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General Strike In Toronto Has But Slight Effect On Business

WINNIPEG STRIKE SITUATION IS GREATLY IMPROVED

MASSACRE OF LONDONERS IN NO. 3 STATIONARY HOSPITAL BY GERMAN AIRMEN TOOK PLACE YEAR AGO TODAY AT DOULLENS; TEN OF STAFF KILLED

Sad Anniversary in Some Homes of City — Building Was Clearly Marked and Huns Had No Excuse For Wanton and Cruel Slaughter of Wounded Men and Non-combatant Sisters, Officers and Men.

One year ago this morning No. 3 Stationary Hospital, a London unit, commanded by Lieut.-Col. Clifford Reason, D. S. O., of this city, and stationed at Doullens, France, was bombed by German airmen, causing the death of several Londoners serving with the hospital.

In all Catholic Europe the 29th of May holds a very important place on the calendar, it being the day when the feast of Corpus Christi is celebrated. Even during the war the fete was carried on. In Cologne on that day great preparations had been made for the event, but over all was the dread people had of being bombed by the allied airmen. Through the German ambassador, the Pope was approached to request the Allies to refrain from bombing Cologne while the celebration was in progress. Accordingly at the request of the Vatican, the Allies refrained from dropping bombs and the people of Cologne performed their devotions free from the fear of bombing, which only those who are familiar know what a dread it inspires.

They Broke Faith.

That very night, just after midnight, without any cause whatsoever, the Huns dropped bombs on No. 3 Canadian Stationary Hospital, destroying a large part of the main building, and causing the death of officers, nursing sisters, orderlies and stretcherbearers, as well as the patients for whom they were working. No. 3 Canadian Hospital occupied a unique site, situated in an old citadel which dates back to the Fifteenth Century. As a fortress it is no longer of value, but from its peculiar formation it has been a beacon to all aviators since the beginning of the war, friend and foe having steered their course by it. The Germans were aware not only that it was a hospital, but what unit was operating it. At the outbreak of the war the French used it as a hospital, and when they left the British occupied it for the same purpose, being succeeded in turn by No. 3 Canadian Stationary Hospital.

Used to Visitors.

Night after night, prior to the bombing, the German aeroplanes had been over on their way to drop bombs on the back areas, and it was nothing unusual for those in the hospital to drop off to sleep to the noise of the Archies shelling the nocturnal visitors.

The 29th of May was no exception, and shortly after midnight the German planes appeared and received a warm reception. About 12:15 a.m., a year ago today, one came over the hospital, dropped a flare, which was immediately followed by bombs, which struck the main building, directly upon a huge red cross showing up on the roof prominently as if it were a target. The building was wrecked, and the occupants of its three floors were all killed or badly wounded. The night was clear and bright with no chance of the enemy missing his mark. In the operating-room, Capt. E. E. Meek of Regina was at work, operating on a British officer. Working with him as his anaesthetist was Lieut. Sage, U. S. A. M. O. R. C., also Nursing Sisters E. L. Pringle and A. McPherson, both of Vancouver, as well as the orderlies and stretcherbearers. All met death instantaneously when the bomb fell.

Officer Victims.

In the ward above were a number of officer patients, who, with Nursing Sister D. M. Y. Baldwin, who trained in Victoria Hospital here, were all victims. On the third floor the sergeants were in their sleeping quarters, and all were casualties. Sergt.-Major Charles Ward, M. S. M., was killed, as were also Sergts. Robert Wallace, Gordon Wiley and Patterson of London, and Pte. Boulargeon of Windsor. The remainder, including Sergts. Tozer of London and Winters of Chatham were wounded, and Q.-M.-S. Lloyd Orr of London was so badly wounded that he died in England some months later as a result of his injuries.

To add to the horror, fire broke out

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HERE LIE VICTIMS OF GERMAN ATTACK ON LONDON HOSPITAL

Graves of members of No. 3 Canadian Stationary Hospital at Doullens, France, who were killed when that unit was bombed by the Hun one year ago today. On the right of the large cross are graves of three nursing sisters, (including that of Nursing Sister Baldwin of this city), and two medical officers. At the left of the large cross are the graves of Sergt.-Major C. Ward, M.S.M., Sergts. R. Wallace, G. Wiley and Patterson of London, and Pte. Boulargeon of Windsor.

