

Railway Shopmen In Canada Not Anxious To Declare Strike

LEWIS CALLS ON OPERATORS TO HOLD JOINT CONFERENCE

New York.—Interstate Commerce Commission declared emergency on east of the Mississippi River on railways as first step by the government toward control of coal distribution.

John L. Lewis, head of the striking miners, said that government's "fantastic schemes" to reopen the coal mines had contributed toward a pending fuel famine and renewed invitation to operators to settle the strike by joint conference.

Calling of a special session of the Indiana legislature to repeal the miners' qualification law and to enact such other legislation as necessary to meet the coal strike situation was suggested to Governor McCray.

Kentucky troops are ordered out following alleged threats against non-union men at Fonda.

Coal Imports a Joke.

Importation of British mined bituminous coal to avert a fuel famine among American industries "is so apparently futile and absurd as to constitute a huge joke," John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, asserted today.

TWO MILLION IDLE THROUGH STRIKES

New York.—A pessimistic picture of business conditions resulting from the strikes in the railroad, coal and textile industries of the country is painted with figures included in the weekly review of industrial conditions made public by the National Industrial Conference Board.

"Altogether, over 2,000,000 persons are voluntarily idle through strikes and since the beginning of July, 100,000,000 man-hours of work have been lost each week. With the average wage of labor taken at 50 cents an hour, the wage loss alone since the first of the month has exceeded the rate of over \$8,000,000 a day. This in effect, means a serious contraction in purchasing power, which, in turn, may have its effect on future employment and general business conditions.

The conference board reports a slight increase in the cost of living since May 15, with a 24 per cent. recession from the peak reached in July, 1920.

"Reports of wage changes gathered by the conference board," the review said, "shows that while last month there were more increases than decreases between June 15 and July 15, the number of decreases slightly exceeded the number of increases.

According to the latest Treasury statement the staffs employed in Government Departments on June 1 showed a decrease of 769, as compared with May 1. The decrease in the Labour Ministry was 853. On June 1, 141,833 ex-service men, 43,371 of whom were disabled, were in Government employ.

GRANT INCREASE IN THE MINERS' WAGES

Sydney, N.S.—A threatened general walkout of the coal miners of Nova Scotia was averted Tuesday, at least until August 15, when the shippers of International Pier, Sydney, accepted an offer of the Dominion Coal Company to increase their possible weekly wages from approximately \$2.50 to \$3.175.

"Pence a week has been set as the time limit within which the men's committee and the company were to come to a satisfactory agreement, but it was not until six o'clock that the conference was able to break up with the increase promised by the company. The shippers accepted the offer tonight after three hours' discussion. The new agreement is to stand until August 15, the date on which the executive officers of District 26, United Mine Workers of America, have declared a Nova Scotia coal mine strike will be called if 1921 rates are not restored.

Granham Guardians have decided to follow Leicester's example and send the unemployed to work on various schemes at the proper rate, for as many hours a week as will bring in an amount equal to the rate of relief as per scale.

This scheme must first receive the approval of the Ministry of Health.

Items of Interest from Overseas

TO TACKLE PROBLEM OF UNEMPLOYMENT

London.—In the lobby of the Commons, it was learned, with reference to the cabinet committee on unemployment, the appointment of which was announced by Premier Lloyd George, that the new committee will deal with the wider aspects of the problem while the old cabinet committee, under Sir Alfred Mond, dealt with the local aspects and the various palliative measures.

The new committee, of which Premier Lloyd George is chairman and Sir Lansing Workington Evans is vice-chairman, will examine into the various causes of unemployment especially those connected with the loss or lack of markets abroad and also will devote attention to the stresses attendant upon schemes which they will endeavor to put into full and effective operation.

It is understood, in view of the growth of population as disclosed by the census and the diminished home markets, the ministers attach great importance to the development of the settlement scheme in the overseas Dominions. The settlement scheme was brought into being by legislation adopted in the present session.

ENGINEERS' VOTE IN FAVOR OF STRIKE

London.—The possibility of trouble in the engineering industry is imminent.

