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British Make Struggle To Prevent Record Disastrous Strike
BRITISH LABOR PARTY ALARMED

STRIKE IN ENGLAND IS ALARMING

Next Four Days to Witness Record Struggle in Labor Annals.

STRIVE FOR PEACE

Situation Has Suddenly Grown Worse, Says Report From London.

BY HARRY N. MOORE. (British United Press.)

London, Feb. 12.—The next four days will see an intense struggle to prevent the most disastrous strike which has threatened Great Britain for many years. The Government is certainly doing its utmost to bring about peace in a situation which, however, has grown suddenly more serious since the definite and uncompromising refusal of the dockers to accept the offer made by the employers.

The Government realizes that there is considerable justice in the claim of the employers that an increase of two shillings in the daily wage of the dockers would mean that British ports will be unable to compete with those of the continent, where the cost of handling cargoes is very low.

URGE PARTIES TO UNITE

Every possible pressure is being brought to bear to get the two parties together when it will be possible to formulate other proposals which in turn may be submitted to the Minister of Labor.

Two Contentions.

Labor contends that the trouble has arisen largely through the fact that the shipping companies paid dividends of nine per cent. on their share capital last year, and they further claim that this should be increased inasmuch as a large amount of it was paid on watered stock.

EDISON IS NOW 77

Noted Inventor Says He Feels Like 40; Hopes to Live to Be 100.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 12.—Thomas Edison, with the dawning of his 77th birthday yesterday, seemed long enough from his labors to hold his annual interview with the press to answer a questionnaire quite as intricate and lengthy as he himself had advised, and finally to leave his instruments long enough to attend a testimonial dinner in the afternoon given him by more than 160 members of the Edison Pioneer Association, veterans of his service.

At the dinner he blew out the 77 candles on a huge birthday cake, fortified himself with the lightest lunch on the menu and then started on another year's work putting in several hours at his laboratory after the festivities were over.

"Work which one loves is the best form of amusement and diversion," he said when chided gently by one of his friends as he motored back to his laboratory.

Declaring that he felt no older than 40, "though a little more awkward, perhaps," the famous inventor told his hosts that he hoped to live until he was 100.

Yarmouth Home Is Prey of Flames

(Special to The Times.) Yarmouth, N. S., Feb. 12.—A serious fire occurred this morning when the homestead of Leslie Porter of Argyle street was gutted. The first alarm was answered by the South End Fire Department. A second call out the centre town department. A heavy north wind was blowing and the firemen were kept busy to prevent a more serious conflagration.

Policeman Joins in Dance, Is Robbed

London, Feb. 12.—A thief with a Raffles sense of humor, found his—or her—way into the police dance at Bromley in Kent, with devastating results to local prestige. Two hundred people attended, and many of them next day went to the police station to report losses of jewelry; but some of the police who listened to their woes had to admit that they, too, had been victims. One policeman lost a stick pin. A hotel proprietor's wife lost a valuable diamond crescent brooch, and it was the posting of a notice offering a reward for this that revealed the danger of letting policemen dance instead of acting as watchful waiters.

JEWTRAW THROUGH FOR THIS YEAR

Charles Gorman Arrives at Saranac Lake to Compete in National Championships

Saranac Lake, N. Y., Feb. 12.—Charles Gorman of St. John, N. B., Canadian skating star, will compete in the U. S. national amateur speed skating championships to be held at the Pontiac rink here this week.

Gorman, the only Canadian entrant in the Olympic speed skating events, pressed (Chas. Jewtraw, the U. S. star, to the limit in the 400 metre event at Champlain.

All the members of the U. S. Olympic speed skating team, with the exception of Jewtraw, have entered for the championships.

Jewtraw has said that he will skate no more this winter. Joe Moore, Wm. Steinmetz, Harry Kaskey, Valentine Biella, "Duke" Donovan, and Roy McWhirter are among the stars who will compete.

Quebec to Consider Blue Sky Legislation

Quebec, Feb. 12.—(Canadian Press)—Premier Taschereau in Quebec Legislature yesterday introduced legislation towards protecting the public against sales of stocks and bonds by misrepresentation. The measure is entitled "An Act to establish a penalty for the issue and sale, in certain cases, of shares, bonds and other securities." It is not yet disclosed how far the Government intends to go with this "blue sky" legislation.

Wire Briefs

New York, Feb. 12.—Twenty families trapped by fire early today in a five-story apartment house in Harlem, were carried down scaling ladders by firemen without injury.

New Orleans, Feb. 12.—President Oregon today opened the port of Vera Cruz to international commerce, it was announced by the Mexican consulate here. The port has been closed by federal order since Dec. 1, following its occupation by the rebels.

