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Says There Is Nothing More to Be Done by the Government Unless Order for Strike is Recalled

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Newspapers Feel Strike. London, May 3.—(AP)—The composers on the Evening Standard Star and Daily News today declined to set copy which they considered harmful to the laborer's cause and went to consult their union chiefs. Early editions of the afternoon papers appeared but the others were held up pending the union's decision.

Challenged by Alternative Government. London, May 3.—(AP)—Premier Baldwin today told the House of Commons that as a result of the order for a general strike at midnight tonight the government finds itself challenged by an alternative government.

Further talking would be wrong, the premier said, unless the government got immediate and unconditional withdrawal of instructions for the general strike. He became convinced last night, he asserted, that A. Pugh, chairman of the trades union congress, and his colleagues were no longer in control of the situation within their own ranks.

Thinks Strike Can Be Settled. London, May 3.—(AP)—A basis for settlement of the general strike can be reached if the negotiations are resumed, says a statement issued this afternoon by council of the trades union congress. The statement followed a joint meeting of the council, the parliamentary labor party and the miners' executives.

The premier declared that the labor leaders ordering the strike were threatening the basis of orderly government, and were nearer to proclaiming civil war than Great Britain had been for centuries.

Strike Ties Up the London Daily Mail. London, May 3.—(AP)—One of the first effects of the strike is the non-appearance of the Daily Mail this (Monday) morning, owing to a strike of the printers who took exception to the Mail's proposed editorial on the strike situation under the caption "For King and Country."

The editorial declared that "a general strike can not be tolerated by any civilized government."

The Daily Mail informed the Associated Press that the printers took exception to the editorial and demanded that alterations be made by the editor, who refused to comply.

ENGLAND IS FACING A GENERAL STRIKE

Million Miners Backed by Five Million Tradesmen in Their Struggle.

London, May 1.—Complete paralysis of industry in Great Britain is a prospect of the coming week unless before Tuesday some agreement is reached for settling the coal strike which began today. One million miners are affected by the strike; they will be backed up, if the strike continues, by some five million workers belonging to 203 trades unions.

The representatives of these unions decided today to put all their strength to the task of helping the miners, for the issue is characterized by labor as no longer one between owners and the miners, but as affecting all labor.

A proclamation by the King which gives the government almost unlimited powers and establishes a "state of emergency," which, while not so far-reaching as the proclamation of martial law, permits the authorities to use all the resources of the state to guard the nation's vital interests.

Already, as a precautionary measure, dispositions of troops have been made in the coal mining areas of South Wales, Lancashire and Scotland. The organization for the maintenance of supplies is prepared to join with the government in hundreds of centers throughout the country in maintaining essential services, while there are indications that the government itself is getting ready to take over the control of coal, both in the mines and aboard ships.

Yet in the midst of overpowering gloom of a possible general strike, there is a ray of hope, for it is officially asserted that labor delegates have intimated to the government that if a resumption of negotiations were in immediate prospect, even when the general strike was due to begin Monday at midnight, the threat would not be carried out.

There contentions was that owing to the lateness of the mine owners' offer conveyed to them late Friday evening, there was not time left for real negotiations.

The miners absolutely refused to accept these terms.

WALL STREET'S RESPONSE TO BRITISH STRIKE

New York, May 3.—(AP)—A sharp decline in stock prices, a drop of over one-half cent in Sterling exchange, and the establishment of record low levels for all time by French and Belgian currencies was Wall Street's reaction to the British labor crisis.

SENATE AS COURT FOR ENGLISH CASE

Hears the Impeachment Trial Brought Against Federal Judge English by the House.

Washington, May 3.—(AP)—For the first time in years, and one of the first times in history, the Senate today transformed itself into a trial court to decide an impeachment case brought by the House of Representatives.

Federal Judge George W. English, of Illinois, accused of manipulation of bankruptcy cases, assumption of undue authority, and other misdemeanors, was brought to the bar of the court and entered a detailed denial of the indictments.

The case will rest in that status for the present. The next step will be the filing of a rejoinder by the House. The trial date is yet to be selected.

Facing almost the full membership of the Senate, and with crowded galleries looking down, Judge English presented through counsel denial which was read by a Senate official from a place on the Vice President's side.

Many members of the House also were present. By previous order the Senate formally ceased to be a legislative body at 12:30 p. m. and at the stroke of the gavel became instead a court of justice.

