SURE NO STRIKE WILL BE CALLED ON RAILWAYS

General Manager of American Lines Believes in Settlement of Canadian Differences.

HOPEFUL OF THIS WINTER

No Anticipation of Freight Congestion Entertained by H. E. Whittenberger.

That there will be no strike of railway workers at this time is the opinion of H. E. Whittenberger, general manager for the American Government of the lines west of Detroit, and former general superintendent of the G. T. R.

Mr. Whittenberger passed through London this afternoon on his way to Chicago from Montreal, where he has been in conference with the G. T. R. officials. Negotiations are already under way that will produce a satisfactory settlement, he thinks. He had no hesitation in stating that there would be no strike. This opinion is also held, he says, by the officials of the G. T. R. at Montreal.

Replying to the question as to whether the operation of the roads under Government control was giving satisfaction he thought it was rather early to decide. Conditions during the summer months are always best for railroad operation. While the system will receive the real test during the winter he anticipates that the movement of freight this winter will be more satisfactory than it has been in the past. There will be no congestion. The pooling of resources, he thinks, will work to this advantage. The roads are well supplied with motive power, and there is no lack of freight cars.

The American roads, however, will revert to the former system of control and operation after the period of the war, Mr. Whittenberger thinks. Many things will have been learned regarding the benefit of co-operation by that time, and he intimated that the spirit of consolidation and co-ordination would be continued under private ownership.

1918 CIVIC HOLIDAY NOT YET TAKEN UP BY CITY COUNCIL

Bylaws, However, Fix It as August 5.

According to the bylaws of the city the first Monday in August is Civic Holiday, which this year is August 5. The question has not been before the council in any way this year. Mayor C. R. Somerville says that he has been considering Commemoration Day, which falls on Sunday, August 4, in connection with the holiday. So far no action has been taken, but he says the question will be considered by the board of control on Friday.

The next meeting of the council is scheduled for the evening of August 5.

SKIRLING OF PIPES FEATURES PICNIC OF LONDON SCOTSMEN

St. Andrew's Society Has Ideal Day for Outing to Port.

"Hoot mon," the St. Andrew's Society of this city is picnicking today at Port Stanley, and the skirl of the pipes is ringing o'er the lake as local Scotsmen and their families spend a happy time together. The railways report that large crowds journeyed to Port Stanley today, and a good program of sports is being run off.

The ideal weather will no doubt aid in making the affair a huge success, and a feature of the program will be the Scotch dancing, several silver and bronze medals having been donated for the winners. The Scotch picnic was formerly an annual affair, but interest remained dormant for four years, until the younger set busied themselves this year, and according to them the outing will hereafter be held annually.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR LONDON VICTIM OF HOSPITAL SHIP

Memory of Llandovery Castle Man To Be Honored.

A memorial service for Corp. W. Dawson, a London lad, who lost his life when the hospital ship Llandovery Castle was torpedoed recently, will be held in the Talbot Street Baptist Church next Sunday evening. Corp. Dawson enlisted in the 142nd Battalion almost three years ago, and was doing hospital duty on the Llandovery Castle when he hospital ship was sunk.

All members or former members of the 142nd Battalion in this city are invited to attend this service, which will be in charge of Rev. H. H. Bingham. All former comrades of Corp. Dawson are urged to be present Sunday evening, and the ex-members of the 142nd Battalion will meet at the Honorably Discharged Soldiers' Association rooms, Park avenue, at 6:30 p.m. to parade to the Talbot Street Baptist Church.

READY TO OPEN IN FEW DAYS NOW

Local Tuckett Cigar Factory Securing Men, Says Firm.

"We are getting some cigarmakers are expect to have our plant operating in a few days," was the word from the Tuckett cigar factory today. The superintendent in charge says he will hire all the men who come along and the firm's output in London will be regulated by the number of cigarmakers it can get. The firm reiterates that it is through with Hamilton in so far as cigarmaking is concerned.

EXPLOSION AT QUEBEC EXPLOSIVES FACTORY

Sherbrooke, Que., July 24.—Word was received here shortly after noon of an explosion at the Canadian Explosives Company's plant at St. George de Windsor, about twenty miles from here. No particulars have been received as yet.

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LOCAL NEWS

JANITOR OUT OF ARMY.—Charles Thurling, former janitor of Boyle Memorial School, has returned from overseas, and will resume his old position.

FINED $50.—Convicted of keeping a disorderly house a Chinese cafe owner was fined $50 and costs or 21 days in jail in police court this morning. Two charged with being inmates were dismissed.

