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GREAT RAILWAY STRIKE.

The Great railway strike which was deferred (and only deferred), by the Adamson Act, which Congress passed on the recommendation of the president, practically conceding the demands of the railway employees, may begin to-day. These employees will not wait any; longer for the eight-hour day. The managers of the railways say they should delay action pending the decision of the supreme court, which will, at an early date, settle the constitutionality of the law. Employees have no aseven soon, and they are disposed to order a strike, calling out certain branches of the service, and gradually developing the movement until 400,000 men have ceased their suspension of some of the larger railis embarrassed as it is. There is a congestion of freight at all the Ame ericah ports. A strike will paralyze because it wil involve a loss of the most appalling kind. The president is deeply concerned over the result. He has much persuasion. In a certain kind of diplomacy he is adept. It remains to be seen whether he is equal to the test that this most

Inter-marrying for political effect, in Europe, and among the Crown heads, has become most unpopular.

serious labor dispute puts upon him.

DROOPING IRISH HOPES.

recruiting in Ireland slackened.

Tay Pay O'Connor says the British government is responsible for this. All the Irish troops were not used as they expected to be. Some Irish officers had doubt cast upon their integrity. Unrest and Sinn Feinnism, like Queen Sophia, of Greece, and in al its perplexing obstrusiveness, kept out of the conspiracies. followed. As a consequence the harp which symbolizes Irish hope and Irish melody is silent to-day. The ramifications of the German secret Nationalists may be somewhat to service. It penetrated every counfrom criticism. The premier has dictator of Europe. been either misunderstood or he has receded from the advanced position

which he occupied some time ago. An appeal is made for the review of the whole situation by a new and independent commission, composed of the overseas premiers. These are in England, at the Imperial conference, and they may hit upon a happy compromise. It is hardly likely. Temperarily sorrow sits upon the hearts of the Irish people everywhere, and they cannot sing the old songs as they would like to do. Therefore the anniversary of St. Patrick brings its gloom and oppression, and only the optimism which has never deserted the race can keep the faith alive within them

Trade, (imports and exports), increased in England by \$18,000,000 and millions of money would have and \$4,760,000, respectively, in February. It will take Germany a long time to starve out Britain at this

their social and political conditions, government helpless? it was not suspected that a revolution was at hand. Two things have become suggestive of an under and unofficial movement of the greatest magnitude. There was, first, the assassinating of the Monk Rasputin. He was a religious imposter and a political conspirator, in the closet league with German spies. Then there was the presumed dismissal by the Czar of the Dunia, the people's forum, the people's assembly, in which public opinion had been as-

by correspondents who have been in improved. a position to study the character of the Czar. In one His Majesty has | been represented, (before the war). as a timid, shrinking, skulking fig-G. Elliott President ure, possessed of autocratic power and A. Guild ... Managing Director and yet afraid of the people whom he desired to rule with an iron hand. Business Office ...?..... 243 The other represents him as a sol-Editorial Rooms 229 dier and a leader. He abandoned a trip to Cape Vincent to-day. all fear, all protection of a military kind, and flung himself unreserved- liquor licenses this year, and many of One year, delivered in city\$6.00 ly into the conflict. He went anxious- those in the business will retire.

The ice in the harbor is fifteen one year, it paid in advance . One year, to United States\$2.50 perfect harmony with the army and year, by mail, cash\$1.00 its plans. He sympathized with his One year, if not paid in advance \$1.50 depressed countrymen. He resented | DEVELOPMENT OF six and three months pro rata. | the invasion of Belgium. He promised the independence of Poland.

