

CANADA TAKES OVER THE G.T.P.

The Minister of Railways Is Appointed Receiver For the Dominion.

THE WHOLE G.T.R. SYSTEM

MAY COME INTO THE HANDS OF THE GOVERNMENT.

The Company Suddenly Notified the Government That the Pacific Lines Could Not Continue Operation Beyond the 10th.

Ottawa, March 10.—When the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway system went after midnight Sunday into the hands of Hon. Dr. J. R. Reid, Minister of Railways, who is appointed receiver by an order-in-Council passed Thursday, the first definite step of the Government was taken in a process which is bound to go on until all Canadian railways, with the temporary exception of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, will be owned by the Government.

This is the direct result of the Government's stand taken in February, when it informed the officials of the Grand Trunk and Grand Trunk Pacific Railways that "it is not the Government's intention to ask Parliament to provide a further vote for the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway while the negotiations with the Grand Trunk Railway Company remain in their present unsatisfactory condition."

The acquisition of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company adds 1,964 miles of main road and about 1,000 of branch line to the Government system after the receivership days are over, and, as a result of the action, it is almost certain that the 3,558 miles of the Grand Trunk Railway system will, in a reasonable time, come also into the Government's hands, and on more reasonable terms than hitherto seemed probable.

Company Notified Government. It will be remembered that on March 1, when the interest on bonds fell due, speculation was rife as to whether the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway would be able to meet its obligation. By failing to default on that occasion the system gave itself a new lease of life, and therefore did not have to go into liquidation. The surprise was, therefore, great when on Thursday last the Acting Premier, Sir Thomas White, was notified by the vice-president of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company that the company could not possibly continue operation beyond March 10th, owing to lack of funds and that the increased rates granted the company had not enabled it to meet the increased operating expenses.

In view of the short notice and of the fact that under the ordinary procedure it would take weeks to get a receiver, there is little doubt but that the Government would be obliged in the public interest to advance money for the running of the road, as had been the procedure in the past. It was patent that the road could not be allowed to stop, and the company officials might have had some justification from past experience in believing that the Government would advance money for its operation by the company until a settlement was reached.

The Government, however, under the War Measures Act, had another recourse, and took drastic action at once, as above set forth, to put the company under liquidation in the public interest.

Murdered by Spartacans. (Canadian Press Despatch.) Amsterdam, March 10.—Spartan forces on Sunday looted the Berlin suburb of Lichtenberg, and murdered sixty officers and soldiers in the police station there, according to the Zeitung Am Mittag. The Dichtenberg police station had withstood Spartacan attacks since Tuesday.

Rome, Amsterdam, Antwerp and Berne have applied for the Olympic games of 1920. The matter will be decided at a meeting of the International Olympic Committee on April 5th.

The Casualties Came When Mob Was Fired Upon

London, March 10.—Writing of the most serious part of the outbreak on Wednesday afternoon, the Llandudno, correspondent of the Canadian Associated Press says: "It was at this stage that the casualties occurred. A detachment with loaded rifles grimly stood their ground, an officer warning the rebellious mob of the gravity of the situation. This did not appear to be fully grasped by a number of the men. Still there was no room for misapprehension as the mob still came onward. The order was given to fire and the ranks of the mischief makers were forthwith broken. Many arrests followed. This was practically the last incident of the outbreak."

NO DESIRE TO MAGNIFY THE CANADIAN RIOT

All Quiet at Kimmel Camp—Await Report of Full Enquiry.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) London, March 10.—My visit to Kimmel camp Saturday showed that the holiday afternoon was being spent in the usual fashion there with football and baseball games proceeding.

For seventy hours previously the camp had been normal, and a new comer would have difficulty in discovering that it had recently been otherwise. There is no desire in any part of England to magnify last week's regrettable incidents at Kimmel beyond their true perspective. The utmost cordiality is still shown to Canadian troops everywhere. People generally are awaiting the report of the full enquiry with great interest and concern. It may be added that there have been demonstrations among the English troops during the last few months that received just as much publicity in proportion as that given the present matter.

SINN FEIN COUNTRESS FREED FROM PRISON

And Is Likely to Claim Her Seat in the British Commons.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) London, March 10.—Sinn Feiners who have been interned in England have been released in batches during the past few days. A score returned to Dublin on Sunday. Among those recently released from Holloway prison, London, was Countess Georgina Markievicz, who according to the Daily Sketch, is likely to attend the meetings of the House of Commons on Monday and claim her seat, for St. Patrick's division of Dublin, to which she was elected at the recent general elections. It is pointed out that the question of her eligibility to the seat will arise, as her husband is a Polish count, who was never naturalized. She, therefore, is said to be legally a Pole.

