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Situation as Between France and England Somewhat Improved

RELATIONS NOT WHOLLY RIGHT YET, IS VIEW OF LONDON

Discussion in Commons Unlikely for Some Days—French Premier Not Expected at Peace Conference if Subject of French Move in Germany is to be Discussed.

London, April 12—Discussion of relations between Great Britain and France in the house of commons is not probable for some days at least, although anxiety is felt by members of parliament, which has assembled today after the Easter recess. There is a desire in some political quarters to bring the situation before the full house, but as the scheduled programme of business has allocated parliamentary time for several days, the debate cannot be brought about unless those desiring it can carry a motion to suspend the order of business on a plea of urgency.

Andrew Bonar Law, government leader, has been deputized by Premier Lloyd George, who has gone to San Remo, Italy, to make official statements during his absence, but members are declared to have expressed little confidence tney will hear more than they already know. Although the situation has eased somewhat, it is still regarded as delicate, and government supporters, who approve the cabinet's attitude relative to the advance of French troops east of the Rhine ,do not desire discussion. They hold international interests are best served by allowing events to proceed calmly to settlement by diplomatic routes.

THE CHIEF IDEA TO DISCIPLINE FRANCE?

Paris, April 12—(By the Associated Press)—Nothing has as yet been decided as to Premier Millerand's attendance at the supreme council meeting in San Remo, and it was declared this morning in a reliable source that if the conference there is to discuss the misunderstanding between France and Great Britain he will not go at all.

A personal talk on the subject with Premier Lloyd George would be welcomed by the French premier if Lloyd George could find it convenient to come to Paris, but it is considered in official circles that as the point at issue interests France and Great Britain only, it is needless to discuss it before the representatives of the other powers.

It is held here that the British government, in persisting in the discussion, has put the matter in a form where it is difficult to see what satisfaction it is possible to give. France has not been asked to evacuate Frankfort, and the impression is gaining ground, it was indicated, that what is sought above all is to discipline France.

Verbal explanations which may eliminate the differences of opinion between Britain and France accompanied Great Britain's answer to Premier Millerand's latest note, according to the Petit Parisien.

Other newspapers say that it is to the interest of the Allies that any controversy between France and Great Britain be settled before the meeting of the supreme allied council in San Remo, the Echo de Paris saying it is necessary for the Earl of Derby to resume his place in the conference of ambassadors before the supreme council meets.

Premier Millerand has been asked by the British ambassador when he was going to San Remo, and the French premier replied he would probably leave on April 19, but would not definitely settle the date until he had seen the reception given to his latest note, says the Echo de Paris. The premier intends to postpone any declaration on the situation in the chamber of deputies until the controversy with Great Britain is settled, the same newspaper remarks, but should it continue, it is possible he may ask the French parliament to approve the policy he has adopted.

Tone Softened.

Premier Millerand's reply to the latest British note has not yet been made public, but it is declared to make no material change in the situation. It expresses regret that there has been occasion for any controversy, but it points out that if France acted alone in her occupation move east of the Rhine it was because she was left alone in the face of a situation which required prompt action.

The note assures Great Britain that France is determined to remain faithful to the alliance, but it intimates that the government cannot promise to abstain from defending the interests confided to it when its action is not contrary to the objects of that alliance.

The foreign office has not received any further replies from the powers to its notice of the occupation of Frankfort, but it is learned that Baron Matsui, Japanese ambassador, has unofficially said that Japan has no objection to the action of France.

The softened tone of the correspondence with Great Britain is noted with some satisfaction.

The Latest Notes.

London, April 12—The latest French note on the subject of the French occupation move, received here this morning, says that the French troops in Frankfort and other occupied cities will be withdrawn immediately upon the withdrawal of the German troops from the Ruhr region. It promises, it is said, that no further independent action will be taken by France.

The text of the note has not yet been made public in London. It is said, however, that it is couched in conciliatory terms and should tend largely to alleviate the gravity of the situation.