BUILDING IS SLOW.—The building permits for July now total 57, with a value of $37,780. Sydney Parker took out a $1,200 permit for a residence on Hydro street. James Dobson, 10 Maryboro Place and G. T. Brown, Richmond street, each took out small permits for repairs.

LEAVING ON MONDAY.—The four delegates, Major Gordon Ingram, Col. W. G. Coles, Lieut. W. L. Aiken and J. W. Cunliffe, elected to represent the Great War Veterans' Association of Military District No. 1, at the Dominion convention of the Great War Veterans' Association, will leave on Monday for Toronto. The convention is expected to last all next week.

THREE TEACHERS ACCEPT.—Messrs. Ferguson and Lamont and Miss Balfour, three teachers offered positions on the Collegiate and Technical staffs, have wired their acceptance of the positions. Miss Balfour "greatfully accepted," which according to the local authorities, is a new departure for a teacher. Some members of the board are said to favor sending her a bouquet, while Secretary McElheran suggests a box of candy.

SOLDIERS LEAVE ON MOTOR OUTING TO LUCAN VILLAGE

Invalids Taken For Weekly Ride by Ad. Club.

A party of one hundred and forty returned soldiers from Byron Sanatorium and Wolseley Barracks Hospital was taken for an automobile trip to Lucan this afternoon by the summer outing committee of the local branch of the soldiers' aid commission. The party left at 2 o'clock.

The cars were supplied by the London Ad. Club.

An advance party left at 1 o'clock to make final arrangements for the reception.

COMING HOME FROM SALONIKI TO ENJOY BRIEF LEAVE HERE

Lieut. Gordon Galbraith Expected in Two Weeks.

Lieut. Gordon Galbraith, son of Capt. Archie Galbraith, who has been serving in Saloniki with the imperial army, is expected to reach Canada within two weeks. A letter received on Tuesday by his mother, Mrs. A. H. Galbraith of 567 Princess avenue, contained this most welcome news.

Lieut. Galbraith is one of five members of his family in uniform. His father, Capt. Galbraith, was quartermaster-sergeant of the 7th C. M. R., and was later transferred to the 71st Battalion as captain-quartermaster. Capt. Campbell Galbraith, who is now serving overseas, went with the first contingent, dropped his lieutenant's rank to go as an A. M. C. staff sergeant; Staff Sergt. George Galbraith of the local mobilization centre, and Sergt. Hughie Galbraith of the headquarters' staff, are the brothers in khaki.

Lieut. Gordon Galbraith first enlisted in the 18th Battalion here, and later transferred to the Mounted Rifles. In England he was given a commission as a second lieutenant of the Worcester Regiment, and was later given his second star and gazetted as a first lieutenant in that regiment, several battalions of which have been operating in the Saloniki theatre of war.

According to his letter, Lieut. Galbraith will have three weeks' clear leave in Canada to enjoy his well-earned furlough.

WILL USE $10,000 LEGACY AS SPECIAL TUBERCULOSIS FUND

Hospital Trust Decides On This Move.

The Victoria Hospital trust has received from the Thomas McCormick estate a bequest of $10,000. This, it was decided at a meeting Tuesday, to deposit in a special "tuberculosis fund," to be used for the upkeep of the tuberculosis department, in compliance with the will of the donor.

Miss Lydia Whiting, supervisor, will become superintendent of Cornwall General Hospital and tendered her resignation. It was accepted.

During June, the hospital received 309 patients, discharged 332, and was treating 187 on June 30. The cash receipts for the month were $7,142.33.

The free dispensary cared for 167 patients in the month. There were 21 births and 6 deaths.

2,000 RETURNED MEN TO BE PICNIC GUESTS, IT IS ASSOCIATION PLAN

Arrangements for Mammoth Outing Now Under Way.

Arrangements for a returned soldiers' picnic at Springbank Park will be made at a meeting of the summer outing committee of the local branch of the soldiers' aid commission to be held in the rooms of the commission, Royal Bank Building, on Friday afternoon.

The date of this picnic will be fixed and final arrangements made. It is expected that this will be the largest gathering of returned soldiers ever held in this city, as there are nearly 2,000 returned men in this district.

