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Making Headway Against The Strike

British Government Announces That Railway Service Is Improving

More Trains Running Than Called For Under Yesterday's Schedule—Distribution of Food Proceeding Satisfactorily--Offers of Voluntary Service Are Overwhelming—Strike Leaders' Statements Tinged With Bitterness

London, Sept. 30—Great Britain is making headway in dealing with the national strike of her railway men, the government reported today. The official communique from Downing street at noon announced that the railway service was improving, more trains running than called for under the schedules prepared by the companies yesterday. This was in line with forecasts that betterment of conditions in this respect might be expected today. Attempts to derail trains, which occurred yesterday for the first time since the beginning of the strike, were referred by the Downing street statement as some minor acts of sabotage. These, it was explained, caused no loss of life, and the necessary steps had been taken to deal with this phase of the situation.

Meanwhile the distribution of food is proceeding satisfactorily, the authorities announce, due largely "to the admirable spirit and efficient work of volunteers." The offers of voluntary service, it is declared, are "overwhelming."

The government announced this morning that live stock that had been abandoned in transit by the strikers and the horses belonging to the railroad companies that had been left without attendance were being cared for by the authorities.

The commissioner of police has issued an appeal for all male citizens under forty to enroll as special police.

J. H. Thomas, leader of the railway strikers, in an interview last night, stated that unless the newspapers changed their attitude towards the railway strikers the newspaper compositors would strike.

ANXIOUS ABOUT 'BUSES.

London, Sept. 30—Greatest anxiety is felt by the people of London over the question whether 'buses and tram cars will stop working today, the continuance of this service not being regarded very hopefully. Decision in the question depends immediately upon the Union of Licensed Vehicle Workers, which is one of the thirty-six organizations affiliated with the Transport Workers' Federation, but which is able to act independently. In the present instance, however, it is acting entirely under the advice of the Transport Workers Federation, which in turn is co-operating closely with the National Union of Railwaymen.

Decision Today.

The executive committee of the Union of Licensed Vehicle Workers sat continuously for fourteen hours yesterday, not adjourning until after midnight this morning. Announcement was made that the union had postponed action until today at the request of the Transport Workers Federation to enable the latter to confer with officials of the National Union of Railwaymen.

Suburban residents, therefore, were able to use 'buses and tram cars to reach London this morning, but it is regarded as doubtful whether these means of conveyance will be available for the return trip, as it is believed a majority of the licensed vehicle workers favor a strike.

Employment of troops to protect railway property is being resented by strikers at some places, apparently through the fear that the soldiers may be used as strike-breakers.

Warning to Government.

Speakers at a meeting last night at Nuneaton, Warwickshire, warned the government that serious consequences would follow the employment of troops.

Dock laborers at Newport, Monmouthshire, have threatened to strike if soldiers interfere with railwaymen.

The Herald, organ for labor, features what it describes as an "ominous movement of troops," and complains editorially that "everything is done to give an air of violence to what on the men's part is a peaceful, lawful movement for better wages."

Distribution of troops to various centres, with machine guns and many rounds of rifle ammunition, is reported, but there is nothing to indicate that it is nothing more than precautionary measures to protect depots and other property.

More Trains Today.

Congestion in railroad traffic caused by the strike is expected to be relieved today by the running of an increased number of trains.

Volunteer workmen are reported coming forward to run the trains, and the government has invited citizens to act as special constables in emergency.

Attempts to derail trains occurred yesterday for the first time since the strike began, and two trains were stoned near Aberdeen. Minor incidents are reported at various other places.

Fixing Food Prices.

Government officials have issued regulations providing for price fixing and restricting the consumption of staple foods. Motor lorries are bringing milk and foodstuffs into the city, and a system of distribution has been worked out by the cabinet. Possession of all the transport machinery used during the war makes the government's task easier than had been expected.

Precautions in Ireland.

Dublin, Sept. 29—Although the railway strike has not become operative in Ireland, the Irish railroad executive have ordered that from Wednesday on only perishable goods and animals for immediate slaughter be accepted for transit.

No Strike if Ballot Taken.

