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CRITICAL POSITION GREAT BRITAIN TODAY

EXPECT MILLION AND HALF MEN WILL JOIN MILLION AND QUARTER MINERS

Right and Freedom of Nation Challenged by Trades Union Congress Says Government

o hope of avoiding general strike; offers of help pouring in from all over country; troops at Liverpool

REPUDIATION ASKED FROM UNIONS

LONDON, May 3.—"The action of the Labor Congress in ing a general strike and other overt actions involves a chal- ge to constitutional right and the' freedom of the nation,' lares the government in a statement issued by them this rning. "The government therefore, if it is to continue ne- iations, must require from the Trades Union Congress both pudiation of the actions referred to that have already taken e and immediate unconditional withdrawal of the instruc- tions for a general strike."

Any hope of avoiding a general strike that hung upon Sunday's negotiations between the Government and the Trades Union Congress vanished at one o'clock this morning when it was officially announced that negotiations had broken down. The Government immediately issued a statement refusing to resume them unless Congress withdrew other overt acts which the Government describes as "challenging constitutional right and the freedom of the nation."

No Excitement

A Government spokesman, talking to newspapermen this afternoon said: "News from the country is eminently satisfactory. There is no excitement and everything is normal. Offers of services are pouring in from all over the country."

One thousand troops were landed at Liverpool today and proceeded to the famous Aintree race course where they are being held in readiness to move to any part of Lancashire at a moment's notice.

KS MEETING F CONFERENCE ON THIS COAST

r Taylor Wires Mackenzie ing Urging Desirability of Imperial Gathering

VANCOUVER, May 3—In a tele- am sent Saturday to Premier ackenzie King, Mayor Taylor quested that the Canadian legates to the Imperial Con- rence in London in October be structed to urge that the next nference following it, which obably will be held in 1928, ot in British Columbia.

"There does not seem to be a gle objection to the proposal," d the mayor, in an interview, hich cannot be overcome, and know of nothing that would d to strengthen the bonds of pire more than to have such a l gathering as the Imperial nference held on the shores of Pacific. We are at the cross ds of the Empire and examina- of the map of the world will firm this."

OTH STOCKS AND WHEAT TAKE A DROP

NEW YORK, May 3.—Numer- leading stocks broke three ten points on the stock ex- nge today. Commodity mar- s were also weaker. Active eat feature was the slumping three cents.

WINNIPEG, May 3. — Wheat mped 2½ cents on the possi- ity of the British Government tituting a form of Govern- nt control in the purchase of plies if the strike is prolong-

ERATING DEFICIT GOVERNMENT SHIPS

OTTAWA, May 3.—The oper- ng deficit of the Canadian vernment ships during 1925 owed better than $492,000 r the previous year, accord- to the annual report pub- hed today.

William Goldbloom sailed Sat- ay night on the Prince Char- for Anyox and Alice Arm on iness.

DAILY MAIL SUPPRESSED BY PRINTERS

Objection Taken to Editorial Saying Strike Could Not be Tolerated

LONDON, May 3. — One of the effects of the strike in England was the non-appearance this morning of the Daily Mail, owing to a strike of printers, who took exception to the Mail's proposed editorial on the strike situation under the caption "For King and Country."

The editorial declared that "a general strike cannot be tolerated by any civilized government."

HALIBUT ARRIVALS TODAY NOT HEAVY

Seven Boats Land 85,000 Pounds and Receive Good Prices—Some Salmon as Well

Halibut arrivals this morning totalled 85,000 pounds, two American vessels landing 57,000 pounds and five Canadians, 28,000 pounds. Prices for American fish were 17.7c and 9c and 18c and 9c, and for Canadian from 16.3c and 9c to 16.8c and 9c. Two samon packers also sold their fares. The arrivals were as follows:

American

Panama, 29,000, to the Pacific Fisheries.

Mildred H., 28,000, to Royal Fish Co.

Canadian

Ingred H., 6,000, to the Booth Fisheries Canadian Co.

Impericuse, 4,000; R. W., 6,000; and Brant, 4,000 to the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co.

Muirueag, 8,000, to the Atlin Fisheries.

Salmon

Taplow, 3,800 reds and 300 whites, at 17.2c and 3c, to the Royal Fish Co.

Petrel, 1,000 reds, at 17c to the Booth Fisheries Canadian Co.