While this was going on his gov-C. Hoy. ... 1005 Traders Bank Bldg. ernment was under the domination of the Germans through emissaries R.Northrup, 1510 Ass'n Bidg., Chicago who worked among the ruling withstand the power of the bourbons appointment. Major-General Turtious purposes. These Germans are influence to defeat Russia in the war. and men were working with this ob- stituted up to the time that Trepoc ject in view while pledged to serve their country. The plots were not discovered in a day. It took time to get the evidence that has brought about a surprising turn-out of the most autocratic government in the

. There were suspicions, afterwards confirmed. Rasputin, both lecherous and traitorous, was put out of the way. Every Russian knew what this meant. The trail of the serpent was found in all the departments of government. Little by little the work of the plotters was revealed. The surance of a judgment at once, or do, on the command of the Czar, a necessary, fire upon them.

plotters, realized that all Russia was against them, the military, the ruling classes, the Duma, and the army, and they fled. Years had passed while Liberty was struggling to break her shackles, and at once, as the result of revolution, lasting only three days, she freed herself. The empire passed under the immediate control of the democracy. The provisional government, which represents an aggresive war party, one having for its object the quicker accomplishments of its plans, and that the com-The outlook for Ireland is not as plete subjugation of Germany, will roseate at this anniversary of her be replaced by a permanent governpatriot saint as it was a year ago. ment. It will be the complete anti-Then there seemed to be only one thesis of the government of the Czar. thing between her and Home Rule: The power of the Romanoffs is at an That was the war. It had to be set- end. Hereafter there will be a new tled before there could be any re- Russia with a freedom for the peovival of the question. Meanwhile, ple that was never dreamt of in their philosophy.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Czarine, of German decent, was no doubt in sympathy with her people in the war. But she was un-

The world is just realizing the blame. They are too impetuous. try, and so far as human ingenuity long retain the portfolio of agricul-The government is certainly not free could accomplish it Germany was the ture. Not after the next election, at

> The "Seven Sleepers" in Queen's Park seem, says the Toronto News, to be for too wide awake for the opposition. Indeed. They are read; enough to appropriate any liberal ideas, new or old, on a minute's no-

Sir Sam Hughes said that he advised Lloyd-George that Ulster could not, or should not, be oppressed, and that if she were Canadian Orangemen would get behind Ulster. We now understand what caused a change in Lloyd-George's opinions.

The men and the papers were declares that eggs will soon be sellin' right when on the outbreak of the at 25 cents a dozen. war they insisted upon the banishment from England of every German. Had Russia been purged of her spies Mr. Rowell's offer to the Governand conspirators thousands of lives ment to permit the re-election of a been saved.

erate them while the employers and cepted as the annihilation of German The revelations in Russia comes employees are quarrelling over the influence at court and the assurance as a great surprise, because, while eight-hour day? The British govit has been known that the people ernment will be equal to an exploit have long been discontented with of that kind. Is the United States three months when he quit and Stur-

> \$200,000 to get 12,500 farmers to separate peace with Russia, with leave the United States and settle

With Prussianism so strong in the Russian cabinet and public offices the wonder is that war was declared serting itself in a very definite way. of all that represents the enemy the Pen pictures have been drawn Russian campaign will be very much

There are very few applicants for those in the business will retire.

TROUBLE IN RUSSIA

tion to the government as it was con- ant changes may take place.

The elevation of Trepoff was ac- it was told you, don't tell it

that the war would be carried to a finish, with a minimum of graft and treason. Trepoff was in office only mer, a pronounced reactionary, took his place. Immediately began to The National Service Commission creep into the despatches the report is campaigning at a probable cost of that Germany was negotiating for a

Russia is a land of mystery to peoand serve in the western provinces. ple of the West. It is unsafe to gen-Production must not suffer on any eralize widely upon the plot which so | suddenly overturned the autocratic government of Russia, with the consent of the soldiers. That the Duma is a party to it is certainly an indication that it is thoroughly popular and Russlan in character, that it is upon Germany. What risks were more than a local protest against a run of defeat! With an expurgation desperate economic condition, that it is more than a rebellion engineered by Germans to get Russians fighting among themselves, that it is more than one of those blazes that break into the Russian darkness now and

What the immediate effect will be upon the war when Russians take their government out of the hands of a grafting and often treasonable oli garchy, who will say. That this taking of the power from the oligarchy The Seamps Snow Shoe Club made by the people is an omen of a better day for Russia, who shall deny.

