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A General Strike of Cotton Mill Employees in the New England States is Feared

MANY WORKERS
ARE NOW OUT

Twelve Thousand Operatives in the State of Rhode Island Have Already Quit—Mass Meetings of Workers at Manchester, N.H. Has Been Called for Next Sunday.

Manchester, N. H., Feb. 9.—The Amoskeag and Stark Manufacturing Companies will be notified of the rejection of the proposed wage reduction by International Vice-President James Starr of the United Textile Workers of America and a committee of local union heads tomorrow morning.

Two mass meetings of textile workers have been called for next Sunday, and a general strike is feared next Monday. The Amoskeag Corporation employs 16,000 operatives in its eighteen mills here and the Stark mills 2,000.

Lowell, Mass., Feb. 9.—Fear is entertained of a general shutdown in Lowell cotton mills if some agreement on the wage question is not reached by the Hamilton Company, and the textile workers before Friday night. Following the policy of previous years older employees believe the large manufacturing companies will rally to the assistance of the Hamilton Company in the event of a strike.

Reduction in Vermont.

Burlington, Vt., Feb. 9.—Announcement is made in the Queen City Cotton and the Chace Mills in this city of a reduction in wages to take effect Feb. 13. More than 800 employees will be affected. The officials in the mills were unable to say what the exact amount of the reduction would be. It was intimated that it might be on a sliding scale.

A similar cut it to be made in the cotton mills at North Pownal.

Out in Rhode Island.

Providence, R. I., Feb. 9.—Two mills in Apponaug have been added to the strike list. They are the Apponaug Bleachery and the Narragansett Cotton Company. There are now about 12,000 workers out in the state. About 400 strikers came from Natick, where all the mills are closed by walkouts, and made a noisy demonstration in order to get the workers to quit. At Pontiac the mills were picketed by men and women, some of the latter armed with clubs.

The invaders got out as many of the workers as they could until they said that the plant was virtually "cleaned out" and that less than thirty-five persons, including the foremen remained at work.

A conference was held between Governor San Souci and Sheriff Michael B. Lynch and Deputy Sheriff Lowell M. Whitman of Kent county on the situation in the Pawtuxet Valley. Governor San Souci believes the police have the situation well in hand for the present. Sheriff Lynch said he expected more trouble.

Strikers in the Blackstone Valley held a demonstration at the Jencks Spinning Company, Pawtucket, and about fifty operatives went out.

There are twenty-six mills closed in Rhode Island.

CURFEW WHISTLE AT SARNIA ONT., PROVED TOO EXPENSIVE

Sarnia, Feb. 10.—The curfew whistle, which called the children of the city off the streets at 9 o'clock, will no longer be blown in Sarnia.

Seven dollars a day, which it cost the Water Works Department at times to keep up steam for the blowing of the curfew, was too much for the city fathers, and the original by-law has now been repealed.

The police, however, will continue to clear the streets of all children who disregard the bedtime hour.

Situation in Ireland Still Has Serious Look; Collins Works for Peace

Force of 4000 Republican Troops Assembled in the Valley of the Donegal, But Dispersed on Receiving News That Men Under Sentence of Death Had Been Reprieved—More Kidnappings Reported.

Dublin, Feb. 9.—According to a report received here from Strabane, County Tyrone, 4,000 armed men with 300 motor cars had assembled in the valley at Donegal on Tuesday night ready to advance on Londonderry, when the news of the reprieve of the three men under sentence of death at Londonderry was received. The men then dispersed.

Michael Collins, head of the provisional government, has received a telegram from the Sinn Fein executive in Cookstown, County Tyrone, saying: "Specials (constabulary) are believed to be mobilizing around here for further raids and outrages tonight. Apprise the British and Northern governments; if not stopped consequences will be serious."

COLLINS IS FOR PEACE

Mr. Collins immediately informed the British government, saying that such action by the specials could only be carried out with the support of the British troops, and adding that the provisional government was doing its utmost to get the situation under control, but if the action reported at Cookstown was taken things would become extremely serious.

