

Lloyd George Fears General Strike Will Be Prolonged

Former Premier Doubts Presumption Men Will Rebel Against Unions and Return to Work, for They Are Most Highly Organized

MINERS USED TO LONG WALKOUTS

Island Almost Isolated From Outside World; Government Unable to Starve Out Labor Without Nation Suffering Same Fate, Says Ex-Prime Minister

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LONDON, May 7.—Britain has the unenviable distinction of being the first victim of the long threatened general strike. There have been sporadic attacks in other countries since the war, but they were like one day of a feverish cold; they passed away as rapidly as they came. But here the real thing has at last arrived. It is serious, determined, purposeful and well organized. Britain is the real home of trade unionism. In this country it commands a more numerous, better disciplined and more efficient army than in any other land. Most workers who are engaged in vital trades—all except agriculture and domestic service—are enrolled in one union or another and obey its orders up and over the brink of hunger, if necessary. Coal mining, transport of all kinds by sea and land, iron and steel and metal industries, printing, textiles—all these industries essential to modern civilization are run by trade union workers. All the unions have their headquarters in London, that is how things will remain. A few trains may be run here and there but for all practical purposes the rails are out of business. The complicated business of signaling and shunting cannot be learned and worked by the improvisation of enrolled amateurs—certainly not for months.

The same observation applies to our sea transport. Britain is almost isolated from the outside world. The continental service has been cut off. Food distribution and hospital service are alone privileged. But it is not to be allowed to work but neither is it to be permitted to starve. Saint Paul's famous belief is set in defiance. "He who doth not work, neither let him eat." It is all as if you lived in a nightmare.

WALKS BENEFIT MANY.

It is difficult to realize, as you see the change around you, that you are awake. Men and women, as they look through the windows in the morning, rub their eyes hard. As I look out of my window on Chelsea embankment I see the Thames rolling past as free from boat or barge as it was in the days of Julius Caesar, but the road is crowded with motors, vans, cycles, carts, all packed with men and women, making their way slowly towards shop or counting house in the east end of the town. Some of them have already taken one hour to get so far. It will be an hour or more when they reach their destination, and yet they have not yet started. Some are complaining that they cannot reach their work under two and a half hours. Most people of all classes are already finding that walking is more expeditious than motoring. Nothing has impressed me more in this pilgrimage than the shame and shuffle which proclaim that most of these pedestrians are taking serious walking exercise for the first time in their lives. As you look at the motored street cars, buses, trains, motors and elevators, you are tempted to wonder whether street cars, buses, trains, motors and elevators are not ultimately the lower limbs altogether and whether a general strike not only would not become a medical necessity to save the race and will not, at some future date, be ordered not by the Trades Union Congress, but by the British Medical Council or the Ministry of Health.

ORDER OBSERVED.

So far, the strike has been conducted with all due regard for order and law. There have been, in the east end of London, a few attacks on improvised transport, which is a substitute for trams and trains, and the police charged a mob engaged in wrecking these vehicles but, on the whole, good temper is the prevalent characteristic of this unprecedented and arresting challenge. The novelty and excitement of what they are experiencing has broken for most people, a welcome break in the monotony of their lives of grey routine. The good weather, crowded vehicles of joy riders along the road to business, the break-down of caste and convention which you witness when the sumptuous line-up of some magnate is packed with typists, clerks and waitresses, he has picked up from amongst the weary pilgrims—all this reminds one strangely of the first wild and exhilarating days of the Great War, before the casualties arrived to sober and depress.

QUESTION OF DURATION.

