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HUNDREDS GO BACK TO WORK IN WINNIPEG

Gradual Settlement of Tie-Up

ARBITRATION CONFERENCES ON

A Demonstration Yesterday But Disorder - The Situation in Toronto, Edmonton and in British Columbia

Winnipeg, May 31—With arbitration conferences actually under way on the basic industrial dispute of the general strike—the walkout of the metal trades—and hundreds of employes returning to work, gradual settlement of the civic and industrial tie-up, which has been almost complete since May 18, was beginning today, according to government officials.

Edmonton dispatches indicated resumption of public service functions is now complete there, although strike headquarters asserted workers in thirty-two trades were still out.

Votes on a general strike now being taken at Vancouver and Victoria, British Columbia, will be completed and announced within a few days.

Though the first outward demonstration of disaffection occurred in Winnipeg yesterday in a parade of veterans and strikers to the parliament buildings, no disorders occurred. The veterans promised to return again today to insist on speedy action to legalize collective bargaining, one of the chief points sought by the metal trades in their walk-out, which precipitated the general strike.

When members of the railway brotherhood succeeded in beginning the first arbitration conference today to replace striking workers generally slackened, except in the police, fire and postal services. Officials of the dominion government warned maintenance of way employes in Winnipeg and the west not to consider sympathetic strike votes or attempt to walk out in violation of their contracts.

Ottawa, May 31—Sir Robert Borden has replied to a telegram in which the Toronto central strike committee drew attention to the declaration of principles relating to labor embodied in the peace terms and asked: "Why is common labor forced to strike to obtain what we understand was internationally recognized?" The premier's message reads as follows:

"The position of the government was fully explained to the delegation from Toronto, as well as in my observations in the House of Commons on Tuesday last, copy of which is being forwarded by today's mail. I made it clear that the federal government favors a full recognition of labor as well as the fullest discussion of all differences between employers and employes. The hours of employment and the conditions of labor have been the subject of provincial legislation in every province in Canada, with the possible exception of Prince Edward Island. The dominion government recognizes the principles embodied in the peace terms insofar as they come within the jurisdiction of the federal parliament, and is prepared to submit measures for the purpose of carrying them out."

In Toronto, May 31—Scarcely a ripple of excitement marked the first day of sympathetic strikes in this city. Except for more knots of idle men at certain points than usual, especially in the vicinity of the labor temple, the fact that several unions were on strike might have been noticeable at a distance.

It is said that the men on strike yesterday numbered between 7,000 and 8,000, that 233 factories were closed and fifty garment workers' shops idle, besides about forty building operations being seriously hampered through the strike of the carpenters.

A convention of organized labor has been called for Saturday night, when the question of calling out more unions will be decided. It is proposed to add to the strength of the sympathy strike day by day until the full force of dissatisfied labor may be felt by the employers. Just how long this will take cannot be ascertained at present.

Out in Montreal.

Montreal, May 31—About 1,000 boiler-makers and iron ship builders employed by the Canadian Vickers Company, Limited, walked out of their shops yesterday. This is said to be in protest against alleged delay in negotiations between the workers and the company. The men involved in this action, which they do not wish to be regarded in the light of a strike, are not affiliated with the Marine Trades Federation, which, early this week, agreed to defer any action until they learned the result of negotiations to which the company had agreed.

The barbers have decided to go on strike on Monday morning. A committee of five employers offered the men \$17 a week and fifty per cent of receipts over \$25 weekly, this contract to hold good for two years. The employers also asked that the men sign an agreement for a like period to the effect that they would not ask for an early closing clause. The barbers, believing that early closing is to become law at an early date, refused. The proposals of the masters were agreeable to the men but they say that many of their employers had not dealt with them in good faith, and that those of the master barbers who are acting in good faith will come to the Labor Temple on Monday morning to sign the union's contract and take their union shop cards.

