

Think Tide Has Turned In Strike With Peace Prospects Some Better

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London, May 11.—(P)—Peace negotiations in Great Britain's general strike can be definitely said to be going on under the surface.

They have not yet reached an official status, and what results they will achieve remains to be seen, but a man high in labor ranks stated late this afternoon that parleys were proceeding.

He said it is possible something tangible will be forthcoming tomorrow, but emphasized that nothing definite was in sight now.

London, May 11.—(P)—Indications of an easing in the general strike deadlock became more pronounced this afternoon.

A. J. Cook, the miners' chief, declared "peace is possible at any moment on terms that will give economic security to the miners."

Numbers of men who have been approaching the miners' leader, he asserted, with a view to settling the deadlock.

At almost the same time the government spokesman was saying to newspaper men "without being unduly optimistic I think we may say that the tide has turned."

There is a tendency all over the country for the strikers to drift back to work.

The trades union congress, which has charge of the general strike, scouted this statement, reiterating that the solidarity of the men was being maintained.

Reports of peace negotiations with Sir Herbert Samuel, chairman of the Royal coal commission, as one of the central figures continued to fill the air, but neither the labor chiefs nor the government would discuss these reports.

The North Wales Presbytery added its voice to the pleas for peace by telegraphing King George, asking him to call a round table conference of all the leaders concerned in the crisis.

The trades union congress denied the issuance of further strike orders, but said the "second line of defense" men including the electrical and gas workers, were continuing to walk out on their own initiative.

The trades union congress denial was prompted by a Belfast message saying the labor council there had received intimations that the engineering and ship building trades would cease work tomorrow.

A report from the Clyde shipyards said a threatened stoppage of shipyard workers and engineers there was being keenly discussed. Eighty thousand men would be involved in such a movement but local observers did not look for a unanimous stoppage.

Reports from the provinces indicated that the strike was steadily collapsing in South Wales, as far as the tram was men, railway men and electricians were concerned. The government's spokesman citing improvement in transportation services, said that 5,503 trams were run yesterday in the whole country, as compared with 849 on the first day of the strike.

Peace Moves Being Made. London, May 11.—(P)—The British Broadcasting Company today radioed to the British public that although no official confirmation can be obtained, there is reason to believe moves toward settlement of the general strike are taking place.

Will Seek Settlement. London, May 11.—(P)—Sir John Simon, a former attorney, will initiate a move in parliament shortly for settlement of the general strike.

Trades Union Will Meet Tonight. London, May 11.—(P)—An special meeting of the general council of the trades union congress was called for 7 o'clock tonight "to explore the position at the present time."

J. H. Thomas and all the other leaders were expected to attend.

Six Armed Men Rob Bank. Sidney, Ohio, May 11.—(P)—Six armed men robbed the First National Bank here of \$20,000 just as it opened today, and escaped in an automobile. While two robbers kept the automobile ready and one guarded the door, three threatened three employees with revolvers, compelling the cashier to open the vault, from which they scooped bundles of currency and sped away.

Embargo on Foreign Funds. London, May 11.—(P)—A trades union congress spokesman announced tonight that he anticipated the government has placed an embargo on foreign funds which might be sent to the British strikers.

Atlantic Cotton Association Meeting. Charleston, S. C., May 11.—(P)—Election of George D. Roberson, of Greensboro, as President and selection of that city as the place for the 1927 meeting brought the third annual convention of the Atlantic Cotton Association to a close today.

New Dry Law Approved. Washington, May 11.—(P)—The revamped administration measure for tightening up dry law enforcement was approved today by a majority of the Senate prohibition committee, and will be recommended favorably to the Judiciary committee Thursday.

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Tribune Bureau. Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, May 11.—Additional attention is being focused upon North Carolina as the result of an article appearing in Electrical World, New York, the monthly publication most representative of the electrical industry in the United States, written especially for this issue of May 8 by Gov. A. W. McLean and published under his name. The article is entitled "What Electricity Has Done for North Carolina" and is a clear and concise presentation of the part it has played in the development of the state.

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"In 1923, according to official figures of the United States Department of Commerce, the total value of our manufactured products was \$351,911,000. Today that figure exceeds \$1,000,000,000. Electric power has freed our industry for expansion. It has helped to raise the standard of living in this state."

"In dealing with this great new industry, which is so wisely and with so little friction recognized the necessity for governmental regulation, the state of North Carolina has been and will continue to be helpful and liberal in policy. We do not coddle corporations, but, what is more important, we do not bait them. If the state is to continue its wonderful industrial expansion, it is to make the best use through allied industry and manufacture, of its rich mineral resources. If it is eventually to bring about economic practice on the farm, we all know that to these ends nothing will contribute more greatly than the corresponding expansion of our supply of electrical energy."

Lightning Held Responsible For Another Outbreak in Pisgah National Forest. Asheville, May 10.—Granted a brief respite Sunday after long weeks of fighting forest fires in this section, foresters were again today called to the fire lines. Lightning which accompanied thundershowers Sunday afternoon was held responsible today for two fires which broke out in Pisgah national forest. The rains which did much toward halting the havoc which was being played in other sections, had no effect on the new fires and soon they were blazing dangerously. One of the fire proved to be rather small, but the other burned approximately 50 acres on the head waters of Jarrett's creek.

