

ANOTHER GIGANTIC STRIKE BREAKS OUT IN OLD LONDON

Transport Workers to the Number of 150,000 Quit Work, Alleging That Agreements Have Been Broken, and British Capital Business Comes to a Halt.

[Canadian Press.]

London, May 23.—The national executive committee of the Transport Workers' Federation has decided upon a general strike, commencing tonight in support of the Thames lightermen, in their dispute with their employers, and also to enable the federation to endeavor to adjust its own grievances.

The original cause of the trouble between the riverside workmen of London and their employers was a dispute concerning the employment of a non-unionist workman. The man was a foreman named James Thomas, a Scotsman, who refused to join the Journeymen's Union. The men refused to work under his orders, and several thousand of them were locked out, upon which the committee of the union ordered several thousand more to strike.

It is estimated that over 100,000 transport workers will be affected by the decision reached this morning, and this will bring virtually the whole trade of the port of London to a standstill.

CHARGE BOYCOTTING.

Representatives from every portion of the kingdom were present at the meeting of the federation, and a resolution was unanimously adopted to quit work owing to the alleged boycotting of members of trades unions, and the "deliberate breaking of agreements by employers."

No fewer than 150,000 dockers, charmen, lightermen, laborers and others connected with the docks will be immediately involved in the strike, and the entire transport work of the port of London will be brought to a standstill.

CONFINED TO LONDON.

The resolution adopted by the executive committee of the Transport Workers' Federation, confining the strike for the moment to London, Mr. Anderson, the general secretary of the federation, in reply to a question this morning, said: "The resolution means the stoppage of work by all the transport workers of London, and if necessary a national strike, will be declared later."

Any attempt to divert traffic to other ports of the United Kingdom will be a signal for the spread of disaffection. Work at some of the London docks is already paralyzed this morning, and numerous vessels laden with foodstuffs are unable to discharge their cargoes, while perishable food is rotting in the warehouses.

Harry Gosling, the men's leader, addressed the dock workers after the decision of the Transport Workers' Federation, and told them they were in for a big fight, which would not be ended in a week or two. It would be a fight to a finish, and the men, if loyal, would win, as they won last year.

Ben Tillett, secretary of the Dock, Wharf, Riverside and General Workers' Union of Great Britain, in a speech, said that the dispute, if necessary, would become a national question. They proposed, he said, to make the fight a great and revolutionary success.

The difficulty of obtaining meal supplies from the docks has sent the price up two pence a pound already, and the millers are apprehensive of the situation, as they possess supplies for only ten or fourteen days.

New York, May 23.—A London cable to the New York Times this morning says:

Fresh industrial disturbances, sagging markets, with rumors of probable failure, and the expectation of enforced reductions of railroad dividends, and an international situation which, while not critical, contains obscure and disquieting elements, all combine to render the outlook in England gloomy.

The most serious question is the industrial unrest. London's food supply is again menaced. Fifteen thousand workers at the port of London are on strike, and unless a committee of inquiry, appointed by the Government, discovers a solution of the quarrel, it is feared that a hundred thousand men connected with the London docks will be idle by the end of the week.

The spectre of another national coal strike has not been removed. The federation declares that Premier Asquith promised a "reasonable living wage," and that the awards do not give it. The federation calls upon the Government to take immediate action.

A deputation is seeking an interview with the premier.

TAXI STRUCK BOY ON A BIKE BOY GOT EVEN WITH CHAUFFEUR

When Collision Occurred Lad Was Shot Into Stomach of Taxi Driver.

A spectacular collision between a taxi cab and a small boy on a wheel occurred at the corner of Park and Queen's avenues last evening.

James Ellis a messenger, was wheeling down Queen's avenue, when the taxi came up Park avenue and started to turn east.

The taxi was on the wrong side, and

the boy, evidently thinking the driver would cross and get on the right side, kept on going.

Taxi and bicycle struck heavily, and the boy was hurled from his machine clean over the dashboard of the taxi, and landed head first in the stomach of the chauffeur.

The bicycle went under the taxi and was run over and badly smashed. The taxi driver came to a stop, and had his wind knocked out, but he saved the small boy from any injury at all. The escape, however, was a narrow one, and people who witnessed the affair thought at first that the boy would be thrown under the machine and badly hurt.

CONSUMERS TO "PAY THE PIPER" FOR ADVANCE TO THE MINERS

Ten Per Cent. Increase to Come Out of the Public's Pockets.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, May 23.—Coal consumers here found evidence that the public will have to pay the ten per cent. wage advance of the anthracite miners in the announcement today that the price of hard coal would be advanced 25 cents on June 1, thereby

increasing the maximum price at tide-water from \$5 to \$5.25 a ton.