The Ballot of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, the National Union of Foundry Workers and the National Federation of General Workers has resulted in a vote of 43,937 for and 79,990 against acceptance of the employers' proposal to reduce the wages by three instalments of five shillings and sixpence each in the next three months beginning July 31.

ARGENTINE WORKERS TO AMALGAMATE

In order to form a united front against the National Conference of Industry recently organized by Argentine employers, the metal workers in the South American country are planning the amalgamation of all allied unions in the metal industry. The movement includes the various unions of engineers, blacksmiths, foundry workers, bronze workers and tinmiths, as well as the unskilled employees of the industry.

A very similar action was taken by the recent United Labor Congress

WORKERS ADOPT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

The Central Union of German Workers' Councils announces the opening of lecture courses covering the subjects of political science, political economy, political science and national conservatism. [These courses will be given on a standardized plan in a large number of German cities. They will consist of weekly lectures, which will be open to all workers, regardless of trade or union affiliation, for the small fee of one mark per lecture.

Reports from Tehran reveal that, following the recent treaty between Persia and Soviet Russia, over 25,000

OUT-FORDS HENRY

Lord Northcliffe, who owns, more daily newspapers in Britain than any other one man, some months ago introduced the five-day week into London journalism. He has now gone a step further by establishing a four-day week for editorial workers, on the ground that the great pressure under which these men work justifies ample time for rest and recreation.

Lord Northcliffe has also withdrawn from the Newspaper Proprietors' Association because its members insisted on cutting the wages of printers. He has issued a statement entitled "Newspapers and Their Men" in which he claims that "capitalists ignorant of Fleet Street (newspaper headquarters) dictate terms to those who have spent their lives trying to understand the complex questions of a newspaper."

A few more enlightened employers like Lord Northcliffe and Henry Ford and the industrial world will run with less friction.

SOVIET ORGANIZERS AID PERSIAN WORKERS

Persian workers have been organized into a national labor federation, with the assistance of Russian labor leaders. The new Persian federation has affiliated with the Moscow Trade Union International.

LABOR MAN WON AT PONTYPRIDD

London.—Mardy Jones, a Labor candidate, was returned to parliament as the result of the election in Pontypridd. His majority was 4,980 over the present coalition incumbent, T. A. Lewis, who in 1918 defeated the labor candidate by a majority of 3,175.

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TO CONSIDER PLAN TO SETTLE STRIKE

Washington.—A meeting of executives of the 148 major railroads of the United States will be called in New York next Tuesday to consider a plan for settling the strike now in progress. T. DeWitt Cuyler, chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, announced after a conference with President Harding.

A tentative proposal to terminate the strikers' strike was drawn up at a conference between President Harding and R. M. Jewell, head of the strikers, and other shop craft officials.

Western railway executives reiterated their intention of protecting seniority rights of the strikers who remained at work and those that have been hired since the strike began.

Railroads centering in Chicago reported that transportation conditions were practically normal, and that new employees were being hired in large numbers.

SETTLED IN THREE WEEKS

Montreal.—"I met the secretary of the Pennsylvania Railroad in Philadelphia a week ago and he then assured me that the coal strike would be terminated within three weeks—in fact, he said it would have to be. How valuable his statement is, or to what extent he possesses information, I am unable to determine, so I give you his statement for what it is worth." The speaker was Hon. John C. Hutchins, of North Stratford, New Hampshire, Democratic nominee for the governorship of his state, who reached Montreal and afterwards left by the Grand Trunk for Toronto, on his way to San Francisco as a delegate from his state to the biennial convention of the Knights of Pythias, which is to be held there early in August.

STRIKING MINERS MAY RESUME WORK

New York.—John L. Lewis, head of the striking miners, predicted that an interstate conference "will be arranged within a few days" to permit a resumption of mining.

Governor McCray, Indiana, in a statement addressed to the public, announced that "if the strike is not determined within five days from this date, I will take over one or more mines and supply the whole of Indiana with fuel.

Work of cleaning up mines in the southwestern district for resumption of work was continued.

