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No Food Shortage During British Dockworkers' Strike 14 STEAMERS WILL BE DELAYED

MEAT PRICES ADVANCED IN ENGLAND

London Newspapers Forced to Reduce Size on Account of Strike.

CONSERVE PAPER

Little Excitement Over Dock Workers' Walkout as Many Sympathize.

BY HARRY N. MOORE

(British United Press.)

London, Feb. 18.—Britain awoke this morning to the reality of the dock strike when certain morning newspapers apologized for their reduced size on the plea that the reduction was made in order to conserve paper.

The confident announcement is made this morning in semi-official circles that there will not be any shortage of foodstuffs for some days to come and this it is expected will check any widespread movement to hoard, although certain shopkeepers are already refusing to sell large quantities of staples.

Meat prices, however, are already slightly advanced in some districts and these are likely to show the first general increase of foods before the end of the present week.

With the exception of the little group that believes that all labor troubles in Britain originate and are directed from Moscow there is little perturbation over the strike, and it looks as if there was a large body of public opinion that is in sympathy with efforts of the dockers to obtain concessions.

Feeling of Confidence. There is a general feeling of confidence that the Labor government will not allow matters to reach a real crisis. Premier MacDonald's direct intervention through the appointment of a court of enquiry is expected today. It is pointed out that during the next few weeks there will be less than the normal amount of shipping, especially from Canada than at any other time during the year, the shipments of lumber being especially low.

The least hopeful sign of the affair is that the dockers' leaders' recent attitude shown by employers and claim that they are treated with lack of dignity.

By Canadian Press.

London, Feb. 18.—The dock strike which was declared Saturday noon affecting 120,000 men in the ports of the United Kingdom was expected to reach full effectiveness today, according to officials of the Transport and General Workers' Union. The country thus is threatened with a blockade from within as complete as that which the German U-boats vainly tried to achieve during the war.

As regards London, no hope is based on the action of the "blue ticket union," a new and hitherto unrecognized rival of the transport workers' union, the executive of which has recommended a "stay-in strike," under which the men would continue on duty but go slow on piece work and refuse to do overtime.

This action is viewed not as embodying any altruistic motive toward the public, but is aimed at injuring the transport union and enforcing recognition of the blue tickets by the employers, who have hitherto ignored the existence of the organization. There is a demand in some quarters that this attitude should be met by the employers immediately locking out the blues.

Mail Held Back. Plymouth, Feb. 18.—More than 3,000 bags of mail which arrived by the Nieuw Amsterdam were held up on the tender because the dockers are not working and the post office officials only accept delivery on the quayside. Although a post office staff is usually sent to assist in getting the bags into the tender, this was not done today.

Bull In Hotel Bar, Refuses To Budge

London, Feb. 18.—A bull was being taken out of a host in High street, Maldenhead, Berkshire, a few days ago near the Red Lion Hotel, when a dog barked and moved towards the hotel.

The bull followed the barking dog up the hotel steps into the hall and turned into the public bar. The appearance of the ponderous animal caused alarm. Butchers were called in, but they could not get the bull to leave.

Its nose came in contact with the red cover of a stove. The bull backed quickly and was finally coaxed out of the hotel. It ended up its adventures by alighting on the greasy pavement and falling in the gutter.

WILL USE PORT OF ST. JOHN IN WINTER

Houston Lines Announce New Service Between Here and Vancouver.

Montreal, Feb. 18.—Local agents of the Houston Lines announce a new direct service between Montreal and Vancouver, to commence on April 15 from Vancouver and May 10 from this port. Four ships of 8,000 tons capacity will be employed—the Hallones, Harmonides, Harmodius and Haliartus. In the winter the sailings will be between St. John, N. B., and Vancouver.

ABBIE MAN IS HURT

Star Defence Man Taken to Hospital—Fear Skull is Fractured.

Boston, Feb. 18.—Fred Moore, left defence of the Abegweits hockey team of Charlottetown, P. E. I., was reported in a serious condition with a possible fractured skull at a hospital here today.

During a game with Boston A. A. here last Saturday night Moore was knocked against the boards around the Boston Arena rink in a scuffle and later it was found his injury was serious and he was removed to the hospital.

Commission Staff Is Being Reduced

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—(Canadian Press)—The staff of the Canada Highways Commission, a branch of the department of railways and canals, is being reduced. It is said that the work of the commission is gradually coming to an end, and that the full staff is no longer necessary. It is understood the reduction will be made gradually as the work decreases.