In Vancouver, B. C., May 30—If Vancouver is to suffer a general strike it will take effect at 11 o'clock on Tuesday

RIBOT FAINTS IN FRENCH HOUSE

Aged Former Premier Overcome While Making Speech in Chamber of Deputies

Paris, May 31—(By the Associated Press)—Alexandre Ribot, former premier and foreign minister and long identified with the political affairs of France suffered a fainting spell during the discussion of financial matters in the chamber of deputies yesterday but later recovered sufficiently to continue his address.

He had been speaking but a short time when he was compelled to stop for rest. On resuming, he fainted and was unconscious for several minutes. In spite of his seventy-seven years and the oppressive heat of the chamber, he pluckily took up his address when he recovered, but was compelled to stop speaking.

M. Ribot said that the country wanted to know what Germany was going to pay, and in what manner it was to be realized by the Allies of France the principle of financial solidarity accepted by them in 1914 and 1915. He said that solidarity ought to apply at least to the reparations Germany owed France.

WILLARD AT HOME

Lawrence, Kansas, May 31—Jess Willard, holder of the world's heavyweight pugilistic title, stopped here last night on his way from Los Angeles to Toledo for a visit with his family at his ranch near here, before he starts a five weeks' training season for his championship bout with Jack Dempsey, July 4. Willard said that he probably would leave tonight for Toledo.

THE AUSTRIAN TERMS

Paris, May 31—Indications are that the presentation of the peace terms to the Austrian delegation will be postponed beyond Monday. The plenary session of the peace conference this afternoon will decide the question.

TO RESUME SERVICE

Passenger service between New York, Halifax and Newfoundland will soon be resumed by the Red Cross line. The line has bought the steamship Lady Gwendolen from the British and Irish Steam Packet Company and she will be put into service as soon as she arrives from England. A fortnightly service will be maintained with the Lady Gwendolen until a new steamship can be built, when weekly sailings will be resumed.

morning, June 3. This is the decision of a strike committee appointed by the Trades and Labor Council. But the decision of organized labor in Vancouver as to advisability of calling a sympathetic strike cannot be known until Friday evening at 9 o'clock, the hour set for the return of the strike vote.

Winnipeg, May 31—At a general conference of officials representing all the railways having headquarters in Winnipeg yesterday it was decided to issue a notice to all employes on strike that unless they report for duty not later than ten o'clock Monday June 2, they will be considered as having left the service and their places will be filled.

Toronto, May 31—The following statement was given out at the head office of the Canadian National Railways today:

"Officers of the Canadian National Railway explained at noon that the Toronto general strike order had not interfered with the operations of the company up to that time and expressed confidence that all the men would remain loyal in the interests of public service."

"The men of the C. N. R. express service at Toronto voted at a meeting this morning to stay by their jobs in the public interests, so that company services are being carried on as usual."

"The sleeping and dining car services out of Toronto on the Canadian National Railway have not been affected by the Toronto strike order and the situation as brought out by the Winnipeg strike order which affects the services between Toronto and Winnipeg is being rapidly restored to normal."

To Move Adjournment

Ottawa, May 30—Dr. Blake, of North Winnipeg, gave notice today that he will move on Wednesday the adjournment of the House to discuss the whole question of labor unrest in Canada. The cause of it and the remedies.

Acute in Mines

Cobalt, Ont., May 30—The labor situation in the mining camps is acute, according to reports here today. At Kirkland Lake, the miners' union has presented demands for a forty-four week recognition of the union and a minimum wage of \$4.50 per day. Ten days have been given the operators in which to consider the demands. A meeting arranged for last evening has been postponed until Tuesday next. Nothing official has been done yet in the Cobalt, Porcupine or Gowganda camps, but a meeting of the local union has been called for Sunday evening and similar action to that at Kirkland Lake will be taken in the other camps immediately.

Victoria, B. C., May 30—E. S. Woodward, president of the Victoria Trades and Labor Council, which has called for a vote on a general strike, declared today that he thought all the well-organized labor unions here would vote to strike.

Mr. Woodward telegraphed Premier Borden stating the government's mishandling of the Winnipeg strike alone is responsible for the spread of the general strike to the coast cities. The situation here is most critical. Urgent immediate steps to avert the ruin of Canadian industry.

