

WINNIPEG MAY SETTLE STRIKE

WINNIPEG AWAITS COMING OF CABINET MINISTERS

The Intense Strain Has Been Relaxed

SITUATION IS NOW ONLY CONCERNED WITH ORIGINAL STRIKE

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THIRTY RIVER FALLS, Minn., May 22. (By Main Johnson, Staff Correspondent.)—With the disappearance of most of the permit cards and the gradual quieting down of the movement about the migration of authority, the original issue of the strike is again coming prominently to the fore. The latest issue of the Labor News puts before everything else "the absolute necessity of settling once for all the two points at issue. First the right to collective bargaining and, second, the right to living wages." The G.W.V.A. meeting is also considered as most significant, especially in its declaration in favor of compulsory, plenary collective bargaining.

There are many signs that the dictation issue, which was the storm center for several days, is gradually receding. The permit signs have disappeared from trucks and from bread and milk wagons. Gasoline stations are reopened, and delivery of ice has been started. Order is still well maintained, and although general business is absolutely at a standstill, there is no sign of a slight relaxation of the intense strain that has prevailed. The president of the strike committee told the war veterans that there was a possibility of settlement within a few days, but such optimism is by no means universal. There is a widespread feeling among thoughtful men that a crisis has been reached, not only in the strike, industrial life of Winnipeg, but also in the whole question of industrial relations in Canada. These people, although experiencing as much inconvenience as any one and just as anxious for a cessation of the strike, feel that any settlement reached must recognize fundamental rights. They do not want any patched-up peace. Moderation among them is of the opinion that, in so far as the strike is concerned, must be regarded not as revolutionary bodies but as stabilizing institutions, which give employers a collective responsible force with which to deal. Many of these Winnipeg men believe that our whole system of business is bound to change and that it may be the ultimate result that workers will be treated at least to some extent, that the people will rule in politics and that there will be responsible government in industry as well as in politics. These who hold these views, however, do not think any such change is feasible at one stroke. Public opinion is not ready for it and any attempt to enforce it would mean a civil war. They do think, however, that the old order can never be restored and that some direct, advanced step in the direction of industrial democracy must be taken. They may just as well be made now as a result of the Winnipeg strike. That is why they deplore certain statements and acts of the strike committee as all but leaving the latter open to the suspicion of trying to establish a dictatorship at their very first step of power.

The more reasonable attitude of the last day or two is welcomed as an indication that this manifestation was only a temporary one and did not reflect any permanent and determined decision by the whole body of strikers. The Winnipeg situation is undoubtedly complicated by the large numbers of foreigners here. They have not provided the leadership, nor do they form the great mass of trades unionists, but a good many do constitute the active force in the ranks. As long as such men think and act in terms of what was regarded as "Canadianism," there is no objection, but there is apparent in the city, resentment against what is looked upon as undue and irresponsible idealism being fostered by men who have not become acclimated here. Any one can see that one crying need is for some active, constructive measures for securing cooperation of these people, if they are to remain here, in their general national outlook and aspirations.

The arrival of Ministers of Meighen and Robertson is awaited with interest. The government delayed so long in taking any appreciable notice of the Winnipeg trouble that many citizens grew entirely disgusted at it. They looked upon it as either shirking or apathy but now that cabinet ministers are actually near here there is interest as to what they will suggest or try to do. Popular interest centers in the mass meeting of the G.W.V.A. members, which was crowded to the doors and which brought forth keen debates and close arguments, but which finally did result in certain definite decisions. Although the executive was indurated

and the policy of neutrality reaffirmed, it is quite evident that the temper of the meeting was strongly in favor of labor and against capitalist influence. This was shown not only in the decision to call for compulsory collective bargaining of a plenary nature but also in the vote to disassociate with G.W.V.A. from among groups that there was capitalist influence in it. Questions which poured onto the platform from the body of the hall in reference to alleged strikes breaking activities by certain members of the Veterans' Association, showed prevalent drift of opinion.

The strike committee presented its case to the meeting both through and by the medium of the Trades and Labor Council personally and in a letter from the committee. The latter expressed regret for a communication appearing in the Labor News calling for the resignation of the executive of the G.W.V.A. The strike committee said they did not know such a letter was appearing in paper.

Mr. Winnipeg, who was given a tumultuous welcome at beginning of his speech and an even warmer reception at its close, declared the fundamental issue to be that of collective bargaining. The principle had been accepted at peace table by all war boards, and by most employers generally.

The strike leader denied any thought of a strike in Winnipeg and of any ulterior motive in the tie-up. As evidence in support of his view he said that the strike committee had been combining with the mayor and as another thing they had taken the permit labels off bread and milk wagons. They had been put on in the first place by arrangements with the bread manufacturer and dairy companies, so that deliveries would not be molested.

