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SAYS STRIKE OF SHOPMEN RESTS WITH RAILWAYS

Joseph Corbett Not Surprised Over Attitude of Men.

PROTEST CHANGES
Walkout Unavoidable If Reductions Enforced Without Arbitration.

Whether the railroad shopmen employed on Canadian railroads will down tools in a general walkout before a federal board of conciliation is appointed rests entirely upon the attitude of their employers, according to Joseph Corbett, general chairman for the Grand Trunk men throughout Canada, who stated to The Advertiser Friday night that he was not at all surprised concerning the report from Montreal that 97 per cent of the workers had voted to strike.

"That seems about right," Mr. Corbett commented. "That is a general feeling throughout the country, as I can sense it. I attended a mass meeting in Stratford Thursday night, and the men were decidedly against accepting any reduction."

Questioned as to the possibility of a strike before a board was appointed, as requested by the unions, the chairman replied: "It rests now with the companies to prevent it."

Strike Unavoidable.
It is the general feeling among the local men, of whom there are approximately 1,000 in number, that if the various railroad corporations persist in the enforcement of the proposed wage reduction before there is a move toward arbitration, a strike will be unavoidable.

The reports emanating from headquarters pertaining to the result of the balloting in the different Canadian locals, indicating that about 97 per cent of the shop workers favor the strike weapon, as a final protest against the contemplated changes in wages and working conditions, substantiate the report in The London Advertiser July 4 that local machinists had by an overwhelming majority shown preparedness to leave their tasks if necessary.

For several months past, Chairman Corbett has been striving with other union officials to arrange an amicable understanding between the federated shop crafts unions and the Canadian Railways Association. He returned home to this city following the collapse of the negotiations between these two bodies, which had been in progress in Montreal for several weeks.

The climax of the strike situation, as it affects the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, will be reached at Ottawa Saturday, at a general committee meeting of that organization. The outcome of the conference will either be to call a strike or to request the minister of labor to allow a board of conciliation to inquire into their objections to the recent wage reductions put into force by the Canadian National-Grand Trunk Railways. It is said that both courses may be taken.

J. E. Chuck, Member.
John E. Chuck, of this city, a member of the general committee, is attending the conference at the capital. The grievance committee, which has been in Toronto since Tuesday in consultation with the management of the Canadian National lines, reported to President Mosher Thursday night that the meeting was finished, and they were returning to Ottawa. The committee which met the Grand Trunk management in Montreal has returned, but it is not able to report that anything worth while was accomplished.

The committee meeting in Ottawa today has power to deal with the situation so far as it affects the members of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees.

Officials say that it is almost certain that boards of conciliation will be applied for. Two will likely be necessary, one to deal with each of the railways. If these are granted it will mean that four boards of arbitration and conciliation will have to be appointed by the minister of labor to attempt to adjust the serious differences that exist between the unions and the management. The minister has already established two boards.

MOSHER AT CONFERENCE.
Ottawa, July 22.—(By Canadian Press).—"An imposition and an utter disregard of every sense of fairness and justice," was the description applied by A. R. Mosher, president of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, to the proposed reduction in wages affecting the members.

CUT EAST END ASSESSMENTS \$31,000

Germany Accepts Demands Of Allies

WIRTH NOTIFIES COMMISSION OF FINAL DECISION

Declares Conditions Place a Heavy Load On His Government.

FOR LIFE OF MORATORIUM

Believes Acceptance Will Aid in Settlement of Financial Questions.

Paris, July 22.—Germany has formally accepted the demands of the allied commission on guarantees which were present at Berlin last Tuesday. In a letter to the reparations committee received today Chancellor Wirth stated that Germany, after profound deliberation, had decided to accept conditions for the duration of the moratorium which the German government assumed would soon be granted.

BRINGS VERDICT OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH

Windsor Jury Inquires Into Death of Man Killed by Street Car.

Windsor, July 22.—A verdict of accidental death was returned by a coroner's jury at Windsor police headquarters Friday night, inquiring into circumstances surrounding the death of Louis Carnegie, 312 Lillian street, contractor, who died at Hotel Dieu Monday night. His death resulted from injuries which he sustained when run over by a Hydro-Electric Railway street car on Wyandotte street, near Parent avenue, last Monday morning. Mr. Carnegie was riding a bicycle at the time of the mishap.

