

COUNT VON RANTZAU LEAVES FOR BERLIN

Opinions as to Signing Treaty Divided—Is Accompanied By Eleven of Eighteen Advisers—His Return Is Uncertain, His Absence Evidently Being For Considerable Period.

Paris, May 18.—Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, head of the German peace delegation, has started for Berlin. He left Paris at 11.10 o'clock last night for the German capital. Accompanying Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau were 11 of the 18 advisers attached to the economic and financial commissions, other responsible members of the German delegation and twenty secretaries. The party on leaving Versailles occupied eight automobiles, with another carrying their baggage.

Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau came to Paris last night but only for a brief stay. On his way from Versailles to Berlin, the count and other members of his party went thru the city to the northern railway station. They arrived at the station at 10.20 o'clock and departed an hour later.

On arriving at the station the count immediately entered a drawing-room car bearing the imperial German arms which had been coupled to the Paris-Cologne express. After thanking Captain Bourgeois for the courtesy extended by the French officer, the count closed the door himself, while the German attendants drew the window shades. The train left Paris just an hour after he went on board.

When the count will return is uncertain. It was stated in French circles, which at first attempted to conceal his intended departure, that he was going only to Spa and would return on the next train, but his absence undoubtedly is for a considerable period.

Among those who accompanied him was Max Warkentin, Herr Lehnert and Herr Schuecking were not in the party. They will remain at Versailles in charge of negotiations, which may be continued until their chiefs' eventual return. It was evident from a survey of the baggage that several of these who left for the German capital would return. Their departure from Versailles was shrouded in mystery by the French and it was witnessed by no one except a large force of detectives and gendarmes.

To Consult Government.
The purpose of the trip of the peace delegates to Berlin is to discuss with their government whether or not to sign the peace treaty. There is a sharp difference of opinion on this subject. Non-socialist supporters of the government, with the exception of some leaders of industry, are strongly opposed to accepting the conditions imposed by the entente. The independent socialists outside the government are just as strongly in favor of signing. Chancellor Scheidemann himself apparently has not yet made up his mind and is awaiting a detailed report from Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, in its meantime leaving the way open for either an affirmative or negative decision.

It is quite possible that Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau will not return to conduct further negotiations at Versailles, according to reports received here today from Spa.

The views of the chief of the German delegation and those representatives sent from Berlin to consult with him differed so strongly as to the further conduct of the negotiations, according to these reports, that Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau requested that he be replaced at Versailles.

Delegates Disagree.
While the Sunday morning newspapers accept the semi-official French version that Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau has gone to Spa to meet financial experts from Berlin and will be back in Versailles Monday, the journal says it would not be surprising to learn that the count will stay away longer and that his destination is beyond Spa.

According to the Havas Agency ser-

ious disagreements have arisen in the past 24 hours among the German delegates. A majority, including the financial experts, are said to be violently opposed to signing the peace treaty, while Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, with the minority, sees no way out but to sign. The departure of the count is said to be in connection with the disagreements.

A member of the German delegation with the rank of councillor of legation, who returned here recently from Berlin, made this declaration to the press. "We will sign despite all, because we will be hacked to pieces if we return to Berlin without signing."

RAILWAY MECHANICS THREATEN STRIKE

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trades union council, issued yesterday a reply to the speech made by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association by President Roden, who declared the demand for an eight-hour day was based on sentiment. Mr. Gunn in part says:

"The demand for an eight-hour day is partly based on the validity of human rights and partly in accordance with economic principles. If reconstruction means anything, it does not merely mean the restoration of pre-war conditions, but it does and should mean that we must make better living conditions for the masses of the people in Canada. The inconsistency of President Roden's statement is shown by his admission that we must create better conditions, yet when the metal trades make a demand for a shorter working day which is a very important working condition based on the principle that men should have sufficient leisure to develop their spiritual, mental and physical faculties, he remarks that it is a matter of sentiment. The demand is not alone based on human rights, but also on basic economic principle."

Basic Principles.
The demand made by the metal trades is in accordance with economic research, and it is the employers who are showing a disregard for basic economic principles. It appears to the public that strikes are more frequent than lockouts, but the cases ought to be placed at the feet of employers, because, when men are forced to strike, they are placed in the position of aggressors, when, in reality, they are in the defensive position, endeavoring to retain conditions that have been in force. The eight-hour day had been the policy of the labor party for twenty years. During all those years the employers had not taken the trouble to even investigate the question."

The Metal Trades Employers' Association must answer to the community for their refusal to negotiate and placing the citizens in position inimical to their welfare. In Winnipeg, the metal trades employees are told that the eight-hour day will be granted when the east has granted it. In the east, the metal trades employees are told that the eight hours will be granted when the west grants it, and so the vicious argumentative circle goes on."

All Mechanics.
All the Canadian divisions of the Federal Union, comprising railway mechanics on all the railways from Halifax to Vancouver, have decided to walk out tomorrow afternoon unless the Dominion Railway Board meets the demands recently presented for an eight-hour day and higher wages. It is understood that the bakers, cake bakers and drivers have also agreed to decide for a general strike, if necessary.

If the railway mechanics walk out, more than 40,000 men will be added to the numbers of the strikers throughout the Dominion, and more than 4000 in Toronto. By this move practically all me-

chanics except those employed by municipalities, will be on strike in Ontario by Tuesday night.