How long will this extraordinary inter-

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Chance for Him Seen



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SEES MEN STAND FAST

Will the men rebel against their unions and dribble back to work? That is a pretty general assumption but I do not believe they will. The unions which are on strike are the most highly organized and the most disciplined of all. Their leaders are able men, holding great authority over their followers. The miners are accustomed to prolonged strikes. They dwell in little communities of their own, isolated from the rest of the community. They constitute their own public and form their own opinions. In the last strike, leaders experienced great difficulty in persuading them to go back to work on terms they did not like—although their funds had been exhausted weeks ago. Even if the other unions submit, the miners will go on. That will make it all the more difficult for the other trades to surrender. The comradeship of labor has grown in fervor and intensity since the war. Labor organizations fight now not so much for the interests of railwaymen or miners or engineers but "for the cause of labor." If the miners hold out—and they assuredly will unless they get terms—I cannot see the other unions abandoning them. I am expressing no opinion on merits. I am only reviewing prospects. The immediate outlook for British trade is therefore black. It is fighting its way back to normalcy slowly, steadily and valiantly. This catastrophe hurls it back with violence. When it rises again it will be bruised all over and will take long to recover.

UNIONS CAN HOLD OUT

I know it is said: "That this complete paralysis of industry cannot last longer than a fortnight." Why not? Unless the men and their families are starved into surrender—and that is impossible without starving the nation—they can hold out. It is better that the full possibilities of the situation should be faced. Unless they are, the combatants on both sides cannot be brought to reason. Worries about overdrafts at the bank, overhead charges, interest on debentures, failure to carry out old orders and to take in new ones, the driving of customers elsewhere and the general effect on business—these things are not even present to the minds of the strikers, although they have just as direct an interest in these considerations as the employers. So that it would be a mistake to build hopes of an early conclusion to this new anxiety for British trade on the speedy capitulation by the belligerent unions.

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TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL ASK THAT N. B. MEN BE NAMED

Urge Appointment of Home Born as Preventive Officers on Border

A resolution urging the appointment of preventive officers on the borders of New Brunswick for the positions of preventive officers on the borders of this province was passed at a meeting of the Saint John Trades and Labor Council last night in the new hall, 183 Union street, with President C. H. Stevens in the chair. Very satisfactory reports were received from various committees.

IS RECOVERING.

Friends of Mrs. F. W. Dykeman, 175 Adelaide street, will be glad to know that she is recovering from her recent operation in the General Public Hospital.

"And whereas the council of the Board of Trade of Saint John, N. B., has passed a resolution asking the Dominion Government to appoint a number of Canadian Mounted Police to act in that capacity. Resolved that the Saint John Trades and Labor Council respectfully request the Federal Government to appoint preventive officers against smuggling into Canada on the borders of New Brunswick."

SPEAKS OF RESOLUTION.

In speaking of the attitude of the Trades and Labor Council in this matter, Mr. Stevens said last night that the council felt the Board of Trade should be consistent in hoisting all "home industries" and while there were men in New Brunswick able to do this new work those men should receive the appointments. Mr. Stevens said the council was not asking for a labor representative to be appointed but merely urging that the home grown product should be given the employment.

DEATHS

Mrs. Elsie Thorne
HAYLOCK, May 7.—The death of Mrs. Elsie Thorne, widow of the late Thomas J. Thorne, occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Tilley MacMackin, Haylock, N. B., at an early hour Tuesday morning, May 4, her 93rd birthday, after an illness of five months.

DEATH OF CHILD.

Much sympathy will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. H. Bryant Fairweather, 19 Richmond street, in the death of their only child, Vera Yvonne Dorothy, aged four years, which occurred yesterday. The funeral is to take place in Hampton.

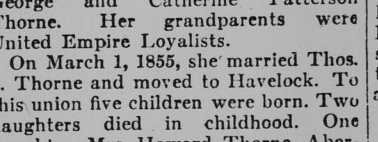
Mrs. J. S. Thompson and Miss Mabel Thompson, of Prince street, West Saint John, left on Thursday evening for Boston.

Deaths

Mrs. Margaret Logan
The death of Mrs. Margaret Logan, wife of Francis Logan, 616 Main street, occurred in the East Saint John County Hospital yesterday. The late Mrs. Logan was formerly Miss Ryan, of Fairville. She is survived by three sons, Francis, John and James, and three daughters, Mrs. Walter Goodie and Misses Mabel and Nellie.

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