Paris, April 12—The Earl of Derby, British ambassador to France, delivered to Premier Millerand this afternoon the British reply to the French premier's note of last evening. M. Millerand refused to discuss the contents.

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NEW YORK IS NOT YET HUNGRY BUT CONDITIONS BAD

Freight and Express Embargoes on Many Lines

People Unable to Get to Work — Wild Scene at Depot — Train Halted for Strike Meeting — Effect in New England.

New York, April 12—Commutors were hardest hit as New York entered the fifth day of the local tie-up caused by the spread to the eastern seaboard of the unauthorized railroad strike. When the city resumed its daily business after the week-end respite, it was found that gaps in the ranks of workers, noticeable last Saturday had increased. Many thousands, reaching Manhattan Saturday only after long delays, apparently abandoned any attempt to journey to the city today.

Although threatened trolley strikes in New Jersey and Staten Island failed to develop, passenger service both in Jersey and on Long Island was further demoralized.

Possible Food Shortage.

Meanwhile, although not yet feeling the pinch of hunger, New York prepared to face the serious situation caused by freight and express embargoes placed on virtually all lines. Health Commissioner Copeland has called a parley of food dealers to discuss the situation and prepare for a possible food shortage.

Additional crews of the electric locomotives which handle Pennsylvania and B. & O. passenger trains between the Manhattan transfer station in Jersey City and New York struck this morning, further hampering service. Fifty of these crews walked out last night.

Several crews of incoming Long Island trains went out this forenoon, but with a cut schedule, and the great majority of its yard and train employes loyal, the road announced that it was not threatened with a drastic tie-up.

Scenes of wild disorder followed the throwing open of the gates at the Pennsylvania station this morning when a five car train which usually has ten coaches was made ready to pull out for Philadelphia. More than 3,000 men and women stormed the platform, sweeping gate tenders and guards out of the way. About 1,000 persons crowded into the train.

A notice posted at the Pennsylvania station announced this forenoon that "several trains" scheduled to arrive this morning would not get here "for various reasons."

Train Abandoned.

The Chicago express on the Erie Railroad, which was abandoned yesterday at Port Jervis, N. Y., while members of the crew attended a meeting of the new union, arrived in Jersey City this morning, more than ten hours late. The story of the "strike-bound express" was told by passengers on arrival.

A "mob of railroad men" met the express when it reached Port Jervis, according to the passengers. They said they swarmed aboard the engine and dragged the fireman to the ground.

The conductor and the rest of the crew endeavored to persuade the strikers to let the fireman resume his post and allow the train to proceed to Jersey City. This was refused and passengers said the strikers shouted that the only way the fireman could go to Jersey City on the train would be in a "wooden box."

The passengers, after a considerable time, searched for lodgings. Some of them managed to hire rooms for a few hours at $5 each. Food was procured, and the station agent agreed to announce "an hour beforehand, when the train would start."

It was after 3 o'clock this morning before a new fireman arrived from New York, and considerably later when the train finally pulled out for Jersey City again.

Boston and Vicinity.

Boston, April 12—Curtailment of all traffic, pasenger and freight and express on through lines of railroads in New England was the result in this section today of the outlaw strike of railroad men. Reports indicate that efforts of the strikers to obtain recruits in the New England states had proved unavailing.

The only break in the ranks of the loyal workers was short lived. It occurred at Worcester when fewer than 100 switchmen walked out on Sunday morning and returned to their work within twelve hours. Members of railroad workers locals here and in other New England cities at meetings last night voted to remain at work.

Curtailment of service has been made necessary by conditions in New York and some Boston-New York trains have been discontinued.

THE "CANADIAN RECRUIT"

Vessel is now lying on the ledge of Batturez-Aux-Vaches and is to be salvaged by the Canadian Salvage Association of Quebec. Capt. Stuart, marine surveyor, seems quite confident that the vessel will be satisfactorily salved.

