

THOUSANDS OBEY ORDER TO STRIKE

EMPLOYEES OF HARRIMAN LINES QUIT WORK

Vice-President Declines to Make Statement Regarding Trouble at Present

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 30.—While definite figures are not forthcoming as yet, from either side, the strike order for the shop employees of the Harriman system, which became effective at ten o'clock this morning, appears to have been generally obeyed. A few of the old employees at the shops remained at work, but the great majority of the men quietly packed their tools when the whistle announced ten o'clock and walked out of the yards.

There was no disorder at any point and the striking men did not linger about the yards. Railroad officials reiterate their prediction that service will not be impaired on any of their lines. Union officials have little to say beyond the statement that the men have held together and generally obeyed the order.

All California shops, from, including Los Angeles, Oakland, Sacramento and Fresno, were promptly abandoned. The shops at Portland are not open on Saturdays and the strike order was observed by ninety emergency men.

At the Southern Pacific office in this city the work of checking up the shop employees at all points was taken up at once. The company expected to announce later today just how many men remained at work.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 30.—Four thousand men employed in the Illinois Central shops at Burnside walked out at 10 o'clock to-day obeying the strike order. Two-thirds of the police department here was held in reserve for fear of an outbreak.

There was no signal given when the hour arrived. As soon as the clocks showed 10 o'clock the employees began to walk out, groups of twenty and thirty men quitting together as they finished their individual tasks.

There was no demonstration. The village of Burnside, 15 miles south of here, is populated almost entirely by railway shophmen. Nearly all the men who walked out went direct to their homes.

There were no strikebreakers at hand and although the company is reported to have a force of recruits in Chicago, the men thought they would not be taken to the works until tomorrow.

One hundred and fifty locomotives in course of repairs are in the yards and shops are more than 500 partly-repaired cars are in the yards. The first handicap to traffic is expected to-night when the engines are brought to the ash piles. Then men say there will be no one to handle them and the engines will not be ready for use tomorrow.

Julius Kruttschnitt, vice-president of the Harriman lines, who will represent the Harriman lines in all negotiations looking to the ending of the strike, returned here from New York to-day. Mr. Kruttschnitt said that he had heard nothing from railroad officials in the south and west and that he would make no statement before Monday.

At New Orleans. New Orleans, La., Sept. 30.—At the shops of the Southern Pacific Railroad, 350 union employees affiliated with the federation obeyed the strike order at 10 o'clock to-day. The clerks employed in the freight office of the road will consider the strike situation at noon.

Five hundred employees of the Illinois Central shops at Harahan, just above New Orleans, quit work at 10 o'clock and marched to the city. This increases the number of strikers of the Illinois Central and Yazoo & Mississippi Valley to 2,400. No disorders of any kind have been reported.

At Oakland. Oakland, Cal., Sept. 30.—The shophmen at the West Oakland yards of the Southern Pacific, numbering 500, walked out this morning at 10 o'clock in obedience to the order to strike.

Situation at Omaha. Omaha, Neb., Sept. 30.—A majority of the workmen of the Union Pacific shops quit work at 10 o'clock to-day. There was no disorder. The Southern Pacific shops had been previously closed.

Guarding Plant. East St. Louis, Ill., Sept. 30.—The strike order was anticipated by a large group of Illinois Central shophmen who left their work at 9:30 o'clock to be followed later by their fellow workers. At 10 o'clock the remainder of the 500 employees here laid down their tools and left the shops. Guards were posted about the plant.

Over 1,200 Strike. Houston, Tex., Sept. 30.—Between 1,200 and 1,500 men of the Harriman lines in this section of Texas obeyed the strike call at 10 o'clock, quitting their work promptly at that time. There was no disorder. The Southern Pacific shops had been previously closed.

STILL GOES ON

COUNCIL COMMITTEE INQUIRES AS TO GRAFT

Witness Sworn Explains What His Sworn Statement to Mayor Means

(From Saturday's Daily.) There was another crowded attendance in the city council chamber of Victoria yesterday afternoon when the investigation into the alleged graft scandal, involving the names of an alderman and a city official in connection with the obtaining of the paving contract by the Canadian Mineral Rubber Company, was resumed.