NAPHTHA EXPLODED

And a Man Was Killed at Worcester, Mass.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Worcester, Mass., March 10.—One man was killed and four were badly injured here to-day when a barrel of naphtha exploded in a building attached to the plant of the Baldwin Chain Company here. The explosion completely demolished the building, and the lying fluid set fire to four three-tenement houses that adjoined the shops. All inmates were rescued.

Fatal Clash in Havana.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Havana, March 10.—One policeman was killed and several workmen were injured in a clash to-day at union headquarters where workmen had gathered to protest against the settlement of the general strike reached by leaders earlier in the day. The light started when policemen attempted to disperse the workmen.

Canadian intelligence officers at Vladivostok predict much trouble in the spring and early summer, owing to the unpopularity of the present Omsk Government with the people.



G. B. NICHOLSON Who made a plan in parliament for breaking down social and racial lines.

CANADIAN DELEGATES AT THE PEACE CONFERENCE



Sitting (left to right), Sir George Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, Sir Robert Borden, the Hon. A. L. Sifton, and the Hon. C. J. Doherty; standing (left to right), J. W. Daffoe, official publicity representative, and Loring C. Christie, legal adviser.

NO TIME YET SET FOR VOTE

Prohibition Referendum Depends Upon When Soldiers Get Home.

THE FORM IS IN DOUBT

ACCORDING TO STATEMENT BY PREMIER HEARST.

But the feeling is that the people will be asked to decide upon a double-barrelled question. Toronto, March 10.—Definite assurance was given yesterday by Sir William Hearst that no decision had been reached by the Government as to when the referendum on prohibition will be submitted to the electorate. The Prime Minister declared that the statement made last week at a Ward Three Conservative meeting that the referendum will be taken in September was virtually the same announcement he had made some weeks ago that the question would be submitted when demobilization was completed.

Various statements have been made as to the time when all the Canadian soldiers will be home, but until it is known more definitely when the last man will return to this country it is impossible for the Government to announce the date for the taking of the referendum. Sir William was equally emphatic in stating that the Government had not decided on the form the referendum should take. "The matter is still under consideration," he said. However, the statement made at the Conservative meeting that the question would be submitted "in a very open fashion" is interpreted as conclusive that the Commonwealth of all goods other than those of British origin.

The body of Pierce McCann, Sinn Fein member of parliament for East Tipperary, who died of influenza in the prison at Gloucester, Eng., reached Dublin this morning. After mass was said in the cathedral a public funeral was held.

The special commission of the Austrian National Assembly has unanimously ratified the Government's plan to declare formally that the German-Austrian republic is an integral part of the German republic, a Vienna dispatch announced.

The committee on Greek territorial claims has reached a decision giving Greece practically the entire frontier claimed in Albania, meaning the greatest part of northern Epirus, as well as Koriza, though this was hotly fought by the native Albanian population.

Marry French Girls. Paris, March 10.—Within the past year six thousand Americans in France have married French women, according to the Petit Journal. The brides for the most part, says the newspaper were country girls or employees of town establishments.

Irish Officers Petition Throne. Dublin, March 10.—Irish officers serving in the army during the war took an unprecedented step in sending to the Prime Minister for presentation to the King a memorial praying His Majesty's assistance in having Ireland's claims of self-government before the Peace Conference. The memorial is signed by two generals, three colonels, seven majors, 49 captains and 64 other officers.

Sustained Deb's Conviction. (Canadian Press Despatch.) Washington, March 10.—The Supreme Court to-day sustained the conviction of Eugene V. Debs, socialist leader, found guilty of violating the espionage act through statements made in a speech at Canton, Ohio, last June, and sentenced to ten years imprisonment.

THE WORLD'S TIDINGS IN BRIEF FORM

Tidings From All Over Told in a Pointed and Pithy Way.

The German general strike was called off by its leaders Saturday afternoon.

Regular mail service from France to Greece, Turkey, Egypt and Syria has been re-established.

The leading newspaper of Vladivostok was suppressed Feb. 24th for criticizing the Omsk regime.

The man has been lifted by the Canadian Government on all its restrictions about aerial travel.

Thomas A. Russell steps up to the position of president of the Wills-Overland Company, operating at West Toronto.

An entire Japanese unit was wiped out by the Bolshevik north of Alexander, according to a dispatch received from Tokyo.

At Berne the American Red Cross despatched the third train on Friday, consisting of twenty cars of provisions for the Polish people.

