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600,000 MEN ARE AFFECTED BY STRIKE ORDERED ON ALL BRITISH RAILWAYS

STEEL WORKERS REBELLED TO ENFORCE RIGHTS DENIED THEM BY EMPLOYERS, SAYS GOMPERS

President of A. F. of L. Tells Senate Committee That Corporation's Methods To Deprive the Men of Rights Were Brutal and Unwarrantable—Men Demand Privilege to Consult Employers as to Under What Conditions They Shall Work.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 25.—The right of the employees to have some voice in determining the conditions under which they work is the paramount issue in the strike of steel workers, Sam Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, told the Senate investigating committee today. Appearing as the second witness for labor, Mr. Gompers was first asked by Chairman Kenyon to define the issues in the controversy.

"The right to be heard is what the steel workers are asking above all else," Gompers said. "The right to speak with their employers through their own representatives to have some voice in determining conditions under which they work."

"The right of workers to assertion has been denied—denied with all the power, influence and wealth of the steel corporation—denied by brutal and unwarrantable means."

"It has been said that this strike is of

foreign birth, and not naturalized citizens. That may be, and no doubt, is true. The largest proportion of steel corporation employees are of foreign birth, but these men were brought here by the companies.

"There was for years a systematic effort to bring in these gangs from Europe. There was a systematic effort to eliminate Americans. They have a harvest to reap now."

SAILORS CONSIDER STRIKING IN AID OF STEEL WORKERS

Buffalo, Sept. 25.—Members of the executive committee of the marine firemen, sailors and other Great Lakes shipping unions, left for Cleveland today to attend a joint meeting of executive committees which have been authorized to declare a strike in support of the steel workers, and to enforce demands of their own. The unions claim a total membership of 18,000 men. The strike will be directed against boats controlled by the Lake Carriers' Association, operating 50 per cent of the vessels on the Great Lakes.

U. S. MARINES FORCE ITALIANS TO EVACUATE DALMATIAN TOWN

Americans Landed At Trau and Assisted by Inhabitants, Drove Italians Out—Jugo-Slav Troops Later Took Over Place From American Force.

Copenhagen, Sept. 25.—American marines landed from a torpedo boat destroyer to compel the Italians to evacuate Trau, Dalmatia, according to a dispatch received here from Spalato, a short distance east of Trau. The dispatch adds that the Italians left after the inhabitants had fired on them and that Jugo-Slav troops took over the town from the Americans.

D'ANNUNZIO WANTS NO INTERFERENCE FROM OUTSIDERS

Rome, Wednesday, Sept. 24.—In a proclamation issued by Gabriele d'Annunzio to the people of Dalmatia, the poet-commander of Fiume declares: "The fate of the Adriatic must be decided only by the Italians. Any other power would be intruders. We refuse to allow them to prevail. We declare that an American author, Henry Fox, has arrived there and offered his services to d'Annunzio. It is also declared that an American naval officer had volunteered to help d'Annunzio defend the city."

FOKKER'S PROPERTY AND FORTUNE IS CONFISCATED

German Builder of Airplanes Failed to Deposit Securities.

Berlin, Sept. 25.—The Schwarz property tax bureau has confiscated the property and fortune of Anthony Fokker, the well-known builder of airplanes, because Fokker failed to deposit 14,000,000 marks security demanded of him by the authorities as a guarantee that he was not dodging his taxes.

PUZZLE PLANS

Ingenuous solutions are being evolved by clever contestants for The Advertiser's big prize list.

I'm forever counting circles,
Circles large and circles small;
It's good for bright eyes
And look at the prize.
Everyone's hopes can surely rise,
Count them over often,
And look at this the back will lie;
I'm forever counting circles
For The Advertiser prize.

Cool weather appears to be a good wit sharpener, judging from the many unique puzzle-solvers adopt for mastering The Advertiser puzzle. These plans, as they are unfolded to the contest manager by aspirants for the 50 prizes, vary nearly quite as much as the solutions worked out along the varying lines. This variation now runs from twenty-five to a couple of hundred or more. Which is nearer right is a matter that is going to be left wholly to contestants to settle upon their own responsibility. The strictest neutrality will be observed by The Advertiser, with the assurance, however, that the best workers will win, and the winning will surely be worth while.

