

THE GREAT BRITISH STRIKE MAY END ANY TIME

EASING IN GENERAL STRIKE DEADLOCK MORE PRONOUNCED

A. J. Cook, Miners' Chief, Declares Peace Is Possible at Any Moment on Terms That Will Give Economic Security to Miners-- Looks As Though Tide Turned.

London, May 11.—Indications of an easing in the general strike deadlock became more pronounced this afternoon. A. J. Cook, miners' chief, declared "peace is possible at any moment, on terms that will give economic security to the miners." Numbers of people had been approaching the miners' leaders, he asserted, with a view of settling the deadlock.

"THE TIDE HAS TURNED."

At almost the same time the Government spokesman was saying to newspapermen: "Without being unduly optimistic, I think we may say that the tide has turned. There is a tendency all over the country for the strikers to drift back to work."

The Trades Union Congress, which has charge of the general strike, scouted this statement, reiterating that the solidarity of the men was being maintained.

COLLAPSING IN SOUTH WALES.

Reports from the provinces indicated that the strike was steadily collapsing in South Wales, as far as the tramway men, railway men and electricians were concerned. The Government spokesman, citing the improvement in transportation services, said 5,503 trains were run yesterday in the United Kingdom as compared with 849 on the first day of the strike.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

London, May 11.—Peace negotiations in Great Britain's general strike can be definitely said to be going on under the surface. They have not yet reached an official status, and what results they will achieve remains to be seen, but a man high in Labor ranks stated late this afternoon that parleys were proceeding. They were in such a delicate state, however, he added, that nothing further could be said for the moment. He said it was possible something tangible would be forthcoming to-morrow, but emphasized that nothing definite was in sight now.

The Government communique issued at seven o'clock to-night says: "There is as yet little sign of a general collapse of the strike and the Trades Union Congress is believed to be making efforts to call out certain trades still at work. It can be definitely stated that there is growing disaffection among the strikers with the policy of the general strike and considerable uneasiness as to its ultimate results."

SCOTTISH TRAIN WRECKED.

The first case of serious sabotage since the general strike began was reported to-day. The famous Flying Scotsman, run from London to Edinburgh, having on board four hundred passengers, was wrecked at Cramlington yesterday, a mining district near Newcastle. A misplaced rail, which the authorities say they believe was deliberately pulled up, caused the wreck. The engine and two coaches turned over, and but for the fact that the train was moving slowly, it is likely there would have been serious loss of life. As it was, one person was injured. An inspector on the engine with a volunteer engineer, noticed that a rail had been pulled up. The engine slammed on all brakes, but the engine and four coaches left the rails, the engine and two coaches toppling over.

KING HOLDS PRIVY COUNCIL.

King George held a Privy Council at Buckingham Palace this morning. Whether it was for the ratification of further emergency measures was not disclosed.

The Government spokesman, outlining the situation at the beginning of the eighth day of the strike, said there had been important defections among the railwaymen but that the main body of strikers remained out. The whole country was quiet. Improved transportation services were steadily expanding, and measures of protection for volunteers had proved efficacious.

GENERAL STRIKE ILLEGAL.

London, May 11.—The general strike is illegal, Justice Astbury declared in the Chancery Division to-day, and those inciting it or participating in it are not protected under the laws regulating trades unions. His opinion, the first handed down from a judicial bench since the general strike began, was made in granting an injunction against certain branch leaders of the Sailors and Firemen's Union. The injunction restrains branch leaders from calling out their men without orders from the general headquarters of the union.

STEAMER CHAMPION REACHES KINGSTON

Vessel Purchased for the Run Between Gananoque and Clayton.

The steamer Champion, lately purchased by the Thousand Island Navigation Company to run between Gananoque and Clayton, arrived in the Kingston harbor at 1.25 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, and tied up by the foot of Queen street. The new steamer has a capacity for a large number of cars, and is built on lines similar to the steamer Frontenac, which runs on the same route. The steamer will be fitted out here for the season, and will then go to Gananoque to commence her new duties. The boat will make a valuable addition to the company and many more American cars crossing into Canada at Gananoque will be accommodated than in previous seasons.

LADY TERRINGTON SEC. RES DIVORCE

Lord Terrington Did Not Defend the Suit—Was Her Second Husband.