DRASTIC PUNISHMENT FOR FRENCH GENERALS WHO DISOBEY ORDERS

Paris, July 24.—Drastic punishment will be visited upon officers of the rank of generals for negligence and non-compliance with orders under a new bill, which was introduced in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday. The bill as published, provides that any general commanding a force in the presence of enemy who, by negligence, non-compliance with regulations or disobedience of orders, fails to accomplish a task assigned to him, or who loses or jeopardizes troops intrusted to him or those he is charged to support or who loses a position he is ordered to defend, may be punished by dismissal from the army and imprisonment from two to five years, if the fault is inexcusable. A reduction in rank is also provided for.

Accused generals have the right to appeal their cases to the court of cassation.

200 ACRES BEING WORKED IN CHARGE OF GARDEN SOCIETY

Lots Number 450 in Association's Tracts.

EXHIBITION IN FALL

Specimens of Produce Will Be Shown Then From War Gardens.

Through the London Vacant Lot Garden Association, which now boasts a membership of 436, four hundred and fifty plots of ground, or an approximate area of two hundred acres of land is under cultivation, this includes ten school gardens and thirteen community gardens. All vacant lots were plowed and harrowed free of charge for the members, the association being able to do this through a grant of $500 from the city council. The Vacant Lot Garden Association will offer prizes for the best gardens throughout the city cultivated by members and also for the best children's gardens.

The following vegetables, other than potatoes, being rich in food values, their use is strongly commended, and will count in favor of gardener in the awarding of prizes: carrots, turnips, onions, white beans, parsnips, beets and cabbages.

The Canada Trust Company's patriotic garden competition held in 1917, was a big success. The company donated $120 in cash prizes, and are donating the same amount this year through the association.

Owing to the lots being in different localities, and there being a backward tendency on the part of the owners to respond early to the request of the association for the use of vacant land, the farm implements used for plowing and harrowing had to be moved from one place to another as the land was offered. This resulted in a lot of waste time, which, of course, the association had to pay for. If it had been possible to form the association last fall or early in the year all the land available and required could, no doubt, have been procured early in the season and by systematic handling the expenses for preparing the soil would have been considerably less. These things can only be learned from experience, and next year the association will be better equipped to handle this detail.

The association purposes to hold an exhibition in a public auditorium in the fall, with specimens of the vegetables produced on the vacant lots will be exhibited.

All exhibits will be put up for public auction, and the receipts will be used for defraying the expenses of the association. The association is in need of funds, as the council grant and membership fees have not been sufficient to meet the expenses.

The food produced in the lots will help considerably to conserve food for the country, and everyone who took hold of a vacant lot has, therefore, done a patriotic duty.

Following are the officers and patrons of the association:

Patrons—Sir Adam Beck, Sir George Gibbons, Major Cronyn, A. O. Jeffery, Miss Louise Carling, Mrs. David Williams.

Honorary President—Mayor C. R. Somerville.

President—Ald. S. R. Manness.

First Vice-President—Chas. Gilbert.

Second Vice-President—W. A. Hayden.

Executive Committee—Miss Mary Campbell, Miss M. A. Moore, Mrs. C. B. King, Mrs. U. A. Buchner, Miss K. Matthews, W. W. Gammage, Ald. F. R. Harley, W. E. Saunders, C. B. King, Sergt. Pocock, D. McEachern, E. C. Bowker, Geo. Copeland, R. P. Pearce, C. E. Marley, A. A. Langford, E. B. Hamilton, R. E. Davis, Wm. Heaman, C. B. Edwards.

Chairmen of the Four Wards—Aldermen W. Wilson, L. S. Holmes, F. R. Watkinson and S. R. Manness.

Treasurer—James S. Bell.

Joint Secretaries—Frank R. Hughes and Gordon Philip.

Auditors—Andrew Dale and A. Screaton.

Prizes and Supervision Committee—E. B. Hamilton, chairman; Messrs. R. P. Pearce, J. Taman, T. P. Elliott, D. McEachern, Chas. Gilbert, Sergt. Dace, F. R. Hughes, Ald. Manness, Dr. J. F. Bryant, G. L. Spry (secretary), Ald. F. E. Harley, W. W. Gammage, Chas. Gilbert, Rev. H. B. Ashby, J. C. Middleton, Geo. Rowntree and C. W. Summers.

LONDON DRAFTS HAVE ARRIVED IN ENGLAND

Ottawa, July 24.—It is officially announced through the chief press censor's office that the following troops have arrived in the United Kingdom:

Infantry, imperial recruits.

