

The Evening Times-Star

Observers Believe British Railwaymen Will Not Strike

RAILWAY CASES SET FOR TUESDAY

RAILWAY SITUATION IS HOPEFUL

Walkout Will Not Last for More Than a Week at Most.

COMPANIES PREPARE

Labor Party and Other Unions Pressing Railwaymen to Desist.

(Canadian Press Cable).

London, Jan. 19.—The Press Association this morning says it understands that the railway managers agreed today to defer putting into operation the new scale of wages fixed by the railway wage board and the strike of the locomotive men, ordered to become effective at midnight Sunday, will be postponed.

BY HARRY N. MOORE.

(British United Press).

London, Jan. 19.—In spite of the dark clouds, it is still regarded as more than possible by competent observers here that the railway strike will not eventuate or that if it does so it will not last for more than a week.

This is due to the terrific pressure that is being brought to bear on the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, both by the Labor Party and by other unions. It was late last night that the outlook was "decidedly hopeful" for the dropping of the strike due to the fact that new proposals looking towards a peaceful settlement have been made and have been received with satisfaction by the leaders of the association. Meanwhile the companies are keeping their plans very dark, although they are working at full pressure to have everything in readiness to cope with the situation.

Truck Drivers Organized.

One feature of their preparations is the use of a great army of auxiliary motor car trucks to organize a skeleton traffic system and to provide the large centers with milk and essential food products.

The ministry of transport still has on file the plans it perfected for the handling of a similar situation in 1919 when the same emergency arose and they are quite ready to call out a large number of ex-officers who had experience in some similar circumstances in France.

Ramsay MacDonald is in touch with his ministry and prepared to take over the plans and put them into effect when he assumes office, being convinced that the strike is unnecessary and would not be in the best interests of the strikers themselves. "There is also a great change in the attitude of the ordinary men towards strikes since the last walkout and few believe that it will amount to anything serious.

France Puts Ban On Boxer's Kiss

Paris, Jan. 19.—The boxer's kiss has been placed under the ban. For some time it has been the fashion for two fighters to exchange kisses—one on each cheek—at the conclusion of a ring battle, but the French Boxing Federation has decided that for hygienic reasons the practice must go, and has issued an official decree ordering its abolition.

COMPANY ACCEPTS PREMIER'S PLAN

Sydney Miners, However, Await Word from Headquarters Before Replying.

Sydney, N. S., Jan. 19.—Up to noon today no reply had been despatched from U. M. W. headquarters at Glace Bay to the invitation of Premier Armstrong to the miners and operators strong to the miners and operators to go to work at midnight Sunday, will be postponed.

BRITISH OARSMAN ARRIVES ON MONTLAURION ON BUSINESS TO CANADA.

Hilton Belyea, of this city, who was a participant in the Diamond Sculls race at the Henley last year, has a very nice, smooth and easy style and made a most favorable impression while competing for premier honors in England, according to Alexander McCulloch, one of the former leading scullers of the world, who arrived here today on the Canadian Pacific Steamship Montclair. Mr. McCulloch won the diamond sculls in 1908 as a member of the Leander Rowing Club and also represented England at the Olympics in the same year, losing by a small margin in the final race. He also rowed in the Leander eight in 1920 when they won the Grand Challenge cup on the Henley.

BODY OF R. INGLIS IS BROUGHT HERE

Former Bank Manager Died in England—Wife St. John Lady.

On board the Canadian Pacific steamship Montclair, here this morning, was the body of R. Inglis, who died in England while on a trip abroad for his health. The body was accompanied by Mrs. Inglis and she was met here by her son, W. G. Inglis. The news of Mr. Inglis's death was met with regret by many friends in this city, who will recall him as manager of the Bank of British North America. Mrs. Inglis was Miss Margaret Young, daughter of the late Adam Young of St. John. Besides his wife, Mr. Inglis is survived by four sons.

Wire Briefs

Three Rivers, Que., Jan. 19.—Monsignor Massicotte, cure of Three Rivers Cathedral, died at 2:10 o'clock this morning.

Atlanta, Jan. 19.—It is officially announced that negotiations have been a commercial agreement between Greece and Soviet Russia.

Swansea, Wales, Jan. 19.—(Canadian Press)—England defeat Wales in the international rugby match here today 17 to 9.

Deputy Sheriff, Gun In Hand, Found Dead

Wallingford, Vt., Jan. 19.—Deputy Sheriff A. Leonard was found dead in his home here today with a bullet wound in the back of his head. His 22 calibre revolver lay near him. His wife, who had summoned a doctor, was semi-conscious in the room with him when the doctor arrived.