Seven mines in Pennsylvania resumed operations with the promise of state protection.

William Edward Pollard, the oldest journalist in Hertfordshire, has died at the age of 79. He was known as the "walking journalist," as he covered his engagements on foot. Twenty years ago he walked from Bishop's Stortford to St. Albans, reported a meeting, and walked back the same day, a distance of 88 miles.

BOARD OF ARBITRATION IS NOW LIKELY TO BE CONSTITUTED

REPRESENTATIVES OF MEN SAY THEY ARE NOT ANXIOUS TO GO OUT

The threatened strike of the railway shopmen will not materialize, it was indicated from official sources here, provided arrangements already under way were made effective. The situation, which had been regarded as critical, was relieved when it was understood that a board of arbitration would be fully constituted, and able to meet within a few days. It was stated authoritatively there was every expectation that the board would be functioning by the first of next week.

Whether or not the railways would agree to withholding the wage reductions until after the board of arbitration completed its work could not be ascertained, but it was pointed out that the American railways, such as the Pere Marquette, which were arbitrating the dispute with their Canadian employees, were withholding the reductions pending the decision of their boards. It was assumed from this that the Canadian railroads would take similar action.

The Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Employees, embracing 14,000 of the lower paid men, and of which A. R. Mosher is grand president, had not yet appointed representatives to the two boards authorized to investigate the reductions affecting its members. It was understood tonight that several names were being considered and that the appointments would be made within a few days.

Isaac Pitblado, K.C., of Winnipeg, it is announced, has been appointed to represent the Canadian Railway Companies on the Board of Conciliation which will attempt to settle the dispute between the companies and the railway shopmen (division number 4, railway employees department, American Federation of Labor).

James Simpson, of Toronto, has been appointed by the shopmen to act for them, and it now remains to agree upon a chairman.

That the outlook in the Canadian railway situation is a threatening one was indicated by the message conveyed to a mass meeting at the Labor Temple of the Railway Shopmen of the Toronto district. The message was a warning to the local shopmen to hold themselves in readiness for a strike call on short notice and was conveyed by John Bruce, general organizer for the Plumbers and Steamfitters, who came direct for the purposes, from the meeting at Montreal of division number four of the railway employees' department of the American Federation of Labor on which he represents his craft.

CONFERENCE ON LABOR AT GENEVA

Geneva.—One of what might be termed the "domestic problems" of the International Labor Office of the League of Nations is to be discussed at the fourth international labor conference which will open at Geneva on October 18.

The general control of the office and its work is under a governing body consisting of 24 members—12 representing the governments and six each the employers and the workers—and it is hardly surprising that the composition of such a world committee dealing with industrial and labor problems of the highest importance should be criticized when it is remembered that there are 54 states in the international labor organization. Some of the smaller states of Europe for example, have objected that they were not adequately represented.

Many states outside Europe, in particular India and the states of Latin America, have drawn attention to the fact that out of the fifteen different countries represented on the governing body, 12 are European—the Argentine Republic, Japan and Canada being the countries outside.

The solution of these questions of striking the balance between European and non-European and the making possible the better representation of all the countries in the International Labor organization seems to lie in increasing the number of members, and for this it will be necessary to revise the peace treaty.

According to custom, therefore, for the guidance of delegates attending the conference in October, the International Labor office has asked the opinion of the various governments on the following suggestion: That the governing body consist of 32 members instead of the present 24, 16 of them to represent governments and eight each the employers and the workers. Of the 16 representing governments, one each to be nominated by France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan and the United States (when and if the last decides to enter the League of Nations) while the other ten are to be elected by all the government delegates at the conference, four of them belonging to non-European states. Two employers' members and two workers' members of the eight allotted to each shall belong to non-European states.

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NOT ANXIOUS TO STRIKE

Montreal.—Officials of the railway shopmen's union, who have been authorized by the vote taken of its membership to declare a strike against wage reductions introduced by Canadian railways, marked time waiting for a reply to messages sent to Premier King and the minister of railways at Ottawa notifying them of the desire of the men to down tools.

