

NO NEGOTIATIONS FOR PEACE IN BRITISH STRIKE

PINCH NOW BEING FELT BY STRIKERS

As Their Pay This Week-End Is Meagre—Police Protect Food Shops—The Situation Is Unchanged—Climax Not Reached.

London, May 8.—The Government announced early this afternoon that the strike situation was the same as yesterday with transportation improving and no negotiations for peace. A survey of the whole country showed that food stocks were normal and mails were moving satisfactorily. Wherever temporary shortages of food have occurred, the announcement said they have been due to the difficulties of retailers in transporting supplies from wholesalers stocks.

POLICE PROTECT FOOD SHOPS.
Scores of truck loads of police were rolling into congested districts of London to-day as a precaution against possible attempts to loot food shops to-night, when the pinch of the strike will be felt keenly by workers who receive no pay envelopes. To-night there will be only one pay, equivalent to a few dollars, which means no Saturday night beer and no shopping for a joint of roast beef and supply of potatoes for the Sunday menu.

In the Welsh mining districts strikers are beginning to feel the pinch of hunger, and hundreds of miners' families have applied to the poor guardians for relief.

Police in congested districts of London were reinforced. Armored cars are being moved toward London from Aldershot military camp and tank corps was embarked at Belfast this morning for an unknown destination.

SITUATION MORE INTENSE.
London, May 8.—The text of the Government's official communique issued yesterday afternoon reads: "The work of feeding the people and maintaining light and power and essential communications is being successfully accomplished. Nevertheless, as was to be expected, the situation is becoming more intense and the climax is not yet reached. Orders have been sent out by the leaders of the railway and transport unions for their members to do their utmost to paralyze or break down the supply of food, and the necessities of life.

"Intimidation both by disorderly crowds and pickets has occurred at many places and may soon occur at many more. His Majesty's Government has directed all authorities to repress and overcome these criminal obstructions."

A CANOE WAS UPSET; LAD HAD CLOSE CALL
Donald Courneja Had a Thrilling Experience Near Tamworth.

Donald Courneja, the sixteen-year-old son of the proprietor of an hotel at Tamworth, had a thrilling experience on Thursday evening, when the canoe, in which he was paddling got cross-wise of the swift current in the river there and upset. The accident happened just above the dam at Moss' grist mill and it looked very serious for the boy for a time but the lad, not content with saving himself, attempted to save his canoe, and finally after a hard struggle was able to bring it to calm water. Except for a good wetting, the boy is none the worse for his adventure.

DIRECTOR FOUND GUILTY.
Trust Company Official Sentenced to Three Years.
Winnipeg, May 8.—Found guilty in Court of King's Bench here yesterday on charges of fraud and conspiracy, F. O. Maber, former director of the Northwestern Trust Company, was sentenced to three years in prison. The case had been proceeding for several months.

Pensioners Are Notified To Be Ready for Service
London, May 8.—Army and navy pensioners have been notified by their executive committee to hold themselves in readiness to "serve the country in this time of national emergency." Large numbers of these pensioners already have volunteered their services to the various government departments.

FRENCH KILL FIFTY BANDITS IN DAMASCUS
Damascus, Syria, May 8.—Fifty bandits were killed yesterday by the French in the course of "mopping up" operations in the Midan quarter of Damascus. A number of suspects were arrested.

DR. THIRD BEQUEATHED \$10,000 TO QUEEN'S
Principal Taylor of Queen's University, in his annual report, makes this reference to the late Dr. James Third, formerly professor of the practice of medicine:
"He was a great physician, loved and respected by the whole community. In his will he has provided for a bequest to the University of \$10,000."

LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE ON WHEELS

Toronto, May 8.—The "little old red school house" will travel on wheels in Northern Ontario if the present plans being made by the Ontario Government and the Canadian National Railway are completed. For some time the question of providing proper school accommodations for the children at isolated points in the north has been receiving serious consideration by the provincial educational authorities, and it is felt that the difficulty could be solved by having moveable schools. After giving the subject thorough consideration, it has been virtually decided that the requirements could be met by taking an ordinary Canadian National coach and refitting it up as a portable school. By adopting this method both the school and the teacher could be moved from one section to another, and the youth of northern Ontario could wake up some morning and find their school all waiting for them on a convenient siding.

