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## ITALY'S STEP CAUSES ALARM

### INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSIONER REACHES B.C.

Begins its Hearings on Monday Next.

CAPITAL AND LABOR IN-  
VITED TO ATTEND.

(Special To The Record).  
VANCOUVER, B.C., April 26.—After their nonstop trip across the continent, the members of the government commission on industrial relations reached Vancouver this morning and are proceeding at once by boat to Victoria, where they begin their sessions on Monday.

All the members of the board, except Chairman Chief Justice Matthews of Manitoba, started the journey either at Montreal or Ottawa, travelling by a special compartment car attached to the Imperial Limited. The chairman got on at Winnipeg and at once the sessions of the commission began. The first thing to discuss was procedure. In regard to witnesses, notices had already been sent to all labor organizations and boards of trade in British Columbia and other western points, setting of the appointment of the commission, giving the terms of reference and asking that their units should be represented at the hearings. The C.M.A. is also urging its members in the west to be ready to present their claims. The Department of Labor has notified its agents instructing them to prepare the way for the board.

Business methods were discussed by the members on the train, especially as to how the report of the commission should, as far as possible, be built up as the journey proceeds. In addition to the arrangement of details, the commission has discussed broadly for their own information the problem of industrial relations and the tremendous importance it assumed in the world. During the last twelve months the various plans for cooperation of labor

and capital have been studied and attention has also been given to what are looked upon as the extreme elements of both sides. Those employers who, for example, say they will have nothing to do with any scheme for sharing control, and some even who still dispute the right of the trade union organization, and on the other hand those trade men who are equally hostile to the spirit of cooperation and who say that the workers themselves must have executive control of industry, following the elimination of private capital as it exists at present.

It is anticipated that there will be a larger percentage of radical views in the west and especially in British Columbia than anywhere else. The commission is not yet certain whether the radical labor trades of the coast will appear before them, or whether they will ignore their visit. It is hoped, however, by all elements represented on the board that every section of industry on the coast and elsewhere will appear before them so that, on behalf of the people of Canada they may obtain a just view of the actual situation.

The commission also hopes that employers will be well represented, so that their side of the scheme may also be shown. Before they left Ottawa a prominent manufacturer said, "Labor is so much better organized in Western Canada than employers that it will have a great advantage in the presentation of its case. The Canadian Manufacturers' Association apparently recognizes the force of this possibility and is urging that their members and groups should be thoroughly and effectively prepared to present their views. The C.M.A. officials in Winnipeg are lining up their men in the Prairie provinces. In Vancouver there is a strong Employers' Association and it will be ready for next week's sessions. During their long train trip, the members of the commission have had time to become acquainted with each other and it looks as if they will cooperate in a friendly and constructive way.

### Budget to be Presented Middle of Next Month

SIR THOMAS WHITE MAKES  
ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE  
HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, April 25.—The budget speech will be delivered about the middle of May. This announcement was made to the Commons this afternoon by Sir Thomas White, minister of finance. No budget speech for years has excited as much interest, not only on account of the full financial statement, as to the Dominion's present position and future outlook, but on account of the tar-proposals which will be brought down. While Sir Thomas will have another var budget to present, with hundreds of millions to be spent on demobilization and reconstruction—a staggering sum on top of our expenditures of the last four years—there will also be the optimistic side.

Largest Revenue Yet.  
The budget will show a revenue of over three hundred million dollars—easily the largest in Canada's history—with a surplus over ordinary expenditures of a hundred millions. This means that this amount can be devoted to our capital outlay.

### ONE OF THE CITY'S MEN WHO HASSERVED OVERSEAS TWICE

Sergt. R. A. Seibert One of the Early Volunteers  
Who Reenlisted in 1917 After Being Discharged.

Sergt. Robert A. Seibert returns home, the second time. He arrived quietly in the city recently as stated last Tuesday after being in France several times. He was one of the first to enlist from this city in 1914. He enlisted in Guelph with the First Battalion August 27th, 1914 with several other men from this city. After training for some time he arrived in the trenches February 1915. He was stationed at many different places in both Belgium and France and was in the great battle of Ypres. He was wounded by shrapnel in the leg and struck on the back with sand-bags in a huge concussion. He was then sent home and discharged in June 1916. He was home for ten months. He then enlisted the second time in Hamilton July 17th, 1917 with the Canadian Railway troops and went overseas the same month. He later did duty in France and England his line of work being lecturing on gas. When asked how it was that he received his stripes he said by hard work.