Welland, Ont., Feb. 12.—Wm. Walker, 83, unmarried, was this morning found frozen to death in a snow bank on the west bank of the Welland Canal, just opposite the Welland Club. He had been observed staggering on the road the night before, but refused the proffered aid of friends who offered to see him home.

Berne, Feb. 12.—A popular referendum will be held Sunday throughout Switzerland for the purpose of ratifying or annulling the law passed in 1922, authorizing the federal council to permit the industries to operate 54 hours weekly.

Rome, Feb. 12.—Pope Pius celebrated today the anniversary of his coronation, holding a stately function at which the entire papal household, the diplomatists accredited to the Vatican, the members of the Roman aristocracy and numerous invited guests were present.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 12.—Fire alarms and riot calls were sent out from the Western Penitentiary today when fire started in the prison laundry. Warden J. M. Egan said there was no disorder and that the cause, of undetermined origin, caused slight damage.

San Francisco, Feb. 12.—Harry Greb, middleweight champion boxer sitting here said today that negotiations virtually were complete for him to meet Mike McTigue, who claims the title of light heavyweight champion of the world, in New York soon.

CAPE BRETON MINES WILL OPEN SOON

Wind Will Be Put in Number Eight Blast Furnace Tomorrow.

MINERS PLEASED

Outcome of the Negotiations is Regarded as Victory For Executive.

(By Canadian Press.)

Sydney, Feb. 12.—Operations at the Sydney steel plants are being resumed at once, following the completion of the wage agreement with the miners at Montreal. The wind will be put on Number 8 blast furnace on Wednesday, which will bring two blast furnaces into operation. Number 1 has been kept going throughout the slack period. Number 7 will be blown in later.

Heating of the open hearths was commenced on Monday night, and eight furnaces are ready to produce. The open hearths are ready to produce steel by Sunday. There will be no increase in coke oven operations at present, but this will follow as the other department swing into full time activity.

The blooming mill resumes on Wednesday rolling cold steel until the open hearths are ready to produce. The re-opening of the mill will also depend upon the commencement of open hearth production and will likely commence next week.

Miners Are Pleased.

Glacé Bay, N. S., Feb. 12.—Notwithstanding that the advance sought is about cut in two, local miners are nevertheless well pleased with the outcome of the wage negotiations at Montreal. The new scale is the lowest day paid man received \$3.50 a day which, with steady work, cheap fuel and low rents, would compare favorably with wages received by similar classes of labor in other occupations.

The contract miners should average from seven to eight dollars a day under the new scale. District Secretary McCormack, acting on orders from President Barrett, wired the locals at noon instructing the men to turn out for work. The collieries with the exception of No. 2 are practically all ready for instant resumption of work. Further, than saying that "putting a stop to this objectionable practice."

SAYS PROTECTION NOT SUFFICIENT

Canadian Manufacturers' Association Head Declares Development Checked.

Peterboro, Ont., Feb. 12.—That development in Canada was being completely checked by insufficient tariff protection was a statement made last night by C. Howard Smith, president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, in an address to the Peterboro Chamber of Commerce. Industries were languishing, he declared, and business failures were common. Lack of protection had brought disaster to the woolen and knitted goods industries, and the boot and shoe industries were now heading in the same direction. Forty-one Canadian shoe factories had either failed or made a settlement with their creditors in the last three years.

Mr. Smith said the U. S. had expansion under tariff protection consistently adhered to over a long period of years. He said that 90 per cent. of the Canadian farmers' market was at home, and this market was not likely to improve while Canadian industries were languishing and Canadian factories were lying idle.

Ulster Releases Cahir Healy, M. P.

Belfast, Feb. 12.—Cahir Healy, recently elected member of the British House of Commons for Fermanagh and Tyrone, was released yesterday from the Larne internment camp. Healy has been held by the Government of Northern Ireland since his arrest in May 1922 under the Defence of the Realm Act. The order of release prohibits him from entering a large area of Fermanagh, including his home town of Enniskillen.

Kiddie Lives With Bullet in Brain

Woonsocket, R. I., Feb. 12.—Doctors are amazed at the case of four-year-old Clifton Mowry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Mowry, who, although shot through the head 10 days ago, and with a bullet still lodged in the back of his brain, has recovered completely without any ill effects at the Woonsocket hospital.

According to brain specialists, the passage of the bullet, which was accidentally fired from a revolver by Clifton's brother, Forrest, aged seven, would ordinarily have caused instant death or partial, if not complete, paralysis. The young boy, however, has almost completely recovered from the effects of the wound and doctors at the hospital plan to allow him to go home soon.

