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MAY IGNORE THE DECREE

Rank And File Challenge Railmen Executive's Right to Call Strike.

London, April 9.—Recruiting of volunteer workers and "safety units" was energetically begun by the government to-day, and other plans were perfected to meet the threat of widespread industrial tie up next Tuesday, growing out of the miners' strike, and involving approximately two million workers.

Meanwhile, however, reports from various parts of England, Scotland and Wales indicate that the triple alliance executive may have more to do than the mere issuance of its strike decree in order to bring about the general cessation of work by railwaymen and transport workers, who, with the miners, make up the big labor organization. From Glasgow, Liverpool, Cardiff, Edinburgh and several other important localities of the national union of railwaymen comes word that the rank and file are challenging the right of the railwaymen's national executive body to call a strike without balloting by the men.

Some of these local bodies of railway workers declare that the miners' resistance to cuts in wages, which brought about the strike in the coal industry, is justifiable, but they do not consider they have anything to thank the miners for, and therefore should not be stampeded into a sympathetic walk-out. The general purport of these messages was that the men do not present a solid front on the strike issue. This may account for the stance maintained by labor leaders this morning after conference with Premier Lloyd George. After two hours spent by the delegates of the railwaymen and transport workers with the prime minister, their only statement for the press was that the deputation might return to Downing street later.

HIGHER CHARGES OR LOWER WAGES

Declares Public Must Pay More Yet or Cut Payrolls and Services.

Vancouver, April 9.—Only by dispensing with unnecessary train services and reducing wages can freight rates be brought down, Hon. F. B. Carvell, chairman of the Dominion Railway Commission, declared in an address to the members of the Kiwanis Club.

"We have built too many railways," Mr. Carvell declared. "There is too much duplication of services. There must be a cut, but the problem is where to begin. The country must make up its mind that some services must be foregone if rates are ever to come down.

"Next to unnecessary train services, the greatest factor in maintaining high rates is the wages which have to be paid as the result of the McCafoe and Chicago wage awards," Mr. Carvell declared. "If the public is willing to have these things, then there can be no decrease in rates. Not only this, but I have no hesitancy in saying that rates will have to go higher yet."

CANADA'S FINANCES

Ottawa, April 9.—During the fiscal year, which ended on March 31st ordinary revenue of the dominion exceeded ordinary expenditure by over ninety-four millions of dollars. Despite the decline in customs and excise revenues noticeable in the last few months, revenue for the twelve months' period was \$451,366,029, as compared with \$380,832,507 in 1919-20. Ordinary expenditure in 1920-21 was \$357,515,278, in comparison with an ordinary expenditure of \$340,580,668 in 1919-20.

FARMERS NEARLY ALL ENGAGED IN SEEDING

Clover Seed Has Dropped From \$47 to \$18 a Bushel.

The farmers of the district are nearly all busily engaged in seeding, and there will be a very great increase this year in the acreage of oats, clover and probably spring wheat, in consequence of the favorable weather. The land, for the most part, is in ideal condition for working, and the enterprising farmers have not permitted the opportunity to pass without taking advantage of it.

The price of clover seed this year is not the obstacle it was last year at \$47.00 per bushel. This year it is selling for \$18.00 per bushel and the dealers are very glad to work off their stocks at this price. While the weather makes it comparatively easy to work up the land for crop some weeks must elapse before the varieties liable to injury from frost will be sown.

ANCIENT RECORDS BEING SEARCHED

Counsel For Newfoundland and Quebec Seek Data on Labrador.

London, April 9.—The early records bearing on Canadian history are being searched at the British Record Office by counsel for Newfoundland and the province of Quebec, in connection with the Labrador boundary dispute, which is to be heard by the Privy Council. Documents dating back to the seventeenth century are being consulted to determine the historical rights to that rock-bound land. An interesting discovery, which goes another hundred years further back in history, is that Labrador is really not Labrador at all, but Greenland. Research made in London, Paris and Spain by Harry Biggar, dominion archivist in Europe, has disclosed the fact that until the middle of the sixteenth century the name of Labrador meant Greenland, and commemorated the wide-awakeness of John Fernandez Labrador, or Landowner, who, as a member of John Cabot's crew, was the first to sight this land. The country now the subject of the dispute was in those days known as "Corte Reall Land," but lost its name through the carelessness of map makers.