London, Sept. 29—Secretary Appleton of the General Federation of Trade Unions, interviewed by Reuter's, said that in view of the fact that no issue was involved between the railwaymen and the government until the end of December he believed that if the railwaymen had balloted there would have been no strike. Mr. Appleton said he was of the opinion that the effect of the strike on either trades will not be certain for some days.

Secretary's Statement.

London, Sept. 29—James Henry Thomas, secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, this evening issued another long statement, justifying the strike and accusing some newspapers which support the government of using language against the strikers which is an incitement to bloodshed. He also accuses the government of resorting to measures calculated to lead to outbreaks of violence. As an alleged instance of this, Mr. Thomas says:

"They have summoned warships to the main ports; they have provocatively stationed army guards everywhere, and, most unfortunate of all, they are using against their own countrymen methods of propaganda which they used in wartime against a foreign enemy."

Mr. Thomas then charges the government with "making lying statements with the deliberate purpose of misleading the pubilc," after having forced a strike which the railway leaders were doing their utmost to avert.

Aerial Service.

The postmaster-general announces that an aerial mail service will be started Tuesday between London and Bristol, Birmingham, Newcastle, Manchester and Glasgow. A special fee of two shillings per ounce will be charged for letters.

MAY CALL OUT OTHER UNIONS.

London, Sept. 30—No statement on behalf of the men was forthcoming during the morning, but the latest expressions from their leaders were not lacking in expressions of determination to carry the struggle through. James Henry Thomas, secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, indeed, in an announcement at an open air meeting during the forenoon, indicating that the call of help from other labor bodies was contemplated. He declared that the railwaymen would not continue to refuse offers of sympathetic strikes from other unions.

Carmania in Halifax.

Hailfax, Sept. 30—The Cunard liner Carmania arrived this morning with five first, three second and 472 third class passengers for disembarkation here. She also brought 897 packages of mail and 1,236 packages of parcel post.

The Third Candidate.

Port Arthur, Ont., Sept. 29—John H. Mooney was nominated by the Liberals to contest Port Arthur riding in the Ontario general election. This makes three candidates in the field and the Labor party is expected to nominate a fourth.

WON ROLL-OFF

In the roll-off held last evening on the Y. M. C. I. alleys Phillip Fitzpatrick was the winner, the prize being a set of gold cuff-links. Some forty took part in the roll-off.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "do you remember the afternoon you let the cows into the clover and they walked right through it to get at the beet tops? The finest aftermath of clover I ever saw wasn't good enough for them, although the pasture they had left was poor."

"Yes, sir," said Hiram, "cows is jist like people—never satisfied. When—they smelt them beet tops, they hed no use for the best clover on the farm. It's jist like a feller that gits a hoss an' kerrige an' goes around stickin' his nose up at other people till he sees an' ottomobeil. Then he's got to git one o' them—an' go round talkin' all the time about 'my car.' Then some day a feller in an airplane sails over him an' leaves him behind at the rate of a mile in half a minute—an' he's got to git one, too. Then he's up in the air wuss'n ever. I see where one critter out west thinks he kin go up so high that he kin swap signals with the people on the planet Mars. Aint that the limit? The people that lives on Mars don't know whether it's men or monkeys that's on this airth—no, sir. An' the ony time they'll know anything more about us'll be when some wanderin' world that aint never been seen yit comes sailin' along an' collides with the airth an' wipes it out. Next night after that the people on Mars'll look out into space an' the'll be nothin' but a blank where the airth used to reflect the light o' the sun."

"Hiram," said the reporter, "you don't really believe that."

"Well," said Hiram, "mebbe Mars'll be hit fust. I aint sayin' it's gonto happen—but do you know it aint?"

"No," said the reporter, "but I know a whole lot of people who can tell you about the end of the world and after. They know all about it."

"Yes," said Hiram, "one o' Sile Jones's boys hed it all figgered out afore he went to the lunatic asylum. Howsomevers we mustn't worry. We got enough work in the world to keep us busy—By Hen!"

LOCAL NEWS

PAYING UP

There has been a steady flow of people at city hall the last two days, paying their water rates. The last day for the five per cent discount is tomorrow.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

It was announced this morning that the municipal council would meet on Tuesday of next week and the usual meeting of the finance committee was to be held on Friday of this week.

