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Hot Fire on U.S. Tariff Bill, But Measure Passes House Backus Tender Highest of Four for English River Timber Limits

BIGGS AND ROLLO SPEAK AT MEETING ON EMPLOYMENT

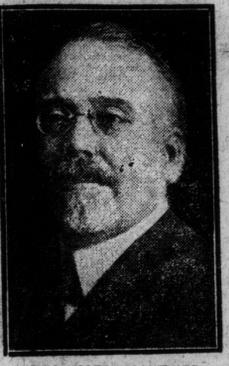
Important Hamilton Conference—Rollo Doubts Success of Pulpwood Scheme. CO-OPERATION NEEDED

Hamilton, Dec. 22.—(Special.) Manufacturers, labor, civic officials and government representatives gathered tonight in the chamber of commerce board room to discuss the unemployment question and possible ways to overcome the present situation. The meeting was very satisfactory, and those who attended expressed the opinion that with co-operation such as was given tonight something can be accomplished. F. P. Bell, general manager of the Bank of Hamilton, was the first speaker, and he said Canadians were very fortunate that their country was able to hold its head up as long as it had, and conditions were as good as they are. He urged upon the people the need of calmness today. Prosperity had reached its peak, he said. Large manufacturers, he said in referring to financial conditions, had no need to fear, as their credit was good, yet those who had not made proper use of their assets might experience difficulty in securing loans, for the banks needed good security, he added. In addition to the bonus, the Backus interests will be required to pay the usual crown dues of 80c for spruce, 40c for poplar and 15c for hemlock. Premier Drury is expected to issue a statement explaining the circumstances regarding the transaction. In the agreement that Mr. Backus will enter into with the government, he will be required to erect at Kenora pulp, paper and sawmills, and supply the control of water levels and the area is water. The spruce also is not of first-class quality.

BACKUS TENDER OF \$50,000 IS HIGHEST FOR TIMBER LIMIT

Officials of Lands and Forests Department Profess to Be Satisfied With Offer for the English River Area—Ottawa Thinks Premier Drury's Eyes Have Been Opened to Danger of Great Backus Waterpower Grab.

W. E. Backus, the Minneapolis-Por Frances lumberman, was yesterday afternoon notified that he was the successful tenderer for the English River timber limits. His bid was \$50,000. There were three others after the privilege—two from the United States, who each bid \$25,000, and one from British Columbia, who bid \$20,000. The price bid, which is in the nature of a bonus, is regarded by officials of the department of lands and forests as being a fair one. The limit, which is 3046 square miles in area, they say, has been cruised several times on behalf of the department and is not as valuable as is generally thought. About 25 per cent of the area is water. The spruce also is not of first-class quality.



LOUIS JOSEPH GAUTHIER, who represents St. Hyacinthe in the federal house, and who, according to a rumor current in Quebec City, will be sworn in as a member of the Meighen ministry tomorrow.

MILITARY OCCUPY DUBLIN CITY HALL; BARRIERS ERECTED

No Truth in Rumors That Peace Negotiations Are Broken Off. SOON TO BE RESUMED

Dublin, Dec. 22.—Military forces today occupied the city hall and municipal buildings in accordance with the demand on Monday of General Boyd, commander-in-chief of the Dublin district, who sent a notice to the Dublin corporation requiring possession of the buildings by today. A large portion of the public services will be discontinued, as no other offices have been secured.

FIVE-DAY WEEK FOR RAILWAYMEN

Ottawa Reports C.N.R. Employees Choose Short Time Alternative. Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 22.—The local shops of the Canadian National Railways will not be affected by the suggested cut in time in place of reduction in wages, according to E. L. Lamplough, superintendent of the Grand Trunk Railway, Ottawa division. The staff of the shops was reduced by approximately twenty per cent, on December 1, by releasing all the junior employees. This has resulted in the staff being reduced to its lowest level to efficiently handle the necessary work needed on the Canadian National Railroads.

MAN HIT BY AUTO AND BADLY HURT

Wesley Lovatt Steps Suddenly From Behind Street Car—Driver Not Held.

When he was struck by an automobile on West Floor street, near Quebec avenue, late last night, Wesley Lovatt, 54 Gothic avenue, was seriously injured. He was taken to the General Hospital by W. A. Greenshield, 156 Boreford road, who was driving the auto that struck him.

FIRE IN FOUNDRY

Boxes ignited by hot metal was the cause of a fire which broke out last night in the Gray's foundry, on December 1, by releasing all the junior employees. This has resulted in the staff being reduced to its lowest level to efficiently handle the necessary work needed on the Canadian National Railroads.