Wire Briefs

Halifax, Feb. 17.—The American Line steamer Montana, 12,200 tons arrived here early yesterday morning with disabled steering gear.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 18.—William M. Morning, 86, veteran district judge, was shot and killed early today in his courtroom by Wallace G. Wallick, who in turn shot and killed himself.

Erith, Kent, Eng., Feb. 18.—Eleven women and one man were killed here today in an explosion which followed the outbreak of fire in a cartridge filling factory.

GORMAN WIN SELLS MANY RACETICKETS

Some Hundreds of Arena Seats are Taken in First Hours.

SELL OUT ASSURED

Champion Went to American Ice Determined to Make Record.

"It's wonderful," said R. S. Sims, chairman of the ticket committee of the International Amateur Skating Championships, this morning, after he had made a round of some of the depots where tickets are on advance sale.

Several hundreds had been sold this morning, he said, though they had been in the hands of the depot managers but a few hours. He paid a tribute to Charlie Gorman for his great work and was sure his wonderful performance had given a decided impetus to the sale of the tickets for the meet here. Everybody will want a part in that routing welcome that is sure to be given Gorman in the Arena at the meet next week.

"I do not doubt," continued Mr. Sims, "that the Arena will be sold completely out before the day of the opening arrives, and it is not promotion, but sound advice, to say to the people that those who defer making their selection will probably be very much disappointed when they call to buy later in the week."

Posters announcing the meet and the events have been sent to many places throughout the province, and these are expected to bring in many patrons from outside. Attractive windows cards are being distributed today, and merchants are being invited to cooperate with the committee and display them prominently in their windows.

Mr. Sims said the boxes would not last long the way they were going. Amusement tax tickets are on sale at the depots. It is advisable to buy them before going to the arena, and thereby avoid unwelcome delay. The amusement tax is two cents on 80-cent tickets, 10 cents on \$1 tickets, and 15 cents on box seats.

He Was After It. There's a good story attached to the record-breaking performance of Charlie Gorman at Saranac Lake on last Saturday and it is built about a determination made by the speed king of St. John, before he left for the meets at Saranac and Lake Placid to go after a new count in the 440 yards.

This he did not intend to do until Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Commissioner Thornton this morning expressed his gratification at the great showing made by Charlie Gorman and the other St. John boys at the Saranac Lake meet and Saturday night caught fire. Wm. Montgomery, aged 26, was burned to death at Duncan's Point.

Journalist Kept at Work at 103 Years

Paris, Feb. 18.—Mr. Amable Malle Saint Prix, the oldest French journalist, has died at the age of 103. He worked practically up to the day of his death, and his weekly contribution to the "Oublie de Seine et Oise" appeared as usual the day before his death.

It contained a reference which was, perhaps, a premonition of the writer's approaching end. "When I think of the grave age I have reached," he wrote, "I am always afraid that my poor brain will escape like a bird from its cage. I know the loss would not be great, but it has thought for me and regulated my thoughts to the best of its ability. I await my destiny."

FOLLIES GIRL TO MARRY R. G. COLT

Jessie Reed Will Wed Divorced Husband of Ethel Barrymore.

New York, Feb. 18.—Broadway remained calm despite the apparent suddenness of the report from Chicago that Jessi Reed of the Ziegfeld "Follies" road company, now playing there, is engaged to marry Russell Griswold Colt, divorced husband of Ethel Barrymore.

CONDEMNNS WOMAN TO BE BEHEADED

She is Seventy-three Years Old; Killed a Man of Seventy-four.

Berlin, Feb. 18.—(United News)—Seventy-three-year-old Frau Marie Blaud of Alsbien sits in a jail cell at Halle waiting—beheading.

She has been condemned to this medieval form of death for poisoning a 74-year-old Skipper Boettcher of Alsbien, who sought shelter beneath her roof, promising to make her his heir in pay for his keep.

Frau Blaud, unmoved as the circumstantial evidence at the trial piled up against her, proving her culpability and her strange attitude toward her guest, staunchly denied having murdered the ancient mariner.

But the evidence showed that on the evening of July 4 of last year she had given the old man an unusually heavy meal, followed by a cup of cocoa which he had said tasted oddly.

SEVEN POLICE HELD

Moose Jaw Constables are Under Arrest in Connection With Store Robberies.

Moose Jaw, Sask., Feb. 18.—Seven police constables are under arrest in connection with a series of store robberies, and two others under suspicion, all implicated by confessions made by four of them, of dozens of thefts from Moose Jaw stores, extending over a period of about a year. Truck loads of loot have been recovered from homes of the men.

