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## THE BRITISH CRISIS.

The seriousness of the strike situation in Great Britain is manifest to all observers. If the railway and dock workers go out, a crisis of unparalleled gravity in British industrial affairs will be reached. The number of unemployed in the country was enormous before the miners went out. That there is an ugly feeling among the strikers appears from the statement credited to the secretary of the Miners' Federation and published today. He practically hints at revolution if the miners do not gain their point, and intimates that the destruction of the mines may be a part of the deliberate policy of the men. It is hardly to be believed that such utterances will gain any sympathy from the public. One of Saturday's cables said, on the contrary, that public sentiment was not with the strikers. A Welsh miner who was in St. John recently said that miners' pay ranged from forty to sixty dollars per week. If that be so, they certainly were not starving, and the government's protest against placing further tax burdens on the people for their benefit when so many men were unable to get any employment at all would seem to have a good deal of force. The government is facing a very serious problem, and can only rely upon public sentiment to meet the situation. Labor immensely strengthened its position during the war period, and if the people at large feel that it has gone too far in the present instance the strike will fail. The assertion of the secretary of the Miners' Federation that the nation is doomed is foolish and unnecessary exaggeration. The British parliament met today in emergency session to discuss the strike situation.

## THE UNIVERSITY

The legislature is expected to deal generously with the University of New Brunswick. It is a vital part of the provincial system of education. It is undenominational and has a long record of splendid work. It has always been to some extent handicapped by lack of financial support, but from its walls have gone forth many men who have made their mark in provincial and imperial affairs. It is not at all in the same position as a denominational college, which makes its appeal on denominational grounds for support. The educational system of the province, without a university at the top, would be lacking in one of the great essentials. The members of the legislature will not be influenced by arguments which would seek to place the provincial university on the same basis in regard to the public funds of the province. The University must be strengthened to do its work more and more effectively. Speaking in Ottawa last week Sir George Foster, a brilliant graduate, said:—"But for me there is but one alma mater, the little university that resides near the city of Fredericton in New Brunswick. I stand for the small university. They do something for a man that the big universities do not."

## VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

The Ontario government gives very liberal assistance to technical or vocational training. At a recent meeting of the Ottawa Collegiate Institute the chairman praised the government which has given the Institute a grant of \$25,469.57 for technical advancement, made up as follows: Building, \$9,173.40; equipment, \$9,902.51; salaries, \$5,393.66. Next fall the Ontario act requiring all children in the larger centres to remain at school until they are sixteen years of age, will come into effect, and is expected to add very materially to the school attendance. The Ottawa Collegiate Institute expects an increase of at least one hundred pupils. Touching the matter of education, the recent meeting of the Manitoba Educational Association in Winnipeg was marked by a strong address by Col. Gill, director of the continuation schools of Milwaukee, on the importance of paying greater attention to vocational training. The secretary of the Manitoba Labor Bureau, spoke on the same subject, and urged "more school hours and fewer jails, more libraries and smaller armadas, more constant work and less crime, more justice and less revenge." They have in Winnipeg a junior branch of the federal department of labor, which co-operates with the public school board and the employers of labor to fit boys and girls leaving school into whatever branch of work they seem best fitted for, without loss of time, linking them up at the same time with vocational evening classes. Half the cost of this service is paid by the federal government. Its work is similar to that of the Vocational Guidance Association of New York.

An American writer says: "There should be more liberal treatment of the men who are undergoing vocational training in an attempt to make themselves self-supporting. There has been much stupid red tape thrown about the present system, with the result that men who require such training and are anxious to take it have not been afforded the necessary financial support while undergoing it and have thus been obliged to give it up."

