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GREAT BRITAIN IN GRIP OF NATION-WIDE RAILWAY STRIKE

STOPPAGE OF SERVICE ON ALL RAILWAY LINES IS COMPLETE

Railway Workers May Starve Nation Into Submission

Miners and Transport Workers Contemplate Joining Ranks of Strikers—Business of Great Britain Already Disorganized—Prospect of Greatest Industrial Struggle in History of Nation

London, Sept. 27—So far as could be learned at ten o'clock this morning, the members of the National Union of Railwaymen had walked out in a body and that the stoppage of service was complete.

Telephone and telegraphic reports to the executive committee of the union from distant centres show that local branches are supporting the committee's action.

Railroad depots here were open this morning, but with the exception of a few people who were not aware of the strike, they were deserted.

Several members of the cabinet went to Downing street this morning and remained there in consultation throughout the morning, keeping in touch with the strike situation.

No Trains Running  
London, Sept. 27—Inquires at all steam railway stations in London this morning received the uniform reply of "no trains running," as a result of the strike order issued at midnight by the National Union of Railwaymen.

While some of the underground lines in this city continued to operate during the early hours today, it was declared a decision of the Underground Motors' Union last night to support the National Union of Railwaymen will result in a complete tie-up of the subway today.

Thousands could not be accommodated by the wholly inadequate bus and tram services, which were in progress this morning and were obliged to walk to work. Many resorted to bicycles and even to roller skates.

The government, having failed in its negotiations with the union to adjust the situation, is said to be prepared to operate the railroads itself if necessary, but its definite programme for meeting the situation here the country has not yet developed.

It has issued orders placing all England under a war regime, so far as food and fuel is concerned, and it was stated yesterday the mails would be carried by airplane.

So far, the employees of the Irish railroads have not struck.

Disquieting Feature  
One of the most disquieting features of the situation is the possibility that miners and transport workers, who, with the railwaymen, form what is known as the Triple Alliance, may also strike.

This would bring a tremendous addition of the ranks of the strikers and still further complicate an already serious crisis in the labor world of England.

Government spokesmen declare the action of the union officials in quitting the conference with the cabinet has "closed the door" to further negotiations.

On the other hand, President Cramp, of the union, declares the organization is ready to continue conversations, but that the government must recede from its position which, it is alleged, brought about the decision to send out the strike order.

May Session Parliament  
Several papers, commenting on the strike, urge an immediate summoning of the parliament, and there are some indications this will be done. It is contended the nation does not know the full story, but that only searching debates in the House of Commons will reveal it.

All shades of opinion in the London press, except the Laborite Herald, condemn the National Union of Railwaymen, the action of which in declaring a strike is described as a wanton war on society and an attempt to starve the country into submission.

The newspapers appeal to the people to support the government in a finish fight. Some editorials express the desire to treat the railwaymen fairly and admit they are "entitled to every just consideration," but it is asserted they have not themselves entirely in the wrong by needlessly forcing an industrial war upon the country three months before the negotiating period would elapse.

"The Shadow of Excuse"  
The Daily News, which is always sympathetic to labor, says: "There was no shadow or semblance of excuse for the strike," adding "the disproportion between the deadliness of the weapon which has been unleashed and the magnitude of the issues in dispute is such that even now there is ground for the hope that a sense of the wantonness of the wrong done the nation may bring a swift end to the strike."

J. H. Thomas, the union leader, and certain of his colleagues are credited by some newspapers with having tried to avert the strike, which is attributed to these quarters to alleged extremists who (Continued on page 2, third column.)

PREPARING FOR BIG DRIVE FOR VICTORY LOAN

Provincial Executive Met Here Last Evening  
OUTLOOK IS GOOD

Extensive Advertising and Through Organization Will be Used to Press Home Claims of Country—Value of investment, \$4,000,000, Objective in St. John

At the Union Club last evening an initial step was taken in the Victory Loan drive of 1919. The executive officers of the various counties were present and after enjoying a luncheon, mapped out a programme for the big drive, which is to start on October 27 and continue for three weeks.

WHERE WOMEN MAY PLACE NAMES ON VOTERS LIST

Registration Booths in all Parts of The City WILL BE OPEN NEXT WEEK

Supplementary Booths in Lobbies of Theatres Also—Will be Open in The Afternoons and Evenings

MISTOOK BROTHER FOR A MOOSE AND KILLED HIM

Cecil A. Swan, a Returned Soldier, Died Last Night in Lancaster Hospital as Result of Bullet Wound

A fatal shooting accident occurred at Harvey Station yesterday, when Cecil A. Swan was accidentally shot in the abdomen by his brother.

