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Great Railway Strike In England Is Declared Inevitable  
BRITAIN AND FRANCE NEAR SPLIT

Woman Tells of Seeing Mrs. Whiteside

ENGINE MEN HAVE DATE AGREED ON

Vote of Workers Shows Six to One Against Cut in Wages.

COMPANIES FIRM

Say They Will Maintain the Award of Railway Wages Board.

(By Canadian Press.)

London, Jan. 12.—The locomotive men's organization officially announced today that a railway strike in Great Britain was inevitable and might occur at any time as a result of the failure of negotiations between the companies and the engineers over the question of a wage readjustment.

The society asserted that the times had refused to make any concessions. J. Bromley, secretary of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, announced that the attitude of the companies was absolutely uncompromising.

He added that the union was perfecting its arrangements for the calling of the strike at a time which would not now be made public.

Dispute Over Wages. This dispute arose over the findings of the railway wages board, a decision which the locomotive men asserted reduces their weekly wage out of proportion to the cost of living.

The society polled its members with regard to acceptance or rejection of the finding and the returns show a six to one majority against taking the reduction.

Representatives of the society met in London and reported the outcome of the ballot. Another prolonged conference was held yesterday at which the officials promised to consider the points raised by the employees.

This morning the companies replied that they could make no concessions and would abide by the wages board award which, they said, had been accepted by the other two railway unions—the National Union of Railwaymen and the Railway Clerks Association.

Not at Once. Mr. Bromley later announced that a strike would not take place immediately and said that unless the men were otherwise instructed they would cease work at a time already decided upon. Unofficially, it is reported, that the workers are not likely to be called out before the end of next week.

Involves \$3,000. The dispute involves 68,000 members of the union. If a strike occurs the union claims it will be up all the railways in England and Scotland but not those of Ireland. Whether the strike is entirely effective will depend, it is thought, largely upon the attitude of the National Union of Railwaymen, which accepted the wages award.

KAMOURASKA LOSES

Court Decision Over Collision With Fanad Head Is Given in Montreal.

Montreal, Jan. 12.—That a collision which occurred in the St. Lawrence River between the S.S. Kamouraska and the S.S. Fanad Head on June 20 last, was caused by the excessive speed and wrongful starboarding of the former vessel is the judgment now handed down in the superior court here.

Action was taken against the Kamouraska by the owners of the Fanad Head in the sum of \$50,000 and judgment was given against the Kamouraska.

Another action brought by the owners of the Kamouraska against the owners of the Fanad Head, was dismissed.

The judgment further states that nothing was neglected by those on board the Fanad Head. She was navigated in a proper and seamanlike manner and everything was done to avoid collision with the other ship.

Returns Rich and With Eskimo Wife

Honolulu, Jan. 12.—A story of riches made in Alaska during an absence of nearly 30 years was revealed when Thomas Emalle returned to live the remainder of his life in the city of his birth and enjoy his fortune of \$200,000. He brought with him his Eskimo wife and three children.

Emalle left Hawaii on a whaling ship in 1895 and was penniless. He remained aboard the vessel three years. His next venture was to purchase a schooner with borrowed money and his success enabled him to purchase larger boats from time to time. As his property continued he decided to remain permanently in Alaska, but recently he had longed to return, and, with his family, came to Hawaii. He plans to build a home and live a life of ease.

HAVE CLOSED 973 SALOONS SO FAR

Philadelphia Clean-Up Men Now to Campaign Against Inevitable Vice.

Philadelphia, Jan. 12.—Brigadier Gen. S. D. Butler, director of public safety, announced last night that 973 of the city's 1,200 saloons had been closed in his opening offensive. He said that he intended to close the remainder.

The drive just staged was against saloons. The police cannot keep up this intensive work every day, so we will see that drives are staged weekly. In army parlance, "we will make our objectives" and go on with our next drive.

An interlocking agreement for mutual co-operation was effected yesterday by prohibition authorities and Gen. Butler from brewing interests.

That signs of co-operation with Gen. Butler from brewing interests came when Adam Scheid, president of a large brewing concern, voluntarily came to city hall and offered to post a \$100,000 bond guaranteeing all beer shipped on his trucks to be within legal alcoholic content in order to do away with continual police searching of the trucks.