Urges Try-Out Before Tying Over Others

Quebec Board of Trade Resolution on Government Operation of Railroads

Quebec, May 31—Urging that the federal government give a thorough trial to the railways nationalized up to the present before taking over any others, the Quebec board of trade yesterday afternoon passed the following resolution:

"That the president be requested to write to the Right Hon. Sir Robert Borden, prime minister, stating that whilst quite understanding that urgent reasons compelled the government to take over and operate the National Transcontinental Railway and the Canadian Northern Railway, the Quebec board of trade would respectfully suggest that it would not be wise for the government to take over and assume the indebtedness of any other railway at least until two or three years' trial of the numerous losses sustained by the government of the United States in operating the railways of that country, even with increased rates, and in view of our own experience with the Intercolonial."

An opportunity to ascertain, by a little delay, would seem prudent in view of the enormous losses sustained by the government of the United States in operating the railways of that country, even with increased rates, and in view of our own experience with the Intercolonial."

INDUCTION AT ST. GEORGE

Rev. Dr. J. A. Morrison returned last evening from St. George, where he attended the induction of Rev. J. C. Morrison, formerly minister at Hampton, Robbsey and Hammond River, to the pastoral charge of the congregation of St. George, Robbsey and Penfield. The ceremony took place on Thursday at St. George.

The induction was conducted by Rev. William Malcolm, moderator of the session. Rev. Dr. Morrison delivered the address to the minister and the charge to the people and was followed by W. Back, minister of Milltown.

There was a large number present at the ceremony, representative not only of the congregation but also of the community. The church has been vacant for some time, the last minister being Rev. B. H. Penwarden, who has recently been succeeded by Rev. W. Back.

SWISS ARE OBJECTING

Berne, May 31—The Swiss federal council today gave out a statement in which complaints made that Switzerland has been unable to obtain from the Allies modifications of the blockade of Germany, the maintenance of which, it said, is causing the death of a million "more untenable position."

The statement gives the text of a note which was formally demanding that the blockade be raised insofar as it concerns Switzerland, and saying, in case the request is not granted, Switzerland "will find it necessary to recover her liberty of action."

A NEW YORK INQUIRY

A request from a New York firm of manufacturers' agents for a list of the names of importers and exporters of a large variety of articles has been received by the board of trade. The manufacturers referred to include hardware, household utensils, electrical apparatus, furnaces and heaters. The information is being sent.

WAS WELL GIVEN

The Society of Tens, of the Douglas Avenue Christian church, last evening presented a putting musical sketch, "Fifteen Miles to Happytown" in the Douglas Hall, Murray street. There was a full house and every one enjoyed the clever work of the cast. Those who took part in the entertainment included Miss S. Pottle, Mrs. R. W. Pugh, Miss Hoyt, Miss Annie Graves, Miss Betty Walters, Miss Hazel Roberts, Miss Hilda Dykeman, Miss Flossie Graves, Miss Hanna Marshall, Miss Blanch Armstrong, Mrs. Livingston, Mrs. H. W. McEachern, Miss Hilda Williams, Mrs. J. McEachern, Miss Charles, Mrs. J. McEachern and Clive Pugh.

Sails on May 27

Fredericton, N. B., May 30—Mr. and Mrs. A. C. M. Lawson, received a letter this morning from their son, Lieutenant W. J. Lawson, who is expected to sail for Canada on the Cedric, but was detailed to act as witness in a general court martial on an officer of the 4th division. He is expected to sail on May 27, with a Moncton unit. At the time of writing he was at Bramshott Camp.

Rev. John Somerville III

Toronto, May 30—Rev. John Somerville, treasurer of the Presbyterian church of Canada, is seriously ill at his home here.

G. N. 4 HAS REACHED PLYMOUTH

London, May 31—(By the Associated Press)—The United States seaplane C. 4 left the port of Ferrol, Spain, for Plymouth, Eng., at 6.30 o'clock this morning.

May 31—A heavy rain is falling over the English Channel and in the upper Bay of Biscay, the route which will be followed by the C. 4. The ship was fifty miles southwest of Brest at 10 o'clock this morning, Greenwich time.

