

BRITAIN FACES ANARCHY AS MILLIONS QUIT IN R. R. STRIKE

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The train left the station at 7:15 amid many cheers. Railway service throughout the United Kingdom is tied up by the most thoroughly organized strike known in Britain's history. The railway employees in Ireland have followed the example of their brethren in the rest of the kingdom, and all Britain is virtually in a state of siege.

All Labor May Be Idle. Concerted "direct action" by the miners and transport workers, who, with the railway men, form the "triple alliance," is an immediate possibility. Indeed, at this hour of cabling, it looks as though the entire organized labor of the kingdom would be idle by tomorrow.

Partly in anticipation of this perilous situation, and partly because the workers already have begun to walk out, the government has issued orders stopping the sailing of all British ships from foreign ports. Politically, the chief development was a direct challenge by Premier Lloyd George to the strikers, which began to act as a boomerang a few hours after it had been issued. He called the strike an "anarchistic conspiracy."

Acts Like Boomerang. Instead of serving as a deterrent, it did exactly the contrary. Like an electric flash it went through the tanks of labor, and hundreds of thousands of loyal British workers, stung by the stigma of treason, flared up in indignation and either went wholeheartedly over to the strikers or prepared to do so.

At Albert Hall, J. H. Thomas, the railway men's parliamentary representative, was addressing a big gathering when word of the premier's characterization of the strike.

What Thomas said, in repudiating the prime minister's charge, is characteristic of the effect it had upon the working masses of Britain in general: "The government has thrown down the gauntlet. I ask the trade unions to take up the challenge. The premier is playing with the fire of passions that may be loosened and which the moderates will be unable to control."

Party Lines Wiped Out. "Does the government realize what its position will be in a fortnight if we do not, I hope, will ascertain it?"

Personal and party fortunes dwindle into insignificance in the fight that is now on. Lloyd George is not settling for details of the premiership and his ministers, their backs to the wall, are fighting for the very existence of the present form of government, for the very existence of the British empire as such.

For whether anarchy does or does not lie at the bottom of this strike, an indisputable fact is that if neither side yields, anarchy will be the inevitable result before another week has passed.

The specter of famine is the most menacing lurking from out of the shadows of the entire railway system of the kingdom and this, the world's most thickly populated city, is facing misery no one dares to contemplate. Already London has been placed under the rationing system. Forty cents worth of meat, one ounce

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Dreads Use of Army. The thing that all Britain dreads today is armed intervention by the government. Yet, with the unflinching determination of both sides to "see it through," the use of armed force appears inevitable, and with it will come the supreme test.

Nearly one million British workers are idle, and many thousands in other trades are joining the great strike. As yet, the government has refrained from employing force, though the army and navy are ready for the call should it come.

Lloyd George's policy for the present appears to be to let the public suffer the full terrible force of the strike, hoping thus to place conditions upon the strikers. The public is the suffering spectator of the battle between the government and labor, and ultimately the public's judgment will be decisive.

The workers who are idle, however, together with their dependents, represent 10 per cent of the British public.

Week's Food Supply. Although London has at this moment an unusually plentiful supply of foodstuffs and fuel, it cannot last more than a week at the uttermost if the paralysis in force continues. The far flung subway system of this metropolis is tied up simultaneously with the surface trains. Taxis and buses are working overtime—taxi at double rate—but the buses, too, are expected to suspend any minute, while the taxis will be commandeered by the government for the transportation of food.

This will reduce the 7,000,000 Londoners to the necessity of walking—a contingency staggering the imagination of anyone who knows this city.

Yet the people of London seem to fall completely to realize the terrible danger of it all. As in the darkest days of the war, the populace is taking the situation with fatalistic abandon, and there is even much of that artificial jubilation that marked those days.

Carnival Spirit Rules. Crowds are tearing through the streets, staging sidewalk dances, as if a great carnival of joy, not famine and chaos, were in the offing.