It was W. J. Wilson, M.P.P. for Assiniboia, and a returned officer, who also proposed compulsory collective bargaining and the plan was endorsed by the meeting. The proposal was contained in a letter he had written to the provincial government, calling for a declaration by them that it was a refusal by certain employers to grant plenary collective bargaining that had caused the strike, that the principle should be universally accepted and that the government should make it unlawful for employers to refuse to agree to collective bargaining. Mr. Wilson thought it was quite possible for such legislation would be passed.

Vice-President Newton, of the G.W.V.A., said that most of members of the association were working men and were loyal with all legitimate demands of labor. As an organization, however, he contended they must remain neutral.

William J. Bryan is scheduled to address a public session of the Presbyterian General Assembly in St. Louis to-night.

A Vermont State convention to discuss possible ratification of the League of Nations covenant is to be held to-day at Burlington.



CHINA—LORD HELP THEIR ENEMIES.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

SOCIALIST LEADER NOW AT VERSAILLES

CONFERES WITH GERMAN DELEGATION

VERSAILLES, May 22.—Carl Kautsky, the German Independent Socialist leader, has arrived here and has called for a consultation with the German peace delegation, relative to the propriety of signing the twenty million concessions are made.

COUNCIL CONSIDERED SAAR VALLEY

PARIS, May 22.—The Council of four, of the people conference this morning considered the questions regarding the Saar valley, raised by the recent German note on this subject. The council will, this afternoon, take up the subject of reparations.

SOLDIERS AND WORKERS DEMAND SIGNING OF TREATY

BERLIN (via London) May 22.—Greater Berlin soldiers and workers council today adopted resolution demanding that the peace treaty be signed and appealing to the proletariat of allied countries.

CORONIA IS IN PORT

BROUGHT SEVERAL FAMOUS BATTLES HOME

HALIFAX, May 22.—The transport Coronia, which arrived here last night from England, with the 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st battalions, and the brigade, 2nd division on board, docked this morning shortly after seven o'clock.

ITALY AND GREECE SERIOUSLY DIFFER

Over Landing of Italian Troops in Smyrna

ORLANDA AND VENIZOS CLASH

NEW YORK, May 22.—The Associated Press this morning issued the following statement: Great Britain, France and the United States are reported from Paris to have sent a joint note to Italy asking for an explanation of the landing of Italian troops in Turkey.

Premier Orlando answered the note and it is reported there was a personal clash between him and Premier Venizelos of Greece, which resulted in the latter withdrawing from the meeting of the council.

The difficulty is apparently over the landing of an independent Italian force in the city of Smyrna, which the Allies are trying jointly to pacify, with a view to giving a mandatory to Greece for its administration.

Pte. Chas. Simmons, of Stratford, was lost off the troopship Royal George.

James Giannazzo was found guilty of the murder of Alex. Dutka on March 30 at Guelph.

The Coronia, with Canadian troops, entered Halifax harbor at 12:30 this (Thursday) morning.

Wm. Bailey, of Bradford, a returned soldier, employed as caretaker of the City Hall, committed suicide through despondency.

Chas. keeps a national holiday to-day in honor of the anniversary of the battle of Jutland.

ST. RY MEN ASK FOR AN INCREASE

WANT 35c PER HOUR INSTEAD OF 32c AND TIME AND A HALF FOR OVER-TIME

Schedule of New Power Rates Adopted

At the regular monthly meeting of the Light Commission held last evening and at which all members were present business of a routine nature was transacted.

The Superintendent's reports on the different departments were received all going to show the departments are running along smoothly.

In the Electric Dept. the recommendation to purchase a voltage regulator was left until more definite data could be secured from the Hydro Commission although the Commission favored the purchase providing it would improve the service. The increase of consumers, residential, commercial and of power was most gratifying.

In the Gas Dept. a satisfactory increase in consumers was also noticeable.

The Street Railway Dept. report showed a net profit of \$59,008 over operating expenses, debenture interest and depreciation, while the number of passengers carried during the month of April was 143,477, being an increase over the corresponding month of last year of over 30 per cent.

Ask Increase

A petition was received from the motormen and conductors asking for an increase in wages from 32¢ per hour to 35¢ per hour, with time and a half for Sundays and overtime.

The matter was left in the hands of the Superintendent who will take the matter up with other cities where increases have taken place and find out the rate paid.

The advertisement defines the conditions on which citizens may apply and announces that the City Clerk will receive them from to-day until noon of Thursday next, May 29.

