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PARIS FACES STAGNATION ON MAY DAY

Almost Complete Paralysis of Business Expected for Day

General Strike to Be Participated in by Large Number of Unions — Possibility of Railway Workers' Strike an Added Danger.

Paris, April 26—This city faces an almost complete paralysis of business on Saturday, May 1, as the result of a large number of unions voting to join the labor demonstration by calling a general strike. Hotel, post office, telephone and telegraph, local surface transportation and gas and electrical workers all unionized workers on the payrolls of the municipality, with the exception of health officers, and a large number of less important branches of labor will participate in the strike. Work in most lines will be resumed after twenty-four hours, but the walk-out of telephone and telegraph employes will interrupt communication longer. Teachers will remain on duty, and food stores will be opened, at least part of the day.

Decision of the congress of French railway workers to call a strike to enforce demands threatens a new danger if the men lay down their tools before Saturday. Whether the finish fight for immediate nationalization of the railway and compliance with their other demands is brought on by the railway men, however, now appears to depend upon the co-operation of the general confederation of labor, which is not considered so anxious for a general movement as the new extreme majority of the railroad men. It is pointed out that this group comprises little more than half of the railroad organization membership of 330,000.

Government Course.

The government's policy, either as regards the May Day demonstrations or the prospective railway strike, has not been officially announced, but it is thought that it would include an immediate mobilization of the railroad men to break the strike, as was the case in February.

As to the May Day demonstrations, it is understood that the government's plans call for even more vigorous action than last year. At that time the efforts to clear the streets ended with the troops charging the crowd and firing on the strikers, casualties occurring in the Rue Royal and before the Church of the Madeleine ,while cavalry was used to disperse crowds which resisted the orders of the authorities.

GERMANY BUYS THE RAILWAYS

Means a Payroll With More Than Million Names on It.

Berlin, April 26—Forty billion marks are involved in the government's purchase of the federated states railways, which has been approved by the national assembly.

The annual interest incurred in the nation's huge investment is estimated at 14,000,000 marks. The government is not over sanguine with respect to early returns from the investment, in view of the dilapidated condition of the railways, the delayed output from repair shops and continued demands by the men for wage increases.

"The peace treaty we have completed does not present a bewitchingly beautiful face, but it possesses desirable qualities in political and economic directions," said Dr. Bell, the minister of transport, in the national assembly, just before the vote was taken. He described the transaction as one of the most gigantic ever effected by any parliament.

The minister added that more than a million employes of the railway would be on the government pay roll. He admitted that the government had to pay heavily for a final settlement with the various states.

LEGISLATORS WERE WORN OUT

New York State Legislature Finished Work Early on Sunday Morning.

Albany, N. Y., April 26—After one of the most trying weeks in its history the New York state legislature closed its 1920 session early on Sunday morning. Senators and assemblymen, wearied almost to the point of exhaustion, hurried to bed.

Passing of the boxing and beer bills were features of the last day. The latter, passed by the senate in the early morning hours of Saturday, received favorable action by the assembly several hours later. The boxing bill, by Senator Walker, was passed by the lower house on Saturday night. It is designed to permit fifteen round bouts to a decision in the state and was drawn by the army, navy and civilian board of boxing control. It is believed that the measure will place boxing on the same plane in New York state as it occupied twenty years ago.

The beer bill will place the alcoholic percentage of the beverage at 2.75 per cent.

Brantford Women's Council Out Against the Prevailing Styles

Brantford, Ont., April 26—The local council has decided to send a resolution to the national council condemning the prevailing styles of dress and urging a campaign for more modesty in women's attire.

BACK FROM RUSSIA.

Major Raymond Collinshaw, a famous Canadian airman who in last June took a squadron to Russia. He reached England on last Wednesday with the remainder of his comrades.

CONTRACTS FOR BRIDGES AWARDED

Burnt Church River and Porter Brook

Smallpox Cases Reported — Premier Foster Honorary Chairman of Fredericton Committee for Reception of U. S. Editors.