MORE KIDNAPPING REPORTED

Belfast, Feb. 9.—Irish Republican army officers in Clones, County Monaghan, are credited with the statement that even more Unionists will be kidnapped if the detention of Sinn Fein prisoners in Ulster continues. Four special officers in a motor car fell into the hands of the Irish Republican army men at Clones today.

Sinn Feiners in Cookstown are fearful of attacks by the specials. Tonight they wired Michael Collins asking him to inform the British government of their predicament. The prisoners taken around Clones were carried to Ballybay, where there is a large concentration of Sinn Feiners.

It was reported here this afternoon that the provisional government in South Ireland would not release any more of the captured Ulster Unionists until the Monaghan football players arrested recently while travelling in a motor car to Londonderry for a game, and in the possession of some of whom revolvers were found, contrary to the Ulster law, had been set free.

Apparently Monaghan is being used by the raiders as a base. Soldiers, said by the Unionists to be Irish Republicans were still in possession of the court house today. This appeared to be a rendezvous for the parties passing to and fro. Armed men were incessantly moving about the town and strict discipline was being enforced.

CARSON'S RELATIVE

The wife of Ivan Carson, former High Sheriff of Fermanagh, who was kidnapped Wednesday, received a letter from him today. The missive, which bore no address, said the writer was well and had no cause for anxiety. It developed that he is a relative of Lord Carson, the former Ulster leader, and commanded a patrol of specials in the Fermanagh encounter with the raiders.

LOCAL CURLERS LOST AND WON

St. John, Feb. 10.—The Fredericton curlers visited this city yesterday and played both the Thistle and Carleton curling clubs on their home rinks in both the afternoon and evening. The visiting "knights o' the broom" secured an even break in the day's play as they defeated the Carleton club by the score of 54 to 52 but they were overwhelmingly defeated by the Thistle curlers by the score of 76 to 39.

SUDDEN DEATH IN HOULTON.

Thomas W. Sansom, Nashwaaksis Died There Thursday Afternoon—Interment at Campbellton

Thomas W. Sansom of Nashwaaksis died suddenly at Houlton, Me., Thursday afternoon. Heart failure was the cause of death. The deceased was aged fifty-seven years and was well known here. For seven years he was a member of the firm of Sansom & McNally grocers in this city. Since retiring two years ago he has been a resident of Nashwaaksis. He went to Houlton on a visit a few weeks ago. The body will be taken to Campbellton for interment several members of the family of the deceased residing there.

AN ECHO OF THE SMALL CASE

Toronto, Feb. 9.—"I want to warn you, as a friend, that unless you stop your activities in trying to find Mr. Small, you'll go the same way he did."

Over the telephone wire, in a mysterious feminine voice, the above warning came to James W. Cowan, manager of the Grand Opera House, and one of the closest friends of Ambrose J. Small, missing theatrical magnate, who formerly owned the Grand Opera House.

The message was first treated lightly by Mr. Cowan, but, after thoroughly thinking the situation over, he today visited Chief of Police Dickson to whom he communicated the details of the threat and action is being taken in an effort to locate the woman.

Miss Jennie McNally, who recently underwent an operation at the Victoria Hospital is steadily improving.

The late Mr. Sansom is survived by four brothers and one sister. The brothers are George, Havelock and Howard of Campbellton and Clarence of Edmonton, Alta. Mrs. John Richards of Campbellton is a sister. He was a native of Royal Road.

New Ministers at Ottawa Will Apply Pruning Knife; Economy is the Watchword

PLAYOFF FOR COLLEGE HOCKEY ARRANGED

If Three-cornered Tie Occurs Acadia and Mt. Allison Will Play Friday at Amherst.

The question of a play-off in the Western Section Intercollegiate Hockey League, was discussed Thursday while Mt. Allison was here. As it is considered likely that Mount A. will defeat Acadia at Sackville on Thursday next. The arrangement suggested is that in that event Mount A. and Acadia play the following night in Amherst on neutral ice and the that U. N. B. play the winner.

This arrangement is believed to be the most convenient for the three colleges concerned and will decide which team will go up against Dalhousie in the Maritime playoff.