U. S. AVIATORS LOOP THE LOOP 457 TIMES IN 114 MINUTES

Washington, D. C., May 30.—The war department was notified today that Lieut. Ralph J. Johnson, pilot, with Lieut. Mark Woodward as passenger, had established a new world's record for looping the loop in mid air.

In the presence of an official board of officers appointed to witness their flight and looping, these officers on May 16, at Carlstrom Field, Florida, looped the loop 457 consecutive times. The looping time was 114 minutes 10 seconds, and their flying time was 120 minutes. They consumed 23 quarts of oil, 59 gallons of gasoline, 11 gallons of water, and the speed of their motor was 1,500 revolutions a minute. The airplane used was a Le Pere.

GOVERNMENT AT LAST MANIFESTS INTEREST IN THE COST OF LIVING

Committee Will Be Appointed To Go Into Cost of Necessities of Life, From Food and Clothes To Fuel and Rents—Committee Is Given Full Powers For Investigation and Instituting Reforms.

OTTAWA, May 29.—Sir Thomas White has given notice of the following resolution which he will move in the Commons:

"That a special committee of the House consisting of Messrs. Nicholson (Algoma), Stevens, Reid (MacKenzie), Douglas (Strathcona), Davis, Hocken, Sutherland, Fielding, Davidson, Nesbitt, McCoig, Sinclair (Queen's P.E.I.), Devlin, Vien and Euler be appointed for the purpose of inquiring forthwith as to the prices charged throughout Canada for foodstuffs, clothing, fuel and other necessities of life, and as to the rates of profit made thereon by dealers and others concerned in their production, distribution and sale;

"Also, as to rentals of dwelling houses in industrial centres of Canada and rates of return of capital invested therein, with power to send for persons, papers and records, examine witnesses under oath, engage accountants and other necessary assistants and to report to the House from time to time the result of their inquiry with any recommendations they may make with a view to effecting a reduction in such prices and rentals."

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 90; lowest, 49.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 75; lowest, 55.

TOMORROW—DECIDEDLY WARM.

Toronto, May 30—8 a.m.

Forecasts.

Light to moderate winds; fine and decidedly warm today and on Saturday.

Temperatures.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	58	44	Clear
Calgary	68	36	Cloudy
Parry Sound	80	50	Clear
Port Stanley	76	53	Clear
Buffalo	70	60	Clear
Toronto	92	61	Fair
Kingston	86	52	Clear
Ottawa	86	56	Fair
Montreal	82	58	Fair
Quebec	78	52	Clear
Father Point	62	42	Clear

Weather Notes.

Pressure remains high over the Great Lakes and Middle States, while there are rather important disturbances in the West and off the Atlantic coast.

Extremely warm weather continues in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, but in Alberta there has been a change to cooler, with good rains.

FRANK McCULLOUGH'S SWEETHEART ESCAPES FROM TORONTO'S JAIL

VERA LAVELLE.

What's Doing Tonight?

THEATRES.

Grand—Viola Dana in "False Evidence," and vaudeville.

Majestic—"A Fortune at Stake," Charlie Chaplin, and vaudeville.

Patricia—Tom Moore in "One of the Finest," and vaudeville.

OTHER EVENTS.

London Reform Association—General meeting, Hyman Hall, 8:30 p.m.

Earnest Workers' Club—Dancing and entertainment, Duffield Hall, 8 p.m.

St. John's Lodge, No. 20, G.R.C., A., F. and A. M.—Meets in the Masonic Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Horticultural Society Tulip Show in Public Utilities Building, all day and evening.

LIBERALS ARE PREPARING FOR BIG CONVENTION

Organization and Appointment of Committees Well Under Way.

JOINT GENERAL BODY

Will Arrange Details To Be Carried Out by Special Committees.