Drastic Course If Germans Troops Are Not Recalled

Paris, Sept. 27—The supreme council decided today to send the German government, through Marshal Foch, a note demanding the evacuation of Lithuania by German troops under drastic penalties for non-compliance.

Werner Horn Ordered Held For Extradition to Canada

Jersey City, N. J., Sept. 26—Werner Horn, who dynamited the international railway bridge at Vancleave, Maine, early in 1916, and has served three and a half years in the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., arrived here under guard from Fort Oglethorpe today and was ordered held for extradition to Canada to answer a charge of blowing up a C. P. R. bridge on Feb. 2, 1916, at McAdam, N. B.



John Bull (to post war Dismal Jimmy): "Come, buck up! It's no so long ago we were up against something worse than this!"—London Saturday Journal.

Italy May Be On Brink of a Great Civil War

Nationalist and Militarist Factions Against The Socialists—Talk of Military Dictatorship and Also of Soviet Government—Million Strikers Add Element of Danger

Rome, Sept. 26—Alarming reports are current in this city, one of them being that a civil war is imminent. On one side would be ranged the nationalist and militarist factions, which would be opposed by the Socialists. Several generals are credited with the intention of heading the militarist faction with a view to controlling the government if they believe the weakness of those in power since the armistice caused the present deadlock.

SHOT BY FRIEND, A YOUNG HUNTER DIES OF WOUNDS

Robert Kelly of York County Victim of Accident—Aged Murderer Calm—Two Other Murder Cases Pending

Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 27—Robert Kelly, aged twenty-two years, son of John Kelly of Lake George, died a few days ago in Victoria Hospital in this city from the effects of a gunshot wound received early this week while hunting near Davidson Lake, parish of Dumfries. This is the first fatality of the hunting season in this part of the province.

WEATHER REPORT

Synopsis—The weather has been cool in nearly all parts of the dominion with light showers in northern Ontario and snow flurries in Alberta.

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As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "how much does it cost to raise a moose in the woods at the Settlement?"

"Well," said Hiram, "if you was in the market an' hed one to sell the market fellers 'ud tell you seven cents a pound 'ud give you enough to make you a proffiter. If you was there to buy a piece from them they'd show you that a moose couldn't be fit an' make letted less'n forty cents a pound. A man told me today he heard a dealer say he bought a moose at seven cents a pound. That afternoon this man's wife ast him to take home some moose meat. It cost him forty cents a pound. Now if you kin figure out from that what it costs to raise a moose you're welcome. Mebbe Michael Kelly could do it—he's about the smartest man at figures I ever heard make a calculation."

"Yes, sir."

"Don't you think," asked the reporter, "that we ought to charge what it will cost the province to exterminate the spruce bud worm?"

"Well," said Hiram, "they're don't it an' they're in advance. But nobody cares. You kin ask whatever you like for anything nowadays an' git by with it. I got an old rooster out there that a wildcat couldn't eat, an' I'll bet you a big apple I kin sell him for a Thanksgiving turkey—yes, sir."

"How are you going on living at the present rate?" queried the reporter.

"Don't buy what you don't need," said Hiram. "I kin get down to a table with ten different dishes to pick from or I kin be satisfied with three or four. If I choose to hev only three or four—I'm just as happy an hour after the meal as if I hed three times as many. We let our stomachs make fools of us—By Hen!"

HARTWICK DENIES ALL THE CHARGES

Contradicts Every Allegation Made on Witness Stand by Wife of His Murdered Step-Son—Alive When He Saw Him Last

Kingston, Ont., Sept. 26—James Hartwick, who is being tried on a charge of having murdered his stepson, Fred Hartwick, last February, at Parham, was put in the witness box this morning and denied absolutely statements made on the witness stand yesterday by Mrs. Hartwick widow of the murdered man.

He declared that the gun which he took with him when he and his stepson went hunting on the day the latter was shot was not loaded, which he ascertained only after he had fired several times at some rabbits. When he discovered that he had no shells he decided to come home. His stepson had one or two shells left and said he would try to get a rabbit or two. They parted and that was the last time he saw Fred alive.

