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## EFFORTS AT MEDIATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND RY STRIKERS HAVE FAILED

National Union of Railwaymen Has Rejected the Government's Offer of Arbitration and Also a Seven Days' Truce.

### SITUATION SAID TO BE SERIOUS

Premier Lloyd George Insists That Men Must Return to Work Before Negotiations Can Be Reopened.

### The Home Office Issues Appeal For Citizens' Guards

London, Oct. 3.—The Home Office has issued an appeal for the formation throughout the country of "citizens' guards" to assist the police and special constables in protecting peaceful citizens, and for the maintenance of supplies of foodstuffs and other necessities of life.

London, Oct. 3.—Hopes of an early settlement of the railroad strike which seemed to brighten yesterday, and last night was shattered when it became known that efforts to mediate between the government and the National Union of Railwaymen had failed. That the situation is grave is generally admitted.

Officials of the transport workers' union will seek another interview with Premier Lloyd George today, and there will be meetings of executives of various unions involved in the controversy for the purpose of considering the course of action that is to be followed.

Premier Lloyd George insists the men must resume work before negotiations will be reopened. Many proposals were received at the local headquarters of the National Union from provincial branches today urging that the Premier's ultimatum be accepted, but it was said by leaders of the organization that the government's offer of withholding the men's pay for the last week they worked had precluded resumption.

Responsibility for withholding the men's wages is assumed by the government in a statement issued last night. It reads as follows:

"The members of the National Union of Railwaymen broke their contracts and stopped work without notice in complete disregard of the effect their action would have on the persons and property of ordinary citizens in their charge. This inflicted damage on innumerable people, led to loss of life, and caused great expense by leaving them stranded without conveyances and inflicted great losses upon many by preventing them from reaching their destinations. The damages to which they are liable in law are vast—far more than the amount now being withheld.

If an early resumption of work occurs, different considerations may arise. In the meantime, the country is still subjected to unequaled injury by the railwaymen's action, and, in these circumstances, the government would not be justified by handing over to the strikers a sum which would be used for prolonging a struggle undertaken without any consideration for the welfare of the public, and which is endangering the whole life of the nation."

Conflicting Claims. Newspapers, which strongly support the government, claim the latter is winning and urge no surrender. The same claim is made by strike leaders.

J. H. Thomas, leader of the railwaymen, has sent a message to the Herald, labor organ, which reads as follows: "Railwaymen should the world they could fight the Germans, and are now showing they can fight for freedom here."

C. T. Cramp, president of the National Union of Railwaymen, also sent a message to the Herald saying: "All is going grandly, and news of all centres now indicates our strong position."

Significance is attached in some quarters to the fact that the Miners Federation was represented at conferences yesterday. Secretary Frank Hodges of the Federation attended a meeting last evening, and the subsequent announcement that Robert Williams, General Secretary of the Transport Workers' Union, would try to hold another conference with Premier Lloyd George tomorrow, was the result of the attendance in the opinion of many.

An executive officer of one of the Scottish miners' associations said yesterday: "The time has come for miners to take national action in support of the railwaymen."

Reject Proposal. London, Oct. 3.—An official statement issued from Downing street this evening, says the National Union of

### Terrible Loss of Life and Heavy Damage Follow Floods in Southern Spain

Madrid, Oct. 3.—One hundred persons have been drowned and loss exceeding 10,000,000 pesos has been caused, it is estimated, by the floods in Southeastern Spain, and had now continues to come in. The city of Cartagena, where so many were drowned by the inundation of the lower part of the town, and thirty villages were still isolated by the floods Thursday night. Two fishing boats were wrecked in the Straits of Torrevieja, near Alicante, by the violent haliborn, by which, also, the roofs of a number of buildings were crushed in. Many small houses have been demolished and larger houses undermined. In one region two huts, in which eleven persons had taken refuge, were carried away bodily by a torrent and all the inmates were drowned.

### The Handley-Page Bombing Plane Ready For Flight

Made a Most Successful Trial Yesterday, and is Ready for Its Trip to New York.

Paris, Oct. 3.—The giant Handley-Page bombing plane Atlantic, under command of Admiral Kerr, R. A. F., and piloted by Major Brackley, one of the most famous of British aviators, made a successful flight here this afternoon, preparatory to a hop-off for New York and a subsequent tour of the principal American and Canadian cities. The bomber carried, in addition to her full complement, a number of passengers, including Mayor S. T. Salor, Miss Joan Mahony, Miss Veronica, McNamara and B. L. Tucker, of Paris; Mrs. Steadman, wife of Colonel Steadman, of the Airship's crew, W. H. Dennis, vice-president of the Canadian Press, and a representative of the Canadian Press. The Atlantic got away to a perfect start, and after flying over the town for fifty minutes at various altitudes up to four thousand feet, and then descending to a height of 1,500 feet made off for Macan Junction at a speed of thirty miles an hour. The Atlantic circled about the town, making a perfect landing. Just before dark. The most impressive feat of the Atlantic flight was her extreme steadiness under all conditions felt today.

