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LONDON, Aug. 18.—Scores of thousands of railway employees throughout the United Kingdom are on strike tonight, and traffic everywhere is badly disorganized. The leaders of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants declared that 250,000 men, or nearly half the total employed by the railways of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, answered the call to stop work. Railway managers say the figures are exaggerated.

Never before have ministers of the British government made such earnest efforts to ward off a great labor war, yet tonight they have been unable to stem the movement that threatens misery to millions.

London has the appearance of an armed camp. On all sides are soldiers with rifles and bayonets. From the docks, men, women, and children are keeping up communication with the general staff by heliographic signals by day and electric flashes by night.

The whole of the day was spent by Premier Asquith, David Lloyd George and Sydney Buxton, president of the board of trade, in fruitless conferences with leaders on both sides.

Official statements issued from the home office late tonight say the strike developed all over the country, and has produced widespread, though only partial, dislocation of the railway service.

The statements add that as far as the present information goes over two-thirds of the railway men remain at their posts, and the companies are receiving numerous applications for employment.

The statement notes the absence of serious disorders, and says the military authorities have the situation under control. It also refers to the settlement of the London dock strike, and says there will be a resumption of the unloading of cargoes tomorrow.

The statement concludes by announcing that that Lloyd George and Sydney Buxton are still endeavoring to arrive at an amicable settlement of the railway trouble.

Men Are Obstinate.

According to the best information, what jeopardizes the settlement is less the obstinacy of the strike leaders than the intractability of the strikers themselves, as manifested through the provincial and local secretaries.

It is stated that Ramsay MacDonald and Arthur Henderson, labor leaders in the House of Commons, and men in union circles spared no effort to induce the men's executive to accept the government's proposal, without success. The negotiations will be resumed tomorrow.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has issued a special prayer for the cessation of the strike. The prayer will be issued in the church tomorrow and Sunday.

Broadly speaking, the strike is most effective in the north of England, where many towns are completely isolated, and in the south of Wales. It is partly effective in the east and in the midlands, but there is not much trouble in the South of England.

Only a few Irish railways have trouble. Some sections of Scotland are up and down. Edinburgh reports say a general strike has been declared there, but at Glasgow the men have postponed deciding their answer to the union until Sunday.

The prices of food, as far as London is concerned, show little change, and resumption of work tomorrow by the dockers is waiting to discharge cargoes will tend to bring the food situation here to about normal.

Tramway Men May Go Out.

Tonight the tramway men are reported to be complaining. There have been serious cases of violence against employees, and if it should come, it would deprive Londoners of almost their last means of cheap transportation.

Tonight the railway companies announced that they had agreed to have the meeting reported to the union by the members of the administration faction, in which he mentioned Edward H. Bessett, foreman of the Cleveland Press, as having been first elected to the union.

"Yes, and you ran like a rat, you stiff," shouted Bessett.

When order had been restored Koop continued in a long address, in which he denounced what he termed the domination of the union by a secret ring, and offered his proposed amendment. Koop was supported by James H. Dahm, of New York, Leon H. House, of New York, and Fred Barker of Spokane.

"I defy you and dare you to press this matter," said President Lynch in reply. "You can't scare me, you can't frighten me, and you can't outtalk me. I can prove to the men who bring these charges have been holding secret meetings."

The proceedings of today indicated that the piecework referendum vote of May 17 may be reconsidered. President Lynch, in speaking on a proposal to require the petition of 100 unions to initiate legislation instead of fifty, said he was in favor of the referendum, but not its use in cases like that of the recent vote.

Cleveland was chosen on the second ballot as the site of the next convention, receiving 114 votes to Houston's 106. On the third ballot Cleveland received 112, Houston 81, Vancouver 19, Ottawa 12.

The body of Edward Lim, drowned while fishing in the Nanaimo river in June last, was last week recovered, wedged between rocks in the canyon.

John Miller, formerly editor and proprietor of the Chilliwack News, has secured the editorial charge of the Merritt Herald, which will hereafter be conducted as a Liberal organ.

REPRESENTING ALL SHADINGS OF POLITICAL THOUGHT. SENIOR CHRISTO'S REFERENCES TO THE ALPOIN CABINET AND TO SENIOR BERNARDINO MACHADO EVOKED SCANDALOUS LAUGHTER AND DISORDER, AND THE POLICE HAD TO BE CALLED IN. SENIOR HOMER CHRISTO HIMSELF SUFFERED SOME PERSONAL AGGRESSION AFTER THE MEETING, WHEN PROCEEDING TO HIS HOTEL UNDER ESCORT. IT IS IMPROBABLE THAT HE WILL BE PERMITTED TO DELIVER OTHER LECTURES IN MADRID.

Funeral of Aviator. CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—The funeral of St. Croix Johnston, who, like William R. Badger, was killed by a fall from an airplane last Tuesday, was held yesterday. Several of his late companions at the aviation meet here were present. A mono-plane made of flowers appeared among the floral tributes. The body will be cremated. Badger's funeral will be held at Pittsburgh, his home.