Infantry, draft No. 43, No. 2 Construction Battalion (colored) from London, Ont.; Infantry draft No. 29, 1st Depot Battalion, Western Ontario Regiment, London, Ont.; infantry draft No. 46, 2nd Depot Battalion, Eastern Ontario Regiment, Kingston; infantry draft No. 47, 1st Depot Battalion, Eastern Ontario Regiment, Kingston; infantry draft (part) No. 65, 1st Depot Battalion, Winnipeg; cavalry draft No. 66, Fort Carry Horse, Winnipeg; infantry draft No. 35, 1st Battalion, Regina, Sask.; infantry draft No. 65, 1st Depot Battalion, Winnipeg; infantry draft No. 68, 1st Battalion, Regina, Sask.; draft No. 74 (part), Engineering training depot, St. Johns, Que.; infantry draft No. 79, 1st Depot Battalion, Kingston, Ont.; infantry draft (part) No. 80, 2nd Depot Battalion, Ottawa, Ont.; cavalry draft No. 53, Royal Canadian Dragoons, Toronto; draft No. 53, railway operating troops, Niagara; probationary medical officers; V. A. D. nurses; details. A total of 3,635.

HELFFERICH SUCCEEDS THE MURDERED MIRBACH;

London, July 24.—Dr. Karl Helfferich, former German imperial vice-chancellor, has been appointed Germany's diplomatic representative at Moscow, according to a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam. An Amsterdam dispatch to the Wireless Press says that Dr. Helfferich will take with him two battalions of German troops to guard the German embassy at Moscow.

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LONDON ROWING CLUB RINKS ARE IN LABATT FINAL

Snelgrove and McDougall Fours Wallop Outside Quartets.

The Labatt Trophy remains in London. What is more, it will adorn the clubroom of the London Bowling and Rowing Club. After two strenuous games this morning between the two L. R. C. quartets, skipped by McDougall and Snelgrove, and the Paris and Walkerville fours, the local combinations were returned the winners and will battle it out in the finals for the premier honors of the Western Ontario Bowling Association annual tourney this afternoon.

Smiley of Paris, who graduated into the semi-finals against McDougall, after winning from A. A. Langford of the London Thistles, succumbed to the remarkable bowling of McDougall's four by a 12 to 10 score.

Cornwall's Walkerville rink lost out to Snelgrove by 17 shots to 10. Farrow, Hynd, Turnbull and Snelgrove played sensationally throughout and were in the lead through the whole game.

Smiley is making a fine attempt to grab the Tecumseh Trophy and walloped Cornwall this morning after his defeat at the hands of McDougall.

With Snelgrove going great guns and McDougall, the unbeatable, playing a remarkable game, the final for the Labatt silverware is certain to be of the hair-raising variety.

NO REPLY RECEIVED TO CITY'S DEMANDS ON STREET RAILWAY

Orders To Increase Service Bring No Answer.

The city has had no reply from the London Street Railway in regard to the council's demand that it restore the service to the schedule laid down by the city bylaws. When the council met on July 15, it adopted a recommendation made by City Engineer H. A. Brazier that the company be instructed to restore the service at once. The council decided that City Solicitor T. G. Meredith should write the letter to Manager C. B. King.

A week and a half has passed since the council passed the resolution, and nothing further has been heard of it.

SAYS COURT GIVES BETTER TREATMENT TO ANY EMPLOYER

Lawyer, Acting in Wage Action, Waxes Warm in Remarks.

A judgment for $14 wages was given in favor of David Root, city, against John Guest of London Township in the ninth division court this morning by Judge T. Macbeth. The plaintiff had been engaged by the defendant, and after working a week he was dismissed. His wages were not paid then. Action for damages for unlawful dismissal and to recover wages was brought against Mr. Guest.

The evidence of the defendant was that Root had been engaged for a week on trial, and if satisfactory he was to remain for the season.

Summing up evidence for the plaintiff, W. R. Meredith charged that the farmer always received better treatment at the hands of the judge than did the hired man. "If any man leaves his position before the season is over and seeks to recover wages in this court he is invariably defeated. On the other hand, if he is dismissed before the term of his engagement is complete he can never secure damages."

Judge Macbeth gave judgment for the amount of the week's wages, but reserved his decision as to whether costs would be allowed.

Judgment was given for the defendant in the case of J. C. Park, who brought an action to recover money from A. A. McLeish.

OFFICERS TO DRESS AS ALWAYS; GIVEN NO WEATHER CHANCE

Special Allowances Apply to Rank and File Only.

Camp orders today state that Capt. Stuart V. Cook, Canadian Ordnance Corps, has been detailed as ordnance officer for London, and took over his duties on July 22.