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### SOURCE OF LAVA FLOW LOCATED

The Lava Stream, 300 Feet High and Same Breadth, is Slightly Checked.

Rio, Hawaii, Oct. 3. (By The A. P.)—The source of the lava flow from the volcano Mauna Loa, which began to erupt last Saturday, was located today 8,500 feet above Puako Koo, an offshoot on the mountain Kae, which has an elevation of 13,825 feet. The lava stream, three hundred feet high, and the same breadth, flows slightly checked and it makes a noise that can be heard for miles.

The lava, so far, has built a cape quarter of a mile southward. Observers estimated the flow first traveled to the ocean at the rate of twenty to thirty miles an hour. The lava, which pours like water from the crater, drops six thousand feet on its twenty miles flow to the sea.

### U. S. ARRANGES TO RETURN HOME BODIES OF SOLDIER DEAD

Those Buried in G. B., Belgium, Italy and Northern Russia to be Returned as Soon as Transportation Can be Arranged.

Washington, Oct. 3.—Bodies of all American soldiers buried in Germany, Belgium, Italy, Great Britain, Luxembourg and Northern Russia will be returned to the United States as soon as necessary transportation can be arranged.

Secretary Baker announced he had issued instructions for the purchase, storage and traffic division of the general staff to take charge of the matter, and to hasten it as much as possible.

The action, Mr. Baker said, did not indicate any change in the departmental attitude toward the return of the soldier dead in France. Secretary Baker said it was hoped that the great majority of American parents would decide to let them remain there, but that the wishes of the relatives desiring the bodies returned would be carried out.

Railwaymen has rejected the government's offer of arbitration, and also a seven days' truce proposed by the government.

## MUST EXPIATE MURDER CRIME JANUARY 25TH

Montreal Jury Returns Verdict of Guilty Against Three men Charged With Murder of St. Sulpice Farmer.

### SENTENCED TO HANG FOR THEIR CRIME

First Case in History of Court in Montreal That Penalty of Death Has Been Pronounced on Three Persons at the Same Time.

Special to The Standard.

Montreal, Que., Oct. 3.—J. B. Lemay, alias Patrick Delorme, Murdoch Allen and Romeo Lacoste must expiate on the gallows the crime of murder, committed in the early hours of the morning of April 17th, 1917, when Alcide Payette, a St. Sulpice farmer, was shot and killed in his home. The final chapter in the trial, which has been notably brief in view of the fact that three men were before the bar of justice on a murder charge, came last evening, when twelve jurymen, after only twenty minutes' deliberation, returned to the court room and announced that they had reached a verdict of guilty in the cases of all three men. The death penalty was immediately pronounced by Mr. Justice Day, the three accused being condemned to die on January 25th next.

The large crowd which had gathered in anticipation of the verdict, silently heard the sentence and saw the prisoners led away. The final scene having been enacted, they moved toward the doors, in hushed tones discussing the events they had witnessed. As the crowd surged through the dark corridors of the court they came upon another scene that touched the strongest heart among them. Supported on either side by two men, sobbing hysterically, was the aged mother of one of the condemned men, Lacoste, who had collapsed after hearing the fate of her son, and was being led away by her husband and son.

This was the first case since the creation of the Court of King's Bench in Montreal that the penalty of death had been pronounced on three persons at the same time, for the same crime and with the execution to be carried out the same day. All through the closing scenes of the trial the stoicism which has been noticeable in the prisoners was maintained. The three sentences were pronounced separately. Lemay, alias Delorme, who was the first to be sentenced, heard the judge's word without a sign of emotion, and when asked if he had anything to say as to why death sentence should not be pronounced upon him, replied in a firm, clear voice, "I have nothing to say," and with shoulders straight and steady step walked from the dock when his fate had been pronounced. Allen, who was next sentenced, paled a bit, and with only a slightly perceptible trace of nervousness, received his doom. Lacoste, too, accepted his fate without wavering, and as he left the court room for the cells showed no evidence of emotion.

Like the trial itself, which began on Monday morning, the addresses of counsel for the prisoners, for the Crown and the charge to the jury were comparatively brief.

### THE BERLIN POLICE STOP COMMUNIST DEMONSTRATIONS

Planned by the Independents on Behalf of the Striking Metal Workers.

