

GENERAL STRIKE FEARED IN BRITAIN; TROOPS ARE MASSING NOW IN LONDON

Railway and Transport Workers Will Decide Policy at Meeting Held Today—Drag Engineers Away from Mines Which Are Flooding Fast—Riots Break Out in Several Places and Police Are Beaten by the Miners—Trade May Go into United States' Hands.

London, April 5.—The stoppage of all coal mining in Great Britain is an accomplished fact and the question the public is considering anxiously to-night is whether the paralysis will extend to the railways and other means of transport and even spread among the workers generally.

Both Houses of Parliament discussed the situation today without taking any steps to relieve it. The National Transport Workers' Federation delegates conferred without reaching a decision as to whether to call a strike in that line in support of the miners. The three branches of the Triple Alliance, the railwaymen, the transport workers and the miners will meet separately tomorrow, which promises to be a decisive day.

Threat to Ruin Mines.

The most serious feature of the position continues to be the threat of ruin of the mines by flooding. The miners took strong measures in several places today against the owners, who are pocketing their property. There was a successful attack on the guardian of an important mine near Edinburgh, Scotland.

A thousand miners marched to the pit head of the Ocean Collieries, in Rhondda, Wales, and successfully demanded the withdrawal of all officials working the pumps. The refusal in several towns has refused the application of striking miners for employment pay.

Transportation Men.

Four hundred delegates representing thirty-five unions and half a million workers attended the meeting of the Transporters' delegates which was preceded by a session of their executive committee. The interests of the different unions in the transport federation do not always coincide and it is reported that they are considering other measures to help the miners as an alternative to striking, the measure being a refusal to transport coal. Some scattering unions in other trades are asking whether they should permit the use of stored coal in factories.

Report of factories closing continues to be published but it is impossible to estimate the extent to which industry is suffering through the strike crisis, because temporary closing and short time have been extremely common recently. The attitude of the public and workers seemingly is that this is as good a time as any for breaking out the vital problem of reduced wages.

Westmorland Wants Moncton Shiretown

Prefers This to Having Cut Made into a Separate Municipality.

Moncton, April 5.—At a special meeting of the municipal council of Westmorland held at Dorchester last afternoon for the purpose of considering legislation asked for by the City of Moncton, providing for the separation of the city from the county, the council passed a resolution advising the legislature to amend the Moncton bill so as to make Moncton City a shiretown instead of making it a separate municipality. This action on the part of the majority of the council was satisfactory to the Moncton representatives present.

No Longer Delay In G. T. R. Arbitration

Ottawa, April 5.—Hon. Arthur Meighen, prime minister, stated in the House of Commons today that while the government had no official information that the Grand Trunk Railway had defaulted interest payments of April 1st, that this probably was the case. Mr. Meighen said that owing to the dilatory methods employed in preparing and conducting the arbitration proceedings, the government felt that a further extension of time, involving further government financing of the road with the Grand Trunk in control should not be granted, unless control of the road was handed over to the Government within the time contemplated in the original agreement. Arrangements for the arbitration proceedings were to be completed and the award made within nine months from the commencement of the proceedings.

ASKING ABOUT ROADS

Ottawa, April 5.—In the Senate to-night Senators (New Brunswick), Givnor (Nova Scotia), Sharpe (Manitoba), and Barnard (British Columbia), gave notice of an inquiry regarding the agreement to spend Federal money on highways, the roads, and the amounts expended in their respective provinces.

Bricks And Guns In Boston Strike

Police Reserves Called and Several Arrests Made in Builders' Trade.

Boston, April 5.—Disturbances again marked the employment of non-union men on building trade jobs today. In East Boston and in the Back Bay groups of sympathizers with the union men were involved in disorders that necessitated the calling of police reserves. Bricks were thrown and revolvers were drawn in the East Boston disturbances. Several arrests were made.

COAL CONTROL LOSS MILLION POUNDS WEEKLY

Nation Could Not Stand the Strain Statement of Lloyd George.

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Trade Goes to America.

New York, April 5.—The United States bids fair to win the English coal export trade, if the present strike in Great Britain lasts any length of time, said a statement issued here tonight by the wholesale trade coal association.

Bishops Plead For Peace in Ireland

Nine Heads of Protestant Churches Endorse Appeal Made Recently.

London, April 5.—Endorsing the Archbishop of Canterbury's recent protest in the House of Lords against the situation in Ireland, nine bishops and heads of the principal non-conformist churches in Great Britain have sent a letter to the Prime Minister and the Secretary, pleading for peace in Ireland.

GREAT FOSSIL FOUND.

Barboursville, W. Va., April 5.—What is believed to be the fossil remains of a giant prehistoric animal or reptile was uncovered on the farm of Preston Ballard, on Carver creek. Only the jaws have thus far been examined, and these are three feet long and contain ferocious-looking teeth. The skeleton was unearthed in soil that appears to have been once the bed of a river.

WAR VETERAN KILLED

Ottawa, April 5.—Captain J. A. LeBlond, M. C. of Ottawa, has been killed in an aeroplane accident at Camp Borden, according to information received here today. The late Captain LeBlond made an enviable record in the Canadian Air Force in the Great War and was officially credited with crashing seven enemy planes. A widow and two children survive.

