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British Railway Strike Nearing End, Is View In London

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RAILWAYS STRIKE IS NEARING END

Managers and Engineers and Firemen Hold Conference in London.

REPORTS CONFLICT

Motormen in London Appeal to Leaders to Call Them Out.

(By Canadian Press.) London, Jan. 28.—The public this morning was encouraged to hope for an early end of the railway strike as a result of yesterday's negotiations, in which the emergency committee of the Trades Union Congress, the railway managers and the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen all had a part.

It was the first time since the break a week ago that the representatives of the companies had met the men. The conference, lasting nearly six hours, adjourned after midnight when J. R. Smyke, secretary of the striking union, went to a meeting of the railwaymen and exclaimed: "I am a bringer of good news. I feel confident that some things to which we objected will soon cease to exist. I would not give you hopeful words unless I was sure of my ground."

Conflicting reports are current as to the supposed basis of settlement, some suggesting a partial acquiescence on one side, some on the other. Neither the managers nor the men have made an official statement.

The motormen in the London subways again appealed to their leaders last night to call them out, but were urged to continue work pending the result of negotiations with the company.

Meanwhile the dockers and road transport workers seem moving towards a strike owing to a refusal to increase their wages. An important conference bearing on the dispute takes place here tomorrow.

UNIT TO KEEP OUT THE HOHENZOLLERN
Terms of Treaty of France and Czecho-Slovakia Are Announced in Paris.

Paris, Jan. 28.—Under the terms of the treaty signed at the French Foreign Office on Friday by Premier Poincaré and Doctor Edouard Benes, the Czecho-Slovakia agree to adopt common measures to prevent a return of the Hohenzollern dynasty to Germany.

Both countries also undertake to act together in all matters threatening their common security and to submit to arbitration or the international court controversial questions not susceptible of diplomatic settlement. They further agree to defend the integrity of existing treaties in which they are both concerned and to consult one another before concluding new agreements.

To Test Sudbury For Hard Coal
Toronto, Jan. 28.—According to a statement last night by A. P. Coyne the supposed hard coal area at Sudbury is to be definitely tested this afternoon by U. S. interests under whose auspices leasing for drilling tests was now under way.

Girl Baby For Italian Princess
Rome, Jan. 28.—Princess Yolanda, eldest daughter of King Victor Emmanuel, yesterday gave birth to a daughter. On April 8, of last year, she was married to Count Calvi Di Bergolo, a captain in the Italian cavalry and one of Italy's war heroes.

Hero of Sunday Morning's Fire



POLICEMAN PERCY GANTER.

Policeman Ganter, who rang the alarm when he saw a fire blazing in the four-family tenement at 25-27 Prince Edward street, did not await the arrival of the fire department before starting to rescue the thirty people who were caught in the building. He had succeeded in getting some of the 20 children out unaided when the firemen arrived and he then continued to assist the fire fighters in saving the lives of the occupants. He had one of his hands painfully injured but he continued his efforts. The fact that there were no casualties is attributed to his heroism and that of other members of the police and fire departments.

GRANITES TRIM CZECHO-SLOVAKS

Win Their First Hockey Game at Olympics by the Score of 3 to 0.

Chamonix, Jan. 28.—Canada defeated Czecho-Slovakia 3 to 0 in the Olympic hockey game today.

Canada led by eight goals to nothing at the end of the first period. Chamonix, Jan. 28.—The U. S. hockey team scored an easy victory in its first match in the winter sports of the Olympic games today defeating the Belgian team by the score of 19 to 0.

Switzerland Wins.
In the first of the games Sweden defeated Switzerland, the score being 9 to 0.

The Swedish puck chasers completely outplayed their opponents, and it was a tame affair for those who are familiar with the brand of hockey that is played by the big league teams in Canada.

Wire Briefs
Berlin, Jan. 28.—While a memorial meeting for Lenin was in progress in a Berlin theatre last night, a large crowd outside shouted: "Down with the Schupos (Protection police), down with capital!"

Toulon, France, Jan. 28.—The report of the committee that investigated the destruction of the dirigible Dixmude reached no definite conclusion, but accepts as most plausible the hypothesis that the ship was struck by lightning.

Tokyo, Jan. 28.—Field Marshall Viscount Yoshimichi Hazagawa, aged 74, senior military hero, or elder statesman, and one of Japan's most famous militarists, died yesterday after an illness of two weeks.

Stockholm, Jan. 28.—Swedish sporting authorities deny that Sweden has protested against Anders Haugen, Hans Hansen and Ragnar Omvedt representing the U. S. in skiing events at the winter sports at Chamonix.

