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British Dockers May Strike To Defeat Labor Government
WILD SCENES ON WALL ST. MARKET

INCREASE IN WAGES NOW DEMANDED

Radical Group is Determined to Oust Premier From Throne of Power

SPEND MUCH MONEY
London Says Campaign May Fail Following Railway Strike.

BY HARRY N. MOORE
(British United Press.)

London, Jan. 30.—The announcement that the dockers will strike within ten days unless they receive the increase in wages which they are demanding, shows definitely that there is a radical group in Labor that is out to defeat the MacDonald government.

The Communists are spending large sums on the spread of their propaganda, and they are sowing broadcast the view that the government is little if any better off under MacDonald than it would be under a Liberal premier. They point out that Labor has virtually overthrown their pet plank of the capital levy as well as all the essentially socialistic doctrines.

Campaign May Fail.
There is little expectation that such a campaign will be successful, especially in view of the results of the railway strike, which has caused far less sensation than scores of smaller and less expensive demonstrations under former government.

The radicals claim that the battle is lost thus before the dockers lay down their tools, and it is likely that a settlement will be reached on a basis of continuous pay for the casual worker.

WAS 38 DAYS IN REACHING ST. JOHN

Steamship in Today From Hamburg Had Fearful Time in Hurricane.

With a hurricane raging in all its fury, mountainous waves enveloping the steamer and one of the derricks broken and swinging against the rigging and masts, the gallant steamship Lisgar County found herself on January 5, while en route from Hamburg to this port, after a passage of 38 days she arrived in port this morning after one of the most trying voyages Captain Pedersen ever experienced. He narrated some of the incidents.

"We left Hamburg light, with only a small cargo, on December 28, 1923, and had been out only a short time when we encountered heavy weather. Owing to our light draft we were buffeted about by the raging seas and it was a case of proceed so far and then be driven back farther. The entire passage was an exceptionally rough one, but the worst part of the entire voyage was when we ran into a hurricane on January 5.

"On that occasion the barometer went so low it could not register and I hurried to study my official one. It dropped to 710 millimetres, which occurs only once in a lifetime. The wind had reached hurricane proportions and the waves came at us mountain high. We were tossed about in the centre walling momentarily to be smashed to pieces.

"No 5 derrick broke loose and started hammering against our rigging and masts. Realizing that unless it was made fast we would be swamped, I ordered men out to endeavor to make it fast. Two of the seamen volunteered for the perilous task and with their hearts in my mouth I watched them, expecting every moment to see them killed or washed into the raging seas. It was imperative that something should be done for I realized that it meant either securing it or we would all go down. While the men were struggling to secure it one of the waves struck it with such force that it was snapped off, and this lessened the danger."

Captain Pedersen said that it was impossible to steer the vessel and it was largely a case of drifting in the raging seas. He said that within a few days they drifted from latitude 82 to latitude 2, fifth column.

Want Money Back As Theatre Burns

New York, Jan. 30.—While a smoke screen grew heavier between the stage and the orchestra pit, the manager of the Caruso Theatre on the Lower East Side last night heatedly argued with his 1,200 patrons about a refund of the price of admission.

Members of the audience pointed out with apologetic and appropriate gesticulations that it was not their fault if the theatre caught fire and the night's performance was spoiled. The manager's suggestions that if they didn't leave quietly and quickly some of them might be burned to death, were without avail. Finally the smoke became so thick that further conversation was impossible and the audience reluctantly filed out.

PROBE OF U. S. AIR SERVICE IS ASKED

Graft is Alleged in Charges Made by a Wisconsin Member.

Washington, Jan. 30.—A sweeping investigation of the U. S. air service was demanded in the House yesterday by Representative Nelson, Republican, Wisconsin, who declared he was informed that "the same conditions which existed during the war now exist and that the same firms who participated in the loot of more than \$800,000,000 of the people's money are still getting the contracts under the same conditions and provisions they got those previous contracts."

Shoots Self While Cleaning Revolver

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—Lawrence Ferguson, a machinist of Quebec City, temporarily residing in Ottawa, accidentally shot and killed himself last night while cleaning his revolver. He leaves a wife and three daughters residing in Quebec.