He stated that he had a delightful time while 'over there' and that his idea of life is altogether different now since his experiences.

He is one of the very few men who received and saw active service the second time after being wounded and discharged. When he arrived home the first time he was given a royal welcome. This time, however, he slipped in quietly and thus attained the object of that modesty which is his.

Sgt. Seibert is now a purchasing agent in this country for a Scotchland firm. Citizens wish him success in his new enterprise.

Some of the Other Boys.  
Among other men who enlisted at about the same time that Sergt. Seibert joined the ranks the first time are the following:

Bill Mitchell, who enlisted in the First Battalion, and is now in this city. He lost one arm, while overseas. He was stationed at London, lately, being engaged in Army Service Work.

George White, who enlisted in the 15th Battalion and was still alive and well when sent in France.

Stanley Gibbert who enlisted in the First Battalion and was killed in the early part of the war.

Fred Shultz who enlisted in the First Battalion and was in the Intelligence Department and later in the Forestry Battalion. He arrived home lately.

Harry Habel who enlisted in the First, and was later transferred to the C.A.M.C. is still living.

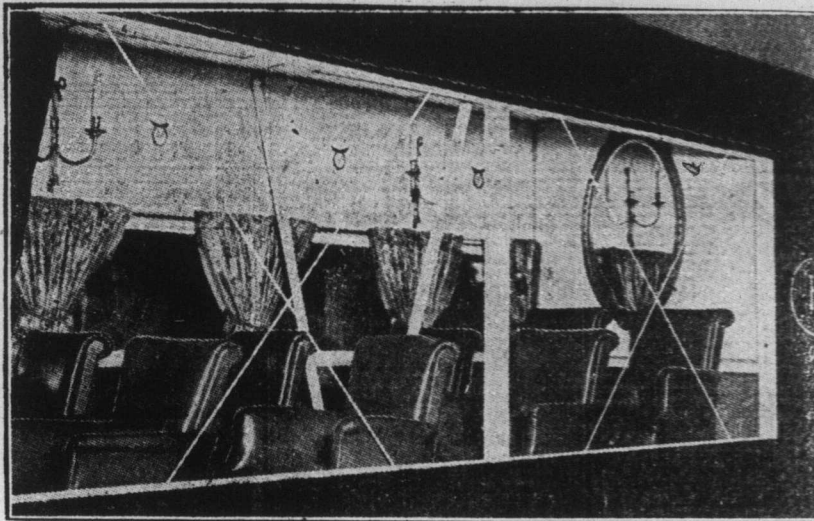
Harry Dudley also of the First, was killed just previous to the armistice.

Ed. Wackett of the First and who is in the city, employed at the Customs Office.

Allan Smith also of the First is still overseas.

Hubert White of the Canadian Royal Dragons, also in this city.

John Lamke of Preston and Taylor also enlisted at that time.



Interior of Fuselage of Handley-Page Airplane As Fitted Out for Peace Flying.

### Government Applied Closure to Discussion Speeches to be Humbled to 20 Minutes.

ON RAILWAY BILL THIS MORNING

OTTAWA, April 26.—About three o'clock this morning the house of commons adjourned till Monday, after the government had applied the closure rule. This adjournment made after three days of strenuous discussion on the bill to incorporate the Canadian National railway Co. All non-contentious clauses were disposed of and the contentious clauses will be taken up early on Monday. The bill must be disposed of by the house before two o'clock Tuesday morning and hence the discussion on Monday will be limited.

JACQUES BUREAU IS CRITIC.

(Special To The Record).

OTTAWA, April 26.—Owing to the protracted blockade which the Opposition put up against one of the clauses of the bill to consolidate the Canadian national railway company, Hon. A. Meighen, at 2:50 o'clock this morning, gave notice that the bill would be put through under the closure at Monday's sitting of the house. This means that each member will be limited to one speech of 20 minutes duration and, that at 2 o'clock on Tuesday morning the debate will automatically close and the bill given its third reading.

By a previous circumstance the closure was during the session of 1917 invoked by the late Conservative government to break the blockade of the Liberal Opposition to the bill to acquire the capital stock of the Canadian Northern Railway. In the same session the closure was used to put through the Wartime Election act.

