the house was just around the corner."

ALBERTA UNITED FARMERS READY FOR POLITICS

Convention Names Committee to Draw up Platform Embodying Farmers' Stand.

Edmonton, Jan. 19.—The United Farmers of Alberta, will discuss provincial political action, C. H. Greenwood, chairman, announced today that a resolution had been drafted and will be brought in for discussion. The convention today authorized the appointment of a committee consisting of one member from each Federal constituency to draw up a platform for discussion among the local embodying the farmers stand in provincial politics. Delegates from various districts in the province are holding meetings to determine on political action in the constituencies they represent and indications that the farmers will be strongly organized for action in the next general election.

Director Rick Shepherd, South Edmonton, said that he felt sure the association would enter provincial politics and that care should be taken in drawing up a platform to see that the support of returned soldiers and labor is not alienated.

More than 1,400 delegates have registered at the convention which is a record in the history of the association.

HANNA ORDER "NO POLITICS" GIVEN AIRING

Conciliation Board Hearing Dispute Between C. N. R. Employees and President.

CONCILIATION SPIRIT WAS PROMINENT

Proposal Looking to Settlement of Difficulty Made by C. N. R. Representative.

Toronto, Jan. 19.—An adjournment was taken this afternoon in the matter of the "no politics" order of President D. B. Hanna, of the C. N. R., by the board of conciliation, which is trying to adjust the dispute between the employees and Mr. Hanna with reference to the order. F. H. McGuigan, representative of the C. N. R. at the board, submitted a proposal looking to a settlement of the difficulty and in order to give the employees time to consider it, the board adjourned until tomorrow morning.

Compromise Uppermost

J. M. Godfrey, chairman of the board of conciliation, stated this afternoon that the spirit of conciliation and compromise had been prominent at the board's sittings.

D. Campbell, Winnipeg, is the representative of the C. N. R. employees on the board.

BOYS CONFESS TO HOLD-UPS IN CHICAGO SUB.

Four Youthful Highwaymen Say They Are Responsible 100 Hold-ups in District.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—The vigilance committee of Hyde Park and exclusive south side residential quarter, organized to combat robberies in the neighborhood, was preparing to disband today following the confession of four youthful highwaymen in the boys' court that they had been responsible for more than one hundred hold-ups in the district.

Fred Loomis, 18 years old, in a confession given out by the police, said "we worked six nights a week and made it a rule never to make less than seven robberies a night. We acquired a lot of guns and used them to intimidate victims although we would have hated to shoot anybody."

Twenty-five pistols were found in Loomis' room, the police said. Victims of the robbers told the police that after being held up they were wished a polite good night and provided with car fare.

John Wash Kates Held For Trial

Said to Have Been Leader in Jail Breaking Plot at Kingston "Pen."

Kingston, Ont., Jan. 19.—John "Wash" Kates, a convict in the Portsmouth penitentiary, who was charged with being implicated in a general jail breaking plot in the penitentiary last October, and was said to have been through three seven-eighths inch steel bars in the door of his cell preparatory to the alleged plot last October for a general delivery of prisoners in the institution, was given a preliminary hearing at the penitentiary today before County Magistrate Brudshaw and was committed for trial. It is said Kates was the ring leader in the plot. He was in solitary confinement at the time set for the general delivery. Kates was sentenced at Ottawa to five years in the penitentiary for robbery. It is said criminal charges are pending against him in several cities in the United States.

Government In Session Today

Fredericton, Jan. 19.—The Provincial Government opened their meeting here this evening with practically all the cabinet in attendance. Premier Foster and other members of the Government arrived this evening, the other members of the executive spending the earlier portion of the evening watching the hockey match between Chatham and Marysville clubs.

Shoots And Kills Three Children

Winchester, Va., Jan. 19.—Mrs. Mary Glenn Hicks, wife of Stanley H. Hicks, shot and killed three of her children early today at her home near here, then killed herself. She is believed to have been mentally deranged due to a recent attack of influenza.

High Industrial Barrier Will Help Dairy Industry

Premier Meighen Says Canada Able to Meet Moves of Country to South.