Volga Overflows; 22 Are Drowned

Moscow, May 8.—Twenty-two persons have been drowned in floods caused by the overflowing Volga river. Much damage has been done between Yaroslavl and Nijni-Novgorod where the water is at an unprecedented height, covering a tract of country twenty miles wide. The water is covered with wreckage of destroyed houses and cattle carcasses. Soldiers on steamers are carrying on salvage operations.

CANADIAN ARTISTS EXHIBIT.
Six Obtain Honor at Showing of Pictures at Paris.
Paris, May 8.—Six Canadian artists have carried off honors at the Spring Salon here: Mrs. Jeanne Munro, Orillia, Ont.; Miss Mary Alexandre Bastlake, now a resident of Croynon, England; Percy Yel Tudor Hart, Montreal; L. Theodores Dubé, Quebec; Miss Cecilia Mackinnon, St. Catharines, Ont., and Mrs. Edna Spencer, St. John, N.B.

NEW YORK BANDITS ARE AGAIN ACTIVE
Police Kill One and Wound Another—Others Make Haul of Diamonds.
New York, May 8.—The day of criminal activities was climaxed last night when two men held up diamond importing company in heavily guarded Maiden lane section and escaped with \$75,000 in diamonds. Earlier in the day police killed one hold-up man and wounded another, probably fatally, in pistol fight.

Court Postponed Through Strikes.
London, May 8.—The Earl of Cromer, Lord Chamberlain, announced yesterday that the Royal Courts, which were to be held on May 13th and 14th, at Buckingham Palace, and at which King George and Queen Mary were to have received many Canadian and American visitors, have been postponed indefinitely, on account of the general strike.

HIS SKULL FRACTURED.
Accident to Renfrew Resident While Cutting Down Tree.
Renfrew, May 8.—With his skull badly fractured as a result of a fall yesterday afternoon, Frank Lepine, aged thirty-seven, is in hospital in a critical condition. He was cutting down a tree here when an upper portion of the trunk, in falling, knocked the ladder from under him, throwing him to the ground. He fell head foremost on the sidewalk.

THE COMMONS STILL TALKS UPON BUDGET

A Vote on Tuesday Regarded as a Possibility.

DUTY ON MOTOR CARS

Not Enough Declares Member—Auto Factories Closed for Political Reasons.

Ottawa, May 8.—The House of Commons adjourned last night over the week-end with the budget still under consideration. A vote on Tuesday of next week is regarded as a possibility, but it may be delayed until later.
As the Finance Minister made his statement to Parliament on April 15th, the budget has now been before the House for over three weeks. Yesterday's debate was marked by a complaint from T. L. Church, Conservative member for North-west Toronto, that Ontario lacked adequate representation in the Government. Nowdays, he said, men who settled the policies of the Government were mostly westerners. In this connection, he referred to Robert Forke, Progressive leader, as "deputy premier of Canada."
Thomas Donnelly, Liberal member for Willowbunch, approved the budget, but suggested that the tariff reduction on motor cars was not large enough.
"I would like to see it cut more," he said, and he pointed out that light trucks and motor cars had become an essential to the farmer.
The Government was charged with injuring the oil industry in Canada by the removal of the bounty on the production of crude petroleum by J. E. Armstrong, Conservative of East Lambton. Mr. Armstrong also said that a cut in automobile tariff had been made without proper data, and that it was a matter that should have come to the new tariff board. Alfred Stork, Liberal, Skeena, discussing the same matter, remarked that certain automobile manufacturers had closed their plants on Friday for "political reasons," and opened them up on the following Monday for business reasons.
Shortly before adjournment, George Parent, Liberal member for Quebec West, expressed the belief that the budget would prove popular. Announcement of reductions in taxation had met with widespread approval, he said.
The debate will be continued on Monday, by Dr. M. J. Maloney, Conservative of South Renfrew.

TAX RATE INCREASED.

