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LOCAL MEMBER DEFENDS MILITARY OFFICERS AGAINST CRITICISM

GOVERNMENT WILL NOT LIKELY TAKE THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC AS PART OF NATIONAL RAILWAY

Confiscation would Probably be Disallowed by British Govern-
ment; Interest on Bonds has been Promptly Paid and
New Loan was Floated in Autumn.

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

Ottawa, March 7.—The rumor that the Government contem-
plated the absorption of the Grand Trunk Pacific into the National
Railway System fails to find confirmation here. D. B. Hanna,
ways declared he knew nothing

As a matter of fact the question of the acquisition of the
Grand Trunk Pacific is at present in doubt. The impression is
growing, and has been strengthened by the fact that the interest
is promptly paid when due, that the British directorate of the
Grand Trunk has decided to hold on to their system.

In September last the company raised \$15,000,000 on the
London market. This could not have been done without the
assent of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, without whose ap-
proval nobody could go into the London market.

There are 120,000 British shareholders in the company and
it would appear that the future of Canada after the war appeals
to them and to the directors as good reason for hanging on to
the property.

No Drastic Action.

It is doubtful whether any drastic action toward confiscation
of the system could be carried out. If the Grand Trunk is not
taken, and it is doubtful whether the Govern-
ment will take the Grand Trunk Pacific without the Grand Trunk,
there is grave danger that any legislation looking toward ex-
propriation might be disallowed by the Imperial authorities.
Expropriation might be claimed in connection with any move toward
nationalization.

The Government has been notified that the Grand Trunk
Pacific Railway had met the interest due in London last week on
Grand Trunk Pacific bonds guaranteed by the Grand Trunk Rail-
way. The interest amounted in the neighborhood of a million
dollars. Some time ago the Government notified the Grand Trunk
directors that it would no longer pursue a policy of advancing
interest on the Grand Trunk Pacific bonds.

There was much speculation as to whether the interest would
be met and there were even rumors that the Grand Trunk had
suffered. The interest, however, has been fully met. This news
shows that the Grand Trunk Railway proposes to carry on even
under the burden of the Grand Trunk Pacific on its shoulders. It
is a new aspect on the railway situation as regards these two
systems. The whole question will be discussed shortly in the House.

What the Government Wants.

The situation of the Government is clear. The Government
willing to round out its public ownership policy by acquiring
the Grand Trunk Pacific and Grand Trunk, but it does not pro-
pose to acquire the G. T. P. without the Grand Trunk. The Grand
Trunk directors have offered the Government the G. T. P. if it
will relieve them of its obligations, but the Government has
refused to accept this white elephant without the better paying
Grand Trunk eastern connection.

Negotiations.

A year ago negotiations were opened with the Grand Trunk
directors in London for the purchase of the two systems. Hon.
Mr. Meighen went to England for the purpose. The Grand
Trunk directors made a proposal which the Government regarded
as high it was not worth presenting to Parliament. The cabinet
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B. C. TIMBER FOR BRITISH GOVERNMENT

Acting Prime Minister Receives
Assurances From British
Timber Controller Re-
garding Purchase.

(Special by G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

Ottawa, March 7.—The Acting
Prime Minister has received sat-
isfactory assurances as to the pro-
gress of negotiations with the
British Timber Controller for the
purchase of British Columbia
timber. For several weeks past
Sir Thomas White has been ac-
tively and continuously pressing
the matter by cable communica-
tion with Sir George Perley and
Lloyd Harris, of the Canadian
Trade Mission.

STARVATION KILLING OFF BOLSHEVIKI

Not Wood Enough for Coffins,
Says London Despatch; Cats
Sell at \$3 Each.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

London, March 7.—Starvation
prevails throughout Bolshevik
Russia and is killing off the popu-
lation by thousands. Disease
due to under nourishment is ran-
sacking. Food is scarce in Petro-
grad and Moscow and cats sell
rapidly at \$3 each. Undertakers
cannot cope with the conditions.
There is not enough wood for
coffins.

WASHINGTON SENATE KEEPS DIVORCE EASY

Defeats Bill to Make Annulment
of Marriages More Difficult
For Dissatisfied
Married.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

Olympia, Wash., March 7.—
March 7.—Washington's State
Senate today defeated a bill to
make the obtaining of divorce dif-
ficult, except for recognized ag-
gravated cases. This bill would
have eliminated the principal
cause of action upon which more
than two thirds of the suits filed
in this state are based namely,
"personal indignities, rendering
life burdensome."

DIED AT EDMONTON.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)
Winnipeg, March 7.—Mrs. Ida
Tinney, wife of Frank Tinney, of
Vanderhoof, died at Edmonton
Hospital Wednesday. The re-
mains will be brought to Win-
nipeg.