R. J. Tallon, president of Division No. 4, Railway Employees' Department of the American Federation of Labor, this morning said: "To be quite frank we are not anxious to declare a strike unless it is absolutely unavoidable. We still hope that an understanding may be reached and that such a calamity may be avoided.

BLOWS AT CONGRESS

Paris.—A scene of violence marked the session of the first annual congress of the revolutionary C.G.T. (Confederation General du Travail), held at St. Etienne.

Following an Anarchist reference to "the crimes of Lenin," a free fight took place between Anarchists and Communists.—Central News.

WILL ORDER STRIKE IF THE RAILWAYS REDUCE WAGES

Montreal.—Although the union officials on number 4 division, Railway Shopmen of Canada, were not disposed to give out any figures with regard to strike ballots which are now being counted, and which are arriving in Montreal from all parts of Canada, an official statement issued here declares that a strike has been authorized and will be declared "should the railways carry out their threat to reduce wages."

It is probable that detailed ballot figures will be announced some time during tomorrow.

Vice-President's Statement.

The official statement is issued under the signature of Jas. Somerville, vice-president, International Association of Machinists, and after recounting at some length the steps leading up to the present position states that the railways through the Canadian Railway Association have "fouted" the Dominion law by putting the wage reduction into operation before the board of conciliation had even commenced its hearings and claims that

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PICTORIAL REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS



Baby Gina, juvenile star of France, whose ambition is to vamp Jackie Coogan.



Officers of the New Beach women's war canoe crew. Left to right: Eva Stewart, secretary; Marion Smith, stroke; Elena Ronnelle, treasurer; Rita O'Halloran, captain; Myrtle Ochs, assistant captain.



Edwin Rayfield has traveled from California to New York to identify his collie whose ownership is the subject of a lawsuit.



Boys and girls attend funeral of their pet in Washington's cemetery for dogs.



Different nationalities as interpreted in bathing costumes at California's "Feast of Nations." From left to right: Holland, Norway, Finland, Iceland and Spain.



George Howard plays an unusual shot in the United States open golf tournament.



President Ebert of Germany at the funeral of Walter Rathenau.



The Duke of Devonshire, and Mr. Larkin leaving Westminster Abbey after placing Canadian colors on Wolfe's Monument. Canon Cody can be seen at the back in front of the bewigged gentlemen.



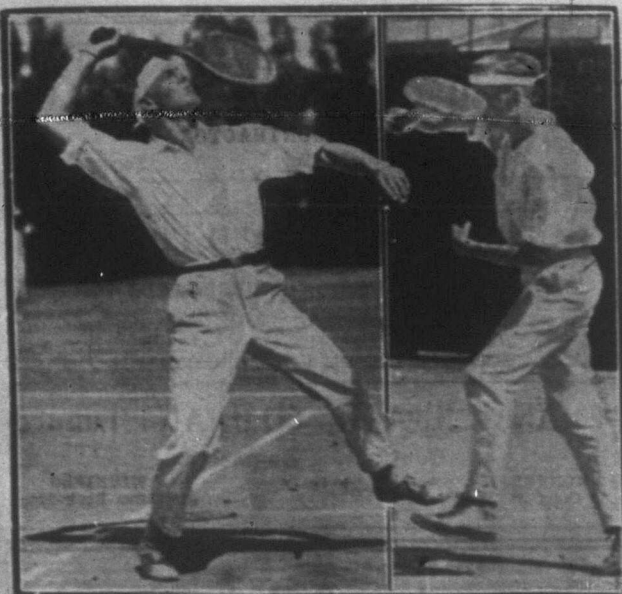
Mlle. Mistinguette, French stage star, now in New York, places a value of a million dollars in her legs.



