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PEACE RUMORS BRITISH CRISIS DENIED

BOTH SIDES FIRM AS THIRD DAY OF GENERAL STRIKE NEARS END

Transportation Services Further Improved—Government Wins in Move in Parliament To Control Situation

NO COMPROMISE, SAYS GAZETTE

Edinburgh Mob of Several Thousand Clashes With Police; Five Constables and Several Civilians Injured, Five Rioters Jailed

LONDON, May 6.—The government won a victory in the House of Commons today on its proposed measures to control the strike situation. A labor amendment to a bill relating to the protection of property was defeated 317 to 95.

LONDON, May 6.—(5.30 p.m.)—The evening of the third day of the great strike finds the British Government and the trades union congress steadily entrenching and fortifying their positions without an indication of a break anywhere.

The British Worker, the strikers' organ, in a bulletin issued at 5 p.m., declared the situation was unchanged, the workers holding on quietly but tenaciously.

The Government is increasing its volunteer services, but the economic life of the country remains paralyzed.

The administration's new mouthpiece, The British Gazette, declared: "There can be no compromise of any kind. Either the country will break the general strike, or the general strike will break the country."

Notwithstanding the statement of the Premier that the general strike was a challenge to parliament and the road to anarchy and ruin, and his declaration that the government would not resume negotiations for peace until the workers withdrew their strike order, one of the rumors afloat is that Mr. Lloyd George is essaying the role of mediator.

A. J. Cook, secretary of the Miners' Federation, asserted positively today that there was no foundation for peace rumors, and nobody who likely would know the situation, has been found willing to say anything to encourage such hope.

TRANSPORTATION BETTER

Meantime the third day of the general strike began without any apparent improvement over yesterday's situation. While the greater part of the country's business continues held up, and loss and inconvenience are widespread, the food supply and light and power services are, on the whole, being adequately maintained.

NEWSPAPERS PROGRESS

Twenty-five provincial and four London newspapers have announced that they will immediately print their ordinary number of emergency editions.

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DISORDER AT EDINBURGH

EDINBURGH, May 6.—The first serious disorder here in connection with the strike, occurred late last night when a crowd of several thousand clashed with the police.

BELEFAST, May 6.—Parliament has passed the emergency powers bill through all its stages and obtained the royal assent to it.

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Echoes of British Strike

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—Financial as well as moral support was pledged striking miners of England by President Frank Parrington, of the Illinois Mine workers, in a cablegram to Secretary A. J. Cook, of the British Federation of Miners.

LONDON, Ont.—Moral and financial support to striking British workers was unanimously pledged by delegates to the London Trades and Labor Council here last night.

LE BOURGET, France.—Passenger service from the airfield here has been tripled owing to the British strike, and rates have been doubled.

BRUSSELS, Belgium.—The executive committee of the International Miners' Federation has been convened to meet Monday to determine its attitude toward the British strike.

ESSEN, Germany.—The miners of all nations, including the Christian Trade Unions have issued a joint appeal to the Ruhr Valley miners to prevent the shipment of fuel to England and to refuse to work overtime.

MOSCOW, The executive committee of the Soviet Labor Confederation passed a resolution today to appeal all union members and workers in Soviet institutions to contribute one quarter of one day's wages to the striking British workers.

VIENNA.—The Arbeiter Zeitung says the executive of the Austrian Metal Workers' Association has decided to send financial assistance to the British workers.

JERUSALEM.—The Jewish Labor Federation of Palestine was urged to lend its support to the general strike of the British trades unions in a message from the International Federation at Amsterdam.

SYDNEY, Australia.—Following the lead of the English miners, the coal mine employees of the State of New South Wales have given notice of their intention to go on strike on Saturday, May 8, owing to their dissatisfaction with the recent arbitration award.

THREE EXECUTED

Russian Trio Shot After Conviction on Conspiracy Charges

MOSCOW, May 6.—The political police announce that three officials of the Exchange Department of the Finance Commissariat have been shot following their conviction on charges of implication in a speculative conspiracy designed to cause the fluctuation of bonds and currency.

North Ireland Parliament To Prevent Profiteering In Coal and Necessaries

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DUBLIN, May 6.—The live cattle trade in England is likely to be interrupted if the general strike is of long duration.

The Association of Engineers is preparing a list of members who will volunteer for maintenance of the public services should the general strike spread to Ulster.

