

GENERAL STRIKE THREAT

Canada's Trades Unions "Tired" of Petitioning Government

A despatch from Ottawa says: Intimation that the organized workers are about "sick and tired" of petitioning the federal government to make a move for bettering the conditions of the workers, and that it may be found necessary to adopt stringent measures to force a recognition of their rights, was given at the big labor conference Saturday. The following is the statement of the proceedings in part: "Bitter criticism of the Imperial Munitions Board, was made by international labor representatives at the labor conference. Many of the international representatives favored demanding of the government the dismissal of Chairman Flavelle and a reorganization of the munition board. There was a general feeling that steps should be immediately taken to force action on the part of the government by making arrangements for a general tie-up of industry throughout the Dominion. Delegates declared that Mr. Flavelle's attitude was one of defiance to the workers in their efforts to obtain redress, trying to make it appear that he was fair, and actuated by patriotic motives. His attitude, declared many speakers, was destroying national union. A committee was appointed to consider general strike measures."

WIN MILITARY HONORS

Canadian Overseas Officers Given High Awards are Many

Birthday honors on the military list were announced from London as follows: Companions of the Bath—Temporary Brigadiers George Stuart Tuxford, Archibald Cameron Macdonnell, Percival Edward Thacker, Alexander Duncan Macrae, Knight Commander of St. Michael and St. George—Temporary Major-Generals Arthur William Currie, Richard Ernest William Turner, Henry Edward Burstall, Temporary Brigadier Frederick Oscar Warren Doornik, Colonel Manley Sims, Temporary Brigadiers James Harold Elmsley, Edward Hilliam Victor Wentworth Odub; Lieut.-Cols. Charles Hamilton Mitchell, Gilbert Edward Sanders; Temporary Major-General David Watson; Brigadier Joseph Phillip Landry; Colonels Charles Alfred Hodgkiss, Charles Allan Stephen Meighen, Lt.-Col. Harold French Macdonald, General H. E. Burstall; of the Canadians has been appointed Aid de Camp to H.M. the King. The following decorations have been conferred by the allied powers: Croix De Commandeur, Sir Julian Byng, Croix D'Officier, Brigadier Huntley Kitchen and Lt.-Col. Thomas L. Tremblay.

GAINING ON TRIESTE

Major-General Ricardi Meets Death While Leading Attack

By a surprise attack in the darkness, says a Sunday despatch from Rome, Italian infantry took another stride toward Trieste. They threw the Austrians from trenches on a front of a mile and a quarter on the southern Carso plateau, advancing a distance of a quarter of a mile. The attack was made between Sastagnavizza and Selo, and will aid in the assault on the latter position. This attack was followed by a revival of activity on most of the front of the Italian offensive. About Goritz and on the northern Carso, especially in the region of the Dosso Fatti, the Austrian artillery fire was most violent. This was followed by attacks by patrols. The hill positions east of Goritz also were attacked, but the Italians held on.

VICTORY THROUGH PEACE

Peace Cannot Come from Stockholm Conference, Says Ribot

A despatch from Paris says: Premier Ribot Friday announced in the French Chamber of Deputies that the Government would not facilitate the voyage of French Socialists to the International Socialist Congress at Stockholm. Premier Ribot was cheered by a great majority of the members of the Chamber when, with the approval of the Cabinet, he refused to give Government recognition to the attempt of the French extreme Socialists to discuss peace possibilities with German and other Socialists at Stockholm. Premier Ribot added: "Peace can come from victory alone."

52,000 Prisoners Since April

An official report from Paris on Sunday said: "From April 1 up to the present the number of prisoners captured by the French and British troops on the Western front exceeded 52,000, of whom more than 1,000 were officers. Included in the enormous material taken from the enemy during the same time were 446 heavy and field cannon, 1,000 machine guns and a considerable number of trench guns."

Five Days Without Food

A despatch from a British port says: Two British aviators were rescued in the North Sea last week, by a British warship. The men had been floating on some wreckage for five days and nights, and had only a small piece of chocolate between them during that period. They were much exhausted when rescued and landed here.