HARRY HARTZ NEW RECORD

Makes Average Speed of 135 Miles an Hour for 300 Miles at Atlantic City

ATLANTIC CITY, May 3. — Harry Hartz of Pomona, California, expert driver, won the 300 miles auto race Saturday, covering the distance in 2 hours 14 minutes at an average speed of 135 miles an hour.

Eighty thousand spectators watched the big race in which Hartz created a new world record and won a twelve thousand dollar prize.

BIG LEAGUE BASEBALL

SATURDAY GAMES

American League

Chicago 9, Cleveland 6.
Detroit 11, St. Louis 2.
Boston 2, Philadelphia 1.
aWshington 1, New York 4.

National League

St. Louis 8, Chicago 11.
Philadelphia 4, Brooklyn 2.
New York 4, Boston 5.
Cincinnati 2, Pittsburg 3.

SUNDAY GAMES

National League

Pittsburg 3, Cincinnati 4.
St. Louis 5, Chicago 6.
Philadelphia 7, New York 4.
Boston 1, Brooklyn 9.

American League

Philadelphia 3, Washington 4.
Chicago 8, Cleveland 3.
Detroit 6, St. Louis 9.

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C. P. R.	157.00	
B. C. Silver	1.86	1.92
Consolidated	197.00	
Dunwell	1.86	1.87
Gladstone	.32	.36
Howe Sound	31.50	35.00
L. & L.	.11	.14
Marmot	.07¾	.09
Premier	2.25	2.30
Porter Idaho	.09¼	.10
Surf Inlet	.08	.09

Frank Clapp is making a business trip today to Port Edward Cannery. He left on this morning's train and will be back this evening.

R. M. Stewart was a passenger aboard the Prince Charles Saturday afternoon on his way from Victoria to Stewart.

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EDITORIAL

GREAT STRUGGLE

There is a great struggle going on in Great Britain, the culmination of an agitation which has grown out of the war and the hard times which followed it.

Owing to competition from Germany and other European nations, to the disarmament program under which the building of warships has been curtailed, and to other industrial causes, British industries have suffered greatly and there has been a growing feeling of unrest in the country. This has made it possible for labor leaders to issue the general strike order at the week end.

The present outlook is not a pleasant one. While the despatches arriving here are brief, they convey the idea that much may be hidden below the surface and that developments may be rapid. No one knows what tomorrow may bring forth. Whatever happens is bound to have a powerful effect on this continent and especially on Canada.

SETTLEMENT BASIS CAN BE REACHED IS OPINION OF LABOR

LONDON, May 3.—The basis of a settlement of the general strike can be reached if negotiations are resumed, says a statement issued this evening by the Council of the Trades Union Congress, following a joint meeting of the congress, the Parliamentary labor party and the miners' executive.

SCARCELY A DE'L LONDON EXCHANGE IS MADE TODAY

LONDON, May 3.—Scarcely a deal was made on the stock exchange today, most of the work consisting in marking down quotations, especially home rails and industrial shares.

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Another Million and Half Men Expected to Join the Million and Quarter Strikers

LONDON, May 3.—Unless the unforeseen happens it is expected that another million and a half men will cease work at midnight and join the million and a quarter miners who are idle.

Premier Baldwin told Parliament this afternoon that a continuance of the coal subsidy to the coal industry was out of the question.

The strike situation cast a pall of gloom over the financial district, although, according to ressponsible railway authorities, it is not likely that the whole train service will cease, if the threatened general strike becomes effective.

On the other hand it is stated both by members of the National Railwaymen's Union and the Society of Locomotive Engineers that they will obey the strike call to a man but have offered to run food trains.

Premier Baldwin Places Strike Position Before Parliament in Address

Declares nearer civil war than ever before in centuries; pleas for reopening of negotiations by opposition leaders

LONDON, May 3.—Premier Baldwin told Parliament today that labor leaders by ordering a general strike were threatening the base of orderly government and were nearer proclaiming civil war than Britain had been before for centuries.

"The only light heard in the country today are those who either envy or hate us because they see the whole of democratic freedom entering a course which, if successful, can only substitute tyranny," the Premier declared. "It is not wages that are in peril but freedom of our very constitution."

J. H. Thomas, who followed, pleaded for the reopening of negotiations.

Lloyd George joined him and said he believed the House should agree to limited continuance of the coal subsidy. "Not two per cent of the people would vote for revolution," he said. "This situation is not revolution but a plain economic dispute in which justice is wanted."

