

General Strike Declared Off

RUSH TO WORK

Watersiders Still Out

TRAMS RUN

(“News” Special Representative)

SAN FRANCISCO, July 19. The general strike committee has declared the strike off and advised all unionists to return to work immediately.

While the sympathy strikers quickly obeyed, the watersiders are still unsettled, as the longshoremen are disinclined to yield.

The firmness and energy of the Mira administrator (Gen. Johnson) was largely responsible for the unions' move in favor of arbitration.

It was his promise that the maritime unions would get full consideration in arbitration that influenced the strike committee in declaring the strike off. Even then the vote, 191 to 174, was close.

Gen. Johnson immediately opened new negotiations between the waterfront employers and the unions. The former pressed hard for the exclusion of the militant Harry Bridges from the coming conference.

Normal Life
Today trams in Market street were moving again. The ferries carried the usual trans-bay crowds, petrol deliveries were resumed, plenty of meat, fruit, and vegetables were on sale, hotel dining rooms and all restaurants served meals normally.

The re-opening of San Francisco's great public market was typical of the general resumption.

In Minneapolis (Minnesota) State) traffic was paralyzed today by the truck strike. But events in San Francisco had a sobering effect.

There was little violence, and the general strike talk fell flat.

Senator Nearly Shot
A first-class tragedy was narrowly averted in Portland last night. Senator Robert Wagner, who was there specially as President Roosevelt's mediator, was cruising along the waterfront in his motor car when he unwittingly crossed the National Guardsmen's line.

A volley of 11 bullets immediately riddled his car, shattering the glass and sides.

Senator Wagner heard the bullets whizzing past his head.

A sentry said he heard someone shout “Fire” and he and his two other escorts fled in the vicinity followed suit.

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New Sharebroker



MR. F. H. WRAY, who has been secretary of the Stock Exchange of Adelaide for the past 10 years, has purchased the seat of Mr. T. S. Backhouse on the exchange, and today was elected a member. He will continue to act as secretary until a successor is appointed.

PT. AUGUSTA MUST PAY

Minister Says

The Government insists that the Corporation of Port Augusta must pay the full amount it owes for police moneys, and if it persists in its present attitude ways will be found for recovering the money.

This was indicated today by the Chief Secretary (Mr. Ritchie), who added that several letters had passed between him and the council, but he had not yet seen one saying that it would not pay.

The Mayor of Port Augusta (Mr. Beerworth, M.P.) stated in “The News” yesterday that the last letter he had written to Mr. Ritchie was in effect an ultimatum that the council would not pay £75 of the total annual amount it was assessed for police moneys.

Mr. Beerworth will find that his council will have to pay, said Mr. Ritchie today. “I hope a stage will be reached where any action will have to be taken by the Government to recover the money.”

Although the Commonwealth authorities paid no rates and taxes, the council benefited in many ways by Port Augusta being a terminal point on the East-West railway line, said Mr. Ritchie.

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Year Is Driest On Record

Fogs clouded the roads through the hills this morning, and threw an almost impenetrable blanket over Georgetown.

Misty rain and lighter fogs were the order of the morning in many places away from the coast, but few falls of note were recorded.

The outstanding rain was at Point Lowly, a normally dry area by Whyalla, where 58 points were recorded. The next highest was at Rankallilla (61 points), and Robe followed with 27 points.

The Divisional Meteorologist (Mr. Beazley) said that an extraordinary situation had developed, for while the centre of the anticyclone had not shifted from the south-west corner of the continent, a relatively low pressure had developed at the head of the Bight. Indications were for further rain, although not in heavy amounts, and the appearance of squally, cold winds.

So far, 1934 is one of the driest years on record, with only 1,177 inches of rain falls during the second half of the year—which is the normal amount—Adelaide total will then only be 14.97 in. or two-thirds of the normal 21.14 in.

Only seven times in 95 years has there been less than 15 in. of rain in a year.

The lowest ever recorded was 11.39 in., which fell in the drought year of 1914. The monthly rain totals that year, compared with those of this year, were—January, 1.06 (0.46); February, 0.34 (0.14); March, 1.09 (1.09); April, 1.74 (1.51); May, 1.25 (0.10); June, 0.65 (1.03); and July 1.33 (so far this month has yielded 95 points of rain). The rainfall for the rest of 1914 was August, 3.5; September, 5.9; October, 1.7; November, 2.05; and December, 0.58.

For the first six months of this year only 3.90 inches have fallen. This minimum has been exceeded only twice before, in 1891 with 3.67 inches and in 1920 with 3.72 inches. But in 1930 3 1/2 in. fell in August, which saved the situation, and brought the year's rainfall up to 16.65 in. In 1891 the total was 18.88 (14.97 in.).

Other dry years recorded in Adelaide were 1869 (14.74 in.), 1876 (14.74 in.), and 1898 (14.97 in.).

There is a possibility that the second six months of the year may yield more than the customary 11.10 in., for in 1892 more than 17 1/2 in. of rain fell from July 1 to the end of December.

Indignation Over Australians' Act

LONDON, July 19.—After having officially accepted in writing an invitation to the Steel Trades dinner at Sheffield, the Australians caused great indignation among 450 diners, including the Lord Mayor.

Caterers had spent the whole day creating a great furor in honor of the visitors.

Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire and Test batsman, nicely apologized for the absence of the Australians. He suggested that they were resting for the next Test, although actually they were attending a dance in a Derbyshire village.

