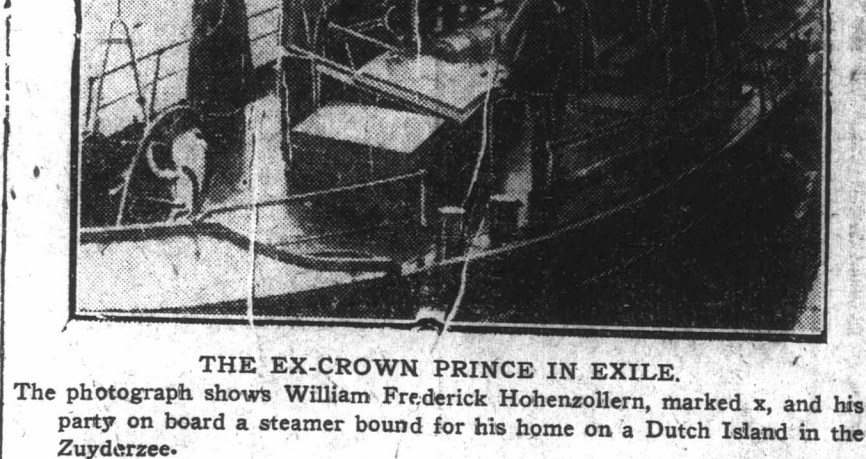


ROYAL COMMISSION TO ADJUST STRIKE

Settlement in Toronto Police
Situation to be Reached
on That Basis

Toronto, Dec. 20.—As a result of the conference held at the Parliament Buildings last night between Sir William Hearst, Hon. C. A. Bogen, representing the Government, the Police Commissioners, Mayor Church, Col. Denison and Judge Winchester, Mr. C. A. Bogen, president of the Board of Trade and the committee of the Police Union a basis was reached for the settlement of the police strike. A Royal Commission is to be appointed to determine the status of the union and to investigate and report upon the powers and limitations of police commissions. The latter will apply to every Police Commission in the province so that any changes or amendments that may be recommended for improving police administration may be embodied in amendments to the existing statutes. In the meantime all the members of the Toronto police force that have been dismissed are to be reinstated and temporary recognition is to be given the police union. These concessions were made on the understanding that the men were to return to their respective stations forthwith. The terms were embodied in an agreement that seemed to satisfy all present, but the men's representatives desired to have it endorsed by all members of the union before they signed it.



THE EX-CROWN PRINCE IN EXILE.
The photograph shows William Frederick Hohenzollern, marked x, and his party on board a steamer bound for his home on a Dutch Island in the Zuyderzee.

Early this morning the men at a mass meeting in Victoria Hall were still considering the proposal. Yesterday's meeting was continuous from 2.30 in the afternoon until well into the early hours of this morning. The hall was crowded and the men whiffed away the tedium of waiting by singing and other entertainment provided by the members of the union.

Capt. W. Crawford was the first speaker on the dock for the evening. He expressed satisfaction of the action of the men in striking for a principle. What they asked was just and fair, he said and he assured them that public sympathy was behind them.

Were Well Received.
One of the officers of the strike committee told of the committee's meeting with the Premier and his Cabinet at Parliament Buildings yesterday afternoon. Members of the Board of Trade were also there, and the delegation was treated with the utmost courtesy and consideration, and he opined that Premier Hearst and his Cabinet were sincere in their desire to have the trouble between the Police Commissioners and the members of the Police Union amicably settled.

"A member of the Board of Trade said to me," he added, "Don't be hard on the commissioners now that you have got them where you have! That shows whether the Board of Trade is convinced that the union will be triumphant."

"We're getting many things that we want and we're going to get more," shouted one enthusiastic member, and the crowd cheered. Proceeding, the officer spoke of the convocation of the conference for last night at Parliament Buildings.

"It was the wish of the Premier that the Board of Police Commissioners, our committee and members of the Board of Trade meet at 8.30 to-night," he went on. "Word to this effect was sent to Commissioners, and the reply came back expressing regret at their inability to be present. Whereupon the Premier ordered:—'Telephone the members of the Board of Police Commissioners that I wish them to attend here at 8.30 to-night.'"

Another member of the Union spoke of the soldier-police who had

given their lives in France for democracy.

"Don't let us forget that our men have fallen in the cause of liberty—the very principle we are ourselves fighting for now," he exhorted.

WORKERS WALK OUT.
By Courier Leased Wire.
Pittsfield, Mass., Dec. 19.—An orderly walk out of 3,500 of the 6,000 employees of the coal plant of the General Electric Company occurred today. The strikers paraded to the city common where a mass meeting was held. Union leaders in their addresses at the common stated that within 48 hours speakers would be at the gates of every electrical plant in the country whether organized or not to explain conditions.

Announcement was made today that the local General Electric plant had planned to operate on short time beginning Monday next.

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Anything—Suffered
for 20 Years

"When a man has had to live for two years on nothing much except raw eggs, on account of stomach trouble, and then finds a medicine that fixes him up in less than two months so he can eat sour kraut, meats of all kinds and anything else he wants, I think it is time for him to talk for the benefit of others. Well, Tanlac has done all this for me and more, for I am now forty-four pounds heavier than I was the day I began taking it, and I'm now enjoying better health than I have in the last fifteen years," was the remarkable statement made by John H. Packer, patentee and proprietor of the Packer Oil Filter, who lives at Liberty, Mo., recently.