The prisoner said he went home about five o'clock, did up the chores and went into the house, which he did not leave again that evening.

This contradicted Mrs. Fred Hartwick's story, who said that he came to her house about seven in the evening and told her that he had slipped and accidentally shot and killed her husband.

The accused admitted buying some acid, but said it was used as a wash on a cow. Regarding the letter which Mrs. Fred Hartwick said he had made her write, implicating another man, he said he had never asked her to write a letter. He told of picking up a letter in the stable and put it away to dry.

PATTI IS DEAD

London, Sept. 27—Adelina Patti, the prima donna, died this morning at Craig Y. Nos-Castle, Penycuik, South Wales.

FOR TRANSPORT DUTY

Nursing Sister Hazel M. Smith, will leave this evening for Quebec to join the S. S. Melita and will do transport duty, being in charge of nurses on the voyage.

VISCOUNT GREY'S MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF U. S.

State-militaristic Utterance by New British Ambassador

VIEW ON RELATIONS

Have Much in Common and Difficulties Can be Overcome—Goodwill The Foundation on Which to Rebuild World Which War Left in Ruins

New York, Sept. 26—In a formal statement prepared on the voyage, Viscount Grey, British ambassador to the United States, who arrived tonight on the steamer Mauretania, said:

"I wish to take this opportunity of saying what a special appeal it made to me when I was asked to undertake the duties of British ambassador to the United States. So much good will has been shown to me already by American as well as British friends that I feel both grateful and encouraged."

"My regard that the partial failure of sight, which has made me withdraw almost entirely from public life for nearly three years, and which makes all public work difficult, renders it impossible for me to undertake the duties of a permanent ambassador and must make my mission comparatively short."

"We have to make a new start after the war to repair and to rebuild the old world which the war has left in ruins. We wish to build a better one, but the British Empire, in common I am sure with other countries, feels that without good understanding and friendship with the United States, international progress is impossible and even international security is doubtful."

REV. DR. MACDONALD NEW PRESIDENT OF ATHLETIC UNION

A. W. Covey of St. John is Second Vice-President of National Amateur Governing Body—Want Marathon Restored on Olympic Programme

Ottawa, Sept. 26—Dr. Bruce Macdonald, D. D., L. S., of Toronto, a prominent member of the staff of St. Andrew's College, is the new president of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada. At the meeting of the afternoon of the board of governors of the A. A. U. of Canada, Dr. Macdonald was unanimously elected to succeed Thomas Boyd, of Winnipeg, who retires after nearly five years at the head of the big governing body of amateur athletics.

Practically all the business of the union was completed today, though there will be a meeting of the board tomorrow morning and a conference at night with the Olympic committee.

There were a number of important items on today's programme and the morning, afternoon and evening sessions of the various boards or committees, at the Chateau Laurier.

The annual meeting adjourned from Thursday night, following the defeat of the western resolution for the reinstatement of the soldiers' professional was continued this morning with Mr. Boyd in the chair. Some of the delegates had been widely split on that point, following the defeat of a motion, which had caused the most exciting debate of the week, but today they were again on the best of relations and it was obvious that while the western delegates felt keenly the defeat of their pet motion, they entertained no hard feelings toward their eastern confederates.

In the afternoon the board of governors held their annual meeting in private. They were in session for several hours, after which it was announced that the following officers had been unanimously elected:—President, Dr. D. Bruce Macdonald, D. D., L. S., Toronto; first vice-president, David Leith, Vancouver; second vice-president, A. W. Covey, St. John; treasurer, C. C. Robinson, Winnipeg; secretary, N. H. Crowe, Toronto; representative on Canadian Olympic committee, Thomas Boyd, Winnipeg.

A resolution was passed at the meeting of the board of governors requesting the Olympic council to restore the Marathon race, which has been eliminated from the programme. The A. A. U. governors regard the Marathon as one of the greatest features of the Olympic games and feel it would be a great mistake to eliminate it.

Another motion also went through unanimously, requesting the Olympic committee to add the all-round championship to its programme.

The question of appointing a coach for the Canadian Olympic team was left with the Olympic committee.

Pium Skin Causes Death

London, Sept. 27—When Charles Pease, aged 15, dived into the water at Limegrove Baths he did not reappear. It was thought he had been drowned, but an autopsy on his body revealed that he had been suffocated from the skin of a pium he had eaten before entering the water. It lodged in his windpipe.