DULL WEEK IN PARLIAMENT IS THE OUTLOOK

Divorce Bill at Westminster May Make Exception

By-Election Announcements of Saturday Have Caused a Lot of Comment — Opposition to Sir Hamar Greenwood Develops.

(Canadian Associated Press.)

London, April 12—Parliament reassembles today after a short Easter recess with an unexciting programme for the week, although the debate on Wednesday in the house of commons on the divorce bill may produce something interesting.

The most interesting domestic political feature of the moment is the result of the by-elections announced on Saturday, whereby the coalitionists retained both the Stockport seats, but lost the Dartfort, Kent, constituency. In the Dartfort contest the successful Labor-Socialist candidate was a young shop steward from the Woolwich arsenal and a comparatively uneducated man. He polled a majority of seventy-three over his four opponents. On the other hand, a noted economist, Sir Leo Money, was defeated in Stockport, on the Labor ticket with the local co-operative Labor candidate.

Several critics, including the anti-coalition Times, the coalition Telegraph, and the coalition Manchester Despatch, draw the moral that the organized industrial workers in the north of England find little to attract them in the Labor-Socialist doctrine when these workers now have a stake in the country's prosperity in the way of owning their own homes and holding war saving bonds.

The Dartford division, on the other hand, these commentators assert, contain a large number of voters who often find it difficult to make ends meet and consequently are attracted by Socialist doctrines.

Both Horatio Bottomley's independent lieutenant and Alderman O'Brien, a Sinn Fein candidate in prison, who fought Stockport, will probably forfeit £150 each through failing to poll one-eighth of the total votes.

The Manchester Guardian ruefully reflects that the only party which has no ground for rejoicing over either Stockport or Dartford are the Liberals.

Sir Hamar Greenwod, new Irish secretary, who originally looked like having a walk-over in Sunderland, is now faced with Liberal and Labor opponents.

EAST ST. JOHN WEDDING TODAY

The first wedding in the Edith avenue Sunday school hall, East St. John, was solemnized there this afternoon at two o'clock when Miss Freevole E. F. Parks became the bride of Arnold R. Christiansen. The bride, who was given away by her father, George Parks, was nicely attired in white silk with crystal and pearl trimmings, veil and orange blossoms. There were no attendants but an aisle was formed by six little children from the primary department of the Sunday school and through it the bridal party passed. These little ones were Doris May Doreen Stead, Hilda and Frances Lewis, Ruth Franklin and Lionel Parks. Both Miss Parks and Mr. Christiansen were teachers in the Sunday school.

Luncheon was served after the ceremony by the young ladies of the C. G. I. T. class of which the bride was a member. Afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Christiansen left for their future home in Sangudo, Alberta. The bride's going away costume was of navy blue serge with hat to match. Among the gifts were a chest of silver from the firm and staff of F. W. Daniel & Co., Ltd., where the bride was employed, and a travelling bag from the groom's associates in the laboratory at the Atlantic Sugar Refinery. Best wishes will follow Mr. and Mrs. Christiansen to their new home.

FAIR VOTE IN CITY CONTEST

Features of Election Morning at the Booths — Many Women Voting.

Expectations about the city were that today would see a fair vote polled. The fine weather was very helpful especially in inducing the women who have votes to go to the polling booths. There was little excitement in evidence about any of the booths but considerable work was being quietly done in favor of one or other candidate and in behalf of or against the plotters' scheme of paving. Various hours were being given as to the form of the candidates who will stand for the finals, but there was such a wide range of opinion because of the number in the running that few could be found who would agree in the same selection.

Many were heard to say that they had put in a "plumper" for one or other candidate. But while this might have been so with some, ther was at least one man who was not even satisfied with voting for two candidates. He voted about 11 o'clock, but came rushing back about noon saying he had made a mistake and had voted for four men. He had had the idea that because there were four to select from in the finals he could cast his vote for his four favorites today.

The Returned Men.