MORE ACTIVITY PROMISED IN LOCAL HARBOR

Foster, Frink, Bullock Return From Ottawa Visit

SUM FOR STATION

Negotown Breakwater Extension, Courtenay Bay Docks Are Considered

COMMISSIONERS J. H. FRINK, T. H. Bullock and Hon. W. E. Foster, who pressed the claims of Saint John's transportation requirements upon the federal government in an Ottawa conference, returned home today, and reported assurances which, if materialized, would see increased activity in a few weeks in the main harbor and its outlying facilities.

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The result of the delegations visit was—

REPAIRS TO DEPOT

1st.—An assurance from Hon. Mr. Dunning of the railways department that the estimates would contain a generous allowance for repairs to the Saint John depot.

2nd.—The Minister of Public Works, Dr. H. King, said that the matter of extending the Negotown breakwater was so pressing a matter that the opinion of his engineers that it was not improvable would be commended to the Federal capital to submit conditions to the minister and set forth our harbor's most pressing needs.

3rd.—The construction of another dock unit at the head of Courtenay Bay was uppermost in the mind of the Public Works official and if the Minister of Finance would cooperate in financing the funds this work would begin this year.

4th.—If the work proposed at Negotown Breakwater and that outlined for the head of Courtenay Bay interlocked, both jobs would proceed simultaneously.

FRINK'S STATEMENT

In a prepared statement given by Commissioner Frink, who was spokesman for the civil delegation, he said to a Times-Star reporter: "The question of assistance to the port of Saint John has taken a turn somewhat of the ordinary. The Minister of Public Works at Ottawa, through Hon. Dr. Foster, of our city, invited a roundtable conference concerning the necessities of our port. Commissioners Bullock and myself proceeded to the Federal capital to submit conditions to the minister and set forth our harbor's most pressing needs."

The Hon. Mr. Dunning, Minister of Railways, assured us there would be funds provided for the repairing of the C.N.R. depot, Mill street.

Then our delegation made strong representations concerning the extension of the Negotown jetty breakwater. Minister King's reply was that this work was already under definite consideration and if everything proceeded as usual, it would be completed by the end of the year.

THIRTY PASSENGERS DROWN IN BLACK SEA

PARIS, May 6.—Thirty passengers are reported to have been drowned by the sinking of a Russian ship near Kustenej, on the Black Sea in Rumania, says a despatch to L'Information from Bucharest.

Credits Currie With Ont. Liquor Report

Canadan Press TORONTO, May 6.—Although Premier Howard Ferguson stated he had no announcement to make at the conclusion of a meeting of the cabinet last evening, the Globe this morning credits Col. J. A. Currie, Conservative member for Southeast Toronto, with saying that there is no general election in Ontario before the end of June, the legislature may be called about July 1 and legislation for government control of the liquor traffic passed.

Figures In British General Strike



Main photo shows a group of the million or more miners on strike receiving strike benefits during a previous tie-up. The insets are of A. J. Cook, one of the powers behind the miners, former labor premier, upper right; Premier Baldwin, lower left, and J. H. Thomas, General Secretary Railway Workers, right.

Strike Sidelights

The Prince of Wales, who called off his vacation in France and flew home in an aeroplane because of the strike, with his brother, the Duke of York, listened in the House of Commons to Home Secretary Jowson-Hicks intimate that troops would maintain services of vital importance if necessary.

The Norwegian government has banned the exportation of coal and coke.

Business firms in New York which have London connections, are keeping them informed of what is happening in England, owing to the suspension of the English newspapers. One firm has sent a cable of 600 words containing a resume of the news in England printed in New York newspapers.

It is reported the Mexican Religious Confederation of Labor is taking steps to curtail or prevent shipments of Mexican foodstuffs, petroleum and other vital products to the United States. The confederation is also considering financial assistance to the British strikers.

London's volunteer train crews are nondescript lot but apparently they know their business. In place of the regular uniformed guards are men in well dressed man who smoked his pipe complacently. He was a master engineer who probably is more accustomed to a limousine these days than the underground railway.

The Times, which yesterday was only able to publish a typescript leaflet appears this morning in its usual form but with only four pages. There are 15 columns of advertisements, the rest of the paper is chiefly devoted to strike news and the proceedings of parliament.

For the first time since the general strike began, mounted police were seen in the central part of London yesterday afternoon.

The Council of the Trades Union Congress yesterday expressed its cordial appreciation of the statement issued by the headquarters of the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress, which expressed full agreement with the principles of the British workers and pronounced them full support.

Attempts of strike sympathizers to halt the volunteer transportation services, gave rise to further rioting. Today the worst of the disorders were in Scotland, especially along the Clyde-side.