"For some time," he continued, "I have suffered with my stomach, and although I have spent thousands of dollars nothing ever helped me until I got Tanlac. My appetite left me entirely, and what little I did eat would almost double me up with pain, and I would bleed up with gas until I could scarcely breathe. During the past year, especially, I have suffered a great deal from constipation, felt tired all the time, had no energy, and was so drowsy and listless that if I tried to talk business to a man it was an effort to express what I wanted to say. My health finally got so bad that I was forced to give up the splendid position in Postville, Idaho and nobody except those in the same condition can fully understand how I suffered."

"I had almost lost faith in all medicines, as I had tried so many without results, but Tanlac certainly has been a revelation to me. I can now eat just anything I want and never experience a particle of trouble. I have never had a better appetite, and all signs of indigestion, gas and distress after eating are gone. Tanlac has also relieved me of constipation and strengthened and built me up until I feel as full of energy as when I was a boy. When I first started on Tanlac I weighed one hundred and twenty-four pounds, but I now weigh one hundred and sixty-eight and a half, and this shows how well suited to my case Tanlac was."

"Tanlac" is sold in Brantford by Robertson's Drug Store; in Paris by Apps Ltd.; in Mt. Vernon by A. Yocmans; in Middleport by William Peddie; in Onondaga by Neil McPhaden.

HAMILTON CLEARINGS
By Courier Leased Wire
Hamilton, Dec. 19.—Bank clearings, \$5,361,602.

DEMobilIZATION REHEARSED BY BRITISH TROOPS

24-Hour Testing of Details
for Returning Soldiers to
Their Private Life

New York, Dec. 20.—Details of the biggest peace rehearsal in history, in which thousands of British soldiers participated in a trial demobilization, have just been brought here.

The scheme was prepared by the British War Office and the military labor. It was rehearsed by troops in camp near London, the demobilization taking 24 hours. It was closely watched by military observers, including United States officers, for any flaws.

Of the men who took part in the rehearsal one-half was assumed to have just arrived from France; the other half was assumed to be from a collecting place in the United Kingdom. All were theoretically bound for homes in a certain specified district. If they had come from the train hungry they would have been fed, and if they had been in need of sleep, would have been housed.

A dispersal station, under the plan worked out, will have these comforts ready, though they may not always be wanted.

The men participating as "actors" in the dress rehearsal were in full equipment. On arrival, they entered an improvised office, where each man received a sandbag. In this he placed his private belongings. Then he handed over his rifle, steel helmet, gas mask (if he assumed to have just come from France), and other equipment. If any important article was missing, the man was sent to another desk to give an explanation. Here the officer in charge was called in to corroborate or comment on the man's story. A satisfactory explanation ended the matter. Otherwise, the soldier was debited on his dispersal certificate with an amount corresponding to the deficiency.

A man left the shed in his uniform and carrying only his greatcoat and sandbag containing his private belongings. In real demobilization, soldiers will be allowed to keep their uniforms, but the greatcoats must be returned on conclusion of their furloughs. The men will be permitted to wear their uniforms for 29 days after dispersal, and thereafter on "special" occasions only.

Then follows the "documentation" process. Each man got an out-of-work insurance policy, securing him, in the event of unemployment, a weekly sum, to be determined later. In exchange for his dispersal certificate he received a protection certificate for use during his four weeks' furlough. It entitled him to advance pay for the period. A label for the return of

his greatcoat at the end of his furlough was issued to him; his military service papers and a railway warrant for his journey were put into an envelope marked with the number of his railway group. This number indicated to him those of his comrades who were going home the same way.

The men were warned of the time of the train departure, and finally taken to the station and seen off. The soldier was at last demobilized. The clerks entered earnestly into the spirit of the rehearsal.

The full scheme contemplates the establishment of 18 dispersal centers. The rate of demobilization will be controlled by the labor ministry, and no man will be sent back home until there is a job awaiting him.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME
By Courier Leased Wire
London, Dec. 20.—An address of welcome signed by the officers of the National Free Church Council, has been forwarded to President Wilson. The address says that in the name of the National Council of Evangelical Free Churches, the signers desire to express "profound esteem to you personally and to our appreciation of the noble services rendered during the stress of war to the cause of humanity and civilization."

Get your gift slippers at Coles' Shoe Company.

FRENCH LOSSES.
By Courier Leased Wire
Paris, Dec. 19.—Deputy Louis Dubois in the Chamber of Deputies today during a discussion of a bill dealing with reconstruction and war damages, said that the estimated value of French houses destroyed was 20,600,000,000 francs; furniture, 5,000,000,000 francs; agricultural losses, at least 10,000,000,000; mines, at least 20,000,000,000; and railroads 9,500,000,000. The deputy claimed that these losses should have priority.

WORKERS ON STRIKE.
By Courier Leased Wire
Schenectady, N.Y., Dec. 19.—Virtually all of the 23,000 employees of the General Electric Company's big manufacturing plant here walked out today in sympathy with striking co-workers in the company's plant at Erie, Penna. The employees marched in an orderly manner to the centre of the city, where they held an impromptu mass meeting. Organization leaders requested them to prepare for a long struggle.

REMOVE WOOLEN EMBARGO.
By Courier Leased Wire
Melbourne, Dec. 19.—(Canadian Press, via Reuters).—The embargo on the manufacture of woollen goods has been removed and civilian orders are now executable.

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