All through the morning the committee room at city hall was thronged with returned soldiers receiving their certificates which entitled them to vote. A queue was formed extending from the hallway and it was kept well filled. It was felt that the vote of the returned men today would be considerable, though as a body it was not known that they were supporting any one candidate.

The Paving Issue.

Those favoring general assessment on the paving issue were particularly confident of success today. They seemed to be particularly well organized and some of them were heard offering two to one chances in wagers as to the result being in their favor.

Organization.

Speaking of organization it might be said that there was quite a large number of automobiles and carriages in service for the various candidates. The Labor party seemed very strong on organization, but other candidates had their followers at the different booths as well.

The polling clerks and returning officers were kept busy this morning in some of the wards in the city, while in others the voting was not so large. In Queens ward at noon it was estimated that more than 400 votes had been cast. In Kings ward the voting was not quite so large and at times during the morning very few electors called. In Prince ward it was estimated that about 300 votes had been polled at noon. Late in the afternoon the voting was heavier.

AN ELEVATOR AND MILL FOR WEST.

Regina, Sask., April 12—The Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company have purchased twenty acres outside the city limits of Portage La Prairie, Man., on which will be erected a million dollar elevator and flour mill. The elevator will have thirty-six grain tanks. Construction will be of reinforced concrete of most modern type. Work will not be commenced this year.

REVOLUTION BREAKS OUT IN GUATEMALA.

Washington, April 12—The long-threatened revolution in Guatemala against President Estrada Caberra finally has broken out. Reports today to the state department said the opponents of the president had gained control of Guatemala City after some street fighting.

A marine guard from the cruiser Tacoma and submarine tender Niagara has been landed to protect the American legation.

Shipbuilders' Pay.

Quebec, April 12—The National Union of Shipbuilders at the Davie yards at Lauzon were granted a fifteen per cent raise in their wages on Saturday when a contract with the firm was made for another year. This means that the yards remain closed to international unions for another twelve months.

As Hiram Sees It

"Well," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "I see Confn. Donovan is tryin' to git that there gully by the poor house filled in so they won't need no bridge an' the teams wont hev sich a hard time haulin' loads up the hill. I hope he'll git it done. I was talkin' to a feller that lives out to East St. John, an' he says they want a lot more done besides fillin' in that gully. He says if you go out there after dark an' git off the street car at the end o' the line you hev to waller in the mud, an' there aint no light, an' it's wuss'n any piece o' road in Noo Bruns'ick. He says the gover'ment tried to make a good road through East St. John an' then the city went an' dug it all up to put in water pipes an' never fixed it right agin. Oh, he was bilin' mad. He said the city wouldn't even send out a case o' shoe blackin, fer the people that hes to wade through the mud. I ast him if they was goin' to jine the city an' that set him off wuss'n ever. He said if they jined with the city their taxes 'ud go up an' the money'd be spent fer nothin' at all. I aint seen a feller so het up fer a long spell. When he left me he made fer a shoe-shine place an' I wouldn't like to ask you to print some o' the things he said."

"Of course," said the reporter, "things will improve now that the General has arrived on the scene."

"What General?" asked Hiram.

"Gen. Assessment," said the reporter.

"Him!" said Hiram. "It 'ud take him ten years to turn round—By Hen!"

FEARED THEY'D GO THROUGH FALLS

Motor on Ferry Became Disabled and Boat Drifted a Bit.

There was considerable excitement at Indiantown on Saturday night when a motor boat, which is being utilized as a ferry between Indiantown to Pleasant Point, broke down. The boat started from the city side about 9.30 o'clock and had proceeded only a short distance when the engine went dead. Efforts of the man in charge failed to get it started again and as the boat began drifting with the tide some of the passengers became panic-stricken. Women screamed for help and one male passenger lost his nerve and blended his lusty cries with those of the women. Amid the din another voice of a passenger, who had imbibed too freely, could be heard, "Hope she goes through the falls." The cries of the passengers alarmed the neighborhood and soon rowboats put out and one took the disabled ferry in tow and brought it back safely to its mooring.