Brockville's Revenue Lowered by Court Judgment.
Brockville, May 8.—Because of loss of \$12,800 revenue through a judgment of the Supreme Court of Canada in respect to the income tax from estate, the tax rate of Brockville for the current year has been fixed at 41 mills, an increase of three mills over that of 1925. The judgment deprives the town of the income tax heretofore payable by the George T. Fulford estate upon its accumulated revenue, it being held that the sections of the Assessment Act upon which the assessment was made were beyond the powers of the Ontario Legislature to enact.

SHIPMENTS OF HOGS ARE MUCH HEAVIER

Several Countries Double Output, But No Lowering of Quality.

Toronto, May 8.—Shipments of hogs are becoming much heavier in Ontario. Practically every county reported a gain last week over the week previous, with Perth, Simcoe, Kent and Huron well over the 2,000 mark. Despite these increased receipts on the Toronto market, quality was remarkably well maintained. Thus Huron, which shipped 1,219 grading 28.6 select for the week ending April 22nd, was credited with 2,743 grading 28.5 last week.
Some of the counties have increased both quantity and quality. Victoria, for instance, with 254 grading 22.7 in the latest report. There does not seem to be any change worth noting in the number of sows marketed, but more light hogs are coming on the market which would seem to indicate that feed may be running a bit short in some localities.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR MONTH OF APRIL
The vital statistics for the month of April, as registered at the office of City Clerk, Dr. W. W. Sands, are as follows:
Deaths, 56; births, 47; marriages, 19.

Rank and File of British Labor Thinks General Strike Was Very Bad Strategy

London, May 8.—The rank and file of Labor are beginning to declare that the declaration of a national strike was a mistake in strategy. The feeling is growing that the leaders who have accomplished their purpose should have called the unions out one by one, thereby giving a demonstration daily of increasing strength instead of calling all labor reserves in the fight at the outset.

AMMUNITION BEING SEIZED IN SCOTLAND

Flour Bombs the Principal Weapons Used by the Edinburgh Strikers.

Edinburgh, May 8.—Chief constables throughout Scotland have been ordered to seize all explosives, small arms and ammunition in the country. The secretary for Scotland issued a proclamation to this effect.
Four bombs have been the principal weapons of Edinburgh strikers thus far, however. Volunteer tramway workers have been pelted, but there have been no serious disturbances.
Five thousand volunteers are keeping up skeleton transport services. Seventy per cent. of Edinburgh's normal milk supply is reaching the city. Train service was improved each hour Wednesday, but coal stocks were low.
The leading newspaper, the Scotsman, continued to publish morning and evening editions, which were delivered in motor vans. Most of the other Scottish newspapers are not publishing.

NEW CIVIL AIR BOARD.

With Colonel O. M. Biggar as the Chairman.
Ottawa, May 8.—The government has appointed a new Civil Air Board as distinct from the present Military Air Board. The chairman of the new organization is Colonel O. M. Biggar, and the military arm of the Air Board is represented by Wing Commander J. S. Scott. The other members of the new Civil Air Board are A. M. Narraway, Controller of Surveys, Department of the Interior; E. H. Finlayson, Director of the Forestry Branch, and J. A. Wilson, secretary of the military arm, Air Board.
The function of the new board is to advise the Minister of the Interior and the Minister of National Defence on all questions of civil aviation. These include patrol of fisheries, forestry patrol and other like matters.

CLAIMS REPORTS OF DISORDERS ARE GREATLY EXAGGERATED

London, May 8.—Sensational and exaggerated reports of violence and disorder, sent to North America in connection with the general strike were discredited by Pembroke Wicks, official Government spokesman, at a conference with the newspapermen late yesterday afternoon.
It was not denied, he added, that intimidation and disorders had occurred in many places, and that they might recur momentarily. But the exaggerated form in which some of the foreign countries, particularly Canada and the United States, was receiving the serious consideration of the Government.

CHORISTERS MUST VEIL.

