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ANOTHER DAY WITH THE STRIKE OUTLOOK NOT IMPROVED

Even More Serious at Glasgow and Belfast, in Report

SIGNS OF DISCORDS

Some Belief that Absence of Strike Pay Will Cause Collapse—Proposed Government Course—Labor Men in Full Control in Belfast

London, Jan. 31.—There was still no prospect early today of any betterment in the labor situation in the United Kingdom. If anything, the situation both at Glasgow and Belfast, has become more serious, particularly in the latter city. The strike movement is spreading to the large industrial establishments and there are undoubted signs of coming disorders which may entail the proclamation of martial law. The seriousness of the situation is not being ignored by the government. It was the subject of a discussion at a special meeting of the cabinet held yesterday, while the board of trade is also active in an effort to bring about settlements, but up to the present time without success.

The view taken by the government is that any government interference now would be unwise and perhaps dangerous. The strike movements are local and against the advice of the respective union leaders. Moreover, there is infinite variety in the various demands advanced in the different localities, while many of the alleged grievances are of a trivial character, such as concerning intervals of a few minutes for lunch etc. It would be generally believed that the absence of strike pay for the men will soon bring about the collapse of the movement.

The problem in view for the government ministers is how to re-establish the authority of the trade unions and assist to the greatest possible extent in the reopening of the industry and to settle the strike on a basis of their own disputes. It is further considered that the strikes are largely prompted by a few agencies with political motives. Hence the government is determined to limit its action to the prevention of intimidation and the maintenance of order.

The attitude of the employers in most cases is that they will refuse to negotiate until the men resume work. Thus far the railways have not been affected. The board of trade has decided to grant an eight hour day to the railway men from Feb. 1, but here again there is dissatisfaction among the railway employees concerning the question of meal times being included in the eight hour period. Furthermore, a meeting of representatives of 75,000 railway clerks and station masters yesterday in London developed talk of a strike because the board of trade refused to recognize their unions. They will hold another meeting on Sunday to decide upon their course of action.

Glasgow, Jan. 31.—Several persons were injured here today when the police charged a crowd of strikers with their batons. The mounted police were called out as a result of a meeting of the strikers to receive the government's answer to a telegram sent by the "Protest" transmitting the request of the strikers for the government to intervene to secure for them a forty-hour week in London despatches last night said the government had sent a reply declining to intervene.

The people of Glasgow are just beginning to realize the gravity of the situation and the danger that the city is drifting into the same conditions that prevail in Belfast. The power of the Glasgow strike committee appears to be increasing, and it is now exercising complete authority over the electrical department of the city. As the large industrial plants, almost without exception, employ electric power, the strike committee's control gives it a great advantage. The supply of electricity has been reduced to one-tenth of the normal, causing some plants to shut down and making a majority of the city's working people idle.

LABOR COMPLETELY CONTROLS BELFAST. London, Jan. 31.—(By the Associated Press)—Telegrams from Belfast depict a situation which seems akin to that which recently obtained in German cities under revolutionary rule. The governing power has been usurped, says the Belfast despatch to the Mail, by the strike committee, and the city is governed, not from the city hall but from the humble artisans' hall.

"There is no outstanding personal-capable committee of local trade union leaders, most of whom are moderate and restrained. Nobody can do anything unless he comes, cap in hand, to this committee. Even the police are helpless, and the chief of police has asked the strike leaders to cooperate with the constables in preventing disorders and lawlessness."

"When strikers go to a hotel to cut off electric current, police accompany them. The postmaster has banned the strike committee for allowing the post office to use electricity. "The committee has proscribed a limited amount of work to certain industries, particularly those involved in feeding and warming the people. Otherwise there is no industrial or commercial activity."

Bolsheviki Forces Cause The British and Russian to Give Way

Seeking To Surround or Cut Through Allies

Concentrating Considerable Number of Troops in Vagar River Section—The Winter Roads Help to Bring Reinforcements to Enemy

Archangel, Jan. 31.—(By the Associated Press)—The Bolsheviki are concentrating a considerable number of troops in the territory between the Vologda railway and the line of the Vagar River, apparently with the object of either surrounding the Allied column in this sector, or cutting through to isolate the column to the eastward, on the Dvina. There are numerous winter roads through the swamps in this sector, and the Allied scouts report enemy reinforcements arriving from the south over several of these roads.

An enemy force of approximately 1,000 men began an attack at 8:15 o'clock yesterday morning on the British and Russian position west of Tarscovo, attacking with such violence that the defence was obliged to evacuate the village of Aleksiefkaya.