Plymouth, Eng., May 31, 12.25 p. m.—The skies have suddenly cleared after the rain this morning. The sun is shining brilliantly and the wind has abated, making flying conditions ideal for the C. 4.

Brest, May 31—The N. C. 4 sent a wireless message to the steamer George 26 this afternoon.

NO TIMES ON NEXT TUESDAY

On next Tuesday, the birthday of King George, the Evening Times will not be published.

TUESDAY HOLIDAY

Statutory, Says Mayor—Canvas of Business Houses by Times Shows General Observance

With reference to Tuesday, June 3, the King's Birthday, Mayor Hayes said this morning that it is a statutory holiday, the same as July 1 or Christmas. Front-end business firms throughout the city said this morning they would close their business places on the day.

Next Saturday will be a general observance of Saturday half-holiday, which will continue during June, July and August, and in some instances until the end of September.

The following are among firms who today signified their intention of observing the holiday Tuesday: Others would have been asked, but they did not wish to prior to going to press—W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., 140, 142, 144, 146, 148, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176, 178, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, 194, 196, 198, 200, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 268, 270, 272, 274, 276, 278, 280, 282, 284, 286, 288, 290, 292, 294, 296, 298, 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 338, 340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350, 352, 354, 356, 358, 360, 362, 364, 366, 368, 370, 372, 374, 376, 378, 380, 382, 384, 386, 388, 390, 392, 394, 396, 398, 400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 412, 414, 416, 418, 420, 422, 424, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 438, 440, 442, 444, 446, 448, 450, 452, 454, 456, 458, 460, 462, 464, 466, 468, 470, 472, 474, 476, 478, 480, 482, 484, 486, 488, 490, 492, 494, 496, 498, 500, 502, 504, 506, 508, 510, 512, 514, 516, 518, 520, 522, 524, 526, 528, 530, 532, 534, 536, 538, 540, 542, 544, 546, 548, 550, 552, 554, 556, 558, 560, 562, 564, 566, 568, 570, 572, 574, 576, 578, 580, 582, 584, 586, 588, 590, 592, 594, 596, 598, 600, 602, 604, 606, 608, 610, 612, 614, 616, 618, 620, 622, 624, 626, 628, 630, 632, 634, 636, 638, 640, 642, 644, 646, 648, 650, 652, 654, 656, 658, 660, 662, 664, 666, 668, 670, 672, 674, 676, 678, 680, 682, 684, 686, 688, 690, 692, 694, 696, 698, 700, 702, 704, 706, 708, 710, 712, 714, 716, 718, 720, 722, 724, 726, 728, 730, 732, 734, 736, 738, 740, 742, 744, 746, 748, 750, 752, 754, 756, 758, 760, 762, 764, 766, 768, 770, 772, 774, 776, 778, 780, 782, 784, 786, 788, 790, 792, 794, 796, 798, 800, 802, 804, 806, 808, 810, 812, 814, 816, 818, 820, 822, 824, 826, 828, 830, 832, 834, 836, 838, 840, 842, 844, 846, 848, 850, 852, 854, 856, 858, 860, 862, 864, 866, 868, 870, 872, 874, 876, 878, 880, 882, 884, 886, 888, 890, 892, 894, 896, 898, 900, 902, 904, 906, 908, 910, 912, 914, 916, 918, 920, 922, 924, 926, 928, 930, 932, 934, 936, 938, 940, 942, 944, 946, 948, 950, 952, 954, 956, 958, 960, 962, 964, 966, 968, 970, 972, 974, 976, 978, 980, 982, 984, 986, 988, 990, 992, 994, 996, 998, 1000.

PERSONALS

Miss Teresa Brennan, who is in London, left on Wednesday evening for New York to spend a month with her cousin, Miss Eva Brennan.

R. W. Wigmore, M. P., arrived in the city yesterday to spend the week end.

High J. Chisholm of Portland, Me., president and director of the New Brunswick Pulp and Paper Company, arrived in Fredericton yesterday on a tour of inspection of the company's property.

Mr. J. W. Foster expects to leave this evening to spend two weeks in Boston.

