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LABOR PRESIDENT WATTERS CALLS MACKENZIE AND MANN TWO OF THE MOST INFAMOUS SCOUNDRELS IN CANADA

Declares That Plunderbund Forces Direct Attacks Upon London's Labor-Liberal Candidate---Seek the Life-Blood of Every Decent Man In Public Life.

Every Liberal Candidate In Western Ontario Agrees to Stand Upon Same Labor Platform as Forest City's Nominee---A Call to Smash the Grafters on December 17.

President James Watters of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada stirred an audience of London working people last night as they have never before been stirred when he hurled his defiance in the face of Mackenzie-Mann, calling them "TWO OF THE MOST INFAMOUS SCOUNDRELS OF CANADA." Mr. Watters threw his challenge into the faces of the Plunderbund and challenged them to prosecute him.

He declared that Premier Borden has broken his pledge to labor—a pledge given personally to President Watters that the premier would consult the workmen of the country before he brought in any measure of conscription.

He declared that Union Government was dominated by the most vicious influences, who would keep faith with none but their masters, and that Mackenzie and Mann would endeavor to "kill off" every decent man who ever came into public life.

C. N. R. DIRECT ATTACK ON GIBBONS.

Later the president of Canada's organized labor men made the declaration that he believed Mackenzie and Mann were behind the malicious attacks made upon George S. Gibbons, Labor-Liberal candidate, because Mackenzie and Mann were determined to crush

every effort of the industrial classes to secure representation in Parliament.

MR. GIBBONS ALSO HAS HAD ABUNDANT EVIDENCE TO PROVE THAT THE STRONGEST AND MOST DESPERATE ATTEMPTS ARE BEING MADE TO DEFEAT HIM. "THE RUSTY WEAPONS OF THE MORAL ASSASSIN" HAVE ALREADY BEEN BROUGHT TO BEAR.

LIBERAL CANDIDATES INDORSE LABOR.

MR. GIBBONS' ANSWER TO THIS ATTEMPT HAS BEEN TO SECURE FOR LABOR THE INDORSEMENT OF EVERY LIBERAL CANDIDATE IN WESTERN ONTARIO. These Liberal candidates will stand on the same Labor platform as Mr. Gibbons, which insures to labor and to the interests of the soldiers and their families every possible honest effort to achieve a square deal for the men at the front, their families at home and to the men and women who keep the wheels at home turning and hold the country to its pace—ALL TOO OFTEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PLUNDERING PROFITEERS.

KRUPP GUNS TURNED ON LONDON.

Mr. Gibbons has been marked for slaughter by the Mackenzie-Mann crowd and all their paid cohorts. London is especially made

a target for the Krupp guns of the Big Interests because it was here that Labor boldly entered the lists against the Money Barons and the Food Barons, and it was here that President Watters fired the shot that sounded through Canada—a shot that opened the battle of the people against the Big Interests.

Labor was roused to a pitch of enthusiasm last night that made the roof-trees of the Masonic Temple ring. There was never such a meeting, and it was the VOICE OF THE PEOPLE OF LONDON DECLARING THAT THE HAND OF THE BIG INTERESTS MUST BE TAKEN FROM THE THROAT OF THE PEOPLE.

WAGES IN LONDON HAVE ADVANCED 15 PER CENT SINCE WAR BEGAN. WHILE THE COST OF LIVING HAS GONE UP 80 PER CENT.

THE GOVERNMENT FIGURES ISSUED AT OTTAWA PROVE THESE TO BE THE FACTS.

DRAW UP TO MUNITIONS TROUGH.

Mackenzie and Mann have already drawn up to the munitions feast resulting from the subscribing of the Victory Loan.