The coal companies estimate that a price advance of about 20 cents a ton on domestic sizes will be required to cover the wage increase, while the balance of the price advance will go toward making up other increases in the cost of production, aside from the cost of labor. These include the greater cost of materials and the greater outlay for pumping, ventilation and underground transportation.

SHOCK FROM RUNAWAY RESULTED FATALITY

Mrs. Peter Campbell Is Dead at Her Home in Wingham.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Wingham, May 23.—Mrs. Peter Campbell, who was so badly injured in a recent runaway accident, died at her home here last evening. Mrs. Campbell had been in failing health for some time, and death followed the shock she sustained. Several days ago Mrs. Campbell and her sister went out for a short drive in the hope that the change would benefit Mrs. Campbell. The horse suddenly bolted, and Mrs. Campbell was hurled head-first against a tree. Her head was badly cut, but it was not thought at the time that the injury would result fatally. Beal, her husband, she leaves two sons, William and John at home, and one daughter, Mrs. Bentley, of Wingham.

GRAND OVERFLOW GETS THROUGH DYKES

Baseball Field and Agricultural Park Have Been Inundated.

[Canadian Press.]

Brantford, May 23.—The Grand River, as a result of recent rains here, is so high that the water has soaked through the dykes behind Agricultural Park and completely inundated the Canadian League baseball field. The games scheduled here for today and tomorrow morning have been consequently postponed. At Newport, a few miles below the city, the road is flooded for several miles, and in Parkdale the water submerged a number of cellars. The water is the highest ever known for this time of the year.

ORDERED TO CUBA.

Washington, May 23.—As a result of reports of danger to foreign lives and property in Cuba, the navy department at the request of the state department, has ordered the naval transport Prairie to embark 600 marines at Philadelphia, and proceed immediately to the United States naval station at Guantanamo to join the gunboats Paducah and Nashville.

A ROYAL WELCOME WAITS LADIES OF NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ARRIVAL IN LONDON

Delegates Will Arrive at 8:20 Tonight from East On the C.P.R.

WORKERS KNOWN
ALL OVER CANADA

List Contains the Names of Some of the Most Prominent Ladies in the Dominion.

MRS. R. M. GRAHAM,
Treasurer of the Local Council of Women

HAD BIG BOTTLE AND A BIG GUN

Elderly Man Taken Into Custody By the Local Police Last Night.

Thomas Carson, an elderly Irishman, was found last night with a big black bottle and a revolver in his possession. As a result he faced two charges in police court this morning and was fined \$15 by Police Magistrate Judd. He paid up with brand new five-spots.

Carson explained that he is a crossing watchman on the Grand Trunk and that he had found it absolutely necessary to carry a gun with him. The world is full of crooks, he declared, despite the activity of Sgt. Birrell, and life and property is not safe unless guarded with arms.

As to the aforesaid black bottle, Mr. Carson informed the court that a man on the street, whose name he did not know, had given it to him and that he had not intended against the regulations of the Indian list by going into a tavern after it. Ten dollars or twenty-one dollars for the bottle, and five dollars for the revolver was the price Mr. Judd fixed it. He also ordered the police to confiscate the gun.

James Collins, who said that his home is in Boston, and that he is on his way to the West, was charged with drunkenness. James, who was very polite, had one cent in his possession, so the court decided that this was not worth taking from him. He was discharged.

Half a dozen boys and young men who rode bicycles on the sidewalk were fined \$1 each.

CIRCULATION INACTIVE IN FARMERS' BANK

Not Until Institution Got Into Deep Water Did It Start to Move.

[Canadian Press.]
Toronto, May 23.—Hon. J. Stratton, Peterboro, A. E. Donovan, M. P., Brockville, Mr. Cluser and other prominent people, were spectators at the Farmers' Bank inquiry this morning. Mr. Stockdale, one of the trust and guarantee company's clerks, was put on the stand and interrogated very closely about the deposit of circulation made by the bank with the trust company, but little fresh evidence was elicited.

Stockdale indicated that this circulation account was fairly inactive during the first year, but later on it became very active (evidently when the Farmers Bank started to get into deep water).

W. S. Morden, of Belleville, now assistant general manager of the trust company told his connection with the trust company which dates from September, 1910. On October 21 he and Mr. Stratton had a conference with Travers about the bank's account, which impressed him as being rather unsatisfactory and he wished to have it adjusted. He thought the situation was a little unusual, although he had at that time no experience of banking, having up to date of his connection with the company, practiced law. Travers strongly urged that he should have the privileges continued claiming that he was being unfairly treated by the other banks. He denied that he knew of the real condition of the bank.