Loss in Cereal Ships Slight

Great Britain's losses in cereal ships has been only six per cent., according to a statement made to the Associated Press Saturday, by Kennedy Jones, Director of Food Economy. The Ministry of Food, he added, had made allowances for the loss of 23 per cent. of this kind of shipping.

A letter has been received from Pte. Ernest Cutridge of Rylstone, Ont., who has since been killed in action, being the last of five brothers to die on the battlefield.

Customs returns in several ports of Canada show large increases, some being double or even treble the revenue in May last year.

CANADIANS SPLENDID

Lieut.-Gen. Byng Praises Operations of Vimy Ridge

Lieut.-Gen. Sir Julian Byng, Commander of the Canadian corps in the field, wrote Sir Geo. Perley, following the battle of Vimy Ridge, expressing his pride in his men. The following extract from his letter was issued from the militia department, Ottawa, last week: "The corps was splendid last week. I knew they would do well, but could not have imagined that the attack could possibly go as smoothly and up to the time as it did. I see a good deal has been written that the resistance was feeble. This is by no means the case, as is evidenced by the enormous number of dead Germans and our heavy casualties. The two flank divisions had heavy fighting (the 1st and 4th) in the centre of the fourth division, where we were checked for some hours, but otherwise nothing disturbed the accuracy of the timetable. Naturally one's pride in the corps can hardly be described by words, and it would be impossible for me to do so."

RUSSIANS FIGHTING

Evidence in Letter Found on Captured German Officer

A despatch from British Headquarters in France, says: Recently captured letters written by Germans on the Russian front to friends on the western front show that the soldiers are not at all pleased with any proposal to change fronts. One written by a German officer on the Russian front, says: "It is quite untrue that Russians are deserting in great numbers, or that an armistice has been declared. The situation has led to more casualties than usual because the Germans are becoming fool-hardy. We have lost here during a short period a battalion commander, regimental medical officer and company commander, all through lack of caution. The first two were bagged by an infantry sniper while they were debating with a Russian on peace. Our great topic is the possibility of moving westward. We do not desire a change of fronts."

KING'S BIRTHDAY HONORS

Nine Canadians Knighted—J. W. Flavelle a Baronet

Among the King's birthday honors are a number of new Canadian knights, Sir Joseph Wesley Flavelle, Sir Robert A. Falconer, Sir George Bury, Sir John Aird, Sir George Burn, Sir Eugene Fiset, Sir Augustus Meredith Nanton, Major-General Sir Richard Ernest William Turner, V.C., D.S.O., and Lieut.-Col. Sir Arthur William Currie. Sir Joseph Wesley Flavelle, Bart., of Toronto, was born of Irish parents, near Peterboro', Ont., on Feb. 14, 1858. Before the "shell investigation," he was known principally as the President of the William Davies Company, Ltd., Toronto, but since Lord Rhoads—Mr. D. A. Thomas—organized the British Munitions business in Canada, he has served as the Chairman of the Imperial Munitions Board in Canada.

TOTAL CAPTURES FOR MAY

British Troops Take 3,412 Prisoners During Month

During May the British forces in France captured 3,412 Germans, says the official statement from British Headquarters, issued last week. The statement follows: "During the month of May we captured, in operations in the battle area and in raids and minor operations on other portions of the front, 3,412 German prisoners, including 68 officers. We also took one German field gun, eighty machine guns and twenty-one trench mortars." Seven hundred and ten aeroplanes were brought down on the Western front, only seven less than in April, when the struggle for superiority in the air reached its maximum intensity. During this period the Germans lost 439 machines, and the Allies, according to the claims of the enemy, 271.