According to the evidence of eye-witnesses, he was proceeding along the street car tracks a short distance in front of a street car, No. 203—one of the new one-man cars. When he attempted to cut across the track to gain the roadway the wheel slipped beneath him. He was thrown on to the track and before the operator could bring the car to a halt, the wheels had passed over both his legs. They were practically cut off. In an effort to save his life, an amputation operation was performed at Hotel Dieu.

The operator of the street car, Thomas Bird, testified at the inquest last night. He stated he did everything in his power to avoid running over Carnegie, but that the wheels were practically on top of the man when he fell.

NOT ALARMED AT COAL SITUATION

Quebec, July 22.—Local dealers, in a statement to the press, claim that the coal situation is not by any means as bad as it is being pictured owing to the strike in the United States mines, and that the public have no reason to be unduly alarmed as to a shortage of coal next winter. They claim that the present strike will not last longer than Oct. 1, which will allow them nearly two months to get their supplies in by water, and even longer by rail. If necessary coal can be imported from overseas, which was not possible during the war.

SAW MILL BURNED.
Hamilton, July 22.—A. W. Shavers' saw mill at Newnham, with a large quantity of lumber, was destroyed by fire this morning. Only a small sum of insurance was carried.

CLAIMS RUSSIAN HUNGER FOSTERS CANNIBALISM

Refugee Reveals Horrors Soviet Rule Has Brought Upon Despairing Peasants.

WINNIPEG, Man., July 22.—In extremities of starvation, Russia has sunk to cannibalism, according to a letter received by a friend of L. A. Trofimov, a Russian resident of this city. The friend, fearing the Reds, refuses to allow his name to be made public.

Stories so horrible as to challenge belief are in the letter—stories of mothers killing, cooking and eating their children; of dead bodies rotting in the streets; of a hopeless, despairing nation.

The letter, smuggled past the strict mail censorship in possession of a mutual friend leaving Russia, brands life in the soviet nation as "a terrible nightmare, daily growing worse."

"Yes, the horrible pictures the letter paints are true," says Trofimov, who fled from Russia under forged passports in 1918. He had served in the Russian navy under the czar, Kerensky, and for a short time under Lenin, and was a submarine commander in active service during the war.

"I myself saw the beginnings which inevitably led to this. But there will be a reaction, probably resulting in the return of monarchy. 'Lenin, the one sincere man of the Bolsheviks, is conservative in his radicalism. If he dies, and the papers already report him dead, men more radical will get control and the peasantry will rise against them."

"What else can they do when there is no food, no hope of food and scarcely a house in Russia fit to live in? The wooden buildings are torn down for firewood, the brick buildings are tumbling down. Unrepaired roofs admit the water, which freezes between the bricks of the walls and causes them to become dislodged. People live like animals in the basements. All this because the houses have no owners and who cares if they tumble?"

"Cannibalism? Yes, I believe it, for when I left Russia everyone was consuming and no one producing or planting. This would bring the terrible desperation of hunger which well might lead to cannibalism."

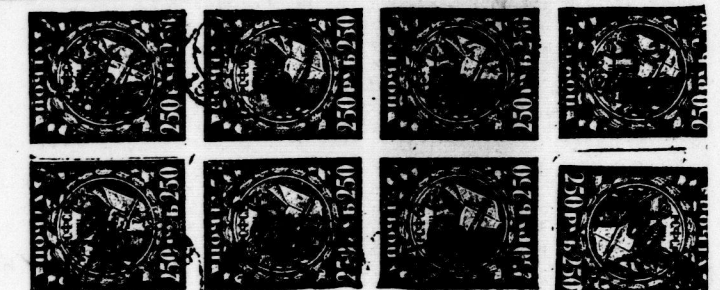
"Prices of food today are beyond belief, as for example:

One pound of black bread, 150,000 rubles (before the war a ruble was the equivalent of 49 or 50 cents in Canadian money).
One pound of meat, 200,000 rubles.
One pound of sugar, 250,000 rubles.
One pound of butter, 1,000,000 rubles.

