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Practically 100 Per Cent Strike In N. S. Mines

ENCOURAGEMENT SLIGHT IN U. S. RAILWAY CRISIS

Efforts to Settle Difficulties Bears Little Fruit.

Union Pacific Trainmen Call Off Strike and Trains Start Running—Ultimatum to Big Four by Santa Fe Officials—Fruit Growers Offer to Man Trains.

Chicago, Aug. 15.—Few developments had changed the grave railroad situation in the United States today. Efforts to settle the shopmen's strike and sporadic walkouts by train crews bore little fruit.

Replies of the rail unions to President Harding's latest proposals for peace were deferred pending further conferences of union leaders at Washington.

President Harding indicated at today's cabinet meeting no intention of going immediately before congress with the situation. The house reconvened today after a recess since June 30.

Although little progress was made towards ending the walkout of Big Four transportation brotherhoods on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, the strike of Union Pacific trainmen was called off and four east-bound trains left for Chicago.

Santa Fe trains, stalled for several days at desert towns, were moved westward. Last Yeager, Nevada, remained isolated.

An ultimatum to Big Four brotherhood chiefs from A. G. Wells, vice-president of the Santa Fe, intensified the situation on that road. Mr. Wells said if Santa Fe train crews refused to return to work, the road's only alternative would be to employ others to fill their places.

W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Trainmen, replied that vice-presidents of the union had been instructed to enforce working agreements with the railroad.

Fruit growers and shippers of North Central Washington announced their willingness to man trains for moving the \$25,000,000 fruit crop of the district.

Non-Union Crews. A passenger train manned by a non-union crew was operated over the Cumberland Valley division of the Louisville and Nashville road, which had been tied up by the strike.

Disorders in connection with the rail strike abated again during the last twenty-four hours, but a non-union shop worker at Tacoma, Wash., was stoned and beaten by a crowd said to have been strikers from the Northern Pacific shop.

A woman was mysteriously shot when she rode past soldiers encamped near the Chicago and Alton road shops at Bloomington, Ill.

Boston, Aug. 15.—Maintenance of way employees and railroad shop laborers in the employ of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad have petitioned the executive of their brotherhood for permission to strike.

Indianapolis, Aug. 15.—No strike order for telegraphers of the Big Four railroad will be issued by union officials, pending a hearing of the union's grievances before the railroad labor board at Chicago August 21, it is announced here by Edward Whalen, general chairman of the Big Four division of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

DROGHEDA IS SURROUNDED Battle Between Nationals and Irregulars is Imminent—Free State Troops Evacuate Dunleer.

Dublin, Aug. 15.—Drogheda is surrounded by irregular forces and a battle is apparently imminent. The Nationalists are preparing for a counter offensive.

COAL SITUATION REACHES EXTRAORDINARY CRISIS; 12,000 WORKERS QUIT

Pumps and Safety Apparatus Abandoned and Are Now Being Manned by Officials—Sydney, Joggins, Springhill and New Glasgow Area Affected—Fundry Mine Working on 1921 Wages—Steel Plants to Close and Many Vessels Held Up.

With practically one hundred per cent of the U. M. W. membership of Nova Scotia on strike since last midnight, involving nearly 12,000 workers on Cape Breton Island and the mainland, the coal situation in this province has reached an extraordinary crisis.

Mine officials have not so far offered any ray of hope that the strike will be of short duration with the exception of the operators of Fundry mine at Joggins who, at a meeting last night agreed to restore the 1921 rate of pay. They employ about sixty-five men.

Officials of the British Empire Steel Corporation express astonishment at the unexpected action of the men and declare that they will put forth every effort to safeguard the mines. Already the effects of the strike are beginning to show.

Amherst, N. S., Aug. 15.—In accordance with the decision reached by the miners last night at a meeting of the Maritime Coal and Railway Power Company were informed that the 1921 rate of pay was granted the men would quit.

The 1921 rate of pay has been granted to the workers at the Fundry mine. An agreement was signed last night at a meeting of the management and men held in Joggins. There are about sixty-five employed at the Fundry mine. The mine is working today.

Sydney, N. S., Aug. 15.—The closing down of the plant will be the first of the first results of the walk-out in the Cape Breton coal fields if it is not checked by the government.

During the past few months the plant has been picking up rapidly after two years of serious depression. The blow is keenly felt by the workmen here.

F. W. Gray, assistant to D. H. MacDougall, vice-president of the British Empire Steel Corporation says that the latest move on the part of the miners is astonishing. The walkout appears to be an insurgent move by men who have over ridden law and order.

H. J. McCann, assistant general manager of the Dominion Steel Co., declares his astonishment at the situation and states that the company will put protection of property ahead of everything else.