Athens, Jan. 28.—Scores of persons have been frozen to death in the exceptionally cold weather that prevails throughout Greece. One message from Saloniki says that three soldiers and 156 civilians living under canvas shelters had died of exposure.

Gloucester, N. S., Jan. 28.—That tomorrow afternoon will see the end of negotiations of the wage agreement between the representatives of the Dominion Coal Company and the U. M. W. is more than probable, but what the outcome of the conference will be can only be conjectured.

11 DEAD IN GAS BLAST IN STATES

Explosion Follows Lighting of an Oil Lamp When Daughter Calls.

FAMILY WIPED OUT

Rhode Island Two-Family House is Scene of Tragedy.

(By Canadian Press.)

Pawtucket, R. I., Jan. 28.—Eleven persons were killed by a gas explosion in a two-family home at Cumberland Hill, Pawtucket, early today. Mrs. Michael Conway, who complained of the odor of gas. Mrs. Conway lit a lamp and the explosion which destroyed the house followed.

Mrs. Conway, her two sons, and daughter escaped, but the husband, Michael Conway, was killed. In the adjoining house a family of ten named Hammill resided, and it is believed they all are dead.

New Success For X-Ray Is Claimed

London, Jan. 28.—A method by which X-rays photographs can be taken of the veins and arteries in the living body is reported to have been discovered by Dr. A. Berggren and Dr. S. Hissar, of Frankfurt-on-Main.

Hitherto the contrast between the blood and the surrounding tissues in the living body has been too slight to produce distinctive shadows on the X-rays plate. The Frankfort doctors, by injecting a harmless salt of strontium in the blood-vessels, claim to produce such strong shadows that the most minute ramifications of the veins and arteries can be seen.

Fewer Babies Born in France

Paris, Jan. 28.—The French birth rate continues to decline, according to statistics published by the French national birth rate alliance. In Paris, the number of births in 1923, according to this source, was 46,400 against 48,000 in 1922. The total decrease for the ten principal cities of France in the same two years was 1,600.

The number of marriages in these ten cities dwindled with even greater rapidity the figures for the last three years being 89,000 in 1923; 83,800 in 1922 and 78,000 in 1921.

Winnipeg Hero Is Honored In Death

(British United Press.) London, Jan. 28.—To a Winnipeg man belongs the honor of having erected to his memory the first individual war memorial among the many tablets commemorating the brave deeds of various Scottish Clans in the edifice known popularly as the "Highlanders Memorial" in London.

The memorial in question is devoted to the memory of McLeod the Winnipeg V. C. and was unveiled last night at a most impressive service in the Glasgow church.

Kitchener Amateur Talks With England

Kitchener, Ont., Jan. 28.—A local radio amateur, Harry Linke, has established what is probably the Canadian record for long distance radio work. Last night he succeeded in establishing two-way communication with an amateur in London, England. They exchanged messages for some time, when the signals gradually faded.

Boosts Trade With The West Indies

Hull, Jan. 28.—"Everything we produce we want and everything they produce we want," said Hans J. Logan, M. P., Amerist, when he arrived from the West Indies, where he has been since early in December. He was speaking of the possibilities of trade with the islands and declared that a great field for commercial intercourse was being neglected by Canada.

Revives Question When Is Man Drunk?

London, Jan. 28.—A clear definition of drunkenness is declared by the British Medical Journal to be necessary in view of the tendency of magistrates to deal more severely with cases of drunken motor-car drivers.

The crucial question, the journal says, as to whether a man's brain is so clouded that he is unfit to be in charge of a car is one which must be decided by common sense, and scientific tests can give very little help.

An skilled musician who is also a chronic drunkard may be able to play when he is too drunk to stand. A writing test is much more severe for a manual worker than for a clerk. Consequently it is very difficult to devise a fair test for drunkenness based on the performance of skilled movements, because the tests depend so largely on the degree of practice the individual has in the subject.

WILL BE GREAT LONDON TERMINUS

Victoria Station, Well Known to Thousands of Canadians Who Served in France.

London, Jan. 28.—Victoria Station which is known to many thousands of Canadians who served in France to be replaced and made, in the course of a year or so, into one great terminus.

When the new scheme is carried out, Victoria will become one of the finest, and probably the second largest, railway stations in the world. It will have its own platform, the longest being 1,680 feet, and will be situated on a plot of 220 acres. The new Victoria Station will have the same number of platforms that the two sections have now between them. It will be built on a plot of 220 acres, which is considerably larger than either Liverpool or London.

OXFORD FOUNDRY IS PREY OF FLAMES

Loss of \$40,000 is Reported in Fire This Morning With Thermometer 20 Below.