One of the passengers, speaking to a Times reporter, said that there was really no cause for alarm as it was slack water and there were two pairs of oars in the boat. He said the boat had drifted only about a couple of hundred feet when some of the women thought they would surely go through the falls and began crying out for help.

ZIONIST FEDERATION MEETING IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, April 12—The inaugural meeting of the Zionist Federation's Palestine restoration fund was held yesterday afternoon in the Gayety Theatre and nearly $80,000 was contributed.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Pressure continues high in the western provinces and a pronounced disturbance is now approaching the Great Lakes from the southwest. Snow or rain is falling in southern Ontario and western Quebec. Elsewhere the weather is fine.

Showery.

Maritime—Moderate winds, fair and mild. Tuesday, increasing southwest winds, becoming showery.

Gulf and North Shore—Strong northeast winds, snow or rain tonight and on Tuesday.

New England—Rain tonight and Tuesday, colder Tuesday, increasing southwest winds, shifting to northwest Tuesday.

Toronto, April 12—Temperatures:—

Stations	8 a. m.	Highest yesterday	Lowest during night
Prince Rupert	46	50	46
Victoria	44	54	42
Kamloops	46	..	42
Calgary	..	38	..
Edmonton	26	40	26
Prince Albert	24	46	22
Winnipeg	..	36	..
White River	8	32	6
Sault Ste Marie	18	40	18
Toronto	34	40	34
Kingston	36	34	34
Ottawa	34	44	34
Montreal	36	46	34
Quebec	34	48	32
St. John N B	38	55	32
Halifax	42	56	28
St. Johns, Nfld	30	36	28
Detroit	32	44	32
New York	46	56	40

More Serious In East; Is Better Elsewhere

"L" CAR PLUNGES INTO AVENUE

Remarkable Escape of Passengers in New York After Collision With Another Train.

New York, April 12—Passengers on an elevated train had remarkable escapes from death today when they were capapulled to the street a distance of 25 feet in the midst of debris of the car in which they had been bound to work.

The front car of a train was knocked off the elevated structure on the Ninth avenue line, near Trinity church by a collision with another train and demolished. The wreckage was wedged in between the elevated structure and the side of a brick building a dozen feet away.

The fifteen people in the demolished car sifted through debris to the street and about a dozen of them were removed to hospitals. The only woman passenger in the car was seriously hurt. The motorman was missing after the accident and search of the debris failed to reveal trace of him. Nearby shopkeepers said they saw a man in uniform running away after the car fell.

Louis Murphy, a longshoreman, appeared on the scene of the accident without a scratch, and said he had been reading a paper one moment in the elevated train and the next found himself on the pavement. Fearing that the wreckage had strewn live wires about, he said he ran away.

D'ANNUNZIO IS FEELING PINCH

Sends to Rome to Discuss Plans for Relaxation of Fiume Blockade.

Trieste, April 12 — Conditions in Fiume are becoming more critical daily owing to factional quarrels among the D'Annunzio troops, labor unrest and the lack of food and work. Captain D'Annunzio has sent to Rome a committee headed by Signor de Ambris, chief secretary to Mayor Gigante, to discuss with Premier Nitti plans for a relaxation of the blockade of the city.

SULTAN BLAMES NATIONALISTS

Constantinople, April 12—(By the Associated Press)—Turkish nationalists are blamed for the critical situation in this city in a manifesto issued today by the sultan's government.

It is declared if they continue their operations Anatolia may be occupied by the Entente. Punishment for all organizers and instigators of rebellion is ordered by the manifesto, which offers immunity to all nationalists adherents "who repent and give evidence of loyalty to the sultan" within a week.

BISHOP TO SAIL ON SATURDAY FROM NEW YORK

It was announced in the Cathedral yesterday that His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc was to leave this week for a visit to Rome. He will sail on Saturday aboard the steamer Patria from New York. While in Rome he plans to be present at two important church events, one the canonization of Blessed Joan of Arc and the other the canonization of Blessed Margaret Mary. Arrangements have been made in the Holy City for visitors from all parts of the world being present at these two outstanding historical Church events which will take place some time next month.

