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BRITAIN NOW FACES GENERAL STRIKE

FIVE MILLION WORKERS TO QUIT TUESDAY IF MINERS STILL OUT; STATE OF EMERGENCY PROCLAIMED

What Practically Amounts To Martial Law Rules In England; Special Trains Ready To Carry Naval Men If Trouble Rises

TRANSPORT WORKERS ARE INCLUDED

Distribution of Essential Foodstuffs Provided For If General Walk-out Takes Place; Hopes Faint For Reopening of Parleys With Mine Owners

LONDON, May 1.—The General Council of the Trades Union Congress has issued a detailed Memorandum regarding the trades and unions which have been called upon to cease work Tuesday. It is understood that the safety crews in all the coal mines throughout the country will be allowed to continue work in order to prevent damage to the mines.

The industries affected in the general strike order include: Transport, railways, sea, docks, harbors, roads and railway repair shops, unions connected with maintenance of air transport and the printing trade, including the press; productive industries in iron, steel, heavy chemicals and building trades, except those on hospital work; electricity and gas, including power lines. The council has recommended that there be no interference in the sanitary services, health, food and hospital supplies.

The British government today moved detachments of troops into the coal mining areas of South Wales, Lancashire and Scotland. The movement, characterized as "purely a precautionary measure," is to assist police in maintaining order during the miners' strike.

LONDON, May 1.—Great Britain faces a general strike as a result of the coal miners' strike against lower wages and increased hours.

Representatives of 203 trades unions, comprising five million workers, with enormous financial resources, met today and decided to back up the miners by ceasing work in all the vital services next Tuesday, unless a settlement of the miners' dispute is reached meanwhile.

STATE OF EMERGENCY PROCLAIMED

The government, aroused by the walkout of the miners, who laid down their tools at midnight, when the governmental subsidy expired, issued a proclamation that "a state of emergency exists."

The proclamation under the law gives the government almost unlimited powers, to be exercised in protecting the general public from suffering through curtailment of the vital necessities. Some hope remains that the negotiations between the coal owners and miners, may be re-opened, but the hope is very faint.

In proclaiming that "a state of emergency exists" the government assumes power, granted by the throne, to employ troops or take any other measures necessary to maintain order and insure the welfare of the population.

NEAR STATE OF SIEGE
Great Britain is placed under what approaches a state of siege by the proclamation that "a state of emergency exists." While not a proclamation of martial law, or a formal state of siege, it gives the government almost unlimited powers. The only limitation prescribed in the law under which the proclamation is issued, is that the government cannot declare industrial conscription for compulsory military service.

APART FROM this limitation, it may institute any measures it deems for the preservation of peace, the securing and regulation of supplies of food, fuel, light and other necessities, and the maintenance of means of transport.

TROOPS IN READINESS
There is not much talk of employment of troops, as the government is not inclined to stir the passions of the workers at this juncture, or special service, and it is safe to say that the troops throughout the country are prepared for any emergency.

THE financial section of London viewed the outlook with concern, as one aftermath of the coal stoppage might be the selling of securities on the stock exchange to meet expenses in other directions. The stock exchange was closed today, however, and the effect on securities could not be immediately gauged.

1,000,000 MINERS OUT
Great Britain's coal mining industry was at a standstill today, with more than a million miners idle, as a result of failure by the mine owners and their

May Involve All European Mine Workers

British United Press

LONDON, May 1.—The beginning today of a British coal strike involving one million men, which may conceivably eventually involve the miners in Germany, Belgium, Poland and Czechoslovakia, has made this May Day potentially the darkest since the war for workers throughout Europe.

Labor's solidarity which is symbolized by May Day observances, may soon be put to a practical test if the continental miners adhere to the Amsterdam agreement to support the strike of the British miners. This agreement, which would plunge Europe's workers into what conflicts would be effective only if the British miners request the support of sympathetic strikes. In that event the British miners would agree to support no-strike until continental miners obtained what they demanded.

months. The government, since the last strike, also has been preparing for the possibility of a future emergency, and is said to have perfected elaborate arrangements to meet the public needs for food and other necessities.