Sydney, N. S., Aug. 15.—Shippers and trimmers employed at the coal shipping piers at Whitney Pier quit work with the miners at midnight on Monday, leaving several steamers partly loaded and others lying at the dock or in the stream awaiting cargo or bunker.

Six steamers and seven schooners are tied up as a result of the strike, including the Hochelaga, taking coal for Montreal; the American steamer Everett, loading coal for Boston; the American steamer Newton, Boston bound; the Knocforbia, from Montreal to take a return cargo of coal; the Norwegian steamer Gunny, bound for Portland, Me., from Murray, Cape Breton, with deals, in for bunker; the Norwegian steamer Gunnar Hierberg, bound from Portland, Me., to Murray; the shipper Vesta Hama, for Rockland, Me. The schooner Bonus is partly loaded, but the six schooners, Leontie, Virgin Belle, Acme, Vivian Ruth, Una, and Arthur W., are left without any cargo.

Sydney, N. S., Aug. 15.—Although there has never for years been any such thing as absolute tranquility in the Cape Breton coal fields, the present dispute dates back to last October, when, as required under the Lenois act, the Dominion Coal Co. and other operators notified their men that they wanted a revision downward of rates, when the agreement then in force expired on November 30, 1921.

Word of the death of Harry A. Sledmer, in Dorchester, Mass., was received in a telegram last night by Mrs. Arthur Sledmer, of 174 Adelaide street. Mr. Sledmer had been ill for some time, and passed away on Sunday. He is survived by his wife and one son, Arthur, of this city, who was at his bedside, having been called to Dorchester some time ago.

HARRY A. SLEDMER. Word of the death of Harry A. Sledmer, in Dorchester, Mass., was received in a telegram last night by Mrs. Arthur Sledmer, of 174 Adelaide street.

As Hiram Sees It

"Well," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "I been playin' tag agin with the gals. I was mighty glad to do it, too. When I think of the night when I was out to the Settlement that died afore their time because I didn't know what to do an' the 'wan't no public health nurse to tell 'em I'm ready to be tagged any time to help make things better. I see you folks in St. John guess every year that orto be kep' alive—'an' could be if you looked after 'em. We got some old fogies out to the Settlement that says we orto fly in the face of the Lord when He wants to take the souls—'an' of the young folks most of all. But we're wakin' up—ye-er, we're wakin' up—By Hen!"

PREMIERS OF SASKATCHEWAN AND ALBERTA DECIDE TO ABANDON WHEAT BOARD

Calgary, Aug. 15.—Premier Greenfield of Alberta and Premier Dunning of Saskatchewan last night decided to abandon the wheat board this year, and so informed the federal government, this action was taken after the decision of John I. Macfarlane and James R. Murray not to accept the chairmanship and vice-chairmanship of the board.

"We have concluded that we can go no further and have therefore warned the federal government to that effect." Such is the vital and concluding words in the statement issued by the two premiers.

The statement in part is as follows: "The provincial governments first suggested James Stewart for chairman and F. W. Riddell for vice-chairman. These two men declined to act and every effort was made to get them to reconsider their decision."

"After endeavoring for more than two weeks to secure suitable men we have now concluded that we can go no further and have therefore wired the federal government to that effect." (Signed) "CHAS. A. DUNNING, Premier of Saskatchewan." "H. GREENFIELD, Premier of Alberta."

FIRST DEFEAT IN 14 GAMES Pirates Fall Victims to Phillies After Long Winning Streak—Late Sport.

New York, Aug. 15.—The Pirates, worn from the strain of winning those thirteen straight games, were trimmed decisively yesterday by the Phillies, a team they had defeated previously in every engagement of the season.

Four cents were carried today. Jess Winters held the Pirate batters in check, while his team-mates bumped Glaner and Carlson for thirteen hits and ten runs. The score was 10 to 1.

In the only other game in the majors the Cubs won the third straight from the Cardinals, 8 to 6, and sent the St. Louisans still farther away from the leading Giants.

Philadelphia, Aug. 15.—Nearly two hundred harness horses, selected to be one of the finest aggregations ever assembled in the east, were stabled at the Belmont Driving Park today, waiting for the start of the sixth annual Grand Circuit meeting this afternoon.

Murphy had the world's champion, Peter Manning, in harness, and the son of Anoff was the centre of attraction. Peter Manning, according to Murphy, is getting into the form which smashed records last year and he is expected to beat the track record here of 2:01.8-4.

Four cents were carried today. The Mathews stake of \$1,000, with a field of ten, the 2:10 pace for the Adelpheis stakes, the wifes, sisters and cousins Directors' stake of \$1,000 for 2:16 trotters, with thirteen entries; and a mile dash for 2:24 trotters for a \$500 purse. Nine horses are entered.

CRITICISM OF MR. LLOYD GEORGE Announcement That He is Writing Memoirs Meets With Unfavorable Comment in British Press.

