

The Liberals of London Meet Tonight in Hyman Hall

BRITISH FACING GRAVEST CRISIS IN YEARS BY THE STRIKE OF 200,000 RAILWAYMEN

Troops Pouring Into the
Great Cities To Cope
With Expected
Rioting.

GOVT. WORKING
FOR PEACE

Many Union Men on Scottish
Roads Refuse To Quit—
Disorders at Sheffield
—Manchester Is
Short of Food.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Aug. 18.—At noon the strike ordered last night by the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants and allied organizations of employees had been only a partial success. Some of the railway lines were operating very few trains, while on other roads the service continued practically normal.

The military held possession of the stations along the lines, not for the purpose of preventing the strike, but to protect men desiring to work and to guard the property of the companies.

Government Works for Peace.

Meantime the Government continued its efforts to avert the general stoppage of the transport service of the country. Sydney Buxton, president of the board of trade, who had an early morning call from Viscount Richard D. Haldane, secretary of state for war, again met the railroad managers, and the officials of the union were in session at Unity Hall considering the Government's suggestion for the appointment of a royal commission, which would investigate and report what amendments, if any should be made to the conciliation agreement now existing between the owners and the employees, as explained by Chancellor David Lloyd George in the House of Commons last night.

When the suggestion of a royal commission was made by Premier Asquith yesterday it was accepted by the managers but rejected by the men, who seemed to feel that such an arrangement would mean a long delay in the adjustment of their grievances.

Lloyd George to Rescues.

The chancellor stated that the men had misunderstood the Premier's proposal. It was intended, he said, to give them fair play and not to lure out of their hands the great weapon of striking. The plan was to appoint a commission of three, one from the railway companies, one from the strikers, and the third, the chairman, a man well-known for his impartiality. Its members would be appointed on Saturday and its deliberations begin on Monday. The chancellor said that he had not given up hope that the employees would accept this arrangement when its purposes were thoroughly understood.

The statement of the chancellor had much to do with preventing a general response to the leaders' call for a strike. Many, even of the union, were reluctant to quit so long as there was a possibility of their grievances being considered by an impartial body.

Some five thousand troops arrived in London during the night, and early morning found them encamped at points where they were able to protect the lines of communication, according to a plan worked out months ago by a commission composed of railway and military men appointed to adopt a scheme for protecting these lines in the event of a foreign invasion.

The plan worked perfectly last night, and long before Londoners were about this morning, the various military units were at their posts.

Shoot To Kill.

Should the strike become general, the soldiers could help but little in moving the trains, as there are only three railway companies of royal engineers. They, however, are able to protect the roads and the men working. The orders to the military officers in this connection are strict. There is to be no firing over the heads of the mobs in case of a riot, but after the riot act has been read ball cartridges, with a hundred rounds of which each soldier has been supplied, are to be used.

The troops were placed chiefly in the passenger and freight depots, and at the signal boxes, some of which already have been disconnected by wire-cutting and attacked by mobs, and at tunnels, bridges and workshops. At each point one or two men stood guard with drawn bayonets. While the rest of the company busied themselves with their horses and accoutrements, six hundred men surrounded the general post office to prevent interference with the mail carts, further emphasizing the military control in London.

A little company of uniformed men took up a stand in the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral, from which they Continued on Page Ten.

CHECKS FOR ENUMERATORS WILL BE IN LONDON SHORTLY

Londoners Notified That Checks Have Been Sent to Accountant
at Ottawa for Signature, and Payment Will
Soon Be Made.

Mr. W. A. Eastwood, one of the men engaged in the taking of the census in June, who wired Ottawa to learn when the pay checks will be received in London, today received a reply from the department stating that the checks had been sent to the accountant this week and they will be forthcoming immediately.

While it was contained in the regulations that all records should be re-

NOTED AUTHOR TAKES HER LIFE

Mrs. Myrtle Reed McCullough
Suicides at Chicago.

HER BOOKS WIDELY READ

In Note Left Servant Intimates Act
Was Due to Husband's Behavior.

[Canadian Press.]