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—Speaking at a banquet of the Ottawa Valley Holstein Club here tonight, Premier Meighen said that Canada was confronted with the prospect of a high industrial barrier on the part of the country to the south of us. If such comes, as it would appear at present, Canada can meet the situation uncomplainingly and not without success. If such comes, it will probably result in a great impetus to the dairy industry of the Dominion of Canada. His words were greeted with hearty cheers.

HALIFAX FIRM SUFFERS HEAVY LOSSES BY FIRE

Defective Wiring Causes Blaze in Toy Department of Morton & Thompson's

SWEPT THROUGH THREE STORY BUILDING

Loss to Stock and Building of the Firm is Estimated at \$100,000.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 19.—Fire starting at five o'clock this afternoon from a defective wire in the toy department of Morton & Thompson's hardware store, Sackville street, swept through the three-story brick building with extraordinary rapidity, and an hour later had destroyed virtually the entire contents of the building and left only the brick walls and a portion of the roof standing. The loss is estimated at \$150,000.

Gets Good Start

Within twenty minutes of the alarm strains of water were playing on the burning building, but the blaze had gained such headway that the firemen, abandoning all hope of saving the structure, concentrated their efforts on preventing the flames from spreading to adjoining buildings. This they succeeded in doing, and at 6:30 the fire was well under control.

The stock of hardware and sporting goods destroyed, was valued at \$50,000, with insurance of \$25,000. The building, which was owned by the hardware firm, was valued at \$50,000, with \$40,000 insurance. An additional loss of \$25,000 is estimated, this being the value of the stock of goods which had an office in the Morton & Thompson building; O. L. Murphy, tailor, also in that building, and minor damage by smoke and water to a number of stores in adjoining buildings.

QUEBEC HARBOR BEFORE CABINET

Needs of Development Pressed Upon Cabinet Members by Deputation from City.

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—A deputation consisting of members of the Board of Trade and Harbor Commission of the city of Quebec, waited upon the Dominion cabinet this morning with regard to the developments necessary at that city. The conference lasted until nearly two o'clock, during which time the deputation presented a memorial setting forth the needs of their city and discussing this with the Cabinet Ministers. At the close of the interview Mayor Samson expressed himself as highly optimistic which had been given and the consideration promised to Quebec's requests.

Had Plenty of Money in Trunk

Eighty Years Old Woman, Living on Charity, Possessed \$6,000 in Bills and Gold.

Newark, N. J., Jan. 19.—An eighty year old woman, sent to the city almshouse by charity workers, was refused admittance, today, when it was discovered that she had \$6,000 of her own. The woman, who had been living on charity for 15 years in a single attic room in a poor section of the city, admitted she had "some money" in an old trunk at the home of her sister. The trunk, which had not been opened for 20 years, was filled with bills and gold pieces. There were \$1,000 in bills and \$2,000 worth of five dollar gold pieces and bank books, showing savings amounting to \$3,000. Each of the gold pieces were wrapped in tissue paper. Among the bills were several "salt bastards" of the Civil War period.

TART LETTER TO CONGRESS FROM MOTHERS

Ask for Law Compelling Childless Women to Work for Mothers with Children.

EIGHT HOUR DAY FOR HOUSEWIVES

Laws Required to Alleviate Condition of Overworked, Underpaid Housewife.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Letters under a Brooklyn date, signed "wires and mothers of industrial workers," reached members of Congress today, asking for a law to require childless married women, under sixty, to do housework three days a week for mothers with children, and also for an eight-hour day for housewives.

Overworked Housewife

"Congress should realize," it said, "that legislation should be less and less in favor of industrial workers and more and more to alleviate and improve the condition of the overworked, underpaid dishwashing housewife."

It added that sixty per cent. of the members of Congress were paid more than they were worth.

MEDDLING OF FOSTER GOVT IS CRITICIZED

Westmorland County Council Thinks Govt. Too Flip in Strictly Municipal Affairs.

