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TOGETHER TO AVERT STRIKE

herhood Chiefs Summoned to Chicago

Chicago, Oct. 18.—Telegrams summoning the chiefs of the Big Four brotherhoods and the union to a conference with the U. S. railroad labor board...

The conference was called for two o'clock Thursday afternoon. No outline of what the conference would discuss was announced...

Chicago, Oct. 18.—Executive officials and general chairman of a dozen unions of railroad employes, representing 1,000,000 workers began arriving today for a conference with the U. S. railroad labor board...

A joint conference at the end of the week is in prospect. A spirited conference was held yesterday afternoon...

Cleveland, Oct. 18.—A meeting of the "Big Five" transportation brotherhoods was cancelled this morning when the railroad labor board met with the board in Chicago on Thursday...

Speaking in the afternoon, Mr. Leach asserted that "the brotherhood of railroad trainmen very reluctantly takes the position that it cannot agree to give service unless there is assurance that there will be no further wage reductions, nor any change in the present working rules that have been secured through many years of collective bargaining and which represent the result of their aggressive warfare against them until they force the men to strike. Therefore they must reluctantly decide to accept the challenge now."

Washington, Oct. 18.—President Harding was in a position to lay before his cabinet an announcement of the railroad strike situation, a line of the government's position in the controversy, and suggestions as to defensive measures to protect federal functions if and when the tie-up becomes actual.

In addition to a report submitted by the joint conference of the public group of the railroad labor board and the Interstate Commerce Commission, President Harding was understood to have the gist of reports obtained by Attorney-General Dougherty and Postmaster Hays, after surveys of the situation by operatives in the department of justice and post office establishment.

That President Harding does not yet view the strike as having passed beyond the "post-illness" stage was one interpretation placed upon the announcement that he plans to leave Washington tonight for Yorktown and Williamsburg, where he will make addresses tomorrow.

The presidential party is not expected to return here Thursday.

Beaverton, Ont., Oct. 18.—During a severe thunderstorm over Cambridge yesterday, Irwin Sheehy, an employe of the C. N. R. was struck by lightning and all his clothes removed from his body and partly destroyed by fire. He miraculously escaped with a bad shaking up.

Referendum Vote Stands; Gold Seal Loses Its Case

Supreme Court of Canada Dismisses Appeal and Upholds Constitutionality of the Act—No Statement Yet as to Appeal to Privy Council.

Ottawa, Oct. 18.—New Brunswick's referendum on liquor importation will stand. The Supreme Court today upheld the constitutionality of the Canada Temperance Act, and dismissed the appeal of the Gold Seal Liquor Company from a judgment of the Supreme Court of Alberta. It is therefore held that the federal act under which various provincial referenda were held was not beyond the powers of the dominion parliament under the British North America Act, and therefore that the stopping of importation is not interfering with interprovincial trade.

Judge Idington dissented from the judgment on other points, holding that in the setting of the date of the referendum in Alberta every formality had not been complied with. No statement has been made as yet as to whether or not there will be an appeal to the Privy Council.

A Canadian Press despatch says the decision carries costs to be paid by the Dominion Express Co. The decision means that prohibition laws brought into force in six of the Canadian provinces under the Canada Temperance Act are held constitutional.

SUDDEN DEATH OF J. A. TILTON

St. John Man Passes Away in Toronto While on Business Mission.

No further word as to the death of J. A. Tilton, this city, which occurred yesterday afternoon in Toronto, had been received up to the time of going to press. Mr. Tilton, who was a well known mercantile broker, left here on last Saturday afternoon apparently in the best of health and word of his death received by relatives here last evening, came as a great shock. He had been engaged in business for many years and was highly respected in the business community of the city. He was a man of very fine character, who in his private life was a devoted family man and a devoted supporter of his time and talent in public service. He was active in several organizations, including the St. John Board of Trade, the Commercial Club, the Union Club and the Masonic fraternity.

Mr. Tilton, who was unmarried, leaves to mourn his father, Charles F. Tilton, formerly postmaster of Fairville, his mother, one sister, Miss Annie R. Tilton, and three brothers, R. Wylie and Frank S. who were associated with him in business. Mr. Tilton was a director of W. H. Thorne & Co. Ltd.