Want Hudson's Bay Railway Completed

Prince Albert, Sask., Jan. 12.—Northwestern Saskatchewan associated boards of trade yesterday wired Hon. T. A. Crear urging him to effect a compromise at Ottawa by securing immediate completion of the Hudson's Bay Railway for western concessions on the tariff question. The meeting went on record unanimously in considering the Bay route a more important question than tariffs.

Wire Briefs

Paris, Jan. 12.—Anatole France, eminent writer, is seriously ill following an attack of grippe. He will be 80 years of age on April 16.

Rome, Jan. 12.—The Observatore Romano, official organ of the Vatican, makes denial of rumors which have been in circulation that Cardinal Gasparri is about to resign as papal secretary of state.

Moscow, Jan. 12.—The question of recognition of Soviet Russia by the National Union of Railwaymen, which is considered here to be imminent, is commented on in the Izvestia, semi-official organ of the Government.

Toronto, Jan. 12.—Sir Heng Thornton, president of the C. N. R., in reply to a question put by the Toronto Board of Trade, has written that there is no intention of moving the purchasing department of the railway from Toronto to Montreal.

New York, Jan. 12.—A Wall Street news service today quotes A. Halstead, U. S. consul general at Montreal, as authoring for a report that seven of the largest asbestos mining companies in Canada may merge soon.

New York, Jan. 12.—Mrs. Florence A. Blake, yesterday filed a summons in a divorce action against her husband, Jas. R. Blake, stock broker, who vanished from a 14-foot cliff in a thunderstorm in Long Island Sound, July 2, 1920.

Athens, Jan. 12.—The new Greek cabinet headed by Venizelos as premier, was sworn in last night. All the members of the new government are pure Liberals, with the exception of M. Roussos.

VICTIM WAS SEEN NEAR CHRISTMAS

Mrs. C. C. Schmidt of Daniel's Tells of Conversation with Woman.

WAS SHOPPING

Police Continue to Maintain Silence, But Work on Case.

That Mrs. Clara Whiteside was in the store of F. W. Daniel & Co., Ltd., during Christmas week was learned this morning by The Times. It is not definitely established just what day she was there, but one of the clerks, Mrs. C. C. Schmidt, who was occasionally acquainted with Mrs. Whiteside in conversation with her one afternoon about a year ago.

She is certain that it was during Christmas week, because she had been working at night and during the course of a conversation with Mrs. Whiteside remarked that she was tired and mentioned the fact that their store was open at night.

Mrs. Whiteside had made a comment and this had led up to the discussion regarding the night work. Mrs. Schmidt had known Mrs. Whiteside for many years and as a result had conversed more freely with her than she would have with a stranger. Mrs. Schmidt remarked to Mrs. Whiteside how well she was looking and when she was leaving accompanied her to the elevator.

Seek Milk Dealer. An effort was made by a representative of The Times this morning to learn who supplied Mrs. Whiteside with milk. This being a perishable article of food, it was hoped to establish just what day she received her last supply. James Sheehan, a grocer in East St. John, however, stated that he dealt with her. He said she occasionally purchased milk from him, but did not know where she obtained it at other times. His records show that she purchased a quart of milk from him on December 10 and on December 11. She again visited his store and obtained provisions. This was the last time that she was in his store.

It has now been established that Mrs. Whiteside was alive and well on December 11 if it were at a late day that she was in the East St. John school saw her sitting in her kitchen on December 10 or Tuesday December 18, and also that she visited F. W. Daniel & Co., Ltd. store during Christmas week.

The members of the detective department, who are working on the murder mystery, are nothing but out this morning for the fact that it was announced that they were continuing their investigations in the East St. John and in the city proper.

The detectives this morning were non-committal regarding the search for the murderer in the United States. It is understood, however, that he has not been located.

One of the problems facing the local authorities is to secure evidence that will lead to the conviction of the perpetrator of the murder. With this object in view they are working day and night in a hope to pick up new clues.

LABOR EXECUTIVE TO MEET CABINET

Will Lay Before Premier King Programme of Legislation to be Asked For.

Ottawa, Jan. 12.—(Canadian Press)—Members of the executive council of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada will meet Premier King and other members of the Dominion Cabinet on Monday and will lay before them the programme of legislation to be asked for by organized labor.

Tom Moore, president of the organization, said: "The congress represents more than 150,000 organized workers scattered throughout the industrial centres from the Atlantic to the Pacific and its expressions have been recognized for years as reflecting the opinions of the workers generally throughout Canada."