There is said to be a possibility that the Monckton collection of General Wolfe's letters, which were recently purchased by Sir Leicester Harmsworth, may be presented to Canada.

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR GIVES ASSENT TO BILLS

Tax Exemption Bill Is Made Strong Despite Conservative Protests.

Toronto, April 9.—The haste of the Drury government to get its amendment to the public inquests act through and thus clear the way of the Riddell-Latchford Commission of any injunctions or other obstacles brought the lieutenant-governor to the parliament buildings yesterday to give his assent to the measure. The government also secured his assent to some thirty or forty public, private and government bills passed during the session.

Legislation to provide for partial or total exemption of income, business or improvements, where the ratepayers of a municipality so voted, was passed at the last session of the legislature, but in response to vigorous objections from members of the house, the bill was left in such shape that it left in the hands of the council not only the initiative in submitting such a by-law, but left it free to act or not as it saw fit on the exercise of will of electors. The government has returned to the subject this session with a bill to compel a municipal council to submit a by-law on receipt of a petition signed by ten per cent. of the qualified voters and to make it the duty of the council to put the by-law in effect "forthwith" when approved by the ratepayers. The bill came up for second reading yesterday and was carried in face of strong protest by Hon. G. H. Ferguson, Hon. Thomas Crawford, Charles McCrea, Sudbury, and other Conservative members. The premier supported the bill.

THE FIRING SQUADS ARE BUSY IN MEXICO

President Obregon Giving No Quarter to Leaders of Insurrection.

Mexico City, April 9.—Firing squads at dawn within the past few weeks have carried out deadly work among revolutionary leaders who had been active in various parts of the republic. The latest victim of President Obregon's iron-handed rule was Julio Fernandez Perez, a general of a brigade in the state of Chiapas, who recently took up arms against the government, but was captured by federal troops. Within the past fortnight at least a half dozen rebel leaders have been put to death after hastily called court martials had found them guilty of conspiracy. So far as can be ascertained here none of the insurrectionary leaders had acquired substantial followings. Nevertheless it seems apparent that President Obregon has decided to mete out stern punishment upon persons found guilty of conspiracy.

OPEN SEASON FOR MOOSE

Begins in Quebec September 10th Instead of 20th.

Quebec, April 9.—An extension of the open season for the hunting of moose on the north shore of the St. Lawrence, in the province of Quebec, has been decided here by the provincial cabinet, acting upon representations made by sportsmen.

The Quebec game laws, as amended during the session of 1920, called for the beginning of the open season on September 20th, but this is amended by the Cabinet and the open season this year will begin ten days earlier, on September 10th.

HOSTILE SECTION OF AUDIENCE REFUSE PUSSYFOOT HEARING

Wild Time At Grand Opera House Friday Night—Mayor Nickle in Vain Appeals to Disturbers to Give Mr. Johnston a Hearing—The Meeting Broke Up Without Famous Orator's Address.

It was a fight to a finish between the drys and the anti's at a monster meeting in the Grand Opera House on Friday night, called by the Kingston referendum committee, all prominently identified with prohibition work in the city during the past ten years, and members of the clergy.

Dr. C. C. Nash, president, occupied the chair and the meeting opened with a selection by the Salvation Army band followed by the singing of "Onward Christian Soldiers" led by Adjutant Goodhue. Rev. Mr. Burgess, pastor of Zion Presbyterian church, led in prayer. Dr. Nash was the first speaker and while he received a stormy greeting, he asked for a fair hearing for the speakers who were to follow.

"No decent man or woman," he proceeded—but here he was greeted with howls that lasted some minutes. Again he took it up. "Your mothers and sisters will vote dry. If you were not full of rum you would not be as you are. You fellows don't work for yourselves, you work for the liquor dealers. You don't support your own wives—but here another storm made him inaudible.

At this point Rev. Ben. Spence approached the speaker and told the writers that Mr. Johnston got out of a sick bed in an endeavor to fulfill his engagement in Ontario and the committee felt that owing to his condition of health he should not be put to the test of endurance the hostility of a large section of the audience imposed. He had to address seven meetings in other towns on Saturday, Sunday and Monday—and the committee felt that it should consider his health and would not ask him to continue and tax his health.

Ald. Rodger's Appeal.