London, May 11.—Lady Terrington, a former member of Parliament, obtained a divorce on the ground that Lord Terrington had been guilty of adultery with Mrs. Rene Devere Humphrey. Contrary to expectations, Lord Terrington did not defend the suit. Lady Terrington, who is about thirty-six years old, was the fourth woman to take a seat in the House of Commons, being elected in 1922, and came to be known as "the best dressed M.P." Lord Terrington was her second husband, Guy Sebright, whom she married in 1907, committed suicide in 1912.

Three men were burned to death at Detroit when auto in which they were riding became wedged between street cars.

Did Byrd Reach the North Pole?

Oslo, May 11.—There is some diversity of opinion here as to whether or not Lieut.-Commander Richard E. Byrd reached the North Pole in his flight from Spitzbergen on Sunday. Dr. Skattum, President of the Geographical Society, holds that

it is impossible to accept Commander Byrd's claim that he reached the Pole before his observations are published. On the other hand, Lieut. Boee, Chief of the Army Aeronautical School, praises the achievement of Commander Byrd, and does not doubt his claim.

An Elopement Nipped in Bud

Former Enterprise Young Fellow Enroute to Kingston With Girl of 13.

(Special to The Whig.) Watertown, N.Y., May 11.—Jefferson County officers have turned over to the immigration department the case of Percy Vannest, aged twenty, a native of Enterprise, Ont., who was arrested at Clayton Monday noon as he alighted from a Watertown bus in company with Margaret Penny, thirteen-year-old school girl of the town of Champlain, six miles from here, with whom he had been keeping company for two years. The two were on their way to Kingston, Ont., they have told the district attorney's office, to get married, when their elopement plans were nipped by the girl's irate father, who had the assistance of county officers. The youth was brought back to the county jail and locked up, while the girl, her romance shattered, was taken home and to-day she is back at school.

Learning that Vannest was a native of Canada, immigration officers questioned him at the county jail and learned that he came to Cape Vincent from Kingston illegally two years ago to work as a laborer on his brother's farm near here. The girl's father, disliking the notoriety of an abduction trial, will not prefer any charges against the youth. The immigration authorities have given the father assurance that Vannest will be deported to Canada and be barred from this country for several years.

But One Hop Ahead.

Manila, May 11.—Capt. Loriga and Callarza, Spanish aviators flying from Madrid to Manila, landed safely at Aprri to-day from Macao, China, with but one more hop ahead to reach their destination.

WILLIAM NEWMAN DIES WEEK AFTER HIS SON

Contracted Cold at Funeral of the Late Ex-Mayor H. W. Newman.

Captain William Newman, one of the most prominent and best known Kingston residents, passed away at his home, 271 King street west on Tuesday morning after an illness lasting a very short time. The late Captain Newman, while attending the funeral of his son Ex-Mayor H. W. Newman, last Wednesday, contracted a cold which developed into pneumonia, causing his death.

Captain Newman was born in County Wicklow, Ireland, in 1840 but came to Kingston at the age of eleven years. He resided here ever since that time. Even at an early age, he took an active interest in the transportation development of the Rideau River and operated a small fleet of river sloops which were engaged in carrying cargoes of phosphate, cordwood, sandstone and other products to Kingston, where in turn they were re-shipped by boat and rail to larger centres in both Canada and the United States. Later, his activities extended to shipping to upper St. Lawrence and Bay of Quinte ports. Captain Newman then purchased a sailing schooner, and for some years was engaged in the grain and coal trade on the Upper Lakes. He retired from active life some twenty-five years ago.

The late Captain Newman was one of the outstanding Masons in this part of the country, and was one of the oldest members of Cataract Lodge. He was also for many years prominently connected with the Orange Order and was one of the organizers of Lodge 577. He had retired from active duties in the Orange Order for some years past. Deceased was a life long Conservative. The late Captain Newman is survived by four sons, J. A. Newman, J. V. Newman and F. L. Newman of Kingston, and Herbert J. Newman, Montreal Herald; and by two daughters, Miss Edith at home, and Mrs. Walter Sprague of Leicester, Mass. The funeral service will be conducted by Rev. T. J. S. Ferguson of Cooke's church of which deceased had been long a member.