CATCHES OF MANY BOATS SOLD TODAY

Total Amount Marketed Was
112,500 lbs. of Halibut and
3,000 lbs. of Salmon.

This was a big morning at the
Fish Exchange as the catches of
fifteen boats were disposed of.
The total amount of fish market-
ed was 112,500 lbs. of halibut and
3,000 lbs. of salmon and the re-
sult is that the packing houses
will be very busy today.

Up till noon, sales had not been
completed, and the following are
the particulars of the fish offer-
ed:

Tramp with 5,500 lbs. halibut;
Eagle 6,000 lbs. halibut and 2,000
lbs. black cod; Atlas 18,000 lbs.
halibut and 3,000 lbs. black cod;
Fisher with 9,000 lbs. halibut and
1,000 lbs. black cod; the Norma
with 5,000 lbs. of halibut; the Gil-
ford 3,000 lbs.; the Advance 7,-
000 lbs.; the Hoff H. 9,000 lbs.;
the Nellie brought in 5,000 lbs.;
the Adaline with 5,000 lbs.; the
Rennel had 9,000 lbs. the Neilson
12,000 lbs.; the Nidaros 2,000 lbs.;
the Anna J. 11,000 lbs. halibut;
and the Eagle brought in 3,000
lbs. of spring salmon, 2,000 lbs.
of whites and 1,000 lbs. of reds.

The Rolf H. Adaline, Fisher,
Gilford and the Rennel were all
fishing on the west coast where
rough weather was prevalent.

GRANBY SHUT DOWN TIGHT

Nothing Doing at Anyox Since the
Recent Fire in Converter;
Many Men Leave.

Word was brought from Anyox
last night to the effect that
everything was shut down tight
following the fire in the converter
at the smelter. The building was
constructed of steel but there was
wood interior work and this was
fanned by a breeze. As a result
considerable damage was done.

About two hundred men came
down from the smelter town last
night on the Prince Rupert and
some of them remained here,
others going south. That pretty
well clears out the single men
from the place and some of the
married men are reported to be
leaving.

When the Prince Rupert arrived
yesterday morning there were no
men to handle the cargo. Every-
thing was tied up tight. It is ex-
pected to start up again as soon
as repairs to the smelter building
have been completed.

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COLONEL PECK AT ISSUE WITH GENERAL SIR SAM HUGHES OVER CRITICISMS

SAYS CANADIAN FIGHTING WAS PART OF VAST ACTION
ORDERED BY GENERAL HEADQUARTERS—NO
WANTON LOSS OF LIFE

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

Ottawa, March 7.—Col. C. W. Peck, V. C., M. P., who has just
returned from overseas, does not agree with Sir Sam Hughes in
his criticism of the Canadian Command.

Col. Peck stated: "I certainly cannot agree with what General
Hughes says about the wanton loss of life. I was very much
pained to see such a matter brought up at a time when so many
people are in distress over the loss of dear ones. The battle of
Cambrai, which General Hughes alluded to critically, was simply
a part of a vast action over the whole front under orders from
General Headquarters, and, as a matter of fact, other corps be-
sides ours were engaged. I was there.

"As to the action at Mons," said the Colonel, "I never heard
of any wanton loss of life and understand that the total casualties
were very small."

ANOTHER COXEY ARMY TO MARCH ON WASHINGTON

This One Will Travel Luxuriously
in Motor Cars as Prohibition
Protest.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

New York, March 7.—"General"
Jacob Coxey will lead another
"army" to Washington as a pro-
test against national prohibition.
It will not go on foot, but will
travel in a touring car and motor
transportation will be provided,
he said, for all followers. Coxey
said he had discussed the project
with many business men and most
of them volunteered to enlist in
his army.

GOVERNMENT HELP MUST BE EFFICIENT

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

Ottawa, March 7.—That the
Government should "get rid of
unnecessary employees and make
those remaining render efficient
service" is the chief recommen-
dation made by a committee ap-
pointed November last to investi-
gate the Government printing
bureau.

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ASKS FOR EQUAL ATTENTION FOR THE BASIC INDUSTRIES

Sir John Willison Declares That
Mining and Fishing Should
Get Greater Support
From Government.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

Montreal, Que., March 7.—
Addressing the Members of the
Canadian Mining Institute, Sir
John Willison declared that the
mining industry should receive as
much attention from the Govern-
ment as agriculture. If mining
and fishing were encouraged as
much as agriculture, the returns
to the country annually would be
greatly increased. The fishing
returns from thirty-five million
dollars per year would be increas-
ed to one hundred million.

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