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BRITISH GOV'T INTENDS TO USE ITS EVERY RESOUCCE TO COMBAT RY STRIKE

Preparations Made to Continue Transport of Necessities by Motor Cars; Demobilization of Troops Has Been Suspended.

FOOD RATIONING MEASURES REVIVED

Decision of National Railway Men to Strike Came at Conclusion of Conference of Leaders With Cabinet Members.

London, Sept. 26.—(By The Associated Press)—The government tonight announced that it would use every resource at its disposal to bring to a bitter finish a country-wide strike of railway men which was due to begin at midnight, as a result of the refusal of the National Union of Railwaymen to accept the government's proposals regarding the fixing of a permanent rate of wages as a basis for further negotiations.

From an authoritative source it was learned tonight that the government intends to use its every resource, even to the employment of armed forces, if necessary, to combat what was characterized as a "betrayal of the community."

Preparations for struggle. Already preparations have been made to continue the transport of necessities by motor cars; the war office has suspended all leaves of absence and further demobilization of the military forces, and the food minister has revived virtually all the war measures regarding the rationing of food.

The decision of the National Union of Railwaymen to strike came at the final conference this morning between the union leaders and the cabinet, which had resulted in a deadlock. The only official pronouncement since then has been a brief statement that negotiations had failed, and that the strike would take place.

J. H. Thomas, on behalf of the railwaymen, issued a short statement expressing deep regret over the outcome and declaring that disorders and the destruction of property would not be countenanced by the union.

Late today the cabinet met to consider the strike. And it is significant of the gravity of the situation that Field Marshal Lloyd George, chief of the war cabinet, and the military commander of the London district, were summoned for consultation.

Refuse to Consider. Minister of Labor, Horne tonight said that the attitude of the men left no hope that they would be moved by any further discussion. It is understood that Premier Lloyd George offered to continue the negotiations with the union men on a basis tending toward compromise, but that the men had refused to consider this.

As far as could be learned tonight from conversations with railway workers, they were further determined to obey the strike order. If all the workers should go out it is estimated that more than 600,000 men will be affected, and that the railway transport of the country will be closed up.

Pickets Posted. Strong pickets at Unsworth had been posted as early as ten o'clock in the vicinity of all the depots from which traffic proceeds from London northward, and also before the great freight yards. Highway men, coming up with their lunch baskets to go on the midnight shift, were stopped and gathered in groups around the pickets. Everywhere perfect order prevailed. The men still on duty carried out their work with seeming extraordinary energy.

At the Northern Station, at King's Cross, the trains for Edinburgh departed exactly on schedule time. All of them were crowded with passengers. Several trains were run as "double-headers" for the convenience of hundreds of soldiers and sailors returning from leaves of absence.

At St. Pancras, at the Euston Station, every thing was quiet. The Midland train for Sheffield left just before midnight half filled with passengers. At the Northwestern Station the clerks refused to sell tickets after ten o'clock except for the suburbs. On the Subways the employees discussed the strike and it was evident that some of them intended to go out.

SYDNEY TO PRESS SUBSIDY CLAIM FOR DRY DOCK

Delegation Goes to Ottawa, Where They Will Meet the Ministers on Monday.

Sydney, N. S., Sept. 26.—Mayor Fitzgerald, B. E. Shaw, president of the Board of Trade, and A. S. McLennan, the Civic delegate appointed to go to Ottawa to press Sydney's claims to a subsidy for the proposed dry dock and shipbuilding plant, left for the capital last evening. The expectation is that they will meet the ministers on Monday morning or afternoon.

Winnipeg Strike Leader Threatens Exposures After Trials of Alleged Conspirators

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 26.—W. Pritchard, one of the eight men charged with conspiracy in connection with the recent Winnipeg strike, declared at the meeting of the Trades and Labor Council (O. B. U.) last night that there would be some fireworks after the trial is over.

"We have taken an oath, without swearing, that after this is over there will be a hell of a fight," he said. "Whether our case is quashed in two months, or the bewhiskered jury says guilty, and we are sent down for two years."

He said that the so-called labor movement leaders would be "Nailed to their desks." Ministers of the Crown would be dragged forth and made to confess their damnable lies; business men would be asked where they got their emoluments, and lawyers where they got their treasures.