More than 200,000 private and commercial vehicles with their drivers, are ready for distribution services. It is said that last night many of these were called to the places assigned to them to begin work.

STRIKES HEAVY COST

The government's subsidy to enable the mine owners to pay the scale of wages which terminated at midnight last night, already has resulted in an expenditure of twenty million pounds. The last national coal strike in Great Britain in 1921, is estimated to have cost the nation nearly £200,000,000 in direct and indirect losses.

The government began its subsidy last July, when a crisis similar to that of today threatened. It appointed a Royal Commission to investigate the entire coal problem and endeavor to find a solution. The commission made recommendations for re-organizing the industry and increasing its efficiency.

MACDONALD'S VIEWS

LONDON, May 1.—"Great Britain is face to face with the class conflict," Ramsay MacDonald, former Premier of England and leader of the Labor Party in the House of Commons today said. "We face a complete breakdown of the coal industry. No British government in my time has mismanaged the coal business of the nation more than this (Baldwin's Conservative government) has. We face a machine, which, although adroit and powerful, nevertheless goes on from blunder to blunder thanks to its ruthless aims and narrow vision and the stubborn facts which confront it."

RHINE PROFITS.

AMSTERDAM, May 1.—The Rhinish-Westphalian coal syndicate is counting on important increases in coal transport by way of Rotterdam as a result of the shutdown of the British industry. The syndicate anticipates particularly an increase in bunkering business in the new waterway here, if the strike continues, and necessary preparations for handling it have been completed.

Several vessels which had intended to take on coal at Cardiff, Wales, have entered port. About 200 Rhine coal barges are now lying at Rotterdam ready to unload.

U. S. AFTER TRADE

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 1.—Coal operators and exporters in the United States are watching with intense interest the developments in the British coal crisis. Plans are being made, it is learned here today, by United States coal interests to capture coal trade in the world markets away from the British coal interests in case of any prolonged shutdown of British mines.

SUBMARINE KILLS WHALE.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., May 1.—When emerging from the water off Long Point, the big submarine V-1 struck and killed a whale, 28 feet long.

GOVT. MEMBERS ARRIVE HOME FROM CAPITAL

Session Just Ended One Of Longest On Record

85 BILLS PASSED

Many Important Measures Were Discussed and Approved By Legislators

PROLOGATION of the Legislature last night at Fredericton resulted in the arrival in the city today of many of the members en route to their homes after one of the longest first sessions on record. Usually, the sessions subsequent to an election are not of a lengthy nature but the one just concluded, in the opinion of several veterans, extended over a longer period than others of this kind. The Legislature opened on March 11 last, concluding on the last day of April.

Many important pieces of legislation will make the one just finished a noteworthy one. The outstanding work of the session was the passage of bills relating to the department of the Grand Falls but probably the most interesting to the electorate at large was the bill relating to direct taxation.

OTHER MEASURES

In these two respects alone, the late session might well ground a favorable claim to an historic session, but back of these are bills relating to extension of the crown land leases to pulp and paper companies for a period of 99 years; increase in taxes on gas, trust and loan companies, telephone and express companies, insurance companies; a bill for the re-organization of the Highway Act, the latter an important enactment. In the matter of heavy legislation, therefore, the session was an outstanding one.

85 BILLS APPROVED

Eighty-five bills were passed during the session. Ninety bills were introduced, five of which were never reported. Among these were a bill to amend the Health Act, a bill in amendment of the Workmen's Compensation Act and an Act to amend the law relating to the amendment act. Last session one hundred and three bills were introduced.

Following prorogation the provincial government held a brief final meeting following which it was announced that no further meetings of the cabinet would probably be held for at least two weeks. Meanwhile no announcements have been made respecting the bye-election to fill the vacancy now existing in Saint John County or for vacancies which will probably be created through the appointment of new members to the government to posts with emolument.

MEMBERS RETURN.