THE WHOLE WAR, SO FAR AS CANADA IS CONCERNED, IS BEING WAGED FROM THE STANDPOINT OF

BORDEN POLITICS. CONSCRIPTION HAS BEEN MADE A POLITICAL FOOTBALL, AND BLONDIN AND THE REST OF THE NATIONALIST CREW HAVE WON EXCESSION FOR QUEBEC AND LEFT THE WINNING OF THE WAR AND THE PROVIDING OF REINFORCEMENTS TO THE TOWNS AND CITIES OF ONTARIO. It has been thrown upon the working people, while the Bourassa influence still holds the Government at the defiance.

LABOR, LIBERALISM AND THE MASSES OF THE PEOPLE ARE FIGHTING THIS CAMPAIGN IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT VICTORY IS THEIRS. LABOR KNOWS THAT THE LAST DOLLAR THE BIG INTERESTS POSSESS WILL BE USED AGAINST THEM. BUT THEY ALSO KNOW THAT THE SOULS OF THE PEOPLE CANNOT BE PURCHASED.

SMASH THEM TO PIECES.

President Watters says that "TWO OF THE MOST INFAMOUS SCOUNDRELS IN CANADA" stand behind the Government. They have entered the fight. Smash them to pieces and send them to oblivion so that true freedom may exist in Canada.

Vote for George S. Gibbons, who stands for Canada's best interest in the war and a clean-up of the grafters.

VICTORY LOAN CONTRIBUTIONS HANDS TO MACKENZIE & MANN IN MAGNIFICENT WAR CONTRACTS

Universal Steel Company, Controlled by Borden's Masters and Rowell's Partner, Abundantly Favored, and That "Quick," as Sir George E. Foster Has Prescribed.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

OTTAWA, Dec. 7.—The Canadian newspapers today contain an item to the effect that the tremendous success of the Victory Loan has already had a direct influence upon many institutions in Canada, with the result that the Universal Steel Company had received important contracts for munitions.

The Advertiser, on looking up the records, finds that the officers of this company are as follows:

President—Sir Donald Mann (C. N. R.)
Secretary-Treasurer—Judge F. H. Phippen (C. N. R.)
Directors—Sir William Mackenzie (C. N. R.)
S. C. Wood, of the firm of Rowell, Reid, Wright and Wood, Toronto.
D. A. Cameron, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto.
W. T. Clancy, general manager of the Canadian General Securities, Toronto.

It need scarcely be mentioned here that all of these distinguished Canadians are supporters of the Borden Government. They regard the Victory Loan as having been a tremendous success, beyond any doubt.

The incident emphasizes the significance of Sir George E. Foster's remark in Toronto at the meeting to celebrate the success of the loan that the people must see that the money went into war purposes, and "see that it goes into it quick."

HAZLEWOOD DROPS OUT OF WELLINGTON FIGHT

Guelph, Dec. 8.—Word was received in the city this morning that R. M. Hazlewood, Liberal Unionist candidate in North Wellington, had resigned. Mr. Hazlewood resigned this report. The first proposal was that Mr. Hazlewood (a former member of the Ontario Legislative Assembly) offered to drop out if Clark (Conservative-Unionist) would do the same. This was not effected. Mr. Hazlewood is forwarding his resignation today.

THE WEATHER			
TOMORROW—FAIR AND VERY COLD			
Toronto, Dec. 8—3 a.m.			
Forecasts.			
Today—Northeast gales, shifting to northwest, with snow.			
Sunday—Strong wind or gales from the northwest and north; generally fair and very cold.			
Temperatures.			
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today.			
Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	42	30	Clear.
Calgary	32	10	Cloudy.
Winnipeg	22	18	Clear.
Regina	22	18	Clear.
Saskatoon	22	18	Cloudy.
St. Paul	28	20	Snow.
St. Louis	24	14	Snow.
Chicago	26	24	Cloudy.
London	20	8	Snow.
Quebec	16	2	Cloudy.
Halifax	12	8	Clear.
Father Point	16	0	Clear.
Minus (—) means below zero.			
Weather Notes.			
The disturbance which was near Sable Island yesterday has moved across Newfoundland, having caused gales with snow in the Maritime Provinces, and another important disturbance now over Kentucky is moving toward the New England States.			
Cold weather prevails throughout the Dominion.			

