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## Railway Shopmen In Canada Not Anxious To Declare Strike

### LEWIS CALLS ON OPERATORS TO HOLD JOINT CONFERENCE

New York.—Interstate Commerce Commission declared emergency on east of the Mississippi River on railways as first step by the government toward control of coal distribution.

John L. Lewis, head of the striking miners, said that government's "fantastic schemes" to reopen the coal mines had contributed toward a pending fuel famine and renewed invitation to operators to settle the strike by joint conference.

Calling of a special session of the Indiana legislature to repeal the miners' qualification law and to enact such other legislation as necessary to meet the coal strike situation was suggested to Governor McCray.

Kentucky troops are ordered out following alleged threats against non-union men at Fonda.

Coal Imports a Joke.

Importation of British mined bituminous coal to avert a fuel famine among American industries "is so apparently futile and absurd as to constitute a huge joke," John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, asserted today.

### TWO MILLION IDLE THROUGH STRIKES

New York.—A pessimistic picture of business conditions resulting from the strikes in the railroad, coal and textile industries of the country is painted with figures included in the weekly review of industrial conditions made public by the National Industrial Conference Board.

"Altogether, over 2,000,000 persons are voluntarily idle through strikes and since the beginning of July, 100,000,000 man-hours of work have been lost each week. With the average wage of labor taken at 50 cents an hour, the wage loss alone since the first of the month has exceeded the rate of over \$8,000,000 a day. This in effect, means a serious contraction in purchasing power, which, in turn, may have its effect on future employment and general business conditions.

The conference board reports a slight increase in the cost of living since May 15, with a 24 per cent. recession from the peak reached in July, 1920.

"Reports of wage changes gathered by the conference board," the review said, "shows that while last month there were more increases than decreases between June 15 and July 15, the number of decreases slightly exceeded the number of increases.

### LABOR MAN WON AT PONTYPRIDD

London.—Mardy Jones, a Labor candidate, was returned to parliament as the result of the election in Pontypridd. His majority was 4,980 over the present coalition incumbent, T. A. Lewis, who in 1918 defeated the labor candidate by a majority of 3,175.

Grantham Guardians have decided to follow Leicester's example and send the unemployed to work on various schemes at the proper rate, for as many hours a week as will bring in an amount equal to the rate of relief as per scale.

This scheme must first receive the approval of the Ministry of Health.

## Items of Interest from Overseas

### TO TACKLE PROBLEM OF UNEMPLOYMENT

London.—In the lobby of the Commons, it was learned, with reference to the cabinet committee on unemployment, the appointment of which was announced by Premier Lloyd George, that the new committee will deal with the wider aspects of the problem while the old cabinet committee, under Sir Alfred Mond, dealt with the local aspects and the various palliative measures.

The new committee, of which Premier Lloyd George is chairman and Sir Lansing Workington Evans is vice-chairman, will examine into the various causes of unemployment especially those connected with the loss or lack of markets abroad and also will devote attention to the stress of settlement schemes which they will endeavor to get into full and effective operation.

It is understood, in view of the growth of population as disclosed by the census and the diminished home markets, the ministers attach great importance to the development of the settlement scheme in the overseas Dominions. The settlement scheme was brought into being by legislation adopted in the present session.

### ENGINEERS' VOTE IN FAVOR OF STRIKE

London.—The possibility of trouble in the engineering industry is imminent.

The ballot of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, the National Union of Foundry Workers and the National Federation of General Workers has resulted in a vote of 43,937 for and 79,990 against acceptance of the employers' proposal to reduce the wages by three instalments of five shillings and sixpence each in the next three months beginning July 31.

ARGENTINE WORKERS TO AMALGAMATE

In order to form a united front against the National Conference of Industry recently organized by Argentine employers, the metal workers in the South American country are planning the amalgamation of all allied unions in the metal industry. The movement includes the various unions of engineers, blacksmiths, foundry workers, bronze workers and tinmiths, as well as the unskilled employees of the industry.

