

THOUSANDS FORCED TO LEAVE HOMES DUE TO RAIL STRIKE

SIX THOUSAND DUBLIN WORKERS PARADE STREETS IN ANGRY MOOD; CLASH WITH SOLDIERS IS FEARED

Constable Is Shot Dead by an Unknown Demonstrator — Mountjoy Prison Is Surrounded by Indignant Mob As Protest Against Treatment of Hunger Strikers — Gen. Sir Neville MacCreedy Assumes Control.

RELEASE HUNGER STRIKERS. Dublin, April 14.—All the hunger strikers among the political prisoners in Mountjoy jail, who are considered in danger by the prison doctor, will be released today, it is understood. The strike will be declared tonight. It was reported that four prisoners had collapsed and that deaths among them might be momentarily expected. A procession of labor men marched through the streets today carrying banners condemning the authorities for their attitude. Only a small crowd assembled outside the prison, however, the consequence of the action of Archbishop Walsh, who had urged through the newspapers that the people stay away and not expose themselves to a serious and pointless danger.

The Puncturemen have been abandoned because of the strike at the Thurles School, the children joined the strikers, refusing to attend the school sessions.

Dublin, April 14.—The general strike declared yesterday in protest against the treatment of the Irish hunger strikers in Mountjoy prison continued today, with added intensity and increased fears of serious developments. Sixty thousands workers in Dublin alone are on strike, and a feeling of pronounced excitement prevailed throughout the city.

The day was marked early by a fatality. Constable Harry Kelly being shot dead while on plain clothes duty in Camden street this morning. The constable's assailant was an unidentified young man. He fired two shots from his revolver and ran away from the scene before he could be apprehended.

The shooting added to the general excitement. Thousands of people are parading the streets and collisions between the populace and the military are feared.

There have been rapid developments in connection with the strike. Viscount French, the viceroy, has ordered the withdrawal from the vicinity of Mountjoy prison. One of the prisoners among the hunger strikers was removed to the city hospital in a state of collapse.

Another development was the arrival in Dublin of Gen. Sir Neville MacCreedy, the new commander of the forces in Ireland, who is expected to assume his duties at once. It is known that in a letter to the viceroy, the general expressed his opinion that the hunger strikers, based upon last night's debate in the House of Commons, is that the Government, at least, is not likely to be commended yet.

The fact that the company last year refused a 9-cent increase to the men until an increase in force was granted by the city council, is taken as an indication that they will refuse to meet this further demand. If this is so, the men are almost certain to strike.

The city will then be in a difficult situation, and it is not known yet what action would be taken. The appeal division of the Ontario high court has ruled that the city has the power to grant higher fares. On this ground the company may make an appeal to the court to do this, claiming that it will be necessary before they can pay the men increased wages.

Only one concession has been made so far that the council will do in this event. In face of the adverse vote against the fare increase, the city council is doubtful whether any of the aldermen would be responsible for a motion to increase the fare.

At the same time the situation would call for action of some kind. The transportation system would be tied up and there is even a possibility that other trade unions would be involved according to some of the street railwaymen.

Even calling in the railway board might not settle the difficulty, as the powers of this body are not as wide as they might be. Efforts are being made to extend its powers so that if it gave a ruling on the situation here it would be able to enforce it.

LABOR MEMBER WANTS ANNUAL ELECTION OF POLICE COMMISSION

Proposal Is Defeated in Municipal Law Committee. LONDON M. P. P. SPEAKS

Dr. Stevenson Would Have Alderman, Not Judge, On Board.

Toronto, April 14.—Legislation to permit municipalities to elect police commissioners annually, encountered a stormy reception in the municipal law committee of the legislature today. The legislation was sponsored by Thomas Tooms, labor member for Peterboro, and took the form of an amendment to the municipal act. The bill was laid over, and will probably be amended so as to give municipalities the estimates of the police commissioners, without providing for an elective commission.

The present system of electing police commissioners, declared Mr. Tooms speaking in support of his bill, is nothing more than a relic of bygone days. The cities should have control of the expenditure of the police department.

Mayor Church of Toronto, and others, strongly opposed the bill, declaring it to be utterly wrong in principle. There was, he submitted, no demand for such legislation.

These days of unrest are no time to upset what has been the law for 50 years, said Mayor Church. Ald. J. J. O'Brien, of Peterboro, appearing for the city council of that place, declared the bill should be allowed to pass.

The bill means that policemen would have to get into politics to hold their jobs, said Ald. O'Brien.

Mr. Nixon, chairman, said that when the bill was first introduced, it was a demand for a little more control over the police, but it was not a demand for a little more control over the police.