LIBERAL SPEAKERS GIVEN UNFAIR DEAL

Unionist Crowd Ignores British Fair Play at Edmonton Meeting.

Edmonton, Dec. 8.—At a big Opposition meeting last night addressed by Hon. George P. Smith of Ontario, provincial secretary in the Alberta Government, and Hon. Frank Oliver, both speakers were subjected to a constant flow of interruptions. On several occasions the proceedings were suspended for several minutes. The local president of the local veterans' organization and another man wearing a returned soldier's button begged the audience in the name of British fair play to give the speakers a hearing.

GRAVE FEARS EXPRESSED FOR GOVERNMENT SHIP CAUGHT IN BIG STORM

Quebec, Dec. 8.—No further word has been received concerning the fate of the Government steamer Simcoe, which was reported yesterday from Pointe St. Pierre, a sinking condition off the Magdalen Islands. The vessel dispatched to the relief of the Simcoe have yet to report. Grave fears were expressed for Capt. Dalton and his crew of 42 men. A blizzard was raging in the gulf at the time the distress signals were received.

BRINGING HOME THE BACON



U. S. DESTROYER SUNK BY U-BOAT

Jacob Jones Torpedoed With Loss of Most of the Crew.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The American destroyer Jacob Jones was torpedoed and sunk in the war zone on Thursday with the loss of a large part of her crew. Thirty-seven survivors were taken off on life rafts. The names of ten survivors have been received here.

RUMOR AT WASHINGTON THAT NICKY HAS ESCAPED

Washington, Dec. 8.—The American consul at Tiflis today reported a rumor that the former czar of Russia has escaped. The message contained no details and made it clear that there was no confirmation of the rumor.

Full report of great Labor demonstration last night will be found on page 14.

NOTICE TO VOTERS NOT ON LIST

You must appear personally, or a member of your family, at the election appeal court at the courthouse at 10 A.M. OR 2:30 P.M. Appear on Monday if you want to vote.

REVOLT AT LISBON, IS MADRID REPORT

Outbreaks Said to Have Occurred at Oporto and Capital.

Madrid, Dec. 8.—A revolution has broken out in Lisbon, the capital of Portugal, according to a dispatch received here by way of Oporto and Tuy. Outbreaks also are said to have occurred at Oporto.

Every effort should be made to induce President Watters of the Dominion Trades Congress to address further meetings. He brings a message which is vital to the interests of every voter in London. He is a shining figure in the public life of Canada.

HALIFAX CUT OFF BY STORM; GRAVE FEARS FOR VICTIMS

St. John, N. B., Dec. 8.—Halifax is isolated in her desolation today. Storm-bound, the devastated city has been cut off from virtually all communication with the outside. Intermittent communication by telephone, vacillating and hesitating in the early hours of the day was followed by complete suspension, so far as could be learned here. The fate of the sufferers from the explosion of Thursday is causing the greatest concern as temporary quarters for the homeless are limited and supplies of windowglass and roofing paper that might make damaged buildings again habitable, are still lacking in sufficient quantities to meet the need.

UNCLE SAM HELPING.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Secretary Daniels today offered the Red Cross a quantity of supplies at Portsmouth for relief at Halifax. Two ships under the direction of the navy already are at Halifax doing what they can to relieve the situation, and another has been sent from Provincetown, Mass., with a hospital unit to co-operate with the relief corps.

GREATEST OF EXPLOSIONS.

Montreal, Dec. 8.—The staff correspondent of the Star at Halifax writes: "It is probable that there has never been an explosion of such force, even in the war zone. To begin with, the vessel contained 2,800 tons of the highest explosive known, three times as powerful as fulminate. A powder expert has since reckoned that had the cargo had a solid foundation under it there would not have been a live cat or rat left. Debris from shells, steel plates and shrapnel have been found within a five-mile radius within an area of ten square miles. "Something about the scope of the explosion has already been reported."