Fredericton, April 26—The provincial department of public works announced the award of two bridge contracts today. That for Burnt Church River Mouth bridge, Parish of Alnwick, Northumberland County, has been awarded to J. E. and B. E. Connelly. The contract price is in the vicinity of $49,000. The contract for Porter Brook concrete arch culvert and roadway embankment, Parish of St. Marys, York county, has been awarded to W. D. Steeves and Frank S. Berryman. The price is about $9,000.

The department of health has received reports of four cases of small pox in the province. One is in St. John city and the other three in the parish of Dorchester, Westmorland county.

Fletcher Peacock, director of Vocational Education for New Brunswick, will address the Local Council of Women in Moncton this week. From Moncton he will go to Woodstock where the agricultural department of the vocational school will close.

Hon. W. E. Foster was today elected honorary chairman of the Fredericton committee for the reception of the National Editorial Association of the United States, who will tour eastern Canada in June. Hon. P. J. Veniot was added to the committee. The party is to arrive from St. John over the St. John and Quebec Railway in its own train early on the afternoon of June 15. A motor trip covering Fredericton and vicinity will take place. From 4.30 to 10 p. m. there will be a reception in the Parliament building at which Premier Foster will give an official welcome to New Brunswick.

Charles K. Palmer has been elected president of the Fredericton Tourist Association in succession to Alderman T. S. Wilkinson.

Want Daylight.

Toronto, April 26—The members of the Toronto Stock Exchange on Saturday decided to petition the board of control to favor daylight saving.

A RAILROAD MATTER.

A. E. Warren, whom Hon. Doctor Reid said in the House of Commons, should be manager of the G. T. P. and C. N. R. if these railways are put under C. N. R. management.

OPINIONS ON THE OVERALL BOOM

Board of Commerce Member and Labor Leader

Murdoch Says All Right If Not Mere Fad — Tom Moore Goes Into Labor Matters of Present and Future.

(Canadian Press.)

Ottawa, April 26—The opinon that the "back to overalls" movement may prove a misfortune to the laboring class has been expressed by at least one Canadian economist. Jack Murdock, labor commissioner of the board of commerce, asked for his opinion on the movement, said:

"If the gentlemen who, it is alleged, are going to wear overalls, no doubt many for the first time, will wear them until the articles require patching, no longer, the campaign then may have a beneficial effect. If, however, a temporary fad only is to be indulged in, the result will no doubt be to increase the price of overalls to the laboring man who has to wear them."

Labor Leader's Views.

Ottawa, April 26—"It might have been more popular if I had come to this meeting in overalls, but I think this of that movement that if those wearing them now had given more consideration to those forced to wear them there might not be so much industrial unrest in the country." Tom Moore, president of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, made this statement to about 100 members of the International Union of Steam and Operating Engineers yesterday. Mr. Moore said that the day was coming, through the formation of industrial councils, when strikes would not be concluded by the labor movement to obtain better hours or more wages, but in order to prevent manufacturers and employers from charging exorbitant prices for commodities.

"Wages during recent years have been increased to the workers," he said, "through the efforts of their organizations, or else owing to the desire of the employers to keep under cover their high rate of profits. It is high time that the labor classes all over the world organise and ask themselves the question: 'Are higher wages and less working hours the remedy for our condition?' The answer would be 'No,' because every few cents which the employers grant the workers are immediately eaten up by the increased cost of commodities, whose price is boosted in order to give the workers the wages."

He said that there was no need of labor being in a despondent mood today. Optimism and energetic organization must be the keynote of its operation.

He belittled waste of time in the house of commons, over the eight hour day discussion, which he said after all was in the hands of the politician-employers and those favorable to them. It must be shown to the country at large that the eight hour day demand of labor was not epidemic, and that labor was sincere in seeking to have it enacted. They had one million industrial workers in this dominion. It was up to them to show the other eight million people that what we were seeking was fair, just and considerate treatment.

WON HONOR IN ALBERTA CABINET

Hon. A. G. MacKay Dead of Pneumonia — Praised by All for His Administration.

Edmonton, April 26—Hon. A. G. MacKay, minister of municipal affairs in the Alberta government, died yesterday of pneumonia.