Returned From England. Rev. George M. Young, pastor of the Presbyterian Methodist church, and John J. Weddall of that city, returned on Saturday after being in England about two months. Both Mr. Young and Mr. Weddall were in attendance at the ecumenical conference of the Methodist Church.

THOMAS G. WHITE. The death of Thomas G. White occurred this morning at his home, Harding street, Fairville. He became ill with pneumonia about three days ago and his sudden death came as a shock to his many friends. He is survived by three nieces and four nephews, of whom one, Roy Dennis, resides in St. John. Mr. White was a valuable employe of the Provincial Hospital as an engineer. The funeral will take place from his late residence on Thursday afternoon.

NOTED VISITORS. Marion Lawrence, of Chicago, arrived in the city today to attend the Sunday school convention of the Maritime Religious Educational Council. Dr. C. A. Myers also arrived on the Montreal train to attend the convention.

EXCHANGE TODAY. New York, Oct. 18.—Sterling exchange irregular. Demand, Great Britain 89 1/2, Canadian dollars 81 1/2 per cent discount.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Homburg, "how do you see the present political situation?"

"I don't know," said Hiram, "don't swap talk very often—not since the board of assessors to double my taxes an' cut his'n on the other side of the fence. He'd sell stuff in any old place, but he'd be tried to get on the side of the fence. He'd sell stuff in any old place, but he'd be tried to get on the side of the fence. He'd sell stuff in any old place, but he'd be tried to get on the side of the fence."

CAR WRECKED, BLOOD ABOUT

Tag Removed from Auto Across Wire Fence on the Loch Lomond Road.

The sight of a car piled across a wire fence on the Loch Lomond road near Silver Falls, the machine and the ground surrounding it liberally bespattered with blood, made passersby this morning believe that something appalling had occurred there during the night.

The car had evidently been traveling at a fast rate for there were marks where it had left the roadway, struck the side of the ditch and had run for about fifty feet along the side of the bank. There was evidence that it had been traveling at a fast rate for there were marks where it had left the roadway, struck the side of the ditch and had run for about fifty feet along the side of the bank.

BARRED AT BORDER, HE ATTEMPTED SUICIDE, BUT AN INJURY PREVENTS

Niagara Falls, Ont., Oct. 18.—O. Lequellie, a Frenchman who gave his address as Toronto, attempted to commit suicide this morning after being refused admission to the United States by the immigration officials. He climbed the right foot, breaking several bones. The pain made him forget his attempt at suicide.

REDEMPTORIST APPOINTMENTS. Very Rev. Arthur Coughlan, C.S.S.R., of Toronto, who is provincial of the Redemptorist Congregation in Canada, and who at the present time is a guest at St. Peter's rectory, has appointed Brother Joseph to the Redemptorist church in Brandon, Man.; Brother Dominic to St. Patrick's church in Montreal, and Brother Vitus to Brockton. Brother Vitus will leave this afternoon to take up his new duties and the other brothers will leave in a day or two for their new stations. All three took their vows in St. Peter's church Sunday afternoon.

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE. Montreal, Oct. 18.—The stock market opened fairly steady after the holiday from Saturday. A weak spot was Ontario Steel, when dropped from 49 to 46 on rumors that the dividend is to be paid. Breweries were active at 55 and Abitibi 31. Steamships preferred were fairly active at 51. Detroit reacted from 77 to 74. Riotous was unchanged at 35 as was Atlantic Sugar at 29.

Visiting in Quebec. The Marchioness of Dufferin, formerly Miss Violet Twining of Fredericton, and Priscilla Lady Amesley, who were passengers on the Empress of France, are spending a few days at the Chateau Frontenac, Quebec, before proceeding to Montreal.

VICTORIA CROSS FOR UNKNOWN U. S. SOLDIER. London, Oct. 18.—King George yesterday sent a message of warm appreciation to President Harding on the tribute of the United States to Great Britain's unknown warrior. The message contained an announcement of the desire of the king to confer the Victoria Cross on the United States' unknown soldier on Armistice Day.

REORGANIZING ULSTER FORCES

Report About Volunteers is Verified.