Cadets' Camp.

While no date has yet been decided upon, the militia department have decided that a training camp for the High School Cadets of this district will be held on Carling's Heights some time in July for a period of six or seven days. The members of the Division staff are kept very busy at present preparing for the annual camps at Goderich and London. The camp at Goderich will commence on June 16, and the medical camp in this city opens on June 1.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR.

Forecasts.

Toronto, May 23.—8 a.m.
Today—Fresh southerly to southwest; wind; fine and warmer.
Friday—A few scattered thunderstorms, but generally fine and warm.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
LONDON	81.5	47	Fair
Victoria	68	48	Cloudy
Calgary	69	49	Cloudy
Port Arthur	48	28	Cloudy
Parry Sound	52	32	Cloudy
Toronto	64	44	Cloudy
Ottawa	58	48	Fair
Montreal	82	50	Cloudy
Quebec	52	42	Rain
Father Point	46	38	Cloudy

Weather Notes.
The western depression continues to move slowly northward, causing finer and warmer weather over the greater portion of Ontario.
In the Western Provinces showers have been almost general, while local thunderstorms are reported from Quebec.

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WORKERS KNOWN
ALL OVER CANADA

List Contains the Names of Some of the Most Prominent Ladies in the Dominion.

With the arrival of the 8:20 train from Toronto at the Canadian Pacific Railway depot this evening, London will welcome into her midst a delegation composed of some of Canada's finest women, all coming to attend the annual meetings of the National Council of Women of Canada, which opens tomorrow. An entire list of the delegates will be found in another column, and as one reads such names as those of Mrs. Torrington, president; Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, Mrs. W. E. Sanford, who has travelled practically around the world, visiting national councils of other countries; Dr. Augusta Stove-Dallen, president of the Canadian Suffrage Association, and Mrs. Margaret Johnston and Margaret Gordon, besides many others whose names are closely allied with numerous philanthropic organizations and movements one feels that this congress is to be an event in the history of London.

Arrangements have been made by which citizens owning motor cars will meet the visitors at the depot, and convey them to the homes of their hostesses. Much has been written in other publications of the hospitality and kindly entertainment provided by the people of the Forest City, and everything possible will be done during the week of the convention, to best out the favorable reputation which London appears to hold.

M'GREGOR DEFENCE SCORES IN SPARKLING CASE AT BAD AXE

Prosecution Given Several Setbacks In Their Most Important Contention—Presbyterian Clergyman Takes the Stand and Clears Dr. McGregor of One Imputation.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Bad Axe, Mich., May 23.—The quietness was put on the claim of the prosecution that the assignments of the insurance policies of the Sparling boys were forged today, when two witnesses took the stand and swore to being present when the signing occurred in Justice Gibson's office at Uby.

Mrs. Gibson and her daughter swore positively that the signing took place Aug. 18, 1910.

The prosecution had endeavored to show that the assignments were not made on that date at all, and tried to raise the inference that they were forged.

George Goling was the next witness for the defence, and he swore that Dr. Conboy had told him after a visit to the Sparling home, while Albert Sparling was sick, that he did not know what the trouble was, but that when the boys took sick a weak constitution prevented their recovery.

Boys Had Been Ill.

Dr. Conboy was the prosecution's star witness, and this testimony

throws discredit on his evidence.

Dr. McGregor is himself scheduled to take the stand in his own defence today, or Friday, and upon his own statements regarding the Sparling affair the defence is relying strongly. Yesterday afternoon's session of the trial resulted in several points being brought out favorably to the defence.

John Cuitard, an employee of the Sparlings, stated that both Albert and Scyll had sick spells shortly before their respective last illnesses.

A Minister Testifies.

Rev. Thomas Hurd, pastor of the Uby Presbyterian Church, testified that he was at the Sparling home the night of the post-mortem on Scyll Sparling, and that then it was Dr. Holdship, instead of Dr. McGregor, who attributed death to cancer of the liver.

He said that Dr. McGregor at that time said he would be unable to tell the cause of death until the analysis of the viscera of the boy, thus indicating that even at that time the present defendant was determined Scyll's death should be thoroughly investigated.

DETROIT FANS INVADE LONDON TO SEE BOWERMAN IN ACTION

Excursion of Over One Hundred People Headed By Ex-Sheriff Burns Arrived at One o'Clock With the Famous Bulldog "Boxer" Hook a Proud Member of Delegation.