The Hon. Mr. MacKay came to Edmonton in 1912 from Ontario, where he was for a time leader of the Liberal opposition. In the legal profession of Alberta, he soon won a prominent place, and was recognized as one of the ablest criminal lawyers in the province. He was elected a member of the legislature for Athabaska in 1913 and entered the government in 1918 as minister of municipal affairs, to which was later added the department of health. His administration of these departments won him high commendation from political opponents as well as friends and the progressive health legislation of the last two years will remain as a monument to his administration.

ONE WOULD TAX, ONE PENSION THE TEETOTALLERS

Toronto, April 26—A special cable to the Mail and Empire from London says that taxation of the teetotallers in the United Kingdom was proposed this week in the House of Commons by Captain Sir Keith A. Fraser, who, on behalf of the "workingmen's clubs" seeks a more general distribution of the heavy taxation borne by drinkers.

L. P. Jones, head of the prohibitionists, says:—"Sir Keith's idea is ridiculous. If I had my way, I would have the state pay a pension to all abstainers."

SERIOUS TIME IN VENICE BEFORE THE GENERAL STRIKE ENDED.

Paris, April 26—(Havas)—Serious disorders occurred in Venice before the labor council of the city issued an order on Sunday calling off the general strike. One person was killed and about fifteen wounded during a melee that followed an attack on the police commissioner, during which the officer fired on the crowd. The strike resulted from disorders in the garrison during which a soldier was shot by an officer.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "a man I met this morning voted for another man because they both wore the same-sized boot."

"I met one," said Hiram, "that wouldn't vote fer one candidate because he hedn't hed the measles."

"Another," said the reporter, "voted for one man because he had heard the man was in favor of a bounty on bedbugs."

"Another," said Hiram, "wouldn't vote fer one man because he said that man didn't need the money."

"Several men," said the reporter, "told me they would not waste their time going to vote. They said it was all a grab game and you couldn't beat it. They said they had not voted for years and years."

"One feller," said Hiram, "told me he'd been waitin' fer this chance fer five years to git back at a man that went by him one time without speakin'."

"I wonder," said the reporter, "how many people really vote intelligently and with a desire to do the best for the city—regardless of who the men offering may be."

"Well," said Hiram, "it wouldn't take half as long to count 'em as it will to count the ballots tonight. It's the curiousest thing in the world what a little thing 'll make some people vote this way or that way—or not vote at all. But the funniest critter of 'em all is the feller that's afeard somebody 'll put his taxes up. He runs around an' buttonholes everybody, an' you'd think he was jist crazy to git a good city council—when the ony thing that's in the back o' his head is that he wants somebody else to pay all the bills."

"I wonder," said the reporter, "if he is any relation to the one who goes about whispering rumors that would be damaging if true—but which are pure inventions."

"They eat," said Hiram, "out o' the same spoon. It's a pity, too. Why can't people jist set down an' ask themselves who'd be most likely to do the city's bizness in a bizness-like way an' then vote fer 'em?"

"What fools these mortals be!" quoted the reporter.

"Not all of 'em," said Hiram. "The's alwus a savin' remnant—yes, sir. That's one consolation—By Hen!"

SAYS BRITAIN MUST KEEP CONTROL

Matter of Future of Shell Transport and Trading Co., Big Oil Firm.

London, April 26—Negotiations are in progress between the government and the Shell Transport & Trading Company with a view to some form of government control over this big oil firm, according to the Daily Mail. The newspaper says there is reason to believe that a result of Great Britain's war experiences and the present feverish activity by American oil interests, the government has resolved that steps must be taken to insure that the vast interests of the shell company will never pass out of British control. The negotiations involve a plan for exchanging government stock for shell company shares.

Elaborating its references to the activities of American oil men and the view that "their oil fields are showing signs of exhaustion" the Daily Mail intimates that the government's action has as its motive a desire to prevent Americans from absorbing companies controlling actual or potential sources of Great Britain's oil supply.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

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

Synopsis—Barometer is high over Ontario and Quebec and the western provinces, while an extensive area of low pressure is moving towards the Great Lakes. The weather continues quite cold in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and light snow has fallen in many localities

Fair and Cool.

