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CONCESSIONS TO END CAR STRIKE TODAY

COMPANY Will Grant Men's Demand for Wage Increase, Thereby Ending Toronto's Transportation Difficulties—Mass Meeting of Employees to Be Held Tonight.

Russians Starting Advance German Headway Checked On Open Road to Lemberg To East of Monchy-le-Preux

NO LAXITY IN CARRYING OUT CONSCRIPTION

Drastic Amendment is Meighen's Response to W. F. Maclean's Appeal.

COALITION IS URGED

Good Progress Made With Bill But Fresh Controversy is Likely.

BRITISH PUNISH TURKS IN MESOPOTAMIA FIGHT

Temperature Rises to Hundred and Nineteen Degrees in Shade.

London, July 11.—The war office tonight issued the following statement on the progress of operations in Mesopotamia:

"A British column and airplanes have chastised effectively Turkish irregulars who had attacked a convoy. Two German aviators whose machines were destroyed by fire in the desert, surrendered. British armored cars are seeking two other Germans who were left behind."

"The temperature has risen to 119 degrees in the shade."

CANADIANS, IN NIGHTLY RAIDS, GAIN ON LENS

Dominion Troops Exercise Determined Pressure Against Defences of Germans.

KEEP ON ADVANCING

Currie's Men Make Methodical Approach—Westerners' Scouting Feats.

SETTLEMENT NOW EXPECTED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS

MAYOR CALLS MEETING

Late last night Mayor Church announced that he had arranged for a mass meeting of the street railway employees for 8 o'clock tonight, at which there would be present representatives from the Ottawa, provincial and city governments. At this meeting an earnest effort to find a basis of arbitration for the settlement of the strike will be made, and the mayor has hopes that the matter will be satisfactorily adjusted, thus bringing an end to the difficulties under which the public is suffering.

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Blow Dealt Nationalists Bets Clouds Prospect of Irish Convention.

GRAVE MISGIVINGS

Irish People Show Great Repugnance to Lloyd George's Program.

London, July 11.—The election of Edward De Valera as M.P. for East Clare, the third Sinn Feiner to be returned to parliament of late, by the unexpectedly large majority of nearly three thousand, in a constituency which for years has returned the official Nationalist candidate unopposed, has caused the greatest surprise and disappointment in Nationalist circles and misgiving among politicians generally, as to the prospects of the Irish convention.

The most sanguine Sinn Feiner hoped for a majority of from one thousand to fifteen hundred only, and this revelation of how deeply Ireland is permeated with repugnance to the policy of the government and with objection to Nationalist cooperation in the ministerial attempts to secure an Irish settlement is regarded as a bad omen for the success of the convention. The Sinn Feiners have steadily refused to have anything to do with the proposed convention, and, although the incident will not interfere with the holding of the convention, it is feared that without Sinn Fein representation, its decisions will not satisfy the Irish people.

Sinn Feiners jubilate.

A despatch from Ennis, County Clare, says: Scenes of wild excitement followed announcement of the result of the parliamentary election in East Clare. Prof. De Valera, the successful candidate, addressed the crowd, and said it could no longer be alleged that the Irish people did not want independence. The new member headed a crowd of Sinn Feiners who marched thru the town carrying republican flags.

British Aviators Bombard Bulgarian Communications

London, July 11.—An official statement on the situation on the Macedonian front, issued tonight, says: "British airplanes bombed the enemy's communications."

"The health of the British forces compares very favorably with that of last year."

Saskatchewan Coal Strike Settlement Not Yet in Sight

By a Staff Reporter.
 Ottawa, July 11.—Mr. Turriff (Assiniboia) asked in the house today about the Saskatchewan coal strike. He said the miners had gone on strike because they wanted the same wages as were being paid to miners in Alberta and British Columbia under the direction of the government.

Mr. Crothers replied that the government director of mines had as yet no authority over Saskatchewan.

GERMAN U-BOATS SINK FOURTEEN BIG VESSELS

British Losses in Merchant Marine From Mines and Submarines Show Further Decline From Previous Seven Days.

London, July 11.—The sinking of 14 British merchantmen of more than 1000 tons is reported in the weekly summary of shipping losses, issued here today.

Three merchantmen of less than 1000 tons, and seven fishing vessels also were sunk.

The official statement follows: "Arrivals, 2898; sailings, 2798. "British merchant ships sunk by mines or submarines over 1000 tons, including one previously, 14; under 1000 tons, 3. "British merchant ships unsuccessfully attacked, including four previously, 17. "British fishing vessels sunk, including one previously, 7. "The increasing effectiveness of the measures against submarines which

RUSSIANS BREAK THRU HUNDRED MILE FRONT

Ally's Armies Steadily Push Forward Between Tarnopol and Carpathians—Lemberg Lies Open to Attack from Halicz.

Petrograd, July 11.—In the capture of Halicz the Russian revolutionary army, so discredited during the last few months, has reached in a single move the objective fought for so stubbornly but without success, by General Brusiloff's triumphant forces of last summer in a long and arduous campaign. This feat means the definite penetration of the Austro-German lines on a broad front, and not merely a local penetration, which was accomplished by the first Russian victory west of Tarnopol.

The activity of the Russian armies has now spread from Tarnopol to the Carpathians, and they are steadily pushing forward on a continuous front more than 100 miles long. Gen. Brusiloff, apparently benefiting from last year's experience in his attempts on Halicz from the north, from which side last summer's campaign proved

BRITISH LOSE POSITION IN AREA OF NIEUPOORT

Germans Also Attack Advanced Posts East of Monchy, Gaining Slight Ground—Artillery Fire in Belgium Diminishes.