R. J. Rodger, who occupied a box, appealed for a hearing, and when he was greeted by calls of "sit down" he called out to the gallery: "You are a bunch of rowdies." This brought a "A Wee Doeh and Doris," while Pussfoot sat on the table waiting for the pandemonium to subside.

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BEAUVAIS CALLED THEM "HIS WIFE AND BABY"

What a Syracuse Student Will Testify in Stillman Divorce Case.

New York, April 9.—A special to the New York World from Syracuse says: "Sensational evidence is ready to be given on behalf of James Stillman by Spencer H. Lewis, a junior at Syracuse University.

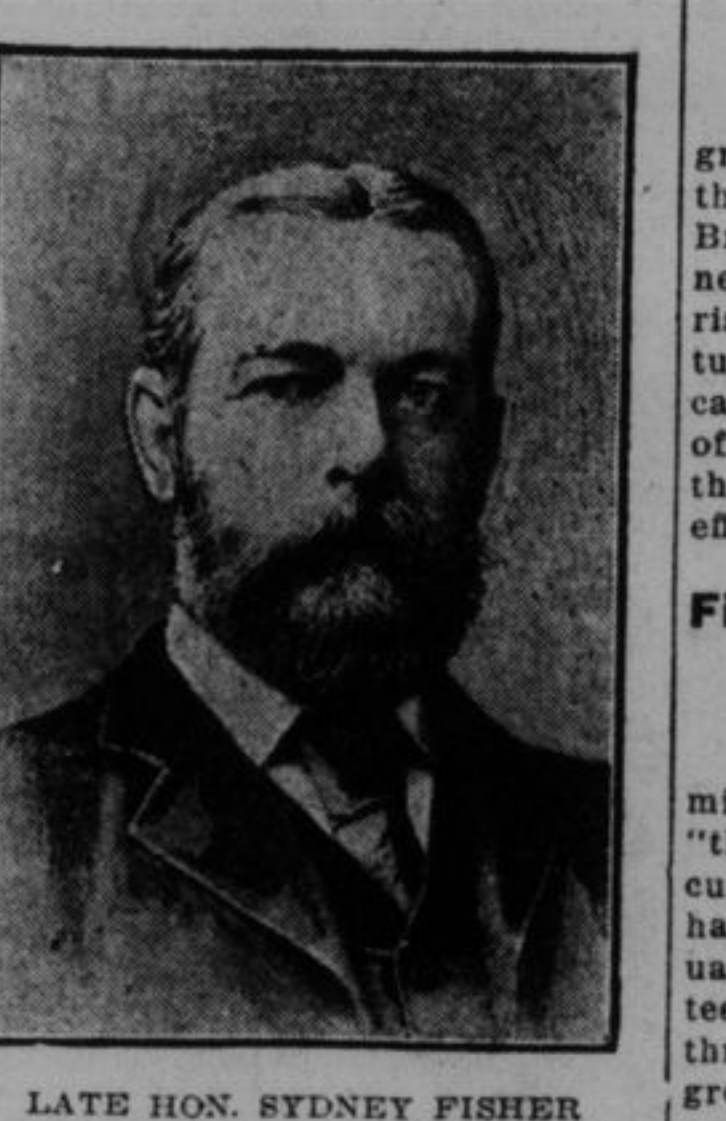
"Lewis, who was intimately acquainted with Fred Beauvais when the Canadian was a guide at the Lake Placid Club last summer, is willing to testify in the divorce hearing, he told the banker's attorneys, that Beauvais talked disconcertingly of the coming departure on July 8th. of his 'wife and baby' to Europe. On that date Mrs. Stillman left with the baby Guy for Europe.

"The student became involved in the case of his own accord. He had charge of the boats at the Lake Placid Club last summer. He told the banker's attorneys Beauvais showed him the photograph of a woman and child, referring to them as 'my wife and babe in New York.' Lewis also said Beauvais boasted of his standing with the Stillman family in Canada."

Soviet Russia and Soviet Republic of White Russia on Friday signed a treaty under which they become a single republic.

HON. SYDNEY FISHER DIED ON SATURDAY

He Was Formerly Minister of Agriculture in Laurier Cabinet.



Ottawa, April 9.—Hon. Sydney Fisher, former minister of agriculture, in the Laurier administration, died early this morning. He had been ill for many weeks and the end was not unexpected. The funeral is to be held in Montreal.