The previous day's developments had no doubt stimulated interest even to the unconcerned, while to those immediately connected the interval meant accumulated excitement and ill-restrained impatience. It so happened, however, that yesterday was the day of revelations in regard to the inquiry. On the opening day the inquiry was allowed to wander from the issue but yesterday it jumped right on to it and stayed with it—more or less.

Mayor Morley explained at the outset that the obligation he was previously under to observe the confidence of the writer of the allegations, now acknowledged to be W. E. Wilson, no longer bound him, as he had received the sanction of the writer to make his statement public. That statement, which has been the basis of hearing the witness' insinuations upon the names of Alderman H. M. Fullerton and City Solicitor McDiarmid, who were understood to be referred to in the letter, and incidentally upon the whole council through the failure to produce the charges and name the accused in the first instance, was written, as was generally known, though never admitted till yesterday, by William E. Wilson, a former vice-president of the Canadian Mineral Rubber Company.

The statement, which is given in full below, purports to be the sum and substance of what Wilson knew about the obtaining of the paving contract while in the employ of the company. Although his worship was at some pains on Thursday to correct his first statement that no one was charged with wrong-doing in the matter, the reading of the statement to the court proved the intended implication of Ald. H. M. Fullerton and the city solicitor. While it made no specific charge against the informant, it referred to them as "holding out" for something, and otherwise insinuated that everything was not on the level with them. It spoke of "holding out" the city solicitor in a manner that seemed to justify that gentleman's counsel in demanding that the statement be produced.

Apart from the statement read, which was a copy of the original, the latter being produced later by request and identified by Wilson, the session was full of interest and not a little excitement. William E. Wilson, who might be described as the informant, since he was the person who furnished the statement upon which the investigation is based, was the first witness called.

At the hands of H. A. Maclean, K. C., who represented the Canadian Mineral Rubber Company, he was subjected to a grueling cross-examination. In reply to questions he denied that he had done any dirty work, and stated that he had never been asked to do any by the company which employed him. He did not think there was anything corrupt in what he had done in assisting the company to obtain the contract, and he was forced to the conclusion that if it had been dirty work he, as a pure man, would not have done it.

He denied emphatically that he ever attempted to corrupt a single alderman or a single city official. He was not aware that any corrupt practices had been engaged in. He certainly was not there to suggest such a thing and he was not desirous of having that suggested to him. He also denied that he had any motive in going to the mayor and giving the information. On this point he was closely pressed but he refused to say that either or the other of the aldermen or the city official had thought it right to tell the truth. The fact that he did not get a share in the \$10,000 alleged to have gone to O'Brien, had nothing to do with his action. In the words of Mr. Maclean, it was just a little helpful information for the mayor.

The only other witness examined yesterday was Mr. Ketsen, a prominent representative of the company, who acknowledged having had more to do with the contract than anyone else. His clear-cut evidence and convincing manner gave him a grip of the situation which neither the subtleties of counsel nor the veiled insinuations of the mayor could shake him from.

Wilson's Statement. The statement of W. E. Wilson follows: "Private and confidential. (Victoria, B. C., Sept. 22, 1911. A. J. Morley, Esq., Mayor of the City of Victoria, City."

"Dear Sir: As chief magistrate of the city of Victoria, I think that you should be made aware of the following facts relative to the Canadian Mineral Rubber Company and the contract they now have to do the street paving for the city as well as any future contract that they may endeavor to obtain. During the latter part of February or the first part of March, J. T. O'Brien mentioned to me that in view of the

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SCENE OF NAVAL AND MILITARY OPERATIONS ON THE MEDITERRANEAN

ADMIRAL BERESFORD WILL HASTEN HOME

Decides to Shorten Stay in Canada—Will Sail on October 20

Vancouver, Sept. 30.—Lord Charles Beresford, owing to the political situation by the declaration of hostilities between Italy and Turkey and the possibility of a European clash, decided to shorten his stay in Canada. Instead of leaving November 3, as originally planned, he decided to-day to book passage on the steamer sailing from Quebec on October 20. He expects to take a share in the debates in the House of Commons as naval matters are sure to occupy a great deal of attention.

CHANGES MADE BY THE GRAND TRUNK

Vice-Presidents Are Now in Charge of Various Departments of Railway

Montreal, Sept. 30.—Announcement is made of a complete reorganization of the executive domestic economy of the Grand Trunk railway. The old officers of vice-presidents have been arranged so that there are no longer first, second or third vice-presidents, but a number of vice-presidents, each in charge of a department. The official circles in the Grand Trunk Pacific are also somewhat changed. According to the reorganization the new official list will be as follows:

E. H. Fitzhugh, formerly vice-president of the Grand Trunk, becomes president of the Central Vermont, Central Vermont Transportation Company, Montreal, New England Railway, and Southern Counties Railway.

