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A SCORE OF STRIKERS BADLY BEATEN BY LONDON POLICE; CROWDS ARE GOOD HUMORED

London, May 4—The first serious disorders of the British general strike flared up in the East India Dock District Tuesday night, culminating in a series of police baton charges upon strikers, a score of whom were badly beaten and taken to hospitals.

The rioting started when gangs of strikers and sympathizers began attacking government food lorries in the afternoon, overturning the vehicles and putting them out of commission.

Sporadic fighting led to baton charges, which temporarily ended the trouble, but angry crowds of men and women lined the East India docks road during the evening.

While the United News correspondent watched from a vantage point, the fighting broke out again, as the strikers resumed their attacks upon the lorries, overturning one and setting it on fire.

In the afternoon, there had been intermittent fighting without serious damage to the contestants, the strikers contenting themselves with overthrowing an occasional lorry.

The first casualties occurred when the police, after futile warnings to the mob to disperse, began a series of charges, cracking heads right and left.

Taken to Hospital.

All those who fell with wounds from the police batons were taken to Poplar Hospital.

The police charges increased the anger of the strikers to a dangerous pitch, and police reserves were rushed to the East India docks sections from other parts of the city.

As the mob got beyond control and began looting the lorries, mounted police rode up and charged the rioters. Finally the latter lost heart and began to disperse.

Meanwhile fire engines were clanging down the East India docks road in response to several alarms.

Auto Pushed Into Canal.

In the Poplar district of the east end, not far away, a Rolls Royce appeared in the streets. Strikers surrounded the luxurious vehicle, forced the driver to dismount and rolled the limousine through the streets, finally pushing it into a nearby canal.

The Bow district adjoining was more orderly, but plainclothesmen patrolled the streets all evening, arresting all who talked too loudly, a total of eight being taken on this charge.

A Big Movement.

London, May 5—At midnight the general strike had been in progress 24 hours and had stalled the great bulk of the country's industries.

So immense is the movement and so many are its ramifications that no single development can be observed. London and other great cities present the curious aspect of thousands upon thousands of people and conveyances in aimless motion, with an almost total suspension of work, except in vital services. There have been no new negotiations as far as the public is aware seeking a settlement of the strike—no move to this end on either side. That the government does not propose to initiate new parleys is obvious from the statement contained in its official newspaper, the first number of which was issued last (Tuesday) night. "The strike leaders have made no move, and the next step is with them."

Real Effects Not Felt.

Although the strike extends from one end of the country to the other, the people, aside from certain inconveniences, have not even begun to feel its real effects. The government and those leaders identified with the most important industries, operating separately, but in some cases together, have already set up machinery for supplying the populace with those things absolutely essential for its existence.

It would appear as if the government were settling down to a long fight. It is officially asserted that the tie-up is not so complete as the strike leaders intended and that the people are rousing themselves to help the government keep things going. It is impossible yet to indicate the full extent to which volunteers are enrolling or whether they are suitable to the demands of the situation. Unquestionably a large number have undertaken public service, but will need training for special work and it will be some time before they are wholly effective.

Seamen Cause Anxiety.

Among the chief causes of anxiety is necessarily the attitude of the seamen and ship firemen. If their union casts its lot with the strikers the country will be faced with the ugly prospect of a food shortage for which the enrolment of volunteers could not compensate.

The tie-up of the work at the docks seems pretty general throughout the country, but here again the figures

are incomplete and the people are asking that even if the dock labor is satisfactorily replaced by volunteers, where is the food to come from if the shipping whereby it is imported is held up by the refusal of the seamen and firemen to perform their duties.

News Vendor Attacked.

The general good humor of the crowds many of whom seemed to appreciate the novelty of the situation caused by the general strike, was only disturbed today by a few minor incidents. A rare news vendor appeared in Shaftesbury avenue burdened with penny newspapers for which he charged three pence. An objector seized the bundle of papers and scattered them and while the newshy crowd chased the flying sheets, the news man and the objector fought it out.

The railroads have initiated a scheme of training volunteers who will be accommodated in the stations, to which 10,000 beds have been distributed. It is hoped to run a 25 per cent service on some lines tomorrow.

Credit Given Unions.

The official government communique gives credit to the trade unions for enjoining their members not to disturb the peace and order and so far there is not the slightest indication of a departure from the spirit of the instructions. The Trade Union Congress ordered that food supplies and health and other necessary services be maintained, and so the police force and fire brigades are remaining on duty. Indeed, so far as London is concerned, the police have their hands full directing the traffic and seemingly do not anticipate more serious calls on their services.

A typical instance of the spirit animating the strike occurred when the Stepney electric workers restricted their energies to the maintenance of lighting. This had the effect of upsetting the X-ray apparatus in a London hospital, but a word of remonstrance speedily righted the matter.

A year ago potatoes were being loaded for shipment at thirty cents a barrel in York County. Today eight dollars was the retail price per barrel in the Fredericton market.