## WEST AND EAST.

Canadian Finance presents the following facts to illustrate the growth of the western provinces:—"The population of the three prairie provinces has grown from 420,000 in 1901 to approximately 2,000,000 at the present time. In 1907 there were 109 automobiles licensed in the prairie provinces; today we have over 120,000. In 1910 Western Canada had 13,400,000 acres of field crops and the yield was valued at \$183,700,000, whereas in 1920 nearly 32,000,000 acres were cropped and the value of the crop was placed at \$610,000,000. Twenty years ago this was an agricultural country; today we have large industries in various parts of the west. We are rapidly becoming an industrial territory as well as a wheat producing country. Today we have one of the great chartered banks with its headquarters in the west; we have a great life insurance company which was created and built up by western men; we have a number of strong fire insurance companies and we have representative and reliable financial institutions of every kind doing business in our midst and preparing for the days of prosperity which lie ahead." The west is optimistic. It believes in itself and does not fail to let the world know. There is a characteristic east should also possess, for at the present moment times are better in those provinces than in the west. It is not expected that the maritime provinces should show rapid increase in population, but their progress is on a sound basis and in times such as the country at large has been experiencing of late those who dwell here have no cause to envy the people of any other portion of the continent. For example, St. John probably has suffered less from unemployment during the past winter than any other city in Canada.

On the subject of child-welfare Mr. Owen R. Lovejoy has written: "There is no more fundamental line of social endeavor than the development of the child. For social betterment than the child. If we can make all our children healthy, well-educated, and capable, how many social ills will drop off the map? How many lines of 'relief' will become needless? But if we neglect the child today, how much more trouble are we storing up for ourselves for the future? There are still people in St. John who describe child-welfare work as a 'fad.' They are mistaken."

The enquiry into the road scandal in Nova Scotia fully exonerates the minister of highways, Hon. H. H. Wickwire, and finds that the chairman of the provincial highways board and the assistant chief engineer of construction were chiefly responsible for the irregularities which brought on the investigation.

Quinn, Brown and Bayley, members of the Manitoba legislature, lately released from jail, are again stirring up trouble in labor circles in Winnipeg. In a parade following a meeting they addressed on Saturday the red flag was carried along with the Union Jack. The two do not go well together.

According to a Washington despatch, the American tariff on Canadian lumber is not likely to be made exclusive. The Americans want Canadian pulp and paper.

There is now a rumor that the erection of the new railway station at St. John may go over for another year. And the breakwater?

It is expected the carpenters of Regina will accept eighty-five cents per hour for a nine-hour day, and thus end a long dispute.

Vancouver had a great parade of unemployed yesterday. Let us be thankful we live in the east.

The attempt of former Emperor Charles to gain the throne of Hungary has utterly failed.

The little war between the Greeks and Turks is assuming larger proportions.

NO SUNDAY FREIGHT TRAINS, ECONOMY ON THE MAINE CENTRAL.

Portland, Maine, April 4.—As a measure of economy, the Maine Central Railroad moved no freight trains on its system yesterday. Work in the yards also was suspended for the day.

REGINA NOW IS UNDER DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME.

Regina, April 4.—Regina moved its clocks ahead one hour early Sunday morning, when the local daylight saving law became effective.

RHEIMS OBJECTS TO GERMANS.

Paris, April 4.—The one-time inhabitants of Rheims, 70,000 of whom have returned to the ruins of that city, object to any plan of having German laborers rebuild the town, and have announced that they want to do the work themselves.

WHITE PLAGUE FIGHT.

London, April 4.—Deaths from tuberculosis in England and Wales are decreasing rapidly. The figures as given by the ministry of health are 66,312 in 1919 against 58,073 in 1918, and 59,934 in 1917.

## LIGHTER VEIN.

A man went into a drugstore recently. He was a man who does not mind a joke against himself, but though he was well known to the druggist, the latter refused to supply him with some poison. "But, rubbish!" remonstrated the customer. "You know me well!" "Sorry sir," persisted the druggist, "but I cannot give you poison without a prescription."

"Why," said the customer, "do I look like a man who would kill himself?" "I don't know," said the druggist, "but if I looked like you, I should be tempted!"

There was a man who did not approve of foreign missions. One Sunday at church a collector approached him and held out the collection plate. "I never give to missions," whispered the man. "Then take something out of the 100," whispered the collector, "the money is for the heathen."

It was the final examination, and a budding philosopher concluded his essay on "Mother Earth" with this startling statement: "The earth revolves on its own axis 365 times in 24 hours. This rapid motion through space causes its sides to perspire; this is called dew."

Action.

"You've got it 'git rid of that new hired man out'n th' field, Henery!" "Huh? Ain't he workin' right, Mary?" "Workin'! He ain't done nothing all this time 'mornin' but stand out 'arguin' with that scarecrow 'bout politics!"—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Say Something.

