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England Faces National Strike in the Building Trades

GERMAN FEDERAL COUNCIL AWES PLAN

TROUBLE IS BELIEVED INEVITABLE

Vote is Eight to One Against Acceptance of Employers' Offer.

HITS HOUSING PLAN

Ruhr and Rhineland Have Great Lockout of 300,000 Coal Miners.

BY HARRY N. MOORE.

(British United Press.)

London, May 7.—A national building strike is regarded as inevitable as the workers in the various associated trades have definitely rejected an offer made by the employers and which the latter declared is the last they will make. By a majority of eight to one the latest ballot has declared against acceptance.

The men in all branches of the building trades are demanding an all round increase of four cents an hour, and the best offer of the employers so far has been only one cent an hour. A strike would seriously retard the local housing schemes, which are gradually approaching practical shape, and would necessitate government intervention.

Meeting Next Monday.

The employers are to meet the men on next Monday for the last time, and the prospect of a successful issue of the negotiations seems to be very small. If negotiations fail, the strike will take place after the disputes in the mining and engineering trades, which have not yet been adjusted, are decided one way or another.

German Miners Locked Out.

Berlin, May 7.—(United Press.)—A critical situation exists throughout the Ruhr and Rhineland, where already 800,000 miners are locked out as a result of dispute over working hours. Communist miners called a general strike for this forenoon, while the more conservative "old miners" league voted against accepting recent arbitration awards.

Separatists are taking advantage of the situation and agitating throughout the Rhineland. Their leader, Dr. Matthes, is reported active. Slim piles of coal testify to an impending shortage. The Ruhr miners refused to recognize the award of arbitrators, which justified an increase in working hours. The owners announced that only miners agreeing to work eight hours underground would be accepted. Declaration of a lockout followed.

Many More Thousands.

Berlin, May 7.—(Canadian Press.)—It is predicted that 200,000 metal workers in the Ruhr region will be involved in the labor trouble by tomorrow. The occupation authorities have promised strict neutrality.

RUSSIA SCOWLS AT GERMANY OVER RAID

Fighting Talk is Heard Following Police Visit to Trade Headquarters.

Moscow, May 7.—In the absence of any satisfactory explanation from the German government concerning a recent police raid on the Soviet trade headquarters in Berlin, the Russian government is taking an increasingly serious view of the affair. M. Krestinsky, Soviet Ambassador in Berlin, is expected to return to Moscow forthwith to confer with the Government regarding further action. All the Soviet newspapers describe the incident in scare head type and publish condemnatory editorials in which they warn Germany that if adequate apology is not forthcoming, complications may be the result of which Germany will be the first to suffer.

Berlin, May 7.—Satisfaction not having been given by the German government for the police raid on the quarters of the Russian commercial delegation here, the Russian embassy has announced that it is temporarily putting an end to all commercial relations with Germany in addition to withdrawing the commercial office in Berlin.

Five of those arrested by the police in Saturday's raid are still in jail.

This Trade He Can Not Ply in Prison

Oswego, N. Y., May 7.—Thomas McInerney, principal keeper of Sing Sing, makes it a point to find for each prisoner the job for which he is best qualified, but he is stumped by a newcomer. Harry Mitchell, a trying to place Harry Mitchell, a newsboy, gave him his occupation as a "skywriter." Mitchell, just released from New York City on a charge of attempted grand larceny, is the first aviator ever sentenced to a New York prison.

CARPENTIER ON WAY TO STATES

French Fighter is Given Big Farewell at Station in Paris.

Paris, May 7.—(United Press.)—Will wishes for a "bon voyage" and a successful invasion hurried at him by a large crowd, Georges Carpentier and his party left today for the U. S., where the Frenchman is to meet Tom Gibbons in Michigan City on May 31.

Prominent in the crowd at the station to give Carpentier a sendoff was Douglas Fairbanks, movie actor. Fairbanks examined the Frenchman's hands and said they looked strong enough to break down an ox. Carpentier said he had been treated with the finest sportsmanship in the U. S., and that he wanted to vindicate himself by beating Gibbons. Charley Ledoux, French bantamweight, who had been included in the sailing party, will not leave until Saturday.

YOUTHS HELD, SAY ST. JOHN IS HOME

Buffalo Police Suspect Them as Bank Bandits—Local Police Investigate.