"Many important events have occurred during the last year, including the despatch of troops in Nova Scotia during the recent strike. Workers have been arrested and imprisoned on charges of sedition and it is no secret that the Congress executive has been constantly endeavoring to secure amendments to this law and the release of those still imprisoned under it."

Pearls of Dead Empress in Sea

Geneva, Jan. 12.—Wanted: A pearl fisherman who can find a complete string of superb gems at one dive. It has been revealed that a necklace of incalculable value, once the property of the assassinated Empress Elizabeth of Austria, lies at the bottom of the Mediterranean. It was submerged on the empress' instruction in order to regain its lustre.

A few days before her assassination an expert advised Empress Elizabeth to bury the necklace under the sea. The expert said this was the only plan by which it could regain its brilliancy.

Aided by an old fisherman, the monk carefully buried the pearls in sand in a deep excavation near the shore. He took every precaution that none but the old fisherman and himself should know the hiding place. This took place in June, 1888. At the end of that year both the monk and the old fisherman died. It was long believed that their secret had perished with them.

MODERN MARRIAGE VIEWS STIR COURT

Young People of Today Hold Sacrament Too Lightly, Says Justice Benedict.

New York, Jan. 12.—Many young people of this age regard marriage too lightly, Justice Russell E. Benedict declared in a decision in the Brooklyn Supreme Court.

The statement accompanied a decree of separation granted Mrs. Ethel E. Levin of 811 West 112th street, Manhattan, from Albert Levin, who last May it was testified, advised her that she had been replaced in his affections by "Peggy," his "intellectual mate."

"On the evidence submitted by these people it is plain that they are totally ignorant of the sacredness of marriage. They are a large percentage of the young people of this age," said the decision. "They do not understand the solemnity of their own act, and they are not prepared to stand by it."

"If our standards are not high enough to regard marriage as a sacrament, they at least regard it as a contract in which the State has an interest of its own to protect, and which the parties are not at liberty to break with impunity."

In reference to the two "mates" Levin was said to have had, Justice Benedict declared they constituted a form of mental cruelty which has just as much standing in the eyes of the law as physical cruelty.

Mrs. Levin was awarded a weekly maintenance allowance of \$20. She was married Oct. 4, 1917, and also that she lived at 1307 Union street, Brooklyn, with her husband, who is a salesman.

FRISCH IS TO BE GIANTS' CAPTAIN

Is Pronounced by McGraw to be The Greatest Star in Baseball.

New York, Jan. 12.—Frank Frisch boasts the highest salary ever paid to a ball player on the Giants. Not only that, but Manager McGraw has told him that he is to be the Giants' captain this year, to succeed Dave Bancroft, who went to the Boston Braves.

Frisch, often called the "Fordham Flame," hopped across the Harlem River in one leap from the Fordham College ball field right into stardom in the historic Polo Grounds, and when McGraw signed Frisch to a \$150,000 contract yesterday he pronounced him the greatest star in baseball.

In the off-season Frisch adds to the family exchequer by watching the linen market in his father's business.

DENMARK'S QUEEN GOES THROUGH ICE

King Rescues Alexandria as She Plunges Into Waters of Sound.

London, Jan. 12.—Queen Alexandra of Denmark had an involuntary plunge into the icy waters of The Sound, the channel between Sweden and the Danish island of Seeland on Thursday, according to the Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Mail. The King and Queen motored to Taarskæg to see the ice pack. They left the car and walked on the ice, which suddenly broke. The Queen fell through up to her waist, but the King pulled her to safety.

TARIFF IS BLAMED FOR SLOW TRADE

Arthur Meighen Makes Bitter Attack on King Government.

RAPS PREMIER

Conservative Leader Says Ills of Nation Caused by Liberal Policy.

(By Canadian Press.)

London, Ont., Jan. 12.—Mackenzie King's tariff policy is responsible for all the ills of this Dominion.

This was the challenge from the Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, leader of the Conservative opposition, delivered last night, in the presence of more than a thousand guests at a banquet tendered in his honor by the members of the Western Ontario Conservative Association.

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"This gathering is an encouragement and inspiration for me during the coming campaign," Mr. Meighen said, "a fight until our banner is planted again upon the ruins of the mockery of a government now at Ottawa."