Over one hundred, singing, shouting and happy Detroit fans, including ex-Sheriff Burns and "Boxer" Hook, arrived in London at 1 o'clock this afternoon on a special train via the C. P. R. to do honor to the manager of the London Baseball Club, Frank Bowerman, on his initial appearance as a player in the Canadian League. It was one of the most joyful crowds that it has ever been the fortune of the city of London to entertain, and after one look at them, Mayor Graham had no hesitation whatever in handing over the key of the city to them.

Welcomed at Depot.

At the C. P. R. station, Manager Frank Bowerman, the directors of the London Baseball Club, Mayor Graham, and about 300 London fans, gathered to welcome the boys from the City of the Straits, with the aid of the London Pipers, who were hired for the occasion.

As soon as order could be restored after the train pulled in, Mayor Gra-

ham mounted a baggage truck, and while ex-Sheriff Burns was being hoisted up beside him, his worship made a brief speech, and presented the key of London to Mr. Burns to be made use of by him and his fellow visitors.

The key was a mammoth affair decorated with red white and blue ribbon, and it is fully guaranteed to open anything in the city.

Accepted the Key.

Ex-Sheriff Burns replied briefly, stating that it gave him great pleasure to accept the key on behalf of the excursionists, and that he hoped it would further cement the bonds of friendship existing between the citizens of London and their brothers across the border.

Manager Frank Bowerman also made a speech, the Detroit crowd refusing to leave the station platform until he had been heard from.

With the conclusion of Manager Bowerman's address the boys from Detroit rendered a parody on "I'm Somebody Here, Seen Kelly," which ran something like this:

SPIRITED CONTEST IS AHEAD OVER LICENSE REDUCTION

WAS 99 YEARS OLD

Mrs. Currie, of Bruce, Lived Under Four Sovereigns.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Walkerton, May 23.—Mrs. Currie, one of the oldest residents of the county, died on Monday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. Kent, in her 99th year. She was one of the early settlers of Saugeen Township, and spent the greater part of her life in Bruce County. She was born on the island of Ismay, Scotland, and had been the subject of four different sovereigns. Her son John was at one time deputy registrar of the county. Mrs. Currie leaves seven sons and two daughters. Her body was taken to Port Elgin for burial.

NEW LOCAL TRAIN ON THE C. P. R.

One Will Be Run Between London and Windsor Beginning June 2nd Next.

LEAVES HERE 6:35 P. M.

A General Improvement in the Service Is Promised by a New Timetable which Is Being Prepared.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company have decided upon a number of important changes in schedule, new equipment and additional trains which will greatly benefit the travelling public. These changes are to come into effect on June 2nd next.

Additional trains have been put on between Toronto and Hamilton, and Toronto and Ottawa. A number of local or flag trains will be run in order to shorten the time of the through trains between Toronto and Chicago, and between Toronto and Montreal.

A connection will be made with a northern train by a steamer at Balta, and this direct connection will be given between the Muskoka Lakes and New York.

Special new equipment will be added to the Toronto-New York and Toronto-Vancouver trains.

Beginning on June 2, an additional Toronto-Hamilton train will leave Toronto daily at 11:30 a.m., and arrive at Hamilton at 12:35 p.m. An additional train will leave Hamilton at 7:30 p.m. daily and arrive here at 8:35 p.m.

New Ottawa Train.
A new train, No. 24, equipped with electric-lighted, compartment cars, standard sleepers and first-class baggage and mail cars, will run without change from Toronto to Ottawa, leaving Toronto daily at 11:30 a.m., and arrive at Hamilton at 12:35 p.m. There will also be a first-class sleeper leave North Toronto station at 11:40 p.m., which at Leaside Junction will be attached to the 11:50 p.m. Ottawa train.

The Chicago Line.
By the running of additional flag trains, half an hour will be cut off the time of the C. P. R. Toronto-Chicago train. This train, No. 633, which formerly left Toronto at 5:30 p.m., will leave Toronto for the west at 5 p.m., half an hour earlier, and arrive at Chicago the usual time of 7:15 a.m. Coming east, the Toronto-Chicago Limited, train No. 634, will leave Chicago at 11 p.m., and arrive at Toronto at 3:35 p.m.

This service, which will be daily, except Sunday, will be the fastest between Toronto and Chicago, doing the distance in 14 1/2 hours, as compared with the former time of 14 3/4 hours.

No Flag Stops.
In order to make this fast time, the C. P. R. have taken off all local flag stops to and from Toronto. They have added a new local train between London and Windsor for this purpose. This new local will leave London at 6:35 p.m., and arrive at Windsor at 9:55 p.m. A local will also leave Windsor at 8 a.m., and arrive at London at 11:20 a.m.

AGED GENERAL BOOTH UNDERWENT OPERATION

Had Cataract Over His Eyes Successfully Removed.

