

40,000 RAILWAY SHOPMEN IN CANADA TO STRIKE IF ROADS FULFIL THREAT TO CUT WAGES

Detailed Ballot Figures To Be Announced At Montreal Today—Union Leader Charges Canadian Railway Association "Flouted" Dominion Law by Enforcing Reduction Prior To Decision of Board of Conciliation.

MONTREAL, July 25.—Although the union officials of No. 4 division, Railway Shopmen of Canada, were not disposed to give out any figures with regard to strike ballots which are now being counted, and which are arriving in Montreal from all parts of Canada, an official statement issued here tonight declares that a strike has been authorized and will be declared "should the railways carry out their threat to reduce wages."

It is probable that detailed figures will be announced tomorrow.

The official statement is issued over the signature of James Somerville, vice-president of International Association of Machinists, and after recounting, at some length, the steps leading up to the present position states that the railways through the Canadian Railway Association have "flouted" the Dominion law by putting the wage reductions into operation before the board of conciliation has even commenced its hearings, and claims that by doing so the railways have assumed responsibility for inciting or "causing a lockout or strike" under the meaning of the industrial disputes investigation act, Sections 56, 57 and 58.

Earn \$100 a Month.
The statement is made that for the past year and a half on the Canadian Pacific Railway the earnings of the highest paid skilled mechanics average slightly over \$100 a month, and for the past seven months less than \$90.

Some 40,000 men on all Canadian railways are affected by the decision to strike.

The action follows the posting of notices by the Canadian Railway Association, effective last Sunday, of reductions in wages ranging from two to five cents an hour.

The men have called for a board of conciliation under the industrial disputes investigation act, and have named their representatives to the board.

So far no action has been taken by the railways in connection with the board.

BOARD TAKES NO ACTION.

CHICAGO, July 25.—Adhering strictly to its "hands-off" policy in the railway shopmen's strike, the United States Railroad Labor Board today turned its attention to routine matters.

Despite statements from Washington that any government action in the rail controversy might come through the labor board, the board took no action today, and from officials it was learned that none is in prospect.

With the board contemplating no action, the western presidents' committee on public relations of the Association of Railway Executives, issued a statement tonight asserting the western lines with headquarters in Chicago are moving freight as offered, passenger trains are being operated normally, and "transportation conditions are normal everywhere."

"Railway fuel receipts," the statement said, "are satisfactory. Out of 22,446 cars of coal purchased by these lines since June 7, for delivery up to August 31.60 per cent has already been delivered."

Railroad repair work is being farmed out to shipyarders at Superior, Wis., it became known today, with the announcement by officials of the Great Northern that two engines and 50 ore cars had been sent to the Superior Shipbuilding Company yards for repairs.

Decision of striking shopmen to turn harvest work over to fix men in the event that an early settlement is not forthcoming, was a development in the Northwest rail strike situation.

WILL SUPPORT BOARD.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Support of the railroad board as the only agency created by law for handling the transportation tie-up was given by administration officials as the chief means the government will use to handle the transportation tie-up.

The first step toward control of depleted transportation facilities and coal supply came in a statement from the Interstate Commerce Commission, declaring that an emergency existed in the territory east of the Mississippi, which required the commission to direct the routing of all essential commodities and to fix precedence and priority status to control movement of food and fuel.

The priority order was followed by a "general service order" from the commission, notifying "all common carriers" that an emergency existed which required them to disregard usual routing practices, freight rate divisions and traffic arrangements, so as to obtain the most expeditious movement of essential freight.

CARADOC PASTOR RETURNS.

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CARADOC, July 25.—Rev. Mr. Graham has taken charge of his work here again.

THROWS STONES AT BRUIN TO SEE HIM

Frolic, But Pays Fine For Pleasure

Explaining that his action was not guided by an ulterior motive other than a desire to see the animal in action, William Morley, a county resident, admitted in the Middlesex police court, Tuesday afternoon, that he had been "throwing rocks" at one of the bears in captivity at Springbank Park.

Assessing the defendant a fine of five dollars and costs, totaling in all \$18.50, Squire W. H. Chittick, presiding, delivered a scathing lecture, pointing out that he was more than surprised concerning the strange act in view of the general good appearance of the prisoner.

"You do not appear to be a person who would treat dumb animals in that fashion," the Squire declared. "But while we are going to be lenient

with you, it must be taken as a severe lesson to you and others as well."

Morley, while admitting the offense, as charged, was quite penitent and explained that he did not intend to do any real harm to the bear, but merely wished to rouse him into action. "It was the first time that I had seen one," he related, "and I wanted to see what he looked like."