William Wainwright, formerly second vice-president of the Grand Trunk and Grand Trunk Pacific, becomes senior vice-president of the Grand Trunk and second vice-president of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

M. M. Reynolds, formerly third vice-president of the Grand Trunk and Grand Trunk Pacific, becomes vice-president of the Grand Trunk in charge of the accounting departments, and third vice-president of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Howard G. Kelley, formerly chief engineer of the Grand Trunk, becomes vice-president in charge of the construction, transportation and maintenance departments.

J. E. Dalrymple, formerly assistant freight traffic manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific, becomes vice-president of the Grand Trunk in charge of traffic, both passenger and freight.

R. S. Logan, formerly assistant to President Hays, becomes vice-president of the Grand Trunk in charge of land tax claims and mail departments.

RECEPTION TO NEW GOVERNOR-GENERAL

Programme Arranged for Arrival of Duke of Connaught at Quebec on Oct. 13

London, Sept. 30.—The Duke of Connaught yesterday was received in audience by the King and kissed hands upon his appointment as governor-general of Canada. The following are among the Duke's suite who left Euston station to-day by the boat train for Liverpool en route for Canada by the steamer "Victorian": Capt. T. H. Rivers-Baker, Scots Guards; Capt. Buller, Rifle Brigade; and Capt. Worthington, Army Medical Corps.

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CUSTOMS REVENUE CONTINUES TO GROW

Returns for First Half of Fiscal Year Show Increase of \$5,746,784

Ottawa, Sept. 30.—Customs revenue of the Dominion for September totalled \$7,710,151, an increase of \$1,245,241 compared with last year. The first half of the fiscal year shows an increase in customs revenue of \$5,746,784. The trade and commerce department to-day formally handed over to the immigration branch of the interior department control of Chinese immigration. The department hands the business over to Immigration Superintendent Scott without an outstanding claim or an undecided case.

WITNESSES DENOUNCE COMPANIES' ACT

Declared to Be Deterrent to Commercial Development of Province

Vancouver, Sept. 30.—That the companies act, which taxes extra-provincial companies doing business in British Columbia, is a deterrent to the commercial development of the province, and that all taxes should be removed from outside capital seeking investment in British Columbia, were the feature of the evidence given before the provincial tax commission at its first session here yesterday.

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HOSTILITIES BETWEEN ITALY AND TURKEY OPEN

Italian Warships Bombard Seaport and Disable Turkish Torpedo Boat—The Porte Again Appeals to the Powers to Intervene

The first blow in the Turko-Italian war has been struck by Italy within twenty-four hours after the declaration of hostilities. Italian warships under the command of the Duke of Abruzzi have bombarded the Turkish seaport of Prevesa, destroying the government house and disabling a Turkish torpedo boat.

There has been no hostilities at Tripoli up to 9 o'clock this morning, but Italians are reported to have landed east of Tripoli. A large Italian cruiser is reported to have gone ashore in Tripoli harbor.

Turkey has asked the United States to take charge of Turkish subjects in Italy, but in the meantime Germany appears to have assumed the obligation.

The Turkish government is strengthening its military forces on the Grecian and Montenegrin frontiers. The Turkish parliament has been summoned to meet. Turkey has addressed another appeal to the powers, saying there is still time to prevent the evil effects of a conflict.

In Italy the declaration of war against Turkey has been received with enthusiasm in all parts of the country. The impression prevails in diplomatic quarters in Berlin that the conflict will be of short duration.

Prevesa Bombaraded. Salonica, Turkey, Sept. 30.—An Italian naval division to-day bombarded the seaport of Prevesa, destroying the government house and sinking a Turkish torpedo boat in the harbor.

Reported Shelling of Tripoli. Berlin, Sept. 30.—A news agency dispatch from Rome says that the bombardment of Tripoli began this morning. There is no confirmation of the statement from other sources.

Messages Suppressed. Malta, Sept. 30.—The cable lines to Tripoli are open this morning, but apparently messages from there are suppressed by the Italians, who are supposed to have taken possession of the wires.