FOR PROTESTANT ORPHANS

Two young girls, Edith Wasson and Margaret Kennedy held a bazaar on Saturday afternoon at 274 Douglas avenue in which they raised $6.50 in aid of the Protestant Orphans' building fund.

BREAK REPAIRED

Commissioner Jones reported this morning that the break in the water main at Haymarket square had been repaired and that the service was again normal.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of Mrs. Ruth Garnett took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from her alte residence, 33 Watson street, West St. John, to St. Jude's church. The service was conducted by Rev. J. H. A. Holmes and interment made in Cedar Hill cemetery.

NEW BOWLING LEAGUE

In the Y. M. C. I. last evening a new House Bowling League was formed to open October 14. It consists of eight teams, W. J. Magee was elected president, Murray Jarvis, secretary, Philip Fitzpatrick, treasurer, T. J. Cosgrove, official scorer and Frank Bridgeo, referee. It is probable that the players will enjoy a bar quet before the league opens.

FOR JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

The Carleton juniors defeated the Portlands in both ends of a double-header on the Queen square diamond, West St. John, Saturday afternoon. The score of the first was 11-9. Daley and Pebo formed the battery for the Carletons, and Yeomans, Howard and Carlin acted for the Portlands. The second game was wone by a score of 5-2. Daley and Merriweather worked for the Carletons, and White, Logan and Yeomans for the Portlands. These teams have agreed to play a nine-game series, and the Carletons have taken three games and lost one. The fifth and sixth games will be played Saturday afternoon on the Portland grounds, Elm street.

LESS TYPHOID

The typhoid situation in the city seems to be improving. In speaking to a Times reporter this afternoon, Dr. H. Hedden, superintendent of the General Public Hospital, said that the disease was on the wane and only a few cases of that disease had been admitted to the hospital during the week. Since the outbreak there have been twenty-six cases admitted and, except one, all have been from the city. One death occurred and there are now twenty-five cases in the hospital. Although no patients have been discharged, the indications are that in a short time the disease will be cleared up. Much credit is due the Board of Health officials and the officials of the hospital in curtailing the disease and preventing it from becoming an epidemic. No cases were reported from the Board of Health today.

WHILE THEY INVESTIGATE

SIR SAM DOES BATTLE WITH THE ABSENT KNIGHTS

Not a Military Reputation, Except That of Col. Jack Currie, Left Intact When He Was Through

(Special to The Times.)

Ottawa, Sept. 30—General Sir Sam Hughes went into action shortly after three o'clock yesterday afternoon, "shouldered his crutch and showed how fields were lost" after he was conspired out of office as minister of militia. "Thrice he routed all his foes; and thrice he slew the slain," such as Sir Arthur Currie, Sir George Perley, Sir Thomas White, Sir John Flavelle and the other goodly company of knights whom he has so often demolished before, and when he ceased firing at five-thirty, there was not a military reputation left intact, with the exception of that of his friend, Col. Jack Currie, who had been accused of going behind a dug-out for a lead-pencil or something while the battle raged. Sir Sam showed to his own entire satisfaction that it was another of the Currie boys, Sir Arthur to wit, who was in the dug-out, while Jack was bravely carrying on at the front.

His account of the military operations conducted around Mons and elsewhere was so involved that members of the house who had been there could not recognize the terrain, and after a few questions gave Sir Sam up in despair. It was Sam, but how much changed from that Sam who used to have thousands trembling at a nod or elated at his smile. After he had rambled on for over two hours, there was no one in the house so poor as to do him the reverence of replying to him, and his motion for the return of papers showing Canadian casualties and strength before and after action in the different great battles of the war, as well as the plans and conduct of the battles, and so forth, was passed by the house silently.

There was present a distinguished visitor in the person of Viscount Finley, who was introduced and made a brief speech. He was welcomed by Hon. Mr. Doherty, Sir George Foster and D. D. Mackenzie, and then remained for a while to listen to our Canadian oratory. What he heard was Sir Sam. By some oversight, the cross witnesses were not called upon to show their paces, although Michael Clarke was fairly itching to let loose a few rounds of oratory.