"Two years after the election, our vindication has been complete, and victory is near. Grotesque failure has followed the policy of the King Government."

"There are two over-estimating conditions to be attached and surmounted by any government expecting to retain office at Ottawa. One is taxation and the other the exodus of Canadians from their land."

"We came out of the greatest war in history. The financial burden incident to that war is now being borne by all Canada, but this does not explain entirely the load now pressing upon our shoulders."

"The King Government has piled on peace tax upon the war tax. Business is shackled and hamstringing."

"Any government that fails to reduce the federal tax by scores of millions has no title to remain in office. I do not minimize the task. I know the pressure that is brought to bear. I have had the experience. But the opportunity is gone to this government and no matter how long they remain in office they haven't the capacity to reduce the tax in 1924 was undeserved. Looking back you can regard it not as a collapse of the party, but as the final foundation of ultimate triumph. Every one of our policies has been vindicated."

Founded on Hoax. The whole tariff game of the Liberal party in 1921 was founded on fraud and hoax, he said.

"In the face of the American tariff situation, which contained the same conditions as are existing today, the Liberals stood for the same importations of American foodstuffs, which amounted to half the total exportations of the Dominion."

"The result was that in the western provinces they gained themselves thousands of votes. And I say that this programme as advocated by the Liberal party at that time is the very thing the men in power today do not believe in."

"Today in Ottawa we have a Premier constantly declaring to the farmers of the west that he is moving in the right direction. And I say that the tariff situation today is at the bottom of all the troubles of the country. We see the Premier willing to sacrifice the interests of the Dominion to get the help of the Progressives."

Blacksmith Leaves Estate of \$103,000

White Plains, N. Y., Jan. 12.—James T. Haver, Mount Vernon blacksmith, left an estate worth \$103,000 when he died Nov. 23 last. It was revealed with the filing of his will in the Westchester County Surrogate's office.

Real estate valued at \$100,000 and \$3,000 in personal property he bequeathed exclusively to his children and grandchildren.

She Is Engaged



Photo shows Miss Mary Peck (above), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morace D. Peck, now spending the winter at Miami, Fla., whose engagement to Gene Saragoff, girl star, has been announced. It is reported. The recent report of Saragoff's engagement to Miss Pauline Garon, film star, proved false, it is said.

Boy Fells Lunatic Making Him Dig His Own Grave and Escapes

Danvers, Conn., Jan. 12.—Edward Pinkham, 18 years old, saved himself this week from burial alive by turning on Edward Harrington, an escaped patient from the Norwich Asylum for the Insane, and felling him with a shovel with which he was being forced to dig his own grave.

The blow knocked Harrington unconscious, and before he recovered the boy had fled to safety. Harrington later took to his heels, but was captured in Webster, Mass., to be taken back to the asylum.

Harrington escaped from the institution during the night. He met the Pinkham boy, who was on his way to school. Under the pretext of offering him a job, he lured the lad into the woods and then pulled him into the cemetery, where he procured a shovel from a vault, which he opened with a skeleton key, and compelled his young victim to begin digging his own grave.

After the Pinkham lad had excavated two feet of earth he saw his chance and suddenly struck down the escaped lunatic.

"We are going to believe that the prisoner might be Frank Weeden, who was incarcerated in Rhode Island for the murder of a boy, but escaped. An envelope bearing the name of Weeden was found in the man's pocket."

Superintendent Roe of the State Hospital at Cranston, R. I., said that Weeden, who after his escape from custody was believed to have made his way to this section last summer, was supposed to have died. Harrington, it is believed, imagines that he is Weeden.

PLAN GREAT RINK

Montreal Capitalists Take Steps to Provide Mammoth Artificial Ice Resort.

Ottawa, Jan. 12.—A conference is to be held here today between representatives of Montreal capitalists and Franklin Aherm, president of the Ottawa Hockey Association, in connection with a mammoth artificial ice rink for Montreal.

President Aherm, who is directly responsible for the erection of Ottawa's new auditorium, has been requested by the Montreal interests to explain full details necessary for the construction of an ice palace along the lines of the one here.

While no names were mentioned it is understood that powerful financial interests are behind the Montreal project.

WILL DEVELOP ST. LAWRENCE POWER

Ontario's Premier Makes Definite Statement to Prescott Board of Trade.