The Havana strikers have asked president Menocal to arbitrate the strike, and he has agreed on condition that they go back to work.

During December and January nearly 100,000 persons of Petrograd died from hunger, and as a result of epidemics, according to official statistics.

The Canadian Northern has acquired a right-of-way to and through Hamilton for construction of a line from Toronto, through Hamilton to Niagara.

A proposition made by Lloyd George to the supreme council to reduce the German army much below the size previously proposed was agreed on.

The Toronto Housing Company will commence work immediately on the erection of some forty working-men's homes under the provisions of the new Housing Act.

The Minister of Customs of Australia has issued a proclamation prohibiting the importation into the Commonwealth of all goods other than those of British origin.

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FEELING GROWS FOR UNION PARTY

A Party Convention is Under Discussion By the Unionists.

DESIRE OF THE MAJORITY

IS THAT THE UNION SHOULD BE PERPETUATED.

A Few Ultra Conservatives and Grain Growers Are Not Enthusiastic, But They Form a Hopeless Minority.

Ottawa, March 10.—An early announcement that it had been decided to form a Union party.

The formation of committees to commence organization.

The calling of a national convention of Conservative and Liberal Unionists in the autumn to draft a platform.

These three things are being advocated by those who desire to see a permanent party cemented.

It is understood that H. H. Stevens at the Government caucus advocated this plan and was well received.

The first two proposals seem certain as soon as Sir Robert Borden returns from overseas, if not before.

As for the convention, this would have to be settled later, and if organization was completed and a platform drafted it might not be necessary.

H. M. Mowat, Parkdale; General Maclean, Sudbury-Queen's; and F. B. Steacey, Westminster, spoke along the same lines.

One thing is certain, the Union sentiment is solidifying daily.

There are certain ultra-Conservative who are not enthusiastic and there are a few western Unionist grain growers who have doubts on the tariff, but the majority of the Government supporters, east and west, show an almost intense desire to have union perpetuated.

The Government has so far given no indication of its tariff proposals and will not likely for some time.

There will be a caucus in two weeks, when the tariff will be under consideration. The Government will simply listen to the views of the members and secure the opinions of the east and west.

POLICE AND SOLDIERS

Have a Fight in London Over Custody of Two Sailors.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) London, March 10.—Corporal C. R. Zimmerman and Private L. N. Wilson, American military policemen, who were injured during the fighting to-day between London police and soldiers and sailors, are resting quietly at a hospital to-night.

It is not known how seriously they are hurt. The trouble began when Zimmerman and Wilson demanded that the civil police turn over to them two American sailors who had been arrested in the vicinity of Eagle Hut on a charge of playing craps. It is expected that a joint army and navy board will conduct an investigation of the incident.

MAY BEGIN MARCH TWENTIETH.

A Berlin Report About the Peace Negotiations.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Berlin, March 10.—Preliminary peace negotiations may begin at Versailles about March 20th according to reports in circulation here today.

Count von Brockdorff-Rantzenau, foreign minister, is now arranging for a staff party of prominent business men to accompany the German commissioners as experts. These men have been instructed to hold themselves in readiness for possible departure on March 17th or March 19th.

Fighting British Watch on Rhine, Take No Chances

London, March 10.—The British army on the Rhine includes a division of cavalry made up of twelve regiments, a statement issued by the War Office to-day regarding the makeup of the army shows. There are five battalions of cyclists in the force and twelve battalions of tanks, while the artillery comprises 260 batteries of all kinds. There are thirty-two squadrons of the Royal Air Force attached to the army. Of infantry, there are 102 battalions with thirty light trench mortar batteries. The engineers, the army service corps, the signal corps and other technical organizations are of a size to correspond with the main force of the army.

AMUSEMENT TAX IN ONTARIO TO STAY

Hon. T. W. McGarry, in Answer to Question Indicates It May Remain For Ever.

Toronto, March 10.—"When is a war tax not a war tax?" "That's easy Horatio—When it's an amusement tax."

So, in words to that effect, said Hon. T. W. McGarry, the provincial treasurer, when asked whether the war tax on theatre tickets was to remain during 1919.

"Of course it is, and it may remain forever," replied Mr. McGarry. "Too many people think it is a war tax. It is nothing of the kind, it is an amusement tax."

So theatregoers must continue to dig down into their wallets and produce an additional two, five or ten cents with every ticket purchased during this year of grace 1919, and perhaps for many more years."

MORE TRANSPORTS FOR CANADA

Minnesota Sails With 1,065 Troops of All Ranks.