[Canadian Press.]

London, May 23.—General Booth, of the Salvation Army, was operated on today for cataract, by Charles Hixgens, the senior consulting ophthalmic surgeon of Guy's Hospital.

After the operation Dr. Hixgens issued the following bulletin: "The operation on General Booth was completely successful, and the ultimate recovery of his health depends only on the recuperative powers of the general himself."

WILL NOT CHARGE.

Washington, May 23.—By a vote of 147 to 126 the House today reaffirmed its decision that no toll should be charged American vessels engaged in coastwise trade for passage through the Panama Canal. The provision was bitterly fought, and the result was received with cheers.

EAST LONDON MAN CHARGED WITH STEALING A PURSE

Richard Evans Taken Into Custody at the C. P. R. Depot.

Richard Evans, a young Englishman, whose home is on Mary street, East London, was taken into custody by Constable Robert Logan, at the Grand Trunk depot at noon today charged with stealing a purse belonging to Mrs. (Dr.) Morgan, who

Inspector Galpin Is Opposed to Cutting Off Any Licenses in London.

ANTI-LIQUOR MEN ACTIVE

Will Make Things So Warm That City Men Will Not Be Able to Fight in Township.

The announcement by The Advertiser that the temperance people will demand a vote for reduction in the number of hotel licenses in the city created a great deal of interest here today, and it is eagerly discussed at the hotels and on the streets.

"The hotelmen are a unit in opposing the proposition, and declare that it is unfair to them," says Inspector Galpin, "does not approve of the move."

"It puts the license commissioners and myself in a very awkward position," said Inspector Galpin, "for instance, we had our annual inspection some time ago. We noticed that some changes were necessary to make the hotels what they should be. How can we force these men to spend money in improving their places, when they are liable to be cut off at any time? If the hotels are to be cut off, cut them all off, not a few. As a matter of fact there is not sufficient hotel accommodation at the present time, and on ordinary nights, it is almost impossible to get rooms in the first-class hotels. I have no objection to cutting off all the hotels if the temperance people want to do so, but I do not think it wise to cut a few of them off."

\$250,000 For a New Hotel.

"Not long ago, a number of Chicago people wrote me saying they were willing to invest \$250,000 in a modern hotel in London. I wrote to them giving them all possible encouragement. The action of the temperance people, however, does not make the suggestion appear a wise one at this moment."

"The difficulty in keeping the hotels up to the standard is the uncertainty in connection with licenses. It should be settled for a period of years, so that the license commissioners could order certain improvements, with certainty that what was ordered would be done, and the men who spent their money would have a reasonable opportunity for being reimbursed. I do not think the move well timed at the present moment."

The hotelmen, of course, are opposed to the proposed vote, declaring that it does not give them an opportunity of making the improvements necessary to enable them to make provision for future development of the city.

Prefers Local Option.
"We would much prefer to have a vote on local option," one hotel keeper informed The Advertiser. "However, if the temperance people want to have a vote on the question, I presume we will have to submit. There is not sufficient accommodation at the present time. London is becoming a more important business centre all the time, and there are more commuters than ever before. There is scarcely a night that many travellers have to put up with accommodation they are not accustomed to, and because they cannot get anything better. Why do not the temperance people erect a temperance hotel? That would be a better situation, somewhat, should say. It is all right to cut hotels off, but sleeping accommodation should be provided for those who are left."

"I know of half a dozen hotel men who would have erected large additions to their present hotels if they had certainty that exists. What we feared is about to take place, and as a result we are in a good position. We shall have to fight, of course, but it does not seem fair to us."

A Real Fight.

The campaigns in London and London Township will be related. There are about eleven licenses of all kinds in that township, and an effort will be made to carry local option there. At the meeting in the Y. M. C. A. on Tuesday, the temperance party will be asked to support the local option. It was thought that the most efficient method would be to start a campaign in London so that the temperance party would be fighting their own battles, rather than giving them an opportunity of drawing the weight of their influence in with the county men.

"There is only one way of helping our brethren in London Township, one temperance worker stated, "That method is to keep the local liquor men so busy in London that they have no time nor the funds to assist the hotel men in the township. If we start a campaign for license reduction they will be kept busy enough to feel confident that the electors of London Township will be able to handle their own affairs, and wipe out the hotels in the township."

Six Hotels To Be Named.

The view of this temperance man were thoroughly in accord with the sentiments of the delegates, and as a result the plan of campaign was organized at once. They also named the six hotels they were prepared to vote to be cut off. They were not given out for publication, but when the time comes they will be Continued on Page Eleven.