RUSSIANS TAKE HEIGHTS

Russ Win in Mesopotamia After Stubborn Battle

A report from Petrograd says: Russian troops have won a victory in a battle with the Turks in the Sakkiz region, on the Mesopotamian frontier, taking possession of three heights, the war office announced Monday. The statement is as follows: "On the Caucasus front the Kurds, with a force of 500 men, attacked our position in the region of Akbara mountain, 25 versts south-east of Erzingan. They were repulsed with great losses. South-west of Van a Turkish company attacked, but was immediately repulsed."

Drastic Food Bill Passed

A despatch from Washington says: The Administration food bill was adopted by the Senate Saturday afternoon by an aye and nay vote. It includes an amendment empowering the President to prohibit speculation in future which unduly enhances prices of wheat and other food cereals. If the warning is not observed, the President could close an exchange during the war.

French Sub Sinks U-Boat

A despatch from Rome says: The French submarine Circe has torpedoed and sunk a large enemy submarine as it was coming out from Cattaro, escorted by a torpedo boat. Although attacked by aeroplanes, the Circe returned undamaged to its base.

Conscription for Toronto

Strongly-worded resolutions calling for conscription were passed at a meeting of 10,000 people in Queen's Park, Toronto, last Saturday. Veteran soldiers, armed with crutches, broke up an anti-conscription meeting at Toronto on Sunday.

A Peking despatch on Sunday said: Eleven provinces of China, including Chi Li, which Peking is situated, no longer recognize the Peking Government.

HEROES OF VIMY SCORE AT LENS

Canadian Troops Carry Electric Station in Fierce Attack—French Repel Assaults—British Take Positions

A despatch from Canadian Headquarters in France says: In what is officially spoken of as a minor operation, but which was really a bit of brilliant fighting, involving careful preparation and a final swift attack, the Canadians early Sunday morning captured the electric station southwest of Lens, on the outskirts of the village of Coulotte, and a stretch of the enemy front exceeding a mile, with a depth at its greatest point of over eight hundred yards. The men who won this notable victory were veteran troops, who six weeks ago, carried "The Pimple" by storm. Their depleted ranks had been reinforced by drafts from England, and in the morning's engagement these troops proved their fitness to maintain Canada's reputation at the front. The electric station was smashed out of all recognition by the great shells from the giant howitzers. Despite this terrific pounding, the enemy clung to his positions as the outworks of the defenses of Lens. It is a matter of amazement that the infantry can make headway under a barrage, but the men from Alberta and Manitoba trudged along as if carrying out practice manoeuvres till they came in touch with the enemy. Their own barrage of shell was a veritable pillar of fire, travelling on before to guide, but also to restrain them from proceeding too rapidly. By 1.40 all the objectives were occupied, but it was not till 4.30 that all the Germans within the occupied area had been disposed of. Many of those cornered died fighting. Prisoners taken number eighty.

French Hold All Positions

"According to supplementary reports," says the Sunday official war office communication from Paris, "the German attacks directed last night and this morning against the Plateaux of Valenciennes and Calmarie were carried out by units belonging to two divisions. On the Valenciennes the Germans assaulted in very dense waves; at certain points the enemy infantry moved forward shoulder to shoulder in the first attack, and were driven back in disorder by our fire. All the attempts directed against the west and central sections of the Calmarie Plateau completely failed.

"Finally, in the northeast corner of the plateau, the enemy, who renewed his attempts in the morning, and succeeded in gaining a foothold in our trenches on the first line, was driven out by a brilliant return of fire on the part of our troops. In the course of this struggle, which was of extreme violence, the enemy suffered very heavy losses. We maintained completely all of our positions, and took additional prisoners."

British Assault on Souchez

An official statement issued Sunday in the war office says that the British forces in France made an attack Saturday night southward from the Souchez River and that good progress has been made. The text of the statement follows: "The enemy's positions south of the Souchez River were attacked by our troops last night. Good progress has been already made on the front attacked and a number of prisoners captured. In the course of the night the enemy attacked our advanced posts southwest of Cherys and at first made some progress. Our counter-attack regained the whole of the ground lost with the exception of one post."