Seemed Like Quake. At Orangetown, Cape Breton, 150 miles distant, in an air line, and at Sydney, 200 miles away, the shock was that of a severe earthquake. At Truro 62 miles distant, the windows of the Learmont Hotel were broken and the clock was shaken from the walls of the train dispatchers' office. At Meagheers 35 miles away, a barn was lifted from its foundations as though the work had been done by an expert house mover.

Two American vessels were making port. One, a cruiser, was in the harbor at Halifax, and when the shock came the chief officer believed that his ship had struck a mine. There he saw smoke on the horizon and concluded he had been fired upon.

4,000 COFFINS ORDERED.

Amherst, N. S., Dec. 8.—A private telegram from Halifax today to Amherst, N. S., stating that 4,000 coffins and caskets to be forwarded to the stricken city of Halifax immediately. It stated that the dead would reach 4,000.

RELIEF ON THE WAY. Worcester, Mass., Dec. 8.—A special train, containing 100 doctors and nurses from Providence, New Bedford, Woonsocket and Fall River, passed through Worcester at 10 o'clock for Halifax.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last were: Highest, 26; lowest, 16.

ALLEGED FUEL CONTROLLERS OF CANADA TELL LONDON TO "GO OUT INTO OPEN MARKET"

\$25,000 Expert Refuses to Answer Commission's Requests and Joke Administration Shown in Illuminating Reply When City is Feeling Pinch of Uncontrolled Fuel Supply.

"GO OUT INTO THE MARKET AND BUY COAL." This sage advice was handed out to the utilities commission this week by Deputy Fuel Controller C. B. Harris, Toronto. "Go out into the market and buy coal," he says. And yet the utilities commission and the citizens, particularly the poor, are feeling the pinch of this cold spell, thought that the fuel controllers did really control the fuel.

This advice quoted above is the result of about two months' efforts on the part of the commissioners to secure coal. General Manager E. V. Buchanan has written over 200 letters, trying to get quotations and secure co-operation from the office of the fuel controller. \$25,000 Expert Refused to Answer. Mr. Buchanan in September wrote to H. P. McCue, the \$25,000 expert in the control of the fuel commission. That letter was unanswered. In October, another letter was written. Still no reply. Later a third epistle was sent to Mr. McCue. And there was no answer.

Finally Mr. Buchanan wrote to C. A. McGraw, the head of the fuel commission. After some time an answer was received to the effect that the latter had been forwarded to Mr. McCue. Mr. McGraw did not answer this letter, but another member, a Mr. Peterson, did answer it, giving the information cited above.

The commissioners thought that something was wrong with Canada. Mr. Buchanan, on the job, wrote another letter to Mr. McGraw, asking what was being done. He pointed out that the utilities commission was anxious to get coal, so there was distress in the city.

Mr. Peterson stated in reply that the letter had been forwarded to Mr. Harris, the Ontario fuel commissioner. Wonders What is Wrong. Then came the reply of Mr. Harris. The utilities commission wondered what was wrong with Canada. At this time the people of London are suffering from the lack of coal. The utilities commission cannot purchase a pound. The fuel commission refuses to give the slightest help.

Mr. Harris says that the city should go into the open market and buy it. No person knows better than he that it cannot be bought.

Can Buy No Coal. "I want to say that no municipality can buy an ounce of coal at this time," declared Chairman Philip Pocock. "Mr. Buchanan and myself have gone to Buffalo. We had letters of introduction to some of the big men of Buffalo and other cities, through friends of ours in the coal business here. We could not buy a pound of coal from any person. We were received most cordially, and treated well, but we could not get the coal. I want to say that no municipality can purchase coal."

This is a question for the Government to deal with. It must be taken up in a big way, the Canadian fuel controller working in conjunction with the United States fuel controller so that Canada would get its share, and that the fuel would be distributed equitably throughout the Dominion of Canada. We have done our best, and the only encouragement we get from the fuel controller is to tell us to go out into the open market and buy coal. We have tried that, but we thought that the fuel