One of the Allied airplanes flew over Shumkurk yesterday. It reported that the town had not been burned, as refugees had said. "The village of Shegovarsk, on the Vagar, evacuated several days ago, has been occupied by enemy infantry and cavalry with five guns. The Dvina, near Fulgus, the Allied artillery yesterday dispersed an enemy patrol. In the Ouga sector the Allied troops yesterday killed the village of Perstema, killing nine of the enemy and capturing nine, without losses to the Allied ranks."

NOT ANXIOUS TO MEET BOLSHIEVKI IN CONFERENCE

Paris, Jan. 31.—The peace conference so far has had two replies to its invitation to the various Russian governments for a conference at the Paris Peace Conference. In one of these the government of North Russia formally refuses to meet with the Bolsheviki. The Omsk government under Admiral Kolchak, while less categorical in its reply, expresses strong reservations.

Nothing official in connection with the invitation has been received from the Russian Soviet government.

RESTRICTIONS WITHDRAWN Grocers and Restaurants Back to Pre-war Conditions—Bakers and Confectioners After Feb. 10

Ottawa, Jan. 31.—All restrictions on three classes of food licenses—retail dealers, wholesale grocers and public eating places—have been withdrawn by order of the Canada Food Board. They will now return to pre-war trade conditions. Such dealers shall not be required to obtain licenses or renewals of licenses. Previous orders of the board affected by this revocation are numbers 17, 21, 22 and 46.

Restrictions on bakers and confectioners have also been removed to take effect on Feb. 10.

PROBABLE FATALITIES IN EXPLOSIONS IN NYACK

Nyack, N. Y., Jan. 31.—Three persons were reported missing and twenty others had been removed to a hospital within a short time after explosions wrecked the plant of the Aniline Products Corporation today. The victims were all employed at the plant, which is owned by a corporation in New York city.

There were two explosions. The first was so noisy that many buildings in the neighborhood were shaken and damaged. It was estimated the loss would exceed \$100,000.

REV. I. W. CARPENTER DEAD

Moncton, N. B., Jan. 31.—Rev. Isaiah W. Carpenter, Baptist clergyman engaged in pastoral work for more than forty years in the Moncton provinces, died last night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. S. A. Lutes, Bonnell's Corner. He was born at Cambridge Queens county, on November 16, 1833. He was pastor of the Baptist church at Bonnell's Corner in 1863 and 1864, pastor of the first and second churches at Harvey for fourteen years. His last pastorage was at Fort Mulgrave, N.S. He had been in failing health for the last three or four years. Mrs. Carpenter died about nine years ago. Two daughters, Mrs. Stanley Bishop, of Gray, Me., and Mrs. Lutes, survive.

PORK FOR THE SWISS. Washington, Jan. 31.—Switzerland has been allotted 40,000 tons of pork and pork products for the remainder of the year to end next September 30. The war trade board so announced today after conferences with the representatives of the British, French and Swiss governments.

Says Italy Will Not Insist On Fiume

London, Jan. 31.—It will be found, says the Paris correspondent of the Evening Standard, that Italy is willing to withdraw her claim to the port of Fiume being made a free port, as the port of Hamburg was a free city before 1870.

VETERAN OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESIGNS

Richard J. Walsh, Lieutenant of No. 1 H. & L. Saw 25 Years of Efficient Service

Richard J. Walsh, plumbing inspector under the Board of Health, yesterday handed in his resignation to the chief of the fire department after having served more than a quarter century with the hook and ladder branch of the service. Mr. Walsh has been satisfactorily filling the position of lieutenant, which is second in command.

A BILLION SPENT IN CANADA FOR SHELLS FOR BRITISH ARMY

Ottawa, Jan. 31.—More than 65,000,000 shells, eight pounders to 9.2 inches calibre were purchased in Canada by the Imperial Munitions Board since December, 1918. The entire output in Canada on behalf of the imperial government for shells alone reached \$847,456,826. To this vast sum must be added the output of the eight-inch and sixteen per cent of the 9.2 inch shells used by the British army. The record of the munitions board that time on was equally creditable.

DEATHS IN FREDERICTON

Fredricton, N. B., Jan. 31.—Nathaniel Cameron, one of Fredericton's oldest residents, died last night at the home of his son-in-law, H. H. McFarlane, in his eighty-seventh year. He was one of the oldest Free Masons of the section of the province. For many years he was a member of the firm of Cameron and McFarlane, proprietors of the National Advertiser, and was also a member of the University of Saskatchewan. He also is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Douglas White of Fredericton, and Mrs. Haverley of Boston.

GIRLS' CONFERENCE

The Girls' Conference, organized under the direction of Co-operation in Girls' Work, opened here today, with a meeting in the laboratory of the National Committee. A large number of delegates have registered and a profitable and successful gathering is anticipated. The national committee is composed of representatives of the Anglican, Presbyterian, Baptist and Methodist churches, the Sunday School Association and the Y. W. C. A., and their aim is to extend the work among girls of the ten ages along lines somewhat similar to those laid down in the standard efficiency tests for boys. The sessions are being held in Centenary church.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director of meteorological service. Synopsis—A complete change has occurred in the west and indications now point to normal winter conditions. The weather is quite cold in Manitoba and Saskatchewan and is becoming colder in Ontario.