"Wives are most inconsiderate persons," complained the "Listening Post" columnist in the Eldorado Times. "After hubby has filled his stomach with good food, has lighted a fragrant cigarette, is neck deep in the plush of an easy chair, and about halfway through a cooking good magazine story, Friend Wife is sure to say, 'Well say something, can't you?'"—Wall Street Journal.

Early Training Counts.

The detail had just arrived near the front lines when the captain looked around and noticed a private, hatless and coatless.

"Where's the rest of your uniform?" he demanded.

"Back where we came from."

"Go back and get it."

The private vanished and later reappeared correctly uniformed, but without his rifle.

"Where's your gun?"

"Left it back where we came from."

"Listen! bellowed the captain, 'You're a fine soldier. What were you in civilian life?'"

"Plumber's assistant!"—The American Legion Weekly.

## DENY STORY

Evidence About Motor Trucks to Ontario's Public Works Department.

Hamilton, Ont., April 4.—L. C. Parkin, a Dundas garage man, who sold twelve motor trucks to Hon. E. C. Biggs, minister of public works, for \$117,600, in an interview here denied the story of a proposed "gift" to the minister, referred to by Roy Reynolds, in his evidence before the public accounts committee of the legislature last Friday.

Mr. Parkin denied the whole story and said he made no mention of giving Hon. Mr. Biggs an automobile or money. He declared that Hon. Mr. Biggs had acted quite legitimately throughout. He Parkin said he would testify before the public accounts committee on Wednesday.

Toronto, April 4.—The Globe says: "Absolute denial of any impropriety connection with the government purchase of \$117,000 worth of motor trucks from L. C. Parkin, Dundas, was made to the Globe today by E. C. Biggs, minister of public works, over the telephone on Sunday night."

"It's a deep political movement to try to get me in my own constituency," said the minister, and to discredit the government throughout the province."

CLASSES IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

The classes of instruction in first aid in the Province of New Brunswick are doing very well. In Hampton Centre, there are two classes, one junior and one adult. In Fredericton, one class of lumberman and one of workmen, in Woodstock, one female first aid, in St. John, three female classes, and also during the last year. This table is as follows: Employees instructed ..... 1,637 Employees receiving certificates ..... 1,015 Inauguration of classes ..... 17,393 Employees receiving certificates ..... 12,463

INCOME TAX DROP.

Boston, April 4.—The degree to which Uncle Sam's revenues from the income tax this year will fall below those of a year ago is indicated by figures compiled for the Boston district. The total this year is \$87,938,000. The aggregate last year was \$89,234,617. Persons making returns increased from 316,485 to 420,482, but the number of non-taxable incomes was greater, there being 139,340 this year and 91,941 last year.

CHICAGO'S SUICIDE RECORD.

Chicago, April 4.—Statistics show that 254 married persons and 112 single persons committed suicide in Chicago from January 1920 to January 1921. The coroner's statement accompanying the statistics gives domestic troubles and financial worries as the cause for the greater portion of the deaths.

PARIS OPERA IN PERIL.

Paris, April 4.—The famous Paris Opera House may become a movie theatre. M. Rouché, director, is said to be considering such a project, following the refusal of the Chamber of Deputies to increase the subsidy. He says it is impossible for the opera to continue without outside aid.

IN DEATH NOT DIVIDED.

London, April 4.—The death of the Rev. William Owen, vicar of Brents, was followed the next day by the death of his wife. He was seventy-six; she was seventy-nine. They had been married seventy-nine years. They were buried together.

## DOMINION TAXATION

St. John Interests Not in Love With Turnover Tax—Board of Trade Committee Report.

The following report on dominion business taxation will be submitted to the conference of manufacturing, wholesale and retail interests, which is to be held in the Board of Trade rooms next week, and to which a general invitation has been extended by the Board of Trade. The committee of the Board of Trade, to whom was referred the consideration of the subject of dominion taxation, particularly in its relation to the suggested turnover tax, would report that in co-operation with a committee from the Retail Merchants' Association, they have given the matter careful study.

"It was the opinion of the joint committee that while the turnover tax has much to commend it in the final analysis its application to manufactured merchandise would prove unsatisfactory because of the difficulties it would impose upon those handling the smaller commodities who would be unable in many lines of goods to uniformly and equitably apply the tax percentage. It would be required, and, further, that the administrative cost of such a form of taxation would be very great and would not produce the required financial returns."