London, Oct. 18.—Re-organization of the Ulster volunteer force has been decided upon, according to a Belfast despatch to the Press Association.

The decision was taken, it is said, because of inactivity of the British government towards Sinn Feiners who have established camps, Unionist quarters and are said to be drilling openly with rifles and machine guns.

Belfast, Oct. 18.—Reports that the Ulster volunteer force was being re-organized was verified in official quarters here today. It was said that Ulster service men were being enrolled. "Why shouldn't they be, when the Sinn Feiners are drilling in Belfast," was the comment in official quarters.

Col. Spender, who formerly commanded the Ulster volunteers, resigned his command on assuming the secretariatship of the Ulster cabinet, but the view was expressed that the offering of the force would present no trouble. The plan indicated is to place the men under officers living in the same locality as the rank and file, these officers to be responsible for their men to the central authority. It was explained, would be adopted to facilitate the quick assembly of the forces.

THE CONFERENCE. The conference between Sinn Fein leaders and representatives of the British government will, it is expected, in Sinn Fein quarters, be postponed until Thursday. Interruption after yesterday's meeting was due solely to the engagements of Lloyd George in connection with the reopening of the conference. Meanwhile, the committee of members will hold sessions for the advancement of the work.

Several Irish experts have been summoned to London to advise the Sinn Fein delegates and draw up reports for the consideration of the conference. Among the experts are Sir Horace Plunkett, an agricultural co-operative movement. He left this morning for London. The Sinn Fein delegates and draw up reports for the consideration of the conference.

CHANCELLOR OF GERMANY IS TO RESIGN

Disatisfaction Over League of Nations Decision on Upper Silesia.

Paris, Oct. 18.—Chancellor Wirth of Germany has announced to the commission of the League of Nations his intention to resign after the decision of the council of the League of Nations relative to Upper Silesia is received.

SIR REGINALD MCKENNA. Former Chancellor of the Exchequer of Great Britain, who arrived recently at New York on a business trip.

GRANDMOTHER GIVES LIFE TO SAVE CHILD FROM AUTO. New York, Oct. 18.—Inspired by love and the spirit of sacrifice, eighty-year-old Mary Vyskocil picked up and bodily hurled her four-year-old granddaughter, Mildred Polom, out of the path of an auto truck that was bearing down upon them at 72nd street and Lexington avenue. As the child fell, sprawling in the street, the truck struck the aged woman, ran over her and killed her instantly.

CHAPLIN TO LAY ASIDE STICK AND MOUSTACHE

Two More Comedies and Then Drama, He Says, on Return from Europe.

New York, Oct. 18.—Charlie Chaplin returned yesterday from Europe, where for six weeks, figuratively speaking, he had the world at his justly famous feet. The Canadian comedian came with him. Charlie brought back some English clothes, a French decoration and a new ambition. Having made the world laugh, he would now make it weep, and he hopes to demonstrate the fallacy of that line about "weep and you weep alone."

Chaplin announced his intention of going in for "drammer." This does not mean he is done with comedy. He intends to launch two more comedies and will begin work on these at once. Then he will discard shoes, stick and trichomonastache and give the world a chance to compare him with Edwin Booth.

H. G. Wells was responsible for the comedian's new ambition. Chaplin spent a week-end at the English novelist's home and found him an enthusiastic movie fan. Wells suggested a film version of one of his own books. Charlie replied he believed there was a great dramatization of "The History of Mr. Polly" for the screen.

In Paris they planned the decoration of Beaux Arts on Chaplin, first foreigner to receive the order, established in 1805.

WRANGLER'S WEALTH LOST WITH YACHT

Whole Personal Fortune, His Wife's Jewels and Important Documents.

Constantinople, Oct. 18.—General Baron Wrangel's entire personal fortune, his wife's jewels, valued at 40,000 francs, and important documents of the Cossack command were lost on Saturday when the yacht Lucullus, on which the head of the former anti-Bolshevik government resided, was sunk by the British steamer Adria. In addition, there were lost valuable mementoes, presents to Wrangel by the late Emperor Nicholas.

The accident was due to a swift current which caused the yacht to run aground. The Lucullus rests in seventy feet of water, and it is believed that it may be recovered part of the treasure.