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 18.—Mrs. Myrtle Reed McCullough, author of "Lavender and Old Lace," "Love Letters of a Musician," "Love Affairs of Literary Men," and many other books, was found dead at her home last night, and reports to the police indicated that death was caused by an overdose of sleeping powders, taken with suicidal intent.

Mrs. McCullough's body was found by Miss Anna Larsen, her maid, to whom she left a note and a check for \$1,000. Mrs. McCullough was 37 years old and was born in Chicago.

That death was intentional was indicated by the following note, which the writer left on her maid's dresser:

"Dear Annie—I am leaving you a check for \$1,000 for your true and faithful service during four years. If my husband had been as kind to me and as considerate as you, I would not be going where I am.—(Signed), Mrs. Mac."

The reference to her husband in the note was a surprise to friends of Mrs. McCullough. "Paradise Flat," as her home is known, long had been a favorite gathering-place for a select circle of the writer's acquaintances.

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PERCY SHOTT IN A SERIOUS CONDITION

Street Railway Conductor Has
Not Regained Consciousness.

Conductor Percy Shott, of the London street railway, who was struck on the head by a post near the first cove yesterday morning, remains in a very critical condition at Victoria Hospital. He has never recovered consciousness, and the attending physician, Dr. Crosby, has a very serious night, and his condition today shows no improvement in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mrs. Allen Karm, of Ealing, who fell off a car on Horton street, on Wednesday evening, is still unconscious. She has been so now for thirty-six hours, and her condition is also regarded as critical.

Fred Johnson, who was injured by a brick kiln collapsed and killed James Crosby, had a very serious night, and his condition today shows no improvement in St. Joseph's Hospital.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Cooler.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Aug. 18—5 a.m. Today—Moderate to fresh westerly to northerly winds; a few scattered showers today, but generally fine and a little cooler.

Saturday—Moderate winds; fine and comparatively cool.

TEMPERATURES.

Following are the highest temperatures yesterday and the lowest this morning:

Station	High	Low	Wind	Cloud
Toronto	78	52	Clear	
Windsor	70	48	Clear	
Winnipeg	70	48	Clear	
Port Arthur	72	46	Clear	
Perry Sound	70	44	Fair	
Toronto	86	63	Clear	
Ottawa	76	54	Clear	
Montreal	76	54	Clear	
Quebec	72	54	Clear	
Lower St. Lawrence	72	54	Clear	

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Highest and lowest temperatures in London on Thursday, 17—

TODAY'S PROBS.

Western Ontario—Moderate to fresh westerly to northerly winds; a few scattered showers today, but generally fine; not much change in temperature.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Moderate to fresh westerly to northerly winds; generally fair; not much change in temperature.

A Liberal Candidate To Be Chosen

The Liberals of London will meet in Hyman Hall at 8 o'clock tonight to consider the naming of a candidate for the House of Commons in the coming elections.

At the last meeting, a committee was named to wait upon possible candidates, and this committee will make its recommendation tonight.

Reciprocity will be discussed, as will all other political subjects of the hour.

Every Liberal in London is expected to be present.

CHURCHILL ISSUES WARNING TO DISORDERLY ELEMENTS

Declares That the Government at All Cost Will Keep Open
Transportation Lines—Commons To Sit Until
Situation Is Cleared.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Aug. 18.—So critical does the Government regard the strike situation, and so urgent may be the need of instant legislation, that the cabinet suddenly decided that afternoon that Parliament should not adjourn today, as had been arranged.

Chancellor David Lloyd George, who was leading the Government forces in the House of Commons, in the absence of Premier Asquith, made the announcement just before the lower chamber's session was suspended for luncheon. He stated:

"In view of the very troubled and critical situation in the industrial world, it will be very inadvisable for the House to separate, at any rate for a few days, until we realize just what possibilities there are of effecting some settlement."

Replying to a question regarding the progress of the peace negotiations, Mr. Churchill said that he had been told to say that any statement on the subject would not be advanced by any discussion at this time.