Maritime—Strong north and northwest winds, showery in eastern Nova Scotia, elsewhere fair. Tuesday, fresh northwest winds, fair and cool.

North Shore—Northerly winds, fair and cool. Tuesday, northeast winds, fair and cool.

New England—Increasing cloudiness, probably followed by rain late tonight and Tuesday. Not much change in temperature; moderate north, shifting to east winds.

Toronto, April 26—Temperatures:

Stations.	8 a. m.	Highest Yesterday.	Lowest During Night.
Prince Rupert	46	49	52
Victoria	64	44	60
Kamloops	48	70	46
Calgary	32	52	30
Edmonton	34	40	32
Prince Albert	20	28	18
Winnipeg	26	40	22
White River	40	52	28
Sault Ste. Marie	38	52	32
Toronto	44	53	30
Kingston	42	50	32
Ottawa	42	54	36
Montreal	38	44	30
Quebec	36	38	32
St. John	38	38	34
Halifax	44	44	34
St. John's, Nfld.	40	45	32
Detroit	46	44	39
New York	52	56	38

EXPEL 2,000 FROM UNIONS

Nine Locals Have Their Charters Revoked

B. R. T. Action in New York Because of the Outlaw Strike — Getting Back to Normal in Chicago District.

New York, April 26—More than 2,000 local railroad workers were expelled on Sunday from the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen for the part they have taken in the unauthorized strike in this district, according to Edward McHugh, chairman of the strikers' executive committee. He said the charters of nine local unions were revoked.

Chicago, April 26—The railroads announced last night that more strikers had returned to work during the day and that the movement of live stock and meat was normal. They declared that since the strike began 1,032 workers have returned to duty, while 840 employes had been brought to Chicago from other points.

John Grunau, head of the Chicago Yardmen's Association, following his arraignment with forty-one other strike leaders before United States Commissioner Mason, said no meetings would be called in Chicago. The strikers, he said, would "sit tight at home" until their demands were granted.

PAPER SITUATION

Proprietor of London Daily Telegraph Speaks of Shortage and Outlook.

(Canadian Associated Press.)

Lord Burnham, proprietor of the Daily Telegraph, speaking at a luncheon of newspaper directors here, said that there was at present what was termed a paper famine, due to a real world shortage. What was happening was pregnant with meaning for those who believed that, although we could not perhaps ever be self-sufficient in the British Empire, we ought to be able to draw much more largely than we did on the output of the great dominions beyond the seas.

"It was difficult to see, with the increasing use of paper for all sorts of purposes, how the supply could be made up, unless the resources, particularly of the Dominion of Canada, were utilized to a far greater degree.

"There was not likely to be for many years any effective competition from Germany in the paper trade. The mere fact that Italy had had to draw upon the west for its paper, instead of upon Austria, had contributed to the present scarcity and tended to raise prices to their present level. It was up to the leaders in the paper making industry to do all they could to interest the whole commercial community in the development of our resources upon which was a prime necessity of civilized life. It would be their duty soon to set themselves in downright earnest to developing the paper resources of the empire.

"For years to come there was likely to be a stringency which would react more prejudicially on the whole of our national life. No newspaper man could look without a good deal of fear at the coming years, which were likely to prove almost too heavy for smaller people to bear and which might mean the end of many publications that had had an undoubted value as contributing to the efficiency and knowledge of the people, and might seriously handicap free access to information."

CHILE TO BUY 5 WARSHIPS FROM GREAT BRITAIN

Santiago, Chile, April 26—Five warships will be added to the Chilean navy as a result of negotiations between the Chilean and British governments. Chile has decided to accept an offer of Great Britain to dispose of one dreadnought, three torpedo boat destroyers of 1,800 tons each, and a transport.

Previous despatches have indicated that the dreadnought was the Canada, one of two battleships originally built for Chile in England, both of which the British requisitioned for the European war. The destroyers and auxiliary vessels are taken by Chile to replace the second dreadnought.