The recent order issued for the hot weather granting soldiers the privilege of walking out without bandoliers, puttees or belts, applies only to non-commissioned officers and men. Officers must observe the usual regulations according to today's camp orders.

District orders today authorize the following discharges from the Western Ontario Regiment: Ptes. Joseph Decock, John Deskebis and Reuben T. Cook, having been erroneously ordered to report under the military service act; Pte. Donald L. Haney of the same unit, is granted his discharge to reenlist in the Royal Air Force.

EVERY PUPIL PASSED AT KINGSVILLE EXAM

KINGSVILLE, July 23.—The 33 pupils who tried the entrance examinations in Kingsville were successful in passing and 13 passed with honors. Lynden Smith, son of Barrister W. A. Smith, took the Echo medal, standing highest among the boys in South Essex.

Miss Iva Courtice of Leamington took the other medal, standing highest among the girls of the south riding. She is a daughter of Principal Courtice of Leamington High School.

Miss Josephine Peterson and Harry Westman also received junior diplomas.

Joseph Deacon of Kingsville is the champion cauliflower-grower in this district. He is producing some of the largest and finest cauliflowers ever brought to market, and he has quite a large supply of them.

EARN-AND-GIVE FUND COMING UP

STRATFORD, July 23.—The young men who signed pledge cards for $10 in the "earn and give" campaign in connection with the Y. M. C. A. overseas fund, are redeeming their pledges in good style. There were 122 pledges signed here, the sixth highest in the Dominion. Although the amount was to be paid in installments, ten have so far paid their full amount, and eight have paid over half of it. The others are coming along well.

BIGGEST INSURANCE PAID IN CANADA IS ONE IN THIS CITY

Records for 1917 Show This Interesting Fact.

PHENOMENAL GROWTH

$778,300,000 Paid in U. S. and in Dominion During Past Year.

The report of the Insurance Press, published today in New York, contains interesting figures concerning life insurance distribution. It shows that the principle of protection through life insurance has been developed in the United States as in no other nation. The aggregate amount of American life insurance is today probably far in excess of sixty billion dollars The United States is the first nation to insure its army and navy—there could be no higher indorsation of the insurance principle.

The Insurance Press computations show that claims paid in the United States and Canada in 1917 amounted to $778,300,000. The reports of insurance companies representing 90 per cent of the life insurance business show a remarkably low lapsation in 1917. The same companies have paid $11,000,000 more in dividends, an increase of nearly 10 per cent.

The mortality rate of the American companies was exceptionally low in proportion to the number of lives insured. Life insurance companies of Great Britain report increased mortality among civilians as well as among men on the battlefield, attributing the fact to worry over war conditions, disturbance in regular living, and the stress under which most persons are working at present. For the four-year period, 1914-1917, Canadian insurance company report war claims amounting to 14.3 millions.

The Insurance Press makes special mention of the patriotic support given to the war plans of the Government by insurance companies and agents.

A feature of the life insurance business in 1917 was the rapidly-increasing popularity of group insurance in industrial and mercantile plants.

Women are becoming large purchasers of life insurance as well as men.

The late Major Purroy Mitchell, ex-mayor of New York, carried $143,000 of life insurance.

The largest payment on a single life was $843,000, in the case of Frederick R. Hazard, Syracuse, N. Y.

An extract from the Insurance Press shows that the amount of life insurance paid in the case of the late Thomas P. McCormick, $76,125, represents the largest payment on a single life in Canada during 1917.

OPENS ON MONDAY

Formal Ceremony at New G. W. V. A. Quarters Later, However.

The Great War Veterans' Association new clubrooms at 242 Queen's avenue will be open Monday to the members of the association. The ground floor of the building is almost completed, but it will be a few weeks before the upstairs will be opened. The official opening of the rooms will be held later.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

BURIED AT EXETER.

The death of Edmund L. Triebner of this city occurred in Victoria Hospital on Monday, in his 24th year. Mr. Triebner was a resident of this city up until the time of his death, being employed on the street railway here. His home is in Exeter.

Besides his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Triebner of Exeter, two brothers who are at present with the allied armies in France, survive.

The remains were forwarded to Exeter on the 8:50 Grand Trunk train this morning, where interment was made in the Exeter Cemetery this afternoon.

TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE.

[Reported by Edward Cronyn & Co.] Toronto, July 24.