THE THREE LOADS!

The workmen's problem is made worse by the high cost of coal, rent, and there ought to be a public meeting to find a way toward lower prices in these three things. The legislature can grant relief in rents; the federal government may have to deal with coal and meat.

DESTROYER SHELLS ANNOYING ZARA; PRISONERS TAKEN

Commander, Six Men and Two Guns Captured by Italian Forces. ESCAPE IN A COLLIER

Rome, Dec. 22.—The Italian torpedo boat destroyer Zeffireo has shelled the forces of Gabriele D'Annunzio occupying Vigilia, says the Stefani Agency. The legionaries who landed at Casiverler marched to Zara, but on the way left their commanding officer and six men and two machine guns in the hands of the regular troops. The legionaries already in Zara made their escape in a collier. Other raids on military positions have been carried out in Dalmatia. The report that 120 of Gabriele D'Annunzio's legionaries have landed at Castelnuovo, northeast of Zara, that Castelnuovo was assigned to the Jugo-Slavs by the treaty of Rapallo and that its only strategic importance lies in the fact that it commands the southern part of the Montenegro canal. D'Annunzio, by the occupation of San Marco on November 4, already commanded the northern part of the canal. The small garrison of San Marco, it was said today, can easily be reinforced from Fiume, and the post has only 128 men at Castelnuovo. The place cannot resist a serious attack by land. General Taranto of the Italian forces has under his orders at Zara about 20,000 men. Fiume Besieged. Udine, Italy, Dec. 22.—Fiume, the stronghold of Captain Gabriele D'Annunzio, the insurgent Italian, is being besieged by regular Italian forces. Legionaries Captured. London, Dec. 22.—A greater part of D'Annunzio's legionaries who landed at Casiverler, have been captured by the regular Italian forces. The captured legionaries consist of 5,000 troops at Fiume, 200 at San Marco, 200 on the island of Arbe and 500 on the island of Braida. The captured legionaries consist of 5,000 troops at Fiume, 200 at San Marco, 200 on the island of Arbe and 500 on the island of Braida. The captured legionaries consist of 5,000 troops at Fiume, 200 at San Marco, 200 on the island of Arbe and 500 on the island of Braida.

NATIONAL RAILWAYS OCCUPYING PART OF NEW UNION STATION

Indication That Absorption of Grand Trunk Near at Hand. C. P. R. TO MOVE IN

The Canadian National Railways have taken possession of part of the second floor of the new union station merely as tenants. Their presence in the building owned jointly by the C. P. and G. T. is an indication that the absorption of the G. T. by the National Railways is near consummation. Vice-President R. C. Vaughan moved his executive staff into the new quarters a few days ago, and they occupy part of the west end and middle section of the second floor, with an office force of over one hundred. Mr. Vaughan is now in charge of the general purchasing departments for the Canadian National, G.T.P., Canadian Government Merchant Marine, Canadian National Express and the G.N.W. Telegraphs. This includes rolling stock for the railways and (Continued on Page 6, Column 3.)

BALFOUR SUGGESTS FINANCIAL SCHEME

Proposes Form of Insurance to Make Currency and Bonds More Certain.

London, Dec. 22.—In the house of commons today, A. J. Balfour, head of the British delegation at Geneva, detailed the work of the league assembly in London for further consultations with the British prime minister. The archbishop on his previous trip to London is said to have obtained from the premier an outline of the terms on which the government is ready to arrange a truce with the republican army and some idea of the conditions the government is prepared to grant the Sinn Fein for a settlement of the question of independence. Mr. Balfour stated that it had been decided to hold the next conference of the league at Barcelona, when questions of transit would be under discussion. He concluded that in the setting up of the league an experiment had been begun which the world could not afford to relinquish.