Berlin, Oct. 3, Thursday.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Berlin police and troops of War Minister Noske's force prevented the thirty independent Communist demonstrations, which had been planned for 11 o'clock this morning on behalf of the striking metal workers. Government forces, in accordance with the warning issued Wednesday, policed the halls in which the meetings were to be held and dispersed crowds gathered about the buildings. Few workmen, outside of those of Independent Socialist affiliation, paid any attention to the attempt to participate a general strike of all union labor in aid of the metal workers.

During the demonstrations Thursday, according to an earlier dispatch, soldiers fired into a crowd of manifestants in Muellerstrasse, killing one civilian and wounding ten others.

### MACKENZIE KING AT ALBERTON

Pleads for the Strengthening of the Opposition at Ottawa.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Oct. 3.—Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King addressed another large meeting at Alberton tonight. He spoke somewhat along the same lines as at Summerside, but dealt more especially with the need of strengthening the opposition at Ottawa.

### PREMIER HEARST DECLINES TO TALK ON THE BECK CASE

Toronto, Ont., Oct. 3.—Premier Sir William Hearst returned to the city today from the Soo. He declined to discuss Sir Adam Beck and his proposed stand on the London nomination, or any correspondence which had passed between him and Sir Adam.

### To Raise Half Million Dollars For War Memorial To Canada's Sacred Dead

Toronto, Oct. 3.—The national executive of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire have decided to organize a campaign throughout Canada during the week beginning November 24, to raise half a million dollars for a war memorial to Canada's sacred dead. The memorial will be a comprehensive scheme of patriotic educational propaganda, which will include school pictures, libraries, lectures and scholarships, a great feature being the presentation to Canadian schools of reproductions of the famous war memorial painting of Canada's part in the great war. The meeting of the legislative, when this course was decided upon, was most representative members from far western and eastern provinces being present.

### WHITE SOX CAPTURE THIRD GAME IN WORLD'S SERIES CONTEST SHUTTING OUT THE REDS

Followers of the National League Champions Dropped a Bundle of Money on the Game and Were Looking Around for a Lunch Ticket—Pitcher Kerr Was Stumbling Block in Path of Reds' Progress, Only Allowing Three Hits—Brilliant Baseball by Both Teams.

### BOX SCORE

Cincinnati	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Rath, second base	4	0	0	3	0	0
Daubert, first base	4	0	0	14	1	0
Groh, third base	3	0	0	2	5	0
Roush, centre field	3	0	0	0	0	0
Duncan, left field	3	0	1	0	0	0
Kopf, shortstop	3	0	1	1	1	0
Neale, right field	3	0	0	1	0	0
Rariden, catcher	3	0	0	2	3	0
Fisher, pitcher	2	0	1	0	5	1
Magee-x	1	0	0	0	0	0
Luque, pitcher	0	0	0	1	0	0
	29	0	3	24	18	1

x—Batted for Fisher in the eighth.

Chicago	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Liebold, right field	4	0	0	2	0	0
Ed. Collins, second base	4	0	1	6	0	0
Weaver, third base	4	0	1	4	0	0
Jackson, left field	3	1	2	1	0	0
Felsch, centre field	2	1	0	1	0	0
Gandil, first base	3	0	1	15	1	0
Risberg, shortstop	2	1	1	3	6	0
Schalk, catcher	3	0	1	0	4	0
Kerr, pitcher	3	0	0	0	0	0
	28	3	7	27	17	0

Score by innings— 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 Chicago 0 2 0 1 0 0 0 0 x-3

Summary: Three-base hit, Risberg. Double plays, Groh to Rath to Daubert, Risberg to E. Collins. Left on bases Cincinnati 3, Chicago 3. Base on balls off Fisher 2 (Risberg and Felsch), Kerr 1 (Groh). Hits off Fisher 7 in 7 innings, off Luque none in one inning. Struck out by Kerr 4 (Groh, Duncan, Neale and Daubert). By Luque one (Liebold). Losing pitcher Fisher. Time of game, 1.30. (By Joe Page.)

Chicago, Oct. 3.—One of the best ball clubs that ever came down the pike was the universal opinion of the kid fans of Redland yesterday before leaving Cincinnati to see a game before, packed their little old black satchels and came to the home of the white hose bunch and just a little bit more than they have taken from the heavy hitters of Kid Gleason's tribe and not only did they drop it all back but they had to thank the kid pitcher, Kerr, for not only losing their bank roll but also making the Cincinnati batsmen look like less than three cents. Both teams played brilliant ball behind both Kerr and Fisher. The former, however, showed even far more brilliancy, nerve and coolness throughout the game. Several times with three and one on him he showed his gameness by easily disposing of such hitters as Daubert and Duncan when a hit might have meant damage.