Except in the instance of children, who were merely cautioned, Morley was the first culprit to be apprehended, he explained.

Effects Second Rescue From Drowning.

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CHATHAM, July 25.—Fred Lipst, 189 Park avenue west, lived off the pier at Government Park, Rondeau, on Sunday evening last and rescued a young woman who shouted for help.

After a hard struggle he managed to get her ashore.

This is the second time that Lipst has risked his life in saving people from drowning.

LIMBS OF TREES RING FIRE BELL

St. Thomas Department Makes Hard Run, But Discovers No Blaze.

Will Introduce Bill To Cut Branches in Uniform Manner.

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ST. THOMAS, July 25.—After the fire department made a long hard run for no purpose tonight, it was discovered that the alarm had been rung by two wires which had got into difficulty by becoming crossed.

The trouble was caused by overhanging limbs of trees which had brought the wires together.

The matter was taken up at a meeting of the fire committee tonight and it was decided that all trees in the city should be trimmed in a uniform manner.

Where the money to perform the work is to come from is another question, however, for no provision was made in the estimates this year. Because all expenditures outside of the estimates must first pass the finance committee, the matter of cutting the trees will be referred to it for decision.

The city maintained its record for small fire losses during the month, when despite nine runs the damage from fire was considered so insignificant that no report was made.

Ald. William Stokes and Chief Henderson will attend a fire convention to be held in Chatham in the near future. Ald. Stokes indicated that he would bear the expense of his trip himself. As is usual the city will provide the expenses of the chief.

STRATFORD INDUSTRIES HAVE SUFFICIENT COAL

Canvass Reveals Fact That Factories Have Enough Fuel To Continue Until Fall.

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STRAFORD, July 24.—A canvass of the local industrial plants reveals that most of them have an ample supply of coal to last until fall.

It is interesting to note that the local hydro shop reports a considerable increase in the sale of electric fire-places and ranges to people who are evidently convinced they will require heat from hydro this winter.

Only twelve persons attended the lectures given this morning in connection with the co-operative summer training school for Sunday school teachers. It is probable that the school will be discontinued.

At the age of 79 years the death of Mrs. Esther Kelson at the home of James McMillan. She came here 24 years ago. Two sisters survive, Mary of Stratford and Mrs. Stricher of Woodstock.

Death today claimed an old resident in the person of Mrs. A. J. McPherson, aged 65 years.

The funeral will take place here at Mary Isobel Olmstead of Brantford to Vernon Mehm.

Robert Hurst has purchased the shoe business of D. Waddington.

F. C. Harris has arrived here to open an office for the Wilkins, Young Audit Company, London.

STEALS \$141 FROM GOOD SAMARITAN

Montreal, July 25.—For stealing \$141 from the good Samaritan, who had befriended and employed him, Hector Charlot was yesterday sentenced to three months at hard labor by Judge Cusson.

The complainant, Louis St. Germain, 311 St. Denis street, told the court how he had found Charlot destitute on the street. He had taken him to his home and had given him a meal, after which he had employed him as messenger. Charlot had worked satisfactorily for a fortnight until sent to collect \$141, from which he did not return. The next day, however, he appeared before his benefactor and confessed that he had spent the money on a "good time."

The latter had him arrested.

TEN OF EVERY 106 NOT CHURCHGOERS

New York, July 25.—Ten of every 106 persons in the United States have no religious affiliations, according to statistics gathered by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America and published in the year book of the churches.

The other 96 are divided as follows: Protestant, 75; Roman Catholic, 18; other faiths, 3.

The year book gives the total church population of the country as follows: Protestant, 75,099,489; Roman Catholic, 17,885,648; Jewish, 1,600,000; Latter Day Saints (Mormons), 587,918; Eastern Orthodox, 411,054. Total, 95,884,107.

The three largest bodies are: Methodist, 22,171,959; Baptists, 21,935,700; Roman Catholics, 17,885,648.

POWER SHORTAGE SERIOUS.

LINDSAY, July 25.—Power shortage continues in Lindsay, and manufacturing firms that resorted to the use of auxiliary steam plants are now confronted with a shortage of coal, the situation promising to become more serious.

CONTROL FUEL DISTRIBUTION IN UNITED STATES

Commission Gives Priority On Requirements To Railways and Utilities.

DIRECTORS TO BE NAMED

Miners' Leader Declares Government's Scheme Aggravating Coal Famine.

Interstate Commerce Commission declared emergency exists east of the Mississippi River on railways, as first step by the government towards control of coal distribution.