Ben Tillet, M. P. Reviews Causes Of Ry. Strike

Asserts Railways and Government Are in Collusion to Maintain Impossible Conditions of Living for Workers

Hamilton, Ont., Sept. 26.—Ben Tillet, M. P., the British labor leader, who is here attending the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, as a fraternal delegate, in discussing the causes of the railway crisis in England, said today:

"The root cause of the trouble lies in what is considered a monstrous conspiracy between the railways, in collusion with the government, to maintain an impossible condition of living for the workers. The railways, I believe, welcome the possibility of a strike, as this would relieve them of their pension obligations to their old employees."

"The direct cause of the present breach is the although an agreement was reached last April and returned in May, to the effect that a certain standard of wages should be given, it has taken the Board of Trade, the railways and Sir Eric Geddes all this time to make their arrangements. The government has already committed itself to the railway traders to carry their goods for nothing, and to compensate those profiteers they inconvenience the whole country."

Ben Tillet declared that Canadian bacon, by the millions of pounds, was rotting on the docks and had to be used for soap making as the result of the way the railway companies have been allowed to control transportation.

He figured out that three million workers would be affected directly and indirectly by the strike, and the daily loss would run to billions of dollars in an incredibly short time.

SEVEN INJURED WHEN COLLIERY CAR LEAVES RAILS

Accident Happened at New Waterford—Three of Men Reported on Dangerous List.

Sydney, N. S., Sept. 26.—Seven men were seriously injured, three of them dangerously, in a bad mine accident at No. 13 colliery, New Waterford, yesterday afternoon. At 3.30 the rails, or train of boxes with seats, was bringing the last batch of men from the pit. In the race there were eight horses or cars each containing two or three men, ninety-six in all. At No. 8 landing, said to be about half a mile from the surface, the chains became entangled in a guard rail and the rails jumped the track. One of the boxes dragged for some distance before a stop could be made, and seven of the men in it were very badly hurt. The injured men who are in Waterford hospital, are:

Duncan Jamieson, broken collar bone, broken shoulder.
Gideon Sellers, broken nose, broken leg, cuts on head.
James White, broken collar bone, broken arm and leg.
John Kane, no bones broken but badly bruised.
Roy Kane, similar injuries.
At their homes:
Nick Connors, three ribs broken, bruised.
Angus B. McDonald, severely bruised.

The manager of the colliery, company officials and the provincial inspectors are today discussing the mine and an investigation will be held to place the responsibility of the accident.

AERIAL MAIL FROM ISLAND

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Sept. 26.—The first mail to leave the island by aeroplane will be dispatched tomorrow morning for Truro in the machine flown by Captain Stevens and Lieut. Stevenson, of the Devereaux Island company, who flew to Charlottetown last Wednesday.

BOSTON HAVING DIFFICULT TASK TO SECURE MEN

The Work of Building up a New Police Department Becomes More Discouraging Each Day.

STRIKING POLICE HOLDING FIRM

The Work of the State Guardsmen Highly Satisfactory—Heavy Expenses Piling up.

Special to The Standard. Boston, Sept. 26.—The statement given out late last night by James H. Vahey and John P. Feeley, counsel for the striking Boston policemen, created quite a stir here today because it is said to be almost exactly the same as that prepared by Mayor Peter's Citizens Committee of 34, and which has not been given to the public.

The lawyers have appealed to the governor and the police commissioner to tell the public the whole story, and have urged Mayor Peter to call the committee of 34 which he is said to have had in his desk for the past few days. It details at length with the story of the controversy and charges that Ex-Archbishop Herbert Parker, counsel for the police commissioner, whose expenses are being paid for by the Boston Chamber of Commerce, has a great influence over the police commissioner and that the commissioner simply reflected his advice which, the lawyers say, was along the lines laid down by the Chamber of Commerce.

Governor Coolidge today refused to make any comment on the statement and it is expected that Mayor Peter may at any time now give out the report of the committee of 34 to offset the statement of the policeman's counsel.

The expected answer of organized labor is being prepared and it is expected that possibly by Saturday or Sunday at the latest will be made public by P. J. O'Donnell of the Central Labor Union.

