

## MONTREAL AT MERCY OF LAWLESS ELEMENTS AS POLICEMEN GO ON STRIKE

Montreal, Dec. 12.—An army of 1,560 men of the four organized services, at variance with the administrative committee on wages, walked out on strike today. The official estimate by E. R. Decary, chairman of the city commission, was: Police, 844; firemen, 500; incineration department, 150; engineers and others from the low level pumping station of the waterworks, sixteen.

With no regularly constituted force to prevent them, lawless elements did much material damage in various parts of the city tonight. In St. Henri a fire captain was badly beaten and taken to the hospital and a gang of youngsters wrecked the fire station at Chandler Square near the Grand Trunk depot, broke up salvage trucks and apparatus with axes and threw bedding and furniture out of the windows which were taken home by members of the crowd. Damage here is estimated at close to \$20,000 alone. Another gang later visited the fire headquarters at the corner of Craig and Chenneville streets, fought the private detectives on duty and cleaned out the volunteer firemen.

### Instances of Disorder.

Rumors are wild over the whole city. Pickpockets are active on street cars. Chinese laundrymen have been held up and robbed in their shops in the far north end of the city, and it is also affirmed that a gang invaded a moving picture theatre in Hochelaga and assumed so threatening an attitude that the proprietor took a hurried departure leaving the theatre to them. These latter are among some of the reports which drift in from time to time.

Meanwhile attempts are being made by citizens' bodies to safeguard the city as far as possible. The board of trade, Canadian Manufacturers' Association, Chamber of Commerce, Canadian Club and the M. A. A. A. are forming or are arguing the formation of volunteer forces to cope with the situation. It is stated that upwards of 100 young athletes of the latter organization are being armed with batons and revolvers and provided with authority by Director of Public Safety Tremblay to handle the mob and any tough characters that may attempt depredations.

When the strike signal was given at noon today there were evidences of dissatisfaction among the firemen. The police, engineers and incineration department employees walked out at 12:30 p.m. and later were followed by some of the firemen who had heard of the strike from the city. Still later, finding this report groundless the entire fire force walked out, with the exception of a few officers. By 4 o'clock the whole four public services were vacated by the employees.

The strike robbed the mayor of his bodyguard, Constable Lefebvre, and it also took the chauffeur of his worship's car. The city in the afternoon engaged the services of 200 men who were placed in the fire stations. At midnight reports came in to Director of Public Safety Tremblay that all the volunteer firemen placed in the stations early in the afternoon had been cleared out. This had even happened in the station where the director was and later a guard of fifty military police arrived to take their place. Ninety fire alarms were turned in up to early evening, most of which were false.

Owing to the absence of traffic policemen street traffic was greatly slowed up.

## RATES AND CARGOES ON NORTH ATLANTIC NOT YET UNDER PRIVATE CONTROL

(Special Cable From John W. Dufosse.)

London, Dec. 12.—Some progress has been made in the work of restoring Canada's shipping facilities to a pre-war basis. Sir George Foster has been dealing with the question in conference with the British minister of shipping and an agreement on a number of important points has been reached.

Freight and passenger service between Canada and the Orient is to be re-established. The steamers "Asia" and "Rus-

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## FIRST BRITISH TO CROSS RHINE SAW SERVICE AT MONS

People of Cologne Looked Upon Highlanders With Unbelieving Eyes—No Hostility Shown Except the Fierce Expression on Ex-Kaiser's Statue as the Scotch Pipers Went Marching by.

Cologne, Sunday, Dec. 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—British troops today were in possession of all the great bridges across the Rhine at Cologne as a result of the sudden and unexpected withdrawal of German sentries from the eastern end of the crossings during the night.

British soldiers yesterday were patrolling two-thirds of each bridge while the Germans were keeping their beats over the remaining third. About 10 o'clock last night, it was noticed that the Germans had disappeared, and investigation showed they had departed, presumably to rejoin the retreating Teuton army.

In going, the Germans cut the electric wires in the towers on their end of the bridge, leaving the eastern end in darkness. There was no other reason for this, according to army officers, than to cause annoyance to the British if possible.

The arrival of the Scotch infantry in the city late today caused the greatest excitement among the sightseers as the kilts swung through the streets behind their waving bagpipes. Thousands of folks hastily collected to see the strange soldiers in kilts, and Cologne had heard with unbelieving ears.

So eagerly did the people rush forward that at times traffic was practically halted. Certainly for a moment the crowds came as near forgetting their hatred of the Allies as they had at any time in four years, for the Highlanders made a great hit and drew a smile to many hard faces.

While feeling considerably relieved over being under British rule, Cologne is still exhibiting keen interest in the proceedings of the troops of occupation. Today being Sunday, thousands of the people dressed in their holiday best thronged the streets, and wherever officers or soldiers appeared there one would see great crowds of civilians eager to get their first glimpse of the men in khaki.

It was the same sort of curiosity which one might see in almost any large city. It drew the people about the enemy troops, and even though there might be bitterness in the Germans' hearts, the unconcealed politeness of the inhabitants won over all else. As a matter of fact the crowds exhibited no hostility and in some cases were inclined to be friendly.

Traffic of all sorts is now passing over the bridges across the Rhine, especially over the big Hohenzollern bridge, which carries street car lines over the river and has massive towers as superstructures at the ends. This bridge was found to have been elaborately prepared for defence. From the design of the towers they appear to have been built with steel shutters through which were loopholes. The western end of the bridge is a veritable fortress, which is now being occupied by British soldiers whose machine guns dominate both the bridge and the road to the cathedral.

Statues Under Guns.

Almost under the muzzles of the rapid fire guns stand mammoth equestrian statues of former Emperor William and Prince Bismarck, and on either side of the entrance. One could almost imagine that the ex-emperor today looked particularly fierce, especially when the Scotch pipers went marching by.

It is an interesting coincidence that the troops guarding the Hohenzollern bridge who were the first to cross the Rhine also fired the first shot in the war for Great Britain and Belgium and killed the first German soldier sent by the British.

Cologne presented a decidedly holiday air today with throngs of people crowding the passageways. The stores are offering a great assortment of goods and their brilliantly lighted windows might be those of any near big town.

The troops will probably move still further forward eastward from Cologne on Tuesday.

## POLITICAL STR IN SASKATCHEWAN

Regina, Sask., Dec. 12.—Hon. W. R. Motherwell has resigned from the Saskatchewan government because Premier Martin refused to make a declaration denouncing the union government at Ottawa, which Mr. Motherwell in a letter to the premier declared was inefficient and extravagant and unsuitable. Premier Martin read protracted correspondence to the house this afternoon.

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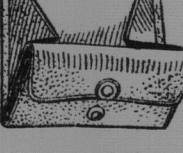
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