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TO INVESTIGATE IN RUSSIA

Approval by the Allied Council of the plan gives to the International Labor Mission to Russia a status that will be little less important than that of a diplomatic mission. Britain will send seven delegates, including Miss Margaret Bondfield representing the women workers of the Motherland. Canada is also to be represented, Mr. Arthur Martel, Vice-President of the Trades and Labor Congress, having been chosen by organized Labor for that purpose. The British delegation will divide itself into two sections, one of which will examine working and living conditions, while the other will get information on government, trade and economic. The Russian Government has announced its readiness to allow the mission facilities for inquiry into matters on which enlightenment is sought.

Properly carried out, the tour of the mission ought to settle all doubts and perplexities with regard to the Russian situation. The Allies have not added to their reputation by the methods they have pursued toward Russia, and recent changes of attitude reveal a tendency to make a new start in an effort to resume trade and diplomatic relationships falling which there can be no real settlement of Europe's problems. Russia is too great a country, and her potentialities are too vast to admit of her being left out of the plans for the future of the old world. To millions of people ideas of negotiations of any kind with the men who head the Russian Government at this time is abhorrent. But behind Lenin, Trotsky, and the red-handed band whose manipulations have been responsible for horrors not yet revealed in all their ghastliness are millions of people who eventually will either find their salvation in work and decent government or involve many other countries in the chaos that yet rules great areas of their own.

Russia may be won to sanity by peaceful intercourse with other nations. She cannot be saved by military or economic wars waged against her people.

NATIONAL PURCHASING BOARD

Appointment by the Dominion Government of a permanent purchasing Board—men of proved capacity and unquestioned integrity—ought to save Canada millions of dollars. I would apply to the vast and complicated national buying the same sound, economical, businesslike principle which is part of the policy of every large and successful private business.

There was never greater need for efficient methods than now. The country faces serious financial obligations. The people are experiencing heavy taxation. Their representatives in parliament ought to deem it calculated to save money for the public treasury.

A National Purchasing Board—big enough in every way for its job—inevitably must mean better co-ordination, increased efficiency, greater economy. Its members will be required to give their whole time to the work. It will purchase only supplies included in departmental estimates and on requisition of the departments. The system of buying by public is to be adopted in so far as this is possible.

Against a businesslike policy certain to yield immense return in the saving of public money there can be but one cause for Parliamentary protest. It will result in further curtailment of the party patronage system.

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tem that still seems to mean so much to those who pride themselves upon being practical politicians. The spoilsman dies hard in politics. But it is incredible that representatives of the people in Parliament, who seriously desire the well-being and prosperity of their country, will block the path of progress by endeavoring to perpetuate the degrading and costly system of patronage. Canada cannot afford to reject the proposal of sound business and continue the existing wasteful scheme just because a few members, who must be little men, want to be big politicians in their districts.

COURT APPROVES NEW UNION OF "MIDDLE CLASS"
NEW YORK, April 24—Supreme Court Justice Gagegan today approved articles of incorporation for the "Public Union, Inc." purporting to be a growing union of middle class people, formed "to benefit in any way those who are not either organized manual laborers or high-salaried executives."

Purposes of the new organization also listed in the petition were "to help relieve class oppression, to regulate and classify all forms of voluntary services, to serve in emergency crisis and to secure representation of all middle interests in all legislative action."

NEGROES SEEN IN THE VICINITY OF MURDER

BUFFALO, April 23—"I had it on my mind and my heart."

That was why Tony George, a laborer, could not rest until he had delivered to the proper persons—the story he told yesterday afternoon on the witness stand, the story that may save John Edward Teiper from the electric chair.

Tells of Meeting Negroes
In broken English, earnestly and straightforwardly, this surprise witness for the defense told of meeting in the Orchard Park road on the afternoon of the Teiper tragedy two negroes who looked and acted suspiciously. One of these he described as "big and large."

The most striking thing about this man's testimony, corroborating it would seem, the defendant's story about the "burly nigger" who committed the murders he is charged with, is the fact that it was brought voluntarily to the defense only within the past month. And brought because the man's conscience pricked him so much, he said, that he got up out of bed one night to write on a piece of paper the gist of his story.

He had wanted four years ago to tell of seeing two negroes, he said; but did not know how to get his information to the authorities. Besides Tony said, pointing to the defendant, who sat a few feet away from the witness stand, "all the people say he did it," and he thought his story of no consequence for that reason.

Even after his conscience had finally forced him to action nineteen days ago, he told the jury he knew of no other way of making his information public except by paying to have it inserted in a newspaper.

Writing the gist of his story on a scrap of paper, he slipped it in the keyhole of a newspaper office, thus starting the information on the way to Roscoe R. Mitchell, associate counsel for the defense, who drew the entire story from the laborer's lips in the court room yesterday.

Scores Heavily Twice
Tony George scored twice for the defense—and heavily. That he saw the two negroes who asked him the way to Lackawanna and then ignored his directions and turned toward Orchard Park was point one. The

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second was his assertion that he had told Constable William Baker of West Seneca—one of the authorities working on the murder case—of seeing the negroes in the vicinity of the crime. This the defense held up as the most thrilling exhibit in its contention that the authorities ignored all other clues except those pointing to the guilt of the defendant, for no mention has ever been made on the stand by Constable Baker of this incident.

Eight persons in all testified yesterday of seeing a strange negro at various times of the day on January 30, 1916, but the testimony of none was as sincere and convincing as that of Tony George, this laborer who stood stolidly to his story through the frequent sitters of laughter and his dialect and mannerisms of speech raised among the spectators.