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SOMEBODY'S TRYING TO GET US CURTAIL PURSES AND RAISE FEES TO MEET \$10,000 PER DAY TAX

Ontario Jockey Club At Toronto Will Be Hit Hardest. \$80,000 IN PURSES

Secretary Foster of Association Considers Provincial Levy As Prohibitive.

Toronto, April 14.—By the Canadian Press—What procedure would be followed by the various Canadian race tracks as a result of the tax placed by the Provincial Government, could not be ascertained this morning. Various deductions have been drawn, some assuming that the tax would be doubled, while others proffer the suggestion that the purses would be curtailed.

The Ontario Jockey Club, the premier racing organization in Canada, with headquarters at Woodbine Park, will be seriously handicapped, it is evident in a statement made to the Canadian Press at noon today.

George Fraser, the secretary, had received no intimation of the proposed tax, and was not fully acquainted with the provisions when seen this morning.

Large List Entered. The Ontario Jockey Club set about to make preparations for the spring meeting, which will start on May 1. It is generally understood that preparations commenced some time ago.

Plans For Such an Entente Are Nearing Completion.

Paris, April 14.—Former President Poincaré, writing in the Revue des Deux Mondes of the financial situation in France, speaks optimistically of the future of export trade. He emphasizes the need of shaking off industrial torpor, and of an adequate supply of coal for the nation's industries.

We need not dispute to ourselves, he writes, the fact that Germany is a large part of the public; that German factories are dying with cold, beside their hearthstones, that no smoke is issuing anywhere from their factory chimneys. There are no more German goods to be sold in the world.

Twenty People at Essen Shot Down by Troops.

Essen, April 14.—(By the Associated Press).—Twenty-six persons were shot dead and two seriously wounded by members of the Reichswehr, who shot beyond control of their officers last Wednesday in the industrial district between Eppendorf, Essen and Mülheim.

Guatemalan Forces Sign An Armistice.

Washington, April 14.—An armistice between the Unionists in Guatemala and forces of President Estrada Cabrera has been signed and the proposal made that President Cabrera leave the country, according to advices today to the state department.

100,000 FACTORY WORKERS IN DETROIT THROWN OUT OF WORK DUE TO SWITCHMEN'S STRIKE

Insurgent Railwaymen Are Returning To Work At Several Points in Central West—Industrial Situation in Ohio Grows More Serious—Every Coal Mine in State Is Closed Down—Fight Likely To Be Prolonged.

160,000 MICHIGANERS IDLE. Detroit, April 14.—Michigan's army of unemployed created by the switchmen's strike continued to grow today. Conservative estimates placed the number forced into idleness at various parts of the state at approximately 160,000 this morning. Approximately two-thirds of them are in Detroit.

Chicago, April 14.—Improvement of freight traffic conditions in the Central West continued today, with insurgents returning to work at several points, but the industrial situation in Ohio and Michigan reaches a crisis as a result of the stoppage of fuel supplies, and in the far West, where a dozen passenger trains were reported stalled in Southern California, the situation became increasingly serious.

Both insurgent leaders and railroad brotherhood officials said the fight had evolved into a "hanging affair," but the insurgent men declared the insurgents gradually were losing strength.

Railroads in the Chicago area concentrated every effort on moving freight, and officials said 50 per cent of the switch engines in the district were operating. The roads announced a further influx of "loyal" switchmen from other cities.

The American Federation of Labor, through its industrial department, which has 700,000 members, slight railroad crafts, placed its stamp of disapproval on the unauthorized strike, and urged all members of affiliated organizations to refuse to obey the walkout.

In Detroit 100,000 factory workers were reported idle, and between 40,000 and 50,000 in Cleveland. In other parts of Michigan had been thrown out of work, with predictions that more men would be jobless by tonight. The strike virtually unchanged, with the exception of the return of work of 150 men at Bay City and 35 at Ludington.

The industrial situation in Ohio became more ominous today, as more than 100,000 men out of work in more than a dozen cities. A growing scarcity of food supplies was reported in many cities. A mail train was reported to have been stalled at Toledo, and the mail returned to the postoffice. Hope of ending the switchmen's strike at Columbus faded, as a roadman voted not to act as strike-breakers.

Slight progress was made by strikers who went out at Cincinnati, the railroads announced.

Coal Is Confiscated. Coal shortages at Toledo was being combated under a federal court order to maintain operation of street cars and heating and lighting in the city. An order instructed that 40 cars be confiscated daily. There was no weakening of the strike at Toledo, and several large industrial plants announced that they would be forced to close unless fuel was forthcoming.

Several roads reported additional men at work at Cleveland, with some freight hauling, but the strike apparently remained virtually unchanged. Warnings to travelers attempting long trips, east, west, south, and north, were issued by the railroads.

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