London, Aug. 15.—(Canadian Press.)—The announcement that Premier Lloyd George is writing his memoirs is producing a certain amount of criticism which is by no means favorable.

The Manchester Guardian and the Westminster Gazette protests that this departure is transgressing the unwritten rule hitherto prevailing that the prime minister should not use his position for personal notoriety and profit other than that which accrues from the office itself.

Lloyd George can write really frank memoirs without involving some of his "fellow intriguers" in the cabal which produced the coalition."

Adding to the announcement that the premier is writing with the object that truth shall emerge from a pile of contradictory war books already before the world, the Guardian says such secrets are a common trust and that Lloyd George's high post carries with it a tradition of dignity and discretion.

THE DOLLAR TODAY. New York, Aug. 15.—Sterling exchange steady. Canadian dollars 1-3/2 of one per cent. discount.

DEMAND FOR MEN IN ONTARIO NOW

Lure of the West Working Against Farmers—High Wages Offered Without Much Response.

Toronto, Aug. 15.—While the west is stilling for men to assist in the harvest fields and is getting them in large numbers, Ontario is also in urgent need of men to help gather in the crops.

About 5,000 men passed through Toronto yesterday, bound for the west, while farmers from various sections of this province were vainly trying to engage men. They offered from \$45 to \$55 a month and in some cases as high as \$60 a month with board, but met with little response.

RESOLUTIONS BY CATHOLIC UNION

Minimum Wages in Erection of Churches and Schools—Association to Facilitate Co-operation Between Employer and Employee.

Montreal, Aug. 15.—Minimum wages for building trades engaged in the construction of schools and churches to be assured by the insertion of a clause to that effect in the contract between the owners and the contractors was the gist of a resolution unanimously adopted at the session of the first congress of the Confederation of Catholic Workers of Canada held here yesterday.

Another resolution unanimously adopted strongly endorsed the principle of the association of employers in organizations which could facilitate co-operation between employers and employees for the betterment of conditions mutually affecting them.

DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS IN MONTREAL ON SEPTEMBER 1

Montreal, Aug. 15.—The city council has decided that daylight saving time shall cease in Montreal this year Sept. 1, a month earlier than was at first intended.

Phenix and Pseudand WEATHER REPORT

Issued by auth. of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, Director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Pressure continues high over the Atlantic coast states and the lake regions. Weather is now fair throughout Canada but areas of low pressure moving eastward from British Columbia and vicinity of James Bay gave indications of causing unsettled weather tonight.

Mostly Fair. Forecasts—Moderate winds, fair today. Wednesday, fresh westerly winds, mostly fair, showers in some localities.

ALLIED PREMIERS LEAVE LONDON

Failure of Reparations Conference Affects Exchange.

Mark Slumps and France is Weaker—Poincare Showing Strain—Italian Premier Stresses Importance of Inter-Allied Debt.

London, Aug. 15.—The delegates to the unsuccessful allied conference on German reparations left London today. Premier Tseuss and Foreign Minister Poincare of Belgium, departed first, the French premier, M. Poincare, and the Italian foreign minister, Signor Schanzer, going by a later train.

Premier Lloyd George did not see the station by his private secretary, Sir Edward Grigg and Foreign Secretary Curzon by Sir Wm. Tyrrell. Others present included Sir Robert Home, chancellor of the exchequer, and the French and Italian ambassadors.

All were in good spirit except Premier Poincare, who was pale and unsmiling, and who refused even to pose for a photograph. Before going to the station, the French premier, accompanied by his staff, visited the grave of a French warrior on which he placed a wreath of flowers, bound with the French tricolor.

Signor Schanzer took occasion before the adjournment of the conference yesterday to make a declaration respecting the importance with which the Italian government looked upon the question of the inter-allied debt. He said the conference had only considered a limited problem, that of a German moratorium and not the great economic and political problems which weighed heavily upon European life.

The Italian foreign minister pointed out that Europe would never be pacified, confidence restored, or the people's economic life restored to normal until the question of inter-allied debts was settled. Italy, for example, now owed \$4,500,000,000 abroad, which included a debt to England of \$200,000,000. Signor Schanzer urged upon the status participating in the conference the necessity of arriving at some permanent arrangement.

Effect on Exchange. London, Aug. 15.—Failure of the allied conference to reach an agreement on a moratorium for Germany was reflected today on the foreign exchange market here, the German mark slumping to a new record of 4,225 marks to the pound sterling, against 8,600, yesterday's figure. The French franc also was weak, falling to 66.30 and the Italian lire slid to 98.25 to the pound sterling.

Paris, Aug. 15.—Premier Poincare, at tomorrow's cabinet meeting, will propose the summoning of a special session of parliament, probably to begin next week, according to the morning newspapers. The cabinet, at the same time, it is said, will settle the general lines of the programme to be submitted to parliament concerning the reparations question.