GOOD SHOW AT THE GAIETY

The Friday-Saturday play at the Gaiety is The Silver Lining. It is an entertaining crook melodrama with Jewel Carmen in the leading role. A good Comedy is also on the programme.

CONDITIONS WORSE THAN EXPECTED

Montreal, Feb. 9.—The Montreal Star in its postscript edition this evening has the following:

"When shareholders voted yesterday for the absorption of the Merchants Bank by the Bank of Montreal the majority were under the impression that the bank had lost \$8,000,000 and that this sum had occasioned its difficulties.

"It develops this morning on analysis of the various statements given at the meeting that the bank estimated its losses at \$12,298,000. In addition to the \$7,950,000 written off reserve fund following the receipt of the Mackenzie report, the directors had previously provided, \$4,348,000 to cover \$3,400,000 loss on account of Thornton Davidson & Co., and \$950,000 of other bad debts."

H. B. Mackenzie, acting manager of Merchants Bank, said today:

Included in the current loans in Canada and elsewhere are some \$2,000,000 of loans to officers of the bank. The majority in number are for houses and automobiles, but there are also large loans for other purposes, mainly purchases of stocks and bonds, and in some cases the security is deficient, in a few cases seriously deficient. My recommendation was that for the present it would be wise to set aside \$100,000 a year for several years until the situation became clearer, and the \$7,950,000 subsequently written off the reserve fund included the first instalment of \$100,000 for possible loss under this heading.

Edwin G. Rogers of Andover is in the city.

ALDERMEN IN ONTARIO TOWN WILL GET \$3 FOR EACH MEETING

Waterloo, Feb. 10.—Waterloo Town Council have decided to accept payment for their services at the rate of \$3 each for every regular meeting attended and \$2 each for each special Council and regular finance meeting attended. The Waterloo Council have approved of the new Kitchener-Waterloo college building proposal. Kitchener Council will take it up at a special finance meeting on Thursday. Waterloo's share of the \$90,000 cost will be \$60,000.

SAVING LIKELY ON THE MILITIA

All Departments of Defence are Likely to be Amalgamated—Taxes May All be Collected Through the Customs Department—Costs May be Greatly Reduced.

Ottawa, Feb. 10.—"We find this new Ministry very charming, very polite and ready to listen, but they always wind up with telling us they have no money." This came today from one of the newly-elected French Canadian members who has spent some time in Ottawa during the last month. He has had several plans to place before the Government and he has run up against this economy policy. The French Canadian member is but one of many.

Notwithstanding the paucity of announcements made by this Government, there are plenty of shrewd observers here who know where the prizing hook is likely to fall. First they point to the Militia Department where Hon. Geo. P. Graham presides over all defence forces. Last year the Militia Department spent pretty nearly \$10,000,000, while the Air Board cost \$1,330,000, and the Mounted Police about \$4,000,000 more. The public may look for big cuts in these expenses.

Centralize Collectors.

Hon. Mr. Fielding has a theory that all the money collecting agencies of the Government that is the men who gather the income tax and the business profits tax should be in the regular collecting department, which is the customs. Last year for instance the administration of the business profits tax cost about \$1,709,000 or roughly 2 per cent of the amount amount collected and is not considered excessive by some financial authorities. It is believed that when all these Government collecting agencies are bulked into one department much of the same ground could be covered by fewer men and the costs appreciably lowered.

Then there is the big drain in the Government railways which it is held, can be stopped to some extent by amalgamation of the Grand Trunk with the Canadian Northern. Last year the railways cost the public Treasury something more than \$75,000,000, and now earnest attention is being given this the biggest problem.

JOHN BELL ON THE JOB

New York, Feb. 10.—The Wall Street Journal, in an article dealing with the rise in the value of the pound sterling (quoted at \$4.35 today), says that the opinion is held among New York bankers that foreign exchange is pronouncing judgment on the foreign policies adopted by this country. They prophesy that Great Britain will obtain before many months have passed, a predominant hold on international trade.

H. A. Marvin of St. John is a guest at the Queen.

Dr. M. L. Jewett of Millville was in the city last night.