Forty Hours Devotion

The Forty Hours' Devotion at St. Dunstan's Church came to a close on Tuesday night. Rev. Father Mullen of St. Peter's Church, Saint John, was the preacher last night.

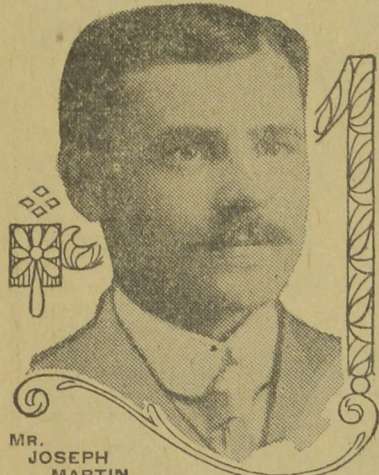
Addressed Normal Students

Dr. W. S. Carter, Chief Supt. of Education, addressed the various departments of the Provincial Normal School on Tuesday speaking on administration and other subjects.

Dr. G. G. Melvin, Chief Health Officer is incapacitated by illness.

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POINTERS ON FERTILIZING THE ORCHARD

(Experimental Farms Note.)

A fertilizer carrying the proportions of 30 pounds of nitrogen, 50 pounds of phosphoric acid, and 50 pounds of potash is considered to be the most suitable fertilizer for general orchard use. Such a fertilizer can be made up by using 200 pounds of nitrate of soda or 150 pounds of sulphate of ammonia, 300 pounds of acid phosphate, and 100 pounds of muriate of potash. These may be mixed together and applied at the one time at the rate of 550 or 600 pounds per acre. Slag may be used in place of acid phosphate, at the rate of 300 to 400 pounds per acre according to the amount of phosphorus it contains, and should be applied separately, not being mixed with the other fertilizers before being applied.

If the vigour of the tree is such that terminal growth is short an additional amount of nitrogenous fertilizer should be applied, at the rate of 100 to 200 pounds per acre, to such trees as may require special treatment.

Nitrate of soda has been the favorite nitrogenous fertilizer, and because of its quick action in supplying readily available nitrogen for early growth it seems fully to meet orchard requirements. Sulphate of ammonia might be used in combination with it.

It is thought advisable to use more potash than has been the custom during the past few years. This may not be necessary on the heavier soils, which usually contain more potash than lighter soils. A fertilizer carrying the three elements of plant food is likely to give the best returns ultimately, and while a shortage in any one element may not be noticeable in reduced crop yield or vigor, yet ultimately the lack of this element may adversely affect the crop.

It is advised that the fertilizers be applied to the orchard from the first to the middle of May, thus encouraging a vigorous early growth. The fertilized should be scattered evenly around the tree and to a distance of two feet beyond the spread of the branches.

If the orchard is in sod it is necessary to double the amount of nitrogenous fertilizers used. The grass, during the early spring very rapidly takes up the nitrates formed and an excess must be supplied if the tree is to benefit to the extent it should. The rapid growth of grass due to the nitrogenous fertilizer used should be checked by repeated cutting, thus preventing excessive drying out of the soil.

To find spring, consult Shelly, Tennyson, Coleridge, Burns, Cowper, Emerson, Mrs. Hemans, Longfellow, Whittier or Robert Louis Stevenson. We rely too implicitly upon the weather bureau for our vernal thrills.

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INSPECTOR'S GRIP HAS BEEN RECOVERED

Saint John, May 4—Thirsty souls throughout the city and province will be interested to learn that the lost is found. The grip of Chief Inspector W. L. McFarlane, mysteriously missing from the Moncton station a few days ago while its owner laid it down to purchase a paper, has been recovered by the Canadian National Railway police and returned to its lawful possessor.

The disappearance of the piece of property and its subsequent recovery bore all the elements of a first-class detective story, a la Nick Carter, Sherlock Holmes, and the Clutching Hand. There were the baffling disappearance, the hue and cry of close pursuit, the mysterious telephone message and finally the dramatic restitution and virtue triumphant.

SPECIAL ATTRACTION
AT GAITY THEATRE

"Bluebeard's Seven Wives" is the photo play at the Gaity for Wednesday and Thursday featuring a star cast.

An interesting and very amusing kidding of the film industry. There is some delightful kidding, particularly in the first part of the film. The big director is B. C. DuVal—and he looks just like him particularly when the studio gang is "yes-sing" him. Then there are the producers who sign the young man at a low salary before he discovers how valuable he is to them. Also the big-chested press agent and his ballyhoo ways of getting front-page space.

Ben Lyon does some really good work as the make-believe shiek. Lois Wilson is appearing as the lowly waitress. Sam Hardy is breezy as the press agent, and others handle their not too difficult roles very well.

SHIP SERVICE STOPPED.

Amstead, July 5—The Dutch Steamship Company has stopped all services to England, due to the general strike.

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