Signs Warrant to Arrest Himself

Andover, Conn., Feb. 18.—Being the only grand juror in town G. T. Platt consented to sign a warrant for his own arrest when state authorities found he possessed an unlicensed dog. In court Saturday he pleaded guilty and paid a fine of one dollar and costs totalling \$11.

DENBY QUILTS AS U. S. NAVY SECRETARY

Notifies President Coolidge That He was Ready to Leave Office.

ACTS UPON ADVICE

Defends His Part in Proceedings of Teapot Dome Oil Deals.

(By Canadian Press.)

Washington, Feb. 18.—Edwin B. Denby has resigned as secretary of the navy and his resignation has been accepted.

After repeatedly declaring he never would quit the cabinet under the fire of those who have criticized his part in the oil leasing programme, the secretary notified President Coolidge today that he was ready to step out.

His decision followed a telephone conversation between the President and Mr. Denby in which all of the latest aspects of the situation were talked over in the light of information passed on the president by Republican leaders in the Senate.

Recently a number of the secretary's friends also have been consulted by Mr. Coolidge and they are understood to have advised the president that they fully understood the embarrassment that might result in retaining Mr. Denby in the cabinet while the oil lease cases are in progress.

Not only is Secretary Denby a party to the oil leases, having affixed his signature along with that of Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior, but he repeatedly has defended his part in the proceedings and has declared publicly since the present controversy arose that he believed the contracts legal and would be willing to pursue the same course again.

IS APPOINTED DEAN

Rev. G. K. A. Bell Named at Canterbury—Succeeds Very Rev. H. Wace.

London, Feb. 18.—(Canadian Press)—Rev. G. K. A. Bell, resident chaplain of the Archbishop of Canterbury, has been appointed Dean of Canterbury in succession to Very Rev. Henry Wace, who has been dean since 1903 and is now in his 88th year.

Railway Trouble in Ruhr Is Ended

Coblenz, Feb. 18.—A protocol has been signed at Mayence between the mechanical experts of the British army of occupation and the Franco-Belgian railway administration concerning details of the application of the agreement for the maintenance of railway traffic in the Cologne zone. Direct Mayence and Dueseldorf trains passed through Cologne Sunday for the first time since January 1923.

Hydro Plant In N. S. Is Started

Windsor, N. S., Feb. 18.—The formal opening of the hydro-electric plant on the Windsor-Chester road, nine miles from here, took place on Saturday, when Premier Armstrong turned on the power. The plant has a development of 2,500 horsepower with a possible 6,000.

Get Electricity Report For C. N. R.

Toronto, Feb. 18.—E. W. Oliver, manager of the Canadian National Railways electric lines, has returned from Europe where, with R. J. Needham, mechanical electrical engineer of the central region, and C. E. Brooks of Montreal, chief of motive power, he has been studying Diesel engine and electrical equipment. The findings will be reported to the president.

Hired Train to Get To Sick Mother

New York, Feb. 18.—Gordon Selfridge, a London merchant, his mother, Madame Lois Selfridge, known as one of the most prominent women of the English capital, and his daughter, Beatrice, left yesterday for Bergamo for home. Mr. Selfridge when he arrived here recently, via Halifax, chartered a special train to Washington, where his mother was ill. Madame Selfridge, much improved, was taken to the ship in an ambulance.

Queen on the Ice



Gladys Robinson, champion skater of Canada, recently broke record for 100 yards at Onota Lake. This unusual action picture shows her at a difficult angle.

Chorus Girl Saved From Death As Attempted Parachute Leap Fails

Houston, Texas, Feb. 18.—Rosalie Gordon, Houston chorus girl, was saved from death yesterday when an attempted parachute leap from an airplane failed. The drop was to have been one of a series of aerial acrobatics staged before 5,000 spectators at Ellington Flying Field.

In making the jump, Miss Gordon's parachute became entangled in the plane and held her suspended some 20 feet below the plane, which was more than a mile from the earth. Diavolo, acrobatic airman, who was in the plane, let himself down to the landing gear, but was unable to pull her up to him.

Stepping from a second plane to the one from which Miss Gordon was suspended, Freddie Loon, Houston aviator, relieved the pilot of the Gordon plane, who then assisted Diavolo in pulling Miss Gordon back to the landing gear. The plane landed safely.

DIGGING OUT ROAD Alleges Big Counterfeit Game

Washington, Feb. 18.—Although they place little credence in the story, secret service officials are investigating statements made by A. C. Habbicht, arrested in the recent counterfeiting roundup, that Reserve Bank officials and other prominent men were parties to a gigantic counterfeiting ring.

