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CANADIAN RAILWAYS

Toronto .- The railway strike in the

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Accept Harding Plan To Settle Big Shopmen TORONTO PRINTERS WIN OUT ON CAPT. HAYDON FORTY-FOUR HOUR WORK WEEK

An official despatch received by considerable bearing upon the strike the local officers of the Typographie situation here which is only confined al Union from Toronto, has created a to five or six shops, the others having spirit of optimism amongst the one settled on the basis demanded by the hundred and fifty men in the print- men when the Government Printing This is the fifth time, that Captain ing trades, who have been on strike Bureau put into operation the forty-

for over a year owing to the refusal four hour week. of the Master Printers to grant them "Some of our international officers the forty-four hour week decreed by were about ten days ago looking over he International organization. The depatch reports that an agree-son, "and I expect they will return the International organization.

ment has been reached between the in a few days when negotiations will tion of those of the delegates to the Mono-Lino Company, one of the big be re-opened with the proprietors of Trades and Labor Congress, where a gest composition plants in the Domin- the shops which are still on the un ion, and the Toronto Typographical fair list. It is an unfortunate condi-Union, on the forty-four hour week tion at present' that in Ottawa busibasis. Under the agreement the men ness in the printing trades is rather MacRae, Mackie, and Johnson being who have been on strike will be re- slack, but I have reason to believe the choice. The other officers elected instated in their positions as soon as that it will be brisker later, when, were: Vice-President, Delegate Potit is likely that the long drawn out business conditions permit.

President J. W. Jeffirson, of the strike will be brought to a close on local union, stated that in all prob a basis agreeable to both the m ability this settlement would have and employers."

MONTREAL HAS NAMED CHAIRMAN HOUSING TASK

The Metropolitan Commission o the Island of Montreal conditionally approved on June 14 a building bylaw of the municipality of Mount pute between the Canadian railway Royal which will enable that township to borrow \$300,000 from the pro vincial government to build workthe chairmanship. men's houses. This loan is made by the province under the terms of the passed on December 3, 1918, for the either toward the end of this week purpose of affording financial assis-tance to housing undertakings in the Winnipeg, is representing the companvarious provinces. The approval of ies, and James Simpson, Montreal, the the Commission is conditional space employees. compliance on the part of the muni- No information is yet available in rules; (1) that the municipality be not the railway companies will with authorized to pay the whole cost of hold application of the wage reduc all proposed buildings, land not in- tion until after the board has hand-

cluded; (2) that the buildings be ed down its decision. erected on lands belonging at present to the municipality or on lands WORK IN WEST FOR on which the proprietors would accept a second mortgage; (3) that no

Winnipeg .- "Too much paternalism building be put up on land without water service and sewers, streets and is spoiling us today," declared Hon. sidewalks; (4) that the site, plans, W. Vernon Smith, minister of rail foods in 60 eities at the beginning of Trunk Railway said that since the specifications and cost of buildings ways and telephones in the Alberta be approved by the Commission; (5) government dealing with the unemthat no house shall be built which ployment situation in Western Cana- \$11.16 in June, 1921; \$16.92 in June, the United States, were coming zation had considered the proposals for two days. that no previously been sold; (6) that da. "There's work for all unmarried 1920; \$11.59 in June, 1917 and \$7.49 through Toronto to Montreal and an instalment of at least 15 per cent. men in good health, and why shouldn't in June, 1914. The total for food, Boston. G.T.R. earnings were bong be paid in money, or part in money they work."

and part in land, represented by the and part in iand, represented by the lot on which the house shall be built, the sum not exceeding the municipal necessary; married men were liable 1921; \$26.81 for June, 1920; \$18.67 "Everywhere, in Ontario and in es calling for tengiven after noti ders have been duly published.

Captain J. A. P. Haydon was unan imously chosen as president of the Allied Trades and Labor Association at the elections held Friday night. Haydon, who is one of the most prominent labor officials in the city, has

AGAIN PRESIDENT

been honored by the high office. The majority of the other offices were filled by acclamation with the excep sulting after four ballots in Delegates vin; recording secretary, Delegate J.