GERMANY APOLOGIZES

Offers to Salute Spain's Flag as Atone-ment

The reply of the German Government to Spain regarding the attack by a German submarine on the Spanish steamship Patricia is understood to be extremely cordial, says a Havas (French) despatch from Madrid. The German note declares that the ship was not torpedoed, and that the submarine had no intention of sinking her, but simply wanted to stop her. The German Government says that it never had any intention of causing injury to Spain. Germany is disposed to do honor to the Spanish flag and on the first possible occasion German warships will file past a Spanish ship, and each German ship will fire a salute of 21 guns.

Gunnery: Hun's Terror

Captain George Gynemer, most famous of all French army aviators, has brought down five more German aeroplanes, two of them in one minute. The Captain now is credited officially with having destroyed 43 enemy machines. Between May 17 and May 31 the French airmen brought down 32 German machines, and 57 others are believed to have fallen to earth behind the German lines.

Withdraw British Prisoners

Arrangements have been completed with the German Government for the withdrawal of all British war prisoners from the firing line, according to an official announcement. The prisoners will be kept a minimum distance of 30 kilometers (18 1/2 miles) from the actual front, both in the eastern and western zones.

362,000 Enlist in Australia

A despatch from Melbourne, Australia, says: Hon. Geo. Foster Pearce, Minister of Defence, has issued a return showing that enlistments in Australia from the beginning of the war to April 30 last numbered 362,000, being 14 per cent. of the male population of the Commonwealth.

Capt. Ball, Killed in Action

The war office, says a London despatch, has confirmation that Captain Ball, one of Britain's noted aviators, was killed in action some time ago. Capt. Ball had been missing since May 7.

Sir Thomas White gave notice last week of his bill to amend the bank act, providing for loans to farmers on security of their live stock.

False Pretenses.

Villain—I understand Driggs was placed under arrest last night as he was leaving the stage. Soubrette—What was the charge? Villain—Impersonating an actor.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Durable Hair.

Experts have found that the hair of Japanese women is extremely long, elastic and durable, making it superior to all other human hair for commercial purposes, especially for weaving with silk into textiles.

Just So.

"The photo of the new bride is alluring." "Well?" "But in the family group taken about ten years later mother always has a resigned look."—Kansas City Journal.

Atoms.

"Father," said a little boy one day, "where is atoms?" "Atoms, my son? You mean Athens surely?" "No, father, atoms, the place where things are blown to."

Tact.

"How shall I close this letter to Slowpay—'yours truly' or 'respectfully'?" "Say 'respectfully,' but add, in parentheses, 'for the last time.'"—Fliegende Blaetter.

Three Wives.

"Well, of all the impudence—asking me to help you because you have three wives to support!" "They don't belong to me, mister; they belong to me sons-in-law."—Boston Transcript.

Great Fun.

Little Johnny—I wish we lived in a skyscraper, mamma. Mamma—Why do you wish that, dear? Little Johnny—Then I could slide down the banisters and go up in the elevator.—Pittsburgh Telegraph.

Overheard at the Zoo.

The Lion—The leopard, you know, cannot change his spots. The Zebra—I can't change my stripes either, but no one ever thought it of sufficient interest to make a proverb of.—New York Times.

Happiness.

They were at a distant resort. "I don't like it here," declared ma. "We don't know anybody." "Suits me," asserted pa. "We don't owe anybody either."—Kansas City Journal.

Wonderful Kindness.

Hatteras—Is that man Ghiverts good pay? Hanchett—Good pay? Why, once when his assets were actually twice as much as his liabilities he went into bankruptcy so his creditors would get 200 cents on the dollar.—Puck.

Another Field.

"You can't sell me a gold brick. I've bought twenty or more in my time." "Exactly, and you therefore need a container. I'm selling elegant mahogany hods with gilt nails. You sign here."—Pittsburgh Post.

One Formality.

"Oh, joy! She has written a letter saying she will marry me." "Congratulations. When?" "Well—er—you see her father has to indorse this promissory note before it's good."

Grapefruit in China.

