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CANCEL RAILWAY STRIKE; MINERS AGAIN CONFERRING

Refuse to Re-Open Negotiations For a Settlement on Basis That Had Been Suggested—Another Meeting Held on Friday Afternoon.

London, April 15.—A dramatic turn has taken place in Great Britain in the direction of industrial peace. British mine owners and representatives of the National Federation of Miners have accepted an invitation extended by the prime minister to renew negotiations for a settlement of the miners' strike. The acceptance of the miners this morning, however, was subject to the sanction of the other unions making up the "Triple Alliance." These organizations are railwaymen and transport workers.

The miners' executive, after conferring among themselves and with representatives of the other members of the Triple Alliance adjourned at 3 p. m., without a decision being reached whether the invitation to re-open negotiations should be accepted. William St. Rake, member of the miners' executive, denied the report that had been in circulation that Frank Hodges, secretary of the miners' union, had resigned.

Railway Strike Cancelled
London, April 15.—Announcement that the railwaymen's strike, set for ten o'clock tonight, had been cancelled, was made at four o'clock this afternoon by General Secretary Thomas of the railwaymen's union.

Lloyd George announced in the House of Commons this afternoon that the miners had refused to re-open negotiations for a settlement of the strike on the basis that had been suggested.

London, April 15.—The calling of "CANADIAN OF CANADIANS" STORY IS SCOUTED

Archdeacon Cody in Doubt About Accepting Invitation.
St. John, N.B., April 15.—Rev. Canon H. J. Coby, Toronto, who has been invited to accept office as Archdeacon of Melbourn, Australia, was present at Thursday morning's session of the Anglican Synod of New Brunswick, and was called to the platform and tendered a vote of thanks for his attendance and for his many good works on behalf of the church. With regard to his preferred appointment, he said he had not yet made up his mind what to do. He asked for the prayers of the ministers, that he might make a wise decision. He was a Canadian of Canadians, a man of Canada, he said.

Man Thought To Be A. J. Small Was In Kingston Early in March

Did Ambrose J. Small, the missing Toronto millionaire theatrical man, spend the first week in March in Kingston?

From information given the Whig on Friday morning, a man answering the description of Mr. Small was in Kingston during the first week in March. It is believed that this is the same man about whom reports were made on Thursday as having been staying around Verona. W. E. Hopkinson, grocer, Brock street, stated to a Whig representative that he believed that a man answering the description of Mr. Small was in Kingston six weeks ago. The man answered the description in detail given of the man who had been at Verona. Mr. Hopkinson was very anxious to secure a photograph of the missing man in order that he might make a comparison. When he read in Thursday night's Whig about the man reported to be staying at Verona, he felt sure that he was the same person who had been in Kingston.

The first information Mr. Hopkinson had concerning the "man of mystery" was when he called at the home of his wife's brother, Benjamin Demars, Jr., at Bedford Mills, the last week in February. When he called at the home of Mr. Demars, he claimed to be a relative from Buckingham, Quebec, and acted very queer. The man had a big sum of money, and paid for his keep, but expressed no desire to work. He had a big wad of bills tied around one of his legs.

Clashes Occur in Several Towns in Italy; Great Property Damage; Feeling is Bitter

Rome, April 15.—Grave incidents are reported from northern central Italy, where extreme nationalists and socialists have clashed in a number of cities and towns. Several lives have been lost and great property damage has been done during these disorders, which are the result of bitter feeling arising from the electoral campaign. Upwards of one hundred nationalists from Leghorn and Pisa marched to Cecina, where they sacked the communist club as a reprisal for socialists' attack upon local nationalists. A general strike is in progress in Leghorn, and no papers are being published there.

BOY ACCIDENTALLY KILLS HIS MOTHER

Three Rivers, Que., April 15.—Not knowing that the revolver in an Abitibi store, in which they were shopping to-day, was loaded, the eight-year-old son of Mrs. Alime Bilodeau, pointed it at his mother and pulled the trigger. The weapon was discharged, and the mother struck in the head, killing her instantly.

TENNANT TRIES AGAIN TO COMMIT SUICIDE

Drove a Nail Into His Throat While in Brockville Jail.

Brockville, April 15.—For the second time since his arrest, Derrick Tennant, aged Township of Yonge farmer, who shot and killed his niece's husband, Robert Wood, at Caintown, in February, last night made an unsuccessful attempt at suicide. He secured a nail and drove it into his throat, inflicting but a slight wound.

WILL KEEP THEM OUT

Hapsburg Family Forbidden to Enter Austria.

Paris, April 15.—Legislation prohibiting members of the Hapsburg family from returning to Austrian territory under the penalty of from one to five years in prison has been adopted by the constitutional commission of the Austrian National Assembly.

To Reduce Railway Rates.