Johnson; treasurer, Delegate Rod Plant; corresponding secretary, William Lodge; sergeant-at-arms, Delegate J. Robertson; executive com-

mittee, Delegates MacRae, C. Lewis, Delegates T. Mareil, W. P. Jennings officials." **OF BOARD** and J. D. Robertson, Organizing Committee, Delegates Marcil, Haydon, Wilson, Lewis and Miss Johnson The personnel of the board of conmunicipal committee, Delegates Mc-Cagherty, Carrigan, M. Cain, W. P. eiliation to investigate the wage disannings and Potvin. companies and their shopmen was For the first time in sixteen years Secretary "Bill" Lodge was absent completed Thursday, with the ap-

and he wired Delegate Donald Dear pointment of Alex. Smith, Ottawa, to from Toronto, to the effect. The trustees elected were: Delegates D. Dear, It is expected that the board will O'Brin and J. Johnson. be called together within a day or

CHANGES IN COST OF LIVING FIGURES

ed he was going thoroughly into the The movement in prices during June was marked by declines in some lines and advances in others, the general levels showing little change. Seacipality with the following set of official circles here as to whether or sonal changes in farm products and foods were among the important in Calgary on Saturday next to [ishas asked the operators to meet lim changes upward and downward, but cuss the present situation. there was a perceptible firmness in prices of industrial materials. De- U.S. STRIKE HELPS

creases in milk, butter and cheese caused a slight drop in the cost of ALL UNMARRIED MEN. foods in spite of slight increases in ieats.

> June was \$10.18 as compared with strike began across the line, trains \$10.22 at the beginning of May; which would ordinarily pass through

Mr. Smith said relief was all right June as compared with \$20.57 (re fact, in Canada, business this year

were liable to all kinds of setbacks. 1914. No violent fluctuations occur which was a very quiet year." The trouble with employing healthy red. The decline was due almost en C.P.R. officials said freight slipsingle men at present unemployed, he tirely to decreases in sugar and in ments locally had been much heavier dairy products, except eggs which ad- this year said, was that they want their own **FIRST MEETING OF** BOARD ON TUESDAY. The first meeting of the concilia-tion board appointed to investigate to board to States.

Sydney, N.S .- "Ninety-six per cent SAY SENIORITY RIGHTS OF MEN of the miners of Nova Scotia are in favour of a strike," declared Pres **WORKING MUST BE PROTECTED** dent Robert Baxter at the conclusion of a prolonged session of the exect tive of District 26, Union Mine Work-

COMPANIES HOWEVER ARE NOT

Washington .- In rejecting President Harding's proposal for "Not quite all of the locals of the district have voted yet," said Mr. them in New York, the railway executives have apprised the ad-Baxter, "but the reports from the ministration that the door for further negotiation is still open if of labor has been in communication middle of August. In the meantime disetrict board members and other it can be undertaken on the basis of preserving the seniority indications show us that men are al. rights of the men who have remained at work, but not otherwise. Shopmen Accept Plan.

IN ACCORD WITH PROPOSALS

most unanimous for a walkout. Chicago .- Full acceptance of the peace proposals submitted by "Now that a majority of the lo cals have voted to strike, it leaves President Harding was voted by leaders of the striking railway the actual strike call in the hands of shopmen, who, however, gave their own interpretation of each of the executive but of course before the three suggestions.

"We accept, reluctantly, it is true, but commit ourselves to we take any such drastic action, we want to find out what the operators carry out the terms of settlement in utmost good faith and in aid of the general welfare," said the message of acceptance which was "Thursday morning we will send sent to President Harding tonight. "If these proposals fail to to the Dominion Coal Company a re bring about the result which you desire, the responsibility of failmittee, Delegates MacRae, C. Lewis, Miss Johnson and Mackie; auditors, triet executive and their managing ure will not rest upon representatives of the organized employees." The Men's Argument.

On the proposal to restore unimpaired seniority rights to the strikers, which was rejected by railway executives at a meeting in ALBERTA STRIKE. New York, the message declared :

"It would certainly be a wholesale injustice of unparalleled Calgary .--- Hon. James Murdock federal minister of labor, made it extent if hundreds of thousands of experienced men who have givplain during an interview here that en four to forty years service and whose value to the transportathe government does not contemplate tion industry is proportioned to the length of their service, should dealing in off-handed way with the be placed in a position of inferiority to a limited number of men coal miners' strike in District 18. He who have been employed as substitutes for these experienced railstated that he was hopeful that conference would be called shortly be road workers.

Replying to the president's suggestion that railroads and from headquarters. workmen agree to abide by decisions of the railroad labor board, the reply said the shopmen had always taken the position that so long as they continued to render service, they should abide by son, the local representative of the the rules and working conditions and accept the wages agreed up-department of labor. It is understood Premier Greenfeld a hearing of a dispute.

Two Day Consideration.