Mr. Fisher did a great deal in the interests of agriculture in Canada.

TO CALL ON GOVERNMENT TO GIVE UP ITS JOB

Labor Invitation to the Manitoba Cabinet to Vacate Office.

Winnipeg, April 9.—The labor group in the Manitoba legislature, through A. E. Smith, member for Brandon, will present, on Tuesday next, a motion calling upon the Norris government to vacate office and turn over the administration to a cabinet composed of representatives of the various groups in order of the house. Announcement to this effect was made yesterday.

Fielding, Crerar and Cronyn For the Railway Committee

Ottawa, April 9.—"If," said a prominent and politically-wise Senator, "the government really desires to secure business-like and constructive handling of the muddled railway situation it will appoint as the committee of Parliament to deal with it three men, representing all the groups of politics.

"My choice would be," he added, "Hon. W. S. Fielding, who is efficient and now too advanced in years to play politics; Hon. T. A. Crerar, who is honest and innocent, and has unusual organizing skill, and Hume Cronyn, who is a good business man, has ideals, and would sooner make a name for himself by effective service than achieve political preferment."

40 Cents For Tomatoes.

St. Catharines, April 9.—Forty cents a bushel will be the price paid for tomatoes by the canners this year, according to the statement of a man prominently connected with the canning industry. The price last year was fifty cents.

Divorce Committee Busy.

Ottawa, April 9.—Of the 150 odd divorce applications for consideration this session, forty it is stated, have already been dealt with by the Senate Divorce Committee. The committee is sitting daily to hear cases, and will attempt to deal with all on file before the session ends.

Capt. C. W. E. Meath has been appointed superintendent of the Ontario Government Employment Bureau, assuming duties on Monday. He enlisted as a private at Belleville in the 2nd Battalion.

Laborites of Brockville will place a candidate in the bye-election in Leeds and Brockville, made vacant by the resignation of Sir Thomas White.

"CHARLIE" CHAPLIN LIKELY TO WED AGAIN

May Collins, Star of Broadway and Screen; Said to Be Bride-elect.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 9.—Charlie Chaplin has picked another wife, according to well authenticated rumors going the rounds at Hollywood. She is May Collins, seventeen, star of Broadway and of the screen.

Neither Chaplin nor Miss Collins would deny or affirm the report to-day.

Miss Collins is said to resemble Chaplin's former wife in many ways. Both she and Mildred Harris have brown hair and blue eyes and both are petite in stature. Chaplin and Mildred Harris were recently divorced. Miss Harris also was seventeen when she and the comedian were married.

Miss Collins appeared on Broadway in "The Betrothal" "At 9.45" and "She would and she did." She has played on the silent drama with Universal and Maple Leaf.

Tomatoes Will Bring 40 Cents at Cannery

St. Catharines, April 9.—"Forty cents a bushel will be the price paid for tomatoes this year," stated a person prominently identified with the canning industry. "Last year we paid 50 cents. We are already assured of a full supply at 40 cents; nearly all the contracts are made. Compared with oats, clover seed and potatoes, the drop in the price of tomatoes will be very slight."

MEIGHEN GOVERNMENT WINS IN RAILWAY VOTE

Commons Defeats King's Amendment Regarding Railway Select Committee.

Ottawa, April 9.—Early this morning in the commons, an amendment by Hon. MacKenzie King, providing that the select standing committee on national railways and shipping should have power to inquire into all matters in any way relating to railways owned or operated by the government, was defeated by a vote of 73 to 56, a government majority of 17. The main government resolution for the appointment of a parliamentary committee on government railways and shipping carried by 89 to 42, a government majority of 38. The progressives supported the government.

When the house opened, Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, prime minister, moved for the appointment of a select standing committee on national railways and shipping. The prime minister indicated the functions of the proposed committee. It would endeavor to ascertain what information in regard to railways would be submitted to parliament and see that this information was forthcoming. This was the vital question, as too much information on operating matters might be in the hands of the board of management of the system.

LONDONERS GROWING ROUND-HEADED

Anthropologists Say Incursion of Peoples From Middle Europe Responsible.

London, April 9.—Citizens of London are growing round-headed according to anthropologists, who say this change is due to the incursion of people from middle Europe. It is said this tendency toward globular formation of the cranium has amounted to two per cent. within the last 200 years.