THE NORGE STARTS FOR NORTH POLE

Oslo, Norway, May 11.—The Amundsen-Ellsworth dirigible Norge started on its flight to the North Pole and Alaska at 10.10 o'clock this morning, says a message from King's Bay, Spitzbergen. A wireless message received from Capt. Amundsen at 11.45 o'clock this morning said: "Now flying across polar ice." It was officially announced this afternoon that Captain Amundsen will take possession of any land found during the voyage in the name of the King of Norway.

Painter Likely Fell Into River

From the Niagara Arch Bridge Girder and Was Drowned.

Niagara Falls, N.Y., May 11.—Thomas Wainwright, aged forty-eight, of Niagara Falls, Ont., is believed to have fallen fifty feet into the Niagara river and been drowned while painting the girders of the lower steel arch bridge just above the whirlpool rapids. Fellow workers missed Wainwright and began an investigation. He could not be found. Laborers working on the Niagara gorge railroad tracks, near the bridge, said they heard a scream shortly before the painter missed Wainwright. The missing man is married and has several children.

FOREST FIRE PUT OUT

Port Arthur, May 11.—The first forest fire of the season in Western Ontario. The original outbreak was at James on the Canadian National Railway, but it was put under control and is now said to be completely out. A report reached the city yesterday morning that the bridge at Mile 94 on the C.N.R., west of here, had been burned. Arrangements were made for passengers to be transferred at that point.

Escaped Woman Thief Captured in a Field

Syracuse, N.Y., May 11.—Rain-drenched, hungry and wretchedly cold, Lillian McDowell, "Cat-Eye Annetta," who escaped from Auburn prison early yesterday, was recaptured at daylight this morning one mile north-east of Woodsport. She was found in an open field, partly hidden in a pile of woods and brush.

Would Ban Ocean Tramp Ships From Great Lakes

Ottawa, May 11.—The Dominion Marine Association is asking the Federal Government to ban ocean tramp ships from the Great Lakes. At the present time these tramp vessels of foreign nations can compete with Canadian and American ships on the Great Lakes as freely as they can compete with shipping on the ocean. The members of the Dominion Marine Association apparently feel that the Great Lakes are owned by Canada and the United States and that they should not be open to all the vessels of the world.

MANUFACTURERS HONOR THE KINGSTON FAIR

A circular which has just been issued by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, giving the dates of fall fairs gives Kingston the honor of being fourth on the list, in the Ontario Division, with Toronto first, Ottawa second and London third.

PROMINENT IN BRITAIN'S INDUSTRIAL CRISIS.



Frank Hodges is general secretary of the Miners' Federation. Ben Tillett is head of the Dock Workers' Union. John R. Clynes is president of the Union of Municipal Workers, and one of the leaders of the British Labor Party. Harry Gosling is head of the Transport Workers' Union. William Clive Bridgeman is lord of the admiralty and a leader in England's ship construction programme. Sir Richard Redmayne is former chief inspector of mines. John Hodge is head of the Steel Smelters' Union. Tom Mann is former head of the Transport Workers' Union. Arthur Henderson is one of the leading figures in the British Labor Party.

DUMPING DUTY ON BUTTER.

Ottawa, May 11.—J. L. Stansell, Conservative, Norfolk-Elgin, asked in the House of Commons if there was truth in the press reports that, owing to importations of butter and fruit from Australia, the Government had been required to apply a dumping duty of 6 cents per pound on butter.

Hon. George Boivin, Minister of Customs, replied that the reports had only been drawn to his attention yesterday morning. No order had been issued from the department, but a departmental order was not necessary, as a local collector could have the dumping duty applied. The minister promised to make inquiries and have a definite reply by to-day.

FOUND NO SIGNS OF LIFE AT NORTH POLE

Stretches of Smooth Ice Where Ski-Shod Plans Could Safely Alight.

King's Bay, Spitzbergen, May 11.—Commander R. E. Byrd, who flew over the North Pole on Sunday, reports that he saw not a single sign of life after entering the ice pack, which begins immediately north of Amsterdam Island and apparently touches Verleggen, reaching much further southward than usual. No birds, seals, polar bears, nor traces of any indication of life throughout the course.

Commander Byrd established an exploring record by not dropping flags. When he reached the Pole he was too busy taking observations and worrying about the leaking oil-tank to think about flags, although he had a hundred small and several large American flags stored in the plane.

Commander Byrd flew at an average of 2,000 feet outward and 3,000 on the return, making extra speed on account of the light load.