JUVENILE COURT

It was said today that if the juvenile court is to be established under the jurisdiction of the municipality, instead of being limited to the city alone, there is not much prospect of its coming into being before next year. The county assessment has been closed and the municipality has no current revenue fund on which to draw to meet the expenses of such a court. The committee, consisting of the city solicitor and the county secretary, to which the matter was referred, has not yet reported.

Death of Walter Paul

Montreal, Jan. 31.—Walter Paul, prominent merchant, citizen and churchman, died last night in his 81st year. He took a prominent part in Presbyterian church circles.

THREATENING SITUATION IN BOTH EAST AND WEST PRUSSIA

Germany Face Bolsheviki In One Place, Poles in The Other

Bombard and Defeat Poles, Who Refuse to Give up Town—Armies Opposing Bolsheviki Said to Be Far Outnumbered

Basle, Jan. 30.—The general situation in East Prussia is very serious. Several Bolsheviki divisions are facing the eighth army and 70,000 are facing the tenth army. The despatch adds that it is feared the German forces will be insufficient to effectively resist.

Paris, Jan. 30.—(By the Associated Press)—Advices from the west Prussian border, where German troops have been dispatched against the Poles, report that the German force had been assigned to commodities loaded at North Atlantic ports.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Lithuanian troops have defeated a Bolsheviki force near Kossyry, said a message received today from the Lithuanian minister at Bern. The message said the Lithuanian army was rapidly gaining in size.

Paris, Jan. 31.—Reports from Berlin by way of Amsterdam stating that Field Marshal von Hindenburg is raising four army corps for the protection of Germany's eastern frontier have attracted considerable attention in military circles. The Allied military men are interested in particular for the reason that if the field marshal were successful in collecting such a body of troops its existence would upset the present calculations of Germany's armed strength, of which the size of the Allied army of occupation is to be based.

DRIVE HIM OUT OF TOWN

Soldiers and Others First Made Man at Owen Sound Sing National Anthem and Kiss Flag

Owen Sound, Ont., Jan. 31.—Some returned soldiers and a large crowd of civilians ran out of the town last night to greet a county council meeting here, but was arrested on Tuesday afternoon by five charges of sedition, and later allowed to return to town.

On his exit from the theatre last night Weber was surrounded and taken to his hotel to collect his belongings. There he was made to kiss the flag and was escorted down Main street amid shouts and yells. A Union Jack was placed in his hands and another draped on his shoulders, and in response to the enthusiastic demands of the crowd he was made to repeat the words of the "God Save the King."

UNIONS CALL ON QUEBEC GOVERNMENT FOR REFORMS

Quebec, Jan. 31.—A monster delegation of members of international unions of the province of Quebec today called on the Gouin cabinet asking laws for the betterment of conditions of the working classes, asking for the creation of a ministry of education, asking for free compulsory education, and also endorsing a movement started for the establishment of compulsory education in the province.

COLONEL REDMAN GIVEN HONORABLE DISCHARGE

Quebec, Jan. 31.—Col. O. Redman, former commanding officer of the 16th Battalion, was honorably discharged today in the police court by Magistrate Cloutier of a charge of forgery in connection with the management of the battalion.

JELICOE TO MAKE CANADIAN VISIT LAST

London, Jan. 31.—(Canadian Press despatch from Reuters' London)—Admiral Lord Jellicoe will start on his tour in connection with an empire naval scheme about Feb. 20. He will go first to India, thence to Australia and later to New Zealand, South Africa and Canada. The tour will occupy fifteen months. Lady Jellicoe accompanies the admiral.

Crisis is Passed At Least Temporarily

"BIG SIX" MAY PILOT GIANTS

Possible Successor to McGraw Who is Now Part Owner

New York, Jan. 31.—Christy Mathewson, idol of New York baseball enthusiasts, for many years, may become manager of the New York Giants, according to reports in well-informed baseball circles here today. While official confirmation of the report is not obtainable, the fact that Pat Moran yesterday signed a contract to succeed Mathewson as manager of the Cincinnati Reds is regarded as significant.

John J. McGraw, who recently acquired part ownership of the Giants, is reported to be anxious to relinquish the burdens of active field management. McGraw and Mathewson have been close friends for years.

WM. F. MADDEN, A FORMER BOXER, KILLED BY BANDITS

Manchester, Conn., Jan. 31.—William F. Madden, chief of the special police force of Cheney Brothers silk mills here, was shot and killed last night when he attempted to arrest four automobile bandits near the mills. One of the men during thirty minutes later. The other three escaped.