London, July 11.—The official report from British headquarters in France tonight reads: "The extreme intensity of the enemy's artillery fire on the Nieuport front has now diminished. Our artillery continues active."

"The enemy attacked our advanced posts east of Monchy-le-Preux this morning on a front of about 88 yards and succeeded in pressing some of them back very slightly. An attempt by the enemy to rush one of our posts northwest of Lens early this morning was driven off, one wounded prisoner remaining in our hands."

"Bad weather yesterday prevented any aerial activity on either side until evening. During the night we bombed two enemy airfields. All our machines returned safely."

The enemy penetrated British positions in Belgium on a front of 1400 yards to a depth of 300 yards, says a statement issued by the British war office today.

In their advance the Germans reached the right bank of the Yser, near the sea. The attack followed a 24-hour bombardment in which the defences in the dunes sector near the coast were leveled. The sector was isolated by destruction of bridges over the Yser.

The announcement follows: "After a very intense bombardment lasting 24 hours the enemy made a deter-

Street Railway Strike May Be Ended as Result of Tonight's Mass Meeting of Employees at Which Members of the Provincial Government Will Be Present to Put Forward a New Proposal.

Word was received in Toronto from Ottawa late last night that the street railway strike would be settled today by the company conceding to the men their demanded increase in wages.

No developments made public in Toronto yesterday, indicated that the paralysis of the city's transportation system which became effective at 5 o'clock yesterday morning, following the strike declaration of the Toronto Railwaymen's Union, would be relieved today.

Despite the intervention of the provincial cabinet administrators, no settlement was effected yesterday. That early arbitration of the differences between the union's members and the corporation is possible however, is indicated in the announcement that a proposition (the character of which has not been revealed) which was suggested at one of the private conferences held by the Ontario Cabinet and corporation and union representatives, yesterday afternoon, will be submitted to the mass meeting of the employees at 8 o'clock tonight in the Star Theatre.

Basis for the belief that a proposal will be offered to the men is found in a flat statement to the effect by Assistant City Solicitor I. S. Fairly before the Ontario Railway Board, which caused that body to postpone until 9:30 tomorrow morning, hearing the application presented by the city, asking the board to seize and operate the street car system. There was also foundation for this supposition in the optimistic opinion expressed by G. Howard Ferguson, minister of lands, forests and mines, who said:

"The Ontario Government in the interests of the people and all concerned is using its best efforts to try and bring the parties together. The members are not without hope that something will be done."

Proposal a Secret.

Ald. Joseph Gibbons, head of the union's committee, was unable last night to disclose the nature of the proposition to which Assistant City Solicitor I. S. Fairly referred and efforts to interview General Manager Robert J. Fleming of the company were unavailing. Assistant Manager Fred L. Hubbard said he knew nothing regarding it.

With people for the most part enjoying the novelty of a general cessation of transportation facilities, but munition manufacturers and other business interests worried, but hopeful of an early settlement, Toronto's first day under street car strike conditions since June, 1902, passed uneventfully in comparison with previous strikes.

Following its usual procedure, the union stationed pickets at each of the six car barns in various sections of the city, but the company made no attempt to operate its trams. No trouble or disorder was reported, no arrests were made, and no damage was done. Preservation of order had been asked by Mayor Church and by leaders of the men's organization.

Jitneys Were Busy.

Temporary relief from the strike conditions was found in scores of jitney buses which established a business following the suspension of regulations governing their operation. Departmental stores and munition plants were taken to and from work in motor trucks and hundreds of motor cars were used to transport the people. Steam roads have been asked to establish suburban service.

Prosecution of reckless drivers and bus operators who charged exorbitant prices was threatened by the board of police commissioners when adverse reports from police headquarters were made yesterday.

That the company permitted the

Can Seize Railway.

Under the act creating the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, that body can seize the equipment of a company, assume the management by appointment of new men or use of the regular managers and operate the system with the use of the regular employees if that company's agreement with the municipal corporation has been broken. The measure says that it shall be the duty of the employees to operate the lines for the board at the wages paid before the strike until arbitration has been decided. No penalty is provided in the event the men refuse to operate the system for the board. Chairman D. M. McIsbry of the railway board said that he had already engaged a man, a Canadian electrical engineer, to manage the lines in the event of the board's seizing the system, but he declined to disclose his name. He said the man had a wide experience in the United States and in British Columbia.

Under the provisions of the constitution of the international organization of conductors and other car company employees the strikers will receive \$5 a week strike benefits beginning two weeks after the strike declaration becomes effective. International Treasurer R. Z. Orr of Detroit will remain in Toronto in the interests of the union.

Exact Men to Comply.

Vice-Chairman A. B. Ingram of the Ontario Railway Board, stated yesterday that in the event of the failure of the present negotiations to effect a settlement and the taking over of the street railway by the board for operation in the interests of the public, the board would ask the union

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TRADING WITH ENEMY BILL PASSES HOUSE

Provides for Governmental Seizure of Alien Property and Enemy Patents.

Washington, July 11.—The administration's trading-with-the-enemy bill, containing prohibitions against business intercourse with any country with which the United States is at war or its allies, except under license, and providing for government seizure of the property of alien enemies and enemy patents, passed the house today without a record vote.

Newsprint From Seaweed Danish Inventor's Process

Copenhagen, July 11.—A Danish inventor, it is announced, has discovered a process for making news print paper from seaweed. The new process is said to entail half the cost of making paper from wood pulp.

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