Miss Elizabeth Furlong left Thursday morning for Bear River, where she has rented a house for the summer.

Madame Duffy and her sister, Miss Teresa Duffy, who spent the winter in Fredericton, have returned to St. John, N. B.

J. W. Lewis returned on Thursday from Wolfville, where he received his certificate in engineering from Acadia college. He was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. William F. Lewis, who was attending the closing exercises of the university.

Rev. George S. Milligan, M. A., of Toronto, who went overseas with the Royal Canadian Dragoons, arrived in St. John last evening. He will visit his sisters for a short time at his old home, 128 Hazen street.

Mrs. Herman Williams and family, 221 Carmarthen street, left today for Chatham, where they will spend part of the summer season.

Hull Firemen Strike

Hull, Que., May 31—Hull firemen went on strike this morning for recognition of the union, better wages, and working conditions. Twenty-five men are affected.

Motormen and conductors of the Hull electric railway will submit their demands for an increase of sixteen cents an hour to the minister of labor and if satisfaction is not obtained, will strike.

A board of arbitration recently awarded the men an increase of three cents an hour.

G. W. V. A. Officers Deny It

Sydney, N. S., May 31—Officers of the local G. W. V. A. say there is no truth in a report that a soldiers' and workmen's council is to be formed in Cape Breton.

Got Fifteen

Moncton Times: John O'Neil, Moncton's veteran sportsman, averaged nine pounds each in weight; also six good sized grunts and three and a half dozen fine trout. Mr. O'Neil reports the salmon plentiful and very gaudy, and he had a rare sport in landing his catch.

Suspends Guarantees

Havana, May 30—The senate this evening passed the bill suspending the constitutional guarantees in Cuba until June 30. The action was taken by a vote of 18 to 1.

MEET WITH NEW FACES ON THE ARAGUAYA

Hundred and Fifty-Four Who Were Under Wonderful Operations

CHAPLAIN FROM ETAPLES

Was Through Bombing There When 400 Were Killed by Germans on One Night—Some St. John Men on Ship

Portland, Me., May 31—One hundred and fifty-four of 770 wounded Canadian officers and men who arrived here late yesterday from Liverpool on the hospital ship Araguaya are the residue of the face and jaw cases of Canadians in England. Faces generally all are in process of transformation by the grafting of flesh from their heads or bodies. They are being transferred to St. Anne de Bellevue Hospital, near Montreal, where special arrangements have been made for their care.

A large holiday crowd greeted and cheered the returning Canadians at the docks. A band was there as usual, playing on the pier until the ship docked, then on board; also many Red Cross, Salvation Army and other workers, as well as representatives of the Canadian Red Cross.

Among the sixty-three officers was a chaplain who served four years abroad and was decorated at the Etaples, France, hospital while it was repeatedly bombed by German airplanes in May, 1917. Four hundred were killed on the first night, Whit-Sunday.

"In spite of the horrors of this experience, there was a bright spot, the wonderful behavior and spirit of the men," said the chaplain, who requests that his identity be not made known. "We come back optimistic men," he said.

Among those on the Araguaya were Pte. E. J. Nicholl of 61 St. Patrick street, Pte. W. G. Kelly, 278 Westworth street, Pte. R. D. Lynch, 117 King street, east, Pte. L. C. Ingraham, Haymarket square, and Pte. F. W. Hunter, 207 Newman street, St. John. They were expected in the city today.

Chas. Robinson, secretary Returned Soldiers' Commission, has word that the New Brunswick men from the Araguaya will arrive here on the Boston train at noon today, instead of going to Fredericton as has been the custom.

SAYS LONG NOT TO BE IRISH CHIEF SECRETARY

London, May 30—Official denial was given today to a report printed in a morning newspaper that Walter Hume Long was to succeed James In MacPherson as chief secretary for Ireland as a result of the discord in Ireland.

C. P. R. SAY THEY CANNOT GET VESSEL TO REPLACE EMPRESS

A matter which is causing some dissatisfaction amongst the business people of the city is the temporary removal of the steamer Empress from the St. John-Digby route. The vessel is making her last trip to before proceeding to Halifax, where she will be given a general overhauling.