Habbicht was arrested in New York Friday and is held with three others in what secret service officials described as a crude effort to put out counterfeit federal reserve notes.

Two Shot In a Road House Sunday

Danbury, Conn., Feb. 18.—George Goetz, 36, a constable of Kent, was shot and instantly killed, and Thomas Stern, 30, of this city, is in a serious condition in a hospital here as the result of a shooting at a roadhouse in Mill Place on Sunday. Pietro Vasco, proprietor of a restaurant here, alleged to have fired the shots, is being sought.

Coopers Freed In Bank Case

Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 18.—Lieutenant Governor W. B. Cooper, and his brother, T. E. Cooper, were found not guilty on Saturday on a charge of conspiracy to defraud and violate the national banking laws in connection with the failure of the Commercial National Bank of Wilmington.

France Receives New Ambassador

Paris, Feb. 18.—Dr. Leopold Von Hoesch was formally received as the new German ambassador to France by President Millerand on Saturday amidst the customary pomp and ceremony.

RETURN OF SHIPS HERE UNCERTAIN

Vessels Leaving St. John Port are Now Nearing Strike Zone.

CANCEL SAILINGS

Effect Along Waterfront Here to Depend on Length of Strike.

That at least fourteen steamships were on the water bound from this port to ports in the United Kingdom which were likely to be delayed in unloading their cargo if the British dockers' strike continued for any length of time, was stated this morning by the agents of the various lines in the city. This number would be increased by all the ships now in port and on route here should there not come a settlement very soon, it was announced.

The Canadian Government Merchant Marine have the Ranger, Victor, Planter and Leader, on the ocean. The first two are just about due on the other side, and the others may not be affected, as they have just sailed from this side.

The Furness Withy Co. have the Manchester Corporation, Appomattox and the Digby en route to British ports, and they should soon reach the other side.

Only One Steamer. McLean, Kennedy report that the only vessel they have on the water now likely to be affected, unless it is a very long strike, is the Lord Londonderry.

The Robert Reford Co. said they had only one steamer sailing from here likely to be delayed by the strike, and that was the Cabotia, which was about due on the other side, unless it lasted for a considerable length of time.

The Manchester Brigade was to have sailed from Manchester for this port on Saturday, but up to noon no word of her sailing had been received by the local agents, the Furness, Withy Co.

The C. P. R. office reported that they had four or five vessels en route from here to ports in the United Kingdom which the strike was liable to delay.

Messrs. Nagle & Wigmore said they had no ships which were likely to be affected unless the men stayed out for some time. They had three steamers which had sailed from here recently, but all were for continental ports. The Brent County and Gray County had just sailed from St. John, and it was hoped the trouble would be over before they arrived back on the other side.

Farmers to Plant Trees For Province

Toronto, Feb. 18.—Hon. G. H. Henry, Ontario Minister of Public Works and Highways, has announced a change in the method of financing the planting of trees along public highways. Instead of sending out its own workmen, he says the new government has a scheme whereby farmers planting trees in front of their own property will be bonused so much a tree for planting.

Whipping May Bring Criminal Charges

Toronto, Feb. 18.—The Globe says it is understood that, as a result of Crown Attorney Arnoux's investigations into the circumstances surrounding the whipping of Private Bowen at the Stanley Barracks Riding School a week ago, criminal charges are to be laid against several men.

Experts Prepare Report on Germany

Paris, Feb. 18.—The two expert committees which have been investigating Germany's financial situation under the presidency of Brig.-Gen. Chas. G. Dawes, and Reginald McKenna, met today to discuss reconstruction of their recommendations to the reparations commission.

*Below zero.

Weather Report

Toronto, Feb. 18.—A pronounced area of high pressure extends from the Yukon across the western provinces and Great Lakes to the Atlantic. The weather has been cold over the Dominion, with light snow in Saskatchewan.

Fair and Cold.

Maritime—Moderate northerly winds; fair and cold today and on Tuesday.

Ottawa Valley—Fair and cold today and Tuesday. Decidedly cold tonight.

Gulf and North Shore—Moderate west to northwest winds; fair and cold tonight and Tuesday.

New England—Fair tonight and Tuesday; somewhat cooler to night; fresh north and northeast winds.

Toronto, Feb. 18.—Temperatures: Highest during 8 a.m. yesterday, night.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Locations include Victoria, Kamloops, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, St. John, Montreal, St. John, Halifax, and New York.