	Asked.	Bid.		Asked.	Bid.
Am Cy..	40	35	Sawyer..	15	..
Ames, c.	22	..	do pfd.	40	..
do pfd.	62	..	Spanish.	13	12
Barcel..	9⅝	9½	St Chem.	15	15
Brazilian	34½	34	do pfd.	51	..
B C Fish	45	..	Stl Can..	65¼	64¼
Burt, p..	84¼	..	do pfd.	..	93½
C Bread.	19½	18⅞	Tooke..	19	16
C Car..	37	35	T Paper.	68	65
do pfd.	89	87½	Tor Ry.	59	58½
Cement.	61¼	60½	Tre'wey.	23	21
do pfd.	93	91	Tucketts	18½	..
C S L..	41¼	40½	Tw City.	42½	41½
do pfd.	76½	76	Win Ry.	48	..
CGElec.	101	100	Banks—		
C Loco..	60	56	Com'rce	185	..
do pfd.	..	84½	Dom ..	202	..
C P R..	..	161	Hamil'n	188	185
C Dairy.	..	42	Imperial.	..	185
do pfd.	85	82	NScotia	248	..
Coniag.	275	250	Ottawa	201	..
C Smelt.	24⅝	..	Royal ..	208	..
Con Gas.	..	145	Stand ..	200	..
Cr Nest.	55	50	Toronto	187	..
Dome ..	825	775	Union ..	151	..
D Can, p	70	..	Loans, etc.—		
DSteel, p	94	..	C Land.	148¾	..
DSteelC.	61¼	60¼	C Perm..	..	162¾
Duluth..	41	..	C Invest.	65	..
La Rose.	38	35	H Prov..	..	133
Mackay.	76	75	H & E..	..	204
do pfd.	66¼	65	20% pd ..	..	196
M Leaf.	113	112	L Bank..	..	139
do pfd.	96	94	L & C..	126½	..
Monarch	46	41	N Trust.	199	..
do pfd.	80	..	T Trust..	..	200
N S Car..	7	7	T Mort.	134	..
do pfd.	30	..	Bonds—		
Nipis'g.	880	860	C Loco..	90	89
NSSteel.	65	..	D Iron	..	84
P Burt..	34	..	Elec Dev ..	..	84
do pfd.	77¼	..	Penmans ..	..	85
Penmans	75	73½	Ontario. ..	..	76
Petrol.	1425	1375	Rio Jan. ..	..	83
P Rico..	28	..	S Paulo. ..	..	76
P Paper.	50	..	Stl Can..	..	92
Quebec.	19	17½	War Loan,		
Riordon	118½	117½	1925...	96	95¾
Russell.	75	71	1931...	95½	95
do pfd.	81	78	1937...	93⅞	93⅝

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

[Reported by Thomson & McKinnon.] Chicago, July 24.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Corn—				
July	$1 51¾	$1 55⅛	$1 50	$1 54⅞
Aug.	1 52¼	1 56⅛	1 50⅞	1 55⅝
Sept.	1 53⅛	1 56⅝	1 51½	1 56⅜
Oats—				
July	74½	75⅛	73¾	74⅝
Aug.	69⅛	70⅝	68½	70¼
Sept.	69	70	68⅝	69¾

CHICAGO PROVISION MARKET.

[Reported by Thomson & McKinnon.]

Chicago, July 24.—Closing: Pork—July, $45 90; September, $45 90. Lard—July, $26 65; September, $26 50. Ribs—July, $24 90; September, $25 07.

MUNITION STRIKERS DEFY GOVERNMENT AND UNION LEADERS

Coventry Trades Advisory Committee to Meet Minister of Munitions.

12,000 MEN INVOLVED

Majority of Those Out Said To Be Young Men of Military Age.

London, July 24.—The trades union advisory committee has been summoned by the minister of munitions to a conference on Thursday to discuss the labor troubles at Coventry and the general labor position. How far the union officials will be able to influence the situation it is impossible to say. According to several reports from Coventry in the morning papers the strikers are not only defying the Government but also the trades union leaders.

The number of men involved is from 9,000 to 12,000, variously reported as from 25 to 50 per cent of Coventry's total of munition workers.

All Young Men.

Some reports are to the effect that the strikers are nearly all young men of military age, who took refuge in the engineering trade from conscription early in the war, and, it is said, are prepared to go to any length to evade active service.