Abernet, N. S., Jan. 28.—The Oxford Foundry Co., located at Oxford, 20 miles from Amherst, was burned out this morning, a clean sweep being made of the buildings with the exception of the front end of the offices. The loss is placed at \$40,000. Fire started in the moulding shop between the hours of six and seven o'clock, and rapidly swept through this structure, next catching the machine shop and then carrying to the office building.

JOHN SHARPE DEAD

He Had Served at Rideau Hall Under Eight Governor-Generals.

Ottawa, Jan. 28.—John Sharpe, who had served at Rideau Hall under eight governor-generals, died on Saturday night at the advanced age of 85 years. He was born in London, Eng., and came to Canada in 1863.

Mr. Sharpe's employment at the government house extended for over 40 years prior to his retirement twelve years ago. He served under the regiments of eight governor-generals, died on Saturday night at the advanced age of 85 years.

Death Sentence Has Been Commuted

Athens, Jan. 28.—The death sentences against Gena Gargalidis and Leonaropoulos, and three colonels for their part in the recent counter-revolution have been commuted to five years' imprisonment under a decree signed by the regent. Eighty-six other officers are given pardons.

MITCHELL IS ON TRIAL IN BOW STREET

Evidence Given Against Former P. E. I. Immigration Official.

FRAUD IS CHARGED

Sold Land to English Officers, Who Believed Government was Acting.

(By Canadian Press.)

London, Jan. 28.—Andrew Fraser Mitchell, a former Prince Edward Island immigration officer, charged with obtaining money from ex-officers of the Indian army by false pretences in a land selling scheme resuspended in Bow street court on Saturday, the case having been adjourned from December 29. The hearing was later again adjourned until last Saturday. Prosecuting counsel said the defendant had taken offices in the Haymarket, and on note paper lined that an ambassador would use and headed by the arms of Prince Edward Island, he advertised a scheme for settling officers on land for fox breeding. The letter said the land belonged to the government of P. E. Island and that he had been authorized to sell it. Several officers, believing it was a government scheme and that their money would be perfectly safe, parted with large sums to Mitchell for land.

In addition to Captain R. B. Quinn, he said, two other officers were defrauded. One of them went to P. E. Island and gave evidence before a government commission which had been appointed to investigate the scheme. He had also interviewed the Premier of the island, said the prosecuting counsel, and as a result had returned to England and was now available as a witness.

Disposal of Money.
Replying to the magistrate, who asked what had been done with the money, counsel for the defence said that Mitchell had received a receipt signed by Mitchell "for the government of Prince Edward Island."

He had also interviewed the Premier of the island, said the prosecuting counsel, and as a result had returned to England and was now available as a witness.

ON 115 MILE WALK

Woman M. P. Refuses Train Ride Because Railway Strike Is On.

London, Jan. 28.—Miss Dorothy Jewson, the new Labor member of the House of Commons for Norwich, started yesterday with a woman friend to walk from London to Norwich, a distance of 115 miles, to fulfill an engagement to address her constituents. Several trains were available, but Miss Jewson refused to use one, saying that she regarded the men working them as strike-breakers, in view of the fact that a railway strike is now in progress.

Irishman Beats Norse on Skis

Grand Beach, Mich., Jan. 28.—Barney Rely, an Irishman from Coleraine, Minn., defeated the Norsemen at their own game when he took first honors in class A events at the second annual tournament of the Grand Beach Ski Club yesterday.

He piled up a total of 289 points, leading Sven Wehavan, Milwaukee, by fifteen points. Alf Johnson, Chicago, took third with 228 points and Einar Jensen, Chicago, fourth, with 236.

BASEBALL TRADE

Los Angeles, Jan. 28.—George Lyons, pitcher, and Tony Rego, catcher, of the Los Angeles Club of the Pacific Coast League, have been traded for five players. Wayne Wright, pitcher; Charles Root, pitcher; John Billings, catcher; Bill Whaley, infielder; and Cedric Durst, outfielder, of the St. Louis Americans.

To Carry Honors



Marion Wolff (above) of the Washington (D. C.) Seminary, will represent her school at a beauty contest to be held soon. The other contestants will have to be pretty good to win, won't they?

Got His First Job at Eight Years Old; Has Been Working 92 Years

London, Jan. 26.—George Gant Barkstones, of Nottingham, a former carrier and a Wesleyan Methodist local preacher of many years' standing, has just celebrated his 100th birthday. He started work on the land when eight years old, and still looks after the stock on his small holding, thus completing a record of 92 years of unbroken toil.

In his first job as a ploughman he was kept in return for his labor, later being given a penny a day. Even as a young man he was never paid more than 40 s a year in wages. His fortunes improved when he married the pretty daughter of a local innkeeper.