Washington, April 15.—A general scheme for reduction of railroad rates, acceptable to the United States railroads, probably will be presented to the Interstate Commerce Commission shortly.

EXPLOSION ROCKS TOWN, THROWS SLEEPERS ABOUT

Fireworks Plant Explodes at Randolph, Mass.—No One Seriously Hurt.

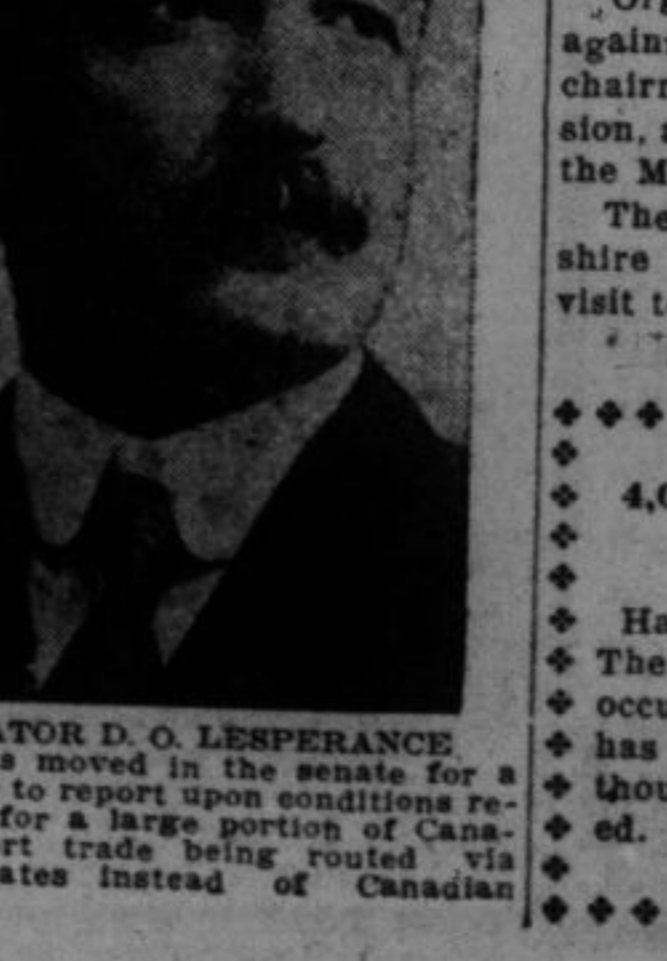
Randolph, Mass., April 15.—Randolph was rocked early today by a series of explosions in the plant of the United States Fireworks Company, which, with subsequent fire, wiped out the plant, shifted houses for miles around, and tossed sleeping people from their beds, in a shower of falling glass, overturned furniture, etc. No persons were seriously injured. The property damage was estimated at fifty thousand dollars. The blast was felt within a radius of twenty-five miles.

FISHER ESTATE OF HALF A MILLION

Late Politician Bequeaths Portion to Brome County Trust Fund.

Sherbrooke, Que., April 15.—The Hon. Sydney Fisher has generously remembered in his will the county of Brome, where he so long resided and which he represented for many years in the House of Commons. While no official announcement has yet been made it is understood that a residue of his estate, amounting to about one hundred thousand dollars, under Mr. Fisher's will, becomes a fund to be known as the Fisher Trust Fund, administered by four trustees, as an aid to agricultural and education in Brome county. This splendid gift will yield some five or six thousand dollars a year. It is understood that Mr. Fisher has in his will suggested the lines along which the revenues from this fund shall be applied.

It is understood that Alva House, at Knowlton, the home of Mr. Fisher, is bequeathed to his nephew, Phillip Fisher, and his Ottawa residence to his nephew, Eric Fisher. Alva Farm is bequeathed to Arthur Carter. Mr. Fisher's estate, it is understood, amounts to between four and five hundred thousand dollars.



SENATOR D. O. LESPERANCE
Who has moved in the senate for a committee to report upon conditions resulting from a large portion of Canadian export trade being routed via United States instead of Canadian ports.

WOULD STOP WINE SALES

Hartley Dewar's Bill in Legislature Against Native Wines.

Toronto, April 15.—H. Hartley Dewar, the Liberal leader, introduced a bill in the legislature yesterday afternoon to amend the Ontario Temperance Act. In answer to Premier Drury, Mr. Dewar remarked: "The intention of the bill is to stop some of the holes that my honorable friend has not stopped so far." He pointed out that so long as the sale of native wines was allowed as at present, the referendum being submitted to the people might be ineffective. Another feature of the amendment was to make medical prescriptions for wine and distilled liquors not to exceed six ounces at any one time. The quantity mentioned in the act at present is one quart.