Vicar Caused a Flutter in Dovecots by Strange Order.
London, May 8.—An order that women choristers should be veiled has caused trouble at Ashby (Leicestershire) Parish Church. The order was enforced at a performance of Handel's "Messiah" in the church. A number of women choristers resigned in consequence, and took their seats in the chancel. It is stated that the vicar, the Rev. B. C. F. Andrews, insisted that the women choristers should be veiled.

Canadian Apples in Favor Abroad.
Toronto, May 8.—In denying a story in English papers that Canadian apples have fallen into disfavor in the Old Land, Hon. John S. Martin, Minister of Agriculture, pointed to the fact that shipments to England last year had been 400 per cent. in excess of the previous year. Mr. Martin also denied that Canadian apples were found to be tainted with arsenic on reaching the foreign market.
State fish and game deputy, in Ohio, advocates killing lake gulls to leave fish.

LINERS SAIL ON SCHEDULE FROM BRITAIN

Conditions at Liverpool and Southampton Are Improved.

STRIKERS' COMMITTEE

On Good Terms With Police at Liverpool, and Seek Advice From Them.

London, May 8.—The British Gazette, government newspaper, reported yesterday gradual return to normal conditions at Liverpool and Southampton. At Liverpool it was said 13 vessels docked, and ten docked at Liverpool Thursday, and that cargoes of 16 vessels were discharged there with volunteer labor. It was said 6,000 tons of cargo were piled in sheds, 1,000 coming from one ship alone.

A number of strikers reported for duty yesterday in all departments of the Mersey and harbor docks. Notices were posted at Gladstone dock that 500 men were needed and in a few minutes 150 had volunteered, despite pickets.

The situation at Southampton was declared equally good. The North German Lloyd liner Columbus and the Cunard liner Ascania sailed as scheduled. Many ships there are discharging cargo. The Mauretania has discharged 4,000 cases of fruit. The Cunard liner Carinthia landed its American tourists, who went to London by automobile. The Union Castle liner Mildenhall is fully bunkered and will sail Saturday.

Southampton remains generally quiet, with all essential services maintained.
English mails were conveyed Friday to Belfast by a destroyer. Volunteers who unloaded a cargo of butter and bacon at Grimsby yesterday included Cambridge University students.
The French liner Paris, from New York, landed mails and passengers at Plymouth yesterday. They proceeded to London by train.
The North German Lloyd liner Berlin, from New York, passed Plymouth yesterday proceeding direct to Cherbourg and Bremen. The P. & O. liner Comorin landed 250 passengers from Australia at Plymouth. They were brought to London by special train.

Reports from the great shipping centre of Liverpool describe the strike as the most peaceful which ever occurred in that port. There is no disorder and the strikers' committees are on good terms with the police, from whom they ask advice. Unloading of ships is being rapidly done by a large body of volunteers, who are housed in the docks, and the transport of goods is protected by the police from the docks to the city boundary. No interference is reported.

Seventy per cent. of Liverpool tramway men have returned to duty and normal train services were working in some directions on Thursday. Dock keepers in Liverpool reported for duty Thursday and now are at work. All men at the electric power stations, which are the main source of supply for power and lighting in Liverpool, returned to work Thursday.

A POLITICAL MOVE AND NOT A STRIKE

The Country Being Held Up by Politicians, Says an Ulster Senator.

Belfast, May 8.—The situation in Ulster is practically normal apart from the reduced cross-channel steamer service and mail difficulties. The latter will probably be got over by an air service.
In the Senate of the Northern Parliament Senator Cunningham said the strike was not a strike in the usual sense. The country was being held up by a political organization and by no stretch of the imagination could it be called a trade strike. The Northern Government should take a very firm stand against those who inclined the workers to leave their work, and against those who forced workers who were willing to work to leave their employment.

Raymond Farrell, aged 25, and blind, who was shot through lungs, February 19th, was discharged from hospital in Allentown, Pa., cured.



PROMINENT IN BRITAIN'S GREAT CRISIS
Ramsay MacDonald is leader of the Labor party; Sir Williams Johnson-Hicks is Home Secretary; A. J. Cook is Secretary of the Miners' Federation; J. C. C. Davidson, Postmaster-General, and Ernest Bevan, head of the Longshoremen's Union.