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## CARS TO STAY IN BARN PENDING ANOTHER CONFERENCE

### Cost of Living Commission Unearths Some Huge Profits in Milling Industry

#### GERMANY FORMALLY NOTIFIES ALLIES IT ACCEPTS TREATY

Does So in Note, Which Says She is Yielding to Superior Force.

#### EXTENSION REFUSED

Signing May Take Place on Thursday, But More Probably on Friday.

Paris, June 23.—The German government has formally notified the allied powers of its willingness to sign the peace terms unconditionally, it was announced by the French foreign office this afternoon.

The German note accepting the allied peace conditions without reservation made only one type written note. Paul Dutaeta, the secretary general of the peace conference, had the note translated as soon as he received it, and sent copies of the translation to Premier Clemenceau, Premier Lloyd George and President Wilson.

Note of Acceptance  
Paris, June 23.—In declaring its intention to accept and sign the peace terms, the government of the German republic has sent the following note to M. Clemenceau, president of the peace conference, thru Dr. Haniel von Halmhausen:

"The minister of foreign affairs has instructed me to communicate to your excellency the following:

"It appears to the government of the German republic, in consternation at the last communication of the allied and associated governments, that these governments had intended to wrest from Germany by force acceptance of the peace conditions, even those which, without presenting any material significance, aim at destroying the German people of their own.

"No act of violence can touch the honor of the German people. The German people, after a frightful suffering in these last years, have no means of defending themselves by external action.

"Yielding to superior force, and without renouncing in the meantime its own view of the unheard of injustice of the peace conditions, the government of the German republic declares that it is ready to accept and sign the peace conditions imposed."

The signing of the peace treaty is not likely to take place before Thursday, possibly not until Friday. This announcement was made tonight by Premier Clemenceau and Secretary Dutaeta.

The Italian delegates at present in Paris have been authorized to sign the treaty on behalf of Italy. This announcement removed one question which, it was feared, might delay the signing.

Extension Refused  
Paris, June 23.—Germany today requested an additional 48 hours within which to make known its decision relative to the signing of the peace treaty without reservation, it was stated by the entente. The council of three flatly refused the request.

The request for additional time pleaded that the change in the government and the generally disturbed conditions made it difficult to complete the arrangements.

The communication from the Germans was received at three o'clock this morning. At nine o'clock President Wilson and Premier Clemenceau met with Premier Lloyd George at the latter's house for consideration of the note.

The fact that the Germans asked only 48 hours delay and yet were refused was regarded in peace conference circles as indicating the intention of the allies to reach matters to an immediate conclusion. Pending the formal notification by the Germans as to their intention, the great allied military machine was ready to move on the stroke of the hour of the expiration of the time limit.

Dramatic Delivery  
The German request for an extension of time was delivered during the night under dramatic circumstances. A French officer reached Paris at 2.30 a.m. from Versailles with a note from Von Haniel saying that the Weimar government had notified him it would sign the peace terms, but that the text of the message had not been decided upon, and would be sent later.

This was immediately delivered to Secretary Dutaeta's chief of staff. The secretary was awakened, and he, in turn, aroused Premiers Lloyd George and Clemenceau and President Wilson.

#### RETURNED LIEUTENANT DROWNED IN LAKE

Lieut. Robert C. Hollidge, a returned soldier 20 years of age, and whose father is residing in the city, was drowned in Lake Muskoka about 3.30 last night. Young Hollidge, who had won two or three medals for conspicuous bravery during the war, and had received severe injuries to his head, in some way fell from the boat, rising to the surface. The spot where the body was in about six feet of water, and shortly after its recovery Dr. Freese of Stouffville was summoned, but all efforts at resuscitation were futile. The young man was held in the highest esteem, and the sad accident cast a gloom over the camp.

#### WINNIPEG IS QUIET SOLDIERS ON GUARD PATROLLING STREETS

No Sign of Further Trouble and More Strikers Return to Work—First Shots Were From Crowd.

Winnipeg, June 23.—Altho there were not lacking indications of nervous tension today, the city remained calm. Special returned soldier constables patrolled the city streets, and the R.N.W. M.P. and military forces were "standing by," prepared to meet any emergency. The armed airplane, City of Winnipeg, made several reconnaissance flights over the city. The only man to die as a result of the rioting Saturday, M. Sokolowski, was a registered alien, and is stated to have broken parole. Witnesses asserted that he took a prominent part in the attack on the police which started the trouble.

The seriously injured are making satisfactory progress. John Grant, peace officer, one of those who advocated the holding of the massed silent parade, in defiance of the edict of Mayor Gray, was placed under arrest today, and it was stated at police headquarters that a number of warrants had been issued against organizers of the demonstration.

Forty-four of the more than one hundred arrested during the rioting were released this afternoon on \$1,000 bail each in a special session of the riot court. They were arraigned on a charge of rioting. The remainder were remanded until next week.

A Second Death  
Steve Scheerbanow, formerly of East Selkirk, Man., and recently living at 223 Lizzie street, Winnipeg, died this evening in the general hospital of gangrene as the result of being shot in both legs. This is the second death from Saturday's rioting, the other being M. Sokolowski, who was shot thru the heart. All the other injured are said to be progressing satisfactorily.

Labor News Raided  
Members of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police raided the office of The Western Labor News late this afternoon and took steps to suppress further publications of that periodical. The "Mounties" remained at the Labor Temple for more than two hours and when they left they took away all the type and "copy" that had been prepared for the issue of tomorrow.