A number of varieties of the pomelo, or grapefruit, grow in China, all differing more or less from the American fruit. All have somewhat of the bitter taste which makes our pomelos so appetizing.

Quite So.

"You'd think the hero and the heroine were really in love with each other, but I'm told they quarrel dreadfully off the stage." "Oh, well, I dare say they make up easily!"

Different Proposition.

"But, surely, Bunkum," said the white man, "you cannot be afraid of that old dog? Why, he eats right out of my hand." "Yassah, yassah! When he eats out of yo' hand, it's yo' hand, but when he done takes a fool notion to eat out of muh leg, it's muh leg, sah!"—Exchange.

Four Manhattan Squares.

Father Knickerbocker is a pretty good business man. He bought the ground for Washington square in 1827 at a cost of \$77,970. Union square was acquired in 1833 for \$116,061, and Tompkins square in 1834 for \$93,358. Madison square, bought in 1847, cost \$65,952, making a total of \$353,331. Today the four parks are assessed at \$16,000,000.—New York World.

CONSOLATION.

Before an affliction is digested consolation comes too soon, and after it is digested it comes too late, but there is a mark between these two as fine almost as a hair for a comforter to take aim at.—Sterne.

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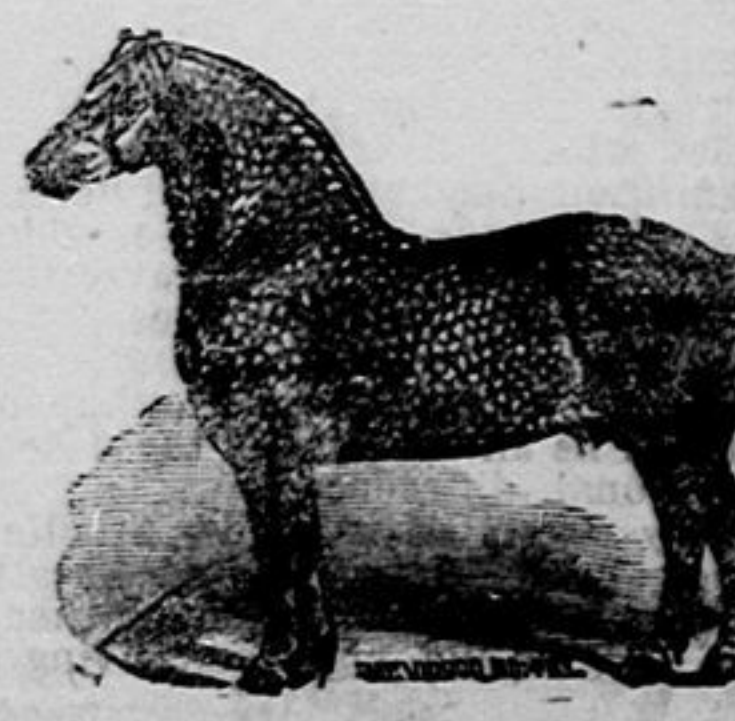
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her sister at London. J. Oliver, of the who went overseas is reported wounded Podlar left on Saturday a couple of weeks later at Owen Sound, Thurston visited her last week. of Proton Station of Miss Addie Wright and. Dundas of Chesley are over Sunday with continues very ill. Dundas of Toronto is week. campaign and bride- visiting Mr. John her relatives. mble leaves this her daughter, Mrs. at Cadillac, Mich. John Nixon and son, who attended the funeral Peter Thibaudan, last week, visited relative the week-end. her and family re- interesting letter on Pte. Elgin McLean, made his home with been for some time front in France, with- found. He sent home souvenirs from the German prisoner he he, Chas. Adams also ing passed through battle without injury. of Clarkburg was Saturday, and sold to fish the Mrs. Carter not adjoining the Dr. S., purchased by the ch. stedli has purchased delivered on Friday. and Mr. York, Miss of Miss Albright, of said Mr. and Mrs. T.J. on Sunday. s. W. H. Brown of ed the former's father on Monday. ackburn is in Toronto mother, who is very

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