AMATEUR SPORTS. "That all men under the ban be required to forward sworn statements as to their standing, and that a committee of three be appointed to look into their cases, with an idea of re-instating, and report to the executive their findings." Resolution of the Halifax Crescents. Passed.

It is recommended that section 24 be amended to comply with the rules and customs of British justice, whereby every man must be considered innocent until he is proven guilty. (This amendment will change the wording of the last sentence of the paragraph, whereby the athlete is considered guilty until proven innocent, rather than the charges be proven against him.) Resolution by the Y. M. C. I., St. John. Passed.

These were the vital resolutions approved at the annual meeting of the Maritime Branch of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada held in Amherst.

BIG HEALTH MEETING HERE

Hon. Dr. Roberts Presides in Toronto.

Canadian Association Wants Federal Health Portfolio—Milk Campaign Suggested—Gathering in St. John in Fall.

Toronto, Oct. 18.—At a meeting of the executive of the Canadian Public Health Association here yesterday, a resolution approving the idea of including the duties of any other portfolio with the duties of a minister of health for the dominion was adopted.

It was proposed to approach the various political parties immediately and urge that in the new government after the election, a ministry of health should be of the same independent character as in Great Britain.

Another resolution urged all health officers throughout the country to put on milk campaigns with the idea of increasing the consumption of milk and improving its quality.

The annual meeting to be held in St. John next fall was discussed and it was decided to urge the other Canadian health organizations which are national in scope, to meet at the same time and place.

In addition to the Hon. W. F. Roberts of St. John, president, who was in the chair, there were also present Dr. W. H. Hattie of Halifax, Dr. J. C. O. Hastings and Dr. J. W. S. McCullough, Toronto, and others.

GEDDES RESIGNS AS MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION

Presides at Meeting Which Calls for Reduction of the British Army, Including Famous Guards.

London, Oct. 18.—Reduction of the size of the British army and a cutting down of the Household Cavalry by one-third is recommended in a report from a committee of business men appointed to examine the expenditures of the war office. The committee, however, urges that British troops be retained in Mesopotamia, says the Daily Sketch.

Sir Eric Geddes, who yesterday tendered his resignation as minister of transportation in the British cabinet, acted as chairman of the committee.

The Household Cavalry includes the Life Guards and Horse Guards, gorgeously uniformed horsemen who attend members of the royal family at state functions. It is asserted by the Sketch that the committee was surprised to find the number of men in the British army at present to be 10,000 in excess of the forces in 1914. It is said this condition may be ascribed to the formation of tank units, and the building up of the air force.

London, Oct. 18.—It is announced that the resignation of Sir Eric Geddes has no great political significance. It had been understood that he would give up his portfolio this autumn after having piloted the railway bill through parliament. It is expected that he will go back to commercial life. He still remains chairman of the economic committee which is advising the government in matters regarding retrenchment.

TRY, BUT FAIL, TO KILL SCHEIDEMAN. Berlin, Oct. 18.—Philipp Scheideman, former secretary of foreign affairs, was fired upon during a meeting of the German people's party in Lunderscheidt, Westphalia, last night. The bullets flew wild, and Herr Scheideman was unharmed. Five persons were arrested. Employes of printing offices and newspapers went on strike last night and the newspapers did not appear this morning.

SOME QUICK WORK IN STREET LAYING. Clifford Price, superintendent of the city public works department, has started in to establish a record for the laying of asphalt surface in Prince Edward street. When Commissioner Prink returned to city hall this morning after visiting the scene he expressed surprise at the amount of work that had been accomplished since the surfacing was started yesterday morning. Already the street has been completed from Haymarket square to Hanover street, and if the weather is favorable, the crew will be able without difficulty to complete the job before the cold weather makes handling of asphalt impossible.

TRUE BILL IN WOODSTOCK CASE. (Special to Times.) Woodstock, N. P., Oct. 18.—The grand jury this morning found a true bill against Oliver Davenport, Richard Britton and John Barrow, charged with the attempted murder of Wendell Sibley on the night of Sept. 27. The prisoners will be tried separately. They all pleaded not guilty. They will be put on trial this afternoon.