H. BELYEA IS PRAISED BY McCULLOCH

Diamond Sculls Winner Says Local Man Made Good Impression.

GOING TO MONTREAL

British Oarsman Arrives on Montclair on Business to Canada.

Man Is Swallowed By An Alligator

Sydney, Jan. 19.—An alligator seized and swallowed a man named Laque, while he was bathing in Five Mile Creek, near Cardiff, North Queensland. The party was bathing in a deep pool when the alligator, which was 12 feet long, seized Laque before the eyes of his companions and sank with him beneath the water. The party searched the banks, found the monster and shot it. They dragged the body ashore and cut it open, recovering Laque's body. Tully river, a tributary of which Five Mile creek is a tributary, is infested with alligators, which live under the banks and await stray cattle drinking at the water's edge.

DEATH SENTENCE CUT TO TEN YEARS

Russian Officers Found Guilty of Prison Atrocities During Revolt.

Moscow, Jan. 19.—General Semenovskiy and M. Melikh, found guilty of mistreating prisoners during the Central Russian revolt, were sentenced to ten years imprisonment. They were held principally responsible for the atrocities of the prison regime during the revolution.

SIX NEW SWIMMING RECORDS ARE SET

Weismuller Only Champion Who Did Not Better His Own Mark.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—Five new world records were made by swimmers of the Illinois A. C. here last night. The records were bettered by the swimmers, except Johnny Weismuller, who won the 100-yard backstroke record, take away from him recently at Honolulu, and Ethel Lackie, who beat Adelaide Lambert's time in the 75-yard free-stroke event. Weismuller's time was 1:44.7, a record of 1:46.7, Miss Lackie's time was 47 seconds flat, 4.5 seconds better than the old record. Miss Sybil Bauer sliced 2-8 seconds off her time in the 100-yard backstroke event, she made the distance in 1:15 4-5, which was 2-5 of a second better than her old record.

VESSEL ASKS AID

Lime Branch in Trouble Off Irish Coast—Wearbridge Is Safe.

London, Jan. 19.—The British steamer Lime Branch of 5,000 tons gross, from Antwerp, London and Cardiff to Valparaiso, sent a wireless appeal for help today from a point about 200 miles southwest of Cape Clear, Ireland. The Lime Branch reported that her propeller was gone and that her rudder had become unusable.

Quebec Council To Pray Before Meeting

Quebec, Jan. 19.—From now on the Mayor of Quebec will read the following prayer before each meeting of the City Council, it was decided at the night's meeting of the city fathers:

"O, Eternal and Almighty God, from whom all power and wisdom come, we are assembled here before Thee to attend to the welfare and prosperity of our city. We pray Thee that we may desire only that which is in accordance with Thy will, that we may seek it with wisdom and knowledge, and accomplish it perfectly, for the glory and honor of Thy Name and the welfare of our country. Amen."

LOOKS LIKE A SPLIT IN TORY RANKS

British Political Situation Takes New Turn, Causing Foreboding.

ANOTHER PARTY

Labor Faces Possibility of Defeat on First Division of House.

BY HARRY N. MOORE.

British United Press.

London, Jan. 19.—While the Liberal split has certainly been held, the possibility of a division in the Conservative ranks is engendering attention in political circles. It looks just now as if the whole situation has been thrown into the pool, the Socialists fearing a reversion to the old Conservative policy of the Clyde Group, while the Intersective ranks of many of the unions are also causing alarm and foreboding.

CIVIL SERVANTS ASK PROTECTION

German Employees in Bavaria Want Action Against Separatists.

Speyer, Bavaria, Jan. 19.—German civil service employees in the Rhineland palatinate have presented to the Rhineland commission a memorial in which they requested the immediate revocation of the separatist decrees ordering arrest and expulsions.

SOVIET DELEGATES COMING TO CANADA

Will Negotiate With Ottawa over Resumption of Trade Relations.

BY HARRY N. MOORE.

(British United Press).

London, Jan. 19.—The Soviet delegation which is proceeding to Canada to begin negotiations with the Ottawa Government looking towards the resumption of trade relations with Russia, has reached London this morning. They will sail on the steamer Montclair next Friday, and they have hopes of signing huge contracts for agricultural machinery, railway equipment and other industrial products during their visit. If the contracts are completed it should result in a big boom of Canadian trade. Full guarantee of payment for all such contracts has already been arranged by the Soviet Government.

MONTREAL REPORT OF APPOINTMENT DENIED

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—No confirmation was obtainable here today of despatches from Montreal that George Gonthier, an accountant of Montreal, had been appointed auditor-general, a post which has been vacant for more than a year since the death of the late K. D. Sutherland.