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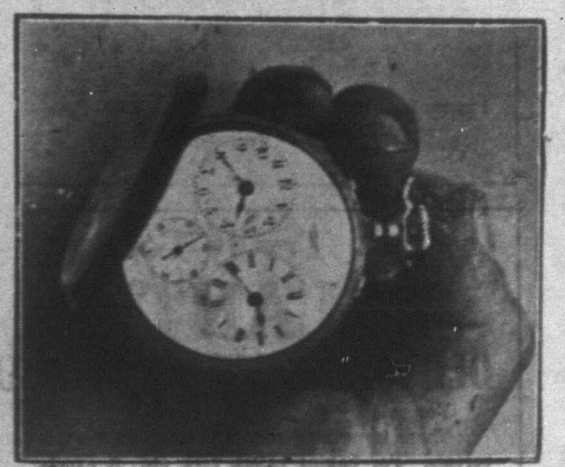
FINALISTS FOR JUNIOR TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP OF CANADA. On the left Bud Thomas, of Ottawa, who won the final by 6-2, 6-2 from J. E. Percoll, of Guelph, shown on the right. Thomas won the Ontario championship honors at Ottawa last week and is a center.



A Persian novelty in millinery.



The fire brigade of Fairfax, California, is comprised of women.

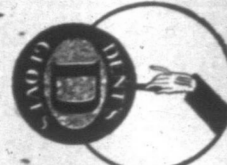


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The Native Sons of Canada, an organization formed in British Columbia on much the same lines as the United Order of Canadians, has recently taken active steps looking to the development of a stronger national spirit. They have adopted a new national anthem, invited designs for a new Canadian flag, and passed strong resolutions against appeals to the Privy Council against the continuance of the cattle embargo and in favour of cancelling the war debts to Canada and all nations that will disarm.

One of the moving spirits in the organization of the Native Sons of Canada has been Mr. Justice Archer Martin of the B.C. court of appeal and formerly of Winnipeg. He was the first grand president of the

THE MUSKOKA LAKES.

The Muskoka region of the "Highlands of Ontario" was for centuries the chosen hunting ground of the Hurons. It was the red man who gave the musical name Muskoka (Signifying "clear sky") to this land which held supremacy over all others in his affections, and he christened the islands, promontories, masses above sea level—gives splendid atmospheric conditions. Muskoka spreads its manifold charms to blue skies flecked with soft, white clouds it is a delectable land, brilliant with rich coloring, its air pungent with the fragrance of the pines, its waters cool and clear; moreover, a land of many pleasures, offering a wide variety of health-giving, open-air sports and pastimes suited to all ages. There are about 100 hotels in the district that cater to those of modest taste as well as to those who are most fastidious. The Canadian National Grand Trunk Railway has issued a handsomely illustrated booklet with list of hotels and which can be had free on application to H. K. Charlton, General Advertising Agent, Grand Trunk Railway System, Montreal, P.Q.

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material benefits of increased territory, or tribute, or oil or other concessions, out of the said war, she should be prepared as a contribution to international humanity and the restoration of peace and harmony in the world to forego all the said debts in favor of each and every nation that will disarm as aforesaid, and moreover, should waive all claims of indemnities or reparations against all of our recent disarmed enemies."

Honor J. S. Ewart.
The Grand Council also went on record as being in favor of strict health and language tests for immigrants and the seeking of settlers who would enter the basic industries of the country, and in opposition of Asiatic immigration. That council also expressed its "admiring appreciation of the very able, sincere and courageous work so long done by our distinguished fellow Canadian, Mr. John S. Ewart, K.C., of Ottawa, in the cause of Canadian nationality."

The new national anthem written by Mr. Justice Martin and adopted by the order is as follows:

Canada, Our Canada!
1. Hail, stately country of our sires!
To Thee we light the altar fires,
Ne'er to be quenched until life expires,
Canada, our Canada!
2. Each true son's heart glows with the flame,
Of patriot pride to see Thy name,
Writ large upon the roll of fame,
Canada, our Canada!
3. From East to 'St. Elias' towers,
The cry comes through th' awaked hours—
"Arise, assert Thy manhood's powers,
Canada, our Canada!
4. The time has come to take Thy place,
"Among the nations, face to face,
"Equal at last with ev'ry race,"
Canada, our Canada!
"Mt. St. Elias (18,024 feet) overlooking the Pacific and forming the S.W. corner boundary between the Yukon and Alaska.