Present subscribers of The Advertiser are again informed that there will be no change whatsoever in the way the paper will be served to them after they have entered the contest, while the money must be sent to The Advertiser with solutions. The same agencies which are now serving the paper will receive full credit for the amounts paid, and will continue to serve the paper without any interruptions of any kind. This applies to those receiving the paper in either the city of London or outside of the city by either mail or newsagent.

STEEL STRIKE SITUATION

Three important developments were pending today in the steel strike, any one of which may have a vital bearing on the outcome of the great industrial struggle.

In Pittsburgh the national steel workers' committee was scheduled to meet late today, and a definite decision was expected in regard to calling out the 40,000 workers in the Bethlehem steel plants on Monday. Although the company officials have so far shown no inclination to compromise, local union officials at Allentown expressed optimism over the prospect of a strike being averted.

Mystery Surrounds Meetings. In Youngstown, where the strikers have succeeded in completely tying up the steel industry in the Mahoning Valley district, meetings were announced of unskilled and semi-skilled workers to discuss the question of returning to work. Some mystery enveloped these meetings, as both the strike leaders and the mill managers professed to know nothing of their origin.

Marine Men To Decide. The third development was promised at Cleveland, where the executive committee of the Great Lakes shipping union claiming to represent 18,000 seamen, engineers and men of allied trades, met to decide whether or not their organization would declare a sympathetic strike.

With conditions in the steel centres remaining practically unchanged, the Senate investigation at Washington was the focus of attention on both sides.

In the meantime the usual conflicting claims were made by the opposing generals in the pivotal battle-ground of Pittsburgh and Chicago, but all definite news was held back by the change in conditions.

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"Gentlemen, is there room for one more?"—St. Louis Star.

LLOYD GEORGE IS AGAIN BUSY WITH IRISH PROBLEM

Viscount French Said To Have Advocated Another Attempt.

London, Sept. 25.—Efforts are being made by Premier Lloyd George to reach an understanding of the Irish problem, is the belief of political circles here. Among the possibilities, it is said, is the resignation of James Macpherson, chief secretary for Ireland, who may be transferred to another post. Field Marshal Viscount French, lord lieutenant, who has been in London for several days conferring with officials, and whose resignation would have caused little surprise, will, it is said, return to Ireland.

Viscount French is reported to have advocated another attempt to reach a settlement of the Irish question, and he is said to be preparing his proposal for submission to parliament when the session opens.

LIBERAL LEADER TO ACCEPT NOMINATION FOR PRINCE COUNTY

W. L. Mackenzie King Will Open Exhibition in That Riding.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Sept. 25.—W. L. Mackenzie King is to arrive in Summerside on the opening day of the prime, examining nearly 100,000, and give an address on the following night, when he will formally accept the nomination for Prince County.

Mexican Rebels Are Willing To Accept Villa as Leader

Felix Diaz Declines To Join With Others.

Washington, Sept. 25.—Information has reached Washington that all the revolutionary leaders in Mexico, with the exception of Felix Diaz, have accepted Francisco Villa as their chief, and placed at his disposal their men, munitions and money.

SHIPPING STRIKE SETTLED

Valparaiso, Sept. 25.—The shipping strike, which has interfered seriously with marine activities out of Chilean ports, has been settled by arbitration. Other labor troubles throughout the country are also to be in a fair way toward settlement, the tramway men and workmen in sugar refineries having already reached an agreement with their companies.

What's Doing Tonight?

THEATRES.
Grand—Mary Pickford in "The Hoodlum", and vaudeville.
Patricia—Monroe Salisbury in "The Sundown Trail", and vaudeville.
Majestic—Mabel Normand in "Upstairs".

OTHER EVENTS.

Boxing—Two championship bouts at the armories, 8 o'clock.
Alert Club Dance—Masonic Temple, 8:30 p.m.
London Council, 233, Royal Arcanum—Meets in K. of P. Hall, Dundas street, 8 p.m.
St. George's, E. A. C.—Meets in Masonic Temple at 7:30 o'clock.