Tonight the White Sox with one of three games under their belts, the best one can get in even money on the series. It looks very much as if Chicago may be the White Sox choice of pitchers for Saturday's game though the baseball sharps are figuring on James as he has been pitching in great form, in work-outs, lately.

Eller or Rink will look after the Reds' end of the pitching, with chances in favor of the latter.

We will see what we will see, but stick a pin here, the White Sox instead of being counted out are breaking into their real stride and for the next few days will give Pat Moran and his Red Hose bunch the time of their lives.

The Chicago White Sox today served emphatic notice that they were still in the world's championship contest by defeating Cincinnati, 3 to 0.

The series now stands: Cincinnati, 2; Chicago, 1. Six more games are possible. Dick Kerr, who in his young days was something of a boxer as well as a ball player in St. Louis, and who came to the Sox from Milwaukee, pitched unbeatably last evening but three scattered hits and but one pass to first. Kerr's home is in Paris, Texas, and he first played professional ball at Paragould, Arkansas.

He made everybody sit up and look at him today for his left wing contained more mysteries than a sphinx. Duncan, Kopf and Fisher, the Cincinnati pitcher, who also hurled a good game, were the only Reds to obtain singles off the Texan, while his sole complimentary passage to first was granted to Groh. None of these athletes ever reached third.

## POLICE FORCE AMALGAMATION WAS DISCUSSED

House Considers a Bill Which Provides Bringing Together N. W. Mounted Police and Dom. Police.

### OPPOSITION LEADER OPPOSES THE FORCE

Thinks the Mounted Force is Not Necessary in These Peaceful Times and is a Burden of Expense.

Ottawa, Oct. 3.—A bill which has for its object the amalgamation of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police force and the Dominion Police force occupied the major part of the sitting of the House today. The bill, sponsored by Hon. N. W. Rowell, president of the Privy Council, passed its second reading and was taken up in committee, but did not pass through the latter stage before the House arose. Mr. Rowell explained that it merely provided for an amalgamation of the two forces under the name of Royal Canadian Mounted Police. He thought that an economy would be effected by the amalgamation.

The chief objection to the bill came from Mr. D. D. MacKenzie, who took the ground that the maintenance of law and order was a provincial responsibility which should be shouldered by the provinces. While fully appreciating the excellence of the mounted police, he failed to see why such a body was necessary, in view of the fact that Indian uprisings were a thing of the past.

Mr. Rowell agreed with Mr. MacKenzie as to the responsibilities of the provinces, but pointed out that the mounted police were primarily for use in cases where federal interests were jeopardized. The collection of customs and inland revenues sometimes necessitated the use of policemen, and they were also active in keeping order in the Indian reserves.

Mr. F. H. Keefer advocated a mere extension of the jurisdiction of the Mounted Police, and Mr. H. M. Mowat said that if this force was not in existence resort would have to be made more frequently to the militia in cases of disturbances.

### PRESIDENT WILSON REPORTED TO BE IMPROVING

Physician's Report Says He Rested More Easily Yesterday and Was Able to Take Some Nourishment.

Washington, Oct. 3.—President Wilson's condition as described as "about the same with a slight improvement" in a bulletin issued tonight from the White House by his physician Dr. Cary T. Grayson.

The bulletin follows: "Ten p.m. condition today is about the same with slight improvement." (Sd.) "GRAYSON."

The bulletin was given out through Secretary Tamm. Dr. Grayson, who met the newspaper men, declined to elaborate on the brief bulletin. It was understood, however, that the President was able to take some nourishment and got some sleep during the day.

There was another consultation of physicians today and immediate members of the President's family came to the White House to be near him.

Nervous exhaustion, of which he is suffering, complicated with his long standing weakness of the digestive organs, and a lingering touch of last spring's attack of influenza, the doctors say, have considerably weakened the President's powers of resistance.

### CORONER'S INQUEST INTO DEATH OF F. B. MEAGHER

Jury Finds That the School Inspector's Death Was Due to Heart Failure.

Special to The Standard. Woodstock, Oct. 3.—This afternoon Coroner Lindsey held an inquest on the death of Inspector Meagher. After hearing the evidence of Ross Currie, Dr. Grant and Dr. Sprague, the jury, through its foreman, C. M. Auchincloss, brought in the following verdict:

"From evidence submitted we found that Frederick B. Meagher's death was due to heart failure, possibly caused by an overdose of a sleeping compound, and we do not think it was suicidal intent."