"It was the unanimous expression of the joint committee that, so far as manufacturing merchandise was concerned, difficulties to general business would be less, the consuming public would be benefited, the cost of collection would be reduced, and the net financial returns would be greater, if the government would apply taxation to the source of production, viz. in the form of a percentage tax levied directly upon the manufacturers of mercantile commodities, to be supplemented by an import tax at the point of importation."

## LOCAL NEWS

The fair being held under the auspices of the Golden Rule Lodge, I. O. O. F., opened, on Saturday night in their hall, Market Place, West St. John. There was a large attendance and the game of chance and other devices were well patronized. The door prize, an electric iron, was won by Arthur Reed, who held ticket No. 404. A suitcase, the prize for the game of roulette, was won by Thomas Macaulay. The fair will be continued every night this week.

Rev. H. A. Goodwin of Centenary church, made an exchange of pulpits with Rev. W. H. Barracough, of Moncton, yesterday and each minister held an address of exhortation to his congregation. Mr. Barracough will join the Centenary conference after convention and Mr. Goodwin will take up field work in the Centenary mission field.

ROBBERS IN 11 STORES OBTAIN LESS THAN \$75

Two Burglars Use Ladders to Invade Block—Furniture Company Safe Withstands Blows by Hammer.

(New York Times.) Using rope and wooden ladders with which they scaled walls and lowered themselves through skylights, two burglars entered eleven stores in a single block bounded by Eighth and St. Nicholas avenues and 122d and 123rd streets, yesterday morning. The total amount of their loot was less than \$75. The burglars operated in much the same way as those who entered eight stores on 125th street, between Eighth and Lenox avenues, three weeks ago, carrying off shoes, clothing, millinery and other wearing apparel.

The first store entered was the St. Nicholas Florist Company, 2289 Eighth avenue. The receipts from the sale of Easter flowers had been removed by the proprietor. The burglars then entered the Carleton lunch room, 2287 Eighth avenue. This cash register also was empty. Then the robbers lowered their ladders and entered a store of Edward Bach & Co., 2285 Eighth avenue. They worked at the safe with hammers but were unable to open it. They took \$200 in foreign currency from the cash register.

In the Parkview Laundry, 2281 Eighth avenue, they got nothing from the safe. The receipts from Isaac Nathan, 2279 Eighth avenue, \$30 was taken; but the barber shop of John Panaro at 2277; the clothing store of Henry Lasko, 2275; the butcher and egg store of M. Marmon, 2273; the butcher shop of M. Lehman, 2271, produced no loot. Then the burglars cut a hole through the wall into a saloon at 2269 Eighth avenue, where their operations terminated.

In the rear of the saloon is the veterinary office of Dr. Alexander Sussner, 248 1/2 St. Nicholas avenue. The burglars reached it by scaling a fence, but as they forced the rear door they awakened Frank Shafon, a clerk, who gave the alarm, and the two burglars fled.

LOOTING GRAIN AT AUSTRIAN CAPITAL.

Vienna, March 15.—(Associated Press by Mail.)—Wholesale looting of grain barges bound from Yugoslavia to Vienna has led to more than 100 arrests. According to the newspapers the sailors have an arrangement with the illicit dealers. They sound the siren to indicate what kind of cargo they carry, the smugglers put off in boats and buy all they want, which is re-sold through the left hand trade at an advance.

GERMAN CAPITALIST BUYS UP ASSAULTED PRESS.

Vienna, March 2.—(Associated Press by Mail.)—According to reports current in newspaper circles Hugo Stimmes, German capitalist, is buying up the Austrian press on a big scale. It is said that he has acquired three papers in Vienna (The Tagblatt, Mittags Zeitung and the Ost Uhr Blatt), one in Linz and one in Graz, and has started a new paper in Klagenfurt.

STARVING ZOO.

London, April 4.—Starvation has killed eighty per cent of the animals in the once-famous Zoo at Budapest. The reason is that food which the animals require has been needed for human beings.

Beginning April 1 and until further notice, stores open on Saturday till 10 p. m.