"The old British inhabitants were long-headed, and they have been supreme in initiative, governing capacity and colonizing genius," says a commentator. "The round-heads are lacking in initiative, but they have a great capacity for patient labor."

BANK IN IRELAND ROBBED BY BANDITS

Post Office at Charlestown Raided Simultaneously and Letters Taken.

Dublin, April 9.—Dublin Castle reported that armed men, believed to be Sinn Feiners, held up the manager and the assistant manager of the Hibernian Bank in Charlestown, took from them the keys of the safe and made off with £5,000. Simultaneously other persons raided the Charlestown post office and took away all the letters, except those that had been registered.

ARCHBISHOP WALSH OF DUBLIN DEAD

Dublin, April 9.—The Most Rev. William J. Walsh, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Dublin, died yesterday. Archbishop Walsh was born in Dublin in 1841. He was well known as an educator and writer on various subjects.

THE PLACE OF CANADA

In the League of Nations—Address By Hon. N. W. Rowell.

In an eloquent and most illuminating address before an audience that filled Convocation Hall, on Friday evening, Hon. N. W. Rowell, K.C., spoke on "Canada's Place in the League of Nations." He dealt with his subject in a masterly way, telling of the achievements of this most important assembly, pointing out the part Canada had played, her duty in the future, at the same time giving a most interesting account of the procedure at the great conference, the social side of it, which went a long way in getting all the members acquainted, and bringing results, with a pen picture of some of the most prominent people at the gathering.

He held the intense interest of his audience throughout his address, which occupied a little over an hour. Principal Taylor, presided, and introduced the speaker, and at the close Hon. Mr. Rowell was tendered a hearty vote of thanks, on motion of W. F. Nickle, K.C., and Prof. J. L. Morrison, both of whom spoke in warm appreciation of the remarks of the speaker of the evening.

During the course of his address, Hon. Mr. Rowell declared that the future of Russia was of tremendous importance to the future of Europe, and stated further that it was up to Russia to settle her own policy of government. But Europe would not get back to normal condition until Russia got back to a producing country. Referring to the United States, the speaker, knowing conditions as he did, felt that they would not withdraw from the conference, and he also felt that probably the less we criticized, the greater would be the progress.

Canada's Interest.

"And what interest has Canada in the League of Nations?" asked the speaker. "Some may say that Canada is a long way off and that she has no interest. But I ask 'what is Canada's interest for the preservation of peace?' Canada has made a large investment in an endeavor to secure the peace of the world than any other country. Canada lost 60,000 of her best men in the great fight for peace, and besides this, tens of thousands came back wounded or ill, while there is a debt of two billion dollars that your children and your children's children will be paying to bring peace to the world. This we owe to the men who have fallen, and we are endeavoring to preserve that investment and preserve the peace of the world for which these brave men died."

The speaker said that if the League of Nations accomplished nothing else, it had established a court for international justice, where all matters would be dealt with on the merits of justice, and not on a question of might. On this one matter alone the League of Nations had justified its existence.

Peace of the World.

The speaker carried his audience to the great conference, telling of the order of procedure followed, and emphasizing the fact that the keynote of the great gathering was that of securing the peace of the world, and a substitute for war; each nation, instead of looking upon another nation as an enemy, should regard her as a friend; the call was for co-operation for the preservation of peace instead of war; provision for co-operation in a great many matters in common; to avoid international strife and to work for the common good.

There had been some criticism over the fact that the League of Nations had not made Germany pay for all the crime she had committed. Some said the League had been a failure as the war was still on in some parts. The League had not been formed for the purpose of bringing to an end or completely settling disputes in the great war.

The speaker gave some interesting facts about the forty-six states represented at the assembly in Geneva, making special note of some of the most distinguished delegates and some of the most impressive parts of the conference.

Speaking of one important matter at conference, that of limitation of arms, the speaker referred to action taken by the United States along this line, and said that this could not be brought about with some of the nations outside of the league. There could be no reduction on a large scale unless the United States were prepared to co-operate. The reduction of arms would ease the burden of the world as millions of people would be able to get back to the work of production. And in this way the different countries would be able to see daylight and it would mean a great help in the preservation of peace.

Because of strong opposition in the legislature to the bill dealing with fair rentals, sponsored by Hon. W. R. Rollo, minister of labor, the measure was withdrawn.