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U. S. Government Prepares to Arrest 84 Leaders of the Striking Coal Miners

MILLERS AND BAKERS ARE FOUND CONSPIRING IN CITY OF MONTREAL

Statement by O'Connor to Deputation of Master Bakers, Headed by Mark Bredin of Toronto—Over One Hundred Quebecers May Face Tribunal.

Canadian Press Despatch. OZAWA, Ont., Dec. 3.—That a conspiracy had been unearthed between certain milling interests and some bakers in Montreal, which might lead to action being taken against from 100 to 125 persons, was the statement of Commissioner of commerce, to a deputation of master bakers who waited upon the board this afternoon. Flour has been sold at a price which is well above the minimum price should be charged to the consumer.

The deputation, which was headed by Mark Bredin, of Toronto, after an hour's round-table discussion with Commissioner V. F. O'Connor and James Murdoch left feeling apparently much more kindly disposed toward the board and its work. Mr. Bredin explained the situation of the bakers of Canada as working. Mr. Bredin told of the formation of a committee at the recent meeting of the Master Bakers' Association, with the present visit as the result. Press despatches had intimated that the board of commerce was seeking to reduce the cost of millfeeds and thus add 80 cents a barrel to the cost of flour. It meant adding half a cent to the cost of bread and that meant one cent increase to the consumer, who could not afford to pay it.

Commissioner O'Connor informed Mr. Bredin that the board of commerce had nothing to do with the cost of millfeed. The board was not a pricing organization, the limit profit, and the cost of millfeed was a matter for the Canada Wheat Board. He questioned why, if half a cent were added to the cost of bread, the bakers should charge a cent more per loaf. Mr. Bredin replied that our coinage did not lend itself to half-cent prices. The board, said Mr. O'Connor, could overcome that by ordering the sale of tickets at to many per dollar. The farthing would not then matter.

Mr. Bredin claimed that many (Continued on Page 9, Col. 4.)

TO INSURE SUPPLY OF ALBERTA COAL

Premier Stewart Sends Urgent Message to Hon. Gideon Robertson.

Canadian Press Despatch. EDMONTON, Dec. 3.—There has been sent by Premier Stewart to Hon. Gideon Robertson, federal minister of labor, asking for early action by his department in connection with coal situation in Alberta. In view of present conditions in the United States coal fields and of the urgent fuel needs of the eastern provinces, the somewhat uncertain condition of the mining industry in Alberta is considered by the premier sufficiently serious to demand prompt attention by the Ottawa authorities. Such action as will tend to stabilize the industry and thus avoid the possible danger of further strikes and tieups is asked for from the ministry of labor.

It is Second Request. This suggestion from the provincial coal authorities follows a similar request sent from Fuel Commissioner Armstrong last week to the effect that the department take steps to make further strikes impossible. It is expected from both sources that the situation may be made definitely sure and safe that the Dominion department has been asked to look into the matter.

FELL OFF BANISTER.

When she fell a distance of twenty feet from a banister on which she was sitting, a woman was injured in St. Paul's hospital this afternoon. She was identified as Mrs. Margaret Armstrong, 37 Taylor street. She sustained a fractured skull. She was rushed in the police ambulance to St. Elizabeth's hospital and later removed to the Hospital for Children. Her condition was reported favorable last night.

VILLA CAPTURED BY HIS OWN MEN: HELD FOR REWARD

State Had Offered Fifty Thousand Pesos for Person of Noted Bandit.

Juarez, Mexico, Dec. 3.—Francisco Villa has been captured by a force of his own men and is being held for a reward from the Mexican government, according to reports received here late today by Superintendent Calabarro of the Chihuahua division of the national railways of Mexico. Two Villa rebels are reported to have presented themselves at the federal headquarters at Parral and were held for the reward. Villa had been captured and was being held for the reward. The state of Chihuahua has already offered fifty thousand pesos as reward.

PREMIER TURNS LIGHT ON COMBINES

Intimates Action May Be Taken by U.F.O. Against Trusts.

Exbridge, Dec. 3.—Premier Drury dealt principally with the question of combines in his speech here tonight in support of R. H. Halbert's candidature. He promised his audience, which was the largest he has ever had, that the problem of combines was presently to become an interesting one in Ontario. This intimation has been accepted as forecasting immediate action by the U.F.O. government in Toronto against some of the combines.

Continuing the premier said that the problem was essentially one for the Dominion government, the province would point the way. He did not intimate that the U.F.O. government would take any action against the combines. He said that the U.F.O. government would be brought about in the interest of society.

BELGIAN CABINET CHANGES.

Brussels, Dec. 3.—Further changes have been made in the Belgian cabinet. It was announced today that M. Montet, Honkiki has been given the post of minister of the interior, succeeding M. Poulet, who was made minister of railways.

TORONTO FOUGHT BEFORE FOR RAILWAY HEADQUARTERS

Hugh Blain Tells of Fight to Get Grand Trunk Head Offices for Toronto, When They Were Moved to Montreal—Fight Must Be Made to Retain C.N.R. Management.

Mr. Hugh Blain, the chairman of the board of trade transportation committee, is all the way for a campaign to retain the headquarters of the Canadian National Railways in Toronto. For forty years better railroad treatment for this city has been a hobby with Mr. Blain, and in the present situation he sees the greatest opportunity that has ever offered to make Toronto's calling and election sure as the distributing capital of Canada. He talked vigorously to The World yesterday on the subject.

REGULAR WORKING M.P. AND NOT A CURIOSITY

London, Dec. 4.—In a letter published in London newspapers this morning, Lady Astor, M.P., asks that she be regarded as a regular working member of parliament and not a curiosity. She complains that throughout her campaign for election she was subjected to a great deal of misrepresentation in the newspapers. She says, "the newspapers were more anxious for good headlines, so they wrote what they called my witty responses."

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BANQUET IN LONDON TO NOEL MARSHALL

London, Dec. 3.—Sir George Perley presided tonight at a banquet given by the Canadian community here to Noel Marshall to mark their appreciation of the work done by the Red Cross in the case of defendants in the work done by Colonel Blaylock, both in France and subsequently in England.

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YORK STREET HOLD-UP

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Charles Andre, 377 West King street, was attacked by two men at York and Pearl streets at 11:30 last night and robbed of \$150. Andre said the police he was walking down York street when two men caught him by the throat. He was struck by one of the men in the face, while the second man went thru Andre's pockets for the money. Plainclothesmen and detectives accompanied Andre to a place on West King street, but no arrests were made. The victim of the hold-up men is a returned soldier.

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IMMINENT BREACH WITH MEXICO FOR "RED" ACTIVITIES

Chairman of Investigating Sub-Committee of Senate Says He Has Evidence Which Will Astound World—Offers a Resolution to Break Off Relations—Tension is Acute.

Washington, Dec. 3.—President Wilson was requested in a resolution introduced today in the senate to sever diplomatic relations with Mexico. The resolution was offered by Senator Fall, Republican, of New Mexico, who, as chairman of the sub-committee investigating the Mexican situation, declared evidence had been found which "would astound the world." It was also stated that the president withdraw recognition of the Carranza government.

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