Claims against the city are still coming in and the total is piling up at an alarming rate. It is expected that the city will have to pay an additional \$3 a day, together with the \$150, which they will receive from the state.

The work of building up a new department became a discouraging task. Continued on Page 2.

THE ITALIAN CROWN COUNCIL HOLDS SPECIAL SESSION TO CONSIDER THE FIUME CRISIS

Suggestion Made That Only Remedy Was to Have Speedy General Election So Country Might Voice Opinion.

GOV'T NOT SURE OF ARMY CONTROL

Internal Affairs of Italy Revealed in a Chaotic Mess, With People Ready for Any Explosion.

Rome, Thursday, Sept. 25.—Despite the strictest secrecy thrown about the meetings of the Crown Council today, in connection with the Fiume crisis, the newspapers this evening published reports of what occurred.

The sitting, the accounts state, was opened by King Victor Emmanuel, who explained the reasons for the calling of the extraordinary meeting. It was desired, he said, to obtain the views of the most eminent men in Parliament on the grave situation. The discussion, he said, would be only of a consultative character, as no decision was to be taken by the Council, this being reserved for the Cabinet, which alone was responsible to the Parliament and to the country.

Premier Nitti made a detailed and comprehensive report on the situation, setting forth the grave consequences which might ensue for Italy, both at home and in her international relations, the latter having not only political but financial and economic bearings.

FRENCH SOCIALISTS CRITICIZE TREATY WITH GERMANS

Leader of Majority Socialists Unwilling to See Economic Strife Follow War With Arms—Reconciliation With Enemies Necessary.

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Chief developments on the fifth day of the great steel strike were:

1. Definition of the strike facts as the right of employees "to be heard, to organize and to have some voice in determining conditions under which they labor." Made by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, before the Senate Labor Committee in Washington.
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MR. O'CONNOR REPLIES TO HIS HOUSE CRITICS

Chairman of the Board of Commerce Takes Occasion to Deny Charges Made Against Him in Parliament.

REFUSES TO STAND FOR INSINUATIONS

Says He Has No Soft Spot and Could Spend His Time More Profitably in His Own Business Affairs.

Hamilton, Ont., Sept. 26.—At the Board of Commerce session this afternoon Mr. O'Connor took the opportunity to make the following statement in reply to the remarks made in the House about his work and position as head of the board.

"Some days ago in the House of Commons, certain observations were made affecting myself as to my character, deportment, disposition and otherwise. Certain of those who made these references to myself of the peculiar personal touch mentioned that they were making them of a judge. This is a court, but not of judges, although these observations were made by those thinking the members were judges, and, therefore, could not answer, as a judge is not allowed, nor is it considered proper for him to make any observations."

"To this board are given functions of an administrative and judicial nature combined. As to the observations regarding myself as to the things I have said or I have done, I say the things that I have been alleged to have said, I have not said, and those things that I have been said to have done, I have not done."

"The statements that the newspapers have published certain things that I have been alleged to have said or done is wrong. No paper ever published them. From beginning to end every speaker dealt with things that were not so."

"With respect to the gentleman who exhibited controversy as to my earnings, and with peculiar appropriateness, I mention him just. My earnings previous to 1914 were larger than they are now. If I choose to go out into the world my earnings would be larger than they are in the position I now fill and which I retained four times before accepting it on the fifth. While I am here I intend to do my duty and pay no more attention to any of these remarks. Those who wish to make any remarks like this in the future are making them of a man who has tied his own hands, and not of one whose hands are tied by either law or custom."

Awaiting Premier's Proposals

Sir Robert's Address to the Unionist Caucus on Tuesday Will Deal Exhaustively With National Situation.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Sept. 27.—When Sir Robert addresses or communicates a message to the Unionist caucus on Tuesday he will enter exhaustively into the National situation, touching upon such matters as finance, the labor problem, the tariff, railway nationalization and other pressing problems, as well as dealing with Canada's status as a nation within the Empire. The Prime Minister, it is fully expected, will urge the continuance of the Union party as desirable to cope with the situation that arises from a consideration of these questions.