Ottawa, May 30.—The local preparations for the meeting of the National Liberal convention at Ottawa, in August, are under way. Last night the officers of the Eastern Ontario Liberals' Association met the officers of the Ottawa Reform Association and formed a joint general committee to fix up details that will be carried out by special committees composed of members of this combined committee. The committees appointed will report from time to time and the general committee will meet on Friday evening at the National Liberal convention room at 44 Elgin street. The sub-committees are five in number as follows: Finance; publicity and printing; transportation; hotels and housing and halls and decorations.

GERMANY WILL NOT SIGN PEACE TREATY UNLESS TERMS MODIFIED

Berlin Tageblatt Says Allies Deluded If They Think Different.

FOE IS DETERMINED

Declares German Newspaper in Stand On Question of Accepting Terms.

Berlin, May 30.—The belief that Germany will "sign anyhow," despite the expressions of her leaders, is based wholly on false interpretation of the facts, the Tageblatt says in discussing the peace situation.

"In the same measure as the German people no longer desire to surround themselves with illusions," the paper says, "it is urgently desirable that the Allied countries also be robbed of their illusions. They must be told repeatedly that the German Government and the German peace delegation are one in the determination not to sign the Allied terms in their present form."

The Tageblatt expresses the hope that the Allied leaders in Paris will gauge the situation more correctly than the utterances of the Allied press would indicate. Any inclination to disregard the German counter proposals, failure to take them seriously or refusal to negotiate, it says, would be founded on the inability of the Allies to realize the actual conditions.

NO MEETING HELD BY COUNCIL OF FOUR

Paris, May 30.—The council of four did not meet today. Peace-making activities were suspended for the day, pending the translation of the German proposals and the study of the Austrian peace terms by the delegates representing the smaller states.

GIANT PLANES TO BE READY FOR TRIAL FLIGHT THIS WEEK

St. Johns, Nfld., May 30.—All is quiet in aviation circles. The erection of the Handley Page machine progresses favorably, and will probably be ready for a trial flight at the end of next week.

The Vickers-Vimy machine now being erected at St. Johns will be ready about the same time, both hoping to fly with the next full moon, but it is doubtful if the Handley Paige will be ready owing to the size of the machine and the difficulties in putting the same together.

BETWEEN 7,000 AND 12,000 MEN JOIN IN SYMPATHETIC STRIKE DECLARED IN TORONTO TODAY; BUSINESS NOT MUCH DISTURBED

WINNIPEG FIREMEN AND POST OFFICE CLERKS BACK ON JOBS, STRIKE SLOWLY NEARING END

Mayor Gray of Manitoba Capital Anounces That Efforts Will Be Made At Once To Resume the Street Car Service—Many City Employees Ask For Reinstatement.

Winnipeg, May 27.—Offers of metal trades employers to discuss labor problems with their striking employees with representatives of the Canadian railway brotherhoods as mediators, came close on the heels of a long step forward in resumption of the city's normal activities today.

A large number of the city employees who walked out have applied for reinstatement or have returned to work, the postoffice force is now normal, all the striking railway mail clerks have returned, and Mayor Charles F. Gray has announced an attempt will be made to resume street car service today or tomorrow.

Reply has been made public by the striking metal workers to their employers' offer. Leaders of the central strike committee have so far refused to consider any conciliation conferences which did not include representatives of the Winnipeg Metal Trades Council.

Edmonton Service Resumed.

Edmonton street car service has been resumed after a brief interruption when the walkout occurred there on Tuesday, and reports from Calgary say business activities continue there almost normally. The Alberta Federation of Labor has sent out a call for a strike vote of all unions in the province, the result of which will be made known in a few days. Premier Norris of Manitoba was to meet the city council today to discuss details of measures to be submitted to the Provincial Legislature concerning collective bargaining.

Leading members of the citizen' committee made another attempt today to start a collection and disposal of garbage and to resume street cleaning, which the torrid weather of the last few days has made an important problem.

Firemen to Return to Work.

"More than seventy regular members of the local fire department have returned to duty after signing the new pledge not to participate in sympathetic strikes," said Fire Chief Buchanan. It was announced at the city hall at the same time that a majority of the Winnipeg policemen refused to sign the new pledge, and that they will leave the force at 1 p.m.

The policemen's union debated the city's ultimatum at a meeting of their union, which lasted until 3 a.m. The majority vote decided that the patrolmen should not secede from their policy of close affiliation with the Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council.