FREIGHT RATES FROM SOUTH ATLANTIC PORTS ARE CUT

Washington, Jan. 31.—Sweeping reductions in trans-Atlantic freight rates on commodities carried from South Atlantic and Gulf ports to the United Kingdom, France, Holland and Italy in American bottoms were announced last night by the shipping board. The board made it clear that the rate cuts announced last Monday night applied only to commodities loaded at North Atlantic ports.

GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE CHARGE OF ELECTRICITY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

London, Jan. 31.—(British Wireless Service)—Control of the generation and distribution of electricity throughout the United Kingdom is proposed by a bill now being prepared by the government. Authority over electric supply, which is now vested in the board of trade and other government departments, would be transferred by the bill to a very small board, having probably only five members.

FISHING CREWS WIN BUT COST IS HEAVY

Boston, Jan. 31.—The state board of conciliation and arbitration, after an investigation of a strike of 100 members of the crews of vessels owned by the Bay State Fishing Company, yesterday announced that the vessels should carry larger crews. It was to enforce a demand for additional hands that the fishermen struck a month ago. Since that time state officials have announced that 4,000,000 pounds of fish have been lost to the market, \$200,000 lost to the company and \$75,000 to the strikers.

Denies Gibraltar Report

Paris, Jan. 31.—The report that some arrangement between Great Britain and Spain was in prospect through which Gibraltar would be turned over to Spain's jurisdiction is denied in the Paris edition of the Daily Mail in today's issue.

French Occupy Kehl

Strasbourg, Thursday, Jan. 30.—The thirty-eighth division of the French army today formally occupied the town of Kehl, on the opposite bank of the Rhine from Strasbourg, in accordance with the new armistice terms reached on Jan. 15.

JANUARY BANK CLEARANCES

The St. John bank clearings for January were \$1,822,292 for January, 1918, \$9,497,409, and in 1917, \$8,444,738.

Matter of Future Of The German Colonies

SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

Mention of "Loot Peace" Attributed to Wilson—Reported That a Agreement Has Been Reached on the Colonies Question

Paris, Jan. 31.—(By the Associated Press)—The crisis in the peace negotiations over the disposition to be made of Germany's colonies seems to have passed, momentarily at least. It is too early to say that President Wilson's view has prevailed in its entirety, but in American quarters there is confidence that a compromise plan, which has been accepted in principle, will be worked out with details which will be acceptable to the American viewpoint.

The supreme council of the peace conference today will have before it the very plain statement made by President Wilson at Wednesday's late session. So particular was Mr. Wilson to have an exact record of what he said that soon after entering the meeting he summoned one of his stenographers and kept him at his side during the session. In phrases stripped of diplomatic niceties, it is understood Mr. Wilson told the members of the supreme council he would not accept a league of nations which in effect would guarantee their title. There are inferences that the president even referred to a pact of "loot."

The net result of the last two days of discussion on the German colonies, in the opinion of many Americans here, is to clear the atmosphere generally and to force a clear definition of aims on all sides.

Another Report

Paris, Jan. 31.—The Paris correspondent of the Daily News sends a statement regarding negotiations on the former German colonies.

It is understood that the premiers of Australia, New Zealand and South Africa have agreed upon a scheme respecting what powers should be delegated under the mandatory system, and urging this scheme strongly upon the conference. It would provide practically for freedom of administration on the present dominion plan.

Mr. Balfour has also prepared a strong memorandum on the Wilson system, pointing out the various difficulties in its application and possible ways of overcoming them.

Paris, Jan. 31.—The agreement by the Allied council of ten on the colonial question, says a Havas Agency statement today, provides that territories which are sufficiently civilized to be given an expression of their wishes as to the form of their government will be permitted to live under a protectorate of one or other of the great powers. Arabia and Mesopotamia are considered to be examples of the class.

In the case of the peoples insufficiently developed for self-government, the statement explains, the league shall choose the power most suitable to govern, under certain guarantees to be fixed either by the peace conference or the league. Provisionally the African and the Far Eastern colonies shall be left as they are in control of the powers now occupying them.

As regards Asiatic Turkey, the statement adds, the four great powers are to undertake its administration at once, and the council of ten has asked the Versailles council to submit a report as to the best troops for the occupation of this Turkish area.

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Australia Satisfied? Paris, Jan. 31.—The only government continuing to make formal objection yesterday afternoon to the compromise plan of administering the German colonies was the Australian government, says the Paris edition of the London Daily Mail. Her delegates were declared to regard the ownership of New Guinea as vital to the existence of Australia. Premier Clemenceau, however, the newspaper adds, promised Australia its full support in safeguarding her position.