Section 1—Section 44 of the Ontario Temperance Act (6 Geo. V. Chap. 50) is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sub-section:

(3) "Provided always that no sale of native wines from grapes grown and produced in Ontario may be made to any other person or corporation except the Board of License Commissioners for Ontario."

WAGES WILL BE CUT ON BRITISH SHIPS

Extent of Reduction to Be Determined Within Few Days.

New York, April 15.—Wage reductions on British ships will soon be put into effect, it was learned from British shipping men here, according to the *Wall Street Journal*. At a meeting of the Association of British shipowners to be held April 22nd, the extent of the reduction will be determined.

Stewards on the Aquitania, which sailed yesterday, said their wages had been reduced from \$50 a month to about \$30, and they were prepared to walk out when the ship reached England, provided other English workers were having success at their strikes, the paper declares.

At the offices of the Cunard Line it was said that nothing was known of the reported cut in the stewards' pay.

British officers and seamen are strongly organized, and have determined themselves ready to resist attempts to lower their wages.

MAY BE FALL SESSION OF THE COMMONS HELD

Redistribution After Census Will Be Chief Question Up Then.

Ottawa, April 15.—The determination of the government to go ahead and carry on for another session of parliament as well as for this one, was reaffirmed yesterday at the ministerial caucus and brought forth an enthusiastic response. The census will be taken in June, and its tabulation, so far as population is concerned, will be completed by October. There may be a fall session—not an extra session—but a regular one, which would run into the winter and thus overcome the provision of the law that precludes two sittings in one year. Whether it is called early or only after New Year, the next session will be charged with the question of redistribution, and also of tariff revision, unless it be decided to follow the original plan and take up the fiscal revision this year. The redistribution would, of course, be followed by a general election.

Organized labor is up in arms against the Hon. F. B. Carvell, the chairman of the Railway Commission, as a result of his remarks against the McAdoo railway wage award.

The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire will make a formal farewell visit to Quebec next June.

4,000 MORE HOUSES BURNED IN JAPAN
Hakodate, Japan, April 15.—The third great conflagration to occur in Japan in three weeks, has taken place here. Four thousand houses were destroyed.

Liners' sailings have been rearranged on account of shortage of coal.

A FREE HAND FOR THE GRAIN INQUIRY

Commission is Given Wide Powers in Conducting Investigation.

Ottawa, April 15.—The Grain Commission is given by the order in council appointing it practically a free hand. After appointing as commissioners the Hon. James Duncan Hyndman, judge of the supreme court, chairman; William D. Staples, F.R.S., William J. H. Haslam, Regina, and Lincoln Goldie, Guelph, "to inquire into and report upon the subject of handling and marketing of grain in Canada," the order-in-council says the inquiry is to be "in particular but without restricting the generality of forcing terms upon the following matters":

- (1) The grading and weighing of grain.
- (2) The handling of grain in and by country elevators and from country points.
- (3) The grain exchanges.
- (4) Financing of grain.
- (5) The handling of grain at terminals and the charges therefor.
- (6) The operating of public and private elevators and Eastern public elevators.
- (7) Lake shipments.
- (8) The shipment of grain to Atlantic and Pacific ports.

In addition to these powers the commissioners are authorized "to engage the service of such accountants, engineers, technical advisers or other experts, clerks, reporters or assistants as they deem necessary or advisable, and also the services of counsel," and to deputize any of these to exercise the same powers as commissioners to get any of the information sought.

COMMITTEE TO DELVE INTO THE RAILWAYS

D. B. Hanna Issues a Warning Against Giving Away Information.

Ottawa, April 15.—"We have a tremendous, hungry, great big baby left on our door step, and it has got to be fed and nourished," stated General Newburn, referring to the National Railways, when taking the chair at a meeting of the committee of the special committee that is to report into the railway situation. He appealed for a discussion of the question above the pale of politics and with the sincere purpose of working out a solution of the difficulty.

John A. Stewart, Lanark, was elected vice-chairman.

In a general discussion as to the best method of procedure, Mr. Crerar suggested that when the annual report of the members should deal with it as shareholders would at the annual meeting of a private company "I am profoundly impressed with the gravity of the problem," he said, "but I do not consider it impossible of solution."

It was finally decided that next Wednesday, Mr. Hanna will come before the committee and make a general statement on the situation and be examined on it.

ENJOYS THE COURT, SO HE APPLAUDS IT

But Finds Law Court Rules Differ From Those of Theatre.

Ottawa, April 15.—When William Pettley, a visitor at Hull from Winnipeg, applauded yesterday during the trial of Philip Knowlton, V.C., charged with the murder of William Artick, he earned for himself two hours in solitary confinement in the Hull jail. Pettley was released at 5 o'clock and immediately left the city. On his release he had ever been in a court of justice. He thought it was quite right to applaud as freely as is done in a motion-picture theatre.