GODERICH LANDS ANOTHER BIG INDUSTRY WHILE BUSY BOARD OF TRADE REACHES FOR MORE

Me-Go Convertible Tractor and Tractor Attachment Will Be Manufactured in Live Hur on County Town—Property Changing Hands in View of Boom.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Goderich, May 30.—Another big industry is to be located in Goderich, the Me-Go convertible tractor and tractor attachment is to be manufactured here. Mr. C. F. Megow, vice-president of the Convertible Tractor Corporation of St. Paul, Minn., and president of the Charles Megow Tractor Corporation, will be here next week in connection with the proposition.

The Me-Go tractor attachment is an appliance which makes it possible to use an ordinary auto as a farm tractor.

This company manufactures both tractors and the attachment for converting an ordinary auto into a tractor. This is the second industry that has decided to locate in Goderich. The Lake Huron Steel Corporation expects to start soon. With these two industries Goderich expects to be one of the finest cities in Western Ontario. Quite a lot of property has changed hands in the last two weeks and everything is on the move. The board of trade expects to land another big industry in addition to the present two.

LONDON TEAM LOSES AT SAGINAW TODAY BY SCORE 11 TO 5

Weak Pitching and Poor Fielding by Local Boys.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Saginaw, Mich., May 30.—Weak pitching and poor fielding on the part of London gave Saginaw an easy victory in the morning game of the Decoration Day double-header today, 11 to 5. Saginaw put over six runs in the first inning on three hits, two bases on balls, a hit batsman, and Cunningham's muff of a fly ball in the sun, with five stolen bases off Milligan.

After that it was easy, the Aces picking up two each in the second and third, and adding the last tally in the fourth.

Quinlan started for London, and gave three free tickets to first to the first three men up. Willis then took up the task.

London scored in the first on doubles by Grodick and Fortin, and in the third on Grodick's walk and Fortin's second double. The two in the fifth came on three singles, a walk and an error. Vermilly's walk, an out and Willis' single sent over the final counter.

SOLDIER ACQUITTED ON RIOTING CHARGE

Pte. Reason Proves Alibi at the Investigation.

Liverpool, May 30.—At the Kinmel court-martial, Pte. Reason, who objected to trial by the court as at present constituted, was acquitted. Accused and his witnesses established an alibi showing he was not present at the disturbance in which it was alleged he had taken part. That he was not arrested until considerably later than the time mentioned was stated by witnesses for the prosecution.

Montreal Methodists Defend Demands of Labor in the West

Montreal, May 30.—A vigorous defence of labor demands and unrest as encountered in the west was put forward by speakers at the lay association banquet held in St. James' Church building last night in connection with the Montreal Methodist Conference now in session. The Rev. Ernest Thomas of Toronto, said people had no right to use the epithets, "pro-German," "Bolshevists," and so forth.

All Public Services in Queen City Are Operating As Usual—Stores Open Doing Big Business—Last-Hour Efforts To Avert Strike Turned Down by the Labor Committee.

CITIZENS' COMMITTEE FORMED.

Toronto, May 30.—Mayor Church announced this morning that a citizens' committee had been formed, members signifying their willingness to assist, if necessary, in maintaining order and to perform public service similar to the committee in Winnipeg.

While these precautions have been taken, the mayor expects that the strike will be conducted in an orderly manner.

Toronto, May 30.—Workers in the various building trades, garment workers and other union members, to a number variously estimated at between 7,000 and 12,000, left their work this morning at 10 o'clock in a sympathetic strike to aid the men of the metal trades who have been out for some weeks.

This is one phase of the "general strike" in Toronto, which has been long expected and dreaded, and which Sir Robert Borden and his colleagues, in a conference with the contending parties at Ottawa, yesterday vainly attempted to avert.

Except at the Labor Temple and the various shops and buildings where the strikers threw down their tools, there is no indication of anything out of normal. All public services and street cars are operating as usual; stores are open and doing the usual—or bigger—business. Factories and shops not directly interested are working full time.

Building operations are not completely tied up, as some trades are staying at work.