Many of the present government members were away. Hon. Jacques Bureau sprang a sensation towards the closing hours of a night tense with situations and sensations, by asking: "Who owns the real estate and townships along the 44 branch lines, whose charters the government wishes to revise and extend?"

This was before the closure was decided on and Hon. J. D. Reid agreed to give all the information required when each of the branches lines was taken up on consideration of the schedule but the Opposition was not satisfied.

Mr. Bureau just before adjournment drew attention to the fact that the other C.N.R. bill had also been put through under closure and declared, "I am as suspicious as ever I was about the deal."

Mr. Meighen suggested, that Mr. Bureau could get evidence of what he believed behind these charges by Monday.

"I have reason to believe," said Mr. Bureau, "that there are land speculations and political patronage behind them. I am suspicious because of the way the ministers are closing the matter. The minister knows well I cannot get the information by Monday."

It was then that Mr. Meighen gave notice of a motion that Clauses 2, 3, 16, 20, 21, 22, 29, 30 and 31 and sections A and B be the first business of the house on Monday and be not further postponed. This is the parliamentary way of warning the Opposition that the axe is going to fall and the closure go into effect.

SMOKE ONLY, NO BLAZE

Smoke from a gas stove was the reason of calling the fire department shortly after twelve o'clock this noon. The scene was the home of Mr. J. F. McKay on south Queen street.

Incidentally Chief Guerin when speaking about gas stoves wished to draw attention to the advisability of owners of gas stoves seeing that the stove is not burning whenever going out.

### HAMILTON VETERANS ARE ALARMED OVER MEAT PRICES

Object to Farmers Selling to Toronto Stockmen

THINK IT THE THIN EDGE  
OF WEDGE.

(Special To The Record).

HAMILTON, April 26.—Announcement that the United Farmers of this district were shipping meat to the Toronto market instead of selling it to local butchers and dealers, has resulted in immediate action by the Veterans and butchers who will be put out of business, the result being that the local market would soon cease to exist. The large interests in Toronto realize this and would pay higher prices until they had the farmers of this district in their clutches. Then the prices would be reduced and the farmers having no other place at which to dispose of their meat, would be obliged to accept them. The letter concludes with the advice: "Study the meat trusts of the United States."

### Italy Has 14 Divisions In City of Fiume

PEACEMAKERS HOPEFUL OF  
SETTLEMENT.

PARIS, April 25.—An American official, who left Fiume three days ago and who has just arrived in Paris, says it was reported there that a total of 14 divisions had been moved to Fiume by the Italians. He said the city was full of Italian soldiers, who were arriving constantly. Virtually all the inhabitants of Fiume, except Italians, had left the city before the officer departed. Even many of the Italian civilians, the officer added, have departed.

While the American peace delegate expressed regret over the temporary break with the Italian army, they apparently were confident to-day that some settlement would be effected when Premier Orlando confers with the Italian Parliament. The general opinion in American circles is that the making of peace will be somewhat delayed by the Italian incident.

The optimistic feeling of the Americans was shared to-day by the envoys of the other allied powers, all of whom believe that an amicable solution of the Italian case is in the making.

To this end a letter, setting forth the facts, has been drafted and copies forwarded to active returned soldiers and labor associations, as well as to butchers and dealers. The letter states that once the wholesale supply of cattle is driven from Hamilton to Toronto, some forty or fifty small wholesalers and butchers will be put out of business, the result being that the local market would soon cease to exist. The large interests in Toronto realize this and would pay higher prices until they had the farmers of this district in their clutches. Then the prices would be reduced and the farmers having no other place at which to dispose of their meat, would be obliged to accept them. The letter concludes with the advice: "Study the meat trusts of the United States."

ENJOYABLE EVENING WAS  
SPENT

A very pleasant time was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Near, 64 Bingham St., with about 25 guests gathered to enjoy a social hour together.

Progressive culture was played during the first part of the evening. Mr. E. Mendelsohn winning first prize after which a dainty supper was served. Music and dancing then followed, and extended into the wee' sma' hours of the morning when the guests departed, all declaring they had had an A1 time.

In Alabama today, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi today will be observed as Confederate Memorial Day.



FLEET OF MODEL SHIPS FOR THE STUDY OF CAMOUFLAGE. This photograph depicts the camouflage department of the U.S. Navy, which was inaugurated at the beginning of the war, in which all ships except battleships, were camouflaged.