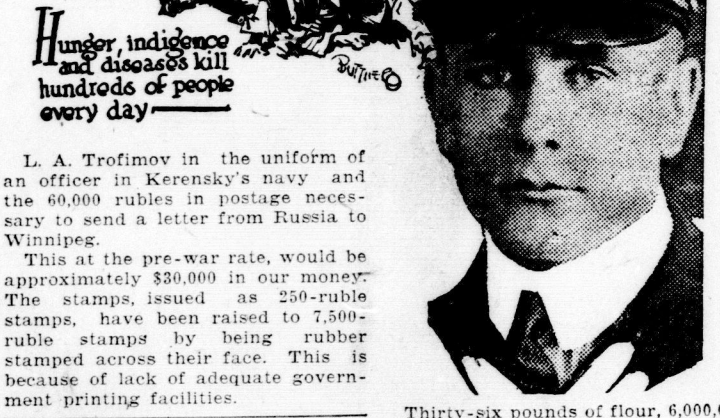
"This at the pre-war rate, would be approximately \$30,000 in our money. The stamps, issued as 250-ruble stamps, have been raised to 7,500-ruble stamps by being rubber stamped across their face. This is because of lack of adequate government printing facilities.

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Thirty-six pounds of flour, 6,000,000 rubles.
One pound of potatoes, 100,000 rubles.
One man's suit, 30 to 40,000,000 rubles.
Shoes, 8 to 10,000,000 rubles.
The average daily earning is 1,000,000 rubles. How is it possible to live, is the question.



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Flyer Tells Story Of Hunger and Hardship

STRAINED IN ALASKA.

DAWSON CITY, Y. T., July 22.—The story of his adventure in the wilds of Alaska during his south-to-Siberia flight last week, has been told by C. O. Prest, the Nevada aviator, in a special dispatch from Eagle to the Dawson Daily News. Prest disappeared last Sunday and wandered for three days before a search party picked him up.

When he encountered engine trouble, 30 minutes out of Eagle, he selected a landing place on Niggerhead Flat and proceeded to inspect his machine. He looked up to find himself surrounded by caribou in a great herd. He tried to take off to find a less dangerous spot, but his biplane nosed into the soft ground, turned over and broke the propeller. By this time Prest was hungry, it seems, and he coolly shot a caribou with his 32-calibre revolver and butchered it with a pocketknife. He made a fire in a pouring rain, using gasoline from his wrecked machine, and cooked caribou steak.

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The chairman of the board of education, while the members grapple with intricate problems such as the "Dakin street school site" will convince casual observers that there may be considerable merit in the suggestion that greater expediency would be obtained by a 50 per cent reduction in the city's staff of school trustees.

The proposal to limit the board to 6 in lieu of 12 members is by no means a new suggestion, nor does it have its origin in the fertile minds of the professional critics and "know-alls" who are with us always. From members of that civic body itself emanates the desire and there are those school trustees who contend that there are far too many gatherings of committees, both regular and special.

By reason of the fact that, naturally, they are not asked to sit in at all sessions, the latter explain that at regular general sessions of the board, they are frequently called upon to vote "yes" or "no" upon questions of more or less importance, of which they know little or nothing, although the members of a certain committee may have considered them thoroughly for weeks previous and desire immediate action.

Should the member or members be entirely ignorant of the issue before the board, they must either accept another's word for the expediency of the move or else register a protest when likely as not the problem will be shuffled back again to a committee for "further consideration and a report at the next session."

This entails at least another month's delay, irrespective of how important or trivial the question may be to the citizens at large.

Not a little confusion and misunderstanding is noted from time to time at meetings. Here is a case in point. Weeks ago as citizens who pay school and other taxes will recollect, the trustees approached the city council with a building scheme involving \$82,000 for a new public school at Dakin and Price streets.

BRUTALLY SLAY WATCHMAN AT WINONA PLANT

Thieves Perpetrate Terrible Deed at E. D. Smith & Son's Factory.

BLOW OPEN OFFICE VAULT
Aged Caretaker Celebrated 77th Birthday On Previous Day.

Hamilton, July 22.—A brutal murder was disclosed in the jam factory of E. D. Smith & Son, Winona, at 6:15 o'clock this morning, when the body of the aged night watchman, E. F. Caddy, 77 years of age, was found in a pool of his own blood in the center of a waterroom at the rear of the factory.

Examination of the body showed that a bullet had been fired directly through the forehead. While there were no signs of a struggle the motive of the murder became apparent, when it was discovered, that the vault in the offices of the company was blown open, and an attempt made to open the smaller safe in the interior.