DON'T WORRY AND DON'T WORK, URGE STRIKE LEADERS

Statement Issued by Strike Committee Appeals To Men To "Stick."

Toronto, May 30.—"Don't worry and don't work" is the slogan at the Labor Temple today. The general strike is on in Toronto today, but just how "general" it could not be ascertained from the strike leaders. The strike committee of fifteen was asked for a statement of the number of men who were out, but they refused to issue the figures at least for the present. There was a general air of hustle and bustle and activity around the Labor Temple when the strike took effect at 10 o'clock, but there was nothing unusual and no excitement.

Strike Committee's Statement.

The following statement was issued by Robert Lewis and Peter McCallum for the strike committee:

"The general strike committee report that the call for a general strike has been responded to all over the city. Most of the organizations have already quit work, and the others are getting the machinery in motion to carry the request of the general committee into operation. We have sent the following telegram to Premier Borden:

The Hon. Robert Borden, Ottawa.:

Sir,—We wish to bring to your notice that at the peace conference which you attended it was decided that labor must be recognized, also collective bargaining. Inasmuch as this is a fact, why is common labor forced to strike to obtain what we understand was internationally recognized? (Signed)

Central Strike Committee.
Labor Temple, Toronto.

The above has been sent to Premier Borden from every industrial centre in Canada.

Last Efforts Fail.

At an early hour this morning the failure of the last efforts to prevent the sympathetic strike were announced by the strikers' committee of fifteen when they finally rejected the offer of the employers to submit the question of a forty-four-hour week to a board of arbitration.

Efforts of the mayor, the citizens' committee and other negotiators for settlement are centred in plans to prevent a further spreading of the strike. An earnest effort is being made to steady the men of the Toronto Street Railwaymen's Union, for it is realized that if the cars are stopped, the city will begin to feel the pinch. It is thought that the street car service will be normal, at any rate, till Sunday night, when there will be a mass meeting of the employees to decide whether or not they will strike. Controller Robbins, who is an official of the union, said that the general committee was strongly urged to accept the arbitration proposals this morning before the final strike order was issued.

Several unions which were thought to be wavering towards the sympathetic strike announced this morning that they would take no action at present. Among these, notably, are the letter-carriers, railway clerks and freight handlers.

In regard to many of the strongest labor unions in the city, there has been no serious suggestion up to the present that they will take any part in the strike.

MOOSE JAW LABOR MEN DEFER CALLING OF GENERAL STRIKE

Winnipeg, May 30.—At Moose Jaw, Sask., a resolution favoring a general strike in Moose Jaw in sympathy with the Winnipeg strikers was withdrawn at the meeting of the trades and labor council last night, action being deferred until a committee could confer with the city council. The council will be asked to finance expenses of a labor delegation for a trip to Winnipeg to investigate conditions.

SYDNEY PLUMBERS RETURN TO WORK AT INCREASED WAGES

Sydney, N. S., May 30.—After being out for 25 days, the striking journeymen plumbers returned to work here yesterday. At a meeting with the employers yesterday it was decided to accept 65 cents an hour and an eight-hour day. The old rate was 52 cents an hour for a nine-hour day. The demand was for 70 cents an hour and an eight-hour day.

BRANTFORD MAYOR BELIEVES STRIKE WILL BE SETTLED

Conference Between Employees and Men Adjourned Until Monday.

Brantford, May 30.—The lengthy conference of metal trades manufacturers and representatives of the metal trades council, representing the employees, last evening, adjourned to meet again on Monday. It was officially announced this morning. Mayor McBride, chairman of the conference, declared that he was hopeful that at the next sitting a basis of settlement of the dispute in the metal trades would be reached, and that a strike would be averted. There is no talk of a sympathetic strike here.

HAMILTON LABOR CLOSELY WATCHING TORONTO STRIKE

General Mass Meeting Called For Sunday Afternoon.

Hamilton, May 30.—Hamilton labor is watching with interest developments in Toronto's strike. A general mass meeting of all Hamilton workers is called for Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

STARTS FOR ENGLAND.

Quebec, May 30.—Sir Robert Baden-Powell and Lady Baden Powell boarded the steamer Grampian, outward bound from Montreal last night, on their way to England.