Dorchester, N. B., Jan. 19.—Unpaid seed grain notes and the meddling of the Foster Government in affairs entirely municipal and in the hands of the Municipal Councils, received an airing at this afternoon's session of the Westmorland County Council. In 1918 a considerable quantity of seed grain was distributed in Westmorland as well as in other counties. In this county the municipal council financed the amount due. From the information furnished by the Parish Councilors.

Unpaid Notes

In the discussion this afternoon in regard to notes given by parties who bought seed grain and failed to meet them when they came due, it developed that the Foster Government appointed Geo. H. Cochrane, of Moncton, as their agent to distribute the gain in the Parish of Moncton, as well as other parts of the county, thereby usurping the rights of the councilors. Moncton councilors declared that they had no authority from them to handle the seed grain, and as the unpaid bills are to the grain, the Government's agent said, they intend to look to the Government to collect the amounts due. From the information furnished by the councilors, it was shown that there are a large number of unpaid seed grain notes in the Parish of Moncton, and quite a few scattered throughout the other parishes. The other business before the council today was largely of a routine nature.

Sleet Storm Disrupts Service

Wires Down Between Eastern and Western Canada Cutting Off Communication.

Toronto, Jan. 19.—Telegraph communication between eastern and western Canada was greatly impaired today as a result of a sleet storm between Sudbury and Port William. Wires were down between these points from 2:30 p.m. and there was apparently no prospect of them being restored for some time.

Sound Riot Call In Philadelphia

Strike Breakers at Cramp's Ship Building Plant Given Rough Treatment.

Philadelphia, Jan. 19.—A riot call tonight brought reserves from Philadelphia police stations to a trolley transfer point where men from the Cramp Shipbuilding Company were changing cars on their way home. A strike is in progress at the plant. Two men were beaten badly and several others slightly injured before the police arrived.

Shooting Continues From Ambuscade

Dublin Castle Reports Military Police Were Attacked and Several Were Wounded.

Dublin, Jan. 19.—Shooting from ambuscades and arrests continue in various parts of the country according to official and unofficial advice. Dublin Castle reports that military police at Longford were attacked and that two men were wounded by a party of men Tuesday evening. Nine young men, believed to be members of the Irish Republican army, were arrested at Ballyhaunis (County Mayo). A soldier was wounded while riding with an officer along the Charleville road this morning.

POSSIBILITY OF AVERTING THE VIENNA CRISIS

Today Time Set for Program of Force Against the Profiteers of Country.

WORKERS INSIST ON FUSION WITH GERMANY

This Question is Being Pressed from Many Quarters and Gains Force.

Vienna, Jan. 19.—Although tomorrow is the day set by leaders of the workers' movement for putting into effect a programme of force against the profiteers unless the Government announced the adoption of means to deal with them, these seemed a probability today that the crisis over this question might be averted, for the time at least. The fears of serious trouble were allayed by the action of Herr Werner, chief of the Technical Trades Union, in calling a meeting of these organizations for tonight, at which he will advocate a postponement of direct action. He said he had been led to this course by the fact that the price conference with the Government had not been concluded, and that, therefore, the Government officials had not yet had an opportunity to state their position.

Fusion With Germany

Coupled with the ultimatum of the workers on the profiteering question has been their insistent demand for a plebiscite on the question of fusion with Germany. This question is pressing from various quarters, and it was dealt with in a speech last night by Finance Minister Grim, who declared that union with Germany would be brought about by necessity, perhaps by means of a revolution, unless foreign credits to Austria were soon forthcoming. The minister was speaking on future expenditures in eight footing up 15,000,000,000 crowns with only two billion crowns in prospects with which to meet the payments.

This announcement, which he said he would advocate a postponement of direct action against the profiteers, Herr Werner said that while he was willing to advocate a respite, he did not mean to submit to any prolonged delay, but would proceed to protect the interests of the country with all the force at his disposal.