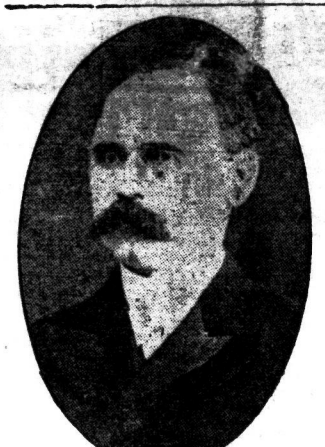
Reviewing the situation in the provinces, the home secretary said:

"At Liverpool the night passed quietly. There were no riots, but the sanitary situation is very serious."

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C. P. R. Man Killed in Yard

Fred Wise, a C. P. R. lampighter, was instantly killed in the yards at 3 o'clock this afternoon. He was riding a railway velocipede, when he was run down by the eastbound express.



MR. C. M. BOWMAN, M. P.
Nominated Yesterday By North Bruce
Liberals For Legislature.

MANITOBA ELECTION MAY BE POSTPONED

Voters' Lists Have Been Re-
fused Liberals, Although
Out Three Weeks.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Winnipeg, Aug. 18.—In consequence of the Liberals having been refused Manitoba voters' lists, although they have been printed by the Provincial Government for over three weeks, and are in the hands of a large number of their own party supporters, it is probable that Manitoba elections will be postponed, and will not be held on Sept. 21.

ANGRY WITH HUSBAND CARRIES LOADED GUN

The Regular Instalment From
Separated Spouse Hadn't
Turned Up.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, Aug. 18.—Angry because she did not get her regular instalment of \$20 this month from her husband, from whom she was separated, led to the arrest this morning of Mrs. Jordan on a charge of carrying concealed weapons. She was told yesterday that the money had not been sent, because her husband wanted to see the birth certificate of the child the woman had just given birth to. When she heard this, she threatened to take legal action. This morning she went to the staff inspector's office and again became angry. She demanded that the money be given her, and then opened her satchel. Before she could do anything the staff inspector spied the revolver, and took it from her. It was loaded in five chambers. She was remanded this morning for a week.

BARROW IS INVESTIGATING.

Baltimore, Md., Aug. 17.—President Ed. Barrow, of the Eastern League, came here today to investigate the assault on Umpire Hart after yesterday's game between Rochester and Baltimore. He offered a reward of \$200 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who struck Hart with a bottle and rendered him unconscious.

A large detail of police was present at the ball grounds today to preserve order. Hart and Kerin umpired the game but there was no disturbance.

LONDON IS GREATLY INTERESTED IN BIG STRIKE IN GREAT BRITAIN

Local Manufacturers and Wholesale Men Are Watching With
Much Interest the Progress of the Big Tie-Up.

Local manufacturers and wholesale men throughout the city are watching with a great deal of anxiety the progress of the big shippers' strike in Great Britain.

Even as far as it has progressed it means considerable loss and delay to them, and should the trouble be protracted it will have disastrous effects on many lines of business.

The wholesale drygoods houses are perhaps more vitally affected than any other of London's business firms. They do an enormous business with the big British houses, and large shipments are constantly on the way.

Hope for Settlement.

"We are hoping the trouble will be settled in a very short time," said Mr. Struthers to The Advertiser this afternoon. "If it is not the affect upon business will be most serious. We have many shipments upon the way to meet the demands of the fall trade, and if they are held up very long the delay will be very bad for business."

company's team made four more runs, Peltz and Yonkers, and Ruddy and Holman scoring in pairs, the last run being made possible by a heavy hit by Hauke.

In the seventh inning, the Furniture Company scored again, Staffier running in place of Rupel, and bringing in a score on a heavy hit by Tryce.

In the eighth inning, Baez, of the Felt Company, made one more run for his team, making the score in their favor, seven to four.

The ninth inning was short and fast, neither team scoring.

Fritz Rodman, of Berlin, made an efficient umpire to the satisfaction of both sides.

Afternoon Programs.

This afternoon a program of sports commenced at 2 o'clock, for which valuable prizes of felt boots, overcoats, and cigars, will be awarded. In addition to the usual races of the ordinary picnic there are horse-racing, a one-mile long distance race, a burlesque of the Johnson-Jeffries fight, a baseball match between the Rubber Company and the Berlin and Kimmel Felt Company, a tug-of-war, a football match between picked teams from Berlin and Elmira, and a prize drawing this evening for which each employee of the different factories has been given a ticket by the consolidated companies.