The greater part of Sir Sam's speech was old stuff. What was true was not new, and what was new was at variance with every account of the operations concerned hitherto given to the world. There was a natural feeling that General Hughes had suffered a breakdown in his intelligence department. Perhaps the most interesting statement he made was that which carried the implication that conscription was not necessary. "If no more men had been raised after 1916," he said, "but those in Great Britain had been properly used, and not sacrificed, there were enough men there to form six divisions." He made the charge that the newspapers were in a conspiracy against him. After he sat down, the house reflected, not without a certain amount of sadness, that "The greatest driving force in history" was not merely overshadowed but in total eclipse.

TWO NEGROES ARRESTED; WARRANTS OUT FOR OTHERS

(Special to Times.)

Truro, N. S., Sept. 30—Two negroes were arrested yesterday and warrants are out for two more in connection with the race riot on Sunday night. The town is quiet today and no further trouble is likely.

A WELCOME PREDICTION.

Word has reached the city that Indians camped along the St. John river are picking violets and strawberry blossoms in the woods. They predict that these are certain signs of a long mild fall and an exceptionally mild winter. This will undoubtedly attract more than passing interest and if the predictions come true will be a source of much consolation to those who have been casting frightened glances at their empty coal bins.

Australian Elections.

Melbourne, Sept. 29—(Reuter's)—It is believed Premier Hughes has decided upon Dec. 6 as the date of the federal general elections and for the holding of the constitutional alteration referendum, giving the commonwealth government increased power and allowing them to deal with the profiteering.

WITNESS CHARGED AS ACCOMPLICE IN THE MAIL ROBBERY

Counsel For Defence Emphatic in Denials That They Aided in Recovery of Money — The Judge's Statement

Quebec, Sept. 29—Two developments occurred this afternoon in the preliminary hearing of evidence against the men held for robbery of the mails on the Ocean Limited train on Sept. 18.

Eudore Levasseur, who was detained as a material witness, was directly charged this afternoon with being an accomplice in the robbery, so that he now stands as an accused.

This afternoon at the hearing M. A. Lemieux, one of the attorneys for the defence, protested in court against reports published in two Quebec newspapers, which stated that on his trip to the barn where he recovered money, Mr. Bercovitch, the Montreal lawyer, had been accompanied by a prominent Quebec lawyer. Mr. Lemieux objected to this report, stating that this would lead to the impression that some attorney for the defence might have had something to do with the recovery of the money.

"I want to state," said Mr. Lemieux, "that neither I nor my co-attorney for the defence had anything to do with the recovery of the money."

Emile Parent, second attorney for the defence, also made a similar denial.

Then Judge Langelier made this statement: "The court, the attorney-general, the judiciary authorities do not know, officially, whether or not the money that was stolen from the Ocean Limited has been recovered. If the money was really recovered in the way the newspapers have reported, the court will have to obtain further enlightenment as to this, for we cannot admit that anybody may go around recovering money, drive around with it. This money which has been stolen, belongs solely to the courts, to serve the ends of justice. There is only one place to depesit for safe keeping stolen articles that are recovered, and this is in the very hands of the officials of the courts, who must keep it to be impounded."

That none of the attorneys for the defence had anything to do with the recovering of the money was emphasized under oath this afternoon by Mr. Bercovitch himself, who was asked by attorneys for the defence to take the stand and testify.

"It was you," asked counsel for defence, "who recovered the $61,000?"

"Yes," answered the Montreal lawyer.

"Were you with any of the attorneys for the defence while you motored down to that barn to recover the money?" asked attorney for defence.

"No," answered Mr. Bercovitch.

At the hearing proper, which was held behind closed doors this afternoon, the first mail clerks who were in charge of the mail coach that was robbed, testified. They repeated their story as has been reported following the robbery.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service

Synopsis—The disturbance which was over the great lakes yesterday morning has moved eastward to the Gulf of St. Lawrence causing showers in Ontario and Quebec. In the western provinces the weather has been mostly fair and cool.

Cloudy and Cool.