SON OF GLADSTONE DEAD IN ENGLAND

London, April 26—(Canadian Associated Press)—The following deaths are announced:—Rev. S. Gladstone, second son of the great statesman of that name; Sir John Boraston, Unionist party agent; Augustine Spicer, paper maker; Colonel Baldwin, North Lancashire magistrate; Charles Sutton, chief librarian of Manchester, and Marlborough Pryor, insurance expert.

SPRING BRINGS NEWS OF FATE OF MEN IN STORM OF NOVEMBER.

Soo, Mich., April 26—The bodies of five men, believed to have been members of the crew of the steamer Myron, lost in a storm on Lake Superior in last November, were recovered on the shore of Whitfish Bay, near Sault Point, Ont., yesterday. Of the Myron's crew of eighteen only one was rescued. It is believed they had all but reached safety when the small boat was overturned.

Soldier's Wedding.

Fredericton, April 26—Milton McLean Fraser and Elsie Verna Clark, both of Chipman, were united in marriage in the Brunswick street Baptist parsonage by Rev. G. C. Warren. They were attended by Mirl Clark of Chipman and Mabel Lemman of Fredericton. The groom was overseas two years, having served with the 115th Battalion.

Potatoes Cheaper; Boycott by Women Believed the Cause

Hamilton, Ont., April 26—The price of potatoes on the market here dropped on Saturday from $6.50 a bag to $5.50, as a result, it is said, of boycott by women of this city.

THE HERO OF KUT.

General Townshend, hero of Kut-El-Amara, who arrived recently in New York to commence his tour of the States.

THE MAJOR LEAGUES

New York, April 26—Heavy batting featured the American League contests last week when ten or more runs were scored in twelve of the eighteen games. The National League pitchers, with five shut outs to their credit, were not so liberally scored upon.

The Chicago American champions continue to head their league with a clean record, winning four straight games, including a victory yesterday over Detroit, which has lost all its eight games this season.

First place in the National League is shared by Cincinnati, Brooklyn and Pittsburg. The Cincinnati world champions received a setback last week, dropping three games out of five. The Superbas took the lead on Saturday, but their defeat yesterday by New York held them back until the Reds and Pirates, who were successful yesterday, caught up to them.

The batting rampage of the Cleveland Americans, who won five straight games by averaging ten runs and nearly thirteen hits to a contest, was checked yesterday by Sothoron of St. Louis.

In the American League, Boston celebrated Patriots' Day on Monday by trouncing New York twice, and won again on Tuesday. The Yankees, without the services of their injured star outfielder, Ruth, defeated Philadelphia twice, but the Athletics took a pitchers' battle yesterday between Naylor and Shawkey. Washington also won twice from the Athletics and broke even with Boston, including Johnston's shutout victory yesterday. St. Louis, Philadelphia and Detroit did not win a game last week. The Tigers hit well in the Cleveland series, but their pitchers failed.

In the National League, Doak of St. Louis pitched two shutout games, aiding the Cardinals to approach nearer the leaders. Pittsburg and Philadelphia each won half their games. The Pirates' two victories were scored at the expense of Cincinnati. Manager Cravath of the Quakers, selected himself as a pinch hitter in a New York contest and won the game with a home run. Boston fielded poorly, dropping three games to Brooklyn and one to New York. New York and Chicago teams apparently have not hit their normal stride.

HONOR BRINGS BIGGER EXPENSE

Paris, April 26—The expense of becoming a member of the French Academy, like the price of everything else in France, has taken an upward trend. Every new member must provide himself with a regulation uniform of green cloth with yellow facings. Before the war the outfit represented an expense of 695 francs, two years ago it rose to 1,200 francs, and today Henry Bordeaux, who is about to be received into the academy will have to pay 2,061 francs for his uniform. In addition he must supply himself with a special hat, sword and sword belt which have also shown a large increase in price.

SUGGESTS PARTNERSHIP.

H. H. Steven, Unionist member for Centre Vancouver, who suggests that the Canadian government enter into partnership with the industrial, commercial and financial forces of the country.