J. S. Woodworth, acting editor and formerly a Methodist minister, was arrested at the door of the printing office. Several years ago he gave up the ministry to take charge of the All People's Mission here, later being employed by the Dominion government in social service work. After that he was at the Pacific coast for a considerable time in recent months, where he worked as a longshoreman.

To Be Tried Wednesday.  
T. J. Murray, counsel for the strike (Concluded on Page 4, Column 1).

#### SINN FEIN LEADER APPEARS IN NEW YORK

New York, June 23.—Edward (Eamonn) De Valera, president of the Sinn Fein "Irish Republic," emerged dramatically tonight from the seclusion in which he has kept himself since his arrival in the United States. In a statement to the press at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, where he was greeted by wildly enthusiastic followers, he declared he had come to America, "to speak for the Irish nation."

Mr. De Valera declined to tell how he contrived to reach America, but said he came from Boston several days ago.

#### Returning Soldiers

Troops from S.S. Canada had reached Montreal yesterday morning and may be expected in Toronto today at an hour not yet specified. All are Imperial Reservists.

#### FIXED WHEAT PRICE SAID TO BE VITAL

Ogilvie Milling Co. Officer Declares It Will Give Country Confidence.

#### FLOUR MILLING PROFITS DISCLOSED BY INQUIRY

Ogilvie Company Reports Seventy-Two Per Cent "Net," Totaling Two Million Dollars—Hedley Shaw Under Fire.

Ottawa, June 23.—At the afternoon sitting of the living commission it was stated that the net profit of the Ogilvie Milling Company on the common stock last year was 72 per cent. The total net profit amounted to \$1,955,414. After paying 7 per cent on the preferred stock paid was left \$1,815,414. The company paid 12 per cent on the common stock, gave a bonus of fifteen per cent, and carried forward \$1,140,414.

W. A. Black, vice-president of the Ogilvie company, appeared before the commission and was examined as to the profits his company has been making. He said the company was incorporated in 1892 with an authorized capital of \$4,500,000, of which \$2,000,000 was preferred stock and \$2,500,000 common stock. He could not say how much had been paid for in cash, but the new company had taken over the old Ogilvie company.

Mr. Black said that the rest account amounted to \$2,500,000, a contingency account \$1,536,407, and investments \$6,575,149.

When Mr. Black professed that the common stockholders last year had received 27 per cent, Mr. Pringle remarked: "You would have paid them 72 per cent, but that would not have looked very well would it? I suppose you would not because that was profiting?"

Mr. Black demurred, and Mr. Pringle declared that these profits had been taken out of the public.

"The public have enabled you to accumulate this surplus," said counsel.

"What public?" asked Mr. Black.

Mr. Pringle grew angry. He retorted that the human race were the people out of whom these profits had been made, the men who have got to eat bread. For the year 1917, the profits of the company was stated to be \$1,955,414, and the net profit on the common stock after paying dividends was 48 per cent. Mr. Black said he did not have the statements regarding the three previous years with him.

Causers of Unrest  
Mr. Pringle said to the witness that these large profits were causing unrest in the country, those profits on feedstuffs and food, and they found that those men who were at the head of commissions were the men who had been making the very large profits.

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Mr. Black stated that for a great part of this year, the company had sold flour in Canada at lower than cost. He said also, that the margin of profit which had been talked about was never put in force by the food board. The company had turned out 3,888,000 lbs. of flour last year. Over a million dollars had been made in 1915, by selling wheat on hand.

"We have paid to the government, all they asked," said the witness.

Mr. Stevens declared emphatically, that these profits should not occur and the public should get some benefit from them.

This statement would help the committee in advising the government as to what action should be taken.

Could Afford Flour Drop  
"You could have afforded to drop the price of flour 25 cents a bushel, and still have made a handsome profit. I think you ought to reduce the price 25 cents or 50 cents right away and it would be a very fine act on the part of the Ogilvie company. It would be a fine advertisement," said the member for Vancouver.

Mr. Hedley Shaw of the Maple Leaf Company, was again on the stand.

#### FOURTEEN MILLIONS ALREADY LOADED TO WAR VETERANS

Meighen, in Commons, Tells of Aid to Soldiers Taking Up Farming.

#### LAND SETTLEMENT

Bill Given Second Reading—McKenzie Declares Cash Bonus Better.

Ottawa, June 23.—That loans aggregating upward of fourteen million dollars have been made to returned soldiers who propose to take up farming, was an interesting statement made in the commons today, when the soldier's land settlement bill was under review in committee. Mr. Meighen dealt at length with the operations of the land settlement up to the middle of the present month, showing that nearly nine million dollars had so far been spent on land, and nearly five million dollars on the purchase of stock and equipment. The total number of loans granted has been 4252, and the average amount has been \$3284.

Applications for certificates qualifying men to go on the land have exceeded seventeen thousand while over twelve thousand have been granted. Ex-soldiers have chosen all the provinces for farming operations, Alberta heading the list, with slightly over four thousand, and Hilda Prince Edward Island being at the bottom with 241.

Mr. A. E. Frapp, Ottawa, during the course of the discussion asked what the government proposed to do to enable returned men who do not intend to farm, to rehabilitate themselves. Would they be given an opportunity to start shops or set themselves up in some other way? he asked.

McKenzie Would Aid All  
Mr. Meighen answered the question by explaining that aid to soldiers is given to all who have been discharged by the government as a whole and not by the minister of the interior. Mr. J. D. McKenzie was not inclined to be enthusiastic about the government's plan.

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