His office will be daily open from 9 o'clock a.m. until 5 o'clock p.m. and on Friday, May 23 and on Wednesday, May 28, until 9 o'clock in the evening to receive signatures.

Those who desire to share in the provincial housing loan and have homes erected and can comply with the regulations drawn by the Council are recommended to sign the petition.

There are doubtless many persons who are presently living in rented homes, who could put up the 15 or 20 per cent. as the case may be, or who own a lot equaling value the percentage limits.

Were these to build under the Housing Act, it would release a house for some one who cannot make the grade.

It is advisable that all who desire to build and can furnish the guarantee required, should sign the roll. Unless the response is fairly large, the Council will not consider itself justified in taking definite action.

MUNICIPALITIES ASKED TO CONSIDER QUESTION

Hydro Commission Calls Meeting for Next Week

A Strike Would Not Cripple The Hydro

In order to deal with the situation created by the demands of the employees in the Niagara district a conference of the representatives of the municipalities in the Hydro Electric zone has been called by Sir Adam Beck, the chairman of the Hydro Electric Power Commission in Toronto next Wednesday.

This morning the following telegram was received by City Clerk A.H. Miller:

"The Niagara District Trades and Labor Federation have demanded for the laborers in this district including those employed on the Queenston-Chippewa development an eight hour day with 10 hours pay."

Owing to war conditions and the increased cost of material, labor and duty, the cost of the development, notwithstanding the installation of special electric machinery to the purpose of economizing the output, will exceed the 1915 estimate approximately \$7,000,000. If the demands of the Federation are granted it will seriously interfere with the completion of the work and will add another \$5,000,000 to the cost.

The delay in completion will seriously affect the city of Toronto as the necessary power will not be available to provide for the taking over of the Toronto street railway system in 1921. The Commission's operations in the Ontario Power Company's plant and the transmission stations advise the Commission that, although they have no grievance as to hours

for work and rate of pay, owing to having affiliated with the Niagara District Trades and Labor Federation they will be obliged to join them which will seriously affect the supply of 100,000 horsepower to the municipalities and 60,000 horsepower to the Ontario, Niagara and Lockport Company.

The Commission desires that you send representatives to a meeting to be held in the Commission's office in Toronto on Wednesday next, May 28th at two o'clock to determine the course to be pursued and the advisability of submitting the matter to a board of conciliation. Answer"

The foregoing message was handed over to Mayor Green, who will confer with the Light Commission and the Aldermen regarding the matter of sending representatives to this meeting in Toronto.

Service Would Not Be Interrupted

Regarding the situation Superintendent V.S. MacIntyre of the local Commission has been keeping in close touch with Toronto and Dundas.

"Since last evening when I had a conversation with Toronto I have not heard anything. The two parties were having a conference," he remarked.

"There is nothing to worry about even if there is a strike. It requires only about twenty five operators to run the plant at the Falls and there are enough engineers down there to do that."

"Will it did they expect a strike last evening, when you were in touch with Toronto?"

"No they did not expect one but looked towards a settlement."

WIRE NEWS IN BRIEF

From Many Quarters

MRS. CASEY OF NAPANEE IS DEAD

KINGSTON, Ont., May 22.—Mrs. Casey, wife of the late Thomas Casey, for many years publisher of the Canadian official organ of the Independent Order of Good Templars in the seventies and eighties, died very suddenly at Napanee aged 82 years. A family of four daughters and one son survive.

NUPTIAL EVENT

Rock-Yankee

A nuptial event of interest took place in the city at three o'clock this afternoon when two well-known young people of the city were the contracting parties. The groom was Mr. Clayton Beck and the bride Nellie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Yanke, 280 Frederick Street.

The event was solemnized at the home of the bride by Rev. J. Maurer, pastor of the First English Lutheran Church.

The bride was prettily attired in a white gown. She was attended by her sister, Miss Miss Yanke, who also was gowned in white. The groom was supported by Mr. Sanford Beck, a brother. The dining room was prettily decorated with ferns and the tables with pink and white. About forty guests from the city, Toronto and Warsaw, N.Y., and other places were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Beck left on a honeymoon trip for the East after which they will take up their residence at 15 Hilda Place, city. The congratulations of many friends go out to them.

HIGH WINDS STOP HC-4'S FLIGHT

WILL NOT MAKE ATTEMPT EARLY TO-DAY

WASHINGTON, May 22.—High winds to-day again prevented the naval seaplane N. C.-4 from leaving Ponto del Gado for Lisbon on the second leg of her trans-Atlantic flight.

Canada is to remain dry for at least year at least.



LIEUT. BROOKE HEDGE-PEARSON, Canadian aviator, who has done a year's instructing at the Central Flying School, England, and is now a test pilot in France.

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