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Shenandoah Park Is Laundered By Speaker. Washington, May 11.—(P)—More than 100,000 acres of the Shenandoah National Park in Virginia, which Senator Swanson, democrat, Virginia, told the Senate public lands committee today. He urged enactment of the bill providing for the establishment of that park and the Great Smoky Mountain national park in North Carolina and Tennessee.

Flow Up Body of Baby in Caldwell. Hickory, May 10.—When a man plowed up the body of a three-days-old baby on his farm in Caldwell county late Saturday afternoon things began getting hot in Lenoir. Sheriff Sherrell was called and after an investigation, the method of which was not made public, he arrested and jailed one Bert Nelson, of that county. Sheriff Sherrell said he expected to make another arrest within a few days.

Want Shorter Hours for School Children. Charlotte, May 10.—The Parent-Teachers' Council thinks Charlotte school children are overworking. They're going to tell the board of education about it. Shorter hours will be advocated for the children.

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FRONIERAL OF ALTON B. PARKER, NOTED JURIST TOMORROW

Services Will Be Held in St. Thomas Episcopal Church and Interment at Kingston, N. Y.

DIED SUDDENLY WHILE ON RIDE Was En Route to Country Home From New York When Stricken.—Had Been Ill Three Days.

New York, May 11.—(P)—Alton B. Parker, farm boy who became a leading jurist and was Democratic candidate for President in 1904 against Theodore Roosevelt, is to be buried tomorrow.

He contracted a cold three days ago, and because of his 74 years his physician ordered him to wait until yesterday before leaving for his country home where he had planned a holiday with horseback riding and motor boating.

His widow he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Charles Mercer Hall, wife of a Bridgeport, Conn., clergyman, and two grandchildren, Mary and Parker Hall. Mrs. Hall is the daughter of Judge Parker and his first wife, Mrs. Mary Louise Spoonmaker Parker, who he married in 1873, and who died in 1917. He married the present Mrs. Parker three years ago.

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Will Perfect Plans For 'Y' Campaign Tonight At Luncheon Meeting

Team Members to Gather at Y Tonight to Get Final Instructions and Inspiration For the Drive. DRIVE TO START EARLY TOMORROW

First Reports Will Be Submitted at Meeting at Y Tomorrow Night—Drive Over Thursday.

Concord's interest in its Y. M. C. A. is to be tested tomorrow and Thursday when the annual budget campaign is conducted. Seeking \$16,000 members of the campaign teams will make a canvass of the city, giving to practically every one an opportunity to subscribe to the association which has just completed the most active year in its history.

A total of more than 340,000 visits to the Y. M. C. A. have been made during the past year by Concord people who have found there a variety of interests to attract them. The equipment and facilities of the association have been utilized by persons in all walks of life, the generosity of Concord making it possible for every boy and girl, regardless of his or her financial status, to feel an equal share in the benefits to be derived.

THE COTTON MARKET. Advances Yesterday Were Followed by Reactions in Early Trading Today. New York, May 11.—(P)—Advances in the cotton market yesterday were followed by reactions in today's early trading. Liverpool made a full response to the local gains of Monday. Private cables said the strike situation was improving but local traders seemed rather more favorably impressed by the early weather news, and were evidently disposed to take profits on yesterday's purchases.

Woman Who Escaped From Auburn Prison Monday Arrested Early Today. Syracuse, N. Y., May 11.—(P)—Rain-drenched and wretchedly cold, Lillian McDowell, the "eye Annie" of numerous spectacular jewelry thefts, who escaped from Auburn prison early yesterday, was recaptured at daylight, one mile north-east of Weedsport.

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AMUNDSEN SAILING TO NORTH POLE IN HIS BIG DIRIGIBLE

Plans to Take Possession of Any Land Found During Voyage in Name of Norway's King. SENDS MESSAGE TO HOMELAND

Says He Was Sailing Over Polar Ice When Message Was Sent to Premier of Norway.

Oso, Norway, May 12.—(P)—The Amundsen-Ellsworth dirigible Norge starts on its flight to the north pole in Alaska at 10:10 o'clock this morning, says a message from King Bay, Spitzbergen.

A wireless message received from Captain Amundsen at 11:45 o'clock this morning said: "Now flying across the polar ice. The expedition sends its best thanks to the Premier (of Norway) for his kindly telegram received immediately before the start. It was officially announced this afternoon that Captain Amundsen will take possession of any land found during the voyage in the name of the King of Norway."

BILL WOULD PROVIDE THREE NATIONAL PARKS. Smoky Mountains Park Included in List Approved by House Committee. Washington, May 11.—(P)—Creation of three new national parks is proposed in bills approved today by the house public lands committee.

LOWER POSTAL RATES MAY BE ENACTED SOON. Joint Committee Agrees Upon Material Changes.—Cent Rate to Be Reduced. Washington, May 10.—Material changes in five classes of temporary postal rates approved last year were agreed upon today by the special joint congressional postal committee. They are: Reduction in the rate on private mailing cards from two cents to one cent. Reduction of the rate on transient second class mail matter—newspapers mailed by individuals—to one cent. Establishment of a rate of not more than two cents on return postal cards sent out by business firms with the collection to be made after their return.

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