EUROPE MARKETS POOR.

Sydney, N. S., April 5.—The countries of continental Europe are in a frightful state of depression. Great Britain is the one bright spot over there and Canada is a paradise compared with any of them.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA

New Brunswick Legislature passes a motion to have a vote in the province on the question of liquor importation. House of Commons spends all day in a discussion of the C. N. R. and the C. G. M. M. Houston declares all C. N. R. shops will cut to a three-day week or reduce the staff forty per cent. The "Impoco" is ashore on Blonde Rock, N. S. Two Canadian residents of Edmonton, are held at St. John for deportation as "undesirable Socialists."

BRITISH ISLES

Military is massing in London in anticipation of trouble with coal men. Lloyd George tells the Commons that government control of the mines was resulting in a weekly loss to nation of one million pounds.

UNITED STATES

Forty-two mineuters from the "Manos," on route to St. John, will reach Providence today in iron.

CANADIANS ARE REFUSED RIGHT TO LAND HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Mallard of Edmonton, Now in St. John, to be Deported.

Winnipeg, April 5.—On the grounds that they are "undesirable Socialists" the immigration authorities have ordered the deportation of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mallard, Edmonton, according to information received by James Law, secretary of the Canadian Workers' Defence League. Mr. and Mrs. Mallard went to the old country in December. On March 31st a wire was received from Mr. Mallard to the effect that their right to land at St. John, N. B., on their return had been challenged and they were being held pending investigation. Counsel was engaged by the league and on Saturday last a wire was received to the effect that Mr. and Mrs. Mallard had been ordered deported. The case is being appealed by the league.

CLAIM RESIDENCE IN THE DOMINION

Charge is That They Are Undesirable Socialists—Held Since March 31.

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Blame Carvell For Few Coal Orders

So Miners Ask Provincial Government of Nova Scotia to Seek Federal Orders.

Sydney, N. S., April 5.—Because they hold the Carvell embargo of last year responsible for the present depression in the Cape Breton coal industry, the miners of Pictou, Scotland province, which has been working on very short time, today by resolution, requested the assistance of the provincial government in urging the federal authorities to place substantial C. N. R. fuel orders in the island coal fields.

Allyes Are Threatened

Constantinople, April 5.—The security of the Allies occupying Constantinople is believed by some to be threatened unless the Greeks are able to hold firmly the Turkish Nationalists. The Allies are considering the employment of their fleets to protect Madania and Laid.

HUNTERS' BODIES FOUND

Syracuse, N. Y., April 5.—The bodies of three Cortland hunters, missing since November 5, were found at Long Lake West at 10 o'clock this morning. The men were W. G. Perkins of Little York, A. D. Perkins and Joseph Sharpe of Cortland. On the night of November 5 their overturned boat was found in Third Pond, near Long Lake West.

GRAND FALLS DELEGATES

Fredericton, N. B., April 5.—The advance guard of the Grand Falls delegation arrived here tonight for the hearing before the corporations committee tomorrow of the Grand Falls Company's bill for extension of their power rights for two years.

CANDIDATES GIVEN LAST VOTE OFFER

Last Vote Schedule of Contest Will be Quadrupled—Four Times/Regular Number.

MAXWELL OFFER ENDS ON MONDAY

No More Special Prize Offers—Which Contestant Will Win the Special Maxwell?

As a result of the numerous requests that have reached the Automobile and Movie Star Department from the contestants for an extension of the Maxwell offer, the contest manager announced today that he would quadruple the last vote schedule of the contest and that from now until the closing hour of the contest the following vote schedule would be in force.

The Last Vote Schedule.	
6 Months	15,000 votes
1 Year	60,000 votes
2 Years	150,000 votes
3 Years	270,000 votes
4 Years	405,000 votes
5 Years	540,000 votes

Quadruple votes will be given on the 10,000 votes for new subscriptions of a year or longer in length. Quadruple votes will also be given on second payment subscriptions.

AT THE IMPERIAL TODAY

As all star cast in "Behold My Wife."

AT THE QUEEN SQUARE TODAY

Kathleen Calvert in "The Character of Kathleen Ruth."

AT THE UNIQUE TODAY

Wallace Reid in "The Charm School."

OPERA HOUSE TODAY

Vaudeville and feature picture.

Prince Will Wed N. Y. Sculptress

Alphonse Louis Jerome de Bourbon is to Marry Mrs. B. K. Archibald.

New York, April 5.—Prince Alphonse Louis Jerome de Bourbon, cousin of King Alfonso of Spain, the most distinguished of the Spanish diplomatic mission and remained for a matrimonial one. He is to be married to Mrs. B. K. Archibald, a sculptress of English birth, who has lived in New York the last ten years.

Budget Date Not Decided By Cabinet

Ottawa, Ont., April 5.—In the House this afternoon Sir Henry Dronach, minister of finance, informed Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, leader of the opposition, that he was unable to announce a definite date, and regretted to inform the House that he could not give the date approximately for the bringing down of the budget.