O'CONNOR IS SUPPORTING MACDONALD

Noted Nationalist Crosses to Government Side of the British Commons.

FATHER OF HOUSE

Changes Seat as Irish Question is Now Out of Politics.

(By Canadian Press.)

London, Feb. 12.—T. P. O'Connor, Nationalist member of the House of Commons for the Scotland division of Liverpool, has gone over to the government side of the House. Mr. O'Connor has thrown off the mantle of opposition which he has worn so many years while still retaining his popularity and "crossed the floor of the House" because, as he says in a letter to the Speaker J. H. Whitley, the Irish question is now out of British politics.

"The Irish question is now settled," Mr. O'Connor writes to the Speaker, "and as I am an independent supporter of the government my proper place is on the ministerial side of the House."

Thos. Power O'Connor, M. P., familiarly known as "Tay Pay," is the father of the British House of Commons, to which he was first elected in 1885. He has sat continuously for Scotland, Liverpool, since then. He always has been noted as an Irishman of wit and ability and possessed of the faculty of making and keeping friends.

SIR ARTHUR CURRIE AGAINST HAZING

Says 38 Students Owe Failure to This—Has Gone Too Far at McGill.

Montreal, Feb. 12.—Hazing of freshmen at McGill University has gone beyond all bounds in recent years and seriously affects the efficiency of the university and imperils its reputation, declared Sir Arthur Currie, principal of the university this year in a part of his address at the annual dinner of the Arts Undergraduate Society last night. Formerly the practice was confined to one day, but of late years it has been extended to weeks.

Sir Arthur attributed the failure of 38 art students to pass their examinations and their consequent dismissal from the university this year in part to the weeks of hazing they had undergone.

Sir Arthur concluded with an appeal to all to co-operate in "putting a stop to this objectionable practice."

MUSSOLINI GETS STRONG SUPPORT

Likely to Win Orlando and Other Big Men of Italy to His Side.

Rome, Feb. 12.—Orlando, former premier and foreign minister, has yielded to a request that he run on the Fascist ticket headed by Benito Mussolini in the coming elections. There are still some details yet to be arranged between Mussolini and Orlando.

It is also expected that Signor De Vecchi will join the Fascist group and it is asserted that Signor Di Cesario and Signor Pera have almost consented to run. If this combination can be won over to Mussolini's ticket it is believed it will mean a victory in Southern Italy and Sicily, for the four men are recognized as dominant factors in the political field.

HE SEEKS A WIFE

Canadian Farmer Writes to Mayor of Folkestone to Ask His Help.

London, Feb. 12.—(Canadian Press)—A Canadian farmer in quest of a wife has written to the Mayor of Folkestone as follows:—"During the war I had some opportunities of seeing the loveliness of English women, and I would appreciate it very much if you could lay my request before a lady who has no prejudice against Canadians. I wish to make the acquaintance of an Old Country girl or war widow with some means."

Want More Water To Clean Chicago

Washington, Feb. 12.—Members of the sanitary districts of Chicago, headed by Wm. J. Healy, asked President Coolidge yesterday to give his support to legislation to permit an increase in the amount of water taken from Lake Michigan into the Chicago drainage canal.

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TO HONOR ANIMALS THAT DIED IN WAR

Cenotaph to be Erected in London—Casualties Among Horses Were 364,130.

London, Feb. 12.—In memory of the birds, beasts and fishes that died in the service of the empire during the war, an "animals' cenotaph" will soon be built near Hyde Park corner. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has raised more than £2,000 for the project.

There were 364,130 casualties among horses in the British army, while dogs, listed for various purposes died by the thousands. Camels, reindeer, elephants and oxen perished in transport services; cats were killed in research work; pigeons were shot down while carrying messages, and mice and small birds were sacrificed in the detection of poison gases. Goldfish were used to test water in gas helmets.

All these will be commemorated by the cenotaph.

Sees Pulp Industry Boom in West

Prince Albert, Sask., Feb. 12.—That Saskatchewan was on the eve of a big development in the pulp industry the Royal Commission on pulpwood was told here yesterday when James H. Anderson, veteran lumberman, gave evidence. He declared he was in favor of an embargo and said the lack of transportation killed any trade in pulpwood at present.

Howling Blizzard Gripped Halifax

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 12.—Hourly increasing in volume and intensity until at noon it had reached the proportions of a howling blizzard, Halifaxians yesterday experienced one of the worst storms of the winter. It continued well into the night, with the wind 44 miles an hour at its height. The tram service in the city was held up for some time, but the trains arrived and left on schedule time.