CANADIAN DISCONTENT

Premier Borden Has Problems to Deal With in London.

London, March 17 .- Sir Robert Borden is having some difficult problems to handle in connection with home affairs. It is no secret that much discontent prevails just now in Canadian military circles. Under the new regime here the Hughes policy has been completely reversed and now only members of the Czar was not strong enough to the permanent force seem eligible for l classes, and who used Germany's in peace, he was no stronger in war. ner's appointment, from which much gold for the promotion of their sedi- He is a flabby, timid, vacillating, was expected, has not yielded satsuperstitious incompetent. The isfaction. The Premier is expected

Duma, which has truly represented to deal with the situation and before charged with having brought their the people, was violent in its opposi- he returns to Canada some import-ALWAYS BET-TER VALUES

members of the Duma did not sep- of the European war the mellow, tato rise in a hairlifting crescendo to arate, as it was expected they would pink-eyed Irish potato was a drug on the point where it now roosts, the command which showed he was un- could go out and buy a bushel of po- The high price of potatoes is due shaping or a new Russian policy. The people who kept a garden every reflect that the Russian army has

The army disobeyed. Then the higher than they are now was during bank. valve-in-head indigestion.

The potato is a once popular arti- proud monarch with a twelve story cle of food which now costs more per appetite, became so famished that he front foot than a corner lot in the would fain eat grass like a horse. It For years prior to the opening up and seen the price of the boiled pothe market in this country. For first thing he would look up would

der some evil spell, but co-operated tatoes with the waist measurement of to the large number of war prisoners with those who had to do with the a mammoth cheese. A great many who are on foreign soil. When we crisis came when the machinery of they could buy all their neighbors storage capacity equivalent to a secgovernment became clogged, when had for less that it cost to hunt down tional book case, and that each mouwhat will happen by such a disloca- trade and commerce failed, when the the evasive potato bug with a can of jik can easily assimilate a bushel of tion of trade through the practical people, in their distress, cried for Paris green. Others converted their Early Ohio potatoes every three-days, food, when the army was ordered to potato patch into a croquet ground, we can readily understand why a ways. And at such a time, Commerce drive them out of the streets, and if so that both feet could be exercised good, mealy potato is getting harder The only time that potatoes were dist preacher with money ris the

Czar and all who were associated the reign of Nebuchadnezzar when The way to beat the high price of with him, including the German there was a total crop failure, accom- potatoes is to live on something else panied by twelve distinct forms of of pay a long, enthusiastic visit to !

THE ILL WIND



oh, a winter drouth is splendid!

held but little snowing, and the soil is dry as blazes, so the weeping farmer raises such a bitter lamentation as should jar the silly nation. "Oh, there's been no sign of raining," bitterly he is complaining; "the alfalfa roots are dying and the wheat is shriveled lying.' Yet the roads are vastly better than if weather ha been better. Forty miles an hour we travel over gumbo, sand and gravel, and we couldn't hit u thirty if the roads were wet and dirty. Fifty million autos tearing over western prairies, bearing happy people yon and hither-let the blamed alfalfa wither Fifty million autos burning all the coin that we ar earning O'er the lovely roads we're scooting, scorch ing, zipping, callyhooting, tearing rubber tires asunder -- let the wheat fields go to thunder! If the rain began to drizzle, every car would be a fizzle, and enjoyment would be ended;

-WALT MASON.

(Toronto Globe) Premier Hearst says he will not

Time For a Change. (Hamilton Spectator) When the day of lady legislators hey wear than to what they declare.

Hard to Dodge. (London Advertiser) Barnstorff's trunk is the latest thing under suspicion. It would be hard for a German diplomat to get a

oothbrush past the British official

The Fool at Large. Just like our luck. As soon a our heas starf to lay, some fool pro phet in London gets into print and

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