ORDER OF LIONS

Fraternity Society Organizes Branch in City with Charter Membership of 150

The Loyal Order of Lions, a new institution in this city, held its organization meeting last evening, and the fact that it starts its career here with 150 charter members would seem to insure its becoming a live and successful organization.

The body of the first president of the city, the organization meeting which was largely attended, was held in the Eagles' hall, when the following officers were elected: Chief Lion, Frank LeRoy; Past Chief Lion, Thomas Palmer; Vice Chief Lion, Robert Low; Chaplain, A. Shuttlesworth; Financial Secretary, Allen E. H. Lowe; Recording Secretary, Robert McCluskey. In charge of degree team, T. L. Toye. Master-at-arms, James Palmer; Sentinel, George Robinson; Outer Sentinel, Percy C. Sanford. Trustees—W. H. P. Sweeney, A. J. Ratcliffe, Jas. F. Wilson.

Wireless From Aeroplanes. PARIS, Aug. 18.—Interesting experiments with wireless telegraphy from an aeroplane in flight have been carried out by Capt. Brenot and Lieut. Menard, who on board a Farman biplane succeeded in transmitting messages to the Eiffel Tower from a distance of from 30 to 40 miles. Considerable difficulties have been overcome before this result was achieved. It was not so much the weight of the apparatus, which has been reduced to 30 pounds, but the difficulty and danger for the pilot guiding his machine at a great altitude (1,700 feet) when surrounded by live wires charged with electricity by the power of the motor and capable of giving a violent shock.

WINNIPEG, AUG. 18.—ALEX HAGGART WAS UNANIMOUSLY RENOMINATED TONIGHT AT AN ENTHUSIASTIC CONVENTION FOR WINNIPEG. THIS LEAVES ONLY THE PROVINCER CANDIDATE TO BE NAMED ON THE MANITOBA AND SASKATCHEWAN LISTS. R. S. LAKE WAS RENOMINATED AT GRENELL BY THE QU'APPELLE CONSERVATIVES AND HON. FRANK OLIVER IN EDMONTON BY THE LIBERALS.

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PLOT TO STEAL HALIFAX SEAT

Liberals Credited with "Colonizing" Scheme to Attempt Defeat of Mr. Borden—Many Jobs Available

OTTAWA, Aug. 18.—Efforts are now being made to arrange a joint meeting between Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Bourassa in Ottawa. Mr. Bourassa is believed to be the prime mover in the scheme, although he might prefer that the meeting should be held in Montreal or some other place in Quebec. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's attitude in Quebec has encouraged the belief here that he would not shrink from the riding for his one-time apostle. The chief difficulty seems to be that Ottawa has no auditorium large enough to accommodate the crowd that would turn out for such a meeting. Mr. Bourassa is believed to speak here next week.

Word has reached Ottawa of a determined effort by the government organizers in Nova Scotia to compass the defeat of Mr. Borden in Halifax. Workmen are it is said, being imported into the riding for all sorts of jobs with the object of increasing the Liberal voting strength.

The Pontiac trouble came to a head when Frank S. Cahill was given the nomination by a largely attended convention of Liberals at Campbell bay. The delegates at the meeting went on record as condemning the candidature of G. F. Hodgins, late Liberal member, and the refusal of the president of the Liberal party to call a party convention.

This means a three-cornered fight in Pontiac, with Hodgins and Cahill vying the Liberal vote and Gerald Bradshaw running as a straight Conservative. Registration reports from the largest cities in eastern Canada show heavy increases, and point to the polling of a record-breaking vote on September 21.

R. W. Motterwell, minister of agriculture in the Scott government in Saskatchewan, is here today talking up the value of the Canadian market for United States market for Canadian wheat.

Prairie Nominations. WINNIPEG, Aug. 18.—Alex Haggart was unanimously renominated tonight at an enthusiastic convention for Winnipeg. This leaves only the Provencer candidate to be named on the Manitoba and Saskatchewan lists. R. S. Lake was renominated at Grenell by the Qu'Appelle Conservatives and Hon. Frank Oliver in Edmonton by the Liberals.

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In the meantime the Dominion Trust Company is seeking to secure another site for its Victoria offices, which will be part of a six-story building which it is proposed to erect. The company is at present negotiating for a location, and it is likely that a deal will be closed in the course of the next few days, after which the erection of the building will be proceeded with immediately.

FRENCH ARMY

Proposals for Reform of Superior Council of War—General Joffre's Promotion

PARIS, Aug. 18.—At the Cabinet Council held at Rambouillet, M. Messimy, Minister of War, brought forward several proposals for the reform of the Superior Council of War and embodying two decrees which were prefaced by separate explanatory reports. In the first place the post of Vice-President of the Council of War is abolished, and General Michel, who held the honor, is succeeded by General Joffre, whose title is head of the Headquarters Staff. The scope of the Headquarters Staff is enlarged, and the head of the Headquarters Staff is to be the general of the most important division of the French army in time of war. This apparently implies that General Joffre is henceforth to be looked upon as generalissimo in time of war, and commander of the first line of French troops on the eastern frontier in time of peace.

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