A THIRD PARTY



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L. AND P. S. R. COMMISSION WANTS LOAN OF \$200,000 TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS ON LINE

Sir Adam Beck Tells in Detail of Needs, Including Repairs to Ferry Slip, Bridges, Platforms, Shelters and Station Foundation—Trans-Lake Service Is Under Guarantee.

Before the London and Port Stanley Railway Commission, which met in the board room of the public utilities at eleven o'clock this morning, Sir Adam Beck, who presided, outlined a plan for the general improvement of the electric line, the cost to be but a few hundred thousands of dollars.

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AFFECTED MAN HELD IN COUNTY JAIL FOR TERM

Officials Declare Prison Is No Fit Place For Him.

BURWASH REFUSES HIM

So Does Ontario Hospital, But Parents Would Under-take His Care.

Victor Medland, an epileptic, in very poor health and weak-minded, is incarcerated in a cell at the local jail, with his condition gradually becoming worse each day. Medland was sentenced by Police Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon in police court recently to serve not less than three months, and not more than two years in the Ontario Reformatory after he was convicted on a charge of forging the name of W. S. Walker, a local merchant, to a check for \$10.

Upon an examination by local physicians prior to sentence being pronounced, Medland was recommended for the Ontario Hospital here, and strong efforts were made to achieve this end, but in vain. Dr. Robinson, in charge of this institution, declining to accept the prisoner for treatment, although he admitted that "Medland" was simple. The parents of this unfortunate youth, informing the magistrate that their son was getting beyond their control, the court had no alternative but to send him to prison, as he was refused admittance to the Ontario Hospital.

Refused at Burwash. After sentence was pronounced Medland was taken to the county jail here and held pending transportation to the reformatory at Burwash. However, when Provincial Bailiff Ryan arrived here one week ago to take local offenders to Burwash to finish their sentences, he declined to take Medland, stating that only prisoners fit to undergo punishment at the reformatory were taken there. He took the prisoners and left Medland, who at that time was in a slightly better condition than at the present time.

No blame is attached to the officials at the jail for this state of affairs, as Governor Carter has made repeated efforts to have this case investigated and an order for his removal to an institution for treatment authorized. When interviewed by The Advertiser regarding Medland's condition today, Dr. Jas. Wilson, prison physician here, said: "Medland is in poor health, weak-minded, and an epileptic, suffering from attacks of this nature regularly every second night. The jail is no place for him, as it is making his condition worse. The authorities at the Woodstock Epileptic Home will not accept him as a patient unless they are paid for doing so, and I am making every effort to have him removed from the jail."

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BALTIC EXPECTED TO DOCK TODAY

Royal George and Carmania Will Arrive On Monday.

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 25.—The White Star liner Baltic is expected to arrive at Halifax late this afternoon with returning soldiers and dependents. She has about 900 soldiers and family. The Royal George is due on Sunday with a large number, and on Monday the Carmania will be in port with a similar passenger list.

BLENHEIM GIRL IS KILLED WHEN MOTOR CAR OVERTURNS

Miss Leta Burke Meets Death As Result of Accident.

Blenheim, Sept. 25.—Miss Leta Burke, youngest daughter of Sidney Burke, of this town, was instantly killed last night when an automobile in which she was riding with Harry Havens, also of this town, overturned into the ditch and pinned her beneath it. Havens escaped with minor injuries. An inquest has been ordered.

Custom House Flag at Half-Mast, Just Refuses To Budge

Not a Sign of Mourning, But of Something Else.

Drizzling dejectedly at half-mast the flag on the customs house has made many citizens wonder if some prominent person of the country has died. Perhaps they should be mournful, instead of the feeling of elation that has been in the air since the flag was raised only to any who walks the street.

On inquiring they learn that no one has died; but still there must be some reason for the flag being raised only half way to the top. Perhaps the janitor, whose duty it is to raise and lower the flag, has viewed the many hued dress in which Nature is robing herself, and the chill of the early morning as he crawls from his warm bed permeating his spirits, depresses him with the thought that summer has died and in sad memory of her, he leaves the flag at half mast. Wrong again, that is not the reason.