### PEACE CONFERENCE HAS BEEN SHAKEN BY ITALY

Crisis Has Had Serious Effect on Delegates.

DOUBTFUL WHAT OUTCOME  
WILL BE.

(Special To The Record).

PARIS, April 26.—The Peace conference has been severely shaken by the Italian crisis and the extent to which its work will be affected is receiving the anxious attention of the delegates. The American storm has broken and has ceased in that quarter but in other quarters a less optimistic view is taken, the feeling being that an element of confusion has been introduced, which will result in more or less delay at the moment, when the German delegates are arriving.

In French and Italian circles the situation is regarded as serious and some quarters even represent it as desperate but this extreme view is not

generally held.

Several of the committees met today, with Italian members present, and the secretary of the American delegation said no notice had been received of the withdrawal of Italian participation. Pending formal action, no break in relations would be assumed it was added. But the departure of the Italian delegates and the announcement of the departure of Foreign Minister Sonnini and former Minister Salandra, to occur on Saturday, creates an anomalous situation as it is not known whether Italy will be represented at the plenary session of the conference on Monday, when parts of the treaty, including the league of nations covenant, will be finally passed upon.

### J. W. Leonard Critically Ill at Brampton Home

RECENTLY UNDERWENT AN  
OPERATION

(Special To The Record).  
BRAMPTON, Ont., April 26.—J.W. Leonard, President of the Terminals, lies ill at his home here. For a year past Mr. Leonard has been suffering with an aggravated form of stomach trouble. He has been under the care of Major W.D. Sharpe, one of the local physicians and under the advice of the latter has taken treatment at both Johns Hopkins and Battle Creek. At the latter institution he underwent a serious operation about four weeks ago and, although he responded immediately, complications set in and his condition is giving the doctor and family grave concern. This morning Mr. Leonard is holding his own but little more can be said.

### Banker Strathy Dead

WAS PROMINENT CANADIAN  
BANKER

(Special To The Record).

TORONTO, April 25.—Henry Seaton Strathy one of the best known bankers in Canada, died suddenly last night at his home in St. George's apartments, aged 86. He was for many years general manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce and afterwards general manager of the Traders Bank, from 1885 to 1907.

In the latter year, when the Traders bank merged with the Royal Bank of Canada he retired from active banking and he since lived quietly at his Toronto home.

### Budapest Situation Is Quite Serious

SOVIET LEADER DEMANDS  
BLOOD

BUDAPEST, April 26.—The situation here is tense and hundreds of citizens are being thrown into jail. There have also been a few executions.

Joseph Pogany, soviet leader is making speeches demanding "blood" and warning the Hungarians, who have welcomed the Rumanians, or Czechs in the invaded district that they will be called to account later for working against the Bolshevik regime.

### Nearly 200 Increase in the Centre Ward's Population

Boarding Houses are Filled. Numerous Homes  
Also Accommodating a Friend or two. A Num-  
ber of Cases Where Heads of Families Work-  
ing in City Must Board.

If the figures in the Centre Ward are a criterion an indication of the growth of the city is available. The population of the Centre Ward show an increase of nearly 200 over the last year. The number of people in this ward is 2951 as compared to 2456 last year; the exact increase in population therefore is 196.

It was ascertained to-day from Assessor M. Reidel, who has completed his work in the Centre Ward and who will begin his duties in the North Ward next week, that all boarding houses in the City are filled and many private homes have a friend or two who are boarding or rooming with these families. "I suppose that it is to be expected that there are more boarders in the Centre Ward than in the others. It has always been the case. There is little room to build in this Ward. As to the other wards we will have to wait before we can say anything. However, one may look for an increase in the west ward, where the Dominion Tire factory is doing con-

siderable building," Mr. Reidel said.

"I suppose there are quite a number of men who are boarding here and whose families are still residing in their former towns because they cannot secure houses here."

"Yes, I have found a number of such cases. In some instances too the families have still to get rid of their homes in the place where they have been living."

"It is quite possible, that it will be found that in the other wards there may be numerous cases where families are accommodating a friend or two because they cannot get homes here in which to house their families."

"It may be," the official replied. Regarding soldiers overseas, their number will have a bearing also on the years population figures. Mr. Reidel, in cases where men are returning home even if still on the way overseas, counts these as residents here. He points out that they should be considered as such since they are counted in no office municipality in the previous years when the war was still on some were counted in the assessment figures and some not.

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