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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.

Transportation is gradually improving, although it still remains far below the normal needs. More trains and tram cars were operating today than the first two days of the strike.

The railway companies claim to be rapidly improving their services.

The London, Midland and Scottish Railway, one of the largest systems in the British Isles, announces that it ran 300 trains Wednesday and will run 400 today.

Other companies made plans for numerous trains today and hoped for a daily increase in their number. Early this morning, one London tube boldly announced "Full service." Another said it had enrolled 3,000 volunteers, enough for the present, and that it would not ask for more unless necessary arose.

NEWSPAPERS PROGRESS.

Twenty-five provincial and four London newspapers have announced that they will immediately print their ordinary number of emergency editions. In some cases it is believed police protection will be necessary to insure the safety of their staffs.

The British Gazette printed conspicuously today a notice to the printing trade, to say that when the strike is over, the government will take effective measures to prevent victimization by the trade unions of any men who remain at work and that no settlement will be agreed to that does not provide adequate reprisals.

NO COMPROMISE

"As far as the general strike is concerned, there can be no compromise of any kind. Either the country will break the general strike, or the general strike will break the country. The government will not flinch from the issue. They will use all resources at their disposal, and whatever measures are necessary to secure in a decisive manner the authority of parliamentary government. All loyal citizens should range themselves behind the government and parliament in the task of defeating in exemplary fashion, the deliberate organized assault upon the rights and freedom of the nation. The authority of parliamentary government over any sectional combination must be vindicated."

The government continues to take precautions against the disturbance of the constable severely injured. Five of the rioters were arrested.

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. President John Colbert was empowered to call an emergency meeting at any time when financial aid may be required by the British workers.

LE BOURGET, France.—Passenger service from the airfield here has been tripled owing to the British strike, and rates have been doubled. The greater part of the postal service is being routed by air.

BRUSSELS, Belgium.—The executive committee of the International Miners' Federation has been convened to meet Monday to determine its attitude toward the British strike. The Belgian Miners' Association will meet for the same purpose today.

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.

A victory by the English operators would have catastrophic consequences for the development of the world's coal market, as well as for the miners of all countries, the appeal declares.

MOSCOW, Russia.—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, Austria.—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 announced 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. Other participants have been sentenced to imprisonment.

North Ireland Parliament To Prevent Profiteering In Coal and Necessaries

BELFAST, May 6.—Parliament has passed the emergency powers bill through all its stages and obtained the royal assent to it. The measure was designed to protect the public against greed and profiteering in coal and other necessities.

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

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.

They sat in lengthy session with Hon. J. H. King, Minister of Public Works; Hon. Robert Donning, Minister of Railways and Canal, and Sir Henry Thornton, executive head of the Canadian National Railways.

Dr. Murray MacLaren, M. P., and Thomas Bell, M. P., members from this constituency, were present, and throughout the discussion of Saint John's port needs the ministerial representatives of the government encouraged frank and detailed information, avowing themselves and the government as a whole to be interested in the development of this sea-gate as a national asset.

The net 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 Negrotown breakwater was so pressing a matter in the opinion of his engineers that it was not improbable work would be commenced within a few days.

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 furnishing the funds this work would begin this year.

4th.—If the work proposed at Negrotown 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 Negrotown port breakwater. Minister King's reply was that this work was already under definite consideration and if everything proceeded as usual.

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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.

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

Canadian 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 for 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.

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

Canadian Press 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.

URGES PREFERENCE

Giving preference to the product of the Maritimes, even if necessary at a slightly higher cost, was a splendid opportunity to contribute to national unity and development, if only a portion of the annual bituminous consumption of Ontario manufacturers could go to the Maritimes, the added tonnage would solve their mine problem for both the operators and the miners, he thought.

Rigid public economy and a stable, dependable government policy were urged by Mr. Davis. Taxation as it existed in Canada handicapped Canadian industry in the competitive markets at home and abroad, he said. National obligations must be met. The necessity for economy applied to manufacturers as well as governments, councils, boards of education and the general public.

ENCOURAGING SIGNS

The year just closed had been one of continued readjustment and reconstruction in industry, Mr. Davis said, but the adversity of today would be the stepping stone to prosperity of tomorrow. The advance in the new-print industry, the favorable national trade balance, the vastly improved condition of agriculture was responsible in a large measure for the improved conditions in industry. The return of agricultural prosperity was not likely to prove a flash in the pan, either. There was reasonable grounds for hope that it would continue for some years.

Melville P. White, of Toronto, was elected chairman for the coming year.

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.

Table with 3 columns: Location, 8 a.m., Highest during night. Locations include Toronto, Victoria, Montreal, Saint John, Halifax.

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.

POLAR DIRIGIBLE LANDS AT VADSO

Completes Jump of 700 Miles in About 19 Hours Without Mishap

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.

VICTORY NO FLUKE

Miles Answers Criticism of Boston Marathon; Gets Freedom of Sydney

Canadian Press Dispatch. SYDNEY, N. S., May 6.—"It has been suggested that the Boston Marathon was a fluke. Before long we hope to show the people of America that it was no fluke," declared John S. Miles, amid great applause, here yesterday afternoon, when he received the freedom of the city, and presentations in appreciation of his great victory. His mother was given \$200 in gold, and his father a silver cup.