DENY IMPORTING MEN.

Sydney, N. S., April 5.—"Hot air" was the laconic comment of a high official of the Dominion Steel Corporation tonight, when shown a despatch from Ottawa alleging that a number of Englishmen lured to this country by promises of high pay are now stranded and broke in Glace Bay.

PRINCE NOT KILLED

Paris, April 5.—The Greek legation here today denied reports that Prince Andreas of Greece, brother of King Constantine, had died from wounds received while fighting in Asia Minor. Prince Andreas has not left Athens, the legation declared.

Sailors Who Mutiny Are in Irons Now

"Manos" Crew Due at Providence With 41 of Crew in Shackles.

Providence, R. I., April 5.—The steamship Britannia, due to dock here tomorrow has aboard 41 men in iron, the alleged mutinous crew of the steamer Manos. The Manos was forced into Horta, bound from France to St. John in February according to wireless information today from the American Consul at Horta. United States mail on the Manos was rifled during the mutiny.

THREE-DAY WEEK FOR ALL C. N. R. SHOPS NEW RULE

Alternative Was a Forty Per Cent. Reduction in All Staff.

FEDERATED TRADES TO DISCUSS CASE

Entire System to be Included in the Proposed Regulations.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, N. B., April 5.—That a further reduction in working hours in C. N. R. shops all over the system is not yet known. Mr. Meighen's proposal was confirmed by officials here tonight. The report is that the shop men at Moncton, St. Malo, Leaside, Strathcona and other places will be asked to accept a cut in working hours to three days a week, the alternative being a forty per cent reduction in the employees.

Were Roped Together Recalling The Alps

Mother Took No Chances of Losing Any of Children in New York.

New York, April 5.—Eight children who were brought ashore in Alpine mountain-climber formation, each tied by a rope to the others, are on their way to the Great West today. The rope was attached to their mother, Mrs. Thora Jensen as she came down the gangplank of the Scandinavian American liner United States when it docked at Hoboken.

Glace Bay Catholics Have Own Inspector

Glace Bay, N. S., April 5.—Because they are dissatisfied with the manner in which the Nova Scotia Temperance Act is being enforced here, the three local branches of the League of the Cross, a Catholic Temperance Society, have decided to appoint their own inspector. They propose to pay his salary out of their own funds, only asking the town authorities to clothe him with the necessary legal powers.

Turks Make Drive On The Persians

London, April 5.—A Renter despatch reports a Turkish invasion of Persia in the vicinity of Lake Urmiah. The despatch says that details are lacking, but that it appears the Turks have defeated small forces of Persians and Cossacks.

DISPUTE CLOSES MINE

Sydney Mines, N. S., April 6.—Owing to a dispute over prices which makes uncertain the renewal of a C. P. R. contract usually signed up on April 1 of each year, Jubilee colliery of the Scotia Company is idle and there is some uncertainty as to when work will be resumed.

WANTS BOARD FOR PROBE OF NATIONS RAILS

All Day Discussion in Commons on C. N. R. and C. G. M. M.

HON. MR. McLEAN LEADS ATTACK

Suggests a Board of Twenty-Five or Thirty-Five Members to Do Work.

Ottawa, Ont., April 5.—The "standing gravity" of the railway situation was much before parliament today. Both the Senate and the House opened with echoes of Grand Trunk difficulties. In the Upper House, Senator Casgrain gave notice that on Thursday he would call attention to G. F. R.; in the lower, the prime minister referred to the "dilatory methods" of the Grand Trunk in preparing for the arbitrated proceedings.

For a time the House passed from railway issues to discussion of the point whether the salary of Sir Louis Davies, Chief Justice of Canada, should or should not be subject to taxation.

Premier's Suggestions

Then, on a supply motion, the House was again in the railway "impasse." Hon. A. K. Maclean (Halifax) submitted an amendment, calling for the appointment of a committee to inquire into railways and merchant ships owned, operated and controlled by the government. Mr. Maclean's amendment followed the main lines of a motion he has had on the order paper for some time, but withdrew yesterday to make way for his amendment today. The idea is that through it information of the situation may be secured from the operating committees.

Red Flag Hoisted By Scottish Miners

Manager Who Refused to Desert the Pumps Cause of Big Outbreak.

London, April 5.—Rioting broke out tonight in connection with the coal strike in Cowdenbeath in Fife, Scotland, according to a Central News despatch from Dundee. The police attacked the strikers with batons but the strikers hoisted the Red Flag and besieged the police station. The situation is assuming a critical aspect, the despatch says. The trouble arose when the strikers captured the under-manager of a mine, who refused to cease manning the pumps. The police responded to a call for aid and rescued the man but the police were surrounded by the miners, whose forces had by this time been increased to thousands.

Viscount Astor Has Resigned

London, April 6.—The resignation of Viscount Astor as parliamentary secretary to the ministry of health is officially announced. Viscount Astor has been in Egypt and is reported to be suffering from lung trouble.

Viscount Astor is the son of the late William Waldorf Astor, who succeeded his father on the latter's death in 1919 in the title of Viscount Astor of Hever, Suffolk.