Buffalo, May 7.—Two men are being held here while police check up with Toronto authorities. The men were members of a bandit gang which obtained \$130,000 in raids on Toronto bank messengers known as Merrill A. Turner, 20, and Harold M. Humphrey, 21, both of St. John, N. B. Arms were found in the men's rooms when they were arrested. Descriptions were wired to Toronto authorities.

When questioned today Sergeant Detective Power said so far as he knew there is no record against these men in this city. However, he would not say positively until he had an opportunity of going through his files.

Lumberman of Ottawa Dead

Ottawa, May 7.—Andrew Walker Fleck, philanthropist, humanitarian and retired business man, died suddenly at his home here last night in his 77th year. He was one of the founders of the Vulcan Iron Works here. Later he entered the lumbering business and was associated with the J. R. Booth interests.

Wire Briefs

Ottawa, May 7.—The Ottawa Presbytery yesterday by a vote of 48 to 8 expressed its favor of the church union bill.

Sandusky, Ohio, May 7.—Three men lost their lives when the steamer Protection turned over and sank in Sandusky Bay yesterday afternoon.

Toronto, May 7.—Walter Curry, K. C., registrar of deeds for Toronto, died suddenly yesterday at his residence, from pneumonia.

concerning the fate of Major Frederick L. Martin, U. S. world flight commander and Staff Sergeant Harvey, who have been missing for a week, was expected here today from searching parties which left Chignik last Saturday.

London, May 7.—(Canadian Press Cable.)—Noel Buxton, minister of agriculture, says he is preparing a bill to give effect to the imperial conference recommendations with regard to the admission to Great Britain of pedigree stock from other parts of the empire.

Halifax, N. S., May 7.—The Church Union bill was again reported back to the Legislative Assembly from the upper house this morning, the council adhering to all amendments as submitted yesterday. A conference is being arranged this afternoon between the two houses.

SEVEN ARE NAMED FOR CAMPAIGN

St. John Committee is Appointed on Matters of Traffic.

3 MAIN QUESTIONS

Use of Canadian Ports, Trade for St. John, Publicity Campaign.

Arrangement of plans in connection with the movement to promote traffic through the Port of St. John, which was started at a meeting between the Federal members of Parliament from this constituency and representative business men of the city last month, has been placed in the hands of a committee of seven, which were named yesterday by Geo. E. Barbour, president of the Board of Trade. Mr. Barbour was authorized at the April meeting to nominate the men who would compose this committee.

The committee will consist of Mayor Frank L. Potts, Commissioner T. H. Bullock, head of the city harbor department; Hon. Dr. W. E. Foster, former premier of New Brunswick; A. P. Peterson, of Baird & Peters, Ltd.; Frank M. Ross, manager of the St. John Dry Dock & Shipbuilding Co.; Geo. L. Warwick of O. H. Warwick Co., Ltd., and Lewis V. Lingley, manager of the Smith Brokerage Co., Ltd. The committee will have three main questions to consider: 1.—The Federal position with regard to the use of Canadian ports by Canadian railways and the shipment of Canadian goods through Canadian channels. 2.—The appointment of a man to canvass for trade for the Port of St. John, to investigate discrimination in the matter of freight rates, etc., and to cultivate an interest amongst shippers in the use of Canadian ports for the shipment of their goods, and— 3.—The planning of a publicity campaign to promote trade through Canadian channels, particularly through the Port of St. John.

DIOPHON CAPTURES THE 2,000 GUINEAS

Tom Pinch, Derby Favorite, Unplaced in British Turf Classic.

Newmarket, Eng., May 7.—Diophon, by Grand Parade, out of Lonnette, won the 2,000 Guineas Stakes the first classic of the 1924 season, run here today, Lord Astor's Bright Knight was second, and J. B. Joel's Green Fire was third. Twenty horses ran.

The Derby favorite, Tom Pinch, ridden by Jockey Archibald, was unplaced. Diophon won by a head, while a neck separated Bright Knight and Green Fire. The betting was Diophon 11 to 2 against; Bright Knight 100 to 9, and Green Fire 100 to 8 against.

ARE SELECTING SYNOD DELEGATES

Anglicans Voting in Fredericton For Representatives at Two Gatherings.

Fredericton, N. B., May 7.—Nominations of delegates to the provincial synod, which will meet here in June and to the general synod which will meet at London, Ont., in September were made at this morning's session of the Diocesan Anglican Synod session.