On the president's proposal to lawsuits growing out of the strike, be withdrawn and that railroad labor board decisions to which exception is taken by either side may be taken to the board tion in rates of pay made effective 134 days. This shows a decrease in by either side for a rehearing, the message said that it was the July 16. understanding of the union leaders that the labor board would United States is helping out busitess give a prompt rehearing and decision of questions in dispute and atives have withdrawn their applications for the canadian railways & W. Ling, that there would be no question as to who are the properly ac-In retail prices, the average cost of weekly family budget of 29 staple district freight agent for the Gmad

The decision accepting the president's suggestion was reached after the policy committee of ninety men of the shop crafts organi-

Maintenance Hearings.

The United States Railroad Labor Board adopted a resolution to begin the hearing of wage and rule disputes involving the maintenance of way union on August 28th.

The board's decision is in line with promises made by E. F. the sum not exceeding the municipal necessary; married men were nate of the sum of the s union's strike plans were abandoned on July 4. At this time an nomic reasons which, in the interests agreement was reached by which Mr. Grable instructed his gen- of the employees as much as in the of conciliation under the Lemieux eral chairmen to take up, with the individual roads, the matter of interests of the railways, must h

RAILWAYS ON WAGE REDUCTION No statement is yet available at the | which no final interpretation has been

department of labor in regard to the given by the courts. attitude of the railway companies on The indications still point to a

the suspension of the reduction in shopmen's wages of which notice has peacable settlement of the dispute. been given. The shop employees off. The officers of the employees organieers have taken a strike vote on this sation have indicated that they will issue, but have withheld action pend- call a strike if the companies put the ing the receipt of a statement from reduction into force, but this stage railway companies. The minister is not expected to be reached until the panies, but no statement of the stand | at work, and an amicable settlement taken by the companies is yet avail is anticipated. Good progress has been made in the able here.

The issue in this conection between selection of the boards of conciliation the shopmen and the companies arises between the Canadian Brotherhood of out of a provision in the Lemieux Act Railway Employees, and the Canadian which has been interpreted as forbid-ding a change in wages or railways before a report has been received sentatives, George D. Kelley, acting from a board of conciliation on the for the National, and U.K. Gillen, for dispute. The shopmen have complied the Grand Trunk. The C.B.R.E. has with the act by applying for a board, selected H. S. Ross, K.C., of Montreal and they claim that the companies for the National board, and is exmust not put the announced redue- peeted to notify the labor department tions into force until after the board of a choice in the Grand Trunk case has reported. The matter is one in today.

nection with the board that had been WILL NEGOTIATE AS constituted have been brought to an end. "Formal notices of the cessation **TO WAGE RATES**

Montreal .-- The sub-committee of the executive board of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Railway Shop Labor ers made the following announcement

Representatives of employees in the Representatives of employees in the maintenance of way and bridges and 254,134 DAYS LOST building departments of Canadian railways have today reached an agree-ment with Canadian railways including the Canadian National, Canadian

tion made to the minister of labor for the establishment of a board of con-

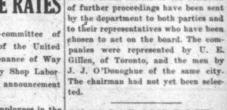
ciliation and investigation." the interim agreement under which strikes in June 1921 was 50, the num-16 fully protects the interests of the 188,020 days. employees until such time as definite

agreement can be entered into. The Announcement.

The announcement further says: 426 work people.

Five hundred and fifty-eight applications have been received for boards

PENSION PLAN





Twenty-five strikes, involving 10,-Pacific, Grand Trunk, and Temiska 155 work people, were in existence in ming and Northern Ontario acting Canada in June, according to a re-

will be continued in regard to reduc- time during the month is put at 254, the number of strikes as compared "As a consequence of this under- with both May this year and June of greater this than last June.

The total number of strikes in force in May was 30, involving 13,-186 work people and a time loss of The announcement continues that 278,160 days; while the number of wages have been reduced since July bers affected 10,239, and the time loss

Of the 25 strikes in existence at some time in June, only six began in that month, and these involved only

the wage dispute between the Cana eer days," he said "We worked be rent averaged slightly higher. dian Railway Companies and their cause we wouldn't beg."

shopmen will be held in Ottawa, Tuesof his discourtesy.

The lounge lizard's life isn't all Having new glands put in may day morning at 11 o'clock, it was an As a rule, you can measure a man's pleasant. At times he doesn't know not lengthen one's life, but it nonneed by Alex. Smith, chairman of feeling of importance by the degree where the next cigarette is coming lengthens the space one gets on the from front page.