Wire Briefs

Winnipeg, Jan. 30.—George J. Seale, commissioner of the Manitoba branch, Canadian Red Cross Society, died suddenly at his home here last night. He was born in Kingston, Ont., 43 years ago.

Berlin, Jan. 30.—A telegram from Speyer, the Bavarian palatinate, says a bank official named Griser was so severely maltreated while in a separatist jail that he died of concussion of the brain.

Montreal, Jan. 30.—The radio receiving set which was the first to pick up a voice broadcast in England from Canada is being sent to this country and will be given to some university.

London, Jan. 30.—The Daily Herald says today that no hitch whatsoever has developed in the government's preparations to recognize Soviet Russia, that the matter has already been decided and that reports to the contrary deliberately misrepresent the ministry's intention.

Gloucester, Jan. 30.—Following yesterday's adjournment of the conference between representatives of the striking coal miners of U. M. W., District 26, and the British Empire Steel Corporation, there is a more hopeful feeling today in local circles.

Victoria, Jan. 30.—Cut off from all sources of supply by dry United States territory the far northern areas of British Columbia are today without liquor. The liquor stocks in the Atlin Country store were exhausted just before Christmas and the store closed immediately.

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—The vacancy on the Supreme Court of Canada, it is expected, will be filled within the next few days. The latest nominee whom rumor connects with the appointment is Charles Lanctot, K. C., deputy Attorney-General of Quebec. It is considered almost certain that a French-Canadian jurist will succeed the late Hon. L. P. Brodeur.

Decide to Have A Wheat Pool

Winnipeg, Jan. 30.—(Canadian Press)—Deliberate decision to establish a wheat pool for the handling of Manitoba's 1924 crop was announced last night. Colin H. Burrell, head of the United Farmers of Manitoba, was elected president.

GRANITES IN LEAD; IDLE UNTIL FRIDAY

Canadians Defeat Switzerland at Hockey by Score of 33 to 0.

DOMINION LEADS

Record Made in 1920 Games Shattered by Stellar Work of Team.

By Canadian Press.

Chamonix, Jan. 30.—Canada defeated Switzerland in an Olympic hockey match here today, 33 to 0. Canada has now won all three of her elimination matches. Her half of the draw will be idle until Friday when the Canadians will meet the team finishing second in the half led by the U. S. team, most probably Great Britain.

Canada's sweep through group two has been sensational, the scores in each of the three games testifying to the overwhelming superiority of the players from the Dominion. In three games in as many days the Canadians have amassed a total of 85 goals and have yet to lose a puck to pass the Canadian goal line.

The games and scores to date follow:
Monday—Canada 30, Czechoslovakia 0.
Tuesday—Canada 22, Sweden 0.
Wednesday—Canada 33, Switzerland 0.

The Canadians are breaking the record they made in the 1920 Olympic games. In these games Canada defeated Czechoslovakia 15 to 0. In the semi-finals the Canadians won from the U. S. 2 to 1, and in the final defeated Sweden for the championship 12 to 1.

The U. S. is in group one this year and is favored to meet Canada in the final. Great Britain defeated Belgium 2 to 0 in the second hockey game today.

British Curlers Won

Great Britain defeated France today, 4 to 4, in the final of the curling competition, thereby winning the Olympic championship. Sweden was second and France third.

France Defeated

Chamonix, Jan. 30.—The U. S. hockey team defeated France by a score of 22 to 0.

SAYS COAL PRICE HITS C. N. R. HARD

Central Region Manager Declares it is Main Reason for High Operating Expenses.

Toronto, Jan. 30.—A large gathering of Canadian National Railway officials, including representatives from all departments of the southwestern Ontario district from the central region and from Chicago and Montreal, met here yesterday to discuss means of improving the service in all departments. C. G. Bowker, general manager of the central region, said that the high price of coal was chiefly responsible for keeping up operating expenses. The C. N. R., he said, had to pay \$8.72 a ton, whereas railways in the U. S. were able to get it for \$3.42.