His sojourn in the cells apparently made him a wiser man, for he avers that he will give courts a wide berth in the future.

MANITOBA MAY HAVE ELECTION

Appeal to People Believed To Be Feeling of Government.

Winnipeg, April 15.—Possibilities for a general election in Manitoba during the coming summer, were never brighter than today, says the Winnipeg Free Press in a story on the authority of "general opinion at the Parliament buildings." The division in the legislature yesterday, when by the deciding vote of the speaker, the government was saved from defeat on a resolution which called for its resignation and the reconstruction of the cabinet to represent all groups, is said to have "placed the government in the position where it feels that an appeal to the people is almost imminent." Failure to pass the government bill to provide for preferential voting in constituencies where more than two candidates are in the field, which comes before the law amendments committee this week, might precipitate the long-deferred crisis.

OBJECTS TO CITY COUNCIL CUTTING \$2,000 OFF SCHOOLS

Board of Education Sends Notice to City Fathers That It Wants Full Amount of Estimates—Collegiate Institute Teachers Ask Increases.

What Board of Education Did Held a brief conference with Collegiate Institute teachers over salary question and decided to hold a general conference with them at a special meeting to be held on Wednesday evening next.

Received letter from City Clerk, in which Board was notified that City Council had cut off \$2,000 of the Board's estimates, and decided to call the attention of the City Council to the matter, and point out that the amount in the estimates as prepared by the Board of Education would be required.

The members of the Board of Education had a lengthy bill-of-fare at their regular meeting on Thursday night, and as a result it was 11:15 o'clock before an adjournment was reached, and even with this late session the entire slate was not cleaned off. The teachers of the Collegiate Institute were on hand for a conference with the trustees regarding a salary increase, but after a short discussion on the matter, it was decided to hold a special meeting on Wednesday evening next to deal with the question.

Chairman Allan Lemmon presided, and the other members present were Trustees Anglin, Bishop, Best, J. B. Cooke, Elliott, Farrell, Codwin, Henderson, Jones, Lockett, Macdonald, Mills, Moore, Mowat and McLean.

Trustee Anglin thought that \$2,000 was a very small percentage of the total cost estimated. He did not think that such an amount should cut any figure in a city of the size of Kingston with all its wealth.

Trustee Bishop felt that the board should work in harmony with the city council. The council had asked the board to cut down expenses, and while it was known that the board had the right to stand by their estimates he thought it was poor policy to start out the year with trouble with the council.

Trustee Jones then moved, seconded by Trustee Jones, that the letter from the city clerk be filed, and that the board accept the grants as allotted by the city council.

Chairman Lemmon pointed out that it was not the desire of the board to spend all the money asked for, if the work could be carried on without spending it all. But what he objected to very strongly, was that of having the council requesting the board to cut down the budget, and another year telling the board just how much money they could spend. Next year probably the city council would prepare the budget for the Board of Education. And if such was the case, the Board of Education might just as well be disbanded. It had always been the custom for the city council to collect the taxes for the board of education, as a matter of economy, but he did not think the council should say what amount the board should ask for.

Trustee Macdonald pointed out that the city council was not the governing body. The council had the power to collect the taxes for the board. This was purely a matter of course. The board was responsible to the people and not to the council.

Trustee Macdonald submitted a statement regarding the actual cost. (Continued on Page 7.)

Let the Nation Decide Is the Plea Made to Triple Alliance By Lloyd George

London, April 15.—During yesterday's conference with representatives of the Triple Alliance, it developed, Mr. Lloyd George made a plea to the labor men that they resort to the ballot, suggesting that they put their case to the nation and saying that the government would do likewise with its case, and let the nation decide the issue.

The railwaymen and the transport workers went to Downing street, where Mr. Lloyd George and other members of the cabinet met them on their own initiative. Their ostensible errand was to deliver in person the answer to the prime minister's request of last night that the miners set forth specifically the reasons for their rejection of his proposals for adjusting the dispute between the miners and the mine owners.

When Harry Goslin, for the transport workers, and Mr. Thomas for the railwaymen, had finished their presentations of the miners' case and had outlined their reasons for deciding to support it by sympathetic strikes, if necessary, Mr. Lloyd George appealed to them to consider whether reason was on their side.

If so, he asked why they had not availed themselves of the ballot box. "Starvation is not your only weapon," said the prime minister, "you have exactly the weapons you had before, the weapons of civilization—persuasion, argument and reason. You can leave it to the nation to decide. You have your plan, we have ours. Put it to the nation and we will put ours to the nation."

If the nation decides that your plan is the right one, why should you starve your people in order to achieve by reason, if reason is on your side?

"If reason is not on your side, why should you force the nation by starving it, to surrender to unreasonable demands?" asked the prime minister.