Ottawa, March 10.—The Militia Department has been advised of the sailing of three more vessels. The Minnesota, according to the cable advice, sailed Saturday with 15 officers and 1,050 other ranks on board. The Corsican will sail to-day. She is bringing home a number of munition workers. The Metagama will sail on or about the 15th, with approximately 1,100 persons on board, but whether they are soldiers or dependents is not known. All three vessels are bound for St. John.

GRAND DUKES EXECUTED.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Copenhagen, March 10.—Four more Russian grand dukes have been executed at Petrograd by the Bolshevik during the past fortnight on the charge of being involved in a monarchist plot.

ELECTED CHAIRMAN

Of the Independent Socialist Party of Germany.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Berlin, March 10.—Hugo Haase has been elected chairman of the Independent Socialist party at its conference here. He declined a previous election because Herr Duesting, communist, was elected vice-chairman. On a ballot Haase was elected chairman. Herr Crispian, South German leader of the Independent Socialists, was elected vice-chairman.

Will Transfer Bonds.

Ottawa, March 10.—For the convenience of holders of fully registered bonds of the Victory Loan of 1918 the Department of Finance is prepared from the 10th to the 31st of March, 1919, to make transfers of fully registered bonds into coupon bearer bonds. On account of the necessary work to complete the issue of the loan the department will not be in a position until the 1st of May, 1919, to make transfers of fully registered bonds from one holder to another or to transfer coupon bearer bonds to fully registered bonds.

A new daily paper is to be established at Ottawa, it is reported. It is said a public utility corporation will finance it.

Canada's Premier Looms Big in Paris. He has Full Confidence of President Wilson and Premier Lloyd-George.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) New York, March 10.—The New York Herald this morning publishes the following special correspondence from Paris, dated March 3rd: Sir Robert Laird Borden, Premier of Canada, and one of the great leaders of the peace conference, is fastly opposed to secret treaties and just as strongly in favour of complete cooperation on the part of United States and Canada in working out the problems and policies of the Pacific. The importance of both these statements can only be appreciated by those who grasp one outstanding fact that, peered at its purposely bewildering back, the Paris conference is a contest between secret schemers seeking special advantages at the expense of world at large, and men who have really learned the lessons of the war and who are bent upon setting up a really sane and just government of the world under law.

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THE CASUALTIES ARE VERY SMALL

Rioting By Canadian Troops at Rhyll, Wales, Started By Foreign Element.

THE KILLED AND WOUNDED

DO NOT EXCEED NINETEEN IN ALL, IT IS SAID.

Many Who Participated in the Disturbances Had No Serious Intention of Revolt, Regarding It as Horse Play.

London, March 10.—It is learned at Canadian military headquarters in London that the casualties as a result of the rioting at Rhyll do not exceed five to nineteen killed and wounded.

Major-General Sir Richard Turner, chief of the Canadian General Staff, who proceeded to Rhyll to hold an inquiry, returned to London Saturday.

It is stated that whether the men will be charged before the civil courts of London depends on the findings of the court of inquiry.

The military riot at Kimmel camp, although much more serious, differs only in a degree from that at Godalming three weeks ago. It is probable that many men engaged in the latest disturbance also participated in the earlier riot. The same classes of camp institutes and trading shops were wrecked.

The causes of dissatisfaction are essentially the same. Discontent at seeing conscripted men of 1917 sailing homeward before men engaged in Ypres, first battle, and exasperation at recurring alterations in the embarkation programme.

Damage of \$250,000. The amount of damage to the camp is estimated at \$250,000. One eye-witness described butments as having the appearance of being passed over by squadrons of tanks.

The rioters obtained ammunition by breaking into stores. One young soldier sentry was shot dead attempting to do his duty.

Press reports are unanimous in stating the disturbance began by cries of "up Bolsheviks" and ascribe the trouble to the presence of men of foreign extraction. The appearance of English cavalry on the scene had the effect of quieting the camp.

Canadians in London express keen regret at the occurrence, considering all the circumstances of the war and the vast numbers of men under arms. The conduct of all ranks whether Imperial or overseas troops has with this and one or two other trifling exceptions been exemplary.

The Abergele correspondent of the Manchester Guardian writes that many who participated in the disturbances at Kimmel camp, it is believed have had any serious intention of revolt. Some regarded the proceeding as rough horse play.

Six Were Killed. (Canadian Press Despatch.) London, March 10.—Reports from Kimmel says one non-commissioned officer and five privates were killed during the riots last week. The ring-leader was one of the victims, while he was attempting to strike an officer.

There was a small riot at Whitley Camp yesterday, caused by what the soldiers claimed was an overcharge at the canteen.

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