On his frequent visits to Nottingham he learned shorthand, and he attributes much of his success to this accomplishment, which he found of great assistance in jotting down his sermons.

His memories of old stage coaches, which were wont to sweep disdainfully past him in his carrier's cart, are associated with many incidents on the road. Stage coaches were allowed to travel ten miles an hour, and carriers' carts only four. Mr. Barkstones once went as fast as five miles an hour, and was reported for furious driving.

During the recent election he walked a mile to record his vote. His wife died 29 years ago, and only four of their 13 children are now living. Sydney Melbourne, a well-known entertainer, is his grandson.

\$1,000,000 FIRE

Flames Sweep Through Main Street in Littleton, New Hampshire Town.

Littleton, N. H., Jan. 28.—Fire swept the north side of the main street here today, causing damage estimated at one million dollars.

Two hotels, a theatre and two business blocks were destroyed. The first reports were that no lives were lost and that the fire was under control.

R. Z. Walker Not In Immediate Danger

Montreal, Jan. 28.—The condition of R. Z. Walker, C. N. R. superintendent, of Fredericton, N. B., who is a patient in the Royal Victoria Hospital here, was reported last night as unchanged. It was said that he was in no immediate danger.

MANY SOLDIERS WILL RECALL HIM

Col. Ronald Bruce Campbell Gives Up Post as Physical Training Inspector.

EDMUNSTON COLDEST IN PROVINCE

Woodstock Has the Second Lowest Temperature, With 25 Below.

19 LOWEST HERE

Milder Weather is Predicted in Forecast Report From Toronto.

King Frost wrapped his arms about St. John and other parts of New Brunswick Saturday night in a very embracing but chilly manner. Old-timers who felt his grip were carried back many years and started to figure out when they had experienced such cold weather.

Opinions differ and records are somewhat uncertain, but all were agreed the cold snap was the most severe for several years. The drop in temperature was accompanied by a northeasterly wind which reached a velocity of 48 miles an hour.

Cold weather honors went to Fredericton, where official records showed that the mercury had dropped to 36 below. Many other parts of the province recorded lower marks than St. John, where the official record was 19 below zero.

Milder weather is on the way east, Toronto forecast says. 17 Below Today

According to an official report from the Meteorological Observatory in Douglas avenue the zero weather struck St. John about 11 o'clock Saturday night and continued throughout yesterday and today. The highest reading yesterday was at 3 o'clock in the afternoon when the glass showed eight degrees below zero. Early this morning it was down to seventeen degrees below, but by noon had started climbing and was only seven below. In addition the gale had blown itself out and instead of forty-eight miles an hour it was down to eighteen.

Coldest Since 1920
Yesterday was, according to official records, the coldest day since January 31, 1920. On that date it registered 19.7 degrees below zero. But between that date and the memorable "cold Friday" in 1961 there were several days colder than yesterday. On "cold Friday" the official record showed 22 degrees below zero.

The wind, Sunday and today, which penetrated homes, kept householders busy endeavoring to keep warm and as a result great inconveniences were made in wood and coal bins. Despite the vigilance of many citizens water pipes were frozen and other inconveniences experienced, while the number of fires which occurred was largely attributed to strenuous efforts to keep out the rigid temperature.

Reports From Province.
Reports received from Maritime points today show that the cold wave was quite general—

Edmundston: Yesterday morning, 36 below today, 28 below; today, 28 below; today, 35 below.
St. Stephen: Sunday, 21 below; today, 31 below.
Moncton: Lowest yesterday, 19 below; 20 below today, high northwest wind.
Ottawa: 22 below yesterday; 28 below today.

Campbellton: 24 below Sunday morning, the lowest.
Woodstock: Sunday, 30 below; today, 25 below.
St. John: 28 below; lowest reported.
St. Georges Sunday, 28 degrees below zero, with a high wind blowing all day.
26 Below at Sussex.

Sussex, Jan. 28.—Yesterday was one of the coldest days in the history of Sussex. The thermometer dipped to 30 below and the high wind accompanying the low temperature kept householders busy with furnaces and stoves. During the night the wind maintained almost hurricane force. This morning it was 26 below. There were numerous freeze-ups and local plumbers had a busy time. At other points in the county extreme cold is reported this morning. Norton reports 21 below, Hampton 20, and (Continued on page 2, fifth column.)

Weather Report

Toronto, Jan. 28.—Pressure is now highest over the St. Lawrence Valley and Atlantic states and lowest over the western provinces. The weather has been quite mild in the west and is quickly moderating in Ontario while from the Ottawa Valley eastward it is still very cold.

Place	Yester- day	during night
Toronto	14	8
Montreal	12	10
Ottawa	14	10
Halifax	12	10
New York	14	12

*Below zero.