STANDARDIZATION OF ALL HOSPITALS

By Dr. M. T. MacEachern
Director of Hospital Standardization for Canada.

The Canadian National Parks Branch of the Department of the Interior has decided to mark as an historic site worthy of preservation the old St. Maurice forges, which constituted the only important Canadian industry during the French regime, and lasted through the English period up to the year 1880. The St. Maurice forges, situated on the St. Maurice river about seven miles from Three Rivers, were founded in 1730 by Poulin de Francheville. Here the first Canadian stoves were manufactured, and for many generations the Canadian people were supplied with porridge pots, axes, nails, hammers, spades and shovels from the forges of St. Maurice. Here in 1776 at the time of the American invasion, guns were made for the defence of Canada. There remain now but a few crumbling ruins of the furnaces and of the once substantial "habitation" of the managers together with a chimney of the forge which still stands in lordly dignity in the bed of the wooded valley. Around the site of the old forge there are now a few modern houses, where once a village of 400 to 500 residents existed, with industrial and commercial activities which constituted real community life.

Only Chimney Left.
The history of the forges has been set forth by Dr. Benjamin Suite, F.R.C.S., as the sixth volume of the Melanges Historiques, recently published by G. Ducharme, Montreal. The story of the old forges will thus be preserved in literary form, and the monument to be erected by the Parks Branch, will be a visible reminder for all time of an interesting chapter in the romance of Canadian industry.

PARENTS AS EDUCATORS

By Augusta M. Swan.

Meal time, parents and children, Mother could talk about the people door, the cooos she had read or heard about, the stories of when grandma was a girl.

In the morning no bad news from the paper should mar the meal. The occasion would be a merry one, and everyone would feel better and brighter if we all learned to be the right kind of table talkers. It is never too early to begin with the children. Even a baby will react to smiles or frowns, and good cheerful talk breeds kind, thoughtful deeds.

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Yet the industrial inspiration of these old Canadian forges surely remains, and the aspirations of its founders are still alive. In Toronto there are three foundries for the manufacture of Canadian stoves and there are others in 35 other cities of Canada. The first founders of the St. Maurice forges had great trouble to obtain permission from France to found a colonial industry. Under the old regime, says Dr. Suite, an order of things existed—as in the colonies of England, Spain and Holland—based upon the principle of "All for the Mother Country." Nothing must be done by the colonies which would affect the trade monopolies of the merchant companies of France. These wanted nothing from Canada but furs, and they wished to pay with their own goods.

Canada's First Foundry.
Eventually, however, permission was given to establish a foundry at St. Maurice. The first founder of the St. Maurice foundry was one Poulin de Francheville and even some financial aid was sent from France. Dr. Suite looks at this incident with an ironic twinkle. For a long time, he says, he could not understand it, but at last light came. Possibly cannon, bullets and war apparatus generally could be made cheaper in Canada than in France, and, therefore, permission was given to manufacture iron.

The monument to be erected by the Canadian national parks will take the form of a cairn composed of stone from the ruins of the old St. Maurice forges. A bronze tablet will be placed upon the monument containing the inscription in French and English: "These forges, established in 1730 by Poulin de Francheville were the foremost industry under the French regime, and continued in operation until 1880."

FIRE PREVENTION DAY OCTOBER 9

Because of the great loss of life and property by fire during the past decade, the government by proclamation is calling upon all citizens to observe special care, and to observe October 9th as Fire Prevention Day. According to the proclamation, citizens will be required to inspect their dwellings and remove all conditions likely to cause fire. The inspection is also to be applied to factories, public buildings, warehouses, theatres, hospitals, and other institutions.

The proclamation recommends the holding of fire drills in the schools, and for the employees of all large stores and factories. Special instruction in fire prevention is recommended to be given by school teachers, municipal officers and Boy Scout leaders. In the bush, operators of lumber camps, settlers, campers and hunters will be required to acquaint themselves with the regulations governing the prevention of fire. There is also a recommendation that all legislation and regulations dealing with fire prevention be given proper publicity.

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