John L. Lewis, head of the striking miners, said that government's "fantastic schemes" to reopen the coal mines had contributed toward a pending fuel famine, and renewed invitation to operators to settle the strike by joint conference.

Calling of a special session of the Indiana Legislature to repeal the miner's qualification law, and to enact such other legislation as necessary to meet the coal strike situation, was suggested to Governor McCray.

Kentucky troops are ordered out following alleged threats against non-union men at Fonda.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Acceleration of coal production under federal protection and control of fuel distribution were given by administration spokesmen today as two fundamentals of the government's policy toward the fuel crisis.

Becoming effective tomorrow, the commission's mandates give railways priority on fuel requirements, with electric power, light, gas, water and sewer works, ice plants, food, the public, and refrigeration plants engaged in preservation of food, following the order named.

Will Name Director.
The directing agency for the emergency fuel rationing machine, a presidential committee chosen from the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Department of Commerce, Justice and Interior, with Secretary Hoover as chairman, will be named by President Harding tomorrow, according to administration officials.

This committee, with the aid of an administrative committee of operators, railroad traffic experts and representatives of public utilities will direct the activities of local committees of operators in maintaining fair prices and in distributing fuel to the carriers and other public utilities in the plan of preference established by the Interstate Commerce Commission as best suited to serve the public.

DOUBT FEDERAL POWER.
OTTAWA, Ont., July 25.—The Dominion government has no power to exercise control over the coal trade. This statement was made tonight to the Canadian Press by an authority who has dealt with the problem from the standpoint of both law and practice.

There is no existing law to provide for the control of coal prices nor for that of export or import. Neither has the railway commission power to direct the routing of coal.

Before the Dominion government could exercise control it would be necessary that the power to do so be given by act of Parliament. The authority in point, the House of Commons, is not in session.

It was stated that the government is determined to use all its powers to check the climbing coal prices and the refusal of operators to accept the government's plan, under which coal prices are to be kept at a maximum of \$3.50 a ton at the mines would result in the appointment of a government committee to enforce such a price.

A nation-wide system by which all coal produced in the country would be controlled by the government has been established by Secretary Hoover.

One of the first reports received by Hoover revealed a case of flagrant profiteering. A price of \$13 a ton was being charged for coal in one part of the Kentucky fields, as compared with \$3.50 the maximum price which Hoover is seeking to establish through voluntary agreements. Many operators in this district, however, are adhering to the \$3.50 price, he said.

BOOM IN WELSH COAL.
CARDIFF, Wales, July 25.—The demand in the United States for coal is creating a boom in the Welsh trade. The price for the best admiralty coal advanced today to 30 shillings per ton. The value of colliery shares is advancing in consequence of the situation.

Thirty-five thousand tons of coal were shipped from the Cardiff docks today. This comprised the largest one-day shipment since the war.

The United States demand promises to relieve the acute situation in the South Welsh coal fields. There is no indication among the miners or the transport workers of an intention to embark upon a boycott against the exportation of coal to the United States.

ROB CHATHAM GARDENS.
Special to London Advertiser.

Stealing garden vegetables and fruits has broken out in North Chatham. Several city patrolmen have been assigned to the district from where the majority of the offences are reported in an endeavor to locate the culprits.

FREE STATERS ADVANCE LINES TO CASTLE BAR

Lord Mayor of Cork Arrives At Dublin On Peace Mission.

LIAM DUFFY QUILTS POST

DUBLIN, July 25.—No news was received today from South Ireland, but the National forces operating from Claremorris, County Mayo, are continuing their advance. The irregular troops prior to the evacuation, burned numerous buildings, including the jail, the courthouse, and the barracks.

Irregulars attacked the barracks at Erie Court, County Galway. The garrison of 80 men was compelled to surrender. The irregulars then burned the barracks.

A train bringing 10 prisoners from Ennis to Dublin Monday had several exciting experiences. Two attempts were made by irregular troops to rescue the prisoners. The first attempt was made outside Wexford. In the fighting two National soldiers were killed and seven wounded. This attempt failed. Irregulars in Dublin made another attempt to rescue the prisoners. They had taken up positions on the roofs of the houses in the vicinity of the Harcourt Street Station.

Fire Upon Crowd.
The seventy prisoners were lined up on the station platform under a strong guard, while some three hundred spectators stood about. Just as the prisoners were being marched away a heavy fire was opened upon the crowd. Many of those on the platform threw themselves flat on their faces, thereby probably saving themselves from injury. The National troops replied to the fire of the irregulars. The fighting continued for nearly half an hour. Seven persons were wounded. The prisoners were safely escorted to jail.