Although this was Tony's first appearance in the trial, District Attorney Moore made little effort to trip him on his testimony. He asked scarcely half a dozen questions on cross-examination, possibly with the intention of leaving with the jurors an impression that he thought the laborer's testimony of no serious weight.

It was easily the most interesting day since the Teiper trial began. The reason was Tony George—or Tony De George, as he is also known. He came to court in his working clothes, not staidly but with a speck of dust here and there and a big black patch on the knee of his trousers. He looked like a character just stepped from the stage. But on his olive-tan face was written earnestness and almost boyish eagerness to tell what he had to tell.

CAILLAUX THE FORMER PREMIER FOUND GUILTY

PARIS, April 23—Joseph Caillaux, former premier of France and twice minister of finance, stands convicted of having placed his personal political ambition during the war higher than the interests of the country. Caillaux, while escaping conviction for high treason was found to have

Ugly spears—peaceful gifts

PICTURE our work in Java from a letter written by the late Brigadier William Richards, who recently laid down his life while carrying Christ's message to Koreans.

HUNDREDS of natives brandishing long spears and carrying ugly knives, marched in. After presenting us with gifts of fowls, eggs, sugar, pepper, tapioca, tropical fruits and all kinds of vegetables, they marched to our hall—a transformed heathen temple.

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been recklessly imprudent and very close to treasonable ambitions for such is the interpretation of the verdict of "guilty of commerce and correspondence with the enemy," which was rendered today against him by the French senate.

Decide to Finish Affair

The senators entered Luxembourg palace this afternoon with the determination to have finished with the affair, which has taken up their time during the past three months. They began the discussion in a vigorous businesslike manner, presenting a strange contrast to their bored attitude during the closing days of the trial. No one, however, took seriously the prediction that the verdict

would be reached this evening. But after the court had disposed of the high treason charge and that of "intelligence with the enemy" and had declared its own sovereignty in less than four hours, word was passed that a decision was impending.

The ballots followed one another with great rapidity. The partisans of the former premier were thrilled with joy and hope when the treason charge was so promptly eliminated, and confidently predicted acquittal and began to apportion among themselves the portfolios in the cabinet which Caillaux was expected to form within six months after his release.

REPEATED TRAGEDIES MARK MOTHER'S LIFE

LAUREL, Del. April 23—Mrs. Derrick Morris, whose husband was brutally murdered here and whose son is in jail accused of the crime, has known little except tragedy throughout the fifty-five years of her life. Her oldest son, James, was killed twelve years ago while employed as a railroad brakeman in New York. Charles the next son was drowned while bathing in Lake Erie at Cleveland.

A daughter seven years old, was burned to death a few years ago. Another daughter's eye was knocked out by the limb of a peach tree.

DEER SEASON SHORTENED

Toronto fur dealers, represented by George Macleith, John Hallan, W. R. Sweeney and S. Brazier, protested to the Fish and Game Committee of the Legislature against the present royalty system, because of the extra clerical work entailed. They suggested a new licensing, fee graded from the farmer or trapper to the ultimate dealer. They were asked to submit proposals in writing. Despite objections from the C. N. R. and C. P. R. who claimed that shortening of the deer season in the north would injure tourist traffic the committee reduced the open season north of the French and Mat-tawa Rivers by 15 days, commencing October 15. That the bounty on wolves would be increased from \$20 to \$50 was recommended.

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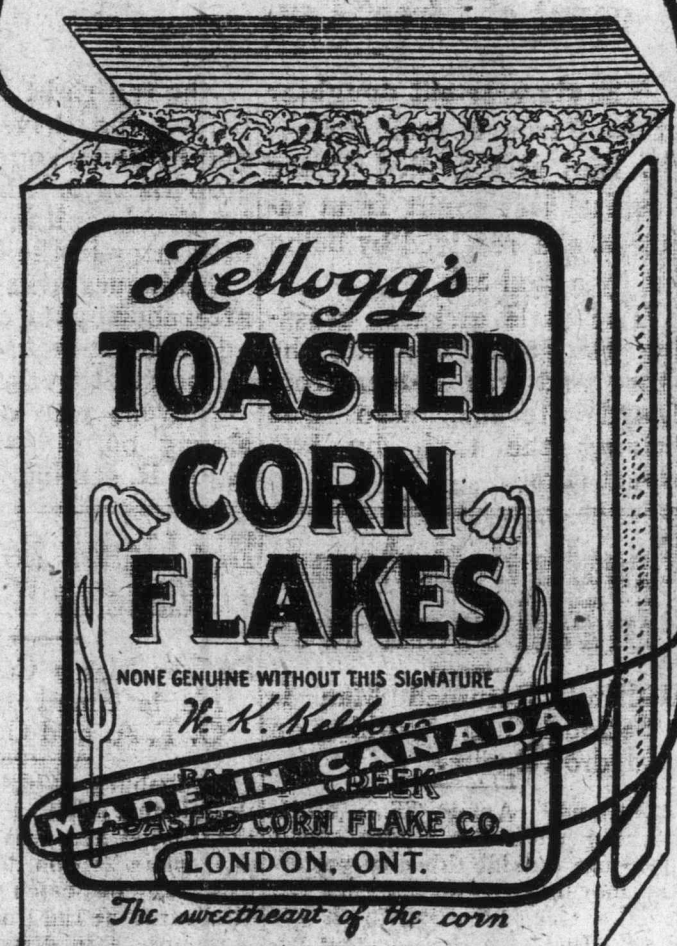
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POTATOES AND GARDEN

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