

IMPERIAL POLITICAL ISSUE OF THE POSTAL DISPUTE

Government Employees Will Contest Number of English Constituencies. STRIKE LIKELY OFF TILL AFTER CHRISTMAS

Leicester, England, Dec. 6.—The threatened strike at Christmas of the government's postal and telegraph employees, numbering nearly 100,000 men, probably will be averted, but the movement will be only postponed, as a result of the action of a conference in which 200 delegates representing 22,000 members of the various postal unions participated.

The delegates adopted a resolution rejecting the report of the government commission favoring a slight increase in the salaries of the employees. At the same time they pledged themselves to push their original demand for a fifteen per cent. increase of wages throughout the services.

The strike proposal was debated at length and the meeting finally decided to leave the matter to a general vote to the members of the organizations. A proposal that the postal organization should unite with the Miners' Railways and the Transport Workers' Union was discussed and met with much favor among the delegates.

The conference decided to oppose the government candidate at all parliamentary elections until the demands of the postal employees are acceded to, and the delegates decided to select four candidates to contest several constituencies on the platform of improving the conditions under which the postal employees work.

"We are very near a parting of the ways," said Mr. McCarthy, the chairman, in opening the conference. "I hope sincerely the government will not persist in forcing our hands. We are going forward unflinchingly to our goal. I ask you to weigh well your words and your decisions, and when the time comes to translate these words and decisions into action and to act with swiftness, determination and courage."

ATTITUDE OF FRANCE UNCHANGED

Will Remain Same in Regard to Mexican Affair if Mon. Pinchon Remains Foreign Secretary.

Paris, Dec. 6.—Senator Gaston Doumergue, upon whom the attention of France is now fixed because President Poincaré has invited him to form a new cabinet, is at fifty years of age, one of the most experienced politicians in the country, with twenty years of parliamentary experience in both houses, and having served also as a member of four cabinets.

It seems likely that Stephen Pinchon, the foreign minister, will retain his portfolio in almost any cabinet. The attitude of France today toward the policy of the United States in regard to Mexico will remain unchanged.

DUBLIN STRIKE TO CONTINUE

Representatives of Parties fail to Reach Agreement After Twenty-four Hour Conference.

Dublin, Dec. 7.—The attempt to reach a settlement of the Dublin strike which has been in progress for fifteen weeks, has failed. A conference composed of employees and employers, assisted by English labor leaders, sat for twenty hours, thrashing out every point, but broke down today on the workers' demand for complete reinstatement of the strikers. This the executive of the employers would not concede.

The result of the conference is a great surprise and disappointment, as the prolonged discussion gave hope that the disastrous strike, which had caused the eviction of hundreds from their homes, was nearing an end. The employers had offered to re-instate eighty per cent. of the strikers.

WIS FREEDOM ONCE MORE BY HUNGARIAN STRIKE

Mrs. Pankhurst Plays Game Successfully, Although she Shows Effects. PAROLE IS LIMITED TO A WEEK ONLY

London, Dec. 7.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the militant suffragette leader, who was arrested at Plymouth, on December 4, on her arrival from the United States aboard the steamship "Majestic," was released from the Exeter jail at 10 o'clock tonight.

Mrs. Pankhurst began a hunger and thirst strike immediately following her arrest. Mrs. Pankhurst was driven to a hotel. She appeared very weak, and immediately retired to bed. She was in charge of a nurse. Mrs. Pankhurst is liberated on seven days' license. She intends to proceed to London at the earliest possible moment.

CONSERVATIVE ELECTED BY TWO HUNDRED

W. W. Foster Chosen in Islands Constituency — Nearly Doubles Vote Polled by Liberal Candidate.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 7.—W. W. Foster, Conservative, was elected at Saturday's by-election in Islands constituency, where a vacancy was caused by the elevation of A. E. McPhillips to the Supreme Court bench.

For many years Foster has been deputy minister of public works in the government.

WHOLESALE CORRUPTION BY LIBERAL CANDIDATE

How Member for South Bruce Riding Secured His Seat. OVER \$50,000 SPENT TO WIN ELECTION.

Face to Face With Hundred and Fifty Charges of Bribery — Unseating and Disqualification Asked for.