GOVERNMENT AGENT VERNON APPOINTED

VICTORIA, May 3. — Colonel Ross Napier, assistant deputy minister of finance, who resigned owing to ill health, has now been appointed government agent at Vernon.

Inquiries Made Regarding Coal Development Near Telkwa and Possibility of Securing Market

Stating that he is interested in the development of a large tract of coal lands on the Morice River near Telkwa and is anxious to secure certain data on the possibilities of marketing, etc., Alexander Cuninghame, M.E., of the Combustion Control Co., New York City, has written the Prince Rupert Board of Trade seeking the following information:

1. What is the tonnage of coal received at Prince Rupert from Vancouver Island and what is the selling price of same?

2. What is the price of fuel oil and quantity used by the railroad and for bunkering vessels?

3. What would be the freight rate on coal from Prince Rupert to Vancouver?

4. What facilities have you for loading coal cargo into ships.

5. In the event of our developing the mines referred to, what assistance would the Prince Rupert Board of Trade give in opening a campaign to get the railroad to burn coal instead of oil in its locomotives?

The communication states that should the mines on the Morice River be opened up, it is expected there would be an expenditure of $2,000,000 and estimates show that coal should be delivered in Prince Rupert for about $4.50 per ton.

Board's Reply

The secretary of the Board of Trade has answered that 19,000 tons of coal is consumed annually by residences and small industries in the city of Prince Rupert and that the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co. uses 8,354 tons and the dry dock 1,000 tons and, in addition to this 75,000 tons is used in Alaska. Mine run coal from Vancouver Island is sold to the dealers for $10 per ton. Figures are also given by the board as to the retail price of fuel oil here though information is not available as to the price paid by the railway company. The project of coal bunkers here, the reply states, is being worked upon. The Board gives assurance that $4.50 per ton coal here will capture the market although there is little likelihood of the railway company being induced to use it on account of provincial government forest protection regulations. The Board of Trade also suggests the possibility that the Granby Co. might become a purchaser of coal produced in this district.

STOCKS DOWN WALL STREET

United States Money Market Reacts to Labor Crisis in Britain

NEW YORK, May 3. — A sharp decline in stock prices, a drop of more than half a cent in sterling exchange and the establishment of the lewest levels for all time by French and Belgian currency was Wall Street's reaction to the British labor crisis.

Rev. Dr. Charles J. Cameron, who is on a brief trip to Vancouver, will return to the city at the end of this week and resume charge of the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church. Services yesterday, in the absence of Dr. Cameron, were taken by P. H. Linzey.

T. A. Sandison, district manager of the Maritime Fisheries, sailed for Aliford Bay on the Prince John Saturday night.

WHALERS FROM OLD COUNTRY

Party of Forty Enroute West Passes Through Winnipeg

WINNIPEG, May 3. — Forty Arctic whalers passed through Winnipeg Sunday evening via Canadian National en route from the Old Country to Vancouver and Queen Charlotte Islands where they have been engaged for work with the whaling fleet. Small farms, similar to the crofts occupied by these people are available on the west coast of Vancouver Island and they propose to combine agriculture with their work as whalers. The whaling industry in British Columbia is growing rapidly and considerable extension has taken place during the past year in the production of fertilizer and other products.

CARPENTERS REFUSED WORK

Not Taken on When They Object to Signing Pledge for 44 Hours

VANCOUVER, May 3. — Approximately 1,300 carpenters, bricklayers, floorlayers, tile setters were refused employment this morning by the large contractors when they reported for work and refused to sign the pledge to continue for a 44 hour week. It was reported that several branches of the building trades will quit in sympathy.

LILLEHORN HERE FOR FIRST TIME

The British motorship Lillehorn, Capt. Dan McKinnon, recently chartered by the C.G.M.M. to be used in freighting to Prince Rupert and the Queen Charlotte Islands, arrived here at noon yesterday from Vancouver. This is the first visit of the Lillehorn to this port and she is unloading creosoted piles at the lumber assembly wharf before proceeding to the Queen Charlotte Islands.

OSCAR STRAUS DIES

NEW YORK, May 3. — Oscar Straus, former diplomat, member of the U.S. cabinet and financier, died this morning aged 76.

W. F. Draney, son of the manager of the Gosse-Millerd cannery at Shannon Bay, arrived from Vancouver on the Prince Charles Saturday afternoon and proceeded to the Islands on the Prince John.

Harry Smith of Alice Arm, has been appointed a Notary Public, according to the B.C. Gazette.