Twelve clergy and an equal number of laymen are being elected this afternoon from the list of nominations as delegates to the provincial synod, while six clergymen and an equal number from the list are being chosen to attend the general synod.

Bank Men Under Bond as Witnesses

Toronto, May 7.—G. M. Hart and Alex. Ross, former bank clerks, who were witnesses before the public accounts committee of the legislature in connection with the transaction in which former Deputy Treasurer Charles A. Matthews is alleged to have profited, have been placed under bonds of \$5,000 each, to appear later.

Bond With Olden Days Is Broken

London, May 7.—Harry Watson, the last and the oldest of the world's spit attendants, has retired from the famous Simpson's in the Strand Restaurant, London. Harry is London's "two-million joint man," for he is said to have oiled more joints than any other man in the world—about 120 joints a day for sixty-six years. Until a year ago he invariably turned the great spits himself until his age—his eighty years old—began to make itself felt. Then he was given an electric motor which turned the spits for him while he himself tended the joints like an artist. Harry is a vegetarian, except at Christmas time and other festivals, when he treats himself to the first cuts from his own joints.

NEWCASTLE FIRE COMPANY GOES

New One Named by Chairman But May be Opposed in Council.

(Special to Times-Star.)

Newcastle, N. B., May 7.—The following have been selected by the chairman of the park and fire committee as a new fire company, replacing the old company, dismissed at the last meeting of the town council: Chief, John Fallon; lieutenant, B. F. Maltby; secretary, William Ferguson; hosemen, Percy Russell, Percy Brown, William Stables, Alex. Haug, Frank Matchett, Frank White, Charles McCullum, James O'Brien, Roy Dickson, Robert Cassidy, A. J. Poot and Andrew McMurtry. Messrs. Fallon and Maltby were members of the company that was dismissed four years ago, the latter being chief at that time. It is understood that there will be some opposition to the present company when the matter comes before the council on May 15.

QUARTER MILLION LOSS IN N. Y. FIRE

Garage Burns With 150 Cars—Explosions Rock Vicinity.

New York, May 7.—Fire today destroyed a garage which covered a square block in the Bronx, ruined 150 motor cars and caused a dozen gasoline explosions which rocked the neighborhood. Damage was estimated at \$250,000. No one was injured.

RECOGNIZES VALUE OF NEWSPAPER ADS.

Head of Well Known Ottawa Cleaning and Dyeing Firm Swings Contract

During the past few months many firms throughout Canada and the United States have come to recognize the value of newspaper advertising and have given up all forms of outdoor advertising in its favor. On April 19th it was announced that Florenz Ziegfeld, proprietor and producer of the series of "Ziegfeld Follies," had taken such a step and had decided to concentrate on newspaper advertising.

The famous Times Square electric sign advertising the "Follies," at an expense of \$50,000 a year, was once taken down, and this amount, together with \$75,000 from sixty-four billboard contracts, is to be diverted to newspaper offices.

In Ottawa the same trend of thought is noticed. Mr. C. E. Langley, head of the well-known dyeing and cleaning establishment on Bay street, has decided to adopt the plan of Mr. Ziegfeld. "After much experience, some of it fairly costly, we find that newspaper advertisements are away ahead of any other form of advertising, and the results are almost instantaneous compared with other forms of advertising. Henceforth all our advertising contracts will be made with newspapers," he told a Citizen representative. "Our business is growing more rapidly than we had even expected since we began newspaper advertising a few weeks ago."

Spanish Air Force Ordered to Assemble

London, May 7.—A Reuter despatch from Seville, Spain, says the war minister has ordered all military aeroplanes and the personnel of the Spanish flying corps to be ready for immediate departure for Morocco. The newspaper says that all leaves of absence have been suspended. The newspaper intimates that the order is a consequence of urgent despatches from Morocco reaching Seville by airplane.

TOURIST BOOST IS GROWING

N. B. Association Expects Membership of 1,500 by Next Month.

PRESIDENT CHEERY

C. C. Avar, Here Today, Declares Campaign Has Brought Results.

At the annual meeting of the N. B. Tourist and Resources Association here on June 4 it is hoped the secretary will be able to announce the membership of the association as exceeding the 1,000 mark as a result of the increased membership put on by the organization. This is according to an opinion expressed this morning by C. C. Avar, of Sackville, president of the association, now in the city discussing plans for the coming convention with the secretary-treasurer, C. B. Allan.