Items of Interest from Overseas :: ::

TRADES UNION ACT

London.-While the fate of the ed the minimum, has now reached the were stoned by the mob and stones. Trades Union Amendment Act, which level, but a continuous rise from this were also flung at an American flag would deprive trades unions of the scale is expected in the meat few Wrying on the pier.

right to collect money from members months. for political purposes unless members their asent in writing, hangs in the balance, the Durham Collierv em ployers are forming a federation to put forward candidates in the next election in oposition to the labor nom- held here, it was decided to proclaim

basis of two shillings per thousand tons of coal mined.

The Miners' Federation executive so far has made no announcement of London .- A Reuter despatch from its intentions regarding the present Melbourne says, that in accordance exportation of coal to the United with the variation in the cost of liv-States. If it takes no action it will ing, statistics for the last quarter lay itself open to the charge of fail show that the basic wage in the Auing in its duty to the International stralian Commonwealth has increased Miners' Federation. Nevertheless from 78 shillings per week to 81 tial strikes at the Hughly and How rath jute mills. ering the recent abject state of the goal industry in the United Kingdom, STRIKE BATTLE

PROCLAIM GENERAL STRIKE.

Rome .- At a meeting of workme

A special political fund is proposed among the coal mine owners on a basis of two shillings per thousand

BASIC WAGE INCREASES.

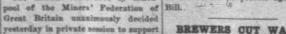
workers are idle. There are also par- under 21.

ANTI-UNION BILL.

MINERS AND "D H"

shire, which for some months has been dies), casualties being sustained by thousands of postcards printed, to be HANGS IN BALANCE the only area where wages have not both sides. The offices of the Royal signed by individual trade uniosista reached the minimum, has now reach. Dutch West Indian Mail Company and to be posted to their local M.P. London branch secretaries and dele-

gates to the National Union of Distributive and Allied Workers, Tonbridge Trades Council, and Manchester and Salford Trade Council have par The annual conference at Black- ed resolutions of protest against the VALUE OF DOMINION



to the board.

the New York Central "within a week" was predicted here by Wm. Parker, chairman of the system organization, as the result of the road's refusal to accept President Harding's plan for settle-ment of the shop crafts strike. Still Negotiating. Cincinnati, O.—Negotiations looking to a settlement of griev-ances of clerks and freight handlers on the Boston and Maine the New York Central "within a week" was predicted here by Board.

sees of elerks and freight handlers on the Boston and Maine prejudice, pending further consideration direct control of the set. During last fiscal year the total number Railway are still going forward, E. H. Fitzgerald, president of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, ployees, when conditions so develop Station and Express Employees.

The announcement followed a long conversation with the affecting similar classes of employees general chairman at Boston, he stated. Earlier in the day Mr. as to enable the parties to conclude a definite agreement, it being further COST OF C.P.R.'s BIG Fitzgerald had announced that he had received advices that a settlement had been reached.

FOREST RESERVES grazing would soon be spoiled and cordingly.

BREWERS CUT WAGES. Bristol.—A settlement has been reached in the dispute between the Transport and General Workers' Un-minion Forest Reserves becomes in. Transport and General Workers' Un- minion Forest Reserves becomes in- aged timber so that the young growth can be entered into, which is all that lowing five years, \$200,000 in 1916,

londers of steam and petrol wagons, the timber as they desire, or to ran in serve.

cut, and the matter has been left for without making arrangements. These

matter would be submitted to the labor board for an early ring. Cases involving forty-three roads have now been submitted the board. N. Y. Maintenance Strike. New York.—A strike of 45,000 maintenance of way men on N. Y. L. Control 1 thrithin a week" was predicted here by

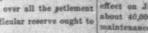
tion and negotiation between representatives of the railways and em-plovees, when conditions so develop on the railways of the United States alone was a strike not averted or

ended.

wise mutually arranged, any rates of allowed to cut timber or hay, or graze pay finally agreed upon will be effective as from July 16, 1922, and the Pacific Railway Company was first cattle as he liked, the timber and the railways will make adjustments ac-put into operation in January, 1903. The entire cost of the plan has been

Transport and General Workers' Un-ion and the Bristol and Werkers' Un-ion and Werkers' Un-ion and Stor Higher Wages. Some 25,000 Is a werker all and female workers of 21 and over; 28. a week heale and female workers are also as the woole community. Is a do not all go to a few individuals are an also to see that these bene-for the use of the whole community. Is a do not all g ander 21. In connection with the drivers and coaders of steam and petrol wagons, building departments, and railway in the fund at the end of 1921 was shop laborers. \$1,562,476.

coal industry in the United Kingdom, any action towards forbidding exports to America would run the risk of be-coming a perfect fasso. The eastern area, which includes Yorkshire, Nottingham and Derby-





the employers want a much larger an extra bunch of eattle, or cut hay