It is believed that the meeting of the new parliament fixed for next Tuesday will have to be again postponed owing to the delay in suppressing the irregular revolt.

No official announcement of the postponement has been issued, however.

Arrest Rebel Officer.
Captain Kennedy, one of the leaders of the irregular forces, has been captured by Free State troops, near Thurles. He was disguised as a woman.

The lord mayor of Cork and other delegates have arrived here on a peace mission, according to correspondent of the London Times.

He says he learns their proposal is that the members of the new Irish parliament and of the Dail Eireann, shall meet forthwith, for the purpose of reaching terms of settlement. He expresses the belief, however, that the Provisional government officials will consent to nothing short of complete surrender, and the laying down of arms by the Republicans.

Liam Duffy Resigns.
Liam Duffy has resigned as foreign minister of the Provisional government. He announced that while he agreed with the government's military policy, he opposes its policy on certain other grave and urgent issues so strongly that he cannot longer honorably remain with the administration.

Six civilians, four of whom were women, were wounded by a bomb thrown at a lorry, in which National soldiers were riding in York street this evening. No soldiers were injured, although companions of the bomber shots at the troops. Two men were arrested.

CLAIMS ADOLESCENT ACT INCREASES ATTENDANCE

Kitchener School Principal Points To Entrance Classes To Prove Argument.

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KITCHENER, July 25.—Principal Carmichael of the local public schools stated today that the adolescent claims act has had a definite effect on Kitchener school attendance, and this has been shown by the reports following the entrance examinations.

He stated that where in previous years the highest number of candidates from this city to entrance examinations was 119, this year the number was increased to 155. Principal Carmichael believes this increase is a direct effect of the act.

In former years, he said, the five third-year classes always fall off to four fourth-year classes, and that the past is the first year in its history where five fourth-year classes were maintained.

RE-ELECTED BY ST. MARYS VOTERS

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ST. MARYS, July 25.—By a vote of 247 to 216 B. McCullough was re-elected councillor-at-large by St. Marys ratepayers today. Mr. McCullough's opponent was Frederick Howard. Some time ago, following charges by a neighbor that Ald. McCullough had city workmen working on his own premises at the expense of the city, Mr. McCullough resigned, but was subsequently prevailed upon to stand for re-election.

HOBBOES MIGRATE EARLY IN FEAR OF HARD WINTER.

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ST. THOMAS, July 25.—Old timers in this city declare that next winter will be early and cold, thereby showing the way to the army of prophesied birds, corn husks, nut crops and groundhogs for the signs of the times.

Their prognostications are based on hoboes, who are rated among the surest of nature's barometers. During the last few weeks they have been heading southward in unusually large numbers. Complaints of begging have been received by the police from many parts of the city.

HANOVER BROWNIES CAMP AT SOUTHAMPTON BEACH

HANOVER, July 25.—Twenty-four little Brownies, looking very fetching in their trim khaki uniforms, motored to Southampton Beach for their annual ten-day camp.

Mrs. W. Ruttie is in charge of the camp, assisted by Miss Velma Rands, one of the Girl Guides.

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Kitchener, July 25.—John Koehler, a farmer of Wellesley, while unloading hay at his barn last evening, fell from the load when a pulley broke, striking his head on a stone wall. He sustained a severe scalp laceration, which necessitated a number of stitches.

Raney Satisfied Elliott Will Not Let Practise Interfere With Duty

TORONTO, July 25.—Formal confirmation was made today by Attorney-General W. E. Raney of the announcement in The London Advertiser on July 19 of the appointment of J. C. Elliott, ex-M.P.P. for Middlesex, as crown attorney for London.

Mr. Elliott will not be required to give up his private practise in connection with his public responsibilities.

"The government has confidence that Mr. Elliott will not permit his practise to interfere in any way with his official duties," stated Attorney-General Raney in discussing the appointment. "His services were not available on an exclusive basis at any salary that the government could afford to pay, having regard to salaries throughout the province for that class of work."

"True, we have that system in force in three other places," Mr. Raney said. "It has worked well in Toronto, and I have had no criticism from Hamilton or Windsor. The alternative, if we were going to make it general, would be to create districts sufficiently large to occupy the crown attorney's whole time. The difficulty in that suggestion, of course, would be the incumbency in the different offices."

CANADIAN RAILMEN MAY QUIT U. S. TIES

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of maintenance-of-way men in that country developed into its present shape with a preponderant American membership. No definite information was available regarding the report that the organization would break away from its American affiliations, although it was stated a similar suggestion had been under consideration for some time.