Forest Fire Fighter

Perdy Davis, veteran guard in the Pisgah National Forest, North Carolina, is shown here with his "hog sprayer," used to transport him on fire patrol in search of careless campers and other danger sources constituting a menace to the acres of fine timber land.

GODWIN BOY IS BEFORE MAGISTRATE

Sergeant Detective Power Tells His Reasons for Making Charge.

YOUTH IS SILENT

Minister and Father Greet Him as He is Removed to Jail.

Stewart Godwin, sixteen-year-old Little River youth, was formally charged this morning on information of Sergeant Detective John T. Power, before Police Magistrate George A. Henderson, in the police court, with the murder of Mrs. Clara Whiteside, at her home in East St. John, on a day between the seventeenth and the twenty-fifth of December, 1923.

CHAMPAGNE FROZE

Stock, Ordered Returned, May Have to Be Replaced by Commission.

Moose Jaw, Sask., Jan. 19.—A stock of champagne recently seized and later ordered released to its owner, Jesse Nosenoff, a local resident, was found when the day came for its return, to be frozen and consequently spoiled, and now the Saskatchewan liquor commission faces the possibility of having to send to France to replace it.

Weather Report

Toronto, Jan. 19.—Pressure is quite high near the Atlantic coast and over northern states, while a trough of low pressure extends from Northern Ontario southwest to Texas. Decidedly cold weather continues from Lake Superior westward and comparatively mild weather from Lake Huron to the Maritime Provinces.

MOTHER AND THREE CHILDREN ARE DEAD

Lose Lives When Pennsylvania Home Burns—Father is Injured.

Emporium, Pa., Jan. 18.—The farmhouse of Jacob Smith, 28 miles from here, was destroyed and three children were burned to death. Smith was taken to the hospital at Ridgeway, Pa., in a critical condition.

One Killed, 4 Hurt In Steamer Accident

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 19.—Joseph Twiss, married, was killed, and four others workers were injured late yesterday when a platform sling on the steamer *England* collided with a steel beam.

FAVORS EASTERN ROUTE FOR GRAIN

Speaker Says Vancouver Activity Threatens Winnipeg as Grain Centre.

Winnipeg, Jan. 19.—The development of the export wheat trade through the port of Vancouver seriously threatens Winnipeg as the grain centre of Western Canada, was the declaration of S. T. Smith, member of a local grain commission, to members of the Caledonian Club, at a luncheon here yesterday.

SIX NEW CASES IN DIVORCE COURT

St. John Mentioned in One of the Matters to Come up in Fredericton.

Fredricton, N. B., Jan. 18.—On the January docket of the New Brunswick divorce court, opening here next week, are the cases of Dionne vs. Dionne, a divorce of the six applicants for divorce in the new cases entered are wives. In one case only the application is made by the husband, and the husband in the case of Dionne vs. Dionne, is defending the action entered by his wife.

THE INFORMATION

The information read by the clerk was as follows:

"The information and complaint of John T. Power, sergeant detective of the Police Force of the City of Saint John, this 19th day of January, 1924, against Stewart Godwin, a resident of Saint John, for the murder of Mrs. Clara Whiteside, His Reasons:

Dependent's reasons for his suspicion and belief are as follows:

"The said Clara Whiteside was murdered in her residence in said parish between said dates. Dependent as a peace officer and detective has been investigating the said tragedy and has heard the said Godwin without inducement or under the influence of fear or with the hope of favor make statements incriminating himself as the perpetrator of the deed, admitting that he knocked the woman down, because she had not done what she had promised to do for him; that he had used an iron pipe in striking her on the head, that afterwards he had covered her head with a quilt, and dependent believes her death could have been caused by the use of the said pipe and dependent knows that her head was covered with a quilt, in the manner described by the said Godwin."

"These and other statements made by said Godwin, together with other circumstances lead this dependent to the belief and conclusion that said Godwin committed said murder."

The deposition was signed by George A. Henderson, before whom it was taken under oath, and by John T. Power, the deponent.

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Stations	8 a.m.	Yester night	Highest	Lowest
Victoria	38	40	32	32
Calgary	4	4	24	24
Edmonton	22	10	22	22
Winnipeg	10	12	12	12
Toronto	32	30	30	30
Ottawa	28	24	18	18
Montreal	20	22	18	18
St. John	24	22	12	12
Halifax	24	32	10	10
St. John's	10	34	10	10
New York	84	80	84	84

*Below zero.