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RAILWAY MEN WILL STRIKE TO ENFORCE THEIR DEMANDS FOR AN INCREASE IN WAGES

Montreal, Nov. 25—A strike of 15,000 conductors and trainmen employed on Canadian lines loomed tonight as a result of the endorsement today by the men's full committee of a strike vote by the membership to enforce demands for a 6 per cent. wage increase which was refused them by a recent award of a Federal Board of Conciliation.

Following a meeting of more than 30 representatives of the Order of Railroad Conductors and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen S. N. Berry, senior vice-president of the former organization, acting as spokesman for the unions, said: "The full committee of both unions endorsed the action of their membership in voting for a peaceful withdrawal from the railroad service unless a satisfactory settlement can otherwise be secured. The Dominion Government and the officials of the railroads have been so notified."

Strike Date Isn't Set.

No date was set as to when the men would be called upon to cease work. This matter will probably be decided upon tomorrow, but there is a possibility that it will be delayed pending action on the part of the railroads.

It is believed that the men will await the outcome of the wage award to men in similar positions on United States lines, which is expected to be handed down on Dec. 1.

Robb Gets No Notice.

Headquarters of the railways here would make no comment on the situation at present, while at Ottawa Hon. J. A. Robb, acting premier, when

shown a despatch from Montreal saying that the committee had endorsed the action of the men for the calling of a strike, said he had received no official notice. He would not make any statement. Hon. Peter Heenan, Minister of Labor, was not in Ottawa today, and officials of his department remained silent when asked to pass an opinion.

In an interview here today W. G. Sheppard, International President of the Order of Railway Conductors, stated that international heads now in Montreal were leaving it entirely in the hand of the Canadian membership to make their own decision, unbiased and unfettered in the present crisis, and added that these officers were simply here to advise and counsel.

Asked if the conductors and trainmen, in the event of proceeding to the extreme method of a strike, would have the full financial support of the international organization, Mr. Sheppard said:

"The organization is international and it is our purpose to give the men the same treatment as we would give to our United States membership in the same position."

From 13,000 to 14,000 railroaders are involved in the question of higher wages from the Canadian railroads, and of that number approximately 13,000 voted in the recent referendum in favor of a strike rather than continue under the present rates of pay. These approximate figures were given out today by S. N. Berry.

HOT CAMPAIGN FOR U.S. SENATOR ENDS MONDAY

Charges of Corruption are Levelled Against Hon. A. R. Gould in Maine.

Augusta, Maine, Nov. 25—With Republican control of the next Senate depending on the outcome of a special election in this State next Monday, Maine's political apple cart was turned bottom up last Sunday by a broadside of corruption charges aimed at Arthur R. Gould, Republican Senatorial nominee in the special primary of November 1.

Fulton J. Redman, Gould's Democratic opponent, opened fire with a public statement in which he charged Gould with having given a \$100,000 bribe several years ago.

Accused by Pastor.

Previously Rev. A. F. Leigh, of Randolph, filed charges with the Secretary of State here that Gould had exceeded the legal limit of \$1,500 in his primary campaign expenditures, while a group of Maine Democrats asked Senator James A. Reed of the Senate campaign funds investigating committee to inaugurate a federal inquiry into the Maine primary situation.

Redman's charges were contained in a statement issued by a committee associated with his campaign. The statement took the form of a report and review of an investigation conducted by Chief Justice H. A. McKeown in New Brunswick in 1918.

Gould declared the "bribe story" was "old" and asserted that the money had been paid by former business associates in a railroad construction project without his knowledge.

Hearing Today.

Meanwhile Secretary of State Frank Ball set tomorrow as the date for a hearing on the Rev. Leigh's charges. The Randolph clergyman is prominent in the Ku Klux Klan organization of Maine, which was reported to have been actively opposed to Gould's candidacy.

Gould demanded detailed specifications of the campaign expenditure charges and Mr. Leigh responded last night by filing specifications covering political advertisements, conveyances for carrying votes to the polls, payment of unknown amounts to political workers and others as well as purchase of campaign buttons and banners, all of which were paid for by Gould.

Rev. Leigh further charged that the campaign conducted by Gould could not have been run on the \$1,324 expense account the candidate filed after the primary.

The special primary election and election in this state were necessitated by the death on Aug. 23 of Senator Purit M. Fernald, re-elected in the regular election last June.

REV. FR. HOWLAND ADDRESSED THE ROTARIANS

Denies That the Catholic Church is Opposed to the Movement.

Rev. Father Howland of Kingsclear was a speaker at a banquet given by Moncton Rotarians in the Brunswick Hotel of that city on Tuesday. The Transcript in its report of the gathering says:

Rev. Father Howland, was introduced by Rotarian Grainger following Governor Murchie's address, and he took for his subject, "Fellowship in Rotary." He spoke in a thorough and interesting way.

The speaker emphasized the great bond of fellowship that bound members of Rotary together, after he had paid a tribute to the work of women in making Rotary a success.

Distinguished men throughout the world were showing and maintaining an interest in Rotary wherever it was organized and this was but one mark of the work Rotary was doing in breaking down old barriers of bigotry and intolerance. It was tending to bring closer always the great brotherhood of mankind.

The report had been spread, Father Howland said, that The Roman Catholic church was opposed to the Rotary movement. Such a report had been spread by mischievous persons and was unjust and untrue, he declared, relating that on a visit to Rome he had found the Pope pleased with the spirit and the work of Rotary.

Clubs in Milan, Nice, Genoa, London, Paris and Dublin had been visited by the speaker and everywhere there had been found this spirit of fellowship. The great tragedy of the war was mentioned and in this regard, Father Howland said that he believed that if all were imbued with the spirit of Rotary there would be possible no more and many lives need not be sacrificed.

During the course of his remarks Father Howland sang Harry Lauder's rotary song, and in closing he recited the poem, "The Spirit of Rotary", written by Edgar A. Cost.

SPECIAL ATTRACTION AT
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There is a variety of entertainment elements in "Whispering Smith" the feature at the Capitol for Friday and Saturday.

It has a well sustained plot and the suspense is never permitted to slacken. It is a railroad melodrama in atmosphere, with H. B. Warner in the title part of a special agent for the road. Lillian Rich, Lilyan Tashman, Robert Edeson and others are in the cast.

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