A petition charging that the election of Reuben E. Traux as member of the House of Commons for South Bruce on October 20 last was procured by bribery and other corrupt practices, and praying that he be unseated and disqualified for seven years from running or voting at a Federal election, and that the seat be awarded to Wellington D. Cargill, of Cargill, the Conservative candidate, or declared vacant, was filed at Osgoode Hall yesterday. It was made by James T. Crawford, a farmer living near Walkerton, and James A. Garland, a farmer and a member of the Township Council of Brant. It was filed by William H. Price, of Toronto, their solicitor, with George S. Holmsted, registrar of the Supreme Court of Ontario, and was accompanied by the deposit of \$1,000 required as security for costs and other charges.

SWINDLER TRIES SUICIDE WHEN TAKEN

Jumps Overboard — Leads Police of Many Countries Merry Chase Before They Land Him.

New York, Dec. 6.—Morris Gutman, indicted here on a charge of grand larceny, ended tonight a 15,000 mile journey begun as a fugitive from justice. Guarded by Bernard Flood, a detective from the district attorney's office, Gutman arrived as a passenger on the steamship Van Dyck, from South American ports. He had been arrested in Rio Janeiro after a search by city and private detectives, aided by the state department, which communicated with several Central and South American governments in the effort to trace him.

Gutman is accused of swindling seven New York banks out of \$25,000. Several days before his indictment last summer he fled to Montreal. His disappearance was first accounted for by explanations by friends that he had committed suicide. When he was finally located in Canada he fled to La Chite, Peru, and across the continent to Brazilian cities. The American Bankers' Association was instrumental in having extradition papers prepared. Gutman tried to leap overboard from a ship when Detective Flood arrested him.

TWO TORONTO MEN ARE KILLED BY STRIKERS IN CALUMET

Third Man Dead and Woman Fatally Injured — Arthur and Harry James Shot While Asleep — Murder Condemned By Other Strikers at Mass Meeting.

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 7.—Arthur and Harry James were killed. Thomas Dally was wounded and died later, and Mary Nicholson was fatally injured by rifle bullets fired before daylight today into the apartment house in which they lived. The James brothers came here yesterday from Toronto, Ont., and obtained employment in the Copper Range Consolidated Mine, whose men are among those on strike. They stopped with Dally, a miner and a boarding house keeper. Miss Nicholson lives with her father who occupied the other side of the Dally apartment house.

HALIFAX WILL HAVE PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY

Halifax, Dec. 7.—The hockey situation has been straightened out and Nova Scotia will have a professional league this season. Both the Crescents and Socials have been eliminated. The sporting goods house of Morton & Craig will put one team in the league, and Rias Murphy, former captain of the Socials, will manage the team. Local sports have agreed to guarantee \$1,000. Manager Mahar has announced that another party, whose name has not yet been made public, will put another team in the league. Both managers have accepted the sixty per cent. of the receipts offered by the Arena, and the local teams will give New Glasgow \$100 for every game that team plays here.

J. C. Larder, of Sydney, was a big factor in bringing about the new condition of affairs.

WINNIPEG BOARD OF TRADE TAKES UP THE MAIL ROUTE MATTER

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 6.—The Winnipeg Board of Trade was notified by the Hon. St. John N. B. Board of Trade that owing to the routing of the British mail by the Intercolonial railway instead of the Canadian Pacific railway there would be nineteen hours' delay in transit of the Western Canadian mail. The Winnipeg Board of Trade at once communicated with the Hon. Robert Rogers and Postmaster General Pelletier at Ottawa to the effect that if this statement was true that immediate steps would be taken to expedite in every way possible the delivery of the British mail in Western Canada.

MONCTON FAMILY NEAR DEATH FROM POISONED FOOD

Mr. and Mrs. George Frye of Sunny Brae Seized Suddenly with Convulsions After Sunday Breakfast — Only Persistent Work of Physicians Saves Their Lives.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 7.—Mr. and Mrs. George Frye and two young children of Sunny Brae, had a close call today from eating poisoned food. The family arose this morning in good health and while eating breakfast the youngest child was seized with convulsions. Another member of the family rushed to a nearby telephone to summon a doctor and collapsed before returning. The mother and father soon after became similarly ill, and when Dr. L. H. Price arrived on the scene he found the whole family in convulsions and in a precarious condition. Dr. White was also summoned and the two physicians had a strenuous time to save the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Frye and their children.