At Musselburgh, near Edinburgh, a train was attacked and passengers were injured by the smashing of the windows. In the Scotch capital there were sanguinary troubles during the night, with police welding their clubs in mass charges to clear the streets of rioting gangs which sought to stop the emergency tramway service. Buses were attacked at Paisley.

Mounted police were called into action in the southeastern section of London, at the "Elephant and Castle," a tavern and traffic centre, where strike sympathizers attacked and set fire to a motor bus.

POLAR DIRIGIBLE LANDS AT VADSO

OSLO, Norway, May 6.—The dirigible Norge arrived at Vadsø, northern Norway, at 4:30 o'clock this morning. The airship, which is to endeavor to take the Amundsen-Elsworth expedition across the North Pole from Spitzbergen, left its hangar at Tromsø, a suburb of Leningrad, Wednesday morning. The Norge made the flight between Tromsø and Vadsø, a distance of about 700 miles northward as the crow flies, in about 19 hours. The final jump of the dirigible to King's Bay, Spitzbergen, lies about 700 miles across the Arctic Ocean. The start across the pole will be made from King's Bay. Just when Commander Noble intends to leave northward has not yet been announced.

ELMER DAVIS PLEADS FOR NATIONAL AMITY

Would Favor Eastern Goods, Even At Higher Cost

HITS TAX LEVIES

Says Present System In Canada Handicaps Industry; Counsels Economy

HAMILTON, Ont., May 6.—The problems of the Maritime Provinces were referred to by Elmer Davis, Kingston, retiring chairman of the Ontario division of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, at the annual meeting here this afternoon. He said the question was how Ontario and Quebec manufacturers could help the sister provinces.

"I think that they would be satisfied in a measure at least if a better demand could be found, not only for their manufactured goods but specially for their natural products, particularly fish and coal," he said.

IMPETUS IS GIVEN TO FRENCH MINING

Market For United States Coal May Be Established at Seaports

WASHINGTON, May 6.—Cable advice from Paris to the Commerce Department says the British coal strike is giving impetus to French coal production and that if the suspension of exports indefinitely markets for United States coal may be created at Bordeaux, Marseilles and La Rochelle.

Stocks in France were described as lower than usual although those in the Ruhr recently increased. Stocks at all ports, except Marseilles, were negligible and shipments in transit from England were estimated to be sufficient for normal deliveries for two or three weeks.

RIVER RISES OVER FOOT AT CAPITAL

J. F. Gallagher is Appointed Steamship Agent of Crystal Stream Co.

Special to The Times-Star FREDERICTON, May 6.—The Saint John River here rose at the rate of more than one inch an hour last night. A check kept on it showed a rise of 12 inches between 8 p. m. and 8 a. m. This morning the rate of advance was continued.

The Crystal Stream S. S. Company has appointed J. F. Gallagher local agent in succession to the late W. J. Southern. The steamer Miletic is expected here tonight from Saint John on the first run of the season. The city warehouse used by the company is flooded, and today the temporary office had to be removed from the high water wharf because of the further rise of the water. The steamer probably will tie up below the highway bridge.

There is every prospect of the freeze coming higher. The height of water is still several feet below the level reached by the freeze of 1923, which was 12 inches below the freeze of 1887, the highest in the history of the Saint John River. The Nahwaak River is rising and the same is true of all tributaries of the Saint John; the snow in the woods is beginning to melt.

FRENCH FRANC GOES TO NEW LOW MARK

Quoted at 32.25 at Close of Paris Bourse Business Today

PARIS, May 6.—The French franc went to new depths today. At the close of the bourse it was quoted at 32.25 to the dollar, and 156.05 to the pound, its lowest official quotation.

The Weather

SYNOPSIS.—Pressure is relatively high over the eastern and lower over the western portion of the continent. Except for a few light showers in Southern Ontario and in the West the weather is fair, becoming warmer from Ontario eastward, warm in Manitoba, and somewhat cooler further west.

FORECASTS: Cloudy; Warmer. MARITIME.—Moderate to fresh winds; partly cloudy today and Friday, becoming a little warmer. NEW ENGLAND.—Fair tonight and Friday; rising temperatures Friday; moderate northeast winds, becoming variable.

TEMPERATURES. TORONTO, May 6, 1926. Lowest Highest during 8 a. m. yesterday, night. Victoria ... 42 52 42 Toronto ... 51 50 42 Montreal ... 56 56 36 Saint John ... 40 44 30 Halifax ... 40 42 30