On the other hand, one of the main causes of discontent is said to be the fact that semi-skilled youngsters who have acquired all the engineering knowledge they possess during the war, are earning much higher wages than the older skilled men, because the youngsters are paid at piece rates, while the old men get time wages. This is said to be only one among a complexity of grievances which can be traced, according to some reports, to bureaucratic ineptitude. At the same time, it is recognized that it is impossible to attempt to lower the piece rates, as it is declared this would result in a national strike of far greater dimensions.

Insidious Propaganda.

To the series of real or fancied grievances against the ministry of munitions and Government officials as causes of unrest must be added, according to the general testimony, a strong pacifist intrigue.

Alexander M. Thompson, a Socialist, and editor of the Clarion, and who is reporting the strike for the Daily Mail, writes of a fierce fanaticism among the workers. The war faction among the workers quotes a speaker at a public meeting as saying:

"The more munitions you make the longer the war will last."

At another meeting a local trades union secretary is reported to have declared: "It is our duty to hold up munitions, bring Lloyd George to his knees, and compel him to make a decent peace."

Such instances, says Thompson, are many and endless. He adds that the pacifists are untiring in their insidious propaganda, and that there is a group of them in every workshop.

UNION MEN ON LAKE STEAMERS TO STRIKE UNLESS WAGES RAISED

Crews Have Stated Their Intention To Go Out Sunday Next.

Cleveland, Ohio, July 24.—Union men on all great lake passenger and freight steamers will be called on strike at midnight Sunday next, it was announced yesterday by George Martin, local agent of the seamen's union. Martin said he was acting under instructions of General Secretary Victor Oleander of the union.

According to the union officials, the boat owners have not granted their demands for an increase in wages of $10 to $22 a month and better working conditions.

A prominent member of the Lake Carriers' Association said the men are paid more now than the wage scale issued by the shipping board, to whom it had been agreed to submit all questions.

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GOVT. EXPECTED

afternoon unless the Government agrees to conciliation board.

OUT AT MANY PLACES.

TORONTO, July 23.—The postmen's strike, which started in this city on Monday, is spreading rapidly from one end of the Dominion to the other. If all the branches comply with the instructions of the secretary of the Dominion federation, McMordie, they will cease work tomorrow. Tonight Mr. McMordie announced that the postmen had quit work at Fort William, Calgary, Montreal, Regina, Vancouver, Peterboro, Sault Ste. Marie, Saskatoon, Brandon, Kitchener and Medicine Hat, in addition to those who went on strike on Monday.

MONTREAL ESCAPES STRIKE.

MONTREAL, July 23. — A postal strike has been averted through a promise received from Hon. P. E. Blondin, postmaster-general of the appointment of a sub-committee to consider and discus the demands of the letter carriers. In the meantime checks for $150 bonus are to be issued at once from Ottawa to all married men.

The ordinary salaries of the postmen here range from $750 to $1,000 annually. The present demand is that these be raised to a minimum of $1,000 and a maximum and $1,400.

INVITES GIRLS TO WORK.

PETERBORO, July 23.—Following the suggestion of J. P. Burnham, M.P., Mayor Duncan will call a public meeting tomorrow night, at which the letter carriers' strike and its cause will be fully discussed and a resolution sent to Ottawa. In the meantime the postmaster has invited girls and others who may wish to help as a patriotic duty to leave their names with him and he taken on the staff.

HIGHLANDERS CAPTURE 200 GERMANS

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front, with a view to reaching the Marne and turning the French position at Montagne-des-Rheims.

FRENCH ADVANCE TWO MILES.

"The line tonight runs roughly along the railway from Nanteuil to Chateau Thierry. The Germans are using artillery on both sides of the Ourcq, and their front is stuffed with machine gun nests. There was fierce fighting between the Americans and the Germans on the crests north of the Marne.

HIGHLANDERS TOOK 200 PRISONERS.

"Generally speaking, the Franco-American bridgeheads north of the river are being steadily enlarged. During the day we advanced two miles in the region of Charteves and Mont St. Pere, capturing a number of fortified farms. Fires were visible during the night at several points behind the enemy's front. The German stores or depots fired by our guns were burning.

"The operation between Montdidier and Moreuil is interesting, because it gives back to us our views over the Avre Valley, which were lost early in April. Mailly, Raineval, Sauvilliers and Aubvillers lie under the crests of the hills dominating the river valley, and their capture means that we occupy the intervening hills. A most important improvement of the line along the Avre has been effected. The 123rd Regiment suffered heavily, and was replaced by the 50th, which was ordered to hold at all costs. TThe Highlanders attacking south of the Ardre against Coverton wood, fought their way two miles across the wood, and established themselves on the western border. They took St. Euphrase and Bouilly yesterday, and reattacked south of the Ardre. The Highlanders took 200 captives.