"We have met with a wonderful response throughout the province to our appeal for more members," said Mr. Avar. "This is the first time in 20 years we have made an appeal of this nature, and the response given our campaign is most encouraging. It seems to me that the people of the province are realizing more and more the great possibilities bound up in developing tourist traffic."

Mr. Avar declared, had shown commendable co-operation in the campaign by handling the baby drafts for membership fees of charge. This was a big help, said the president. Newcastle, he was, leading at present with 100 acceptances out of 120 appeals.

Mr. Avar said he recently was in Prince Edward Island interesting men there in a combined advertising programme this season. The island men seem to be planning and contracts already had been let for space in prominent papers, including Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Sackville, and Detroit, Chicago and Buffalo. The copy now is being prepared.

For purposes of economy and in view of the holding of the annual convention at St. Andrews the middle of June, Mr. Avar says the sessions of the association will be devoted entirely to business. "We expect to have two sessions," he said, "one in the afternoon and one in the evening, at which we expect to save much wood. We intend keeping down expenses and spend every dollar possible on our advertising campaign."

Mr. Avar will leave tonight for Sackville. In company with Mrs. Avar, he plans to go on a European tour arranged by the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association for this summer.

The officers of the association are: President, C. C. Avar, Sackville; secretary-treasurer, C. B. Allan, St. John; auditor, H. W. Rising, St. John; vice-presidents: Gloucester, Hon. P. J. Veniot, Bathurst; Restigouche, Hon. C. H. LaBillette; Northumberland, J. W. Babkirk, Loggieville; Kent, Hon. A. A. Dyart, Buctouche; Westmorland, Hon. Fred Magee, Port Egin; Albert, J. M. Thompson, Hillsboro; St. John, A. N. McLean; Charlotte, J. W. Scovill, St. Stephen; Kings, J. D. McKenna, M. L. A. Sussex; Queens, Hon. J. S. Hetherington, Coty's; Sunbury, Hon. D. W. Mercereau, Fredericton; Junction, York, R. P. Allen, Fredericton; Carleton, Fred H. Stevens, Hartland; Victoria, H. Ogilvy, Oxbow; Madawaska, Hon. J. E. Michaud, Edmundston.

METHODIST WOMEN WANT TO PREACH

Question is Before Quadrennial Conference in Springfield, Mass., Today.

(United Press.)

Springfield, Mass., May 7.—The possibility of women becoming ministers in the Methodist Church came up for discussion before the quadrennial conference today.

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2 New Brunswickers Will Get Degrees

Halifax, N. S., May 7.—Among the graduates to receive Bachelor of Arts degrees from the University of King's College tomorrow afternoon are: J. J. Alexander of Devon, N. B.; H. B. Jones of Schenectady, N. Y., and Miss Dorothy Magee of Peticodiac, N. B.

A Modern Fairy Tale



Aubrey Warden was a lineman employed by the Whittier (Calif.) Telephone company. He invested money in California's fabulously rich Santa Fe oil field. Now he is president of the telephone company, and this picture shows him breaking ground for the \$100,000 dormitory he is erecting for Whittier College.

St. John-Halifax Night Train Service to Be Restored on May 18

Halifax, N. B., May 7.—The Council of the Board of Trade had a lengthy session here this morning with W. U. Appleton, general manager of the Atlantic region of the Canadian National Railways; A. W. Simpson, general superintendent; Mr. Stewart, in charge of construction; J. T. Halliday, district superintendent, and E. P. Elliot, port agent, regarding a number of matters coming under Mr. Appleton's jurisdiction.

Among other matters discussed, the re-installation of a 24 hour service between Halifax and Montreal was urged. Mr. Appleton said that this was difficult, but that the board would be furnished with a report at a later date.

The restoration of the St. John night train was also discussed at the conference, and the general manager asserted that the nightly service would be restored on May 18.

BOND STREET THEFT Expect Doisy In Korea on May 12

London Window is Smashed and \$40,000 Diamond Necklace is Stolen.

(United Press.)

London, May 7.—London got a taste of American robbers' methods today when two men drove up in front of a big Bond street jewel house smashed the show window with a hammer, seized a \$40,000 diamond necklace and escaped in their car.