THE CIVIC ELECTION CAMPAIGN

The first thing for the municipal electors to make sure of is a mayor, councillors, aldermen, who are sound for public ownership of our street cars, our radials, and the power plants; and to make sure of a big majority for the progressive party, who are sound for the purchase of the Mackenzie outfit negotiated by Chairman Beck. It would be foolish, having these great ends in view, to vote for any secessionist candidates like McBride, Ramsden, Cameron, Beamesh. And this last-mentioned point is out with his jagged razor to cut the throat of public-owned street cars and to keep the patrons of his shop paying two street car fares for thirty years more! Perhaps he'd like to shove the public the same way—two full tickets for each shave. He's been on this job of helping the private corporation for some years. And that's what all his peculiar moves in the city hall amount to. Sam rings the bell for him and Ramsden, the Cameron and all the other night riders to obey. Toronto's new policy on these things is the greatest line-up of public service at cost ever framed up in the civilized world. We've made good in Hydro energy and will make good in street cars. The Hydro Commission has made good in the London and Port Stanley line and in the Border town street car services. The Metropolitan and the other two radials will be money-makers from the start! But no Beamesh or McBride or Ramsden or Cameron can say they're for public ownership and associates at the same time of Dick Fakers, the Silly Weasels Sellers and the Pious Joe assassins of the Beck policies. You can't for one moment of your life be a secessionist and a good citizen. Nor can you after public rights go in the boots and whiskers of Sanny Claus. Every secessionist candidate is an enemy of public ownership and Beck. You won't know Toronto ten months from now when single fares with universal transfers prevail all over the town. Bob Fleming is a better friend of Beck than Ramsden, Gessoff Atkinson, Baker, Ellis, Beamesh and Sam of the Bell. The secessionists already are on the run.

U.S. HOUSE PASSES NEW TARIFF BILL BY BIG MAJORITY

Bolsheviki Persist in Propaganda in Persia. London, Dec. 22.—Sir Robert S. Horn, president of the board of trade, in announcing with regret in the house of commons today, that it had been impossible to conclude a trade agreement with Russia, explained that the hindrance was that the Bolsheviki were engaged in anti-British propaganda in Persia, Afghanistan and India, which is allowed to continue, would bring war instead of peace to the world. The Soviet government, he said, had not yet undertaken to cease this propaganda, but he was hopeful that an agreement would eventually be concluded.

CRIMES CONTINUE WHILE CROOKS HELD IN TOMBS PRISON

Hundred and Fifty Men Previously Out on Bail Are Incarcerated. SAFES BURGLARIZED

New York, Dec. 22.—More than 150 men, previously at liberty under bail on indictments for crimes of violence in greater New York, reposed in the Tombs prison tonight, unable to furnish sureties of from \$20,000 to \$25,000, fixed by judges before whom they were arraigned today. At the same time, police and citizens continued their efforts to combat the activities of crooks still at large. Two hundred and four indicted men appeared in general sessions. Bail was raised to \$25,000 each in robbery cases and to \$20,000 each in burglary cases. Barely 25 per cent of the prisoners obtained the required bonds and others went to jail. While the courts were dealing with these cases, several more crimes were reported in greater New York, each requiring establishment of Abraham Senauke in West 125th street was opened by robbers and 400 watches were taken. A successful attempt was made to rob another safe in the building. Burglars also opened a safe in a drug store and escaped with money, jewelry and drugs valued at \$1,300. Three men were arrested in the shop of Gus Schwenderman in East 22nd street by police, who saw them enter the store. They were charged they were attempting to hold him up and rob him of his \$900 payroll when the officers entered. Police also found a letter addressed to the men which they said were taken earlier in the day in another robbery. More Particulars Later. Police Commissioner Dwight T. Night announced that orders have been issued prohibiting the parking of automobiles in front of banks and jewelry establishments. At the same time, he appealed to citizens to aid the department by reporting all suspicious circumstances. New Jersey officials continued their efforts to prevent criminals from making a haven of their cities in efforts to escape the activities of New York police. Governor Edwards of New Jersey announced in Jersey City tonight that at a conference of state and county officials in Trenton next Tuesday he will recommend the formation of an organization to keep criminals out of the state and "to pick up and care for those who are already there." He expressed the hope of getting the men of the American Legion to aid in both the city and county districts.

T. AND N. O. RAILWAY WILL BE EXTENDED TWENTY-FIVE MILES

Construction North of Cochrane Will Provide Work for Many. DECISION OF CABINET

The announcement that the government proposed to clear 25 miles right of way for the T. & N. O. Railway north of Cochrane in order to furnish work for the unemployed, is now followed by the further announcement that the railway itself will be extended for that distance also. At the last session of the legislature strong representations were made that the line be continued to James Bay. While the government approved the project, it held out no promise as to when the work would be commenced on account of the high cost of labor and material. Now, however, in view of the unemployment situation, it is proposed to make a start on the extension by building 25 miles. It is pointed out that this portion of the road can be built much cheaper than the existing line because of the fact that it will not be called upon to carry trans-continental passenger traffic.

CRAIK SCHOOL BURNS

Regina, Sask., Dec. 22.—A six-room school at Craik was destroyed by fire that broke out early this morning. The total loss is estimated at \$30,000.