All the murderers got for their pains was a small sum of cash. The murdered man had celebrated his 77th birthday only yesterday. The police are investigating.

The murderer was reported to the police at 6:40 a.m. Asked at 9:30 if there was any trace of the murderers, an official of the company replied: "There is not even any trace of the police yet."

NO CHANGE REPORTED IN CONDITION OF TAKAMINE

Noted Medical Scientist Lies Critically Ill in New York Hospital.

New York, July 22.—No change in the condition of Dr. Iokichi Takamine, the noted research chemist, who is critically ill at Lenox Hill Hospital, was reported this morning. Dr. Takamine is suffering with nephritis, and his wife and son are at his bedside.

He came into prominence as one of the scientists who perfected epinephrine, an extract of the supra-renal gland, which is used by physicians and surgeons throughout all parts of the continent, to control and prevent hemorrhage.

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AMOUNT OF GRAIN STORED DROPS

Ottawa, July 22.—According to returns received at the Dominion Bureau of Statistics for the week ending July 14, the quantity of grains in store at the different elevators showed decreases in wheat of 1,738,782 bushels; barley 245,100 bushels; and flax 29,059 bushels. Oats and rye indicate increases of 147,688 and 141,284 bushels, respectively.

The total stocks in store at the different elevators at the end of that week were: Wheat, 24,356,000 bushels; oats, 3,582,000; barley, 2,497,000; flax, 525,000, and rye 640,000.

The grain shipments from the head of the lakes for the two weeks ending July 14, totalled 7,428,000 bushels, of which 2,533,000 bushels went to Buffalo, 4,377,000 bushels to lower lake ports, and 194,000 to Montreal.

ISSUE FEWER AUTO LICENSES.
Quebec, July 22.—According to statistics issued by the automobile branch of the treasury department, there are now 51,700 automobile licenses in the province after six months, compared with 54,000 for last year. Montreal has 18,729 licenses this year, compared with 19,032 in 1921, while Quebec has 2,515 against 2,427 last year.

Beaver Hut Preserved As War Memorial

LONDON, July 22.—Beaver Hut, on the Strand, famous in war time as a rendezvous for Canadian soldiers in London, has narrowly escaped destruction and is to be preserved as a memorial to the Canadians.

REPORTS ROUT OF IRREGULARS

Authorities Think Republicans Will Retreat to Cork For Battle.

Insurgents Alleged To Have Looted Limerick Stores of Valuables.

Dublin, July 22.—With both flanks of the Republican insurgent army broken, through yesterday's capture of Waterford and Limerick, the irregular troops today were reported to be retreating in the direction of Cork. They are believed to number some thousands of soldiers, sufficiently equipped with all arms except artillery, and they are expected to give the National army forces considerable trouble in guerrilla tactics, but it is doubted if they will make a determined stand before reaching Cork.

Telegraph lines from Cork were partially restored yesterday and messages reaching Dublin indicated that the city was comparatively quiet. There was considerable anxiety, however, among the inhabitants, who feared that the city might soon become the scene of fighting.

Some travelers, arriving in Dublin from Cork, said most of the people were strongly in sympathy with the Turn to Page 15, Column 2.

BAKER TO APPEAL CLUB ASSESSMENT

City Clerk Dissatisfied With Decision On Thistle Rink Property.

An appeal against the court of revision decision which set the valuation of the Thistle Club rink and grounds on Piccadilly and Wellington streets at \$5,300 will be carried to the court of revision, City Clerk S. Baker announced Saturday morning.

The court in its ruling took the assessment of the London Curling Club and Simcoe street rinks as a standard for their decision, but the city clerk points out that in addition to a rink the Thistle Club possesses valuable grounds used for bowling, and in his opinion they have not been taken into consideration by the court.

Mr. Baker states that Assessment Commissioner Stephen Grant is the proper official to file the appeal, but that if he fails to do so he will draw the matter to the attention of the city council for instructions.

Mr. Grant stated Saturday morning that he has not yet seen the decision of the court setting the Thistle Club assessment at \$5,300, and until he received official notification of the decision, is not free to contemplate action. However, Mr. Grant intimated that he will carry an appeal to the county judge.