Agreement Reached In Greenland Case

Copenhagen, Jan. 30.—The Danish and Norwegian government delegates have reached an agreement which it is considered likely will obviate the chance of further conflicts growing out of the respective interests of these countries in Greenland. In no pole have the Danish negotiators waived Denmark's sovereignty over Greenland nor made greater concessions than were offered in December 1921. However, they guaranteed Norway protection for her scientific and practical interests in East Greenland. The agreement also cases Denmark's outright trade monopoly in certain sections of East Greenland where no Eskimos live. It also provides machinery for dealing with any future dispute regarding Greenland.

Prize Holstein Is Destroyed by Vet.

Brockville, Ont., Jan. 30.—May Echo Sybil, a prize Holstein Friesian cattle, was destroyed by a veterinary surgeon attached to Senator A. C. Hardy's Avondale farm, near here, yesterday. She was 15 years old and some years ago created several world records for milk production. She produced 1,008.8 pounds of milk in seven days. One of her sons, Carnation King Sybil, when six months old, sold at auction in Milwaukee for \$106,000.

Try New Way to Get Colonies Back

Bremen, Jan. 30.—Unconditional restoration of Germany's colonies and pre-war rights is the price demanded by the German Colonial Society for a new remedy for the prevention of sleeping sickness. The society expresses the belief that Germany, in the remedy, has a powerful political weapon in hand to nullify the mandates executed under the Versailles treaty.

"Germany holds the key to Central Africa in the remedy," says Dr. Zache, a colonial expert. He expresses the belief that the remedy for sleeping sickness and typhus fever is destined to convert Central Africa into a prosperous fertile country, inhabited by an industrious people.

EXPORTS OF PAPER AND PULP INCREASE

Twenty Per Cent. More Than Previous Year Sent in 1923.

Montreal, Jan. 30.—Value of the pulp and paper exports from Canada in 1923 amounted to \$140,798,468, most of which went to the United States, according to a report just issued by the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association. This compares with a value of \$118,808,742 in 1922, showing a more than 20 per cent. increase for 1923.

The report further states that Canada exported 1,137,962 tons of newsprint in 1923, this being the first time it has crossed the million mark. Of this, 1,115,955 tons went to the United States.

Exports of pulpwood for 1923 amounted to 1,884,280 cords, valued at \$18,525,004.

The highest figure reached by the export of this raw material compares with exports of 1,001,832 cords, valued at \$10,469,762, in 1922.

JUDGE REBUKES BUT JURY ACQUITS

French Count Freed of Bigamy Charge—Says English Marriage Was "Joke."

Chalon-sur-Saone, France, Jan. 30.—The assize court has acquitted Count Ferdinand de Jouffroy Dabban, former attaché at the French embassy in Berlin, on a charge of bigamy. Count Dabban is a member of one of the most aristocratic families of France. He is a descendant of Marquis de Jouffroy Dabban, who first applied steam to navigation.

At the trial it was brought out that he had married an English woman named Charlotte Grellin, in Pokenstow, England, in 1914. In 1918 he wedded a French heiress, Marie de Saint Innocent, although the first marriage was not dissolved by the court at Dijon until 1922.

The court contended that the first wedding was only a joke and that no one ever considered it valid since the basis was not published in France. The judge rebuked the defendant, asserting that he had played with the law and was trebly guilty, on account of birth, education and his association with the diplomatic service.

However, the jury was more indulgent and acquitted Count Dabban, after five minutes deliberation.

THREE BANKS CLOSE

Institutions in New Mexico Are in Financial Trouble.

Silver City, New Mexico, Jan. 30.—The Silver City National, the Silver City Savings Bank and the American National Bank here closed yesterday and the state bank examiner was asked to take charge of the Bank of Tyrone. The institutions, all in Grant County, had combined liabilities estimated at \$500,000, according to the statements of December 31. Recent large withdrawals, it was said, resulted in the decision to close.

Hon. A. Meighen Speaks in Quebec

Quebec, Jan. 30.—(Canadian Press)—Hon. Arthur Meighen yesterday visited Quebec City for the first time since the Conservative party went out of power in Ottawa, and spent a busy day, paying calls on various dignitaries and officials. In the evening he addressed an audience of nearly 4,000 at the Drill Hall, prefacing his address in French, which netted him a loud burst of applause.

