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### THE RAILWAY WAGE QUESTION.

LONDON, Sept. 25.  
Sir Eric Geddes, Minister of Transport, and the entire Executive Committee of the National Union of Railway Men, conferred for two hours and a half this morning over the railway wage question, which is threatening a nation-wide railway strike. The conferences took adjournment until four o'clock this afternoon.

### GOVERNMENT TO NEGOTIATE.

LONDON, Sept. 25.

(Reuters)—The papers dwell to-day on the gravity of the threatened railway strike. They emphasize that the public, which is already paying heavily for railway and travelling transport, cannot safely be ignored by either side in this dispute. It is pointed out that the strike announcement was issued on the very day that the new Ministry of Transport came into existence and it consequently seems almost as if it were a challenge. Sir Eric Geddes, it is stated, cannot allow himself to be stampeded by a pistol held at his head. In other quarters the Govt. was blamed for its delay in settling the question of standard wage and it pointed out that the threat had always succeeded in compelling the reopening of negotiations which the railway executive had believed were closed. Consequently it is believed that the Government offer to negotiate will be accepted by the union officials. The latter retort to the charge that they are wantonly precipitating a strike that the discontent of the men has become so acute that they are likely to force a stoppage of railway traffic at the week end.

### ANOTHER STRIKE THREATENED.

BUFFALO, N.Y., Sept. 25.  
With a general strike of soft coal miners in the United States set tentatively for November 1st, operators and representatives of men met here to-day in an effort to avert it by reaching an agreement on the question of wages, working hours and working conditions.

### INVESTIGATION CALLED.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.  
Investigation of a nation wide steel strike by the Senate Labor Committee which begins to-day, was called to determine "If the situation in any way can be relieved by Federal action." John Fitzpatrick, Chairman of the Strikers' Organization, has assured the Committee he would present labor's side of the controversy and he was summoned as first witness. Judge Cary was summoned to pre-

sent the other side of the controversy but will be unable to appear until next week. He will be asked to make a detailed statement and then submit to cross examination.

### BOLSHEVIKI ANNIHILATED.

LONDON, Sept. 25.

Pierce fighting was in progress throughout the day and yesterday in Petrograd, where Esthonians annihilated two Bolshevik Regiments, according to Esthonian despatches received here to-day.

### NO LOSS, ANYWAY.

PARIS, Sept. 25.

A rumor was in circulation on the Bourse here to-day that Nikolai Lenine, Russian Bolshevik Premier, had been assassinated.

### A JOB FOR NORWAY.

PARIS, Sept. 25.

The Supreme Council of the Peace Conference at this morning's session approved a report of the Commission on Spitzbergen, granting a Norway political suzerainty over the Spitzbergen Archipelago. The Council also decided that the Kengue territory in Northern Mosambique, detached from the German colonial possessions, should be given to Portugal.

### POWER OF LABOR INCREASING.

HAMILTON, Sept. 25.

Counselling wisdom and patience in an address dealing with labor problems in Canada, Ben Tillett, the British Labor M. P., addressed the Trades and Labor Congress this morning dealing with the great growth of the labor movement in Great Britain. Mr. Tillett declared that the Trades Union movement embraced 5,000,000 workers whose power was increasing rapidly. Events in the Old Country he said, were driving the various elements in the movement together. He then detailed the programme adopted by the so-called unskilled workers' union, including the dockers. After a reference to the trials of the pioneer of the dockers' organization, Mr. Tillett declared "and now we have the temerity to go before representatives of the Government and talk with an air of wisdom and confidence. We are inspiring a very healthy respect on the part of the other side too. In fact it might be called a two-in-one movement."

### SERIOUS EXPLOSION.

MONTREAL, Sept. 25.

Fourteen men were injured at the Canadian Vickers Shipbuilding Plant

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### ITALIAN SITUATION GRAVE.

ROME, Sept. 25.

In political circles where the Fiume affair is virtually monopolizing attention, it is commented on that Italy's internal situation is grave economically for want of food and raw material, and grave financially because American dollars are bringing a premium of one hundred per cent. It has been rendered far more serious, politically, by the recent Fiume developments.

### ADVISED TO HURRY.

PARIS, Sept. 25.

Speaking in the Chamber of Deputies to-day on the German peace treaty, Premier Clemenceau said that if he had any word to send the United States Senate it would be that it hurry the ratification of the treaty. Replying to criticism of the League of Nations was not as perfect as President Wilson would have desired, but that he (Clemenceau) had no criticism to offer. If Germany had not declared war, the Premier said during his remarks, she would have Germanized the whole world. The Socialists in the chamber where there was a full attendance of the deputies, protested violently against this assertion.

### SINN FEINER ACQUITTED.

DUBLIN, Sept. 25.

Patrick O'Keefe, Sinn Fein Member of Parliament for the N. Division of Cork, was acquitted to-day after a trial by court martial, on the charge of unlawfully having arms in his possession. He was arrested on Sept. 12 during the series of raids and searches for arms and documents carried out

by the authorities here and elsewhere in Ireland.

### GOVT. ASKED TO INTERVENE.

PARIS, Sept. 25.

A Jugo-Slav communique received here says that D'Annunzio's troops have arrested numerous Jugo-Slav printing shops there. Thousands of refugees from Fiume and Bihaak, it adds, are arriving in Scutari (agran), and other Croatian towns, asking the Jugo-Slav Government to intervene and protect the interests of the Jugo-Slavs.