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London, July 23.—Speaking here today, Herbert Hoover, American food controller, said that now the Allies were sure of all the food they would require. He stated that there were now ships available for all needs, but the waste of food was sinful. During the next twelve months North America would be able to export to the Allies 21,000,000 tons of pork, 3,000,000 of which would be sent from Canada. A great food reserve could be built up in America against the chance of poor harvests next year.

TWO MINISTERS BACK, BUT BORDEN REMAINS

Meighen, Calder and Prairie Premiers Return to Canada.

A Canadian Atlantic Port, July 24.—A party, consisting of three provincial premiers and two federal cabinet ministers, Premiers Norris of Manitoba, Martin of Saskatchewan, and Stewart of Alberta, and the Hon. Arthur Meighen, minister of the interior, and Hon. J. A. Calder, minister of immigration and colonization, who have been touring England and France, disembarked here yesterday, and left immediately for Upper Canada. They were interviewed a few minutes before their train departed. Premier Stewart of Alberta was the spokesman of the party.

"On the whole, the English people are fully confident of victory. The results of the latest drive will further heighten their spirits.

"The food situation is not nearly as bad as it is often pictured.

"Premier Borden did not return with us. He will probably remain in England for three or four weeks longer."

THE WAR SITUATION

[By the Associated Press.]

Allied pressure on the Rheims-Soissons salient maintains its progress against the Germans, who are being hampered in their preparations for an eventual retirement by hurricanes of shell from allied guns and hundreds of bombs dropped by allied airmen. Stubborn as is the resistance of the Germans at vital points, especially from the Ourcq along the Marne to the Ardre, the French, Americans and British continue to advance. Heavy artillery fire and hundreds of machine guns form the backbone of the German defence. This has tended to slow up the Allies, but has not stopped their progress.

Nearing Fardenois.

On the important sector astride the Ourcq the French have moved forward another kilometre toward the important German base of Fere-en-Tardenois. The town, with its supplies of food and ammunition, is now within six miles of the advancing French line. A great fire has been burning there for many hours.

While the French progress toward Fere from the west, the French and Americans are gaining steadily from the south. Around Barbillon Wood and toward the Marne, the Allies in heavy fighting are pressing back the Germans, who have attacked vicious but apparently futilely. Further east along the Marne the bridgeheads on the northern bank are being enlarged by the French and Americans, who have advanced two more miles between Mont St. Pier and Charteves. The Germans evidently have been driven entirely from the north bank, except at several points east of Dormans.

The Rheims Fighting.

Southwest of Rheims, in the heavily-wooded country along the Ardre, the British and French pressure continues. An average advance of about two-thirds of a mile has been made on a limited front. The drive here is a corollary to the French pressure astride the Ourcq. The British have taken 300 prisoners, making their total for three days 1,100.

Fresh troops constantly are being thrown in by the Germans apparently for the purpose of checking the allied advance sufficiently to permit the removal of large quantities of stores and big guns from within the salient to a line paralleling the Vesle. The enemy is reported to be removing his supplies as rapidly and as well as he is able, but the allied artillery fire and bombing activity is proving most harassing. Stores and ammunition dumps which cannot be moved are being fired.

The Aerial Scare.

British and American aviators are aiding the French airmen in their raids and bombing expeditions in the zone behind the German lines. Thirty-seven machines were accounted for in Monday, while Berlin claims that 33 allied airplanes were brought down.

Since the fighting began on July 15 the Germans are reported to have used between 60 and 70 divisions. Estimates from French quarters place the German losses in that period at 180,000 in killed, wounded and prisoners.

In Picardy the Germans have failed to react against the French stroke northwest of Montdidier, in which towns and heights dominating the Avre were taken from the enemy. Paris reports that the prisoners taken total 1,500. The French losses are said to have been slight. On the other fighting fronts there has been no activity of importance.

WILSON TO ANNOUNCE PLAN TO AID RUSSIA

Washington, D. C., July 24.—President Wilson has completed his pronouncement as to the plans of the United States for participation in the expedition to give military aid to Russia, and it will be made public as soon as Japan's reply to the American proposals has been received.

SCHOONER "SUBBED," PASSENGERS SAVED

Portland, Me., July 24.—All those in the Gloucester fishing schooner Robert and Richard, sunk by a German submarine off the Maine coast Monday, had been accounted for today. There were 23 persons on the vessel.

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