Among those arriving home today were Premier Baxter, Hon. L. P. D. Tilley, K. C., President of the Council, Lieut. Col. W. H. Harrison, M. E. Agur, James Lewis, the outgoing member for Saint John, returned home Friday evening. Among the out-of-town members passing through were Hon. E. A. Reilly, K. C., chairman of the N. B. Electric Power Commission, Hon. Dr. H. I. Taylor, Minister of Health, H. M. Wood, Dr. M. A. Oulton, Hon. Antoine J. LeGer, A. J. Brooks, J. William Smith and H. V. Dickson.

7 Apply For P'ton City Marshal Job

FREDERICTON, May 1.—John H. McCollom this morning handed in to the city treasurer everything pertaining to the office of city marshal and tax collector and is not an applicant for reappointment. Seven applications have been received. The appointment will be made Monday.

Big Black Cat Paces Hall As Strike Begins

LONDON, May 1.—While the miners were framing their vital reply to the government's final suggestion for compromise a large black cat paced outside the Premier's room in the House of Commons. The moment the door was opened, the cat dashed in. Ramsay MacDonald, Arthur Henderson and other prominent Labor leaders were in the corridor at the time.

"Does that mean good or back luck?" one of them inquired. A few moments later the miners had rejected the government suggestion and the strike was on.

Last British Coal Strike Recalled



Above, colliery officials from the offices and underground staff photographed at one of the mines. Left, miners leave work leading a pit pony which seldom sees daylight. Right, empty coal bunkers and idle carts. Such sights as these are common during English coal strikes.

Eight New Sheriffs Named By N. B. Govt.; No Changes In Saint John and Kings County

FREDERICTON, N. B., May 1.—Eight changes have been made in the slate of high sheriffs of New Brunswick, announced today following the completion of the session of the Legislature. The changes have been made in Albert, Carleton, Gloucester, Kent, Madawaska, Restigouche, Sunbury and Westmorland.

No changes have been made in Charlotte, Kings, Northumberland, Queens, the city and county of Saint-John, Victoria or York. The following sheriffs have been retained in office: Charles E. A. Stewart, Kings; Isaac Campbell, Northumberland; William A. Skidd, Queens; William S. Machum, City and County of Saint John; Amos Wilson, Victoria; James Tibbitts, York; John B. Hawthorn, Sheriff Campbell was recently appointed by the government to succeed the late Sheriff Macleod in Kings while Sheriff Machum was appointed to succeed Sheriff Frank Reid, following the latter's resignation soon after the general elections.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

The following are the new appointments: Aiden H. Peck, to succeed Sheriff E. W. Lynds, in Albert; Frank L. Tompkins, to succeed Sheriff Hector Poirier to succeed Sheriff J. A. Meahan in Gloucester; Telephone Arsenault to succeed Sheriff Basil J. Johnson in Kent; James E. Clair to succeed Sheriff Donat L. Daigle in Madawaska; Phillip LaViolette, to succeed Sheriff Stanislas Blanchard in Restigouche; Charles Bilis to succeed Sheriff James W. Goun in Sunbury and David H. Charters to succeed Sheriff L. N. Killam in Westmorland.

PHALAROS WINS CUP

Mrs. Arthur James' Horse First in Hurst Park Feature

HURST PARK, Eng., May 1.—Phalaros, owned by Mrs. Arthur James, won the Victoria Cup race of two thousand pounds here today. Lord Glanville's Capture Him, was second and Sir George Balfour's Ethnarch was third. Seventeen ran. Phalaros won by four lengths and there was a length and a half between Capture Him and Ethnarch. The betting against Phalaros was 9 to 2; against Capture Him, 100 to 9 and against Ethnarch 5 to 1.

Belgian Miners Plan Meeting On May 6

BRUSSELS, May 1.—Belgian miners today decided to meet May sixth to decide on their attitude toward the British mine strike. It is expected that they will take measures to prevent the export of coal to Britain if the British mines are still idle then.

Particulars Asked In Election Charge

EDMONTON, Alta., May 1.—A Supreme Court order was issued yesterday by Mr. Justice Ives compelling John Bernard Page, of Edmonton, to furnish full particulars of the charges of illegal practices alleged against D. M. Kennedy, federal member for Peace River in a petition filed under the Dominion Election Act by Page on February 25 last. June 1 was the time limit imposed for the securing of the particulars.