The View of the Press. London, Aug. 15.—Europe was unable to rise to what might have been a great opportunity to put her feet on the road to recovery.

This is the consensus of the press comment regarding the failure of the London conference, but as to who was responsible for the failure depends upon whether one accepts the French or British viewpoint.

The pro-government editorials express the hope that France will take the counsel of reason and sobriety and not continue to act against her own best interests, while those of the opposition press, such as the Daily Mail say the British people will not allow any administration to quarrel with their friend and ally for the benefit and satisfaction of the Germans.

GOVERNMENT WILL PROTECT THE OPERATORS

Washington, Aug. 15.—President Harding having abandoned all efforts at mediation of the rail strike, was declared today by his advisers to have virtually decided to inform the railroad executives of the country that in the operation of trains they would be given the protection and aid of the government.

Reject President's Offer. Washington, Aug. 15.—Leaders of the railroad labor organizations today made public the rejection of President Harding's final offer for settlement of the strike of shop craftsmen but declared that attempts to mediate the difficulties by direct dealings between railroad executives and heads of the four brotherhoods were still in progress.

ST. LOUIS UNION ASKS A. F. OF L. TO CALL NATION-WIDE STRIKE

St. Louis, Aug. 15.—Resolutions asking the American Federation of Labor to call a nation-wide general strike and requesting President Harding to make an investigation of "airbrake equipment in connection with the numerous accidents occurring throughout the country" have been adopted by the central trades and labor union of St. Louis, it was announced yesterday. The central trades organization includes all local union workers except members of the building trades.

WORCESTER MAN DROPS DEAD IN WOODSTOCK TODAY

Dr. Eugene Ellinwood Collapses While Talking with Friends.

Woodstock, N. B., Aug. 15.—(Special)—Dr. Eugene Ellinwood dropped dead this morning while conversing with friends in the Central Hotel. Papers in his pocket indicated that his home was in Worcester, Mass. Chief of Police Kelly is in communication with the Worcester authorities. The dead man is about seventy-five years of age.

TRURO ENRICHED BY CONVENTION

\$20,000 Better Off as Result of Oddfellows' Meeting Last Week.

Truro, Aug. 15.—A general view of the past week's activities in Truro gives a great deal of satisfaction to everybody, the local Oddfellows particularly. With the exception of the disappointment following the decision of the Grand Lodge to locate the proposed home in Pictou after a fairly strenuous campaign for the selection of Truro, the brothers here are feeling exceptionally pleased with the general results. Counting the members of the two branches, and adding thereto the wives, sisters and cousins who came with them to spend a holiday in Truro, the total approaches 1,500. All these were housed and accommodated, many of them in the private residences of citizens.

To give an idea of the volume of business accruing to merchants and suppliers, the local banks permit the statement to be made that each day's additional deposits grew from Tuesday, which amounted to nearly double the ordinary, and finishing with Saturday at three times the average of ordinary, while on Thursday and Friday the deposits very largely exceeded all other days.

As a further example of the great influx of visitors, O'Brien's Railway Dining Room served 600 persons on one day; the Stanley Hotel for four days catered to 900 persons, and all other hotels had as large an increase proportionately as their accommodations permitted, and the restaurants which served meals for delegates and friends who had lodged only provided for them, were equally well patronized. The total of the week's expenditures in town by reason of the Grand Lodge Convention is conservatively estimated as upward of \$20,000—quite a gratifying item in the round of business.

CAPTAIN BLACK AND MISS COLE N. S. CHAMPIONS

Bridgewater, N. S., Aug. 15.—Captain E. B. Black, veteran Davis Cup star, carried away the Nova Scotia men's singles championship this morning when he defeated W. N. Rice, North Sydney, 6-2, 6-3, 9-11, 6-2, in the finals of the provincial tennis tournament.

Miss I. Cole, Halifax, in the ladies' tennis championship of Nova Scotia, having defeated Mrs. J. W. Allen, in the finals today in straight sets, 6-1, 6-1.

Owing to the fact that Miss Hilda Douglas, last year's champion is not playing tennis this year there will be no challenge round in this event.

CANADIAN MAIL TAMPERED WITH

London, Aug. 15.—(Canadian Press.)—When postoffice officials arrived to open the mail train at Euston station, yesterday, they found that four or five bags of registered mail from Canada had been tampered with. What happened exactly is not known, but an investigation is proceeding.

EIGHT KILLED BY PACK OF TIGERS ROVING MEXICAN MOUNTAINS

Mexico City, Aug. 15.—A pack of tigers, driven from their mountain lairs by hunger, attacked three families who were traveling from Puerto Vallarta to Matasco, State of Jalisco, killing three women, two men, two small boys and a baby, according to El Universal. Gralisco. Natives who went to the rescue fought the tigers, killing one of them. The remainder escaped to the mountains.