Maritime—Strong southwest to northwest winds, mostly cloudy with a few scattered showers, cooler tonight. Wednesday, fresh northwest to north winds, mostly cloudy and quite cool.

New England—Partly cloudy and cooler tonight; Wednesday, cloudy, moderate northwest to north winds.

Common Council To Take a Hand

THRONGS ARE ARRIVING IN CINCINNATI

Every One of 35,000 Seats Sold Already

BIDDING FOR RE-SALES

Intense Interest Being Shown in World's Series Which Opens Tomorrow — Rival Teams Ready For The Battle

Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 30—With the stage set for the opening of the world's series here tomorrow, Cincinnati assumed a gala appearance today as the throngs of visitors began to arrive to witness the initial struggles of the baseball classic. Hotel corridors were jammed to the limit, and the congregation grew greater as the day advanced, and the special trains began to arrive, while supporters of the Cincinnati club were concerned over the prospects of their favorites for victory in the first game, the all-important question on almost everybody's lips being: "Who has got an extra ticket?"

With every one of the 35,000 seats sold, the unlucky applicants for tickets were willing to pay almost any price for a seat for the opening game. If ticket speculators had any seats for sale, they did not advertise their wares. There were a few individuals, however, who demanded from $50 to $75 for a set of box seats for three games. The face value of these tickets was $16.50.

August Hermann, president of the Cincinnati club, declared that he never thought it was possible for so much interest in a world's series, and regretted that Redland Field did not have a seating capacity of 200,000 instead of 35,000.

"We have not got a quarter enough seats," he said, "but we have done the best we possibly could do to put a seat in every available space. I never saw so much interest and enthusiasm shown in a world's series as is being displayed in this one. If the interest is the same in Chicago, the series ought to surpass any ever fought between major league clubs."

Chicago Team on Hand

Members of the White Sox, under the leadership of Manager "Kid" Gleason, arrived from Chicago early today and went directly to their hotel. The White Sox will take a light workout at Redland Field this afternoon, at the invitation of Pat Moran, manager of the Reds. The Reds also will have a light practice to keep their muscles limbered up.

All members of the Cincinnati club were reported to be in perfect condition, with the exception of Heinie Groh, the fiery captain and third baseman, whose broken finger is still bothering him to a certain extent. The injury, however, will not keep him from starting the series, and he hopes to be able to play all the way through.

While Manager Morna has not definitely picked his pitcher for tomorrow and did not care to make any official announcement, it is generally accepted that he will start with Walter Ruether or "Slim" Sallee. Sallee pitched two games against Chicago in the word's series of two years ago, and Moran believes that his style will give the White Sox the most trouble.

That Eddie Cicotte, the pitching "ace" of the White Sox staff, will be Manager Gleason's selection for the opener is accepted as a certainty. The remarkable little "knuckle ball" pitcher, with more than twenty-five victories to his credit this season, is reported to be primed to face the Reds in the initial combat.

Manager Gleason, however, expects to make no announcement of his selection until the time for starting the game tomorrow.

C. P. R. FIREMAN WAS BLOWN FROM HIS CAB

When a super-heated engine tube on a train on which he was working at McAdam blew out last night, John Costley, of West St. John, C. P. R. fireman, was blown through the window of his cab and painfully injured.

He was brought to the city on the Boston train this morning and met at the Union depot by the ambulance, in which he was taken to the General Public Hospital, accompanied by his sister, Miss Blanche Costley, professional nurse.

Mr. Costley has been in the service of the road for several years and many friends will regret to learn of his accident. It is feared his shoulder blade has been broken, but it is not known as yet whether he has sustained any internal injuries. He is a son of Conductor John Costley, also of the C. P. R.

MARKET WAS FIRM

New York, Sept. 30—(Wall street) — Firmness which soon developed into pronounced strength attended the early dealings on the stock exchange today, despite yesterday's flurry in the money market. The steel group was hesitant at the outset, but soon hardened under the influence of another spectacular movement inCrucible Steel, which rose almost fourteen points to the new maximum of 244. Oils, motors, equipments, tobaccos and food shares registered gains of one to five points, American Can, Baldwin Locomotive and Central Leather representing the strongest issues in their respective groups. Initial gains were extended before the end of the first half hour.