During his visit abroad, which is what is known as the ad limina visit, the bishop's place will be taken by Monsignor J. J. Walsh, V. G., as administrator. His Lordship will be away for some months, and friends will wish him a pleasant trip.

Open Summer Season.

Soo, Mich., April 12—The steamer Berry arrived at Detour, mouth of St. Mary's river, at noon on Saturday for coal, to open the season.

It is generally estimated that lake navigation will be opened with favorable weather, from the 15th to 20th.

Today's Situation in Strike of Switchmen

Reports of Defections Follow Break at Columbus—Terms Offered at Chicago Include One Radical Concession by Men.

Chicago, April 12—Developments west of Pittsburg in the switchmen's strike today were regarded by railroad brotherhood officials as pointing toward a gradual dissolution of the insurgent forces, but in the east, where the walkout was joined in several districts by trainmen, the situation asumed a more serious aspect.

In the central and far west regions numerous reports of defections from the strikers' ranks followed a report of the first important break at Columbus, Ohio, where 600 switchmen voted to return to work.

At Chicago, admitted the keystone of the walkout, railroad officials were presented "terms for settlement of the strike," which included recognition of a new union formed by dissenters from the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Switchmen's Union of North America.

In the settlement offer, proffered by John Grunau, president of the Chicago Yardmen's Association, who called the strike, at least one radical concession was made, abrogation of the claims for back pay demanded by the older organizations in their contracts with the government. It was said that possibly would mean a saving of hundreds of thousands of dollars to the railroads.

Other clauses in the proposed settlement agreement demanded granting of the original wage increase called for in the strike announcement, to be effective upon the return of the men to work: eight hour basic day, and time and a half for overtime, Sundays and holidays and double time for overtime on Sundays and holidays.

In addition to the gradual improvement claimed by railroad heads in the Chicago district which the brotherhood officials said presaged a return to normal throughout the country, the organization leaders pointed to the votes at Columbus, Fort Wayne, Indiana, Akron and Saginaw, as marking definite breaks at the strike.

On Canadian Side

Bridgeburg, Ont., April 12—Traffic over the international bridge has practically ceased as a result of the strike of switchmen across the river.

The railways here on Saturday any yesterday have been confiscating commercial coal in the railway yards for use on the locomotives when the strike breaks. A large quantity of freight has been held here because of an embargo placed by the railways on the United States side of the river against the transportation of eastbound freight from Canada.

The first vote on a sympathetic strike in Canada was negative, the Winnipeg branch of the International Switchmen's Union deciding not to sanction any sympathetic walkout.

OTTAWA LEATHER WORKERS ASK BOARD.

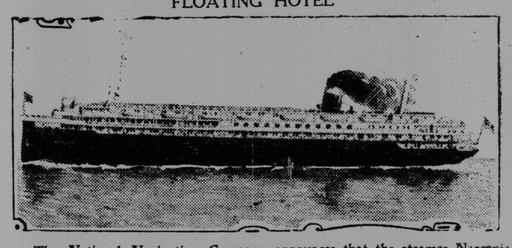
Ottawa, April 12—The members of the Leather Workers' Union of Ottawa on Saturday afternon decided to present an application to the minister of labor for a board of conciliation to arbitrate between the workers and their employers. This union represents about 150 workers in the city, twenty of whom are women.

A proposed agreement submitted by the union called for an eight-hour day with a minimum wage of sixty cents an hour for journeymen, forty-five cents for helpers, and equal pay for equal service. All firms refused to deal with the union on that basis.

AGAINST IRISH BILL.

J. H. Clynes, labor member of British parliament and former food controller who is opposed to the Home Rule bill.

FLOATING HOTEL



The National Navigation Company announces that the steamer Narconic will be used as an addition to the hotel accommodation of Detroit.