Denies Appointment To Supreme Court

Quebec, Jan. 30.—Charles Lanctot, assistant Attorney General of the Province of Quebec asked to confirm a rumor that he had been appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada, stated: "I have not been appointed."

POINCARÉ, MACDONALD FRIENDLY

Big Step Taken to Straighten Out Anglo-French Differences.

RUHR DISPUTE

Two Leaders of Nations are Expected to Meet in Conference.

By WEBB MILLER.
British United Press.

Paris, Jan. 30.—A big step has been made in an effort to straighten Anglo-French differences, a semi-official statement said today. Premier Poincaré and Prime Minister MacDonald have just exchanged personal letters in which each outlined the viewpoint of his Government.

"From the viewpoint of those interested in Franco-British co-operation" the semi-official statement says "the exchange of letters between heads of state and the whole reparations question and allied problems.

Pending differences between the two nations include the dispute over French occupation of the Ruhr, the British attitude in favor of recognition of Russia and the whole reparations question and allied problems.

A solution of the differences it is emphasized here, would mean a tremendous step towards restoration of Europe and enhancement of the prestige of Labor Government in Great Britain.

It was announced that the letter of Premier Poincaré was sent the French Ambassador in London yesterday and will be delivered to MacDonald as soon as he returns from Scotland.

The letter in which Poincaré is entirely personal" the semi-official statement said, "and Premier Poincaré has refrained from giving out the substance of his communication.

"It is indicated unofficially, however, that the correspondence probably will lead to a personal meeting between the two Government heads."

ANDERSON IS GUILTY DECLARES THE JURY

New York "Dry" Leader is to Be Sentenced Feb. 8—May Appeal Decision.

New York, Jan. 30.—William H. Anderson, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of New York, last night was convicted by a Supreme Court jury on both counts of an indictment charging him with third degree forgery in connection with the "splitting" of commissions with a former league fund solicitor.

The jury deliberated one hour and 40 minutes. Justice Tompkins announced Anderson would be sentenced to a term of 18 months in prison and a fine of \$5,000 was assessed. It was understood an appeal would be taken. The dry leader may be sentenced to a term of from two to five years for conviction under the third degree forgery charge.

India Opens First Of 300 Baby Shows

Delhi, India, Jan. 30.—(Canadian Press, via Reuters)—India's latest novelty is a series of 300 baby shows, including 60 under native auspices. Lady Reading, wife of the viceroy, opened the show in Delhi. She said the national baby week was the first step to combat suffering in India. Lord Reading expressed the hope that the baby week would become an annual affair.

TO RESUME DEBATE ON ST. LAWRENCE

Canada Accepts Coolidge's Invitation to Discuss Waterway Project.

Duluth, Minn., Jan. 30.—President Coolidge's invitation to the Canadian Government to discuss the St. Lawrence waterway preliminary to signing the treaty between the two countries has been accepted, according to an announcement made yesterday at general headquarters of the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Tidewater Association here.

The Dominion Government is quoted as being prepared to resume the discussion with Washington in response to the President's invitation following official representation by Ontario.

Mr. Officer! Take Me to Jail!



Stanley Baldwin is Likely to Stay As Leader of Conservative Party

London, Jan. 30.—While Lord Beaverbrook, through the columns of the Daily Express is doing his utmost to depose Stanley Baldwin from the leadership of the Conservative party, it is understood that there is very little chance of his campaign succeeding, and there is a confident feeling that Mr. Baldwin will be continued in the leadership at the meeting of the party on February 11.

Even the men who were defeated at the last election maintain the necessity of upholding Baldwin for the present, thus cementing the morale of the party. The names of both Sir Robert Horne and Austen Chamberlain have been suggested as Baldwin's successor, but no change is likely to be made until the present Government has more definitely declared its policy.

It is realized that the country is swinging definitely to the left and the "old hands" will therefore have to give in and many of the old traditional policies and theories of the Conservative party will have to be abandoned.

COMPANY RAPPED

Barthou Again Heads Commission

Paris, Jan. 30.—The reparations commission yesterday re-elected Louis Barthou president and Marquis Giuseppe Salvo Raggi of Italy, vice-president. The commission discussed the question of authorizing the use of guarantees to insure the payment of the interest on the projected Hungarian loan.