BERNIER IS SKEPTICAL

Says Byrd Must Have Flown at Tremendous Speed.

Quebec, May 11.—While he was not willing to make any statement at the present time as to whether Lieut.-Commander Richard E. Byrd, flew over the North Pole, Captain J. E. Bernier, Canadian explorer, when interviewed yesterday, remarked that the American flyer must have travelled at a tremendous speed if he made the distance from King's Bay to the Pole, a trip of about 700 miles, according to Bernier's own calculations, in fifteen hours and thirty minutes.

Divorce Granted.

Ottawa, May 11.—After a hearing of the case, the Senate Divorce Committee has again recommended divorce to Charles Reed Riches, barrister of Toronto, from Violet Halling Riches, known as Betty Compton. The re-hearing of the case resulted in one of the alleged co-respondents—a Montreal man being absolved.

Duke of Connaught Returns.

London, May 11.—The Duke of Connaught, who spent some time at the Riviera, returned to London yesterday and paid a visit to the King and Queen.

Judge Alton B. Parker, United States Democratic presidential candidate in 1904, died suddenly in New York on Monday.

WILL ADHERE TO DUTIES ON FINISHED CAR

But Wording of Resolution on Parts Will Be Altered

MR. ROBB ANNOUNCES

Sir Henry Drayton Criticizes the Budget—Premier King Challenges Dr. M. J. Maloney.

Ottawa, May 11.—In a further statement regarding changes to be made in the automobile tariff resolutions of the budget when they are taken up in committee, Hon. J. A. Robb, Minister of Finance, was no more explicit yesterday afternoon than in his answers to Right Hon. Arthur Meighen on the subject last week. The Minister again emphasized his determination to adhere to the duties on completed cars, set forth in the budget. As to duties on parts, his intentions were not defined. There would be, he intimated, changes in the wording of the resolutions, "for administrative purposes," and "to make the position of the parts men absolutely secure." Mr. Robb gave the House to understand that he was unwilling to respond to proposals that he abolish or reduce the sales tax or the excise tax on cars. He had been urged to take such action, but had not been convinced it would be in the public interests, or that it would lead to a reduction in the prices of Canadian cars.

Mr. Robb listened during the afternoon to an analysis of his budget by his predecessor in the ministry of finance, Sir Henry Drayton. The two phases of the budget to which Sir Henry devoted particular attention were the additional taxation on dividends from investments in Canadian companies and corporations, and the treatment of the automobile industry. As to the former, he criticized the policy of placing under the heaviest burden of taxation the capital which contributed to the provision of work and the expansion of industry, while in respect of the latter he deplored the failure of the Government to respect its promises, and its slashing of the tariff without any information as to the production which remained to the Canadian motor car industry.

Premier Challenges Dr. Maloney.

Dr. M. J. Maloney (Conservative, Renfrew South), in discussing the budget, asked:

"What did the Government do to help at the time of the Nova Scotia strike? Not one thing." "Oh yes," he said after a moment's pause. "The Government did one thing. It sent troops to Nova Scotia to shoot down men."

Hon. Charles Stewart, Minister of the Interior, intervened. "This Government did not send troops to Nova Scotia. The troops went at the call of the province."

"Who permitted them to go?" retorted Dr. Maloney.

"They went at the request of the province," Mr. Stewart repeated. He went on to say that under the statute the dominion was required to despatch troops at the call of the province.

Premier King interposed. Dr. Maloney had charged that the soldiers had been given orders to shoot down people. He challenged the speaker to produce those orders.

Dr. Maloney replied that when a soldier was sent on duty his first order was to shoot, if necessary. Premier King repeated his challenge.

F. W. Gershaw (Liberal, Medicine Hat) believed that the Government had strengthened its position with the people of Canada since the general election. The majority of Canadians, he thought, would approve of the budget. The Government should carry through its original budget proposals in the matter of the automobile tariff. Some Conservative speakers had endeavored to create the impression that had the Conservatives been in power the automobile tariffs would never have been cut. Dr. Gershaw was of the opinion that the majority of the Conservatives really approved of the reduction.

J. S. Woodsworth, Labor, Centre Winnipeg, favored a capital levy for the extinction of our war debt.

W. E. Tamm, Conservative, Hastings South, attacked the Government for the negotiation of the Australian and New Zealand treaties.

A strike of the flour mill workers in Manchester adds to the Government's troubles.