LORD MAYOR OF CORK LOSES HIS BEST CHAMPION

Ordered Turned Over Immediately to the Department of Immigration.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Jurisdiction of the State Department in cases of aliens arriving in the United States without a passport is recognized by the Department of Labor in a formal statement sent this afternoon by Secretary Wilson to the Chief Immigration Bureau. It was announced, however, that the decision of Secretary Wilson that Donald O'Callaghan, Lord Mayor of Cork, should be allowed to re-ship on a foreign vessel by reason of the ruling that he occupied the status of "Seaman" had not been rescinded. Secretary Wilson this morning directed O'Callaghan's counsel to deliver the Lord Mayor to the immigration inspector at Norfolk. The announcement of Secretary Wilson as to the jurisdiction of the State Department in all cases similar to those of the Lord Mayor is understood to be in the nature of a general agreement between the two departments through which it is hoped to avoid in the future controversies similar to the one which arose in his case owing to the failure of Secretary Wilson to honor the order of Acting Secretary Davis, that O'Callaghan be deported immediately.

Rival Claims Belfast, Jan. 19.—Rival claims have arisen between Belfast and Armagh as the seat of the new Ulster parliament.

WHO CAUSED MANY FIRES AT CORK CITY

Crown Forces Charged with Trail of Arson, Loot and Murder by Trades Congress.

PRESENT EXHAUSTIVE REPORT OF FINDINGS

Accusations Are of Most Serious Nature Involving Military and Govt. Officials.

London, Jan. 19.—"Who burnt Cork City? A tale of arson, loot and murder." This is the title of a report issued today by the Irish Labor Party and Trade Unions Congress through the British Labor Party today, in which the Crown forces are charged with the burning of public buildings and shops in Cork and the ensuing looting on the night of December 11-12.

The report is declared to be the result of a dangerous and tollsome investigation which has been proceeding since the conflagration, in which nearly one hundred depositions have been taken, all of them signed and witnessed. The report declares "the witnesses are chiefly responsible commercial or professional men and householders, some English, some Americans and several former officers and soldiers."

Creditable Witnesses

"In every case," the report goes on, "the deposition was signed and witnessed and the original filed and deposited in a place of comparative safety. These will be produced for any competent and responsible commission of inquiry."

What Report Says

Recalling the refusal of the British Government to allow any judicial or civilian inquiry and its failure thus far to publish the findings of Major-General Strickland, commander of the Government troops in Munster with regard to the Cork conflagration, in a summary of the evidence adduced, the report makes the following accusations:

"A military fired a tram car, which was cheered by passing lorries of the military. Cash's store was burnt by police and auxiliaries, who afterwards danced and fired revolver shots outside it. The Munster Arcade was fired by police commanded by a military officer. Black and Tan burnt Roche's stores. The City Hall and Liberty were burnt by police, one of whom left his cape. The military refused to use their fire appliances."

Looters Busy

"Thirty policemen, including the head constable and three sergeants, kept turning out the water from the hose which was being played on the military. An ambulance was fired. Civilian helpers were fired at and molested by the police and auxiliaries. Police auxiliaries and a drunken officer fired at the firemen. A policeman shouted to a hose worker, at your peril, don't turn a hose on that fire; let it blaze!"

Uniformed looters were seen emerging from Cash's. Police and military looted Mangan's Hilters and Murphy Brothers' stores. Crowds of auxiliaries and police were seen taking loot from the Empress Place Barracks and the Union Quay Barracks."

Block Attempt To Help Unemployed

Workers Section of Industrial Council Withdraw with Feelings Injured.

London, Jan. 19.—The government's attitude to enforce short time in the dockyards, arsenals and other government establishments as a remedy for unemployment has had the result of the workers' section of the joint industrial councils for settling disputed points deciding to withdraw from the council. The claim is made that the government, by failure to consult the Whiteley councils as they are widely known, and which were organized for settling disputed points, has violated the Whiteley principle. The government is endeavoring to have the decision of the councils reconsidered.

Prisoners Escape From Quebec Jail

Were Employed as "Trusties" and Made Get-away While So Employed.

Quebec, Jan. 19.—Three prisoners of the Quebec Jail, Munro and Pillecco, sentenced to fifteen months imprisonment at Cheloutimi last summer, and Shergoode, sentenced to eight months for desertion from Valcartier Camp, last August, made a sensational escape from the Quebec jail this morning at 5 o'clock and are now being closely trailed by a detective of the provincial police and two guards of the jail.