"Mr. Grant is the proper official to carry an appeal in this decision to the judge," said the city clerk Saturday, "but if he does not do it, I will. The valuation of \$5,300 should be for the Thistle Club rink alone, with added assessment for the grounds."

REVISION COURT ALLOWS APPEAL ON FACTORIES

Grants London and Petrolia Barrel Works Reduction of \$7,385.

ORDERS NEW INSPECTION
Believes Valuation of Pine Lawn Houses Too High.

Announcing reserved decisions on appeals against assessments from four factories in East London, the court of revision Saturday morning reduced the assessment of the properties involved approximately \$31,000.

The appellants whose taxes will be reduced next year by the action of the court are as follows: Gorman, Eckert and Company, London and Petrolia Barrel Works, Columbia Handle Works, and George H. Belton Lumber Company.

Decisions on these appeals were announced following a personal inspection of the premises involved by P. B. Fetterley, T. W. Scandrett and Sheriff Donald Graham, who comprise the court of revision.

Reducing Assessment.
The appeal of Gorman, Eckert & Co. was disposed of by reducing the assessment on buildings \$5,000 and lowering the land value from \$80 to \$40 per foot. The latter action means approximately a loss of \$5,000 in assessment to the city, and was taken owing to the shape of the land, which runs into a gore.

Simcoe street property of the London and Petrolia barrel works was reduced five dollars per foot of assessment by the court. As there are 27 feet of land involved, the reduction totals \$1,350. In addition the court reduced the assessment on the buildings of the company \$5,500.

Confirming the assessment on the land owned by the Columbia handle works, the court, however, reduced the assessment on buildings \$3,000. The same action was taken on the assessment of land held by the Geo. H. Belton Lumber Company, while the court knocked off \$4,000 on the building assessment. As the business assessment in each case is reduced 25 per cent, with the reduction in assessment on lands and buildings, the reduction on all four appeals on business assessment is roughly \$6,000, bringing the total sum involved to about \$31,000.

Losses Possible Revenue.
This means that the city of London loses a possible revenue in taxes on \$31,000 in East London, and in the opinion of the court the Richter system of assessment provided for increases on these properties, which are too great to be put in force in any one year.

Appeals in these four cases were heard last month, when the court heard protests against assessment in Ward 3 and decisions were reserved at that time.

Regarding the appeals against increased valuation of dwellings, erected on Pine Lawn survey by the London Housing Commission, the court directed that Assessment Commissioner Stephen Grant and his staff inspect these properties again, and re-evaluate them. The court expressed the opinion that the houses were over assessed.

Assessment Commissioner Grant did not carry the error in measurement of the London Street Railway Company's tracks in the city to the court of revision Friday for adjustment in conformity with the actual measurements made by City Engineer H. A. Brazier. However, Mr. Grant stated Saturday morning that there is no need for hurried action, and that he will appeal the error at the sitting of the court.

The Weather
FORECASTS.
Today—Light winds; fine and warm.
Sunday—Unsettled, with thunderstorms in many localities.
Temperatures.
The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

	High.	Low.
Victoria	64	52
Calgary	52	52
Winnipeg	52	52
St. John	54	54
P. Sound	76	64
Toronto	53	50
Kingston	56	50
Ottawa	56	50
Montreal	52	54
Quebec	52	53
F. Point	68	44
St. John	72	56
Halifax	50	58

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 75; lowest, 51.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 75; lowest, 55.
Barometric Readings.
Friday—8 p.m., 29.30.
Today—8 a.m., 29.27.

LATE SPORTING NEWS

CARPENTIER TO MEET SIKI.
Paris, July 22.—Announcement was made today that Georges Carpentier, European champion heavyweight boxer, will meet "Batling" Siki, the Senegalese heavyweight, early in September. The bout will inaugurate the new Buffalo Stadium, near Paris, which has a seating capacity of 65,000 spectators.

There will be a purse of 300,000 francs, 200,000 of which will go to the winner.

LATE NEWS BULLETINS.

APPLY FOR CONCILIATION BOARD.
Ottawa, Ont., July 22.—The Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Employees applied to the department of labor at noon today for boards of conciliation to investigate the wage dispute between the members of the organization and the Canadian National and Grand Trunk railways. Two boards, one for each line, were asked for. The application follows two days of debate by the executive of the brotherhood presided over by A. R. Mosher, grand president.