Put Clock Hands Hour Ahead Tonight

REMEMBER to set the hands of the clocks ahead an hour at midnight tonight, for that is the starting time of daylight saving in Saint John for this summer. It will continue until September 25, just about five months. As the church services will be on the daylight schedule tomorrow, it is important that in all households the clock hands be advanced; otherwise there will be disruption of the family schedule tomorrow.

Damaged Schooner Arrives At Halifax

HALIFAX, N. S., May 1.—The racing schooner Columbia of Gloucester, Mass., which dragged ashore in a gale at Capou, N. S., on April 26, and was considerably damaged before she was refloated, arrived here this morning in tow of the trawler Lord Darling. The Columbia will probably go on the marine slip here for repairs to her underbody.

PEACE PARLEY FAILS

MADRID, May 1.—The peace negotiations between the Franco-Spanish and Italian delegates at Oujda have been broken off.

HYDRO LINE TO HAVE LOCK IS NOW ASSURED

Power Commission Will Recommend Extension To Gov't

SHEDIAC APPLIES

Delegates Asked To Secure More Information; Reilly Lauds New Projects

EXTENSION of the Musquash system to Havelock, Kings county, has been practically decided on by the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission, and work on the transmission lines will be commenced shortly, it was learned today. At a meeting of the commission in Fredericton this week the members were assured that there were sufficient contract applications to carry the service, and it was decided to recommend this extension at the next meeting of the Government.

An application from residents of Shediac for extension of the system to that town also was before the Commission and delegates representing the town were requested to secure information as to the number of prospective customers and submit this to the commission. If such information is favorable, it is likely that the system will be extended to include Shediac.

REILLY OPTIMISTIC
Hon. E. A. Reilly, K. C., chairman of the commission, passed through the city this morning en route to Moncton. He expressed optimism over the Grand Falls and Nepisiguit River Hydro developments and predicted great industrial strides for the province resulting from them.

"It has taken many months to bring our regulations to a successful conclusion," he said, "but now that that part has been completed the government and the commission look forward with confidence to the future."

ALL LARGE CITIES ON DAYLIGHT TIME

Only Exceptions Are Hamilton, London and Western Ontario Towns

Canadian Press
TORONTO, May 1.—All large cities in Eastern Canada, with the exception of Hamilton, London and other cities in Western Ontario, will go on daylight saving time for the summer months tonight or early Sunday morning. Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Halifax and Saint John will all put the clocks forward one hour, as well as Quebec City, Hull, Sherbrooke and numerous small towns in the Eastern Townships.

St. Catharines and a number of municipalities in Western Ontario to adopt summer time. Newfoundland adopts daylight saving next week.

Liner Zealand Docks At Halifax Today

HALIFAX, N. S., May 1.—After being laid off for one trip for drydocking and general overhaul, the Red Star liner Zealand, Captain Thomas, arrived this morning from Antwerp, Boulogne and Southampton to land 12 cabin, 332 third class passengers, 150 bags of mail and 17 tons of cargo.

The Weather

SYNOPTIC—A fairly deep depression is centred over Manitoba while pressure is relatively high over Ontario. The weather is fine from Ontario eastward, with a tendency towards higher temperatures in Ontario. It is mostly fair and cool in Alberta, fair and cooler in Saskatchewan, and somewhat warmer this morning in Manitoba.

FORECASTS—

MARITIME: Moderate winds, fine with stationary or somewhat higher temperatures, today and Sunday.
NEW ENGLAND: Fair tonight warmer in Western Massachusetts. Sunday partly cloudy and warmer; moderate northerly shifting to south and southwest winds and increasing Sunday.

Temperatures

TORONTO, May 1.— Highest during 8 a.m. Yesterday night
Victoria ... 44 60 44
Calgary ... 54 68 54
Edmonton ... 40 68 38
Toronto ... 46 53 38
Montreal ... 46 50 42
Saint John ... 46 52 32
Halifax ... 54 50 40
New York ... 56 60 42