This afternoon Berlin and London met in the Canadian League ball game, and the grandstand was gay with the green and white colors of Berlin, and the yellow badges of the excursionists. The Berlin team were made to feel at home by the cheers of the Berlin rooters in the good old German tongue.

This evening in Springbank Park a band concert will be given by the London City Band, and a programme of vocal solos and recitations will be included by local talent. There will be dancing this afternoon and evening in the pavilion.

The employees of five large concerns in all are among the Berlin excursionists. The different concerns are: The Berlin and the Merchants Rubber Companies, of which T. H. Rieder is manager, and the Berlin Felt Company, the Kimmel Felt Company, and the Berlin Felt Boot Company, of which A. J. Kimmel is general manager. The manager of the Elmira Felt Company is Armand Kimmel, while Oscar Rumpel is manager of the Berlin Felt Boot Company. The Berlin and Merchants Rubber Companies employ some four hundred persons, while there are about one hundred and fifty names on the payrolls of each of the felt factories.

The following are the names of the committee in charge:

The Committee.

Advertising Committee—A. T. Knechtel (chairman), John Holts.

Transportation Committee—A. W. Young (chairman), L. Pequegnat, A. Kimmel, A. A. Voelker.

Programme Committee—F. Roschman (chairman), C. Engeler, Ed. Stuebner, John Holts, C. Massel, G. Engeler.

Photographers—G. A. Schmidt, H. C. Meth.

Musical Committee—H. Zeller (chairman), H. Wuest.

Provision Committee—J. Oliver (chairman), J. K. Master.

Executive Committee—J. I. F. Anthes (chairman), A. W. Young, A. A. Voelker, O. Rumpel.

TENNIS TOURNAY

The semi-finals in the London tennis tournament, being played at the London Bowling and Rowing Club greens, are to go on this afternoon, the elimination sets having been completed yesterday. It is expected that the finals will proceed tomorrow.

Yesterday's scores follow:

Open singles—Boucher beat Wright 6-4, 6-0; Bayly beat Ferguson 6-0, 6-4.

Mixed doubles—Judd and Miss Munro defeated Saunders and Miss Spence 6-4, 8-6; Skinner and Miss Craig defeated Fetherston and Miss Saunders 6-2, 7-5.



MR. JOHN TORMIE,
North Bruce Liberal Nominée for the
Commons.

A LENIENT VIEW OF THIS CASE

A couple of evenings ago Sergt. Birrell found a South London woman, who was recently placed upon the Indian list because she had contracted the habit of drinking alcohol, in a back room of the City Hotel.

Today she appeared before Magistrate Judd, charged with breaking the license laws by being in a hotel. She explained to the court that she had been taken ill and had gone into the room to sit down for a few minutes until she recovered.

"My information," said the court, "is that you have been living up to the promise you made me recently not to touch any more alcohol, and I want to help you. If I fine you, your husband will only have to pay it, and your little children will suffer. I am going to believe your story and let you go."

MR. BORDEN'S SPEECH TOO MUCH FOR HIM

Harry Hunt, who works on a farm near the city, was taken to a hospital at the police court today that he came to town to hear Mr. R. L. Borden on Wednesday night. Hunt was up yesterday for being drunk and was let go on condition that he get out of town.

"You had \$2 when I discharged you yesterday," said the magistrate. "You were back in less than two hours with \$2, a big bottle of whiskey and a jag. I am going to fine you \$10 or 15 days."

HAMILTON HUN. HAS BACK BROKEN

Foreigners' Row Over Money
Ended In Fatal Injuries.

[Canadian Press.]

Hamilton, Aug. 18.—Although Toddlie Bovel, the Roumanian whose back was broken in a foreigners' row last night, was still living this morning, the hospital authorities say that he has not a chance of recovery, and that his death is but a matter of a short time. Mike Zima, suspected of being the man who caused the injuries, and who is held on an open charge, was remanded at police court today. Two other Hungarians, eye-witnesses to the affair, are held as witnesses. Bovel was worth \$10,000, and the police believe the row was over money.