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# TELLS OF TERRIBLE SCENES IN RUSSIA

## Ottawa Jews Welcome Party of Immigrants From Land of Sickness and Starvation.

(Ottawa Citizen.)

Hundreds of Jews assembled at the Union Depot last night to welcome the return home of Samuel Saslove, 222 First street, after an absence of eight months spent among the war devastated regions of Ukraine and Southern Russia, searching for his mother and other relatives there. The demonstration afforded the long lost relatives and countrymen was at times touching, and many were the pitiable and harrowing experiences unfolded by Mr. Saslove and his party of about sixty-five immigrants, which arrived at Halifax on Friday from Antwerp, Belgium. Probably one of the oldest members of the party was Mr. Saslove's grandmother, who is seventy-eight years old. The relatives of Mr. Saslove number seven, including a cousin, Miss Poly Mochulsky, who is a university graduate at the age of nineteen. Brothers, sisters, cousins and orphaned nieces were also in the party.

Last September Mr. Saslove, who has been in this country seven years, and recently became proprietor of the Ottawa Tire Shop, decided to return to Europe in an attempt to locate and rescue his mother and close relatives. On reaching Central Europe he encountered conditions about which only sketchy reports have reached the civilized world. Five years of war had wrought appalling havoc in his native territory, and in many instances families which he knew of old had been wiped out. This applied also to several small towns and villages. Sickness and starvation were rife, and it was only with the greatest difficulty that Mr. Saslove was finally able to reach his people.

According to his description, words fail to describe many of the conditions encountered there. After successfully meeting his own relatives and seeing to their welfare, Mr. Saslove decided to aid those still suffering there and endeavor to establish them in Canada. He financially assisted them wherever necessary, and formed his congregation of people fully equipped to journey across the continent. Sickness among some of the people again retarded his travelling and a few were forced to remain behind. The trip across the Atlantic was uneventful, and the usual hardships scarcely prevailed among the party.

Those in the party not directly related to Mr. Saslove are being temporarily accommodated in the homes at friends around the city until such time as they are able to secure employment and establish themselves as citizens. Many others are expected to arrive here soon.

## FRENCH AIR WOMAN FLIES ACROSS ANDES

Santiago, Chile, April 2.—Madame Adrienne Bolland, a French aviatrix, flew across the Andes from Mendoza, Argentina, to Chile, yesterday. Her flying time was four hours. She is the first woman to achieve the feat.

## DAIRYMEN'S BANQUET.

F. J. Humphrey, retiring secretary of the United Dairymen's Association, was tendered a complimentary banquet on Friday night. Addresses were given on the proposed milk distributing depot in St. John by Guy Kinneer, Sussex; Mr. Donnelly, Kingston; Mr. Magee, Quispamsis; and W. H. Huggard, of Norton, executive members of the United Farmers. Miss Earle, Mr. Dickson, D. Arnold Fox and Jack Rossley rendered several musical selections.

## GOOD FOR APKANSAS.

Little Rock, April 4.—Suzanne is only eight months old, but the entire legislature of Arkansas took up her case and appropriated \$1,250 for her care until she becomes old enough to care for herself. The child was born blind and deserted by her parents. She is now in the Arthur Home for Blind Babies in Summit.

## PAINTS HER SCHOOL.

Mt. Hope, N. Y., April 4.—The village of Mt. Hope couldn't afford to have the school house painted, so Miss Alice Doyle, a teacher, raised money for paint in an entertainment, and then donated overalls and did the job herself.

## REPAY'S FAVORS.

New York, April 4.—A touch of courtesy toward Rudolph Lagai, who died last December, netted \$10,000 each to his son-in-law, George Catecheter, and his granddaughter, Edna S. Brock. The amounts are left in the will for "their efforts for my comfort during my residence in Germany after the war and in bringing me back to America."

## HARDING'S CHIN.

Washington, April 4.—This is a free country, and any one is permitted to give advice to any one else. So Mrs. Warren Harding wasn't surprised to open a letter from a total stranger and learn that her husband would look better if he wore whiskers. "For only whiskered men are great," said the correspondent.

## BID FOR DOCTOR.

Boston, April 4.—A \$500 cash bonus is offered by the town of Otis to any physician who will go there to practice. The authorities are getting in touch with Harvard and other medical schools in the hope of getting some young talent to settle in the place.

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