Prescott, Ont., Jan. 12.—Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Premier of Ontario, definitely stated at a banquet given in his honor by the board of trade here last night, that the St. Lawrence power would be developed at an early date and that in four years Prescott and Sudbury county would enjoy the blessings of cheap and abundant power.

He said that the Ontario government, as far back as 1916, had realized that the water power of the St. Lawrence would be needed for supplying Ontario with hydro power and had been securing information regarding the resources.

Winnipeg Seeks \$53,000 at Ottawa. Winnipeg, Jan. 12.—The city of Winnipeg will appeal direct to Premier King for a settlement of its claim for \$53,000 paid out during the winter of 1922-23 for unemployment relief. It was decided at a meeting of the finance committee yesterday.

The claim was recently disallowed by Hon. James Murdoch, minister of Labor, who, in a letter, declared "the matter must be regarded as closed, as far as the undersigned is concerned."

Weather Report

Toronto, Jan. 12.—The disturbance which was centered in the Ottawa Valley yesterday has passed to the Atlantic and the barometer is now high over the greater part of the continent. The weather continued fairly cold in the western provinces.

Forecast: Moderately Cold. Maritime—Fresh west and north-west winds, fair, becoming colder. Sunday fair and moderately cold. Gulf and North Shore—Fresh westerly winds, fair and cold today and on Sunday.

New England—Cloudy tonight, and Sunday, colder Sunday; moderate to fresh westerly winds. Frontier is out on the warpath after M. Poincaré's scalp, and the latter will not be anxious to antagonize any large section of the voters, and for this reason will be inclined to walk carefully.

GRAVE CRISIS IS FACING 2 NATIONS

Entente Between the British and French May be Snapped.

BREACH WIDENING

Serious Situation Arises Over Questions in Palatinate Discussion.

BY HARRY N. MOORE. (British United Press.)

London, Jan. 12.—The entente between Britain and France, which has been hanging by a thread for months past, may be snapped over the Palatinate question. A grave situation has been created within the past twenty-four hours and if the Marquis Curzon insists on sending the British consul from Munich into the Palatinate in spite of the fact that France has expressed her disapproval of such a move, the breach between Britain and France which has shown signs of healing since Poincaré's conciliatory attitude at the last conference may be burst open again irrevocably.

Much will depend on how far France is willing to back up the Palatinate separatist movement and whether the authorities responsible for the separation will go so far as to insist on the legality of their proclamations which are due to come into force today.

May Take Action. If the Separatists continue to defy the German Reich and if they are urged to continue this defiance by France, as Lord Curzon persists in the case, Britain may take drastic action and withdraw her troops from the occupied area and throw up her hands, leaving France and Germany to settle their own dispute about reparations. Britain has protested in the strongest possible terms against France giving the movement to set up a new State in the Palatinate its moral and financial support. The British note followed the murder of Heintz, the president of the autonomous government. Unless the decrees of the Separatists are denounced by the Allies and unless France withdraws her almost open support of the Palatinate Separatists, Britain will take strong measures.

The Palatine government registered decrees with the Allied Rhineland Commission on January 2, and the British representatives of that commission, Lord Kilmerock, eldest son of the Earl of Errol, who has had a long experience in foreign office negotiations and is regarded as one of the ablest men in that service, voted against acceptance of such decrees or their registration with the commission. He was overruled by France and Belgium. Lord Curzon supported the stand taken by the British representative, believing that the Separatist movement is not the spontaneous protest of the people of that area, but is an engineered movement organized from outside and that if French support was withdrawn it would collapse, just as other Putschs in the Rhineland and around Detmold have failed in the past.

Lord Curzon has now taken the stand that the action of the Rhineland Commission is overriding the protest of Britain and that legalizing the decrees of the Separatist was ultra vires, and it is on this issue that the tussle with France will be joined.

As a matter of fact there will likely be a temporary healing of the difficulty for two reasons. In the first place France is anxious to spare for time until she sees what sort of a government is permanently settled in the saddle, and, secondly, she has domestic elections of her own to come on in April, and the coalition, Premier Briand is out on the warpath after M. Poincaré's scalp, and the latter will not be anxious to antagonize any large section of the voters, and for this reason will be inclined to walk carefully.

The feeling around Mannheim is aroused and clashes between the Separatists and French troops are confidently expected.

The question, then, that remains to be solved is what action will the soldiers of occupation take in such an eventuality.