A meeting at West Toronto yesterday of about 700 members of the crafts comprising division No. 4, railroad department of the American Federation of Labor, unanimously passed a resolution to the effect that, "realizing the necessity of immediate action to assist our fellow-workers who are now demanding a 44-hour week, we go on record to support, by mass action and financially, in order to win this fight between capital and labor." Division No. 4 consists of machinists, boiler-makers, blacksmiths, electricians, pipe fitters, upholsterers, painters, etc.

The meeting also endorsed a telegram from District No. 2, Winnipeg, urging the entire membership to notify the executive of Division No. 4, now in session in Montreal with the war board relative to the schedule negotiations now being carried on, demanding that the war board should immediately deal with the question of hours and wages. Failing this, the 20th inst., the executive of Division No. 4 are urged to proceed to call a general strike of the railroad workers of the Dominion of Canada.

Still Problematic.
Prophecies as to the outcome of the convention which is to be held at the Labor Temple on Tuesday night to decide upon the advisability of calling a general strike are much the same as those immediately preceding a boxing match of international repute, and the odds at the moment of going to press would seem to favor the possibility of such an eventuality. Even the most conservative among the labor leaders voice the opinion that the fight for an eight-hour day is perfectly legitimate. The main difference of opinion lies between those who emphatically advise the sanction of the international officers of all the locals concerned, and those who would go right ahead willy-nilly. Leaders of the fight now being waged in Toronto are certain not only of the general strike, but also of its success, and even the most conservative of the labor men state that the entire movement today results from the attitude of the employers toward the workers generally.

The latest reports show that the street railwaymen, while they have given their delegates to Tuesday night's meeting no directions, will hold a mass meeting later on in the week to consider action, and in the meantime are wiring their international chiefs to appear on the scene to give the sanction which will call them out. On the other hand, the meat cutters at a largely attended meeting held yesterday afternoon at Bayview Road decided to send its delegates to the convention without instructions, thus deciding to take no action. This union will therefore have the findings of the board of conciliation respecting its own grievances before dealing with a general strike. The union is getting the board of conciliation to meet at the earliest moment and to decide the grievances with the greatest possible speed, failing which it might be deemed necessary to take action. The Firemen's Union will not even send delegates to the convention, the officials stating that their constitution forbids any affiliation with such movements as general strikes, and that as yet they have not received from the officials of the Police Union, who it is understood that it will not join the forces of the movement.

General Cessation.
On the other hand, the Toronto local of the International Union of Teamsters has unanimously decided to send F. Scott, P. Woods and P. Hill to the convention on Tuesday with instructions to vote for general cessation of work if necessary. The Painters and Decorators Union has nothing to say about the possibilities of a general strike thru its officials, but it is understood that the members of the Toronto local favor such a move if decided upon. Officials of the union stated yesterday afternoon that they meant to make a clean up in the city, and that to date they had signed up 66 master painters, among whom were six members of the master painters' association, among these being no less a personage than Stuart N. Hughes himself. Mr. Hughes is secretary of the master painters' association. They expressed the determination of the union to make the unscrupulous master painters either sign up or get out of business.

From Winnipeg.
One man who expressed himself as a spectator of the situation in Toronto, with no special interest in the strike one way or the other, stated yesterday afternoon that the psychological factor in the Toronto situation could well be found in the Winnipeg strike, and that having this fact in view it was natural to presume that the chances of a general strike were very strong. He stated that the few locals noted among the district trades council affiliation as refusing to take action would not help to form a criterion as to the general situation since many locals which would be present at the convention of lock on Tuesday night were not affiliated with the district trades council, and that two of these belonging to the garment in-



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member of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union stated that if requested to do so by the general strike committee the telegraphers would convene a special session and decide to go out with the rest.

FELL FROM CAR.
Armand Guay, Main street, New Toronto, had his leg broken Saturday afternoon in a fall from a street car on West Queen street. Guay was removed to the Western Hospital.

Rapidly Cooling.
Other labor men touching upon the psychology of the situation pointed out that while it might be true that Winnipeg was influencing the situation in Toronto to an extent as would naturally follow such an upheaval so near to the Queen City it was also true that Winnipeg and Calgary, indeed Vancouver, had always been recognized as centres of radicalism of various shades, and therefore not forming a reliable criterion for Toronto. Opinion was general however, that Toronto was rapidly evolving out of the groove into which it had been led many years, and that even the most conservative leaders were fast becoming alive to the change wrought by the great war.

Denied Implication.
Tom Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Congress, who was in Toronto, en route to Sarnia, where he will sit with the other members of the industrial commission had nothing to say as to the possibilities of a general strike except to deny the alleged implication in the report of The Toronto World of Saturday morning that the international organizations of the A. F. of L. were using Canadian labor for ulterior purposes.

G. N. W. Operators.
The G. N. W. operators it was asserted yesterday afternoon would decide to walk out if a general strike was called. No special meeting has been called to consider this matter, but one

RAILWAY DIVIDEND

Guelph, Ont. May 18.—At a special meeting of the board of directors of the Junction Railway held on Saturday a dividend amounting to 6 3/4 per cent, totaling \$11,475 was declared on the capital stock. This is a great increase over the dividend for the same quarter last year.

GUELPH, METHODISTS FLOURISH

Guelph, Ont. May 18.—At the Guelph district meeting of the Methodist church the reports from all circuits showed a general increase in church activities. The meeting was presided over by Rev. H. B. Christie, chairman of the district.



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