The flag is hanging at half-mast because it is impossible to either raise it any higher or to lower it from the present position. The pulleys are broken, the ropes have jammed, and it will continue in that position until someone feels patriotic enough toward the flag to climb the slender pole to that dizzy height, and release it from this mournful position.

BRITISH RAILWAY STRIKE IS ORDERED TO TAKE PLACE AT MIDNIGHT; NEGOTIATIONS FAIL

Conferences Between Railway Men and Representatives of Government Fail in Efforts To Bring About Adjustment—Dispute Centres On the Wage Question—600,000 Men Likely To Be Affected by Tie-Up—Government To Use Airplanes To Carry Mail.

London, Sept. 26.—The conference between the railroadmen's representatives and the Government for an attempted adjustment of differences on the wage question today resulted in failure, and a strike on the railroads has been ordered to take effect tonight at midnight.

The strike will affect probably more than 600,000 men. The Government has arranged to have the mails carried by airplanes, and to have large motor cars from the Government services made available for the convenience of the supplies to the big towns which would be seriously affected.

The locomotive engineers have announced that they would join in the strike, but it is stated that the Government has arranged to have many men who drove engines during the war make runs on the principal train service routes.

The strike is announced from Downing street on the breakdown of the negotiations with the railroadmen read: "The conference failed to arrive at an agreement and a strike will take place tonight."

All the cabinet ministers worked at full pressure in an effort to prevent what was recognized as promising to be the most serious strike that has ever occurred on the British railways. Likewise, before the break took place, James Henry Thomas, the railwaymen's leader, declared in answer to an inquiry about a settlement.

Immediately after the breach, Mr. Thomas began a consultation with his colleagues of the railwaymen's union. Inquiries at the headquarters of the big transport workers federation elicited no statement as to what action the organization might take in the situation.

Views were widely divergent. The strike will apply to all railways, whether steam or electric, it is declared in an official statement by the railwaymen's union.

On no single point at any stage of the negotiations was there common ground between the railwaymen and the Government, according to an official. The Government made a new offer, and at the same time undertook to consider any anomalies in the scheme for wage standardization.

This offer was unconditionally rejected by the railroadmen's representatives.

President Wilson FORCED BY ILLNESS TO ABANDON TOUR

Remainder of Trip Called Off Under Order From Physician.

Wichita, Kas., Sept. 25.—President Wilson today cancelled the remainder of his tour under orders from Admiral Cary T. Grayson, the president's physician, and will return to Washington direct from Wichita. Admiral Grayson gave illness and physical exhaustion as the reason for his action.

Mr. Wilson was ill most of last night, and the decision to return at once to the White House was reached just before his train arrived in Wichita. The president himself wanted to continue his speaking program, but Dr. Grayson would not permit it.

The president's address, which was to have been delivered at the Forum Building this morning was cancelled. Although there was said to be nothing serious about the president's condition, Dr. Grayson declared a nervous reaction affecting his digestive organs made suspension of his trip imperative.

Leaving Wichita at 11 o'clock today, after a stop of about two hours, the presidential special will reach Washington Sunday morning.

MEDICAL MEN AT CONVENTION EXPECT "FLU" TO RETURN

Opinion of All, That Epidemic Will Severely Affect the Country.

Cleveland, Sept. 25.—Returning from the annual winter, physicians attending the annual convention of the American Medical Association today said that the country is as never before, more susceptible to influenza, and that an epidemic will be more likely to occur now than at any time since the war.

No "Flu" Epidemic This Year, Says N. Y. Doctor

New York, Sept. 26.—There will be no recurrence of influenza for many years, in the opinion of Dr. William H. Park of New York, who spoke yesterday before the international conference of women physicians. Dr. Park said that there might be "certain infections," but not an epidemic.

"We have not yet discovered a specific vaccine to protect against influenza," said Dr. Park, "but observations of the last few years have promised a moderate protection against pneumonia, bronchitis and respiratory diseases, in general, from vaccination with several fixed strains of organisms found in respiratory diseases."