There is a great deal of interest in the coming caucus, and it is recognized that whatever action may be taken by the Premier's proposals will have a very vital bearing, not only upon the party itself, but upon the whole political situation.

It is rumored that Liberal Unionists before Tuesday will have a caucus by themselves to consider their attitude at the general gathering.

EMPRESS OF FRANCE ON CANADIAN ROUTE

Famous Ship Resumes Her Place on Liverpool-Canada Service After Fire War Record.

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Hog Prices May Drop To Farmer, Not To Consumer

Board of Commerce Learns That Sometimes Prices on Ham and Bacon Advance While Farmer is Getting Less for His Product.

Toronto, Sept. 26.—While prices for hogs to the farmer may drop down to \$16.75 a hundred weight, the board of commerce found that the unfortunate consumer was seldom made aware of the fact. It transpired that sometimes prices of bacon and ham jumped another five cents, while the farmer was getting less for his product.

"The packers have the consumer coming and going," observed Colonel Price, counsel for the board of commerce. "My contention," he further explained, "is that the packers regulate the price of hogs. They should do the same in reducing the prices. They raise the prices when they pay more, but don't reduce when they are paying less."

The board of commerce had a full sitting, and a busy day, with Judge Robson and W. P. O'Connor both present.

The operations of the William Davies Company and the Swift Canadian Company were up for examination, and the press of bacon was the principal point touched on. Colonel Price claimed that the prices in Canada were determined largely by the Continued on Page 2.

FINAL COUNTING OF THE BALLOTS IN STANDARD'S CONTEST WILL BE MADE AT 10 O'CLOCK TONIGHT AND THE WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED

Subscriptions Came in Yesterday by the Hundreds and Thousands Upon Thousands of Votes Were Too Late to be Included in the Revised Vote Today and a Big Vote May be Looked for When the Final Score is Made—Votes for Candidates Will Not be Any Good After 10 p.m. Today.

LIST OF CANDIDATES

District 1.	Votes.
Includes City of St. John.	
Mr. R. C. Baskin, 43 Celebration St.	130,978
Mrs. Louis LeLachur, 24 Pitt St.	97,776
Mr. L. W. Nickerson, 118 Main St.	85,713
District 2.	
Includes Kings, Albert, Westmorland and St. John Counties (City of St. John excluded) and Nova Scotia.	
Mr. Roy H. Keith, Angangas, N. B.	175,874
Mr. James C. Fetherston, E. Riverside, N. B.	130,075
Mrs. Harry H. Morton, Sussex Corner, N. B.	126,544
Mr. R. D. Morehouse, Moncton, N. B.	43,613
District 3.	
Includes Charlotte, Queens, Sunbury, Kent, Northumberland and Gloucester Counties.	
Miss A. Kathleen Woods, Welsford, N. B.	139,017
Miss Hilda P. Smith, Oromocto, N. B.	116,228
Miss Hilda B. Shirley, Bathurst, N. B.	83,450
Miss Darling E. Groat, Chatham, N. B.	73,000
District 4.	
Includes York, Carleton, Victoria, Madawaska and Restigouche Counties.	
Mr. L. Clarke, Centreville, N. B.	123,125
Mrs. G. L. Inch, Marysville, N. B.	103,585
Miss Marion K. McLean, W. Florenceville, N. B.	86,529
Miss Minna B. Parker, Fredericton, N. B.	60,570
Mr. James MacNichol, Campbellton, N. B.	51,275
Mr. James Britt, Sparkle, N. B.	

Tonight The Standard's \$10,000.00 Prize Contest will come to an end. The official close of the contest will be at 10 p.m. tonight, and as soon thereafter as the votes can be put in to shape for the judges to count, the count will be made and the winners of the valuable prizes will be known. The contest department was kept busy all day yesterday entering up the hundreds of subscriptions which came in many thousands of votes were represented which arrived too late to be included in today's revised vote standing. If all of the totals of yesterday could be published today, the

ENVOY COMES HERE

Viscount Grey, newly-appointed British Ambassador to the United States, arrived in New York yesterday on the Mauretania.

With the Ambassador were Sir William Pirrell, his secretary; Ronald Campbell, his secretary of the British Embassy in Washington, and Major Crawford Stuart, his military attaché.

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