Senators who had not previously taken the special oath for the English case were sworn. There were seven of them headed by Senator Butler, republican, of Massachusetts.

The prosecutors selected by the House then formally announced and filed in a statement before the court.

Judge English had arrived at the capitol some time before noon, and had gone to the office of Secretary Thayer. He was escorted to the chamber by the sergeant-at-arms, accompanied by his attorneys, E. C. Kramer, of East St. Louis; William Acton, of Danville, Ill., and William St. Zumburn, of Washington.

Acton appeared as chief counsel for English, but the judge's long reply to the five articles of impeachment was handed to the Senate secretary by Zumburn, who has appeared frequently before the Senate committees in election and other contests.

The reply was read by the assistant secretary. It covered 56 typewritten pages, and went into full details of events set out in the charges by the House.

Rainey Will Support Haugen Bill. Washington, May 3.—(AP)—Representative Rainey, of Illinois, chairman of the special committee appointed by fifty democratic members of the House to investigate farm re- legislation, announced today that he would support the Haugen-Price stabilization bill, but explained that the committee had made no recommendations yet.

Refuses to Testify. Washington, May 3.—(AP)—Invoking the constitutional immunity granted members of Congress, Representative LaGuardia, progressive-socialist, New York, declined today to obey a subpoena from an Indianapolis grand jury to appear for testimony in a prohibition case.

Will Pass on Southwell Case. Washington, May 3.—(AP)—The Supreme Court today announced that it would pass upon the liability of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad for the death of H. J. Southwell, an engineer, who was shot and killed at Wilmington, N. C., during the shop strike in July, 1922.

Doherty Hearing in October. Washington, May 3.—(AP)—The appeal of Edward L. Doherty to set aside the decision of the federal courts in California cancelling his oil leases was advanced today by the Supreme Court for hearing on October 4th.

Mexico's "Princess" a Flapper



Miss Ernestina Calles, 19, daughter of President Calles, of Mexico, is touring the United States. This photo was taken in New Orleans, where she admitted she is a flapper and said she is proud of it.

THE COTTON MARKET

Weather Reports and English Strike News Had Effect on Early Trading. New York, May 3.—(AP)—The cotton market seemed to be more impressed by unfavorable weather reports than by the British labor troubles at the opening today. Early cables from Liverpool were weak, but there was a sharp recovery there, and the local market opened steady at a decline of 3 points to an advance of 1 point.

There was a good deal of buying at the start, and prices held very steady during the first hour, May selling up to 18.68, or even with Saturday's closing quotations, while later deliveries showed net advances of 3 to 6 points with October selling at 17.37.

The rally in Liverpool was attributed partly to American buying, the early decline was due to liquidation brought in by the British industrial buyers. Private cables reported poor demand for cloth in Manchester and said Calcutta business was suspended because of fresh rioting.

Cotton futures opened steady, May 18.65; July 18.21; Oct. 17.28; Dec. 16.95; Jan. 16.87; March 17.13.

JOHN W. THOMPSON DEAD AT ST. LOUIS

Was Convicted With Col. Chas. R. Forbes of Conspiracy to Defraud Government. St. Louis, May 3.—(AP)—John W. Thompson, wealthy contractor, convicted with Colonel Charles R. Forbes for conspiracy to defraud the government through the veterans' bureau, died here early today of heart trouble.

Mr. Thompson was about 60 years old, had been ill for many months. Recently after all appeals from his sentence had been denied by the courts, he was examined by physicians of the veterans' bureau who pronounced him in no condition to begin serving sentence at Leavenworth.

Colonel Forbes is now in the penitentiary.

More Hydroplanes For Dry Agents

Washington, May 3.—(AP)—Transfer of four navy hydroplanes to the prohibition forces to be used along the South Atlantic coast in fighting rum smugglers was ordered today by Secretary Wilbur.

Weekly Weather Outlook

Washington, May 2.—Weather outlook for the week beginning Monday: South Atlantic States: Showers and thunderstorms toward middle and again toward end of week in East Gulf and mostly fair in Atlantic States. Temperatures near or above normal most of week.

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Coming to this country as a Jewish immigrant, Mr. Straus entered his public career when in 1887 he was appointed minister to Turkey by President Cleveland. His life henceforth was devoted to public service. In 1906 he became first member of the Hebrew race to enter the cabinet. He then was appointed Secretary of Commerce by President Roosevelt, in which capacity he had supervision of immigrants.

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