PREMIERS MAY MEET Would Discuss Non Partisan Union of Maritime Federal Members.

Halifax, N. S., May 7.—There are prospects that the three maritime premiers will attend the Dalhousie University convocation next week and will discuss the New Brunswick Legislature's resolution to have a non-partisan union of the Maritime Federal members at Ottawa.

N. Y. Taxi Drivers Claim Strike Success

New York, May 7.—A strike called yesterday by the Brotherhood of Taxi Drivers to enforce payment, to cab drivers, of 40 per cent. of meter receipts, was declared by union leaders last night to have been highly successful.

Several of the largest "independent" cab corporations, employing from 200 to 1,100 drivers each, were said to have signed one-year contracts on a 40 per cent. basis.

Egypt Has Consul Now in New York

New York, May 7.—(United Press.)—A consulate of the Egyptian Kingdom, latest of the world's nations, has been established in New York. The new Egyptian flag flies from the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

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BRITAIN HOPEFUL

Allied Conference on Reparations is Being Arranged for Early June.

BY CARL D. GROAT (United Press Correspondent)

Berlin, May 7.—Deputy Hergt, Nationalist leader, who within a fortnight will be invited by President Ebert to attempt formation of the next German cabinet, today pledged his party's support to the Dawes-Young plan "with some reservations."

In an interview with the United Press, Herr Hergt, a former Prussian Minister of the Interior, who recently rose to leadership of the powerful Nationalist group declared his followers would make only such concessions as it was "physically possible to meet." Certain reservations, he added, were "unrenounceable."

Will Not Sabotage. The sum and substance of Herr Hergt's statement was that the Nationalists will not sabotage the expert's report. A prerequisite to obtaining necessary Centrist and Folkpartist consent to cooperate in a cabinet headed by Hergt, if the Nationalist leader is to form a cabinet, the old coalition will be tried.

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London, May 7.—(By Charles M. McCann, United News staff correspondent.)—The conference of the Allied powers to prepare enforcement of the expert's report on reparations will be held in London in June, according to present authoritative indications, and the United States will be invited to attend.

If the U. S. accepts the invitation to send representative of the extent of their powers will depend on the decision of the Washington government. The conference probably will be held in the early part of the month. It is believed that this time was chosen when Premier Theunis of Belgium conferred here with Premier MacDonald.

Some time before the conference, Premier MacDonald will meet Premier Poincare. Their meeting is expected to take place about May 18, when Premier Theunis and Premier Mussolini of Italy will be conferring. The Belgians also have acted as peacekeepers in the situation and have reassured the British regarding the part the reparations commission will play in working out the plan and the British now believe that the French will cooperate in settling details of the report, leaving the reparations commission to act as a sort of body of stewards. They will supervise the execution of the scheme, which will be largely automatic.

It is believed in authoritative circles that the question of inter-allied debts will not come before the conference.

Britain Hopeful. Britain refuses to share French pessimism over the German elections believing that the Reichstag will approve the expert's report, despite the new Nationalist strength in that body. Informal observers here are of the opinion that the Nationalists must realize the tremendous responsibility which would be imposed on them by conferring with Poincare and point out that the Nationalists, as well as other Germans, must see and appreciate the difference between the present financial stability in Germany and the still recent chaotic conditions there.

Mussolini and Poincare. Rome, May 7.—Italian officials practically confirm reports that Premier Mussolini will confer with Premier Poincare of France this month on the question of the Dawes plan. The meeting will probably take place in the north of Italy soon after Mussolini confers with Premier Theunis of Belgium at Milan.

Weather Report

Toronto, May 7.—Pressure continues high over northern and western Canada, while a shallow depression is moving very slowly eastward over the Great Lakes and middle states. The weather is fine and moderately warm in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces and cool and unsettled in Ontario and the West.

Forecast: Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—Northwest and northeast winds, fair and cool today and Thursday.

Fair, Golden. Maritime—Moderate northwest winds, fine. Thursday northerly winds fair and somewhat cooler. Northern New England—Cloudy tonight and Thursday; probably showers Thursday; moderate temperatures, moderate easterly winds.

Toronto, May 7.—Temperatures: Lowest Highest during Stations 8 a.m. Yesterday night

Table with 3 columns: Station, 8 a.m. Yesterday, Highest during night. Rows include Victoria, Kamloops, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Montreal, St. John, Halifax, and New York.