Will Try to Settle Strike of Sugar Refinery Employes

AT REQUEST OF MEN

Strikers Figure That Company Will Save Money by Increasing Wages and Shortening Hours—General Manager Does Not Agree—Company Looking For Men to Replace Strikers

The common council at a special committee meeting this morning, at which representatives of the 450 employes of the Atlantic sugar refineries appeared, decided to take the matter of the strike up with the company's representatives in an effort to effect an amicable settlement as soon as possible. The mayor and Commissioners Jones and Fisher were present at the meeting and F. A. Campbell, president of the Trades and Labor Council, and James O'Neill, one of the employes, represented the men.

F. G. O'Grady, general manager of the Atlantic Sugar Refineries, Ltd., stated to a Times reporter today that there was no change in the situation so far as the company was concerned.

Mr. Campbell, after the meeting, said that most of the men would lose money should their demands be granted that in order to obtain the eight-hour day, the men would draw from 26 cents to $1.20 less than at present, even with the increase of ten cents per hour. Their present minmum wage is 35 cents per hour and they ask that this be raised to 45 cents and a general increase of ten cents per hour given to all employes.

In being compelled to put on three shifts per day, Mr. Campbell pointed out that this would not increase the number employed by one-third, as some of the work done required only one shift per day and others two, including the machinists, electricians, checkers, warehousemen and office staff.

The men figured that the company would be at no loss by granting their demand. The capacity of the refinery was 1,000,000 pounds per day and at the present time they were turning out about 700,000 pounds. With the adoption of the three eight-hour shifts they claim that the production could be increased to the capacity of the plant and this, together with the amount the men at present employed would lose by working a shorter day would more than make good the cost of the extra shift.

When these figures were placed before Mr. O'Grady this afternoon he replied, "They don't know what they are talking about."

Mr. O'Grady said that the company did not recognize Mr. Campbell in the matter as he was not one of their employes, nor were they concerned with any union as they were dealing only with their employes.

The company is advertising for men to take the places of those who have quit, offering steady work all the year round for new men.

The men are holding another mass meeting at 7.30 o'clock this evening.

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REAL ESTATE NEWS

The following property transfers have been recorded:

St. John County

J. A. Arthurs to Soldiers' Settlement Board, property in Loch Lomond.

Heirs of James Crozier to T. C. McCarthy, property in Simonds.

Jane Driscoll to Daniel Driscoll, property in Musquash.

S. H. Ewing et al to F. W. Baxter, property in Lancaster.

National Karakule, Ltd., to R. E. Shanklin, property in Loch Lomond.

Daniel Tolan to W. M. McKay, property in Musquash.

Kings County

F. J. Alexander to G. B. Jones, property in Studholm for $100.

G. H. Barnes to Hazen Folkins, property in Hampton.

Tobert Chesnut to Jessie A. Chesnut, property in Studholm.

Minnie Chesnut to G. R. Chesnut, property in Studholm.

J. T. Cunnington to F. B. White, property in Springfield for $700.

H. M. and Florence M. Campbell to Sarah A. Titus, property in Sussex.

J. C. Kane to W. J. Swetka, property in Rothesay.

DeWaldan Land to G. H. Waterbury, property in Hampton for $750.

J. A. McManus to G. M. McCready, property in Hampton.

Mable I. and L. C. Prime to G. H. Waterbury, property in Westfield.

A. J. Sollows to Eastern Trust Company, lumber on property at Norton and Springfield.

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Robin Taylor to Mary J. Alward, property in Havelock, for $1,750.

F. B. White to Thomas Armstrong, lumber on property in Springfield for $725.

FOUND A CHECK

A young boy named Walter Hughes of Brussels street, found a check for $7.50 made payable to the Teamsters' and Chauffeurs' Union and signed by Edwin Marshall, treasurer of the City Employes' Service League in St. Patrick street this morning. He brought the check to city hall where it was handed over to John Gooderich who is returning it to the owner.

FOR FIRST TRIP

Lieutenant-Governor Pugsley and Premier Foster will be among the passengers on the first train over the St. John Valley Railway tomorrow.