

ANOTHER BIG STRIKE IN ENGLAND

London, May 26.—The dock workers' strike today was further complicated by the walkout of the Carters' union. It is now estimated that more than 120,000 men are out. London's transport industry is almost completely tied up. The situation is menacing because of the steady rise in the prices of foodstuffs. There are now at the docks more than 150 vessels loaded with food supplies, but there are no men to unload them, and no one to convey them to markets if they were unloaded.

The Liberal press, which last summer supported the dockers' strike for shorter hours and better wages, is generally censuring the present movement, declaring that the strike is without justification, with perishable foods decaying on the docks. Heavy wagons have been taken from the streets of London already, and the capital has some of the appearances of a besieged city, with a long, bitter struggle already in prospect.

Both Sides Determined

Today's developments have brought London face to face with the probability of another prolonged, ruinous strike. Both masters and men seemed to be determined not to give way. All that has happened during the day has served to accentuate the difference between the employers and the employed in the Transport Workers' dispute.

A government inquiry has been started, but it is not likely to have an immediate influence on the course of events. It is clear that the price of foodstuffs must soon be affected. The most radical section of the strikers this afternoon threatened that they would soon hold London's food supply in their hands.

Over 100,000 Men Idle

The transport workers' strike committee passed a resolution that no section of the affiliated societies should return to work until the grievances of all have been settled to their satisfaction.

Over 100,000 men are now idle, but in spite of this the strike call has not been wholly obeyed. Some thousands of affiliated bodies, including most of the car men, are working, but the recalcitrants will probably obey the strike order shortly. So far the number of men idle is falling short of the anticipations of the leaders.

Wholesale prices of wheat and flour have advanced. It is estimated that bakers have sufficient flour for a fortnight. There is enough meat for three weeks.

Home Secretary on Scene

Mr. McKenna, home secretary, who is in charge of the situation, visited the docks this afternoon, and subsequently, with Sir George Askwith, chairman of the industrial commission, had an audience with the King. The strike today spread to the midway watermen, but no great provincial centre is as yet affected. The leaders assert that the strike will eventually become national. In London the East India and South-west India docks are hardly affected. About a hundred ships have been delayed at other docks.

Expounded Men's Side

Harry Gosling expounded yesterday the men's side to the government commissioner. He accused the masters of breaking agreements, and cited instances of alleged ill-treatment of the men. He said that if any lawyers appeared in connection with the hearing before the committee he would have nothing to do with it. Mr. Gosling said that permits would be given for handling goods urgently needed for hospitals and other establishments concerned with the public health.

Vote for National Stoppage

A national stoppage of work by all transport workers early next week is threatened in labor circles this afternoon. Those in touch with the strike leaders anticipate that unless a settlement be reached in the interim next Wednesday will see an order issued for a general strike throughout the whole of the United Kingdom.

A great mass meeting of stevedores this afternoon passed a unanimous resolution in favor of a national stoppage of work. Leaders confidently anticipate

that they will be able to call out 245,000 trade unionists without difficulty, and they expect also to secure the support of 200,000 non-unionists. The unrest among railroad men is such that it is thought they could easily be induced to participate in the dispute.

An Offer of Peace

The court of inquiry into the causes of the London strike, under the presidency of Sir Edward Clarke, terminated this evening, with a dramatic offer by Harry Gosling, the men's leader, on behalf of the strikers, which may possibly lead to a peace conference.

"If," said Mr. Gosling, "there is a possibility of a joint conference on the whole dispute we are willing to accept it. It must be settled as a whole, and I think it could be done by a joint conference if some understanding could be reached by which the employers and the men who will not toe the line can be compelled to do so. Otherwise there is nothing for us to do but to go on and win if we can, or to lose if we must."

Sir Edward Proposed as Chairman

Mr. Gosling concluded by suggesting Sir Edward Clarke as president of the conference.

Sir Edward Clarke expressed his appreciation of the offer pointing out, however, the impossibility of compelling non-unionists to obey the decisions of the unions or of enforcing agreements upon those who are not parties to them except by legislation. He intimated that he had reason to believe legislation might be expected which might do a great deal toward solving the industrial difficulties confronting the country.

BRITISH MANUFACTURERS' TOUR

Widespread interest has been aroused by the recent announcement that Canada will shortly receive a visit from the most important body of business men and manufacturers that has ever left Great Britain on a visit to any of the self-governing colonies, and that the party will make an exhaustive tour of the Dominion from coast to coast, visiting all the chief cities and industrial centres with a view of ascertaining the opportunities that exist in the Dominion for extending the market for British-made goods.

According to advices just received from London, the party will number between fifty and sixty representatives of many of the largest and most important manufacturing and business corporations in Great Britain. Many of the visitors will be either chairmen or managing directors of important firms.

The ambassadors of British industry, bent on a mission fraught with the greatest possibilities, include leading men in almost every branch of British manufactures. Armour plating and ordnance making, electrical engineering and almost all other branches of engineering, the motor car industry, printing, flour milling, biscuit making and general confectionery, all kinds of food preparations, with many other typical British industries, are represented by this delegation.

The visitors will sail from Liverpool on May 31, on the Empress of Ireland, and will arrive on June 6, at Quebec, where they will be officially welcomed. After spending a day at the ancient capital the party will proceed by special train on tour of the Dominion, first visiting the Maritime provinces and subsequently Quebec, Ontario and the Western provinces and British Columbia.

The Western itinerary of the party as at present arranged will include Winnipeg (June 25-26), Saskatoon, Edmonton, Calgary, Banff, Glacier, Vancouver, Victoria, Laggan, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Moose Jaw, Regina and Brandon (July 13).

ENGLAND TO FRANCE IN FIFTEEN MINUTES

Paris, May 27.—The Compagnie Generale Trans-aerienne announces its decision to establish a service of hydro-aeroplanes between Calais and Dover to enable passengers to cross the channel in about fifteen minutes.

The company announces also that the dirigible Astra will soon inaugurate the new tourist service above Paris and the surrounding country. The full service will be put in operation shortly.

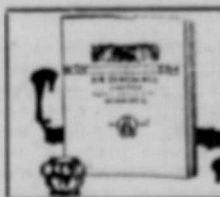


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KEEPING HIS HAND IN

The hanger of the Calgary Industrial Exhibition, June 28 to July 5, is being distributed. The illustration depicts a cowboy, whose occupation has presumably been cut off by the encroachments of the grain grower, "keeping his hand in" by roping a sheaf of wheat from among several shown on the opposite side of a barbed-wire fence. The delight

of the cowboy in the success of his achievement is equalled by the seeming reluctance of the inanimate sheaf to be drawn towards its natural enemy and by the terror of the horse at witnessing the frivolous nature of his rider's employment. Anyone wishing a copy of the hanger can have one mailed by writing to E. L. Richardson, manager, Calgary Industrial Exhibition, Victoria Park, Calgary, Alta.