The negotiations are said to be progressing favorably and the matter will be arranged at an early date.

Weather Report

Toronto, Jan. 30.—Pressure remains high over the U. S. and relatively low in Canada. The weather is mild and for the most part cloudy throughout the Dominion. Light rain has fallen in southern Ontario.

Forecasts:
Showers
Maritime—Fresh southwesterly winds, cloudy and mild. Thursday westerly winds, cloudy with a few scattered showers.
Gulf and North Shore—Westerly winds, cloudy and mild. Thursday northwesterly winds, fair and a few showers.
New England—Rain this afternoon and tonight; Thursday fair and somewhat colder, fresh south winds shifting to west.

Toronto, Jan. 30.—Temperatures:
Highest Lowest
Yesterday—during
8 a.m. day night
Victoria ... 44 56 44
Kamloops ... 34 46 34
Calgary ... 40 50 26
Edmonton ... 34 40 30
Winnipeg ... 20 28 18
Montreal ... 34 24 24
St. John ... 38 0 28
Halifax ... 28 32 30
New York ... 40 52 40

Halifax Board Of Trade Elects
Halifax, N. S., Jan. 30.—Colonel A. Montgomery, head of the Furness Withy steamship agency here, was yesterday re-elected president of the Halifax Board of Trade. R. B. Colwell and F. G. J. Comeau were re-elected vice-presidents. The board appointed a committee to arrange a publicity campaign.

Do You Know

First brick building erected in St. John, Disbrow building, Germania and Church streets, June 9, 1817.

STEEL PIVOT OF ATTACK AT NEW YORK

Wildest Stock Session of Years is Reported on Wall Street.

TRADING HELD UP

Professional "Bears" Cover Commitments—Many Shares are Traded.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
New York, Jan. 30.—One of the wildest stock market sessions in recent years took place today when thousands of buying orders poured onto the floor of the exchange as a result of the declaration of an extra dividend of 50 cents on the common stock of the U. S. Steel Corporation, initial gains of active issues ranging from one to six points.

The first sale of U. S. Steel common, which was not recorded for several minutes because of the accumulation of orders, was 7,000 shares at 106, or 2 1/2 above yesterday's close.

Wall Street Surprised.
Wall street was taken completely by surprise by the size of the extra dividend and the substantial increase in the earnings of the Steel Corporation for the last quarter of 1923. Professional bear traders who had been selling stocks freely on the expectation of purchasing them substantially lower in the expected February reaction hastened to cover their commitments.

When the opening gong sounded the steel post was surrounded by scores of wildly shouting and gesticulating brokers. It was nearly ten minutes after trading began before the opening price could be decided upon.

The first block of 7,000 steel at 106 was followed by a block of 1,500 at 105 1/2. Upwards of 50,000 shares of steel changed hands in the first half hour.

NEW N. B. FIRMS

Company is Organized to Develop Coal Mine—Sussex New Store.

Fredericton, Jan. 30.—Jas. W. Nixon and A. Alex. Dumas of Caracot and Charles O'Brien of Petit Rocher have been incorporated as the Nixon Coal Mining Company, Limited, with an authorized capital stock of \$75,000, according to a notice published today in the Royal Gazette. The new company has been organized for the purpose of developing a coal mine at Maltravers, where operations have already been commenced and a two-foot seam uncovered.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Andrew Jeffries and Mr. and Mrs. George E. Nutter of Sussex have also been incorporated as Jeffries-Nutter, Limited, with an authorized capital of \$10,000, for the purpose of carrying on a general trading business.

U. M. U. IN POWER

Majority of 119 Votes on Roll Call at Convention, Gives Lead.

Indianapolis, Jan. 30.—Unofficial tabulations gave the administration forces of the U. M. W. of America a majority of 119 votes on the roll call of the delegates to the biennial convention and related to them the appointive powers of the organization.

The unofficial vote was 2,120 votes in favor of retaining the present section of the constitution, which permits the administration to appoint organizers and other officials, and 2,001 against.