HE HAS PLAYED IN 534 GAMES

Boston Shortstop Makes a Major League Record

In Every Red Sox Game Since June 20, 1916 — Canada Favorite in Championship Contest at Olympics Tonight.

Boston, April 26—Everett Scott, crack shortstop of the Boston Americans, will break all major league records for playing in consecutive games when he takes the field against the Athletics at Philadelphia today. With today's game Scott will have played 534 consecutive league contests. Luderus of the Philadelphia Nations set the record at 533 games last season, but he has not played this year.

Scott started his continuous playing on June 20, 1916, with the Red Sox, and he has not missed a game since. Actually Scott had previously outstripped Luderus through participation in eleven world series games in two years, but these post season contests have not been considered in the consecutive records for regular games.

The Boston shortstop has to his credit also for two years what is said to be the highest fielding average for any shortstop playing the full season in either major leagues. His mark of 976 made in both 1918 and 1919 is the highest on record. "Tuck" Turner's average of 973 in 1910 was the best previously made in the American League, and 968, Joe Tinker's record at short for Cincinnati, the best in the National League.

Olympic Hockey.

Antwerp, April 26—Canada and Sweden will meet tonight in a game which will determine the Olympian hockey championship. That Canada will win the championship seems certain, the Swedish team has little hope except to hold the Falcons to a low score.

Under the Olympic rules, all teams directly beaten by the champion team must compete for second place. Thus the United States, Czecho-Sloviak, and the loser of tonight's game will draw for opponents following that contest. The American team was disappointed, but not chagrined, at its defeat by Canada last night. One hockey expert declared Europe had "never seen a game equal to it."

All competitors are invited to a charity exhibition next Friday. King Albert will probably be present. It is said there is little likelihood of arranging for the Canadian and United States teams to meet again in an exhibition contest.

Beats de Palmas' Records.

Dayton, Fla., April 26—Six world's records for automobiles were broken here yesterday by Tony Milton, in his sixteen cylinder car. The events were sanctioned and supervised by American automobile association officials. Milton covered one kilometre in 14.65; three miles in 1.12.2; four miles in 1.12.14, and five miles in 2.00.04.

Previous records held by Ralph de Palmas were—One kilometre, 14.86; three miles, 1.15.04; four miles, 1.39.77; and five miles, 2.04.56. Milton also reduced his own world's record for the half mile and the mile, doing the half in 11.86 and the mile in 23.56.

OVERTHROW OF ALBANIAN GOVERNMENT

Turkish Nationalist Leader Wins Victory — Reported French Loss.

London, April 26—Supporters of Essad Pasha, a Turkish nationalist leader and former provisional president of Albania, have occupied Tirana, Albania, and overthrown the Albanian government, according to a message from Florina, transmitted by the Exchange Telegraph Company at Athens.

The Albanian government forces were compelled to abandon their munitions. The message says that the rifles they left have been taken over by the Italians.

After considerable fighting between the Essad Pasha forces and the government forces the former reoccupied Kavia, southwest of Durazzo and Kroia. Durazzo is regarded as the objective of the anti-government forces. It is reported that there were 200 casualties in the fighting.

Constantinople, April 24—Five hundred French troops are reported to have been wiped out in the evacuation of Urfa in the northwest part of Mesopotamia. Details are lacking.

MONCTON TO SAVE DAYLIGHT IF C. N. R. ADOPTS NEW TIME

Moncton, April 26—It was announced at the city hall today that daylight time will be adopted here if the C. N. R. adopts the new time.

KHAKI SHIRTS AND WASH 'EM AT HOME

Chicago, April 26—A "collar and shirt" strike, aimed at alleged profiteering by haberdashers and laundrymen, to begin May 5 and continue twenty days, was announced yesterday by a local committee, who expect to have 10,000 adherents in a few days. The strikers will wear khaki shirts, and their washing will be done at home.

CHILEAN ATHLETES WIN.

Santiago, April 26—The fourth South American Olympic tournament came to an end yesterday. For the third time the Chilean athletes were victorious, scoring 61 points against 43 for Uruguay and twenty for Argentina.