Is President Of Accountants

Montreal, Feb. 12.—At the 12th annual dinner and general meeting of the General Accountants' Association here last night N. J. Smith, president of the Toronto branch, was elected president of the Dominion body for the ensuing year.

Halifax Welcomes New Line Service

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 12.—With the ship's band playing "God Save the King" and later the Norwegian na-

Makes Money When A Baby



San Francisco—From baby show to Broadway! That, in a way, tells the story of Elena Wierzbowa, dancer, who at 16 has earned a role with a Russian company and is touring America. Elena's parents were too poor to give her a chance for a stage career. But Elena was not one to let poverty stand in her way. She started when she was a baby to earn her own money. Being a perfect baby made it easy for her to win cash prizes in baby shows, and at 8 her natural grace and talent gave her employment in a children's dancing class. But this is not triumph to Elena. In won't be happy until I have my name in the electric signs on Broadway, she says.

Bank Clearings, Called Barometer of Business, Show St. John Springs Ahead

Business conditions in St. John are improving—there is no doubt of it. One has only to trace down the total of bank clearings reported weekly through the St. John Clearing House Association recently to see that they are gaining steadily.

Every week since the first of the year the weekly total has exceeded the amount for the same week last year and the gain in six weeks has amounted to nearly \$2,000,000, as will be seen by these totals:—

Table with 2 columns: Period, Amount. 1924 to date: \$16,282,392. Same period, 1923: 14,294,897.

MANY OUT OF WORK

Ottawa Reports Approximately 3,000 There—City Giving Aid to Families.

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—That there were approximately 3,000 persons unemployed in Ottawa was a statement made at a joint meeting here last night to devise means for securing work for them. B. W. Hopper, city social service commissioner, announced that at the present time there were 1,900 children and 1,400 grown up receiving help from the city.

Weather Report

Toronto, Feb. 12.—Pressure is low over Newfoundland, the middle Atlantic coast and the western provinces and high over Northern Ontario and the Rocky Mountain states. The weather is moderately cold from Ontario eastward, and mild in the western provinces. Snow has fallen in southern Ontario and eastern Nova Scotia.

Table with 2 columns: Location, Temperature. Toronto: 12-18. Montreal: 10-16. Ottawa: 10-16. Winnipeg: 10-16. St. John: 4-12. Halifax: 24-32. New York: 30-38.

ACTION OF LIBERALS IS PUZZLING

Party is Beginning to Feel Uneasy Over Election of Henderson.

ASK FULL SUPPORT

Premier MacDonald Says Labor Will Not Fall on Snap Division.

BY HARRY N. MOORE. (British United Press.)

London, Feb. 12.—Labor is now beginning to feel uneasy over the position at Burnley, where Arthur Henderson, who was defeated at the general election, is seeking the suffrages of the electors at the end of the present month. Labor counted on the full and unconditional support of the Liberals, who so far have put no candidate in the field, and they view with some alarm the growing tendency of the local Liberals to defy the headquarters of the party in London and run a candidate of their own.

MacDonald's decision to support the decision of Mr. Wheatley, his minister of health, in the Poplar case, is alarming Liberals, who believe that if this decision is widely followed in other parts of the country it would mean huge increases in the rates in order to pay for outdoor relief. Should the local Liberals enter a candidate it is believed that he would either win the riding or would deliver over the seat to the Conservatives.

(By Canadian Press.)

London, Feb. 12.—Ramsay MacDonald, Great Britain's new Labor Premier, rising at 4:15 p.m. today for his first speech in the House of Commons as head of the government, called attention to the fact that no party had a majority. The new conditions therefore would necessitate alteration in the habits of the members, as individuals they would have to vote more and more on their personal responsibility and not merely as party politicians.

The Labor government, Mr. MacDonald declared was not going out of office as the result of any snap division. It would only go out if it were defeated on a substantial issue.

It was expected the premier's speech would consume about an hour and a half.

Mr. MacDonald thanked the "calm and sane minded businessmen" who had warned investors not to make fools of themselves because of the advent of a Labor government. He appealed to the country to keep steady.

HONOR CHAPLAIN

Father French, D. S. O., is to Be Invested as Prothonotary Apostolic.

Renfrew, Ont., Feb. 12.—Lieut. Col. Right Rev. F. L. French, D. S. O., parish priest of Renfrew, who was senior Catholic chaplain of the Canadian Corps during the war and who is to be invested here on Thursday as prothonotary apostolic, will be the guest of honor at a banquet to be given in the Hotel Renfrew on Wednesday evening by the overseas chaplains who served with him at the front.