The press of London, with the exception of the labor organ, the Herald, and a few radical papers, is unanimously denouncing the strike and the strikers; even the non-radical opposition organs joining in vigorous support of the government and its stand. Thus, with none of the big London dailies giving labor's side of the fight, the cause of the strikers is left completely in the dark, as far as information to the public is concerned.

Yet on the face of things, labor has up to this calling the best of the battle, for the completeness of the rail tie-up went far toward encouraging many thousands in other trades, a nationwide industrial walkout is consequently threatening the land.

Due for Terrible Awakening. London, so used to war crises has been underfed and "under fueled" for years, and that accounts for much of the people's lack of appreciation of the danger. A terrible awakening is due if the strike continues, for coupled with the inevitable rapid decline of food supplies will be the giving out of fuel at a time when winter is beginning to make itself felt.

The food controllers issued an appeal late yesterday for vehicles and drivers, warning owners that it may shortly commandeer every vehicle in the city.

"Bill" Smalley, the miners' leader, said today that two-thirds of the miners in the United Kingdom would be workless as a result of the strike, and that all would be likely to be cut off by the Government used the military to operate the railroads.

There is no one in well-informed quarters today who sees a single opening for negotiations between the railway workers and the Government that might lead to amicable settlement.

It is highly probable that Parliament will be called into session tomorrow to aid the Government in finding a solution of the crisis. Many newspapers urge this course.

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Here 4 or 5 Months. His mission, it was said, would probably last four or five months. It is one of "good will." His task, according to diplomatic observers, is one which may require considerable tact, since Sinn Fein agitators are active, and opponents of the peace treaty are charging that Great Britain obtained a disproportionate share of benefit in the Versailles negotiations.

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By Briggs



Shipping Board Protest Holds Up Delivery of 9 German Ships to British

On a protest from the United States Shipping Board, the delivery by the War Department to the British shipping director in New York today of the Imperator, Kaiserin Augusta Victoria and seven other German ships now in the harbor of New York was held up.

On the shipping board's request the nine German ships were turned over to the board. All arrangements for the transfer of these ships to the British had been arranged. The transfer was to have taken place at 9 o'clock yesterday. The protest of the shipping board came as a great surprise to the British shipping director and to the Cunard line management, to which the Imperator, it is understood, was to have been assigned.

Look For British Protest. The British are expected to protest, if they have not already done so; and on that protest the whole question of the distribution of German and Austrian ships captured during the war will be decided.

The ships which were to have been surrendered to the British are roughly valued at \$40,000,000. Besides the Imperator and the Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, they include the Cape Finisterre, the Graf Waldersee, the Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm, the Pretoria, the Mobile, and the Zeppelin.

The British contention is understood to be that these nine German ships were only loaned to the United States for the repatriation of troops, and that it was the intention of the peace conference to have the ships go to the British as soon as this service for the United States was performed.

The Shipping Board evidently regards the allocation of the ships to the United States as permanent, and will continue to so regard it until definite authority is shown to the contrary.

There seems to be a good deal of mystery surrounding the authority under which the shipping captured during the war is being distributed. Nobody here seems to know by whose authority it is being done. All that is known here is that there seems to be a very indefinite intention on the part of the European powers that the United States shall not share in the distribution.

Among the German ships captured were fourteen tankers belonging to the Standard Oil Company. These ships belong to the branch of the Standard Oil incorporated under the laws of Germany. The Standard Oil Company, however, thought it had a very clear title to these ships and made a demand for them. But on the theory that they were not American ships but really German ships, the demand of the Standard Oil Company was refused, and later the fourteen ships were distributed among the allied nations, none being given to the United States.

Viscount Grey, new British ambassador, met with a manifestation of Sinn Fein hostility when he arrived in Washington late yesterday. A man, who said his name was Jeremiah O'Connor, hooted and hissed as the ambassador's party left the President's waiting room in the Union Station and entered automobiles.

"I'm a Sinn Feiner," he explained later. "I hissed the British ambassador. If we had known he was coming more of us would have been here. I'm an American, and have been for twenty-five years."

