

Labor News From Coast to Coast

Our Overseas Column

Sympathy Strike Staged in Marseilles

Marseilles, France.—A general 24-hour strike in sympathy with the striking bank employees was called and was widely observed. The tramways are not operating, the postal workers sorted letters but refused to distribute them and all banks were closed, including those unaffected by the strike. The butcher shops were without provisions, the employees of the municipal houses having quit.

Accepted Terms

London, Eng.—A conference of delegates of the Miners' Federation recently decided to accept the terms of the truce in the coal industry on which the mine owners' notices for the termination of the 1924-25 wage scale were withdrawn, thus averting the recent threat of a strike.

Strike Settled

Swansea, Wales.—The South Wales anthracite strike was settled and the miners have gone back to work after several weeks of idleness. The settlement includes adjustment of the difficulties in the Ammanford area, where serious outbreaks of rioting accompanied the strike.

Bank Strikers Make Demands

Paris, France.—Striking bank employees asked the government to requisition all banks, agreeing to return to work immediately under state control, but not under private employers unless all their demands are granted. Including the provinces, the strikers number 25,000.

Will Place Large Orders

Moscow.—A special commission, consisting of Rasouloff and Kirpitenko, members of the supreme economic council, and Eremov, Froloff, and Fedotoff, of the all-Russian Textile syndicate, left Moscow for London to place an order for textile machinery with British firms. This part of the \$75,000,000 worth of contracts announced by M. Rakovsky will amount to nearly \$25,000,000. The newspapers.

commission has been instructed to place the order only after gaining a thorough acquaintance with the British textile industry.

Economic Crisis in Germany

Berlin, Germany.—Bitter labor struggles rising on the horizon in Germany cast a further gloom on the already critical business and economic situation. The struggles are threatened in the wake of the new tariff bill, which the laboring masses believe will accelerate further the rise in the cost of living.


Stinnes Jr. Transfers Stock to Employees

Berlin, Germany.—The Berlin press is seething in its comments on the transfer of one-half the controlling interest of the A.G.A. Automobile Company to its employees by Edmund Stinnes, son of Hugo Stinnes, former economic dictator of post-war Germany. Meanwhile, the workers met to decide whether to accept the shares. Their unions were expected to advise strongly against acceptance. The doctrine of socialism, they are expected to say, is squarely against the ownership of capitalistic stock and bonds.

While some democratic papers called the offer a 'humane act,' the Polish Rote Palme violently assailed this viewpoint as "hypocritical sentimentality." The huge factory, the paper said, should be taken over immediately and run by and for the workers.

Students Abandon Sympathy Strike

Peking, China.—The students at the government colleges have decided to end their strike, called in sympathy with the anti-foreign movement. They will return to their studies when the fall term begins. The strike against foreign employers is gradually spreading to Chinese concerns in Shanghai. The employees of a large Chinese printing plant are out, and unrest is reported among the workers in two department stores and the printers employed by the Chinese.



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Say Labor Delegates Are Too Noisy

Montreal, Que.—Delegates to Labor conventions are too noisy and for this reason are not welcome in hotels, or at least in first class ones, where they damage rugs and furniture with cigarettes and so forth. Thus did the convention here of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees International League of America sum up from "personal" experience for the benefit of the parent body, the A. F. of L. The reason why, when corresponding about accommodation for their October convention, they received only five replies from 33 inquiries to managers of hotels.

Australian Rail Strike Threatened

Brisbane, Australia.—A general railway strike is threatened unless the demand for the restoration of a five per cent. reduction in railway wages is met. Traffic has already been seriously upset by railwaymen stopping work to attend strike meetings.

Garment Workers on Strike

New York.—The long continued controversy in the garment trades industry reached a new crisis when 50,000 workers, members of three union locals left their machines in obedience to an order from their committee.

The firms affected by the order represented the bulk of the women's garment industry in this city. Originally the controversy centred around locals numbers 2, 9, and 22, but recently it has been extended by complaints that some employers were taking advantage of the discord within the union to reduce wages.

Thirteen separate meetings were scheduled by the workers to be held after the stoppage order went into effect. Police reserves patrolled the vicinity of Union Square as a precaution against disorder at these assemblies.

The walkout was described by union officials as a "demonstration," the program calling for the return of all members to their positions tomorrow. One of the questions to be discussed at the various meetings, however, is whether the demonstration shall be made the inauguration of a general strike.

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