

France Proposes Fiume Solution

(Special to The Guardian.)

PARIS, Nov. 4.—France has taken the initiative in presenting to the Washington Government a new proposal for settlement of the Fiume question, according to the Echo de Paris. The newspaper says the move has the support of Great Britain.

BERNE, Nov. 4.—Great Britain has decided to support the solution proposed by Italy, relative to the Adriatic question and has given instructions to this effect to her ambassador in the United States, says the Tribune.

The Giornale D'Italia says it is probable France will submit to the supreme council a new project concerning the Adriatic. M. Clemenceau wishes to end his Premiership with an act making Franco-Italian friendship strong and lasting.

Cape Breton Miners Will Not Join Strike

SYDNEY, Nov. 4.—That there is no ground for the apprehension that the Cape Breton miners will strike in sympathy with the Americans, is the general opinion here.

Within the past few days, Robert Baxter, District President and James B. MacLachlan, District Secretary, have stated repeatedly and emphatically that there will be no sympathetic strike and that local issues will be settled by a Board of Conciliation which has already been applied for.

Sibby Barrett, District Board member, writes from Inlandopolis to the Sydney Record that District Twenty-Six, including the Maritime Provinces, is not to be affected by the strike.

DIAMOND THIEVES MAKE BIG HAULS

LONDON, Nov. 1.—There has been a big shake-up at Scotland Yard, and the re-organization which has been effected is regarded as an indication that the Metropolitan police detective force is going to pit its best brains against the robbers who recently have made rich hauls here, especially of diamonds. It is believed that London may be the centre for a gang of shrewd thieves, who, during the war, were unable to make any big strikes.

The sale of diamonds has become so flourishing in the last few months that crooks seem to have concentrated their attention on consignments of these gems. According to experts who devoted their time before the war to running down international crooks, many of the shadiest characters were killed during the conflict after being conscripted into various European armies, but some of the craftiest ones are alive and have hitched up with promising amateurs.

The latest diamond steal in which \$400,000 of the precious stones disappeared is transit from London to Colombo, is now thought to have occurred in London. Recently \$75,000 worth disappeared between Capetown and Liverpool, earlier in the year diamonds worth \$30,000 disappeared between London and Holland.

Numerous Smaller Thefts.

These are the most spectacular achievements of diamond thieves during the present year but there have been numerous smaller thefts in London and other European capitals.

Furs said to be valued at \$50,000 were stolen in London a few days ago. Although there may be an attempt to dispose of cut diamonds in America, it is much more difficult to get rid of uncut diamonds, except in India and the East. Passport restrictions have greatly interfered with crooks moving from one country to another but some are believed to have tried to ship as seamen.

A NEW USE FOR THE AEROPLANE

The Department of Agriculture at Ottawa has discovered a new use for the aeroplane. The Entomological Branch is investigating the mosquito in the Lower Fraser Valley in British Columbia. By using the aeroplane, the country can be surveyed in order to map out the swampy areas and other breeding places that are readily located in photographs taken from overhead, according to a statement by Dr. C. Gordon Hewitt, Dominion Entomologist, that appears in the October Agricultural Gazette. The aeroplane was used in making a comprehensive survey of the complicated water system of the Fraser River and the adjacent water of permanent and temporary bodies of water. A flight reported by Dr. Hewitt has demonstrated the possibility of using this machine also for making surveys of timber that is being killed or has already been destroyed by various insects. Its use, it is believed, will help very greatly in the entomologist work with various insects being carried on by the Federal Department of Agriculture.

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United States Has No Place in the Labor Congress

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3.—The appointment of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, to represent American workers at the International Labor Conference, given rise to an interesting question. Since the opening of the conference seats, marked by tiny American flags, have reserved for delegates from the United States, but the seats have been vacant. The League of Nations, of which the conference is really a branch, was fathered by President Wilson. The labor sections of the Peace Treaty were drafted by an International Committee of which Mr. Gompers was chairman. Yet, the United States government remains unrepresented at the conference. There is even now pending before the United States Senate a motion to strike the whole labor section from the Peace Treaty, so far as the United States is concerned. What, then, will be Mr. Gompers position at the conference should he take part in its deliberations—it entitled to vote, how far will his vote be valid—these are points which give rise to some questioning.

Application to the United States of any recommendations or conventions adopted by the Conference is regarded by the Canadian representation here as of special concern to Canada.

Hard to Find Men for the Lumber Woods

OTTAWA, Nov. 3.—Reports received by Government Employment Bureaus from all parts of Canada indicate that there is great difficulty in getting men to go to lumber camps this season or to remain when they get there. One large operator is asking for a thousand additional men, and others are in a like predicament. The situation is made worse in the eyes of lumbermen in that of the shantymen who have returned from overseas, ten thousands have drifted into other occupations. After their martial experiences abroad and fleeting glimpses of life in many old world centres, these lads seem to have gained a thirst for city life which they are now trying to quench.

Even the fact that wages paid in the camps have doubled since the old days, does not draw them from the lure of the big city. It is true that a small proportion of men who lived originally in the city are going to outside occupations and some of them to the bush, attracted by the healthy open air life, the rude comfort and the bountiful food which rule there. These do not begin to make up for the loss of the shantymen, but the lumbermen are willing to take a number of green-horns to work in with what experienced men they get, and to teach those who are quick and adaptable whatever there is to learn.

In British Columbia and other parts of Canada the situation exists of unemployment in the cities and plenty of work in the bush and elsewhere which the unemployed will not accept. "I want a city job or none" is the attitude.

Even the returned soldier says: "We have had enough roughing it for a while. We think we deserve a city job. Let the other fellow go out."

Meanwhile, at the outset of a period when Canada needs to engage extensively in building, this condition is not a healthy one. Lumbermen predict that the spring will find all stocks of lumber low, both to fill export demand and to meet domestic needs.

ALBERTA FEED SITUATION IS VERY SERIOUS

CALGARY, Alta., Nov. 4.—Premier Stewart, Hon. Duncan Marshall, minister of agriculture and other provincial ministers expressed themselves as much worried over the feed outlook in the province as the result of the heavy snow.

"The early setting in of winter, and the heavy snow which has fallen in the last few days," said Mr. Stewart, "is going to complicate the question of feed relief very much, just at a time when we thought the problem was about to be solved."

"The question of providing sufficient hay and green feed to carry farmers and ranchers through the winter is now going to be a very serious one."

RADIUM FOUND BEST CURE FOR CANCER

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—Radium was classed as one of the deadliest enemies to cancer at last evening's session of the clinical congress of the American College of Surgeons, in the ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Basing their endorsements upon years of experience with the wonderful agency discovered by the Curies, distinguished surgeons, told the gathering of two thousand of their colleagues, that radium has more than proven its worth both as a palliative and curative measure in combating cancer. While not claiming for radium the qualities of a cure-all, the surgeons, among whom were Dr. Curtis F. Burnam, colleague of Dr. Howard Kelly, of Baltimore, in research, gave the result of their use of radium in destroying incipient and advanced cases of cancer.

Dr. Howard C. Bailey described the results which he has had with radium in cancer treatment as miraculous, and declared that its future held great possibilities. Dr. Burnam described the results obtained from seven hundred cancer cases, cures having been effected in a far larger percentage of cases than they had dared to hope.

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