May Land Troops To-day. Chlasso, Switzerland, Sept. 30.—A wireless message received in Italy from Rear-Admiral Aubrey in command at Tripoli, expressed the hope that the occupation of the Tripoli coast will be practically accomplished to-night.

The cruisers blockading Tripoli to-day captured several Turkish fishing boats suspected of being spies. The Cretons notified their representatives in Italy to-day that they did not intend to permit the opportunity afforded by the Tripoli affair to pass without obtaining the consent of the annexed to Greece.

Awaiting Expiration of Time Limit. Rome, Sept. 30.—The Messenger announces that the government, acting under the provisions of international law, is allowing 24 hours to elapse before the summer of 1911, and the bombardment of Tripoli. The 24-hour period expires at six o'clock this evening and a bombardment will begin that moment.

Transport Seized. A dispatch from Genoa says that the Turkish consular authorities have received instructions to go to Turin and withdraw the Turkish exhibits from the international exposition.

A news dispatch from Tripoli says that a boarding party from the Italian squadron just received the Turkish transport Derna at Tripoli. The transport, which still had on board a part of her cargo of war supplies, surrendered without resistance.

The dispatch adds that in the event of the bombardment of Tripoli, Italian and other foreigners including newspaper correspondents will be taken on board the vessels of the Italian fleet.

The Duke of Abruzzi commanded the Italian squadron which engaged the two Turkish torpedo boat destroyers off Prevesa yesterday.

Another Appeal to Powers. Constantinople, Sept. 30.—The Turkish government addressed another appeal to the Powers to-day expressing surprise at Italy's action in declaring war yesterday and saying that there is still time to prevent the disastrous and evil effects of a war which nothing in the attitude of the Turkish empire justifies.

The Porte appeals to the peaceful, humanitarian and friendly sentiments of the Powers to assist in convincing Italy of the conciliatory intentions of Turkey and so prevent the useless shedding of blood and grief to thousands of families.

The war office announces measures to make the rule of martial law more severe. Public meetings and alarmist publications are prohibited and movement calculated to effect public order will be immediately suppressed by force of arms. Sufficient troops are available within the Ottoman Empire to meet emergencies.

The committee of progress published the following: "Italy at last has unmasked her hostile designs on Tripoli. The Italian charge has headed a note to the Porte, demanding the occupation of Tripoli province yesterday. The Ottoman nation prefers honor to life and indignantly repels the Italian audacity."

"There will be war between the two countries and our nation will employ every means against the enemy. Tripoli will courageously defend itself. The Ottoman government will expel all Italians from Turkey and Italian schools and business houses will be closed."

"Our committee will employ all its influence to cause these measures to be applied in a calm spirit towards the nation which has trodden under foot our most sacred rights."

"We beg the population to remain tranquil and leave to the government the duty of acting against the Italians, thus demonstrating that Ottomans are more civilized and equitable than Italians who drove their government to the present action."

"We invite the children of the Fatherland to be united at this critical moment."

Engagement Off Prevesa. The principal newspapers use language of unmeasured violence against the Italian military forces on the Greek and Montenegrin frontiers. The official version of the engagement off Prevesa says that an Italian cruiser, accompanied by torpedo boats, attacked the Turkish torpedo boat destroyer. One of the Turkish vessels found refuge in Prevesa harbor while the other was struck by several shots and ran ashore. The crew was saved.

The Turkish government seems to have reversed its decision not to defend Tripoli. It is officially announced to-day that Italian warships this morning attacked two Turkish torpedo boats off the port of Durazzo, on the west coast of Albania.

Will Defend Tripoli. The newspapers announce to-night that the minister of war, Mahmud, has advised the Ottoman government of the Turkish commandment at Tripoli to defend that territory against the Italian declaration of war and the attack on the Turkish government.

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Attacked Torpedo Boats. Berlin, Sept. 30.—Italy to-day sent a circular note to the powers, explaining her reasons for the action against Turkey, expressing the hope that the steps taken by Italy to defend the occupation of Tripoli.

That the hostilities will be of short duration and more negotiations to fix the status of Tripoli will be begun soon, it is thought. It is also stated that Italy will endeavor to localize the hostilities.

The note closes with the assurance that the steps taken are in the interests of humanity and civilization and that no effort will be spared to protect the subjects of other nations in international exposition.

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