C.N.R. EMPLOYEES AID MEN ON STRIKE

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 22.—On and after Dec. 23, the employees of the Canadian National Railways will refuse to handle freight of any kind originating in, or destined for, the properties of the Dominion Steel Corporation and the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company until these corporations consent to submit the present difficulties with striking railway men, formerly employed in their yards, to a board of arbitration. This announcement was made here this afternoon by J. W. Cockerill, locomotive engineer, chairman of the striking yardmen at the local steel plant. A letter containing the announcement and signed by a committee representing respectively the engineers, firemen, trainmen and conductors of the Canadian National lines has been sent to Assistant General Manager W. A. Kingsland, of Montreal.

Take Action to Help Easterners—Not to Handle Steel Companies' Freight.

The strike of about 150 railwaymen in the employ of the Dominion Steel Corporation and Scotia Steel and Coal Co., has been in progress for a month.

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THE DEMOCRAT REPRESENTATIVE FROM ILLINOIS MAKES BITTER ATTACK ON MEASURE—SCORE OF DEMOCRATS VOTE WITH MAJORITY—OPPONENTS CLAIM IT WILL SEND COST OF LIVING HIGHER.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Over the protests of a defiant minority, the house tonight adopted the Fordney emergency tariff bill by a vote of 196 to 88. The vote was taken at 8:45 o'clock after eight hours of debate. It was evident long before the vote was taken that supporters of the measure, on the one hand, and opponents, on the other, were determined to protect some twenty odd farm products for a ten months' period, had the situation held in hand. But Representative Henry T. Roney, Democrat, Illinois, leading the opposition, opened a scorching attack which increased in intensity as the debate wore on. Paragraph by paragraph he assailed the measure, while the Republicans, with loud roars of "no," sent his proposed amendments down to defeat. A few Republicans supported him in his attack, but a score of his own party turned from their traditional stand against a high tariff to join the majority. Opposition speakers charged that the measure would send the cost of living higher and branded it as class legislation. Defenders of the bill, on the other hand, said it would save the agricultural industry. Chairman Fordney, in opening the debate, said the committee had been criticized for not including more items in the emergency bill, but that he had realized that there was no possibility of putting the bill thru at this session of congress if attempted. (Continued on Page 6, Column 2.)

ROCKAWAY, N.Y., DEC. 22.—FOR THE first time since the disappearance of the naval balloon A-558, nine days ago, officers at the Rockaway naval air station were reluctantly expressed the opinion tonight that the balloon occupants of the missing aircraft are dead in the wilds of the Adirondacks. The same opinion prevailed at Mitchell Field, Long Island, among the army officers who have taken up the search for the ill-fated balloon. During the first few days of the search, disappearance officers of the Rockaway station were confident that the men had landed in the Adirondacks, and as soon as they could work their way to a telegraph station, the mystery of the craft would be solved. This hope held out for the occupants of the balloon was given way to the belief that the men have frozen to death in some unfrequented section of the mountainous area within a radius of approximately 80 miles of Glen Falls. Officers at the Rockaway naval air station pointed out tonight that in the event the occupants of the balloon landed unharmed in the thickly wooded section of the Adirondacks there was a strong possibility they succumbed to the bitter weather of the past few days in view of the fact that the balloon was poorly provisioned with food. The absence of firearms in the equipment carried on the flight would minimize the chance of foraging for wild game for food, they stated. The alpine hunt for the missing craft, with Glen Falls as the base of operation, will proceed, with one plane scanning the country when the visibility permits observation flights, officials at Mitchell Field announced tonight.

ST. PETER'S, C. B., ASYLUM IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Halifax, Dec. 22.—Word was received here tonight that the county insane asylum at St. Peter's, C.B., was destroyed by fire today. There were about thirty patients in the building. No details have reached here, but it is presumed that all the patients escaped.

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COAL AGREEMENT HAS BEEN EFFECTED

Germany to Supply Minimum of Two Million Tons Monthly.

Paris, Dec. 22.—A new coal agreement between Germany and the allied countries, which terminates the end of January, has virtually been finished by the reparations commission, and already has received the approval of most of the countries concerned. Under the new agreement Germany must provide a minimum of 2,000,000 tons monthly without any special compensation as is the case with the Spa agreement. France's share of this amount, which heretofore has been almost three-fourths, will be somewhat less, her share decreasing as devastated mines of France are restored. The production from the French mines wrecked by the Germans has been increased by almost 100,000 tons monthly.

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