Speaking to a Times reporter this morning, the manager of the C. P. R. said that every effort was made by the company to obtain a suitable boat to replace the Empress while she was undergoing repairs, but without success. The matter has been taken up with the government, he said, but they, too, were unable to do anything to help the situation. It is expected that the service will be resumed by the Empress within a week or two, but the manager has no hope of a vessel being procured to carry on the service.

The matter has also been receiving the attention of the board of trade, who have suggested several boats, but so far none of the vessels suggested has been secured.

SETTLEMENT OF HALIFAX STRIKE NOT IN SIGHT

Halifax Chronicle: There was absolutely no change in the strike situation yesterday. The building contractors met at the board of trade in the afternoon, but held no communication with the strikers yesterday. Some work is being done by non-union men throughout the city.

The workers have now been "out" for over four weeks, and a settlement is apparently as far away as ever. In the meantime the building operations in Halifax are practically at a standstill, and the housing situation grows worse.

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As Hiram Sees It

COBB HAS FOUGHT WAY TO FRONT RANK

COMES FROM SEVENTH PLACE

Crawth Far in Lead For Nationals With 542—Standing of the Leaders in Averages Given Out Today

Chicago, May 31—Tyros Cobb of Detroit, has hit his stride and has climbed from seventh to first place among the batters of the American League with an average of .377. He is also pressing Jackson of Chicago for stolen base honors, according to averages released today. Jackson has fifty-four bases while Cobb has fifty-three.

Weaver of Chicago continued in front as a run maker, having registered twenty-four times, while his team mate, Eddie Collins, increased his total for stolen bases to eleven. Jackson is tied with Ruth of Boston for home run honors, each having two while Chapman of Cleveland, with thirteen, leads the sacrifice hitters. Leading batters who have participated in fifteen or more games include Schenck, Boston, .375; Wambach, Cleveland, .364; Bodie, New York, .357, and Jackson, Chicago, .353.

Crawth of Philadelphia is far in the lead of National League batters with an average of .342, and also is tied for home run honors with Knut of New York, with four round trips. Young of New York, who is second in batting with a mark of .338, leads in total bases with fifty-four. Olson of Brooklyn, in addition to tallying the run getters with twenty-one, leads in stolen bases with ten. Myers and Magee of Brooklyn, leading in sacrifice hits, are sharing sacrifice honors with each other. Other leading batters for fifteen or more games include—Kilgus, Chicago, .356; Meusel, Philadelphia, .351; Wingo, Cincinnati, .341, and Williams, Philadelphia, .346.

ORDERS RELATIVE TO SARDINES AND CANNED SALMON

Ottawa, May 31—Firm measures to ensure the consumption of first class Canadian food in Canada, which was in danger of being left out of the market, has been stimulated in the last few days when the temperature was up around the 70 mark made this morning feel rather chill. Some reports from surrounding districts are to the effect that frost was in evidence early this morning but so far no damage to crops has been reported. The indications are that the week-end will be ideal with the possibility of a little warmer weather. The maximum reached yesterday was 68 degrees, five points below the highest registered on Thursday.

PLANE FLIGHT FROM HALIFAX TO THREE RIVERS

Halifax, May 30—In a few days Halifax will be the scene of another hop-off in an air flight, which will begin here and end at Three Rivers, Quebec. The flight will be made by Lieut. Stuart Graham, late of the Royal Air Force, who won the Royal Air Force Cross for gallant conduct and bravery in sinking two German submarines off the coast of Cornwall from a hydroplane. The flight, the same type as that used by the American Naval Air Force on duty for coast defense work. At present it is at the hangar at Eastern Passage, where it has been set up. It will accommodate the pilot, navigator and one passenger. H. S. 2 L will make the first stop at St. John for fuel, proceeding to Temiscouata, where the plane and crew will remain for the night, then to Three Rivers, where the premier of Quebec and other ministers will be awaiting its arrival.

TALK OF GENERAL STRIKE OF TELEGRAPHERS IN STATES