A very similar action was taken by the recent United Labor Congress

### TO CONSIDER PLAN TO SETTLE STRIKE

Washington.—A meeting of executives of the 148 major railroads of the United States will be called in New York next Tuesday to consider a plan for settling the strike now in progress. T. DeWitt Cuyler, chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, announced after a conference with President Harding.

A tentative proposal to terminate the strikers' strike was drawn up at a conference between President Harding and R. M. Jewell, head of the strikers, and other shop craft officials.

Western railway executives reiterated their intention of protecting seniority rights of the strikers who remained at work and those that have been hired since the strike began.

Railroads centering in Chicago reported that transportation conditions were practically normal, and that new employees were being hired in large numbers.

### SETTLED IN THREE WEEKS

Montreal.—"I met the secretary of the Pennsylvania Railroad in Philadelphia a week ago and he then assured me that the coal strike would be terminated within three weeks—in fact, he said it would have to be. How valuable his statement is, or to what extent he possesses information, I am unable to determine, so I give you his statement for what it is worth." The speaker was Hon. John C. Hutchins, of North Stratford, New Hampshire, Democratic nominee for the governorship of his state, who reached Montreal and afterwards left by the Grand Trunk for Toronto, on his way to San Francisco as a delegate from his state to the biennial convention of the Knights of Pythias, which is to be held there early in August.

### GRANT INCREASE IN THE MINERS' WAGES

Sydney, N.S.—A threatened general walkout of the coal miners of Nova Scotia was averted Tuesday, at least until August 15, when the shippers of International Pier, Sydney, accepted an offer of the Dominion Coal Company to increase their possible weekly wages from approximately \$2.50 to \$3.15. Four a'clock this afternoon had been set as the time limit within which the men's committee and the company were to come to a satisfactory agreement, but it was not until six o'clock that the conference was able to break up with the increase promised by the company. The shippers accepted the offer tonight after three hours' discussion. The new agreement is to stand until August 15, the date on which the executive officers of District 26, United Mine Workers of America, have declared a Nova Scotia coal mine strike will be called if 1921 rates are not restored.

### STRIKING MINERS MAY RESUME WORK

New York.—John L. Lewis, head of the striking miners, predicted that an interstate conference "will be arranged within a few days" to permit a resumption of mining.

Governor McCray, Indiana, in a statement addressed to the public, announced that "if the strike is not determined within five days from this date, I will take over one or more mines and supply the whole of Indiana with fuel.

Work of cleaning up mines in the southwestern district for resumption of work was continued.

Seven mines in Pennsylvania resumed operations with the promise of state protection.

### TWELVE THOUSAND MILES

Twelve thousand miles at least must be travelled to bring "SALAD" to your table. Yet so skilfully is it prepared, so carefully is it protected that the delicate leaves reach you (but a few weeks later) in all their tender freshness. To really enjoy tea at its best, insist upon "SALAD." Your grocer has this delicious tea. Ask for it to-day.

When you tell the garage mechanic to go over the car thoroughly, you can always find grease spots on the cushions where he went over them.

### WORKERS ADOPT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

The Central Union of German Workers' Councils announces the opening of lecture courses covering the subjects of political science, political economy, political science and national conservatism. [These courses will be given on a standardized plan in a large number of German cities. They will consist of weekly lectures, which will be open to all workers, regardless of trade or union affiliation, for the small fee of one mark per lecture.

### SOVIET ORGANIZERS AID PERSIAN WORKERS

Reports from Tehran reveal that, following the recent treaty between Persia and Soviet Russia, over 25,000 Persian workers have been organized into a national labor federation, with the assistance of Russian labor leaders. The new Persian federation has affiliated with the Moscow Trade Union International.

### OUT-FORDS HENRY

Lord Northcliffe, who owns, more daily newspapers in Britain than any other one man, some months ago introduced the five-day week into London journalism. He has now gone a step farther by establishing a four-day week for editorial workers, on the ground that the great pressure under which these men work justifies ample time for rest and recreation.