N. S. MINERS IDLE.
New Waterford, N. S., July 25.—All the collieries here are idle and special services were held yesterday in St. Agnes' Church in memory of more than sixty miners who lost their lives in the New Waterford mine explosion five years ago, July 25, 1917.

Sixty-one men were killed in the original blast, and four members of rescue parties also lost their lives.

Rev. J. H. McDonald, who preached yesterday's memorial sermon, almost lost his life from "after damp" while assisting to rescue some of his parishioners.

On the other hand goodwill was apparent in the meetings being held at Baltimore between officials of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and representatives of the shopmen, which have been regarded as a possible precursor of other individual settlements, if successful.

No further spread of the strike was looked for, although 50 maintenance-of-way men at Shawnee, Okla., and a number at Moberly, Mo., quit work yesterday because armed guards were patrolling railroad property.

A resolution adopted by representatives of nearly three hundred general chairmen of the Clerks and Freight Handlers' Union after their meeting here yesterday, declared they would resort to their "economic power" if their grievances were not adjusted, but it was believed that they would take no further strike action pending negotiations.

Train Service Normal.
Curtailement of train service during the last 24 hours was negligible. The Pennsylvania Railroad issued a statement last night, saying passenger and freight service had been restored to normal on that road.

Reports of violence or threatened violence were slightly increased, and troops were called out in three new states.

Alabama State troops have been mobilized at Birmingham ready for call to Albany, Ala., where disorders are reported.

In Pennsylvania state troops were shifted to more advantageous positions, several detachments being sent to strategic points.

Plans have been perfected for delivering mail by motor truck at least once a day to every community in Upper Michigan, North and South Dakota, and Minnesota, comprising the tenth railway mail district. Mobs are already being used in portions of Wisconsin, Michigan and North Dakota to carry mail and freight.

WOMEN BATTLE POLICE.
Toledo, Ohio, July 25.—Forty women, wives and relatives of striking railway employees, attacked a party of non-union railroad shopmen on their way to work in the Pearsall street shops of the New York Central Railroad here early today. Police, responding to a call for help, were met with a shower of bricks and stones, which resulted in calls for police reserves.

Three patrol wagons filled with officers were rushed to the scene with orders to arrest every woman found in the vicinity.

BUILDING ESTABLISHES RECORD.
Ottawa, July 25.—By Canadian Press—Building operations here, which have been practically at a standstill since the war, reached another boom today, when a start was made on the quarter-million-dollar bank building on Sparks street, between O'Connor and Metcalfe. Building contractors report that skilled help is very scarce, no doubt due to the continued building boom.

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MACAROW CASE TO BE LENGTHY

Resumed Hearing Expected To Continue Until Middle of August.

George Edwards, Toronto Chartered Accountant, To Take Witness Stand.

MONTREAL, July 25.—At the conclusion of the resumed hearing here this afternoon into the charge against D. C. Macarow, former general manager of the Merchants Bank of Canada, of having made false statements in the bank's October, 1921, return to the finance minister, it was stated by the crown prosecutor that evidence with regard to the systems of the bank was now completed and that tomorrow George Edwards, chartered accountant of Toronto, the expert who reported the position of the bank, would be called.

It was intimated that his evidence would be lengthy.

The actual monthly statement submitted by the bank to the government for October last would be studied, it was added. It is expected that evidence in the case will last until the middle of August.

W. W. Thompson, officer in charge of the department looking after bad and doubtful debts, was examined and cross-examined at considerable length this morning and afternoon on the method of handling such debts.

Special reference was made to the account of Thornton, Davidson and Company, the Montreal stock brokerage firm which became insolvent and whose liabilities impaired the rest of the account of the Merchants Bank to such a degree as to cause it to be taken over by the Bank of Montreal.

Mr. Thompson's examination in evidence that the account of this firm was supposed to have been reported upon by the manager and that it had not been reported upon, adding that he did not know why.

The amount of the Thornton, Davidson liability was not included in the estimate of \$2,048,376 figured as the probable losses on account at the Montreal branch office in the period April to September, 1921, and this liability amount to a total of \$4,413,376, making an aggregate of \$6,461,752 shown in the Montreal branch return which was not completed after the return for October had been sent to Ottawa.

The court then adjourned until tomorrow.

CARS RUN AT NIAGARA.
NIAGARA FALLS, July 25.—No trouble occurred upon the arrival of the first high speed car from Buffalo since the strike was called July 2.

Police in automobiles accompanied the cars in the city streets while the city policemen and deputy sheriffs rode aboard the cars as soon as they entered the city limits.

FILL OUT THOSE HOLLOW SPOTS

Try Ironized Yeast To Put On Firm Flesh