### READ A FIRST TIME.

OTTAWA, Sept. 25.

In the Senate this afternoon, the Covenant ratifying the Versailles Treaty of Peace and the League of Nations was received from the Commons, and read the first time, and placed on the order paper for a second reading on Tuesday next.

### STAMFORD, CONN.

The steamship Rosalind of the Red Cross Line went aground on Cow's Reef in Long Island Sound to-day. She was bound from St. John's and Halifax to New York, and carried 140 passengers and 90 of a crew.

(A further message from New York reads: "Advices received by offices of the Red Cross Line, owners of the stranded steamer Rosalind, were to the effect that number one hold was filled nearly completely with water and that there was a leakage around the boilers. The passengers had all been removed, according to traffic manager Cosgrove, and taken to a hotel in New Haven preparatory to being sent to New York by rail. Wrecking tugs, he said, had been rushed to the aid of the Rosalind.

Other messages relating to the Rosalind going aground were received by Harvey & Co., local agents, and Bowring Brothers, but no particulars were given. Mr. Fred H. Ellis received a message from his sister, Mrs. Lumsden, of the Rosalind, who was making her honeymoon trip with her husband, from Stamford, Conn., which read: "Landed at Stamford, Conn.; all safe and well.)

### Whence the Inspiration?

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In reply to that of Mr. Woods in yesterday's "Telegram" may I back up what was stated in "The Industrial Worker" on Saturday last by saying first that the Business Manager of the N.I.W.A. has helped the firemen to the best of his ability, whenever appealed to, and that since the firemen have been affiliated with the N.I.W.A. he has been to a large extent responsible for the increase in wages. Furthermore it was the Business Manager of the N.I.W.A. who was chiefly instrumental in getting the increased wage in the spring of 1919.

Moreover, the offer of \$65.00 a month which was made the firemen at that time was accepted, without demur by the firemen's local and also by Mr. Wood's himself.

It was but a short time after this when a move was made to get higher wages, and was it not owing to the fact that the N. I. W. A. considered the settlement of the wage question so shortly before, as binding for the rest of the season, and so refused to intercede in the firemen's behalf that gave Mr. Wood's the opportunity he desired to again dominate the "Firemen's Union, apart from the N. I. W. A. influence, and at the same time secure to himself a salary as delegate. As to the question of arrears and the mortality fund, it appears rather strange that such an inspired writer could join an association without knowing what his monthly dues would be. (It would tax the credulity too much to believe that Mr. Wood's did not intend paying or that he conceived the idea of regulating the dues levied by his clear reasoning.) Despite Mr. Wood's cry of Humanitarianism we fail to see that there was any justification for his action in the hospital affair. It is really too bad that the Editor of the "The Industrial Worker" is not so straightforward as to back up what he is told by the delegate of the Firemen's Union, and apparently to judge from the tone of Mr. Wood's letter the present Editor is much inferior to his predecessor because he is not chummy with Mr. Wood's himself—too bad.

The loan of \$200.00 by the firemen to the N. I. W. A. was, I understand, a gift to the strike fund of 1915, but finding that the amount in question is considered as a loan by the firemen, the N. I. W. A. is willing and has been willing to refund—so I believe—to the Firemen's Union, but not to Mr. Wood's personally, who rumour said, claimed the \$200.00 as due him for his delegatory duties.

In conclusion may I remind Mr. and "malicious innuendo is a coward's weapon" and also advice him to study up the word scab. (This latter would be much more profitable than some of his loud talkings.) The scab accusation was refuted 5 months ago and no man would hurl such a false invective at an opponent for the sake of degrading the truth. I published the article of my own volition and as I publish all else, in the interests of truth, and unimpaired of the effect upon personal vanities, and tending to no one, not even to the superior intellect of Mr. Wood's or his letter writer.

S. J. HEFFERTON,  
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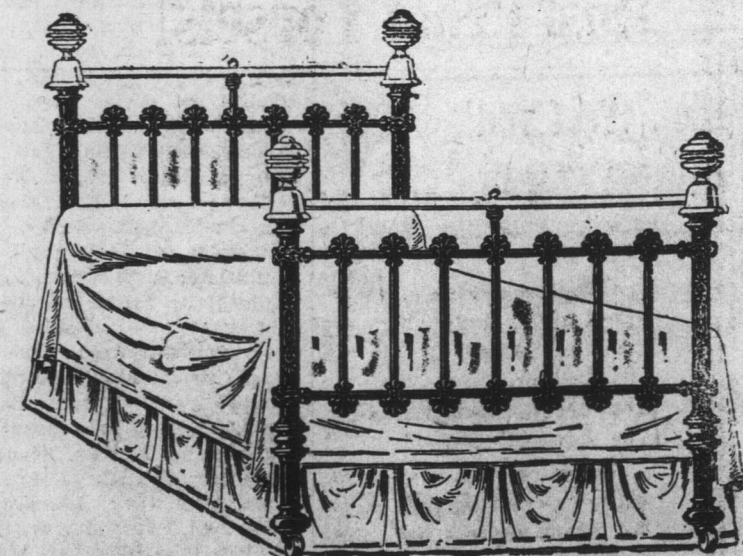
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