Lord Northcliffe has also withdrawn from the Newspaper Proprietors' Association because its members insisted on cutting the wages of printers. He has issued a statement entitled "Newspapers and Their Men" in which he claims that "capitalists ignorant of Fleet Street (newspaper headquarters) dictate terms to those who have spent their lives trying to understand the complex questions of a newspaper."

A few more enlightened employers like Lord Northcliffe and Henry Ford and the industrial world will run with less friction.

### BOARD OF ARBITRATION IS NOW LIKELY TO BE CONSTITUTED

### REPRESENTATIVES OF MEN SAY THEY ARE NOT ANXIOUS TO GO OUT

The threatened strike of the railway shopmen will not materialize, it was indicated from official sources here, provided arrangements already under way were made effective. The situation, which had been regarded as critical, was relieved when it was understood that a board of arbitration would be fully constituted, and able to meet within a few days. It was stated authoritatively there was every expectation that the board would be functioning by the first of next week.

Whether or not the railways would agree to withholding the wage reductions until after the board of arbitration completed its work could not be ascertained, but it was pointed out that the American railways, such as the Pere Marquette, which were arbitrating the dispute with their Canadian employees, were withholding the reductions pending the decision of their boards. It was assumed from this that the Canadian railroads would take similar action.

The Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Employees, embracing 14,000 of the lower paid men, and of which A. R. Mosher is grand president, had not yet appointed representatives to the two boards authorized to investigate the reductions affecting its members. It was understood tonight that several names were being considered and that the appointments would be made within a few days.

Isaac Pitblado, K.C., of Winnipeg, it is announced, has been appointed to represent the Canadian Railway Companies on the Board of Conciliation which will attempt to settle the dispute between the companies and the railway shopmen (division number 4, railway employees department, American Federation of Labor).

James Simpson, of Toronto, has been appointed by the shopmen to act for them, and it now remains to agree upon a chairman.

That the outlook in the Canadian railway situation is a threatening one was indicated by the message conveyed to a mass meeting at the Labor Temple of the Railway Shopmen of the Toronto district. The message was a warning to the local shopmen to hold themselves in readiness for a strike call on short notice and was conveyed by John Bruce, general organizer for the Plumbers and Steamfitters, who came direct for the purposes, from the meeting at Montreal of division number four of the railway employees' department of the American Federation of Labor on which he represents his craft.

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### MEMORIAL TO A GREAT EXPLORER

Fur Post To Be Re-Built Will Be Facsimile of Old Time Building.

The Hudson Bay Fort now being built on Lake Windermere on the spot where David Thompson, the trader, surveyor and explorer, pitched the first white man's camp in this locality over 100 years ago, will be completed this summer. It is planned to open on August 30 of the present year, this facsimile of the original trading post named Kootenay House, founded by the explorer in 1807. The memorial fort will consist of a large log building, surrounded by bastion towers. The central structure will be used partly as a museum for Indian relics and local antiquities and partly as a recreation hall for Lake Windermere camp, a new resort. A number of those interested in the early exploration of the west have already signified their intention of being present at the opening ceremonies in August.

### LABOR AT THE SOO IS IN GOOD DEMAND

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### WAR ON UNIONS

The Government's intentions in regard to the Trade Union Amendment Bill are not yet declared.

J. R. Clynes remarked to our Lobby correspondent that he could not imagine the Government lending itself to the destruction of the arrangement which was made in 1913 when the present law received the assent of all parties, the Bill passing its third reading without a division.

"Surely," he added, "even this Government could not be so mean as to deprive the poorest of political parties of its main financial support."

### BLOWS AT CONGRESS

Paris.—A scene of violence marked the session of the first annual congress of the revolutionary C.G.T. (Confederation General du Travail), held at St. Etienne.

Following an Anarchist reference to "the crimes of Lenin," a free fight took place between Anarchists and Communists.—Central News.

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