Washington police, drawn up in two lines to keep back a curious crowd, stood within a few feet of O'Connor, and laughed when he hissed, making no effort to stop him. Within ten feet of O'Connor were a police sergeant and a captain.

"The police are Sinn Fein, too," said O'Connor. "They belong to a union, too. That's self-determination."

Some onlookers were angered at what they considered the discourtesy.

Given Official Welcome. Viscount Grey was welcomed at the train by Acting secretary of State Phillips and members of the British diplomatic corps. A battery of movie men and photographers asked him to wait while they took pictures, and this he did smilingly, although he stood in strong sunlight, which finally forced him to retire.

His eyes, he explained, could not stand it—he wore dark goggles, which he removed at the request of the photographers.

The ambassador will not begin his official duties until after his presentation to the President. The date of this is uncertain, because of the President's illness. In the meantime, it was said at the embassy, the ambassador will rest.

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a United States commission which testified that she had no property with which to pay the \$10,000 fine imposed upon her by the Federal court of New York at the time she was sentenced to serve two years in the penitentiary under the wartime espionage act. "I have three callings," she told the commissioner, "I am a trained nurse, a lecturer and a writer."

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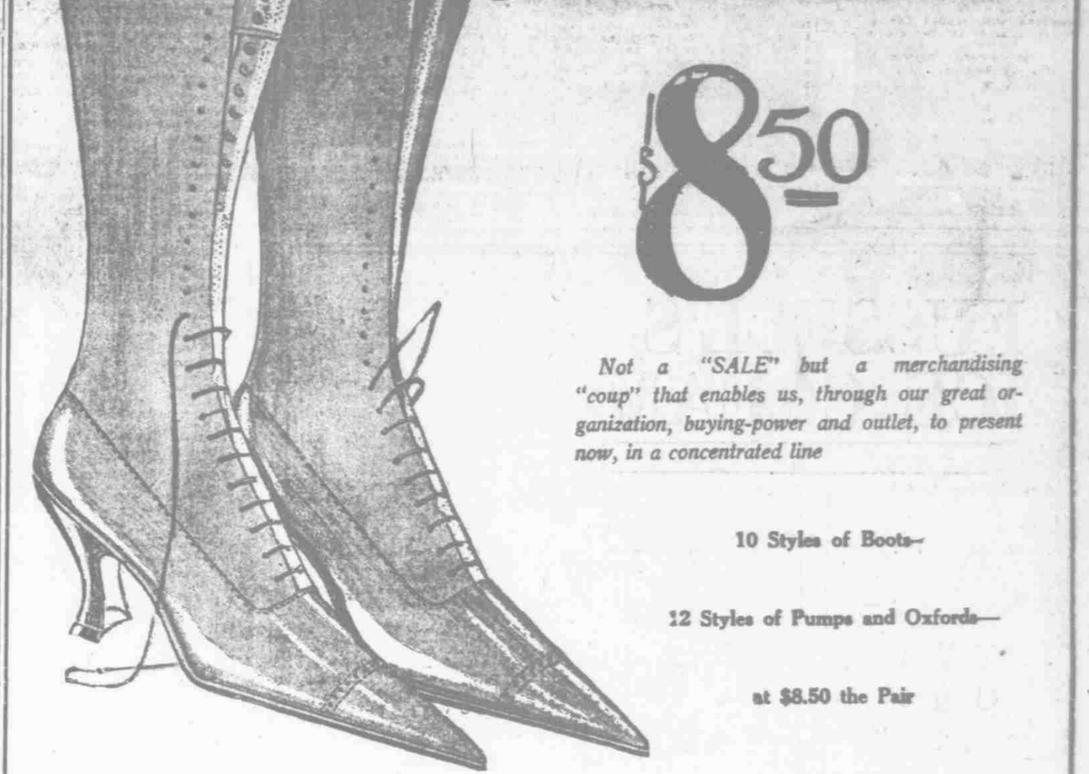
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