QUARANTINE FOR AIR PASSENGERS

CANBERRA, Friday.—Arrangements are being completed by the Commonwealth Health Department for the establishment of a rigid system of inspection and quarantine to safeguard Australia against the introduction of Asiatic diseases when the overseas air mail is inaugurated.

The Director-General of Health (Dr. Cumpston) said today that facilities provided at the Fanny Bay Aerodrome for the federal health officials to examine passengers when they arrived in Australia, and comprehensive regulations brought into operation recently, would give the authorities ample power to safeguard the Australian people.

Leaving With the Day's Supplies



NOT A DECORATED CAR taking part in a procession, but one of the greengrocers who attended this morning's East-End Market, leaving with his car laden with vegetables.

FETTLER FACES CHARGES

Edward James Clayton, fetterer, of Liston street, Parkside, was remanded until Thursday by Mr. H. M. Muirhead, P.M., in the Adelaide Police Court today on charges of shop and house breaking, alleged to have been committed two years ago.

Clayton was charged with having at Onley on or about August 4, 1932, broken into the shop of W. A. Swan and Sons Ltd., and stolen wireless parts valued at £10 8s., and with having on or about August 22, 1932, at Reynella, broken into the home of Watney Revell & Sons and Lenore Reynolds, and stolen a quantity of jewellery, cutlery, and other goods, 30s. in money, of the total value of £106.

The Assistant Police Prosecutor was granted bail in a bond of £50 with two sureties of £25 each.

Trapper on Trial

MELBOURNE, Friday.—Addressing the jury in the Criminal Court today at the murder trial of Wilfred George Nicholas, aged 21, trapper, of Tablelands near Benarua, Mr. M. Greiberg (for Nicholas) accused the police witnesses of having deliberately added words to bolster up “a flimsy case.”

At the inquest, said Mr. Greiberg, no mention had been made of the suggestion that Nicholas was carrying a gun “to hunt a man off the property.” These words had been deliberately added.

MAY NOT ASSIST COUNCILS AND RELIEF

NO FINANCE

LOCAL governing authorities in the metropolitan area are doubtful whether the council will be able to help the Government with unemployment relief.

Most of them say definitely that they have no money while others claim that they cannot find suitable works.

The Premier (Mr. Butler) told the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Lacey) in the Assembly yesterday that a quarter of the £170,000 special grant from the Commonwealth would be devoted to unemployment relief. The relief would be handled mainly by local governing bodies, which would be subsidised on the amount they spent out of rates.

A prominent local government official said today that the Government failed to put into operation a similar plan last year when a Bill was introduced to provide for loans to councils. The idea was to lend councils a sum equal to half of the rates outstanding. Interest at 5 per cent. would be charged.

The Bill was dropped when the Minister of Employment (Mr. Jeffries) desired provision to be made giving him discretionary power to increase the loan to councils.

Some councils were prepared to co-operate under the terms offered, but most of them advised the Government that they could not assist.

“Mr. Butler's latest statement about unemployment relief is just another gesture,” said the Mayor of Henley and Grange (Mr. Chambers) yesterday. “The Premier cloaks the Government's inactivity and inability to deal adequately with the problem by trying to shift it on to the local governing bodies.”

“Councils have no money to spend on extensive works. To ask them sympathetically to assist in playing with the unemployment problem, which should be definitely dealt with by the Government, is a big scheme of a reproductive nature would be far more satisfactory. Suitable works would be a marine drive from Moseley Harbor to Marino, or the Torrens floodwaters scheme. The former could be made reproductive by a toll system.”

Must Be Reproductive Work
The Mayor of St. Peter's (Mr. J. Ford) said that his council would view sympathetically any scheme which would help to keep the wheels of industry revolving.

“The difficulty is that we do not know and in the minds of the Federal and State Governments,” he added, “if the money is to be spent on labor and such jobs as the clearing of waterables it would be practically throwing it away. If it could be used on reproductive works, which would be financially a position to undertake, the proposition would be welcomed.”

Mr. Ford added that the St. Peter's Council prepared to co-operate with the Government in last year's loan scheme for unemployment relief, but that because the Government turned down the council plan.

The chairman of the Yatala South Council (Mr. T. K. Shuter) said that the council would be more than satisfied to the council than those under the previous relief plan.

If the Government were prepared to grant a regular income of £30,000 a year could be built up. Then we could go to the Government and ask for a subsidy, which I think would be a position as Government.

“We could clear the streets of all idle young men. To put men to work digging holes in the parklands and filling them with rubble, as the Government did, just to keep men employed, is useless.”

Mr. Cain will address the Rotary Club next week on unemployment, and will enlarge on his plan for a League of Service.

THIEVES FIRE SHOP BEFORE ESCAPING

MELBOURNE, Friday.—Stealing £2 15s. from the till, thieves who broke into the shop of Mrs. Murray, dressmaker, of Hampton, last night, set fire to the premises before they made their escape.

Notes worth £5, overlooked by the intruders, are believed to have been burned in the fire, which caused £70 worth of damage to stock and £20 to fittings.

Trains on their way home from drill saw the fire, and had the flames cut by the time the fire brigade arrived.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HOTEL MANAGER

Mr. J. Hunter-Watts, who for several years has been language master at St. Peter's College, Hackney, has accepted a position as manager of the South Australian Hotel, North terrace, City, which was recently taken over by Mrs. Hunter-Watts.

Mr. Hunter-Watts will leave the college on July 30 and will commence his new duties the following day. He is one of the tutors of “School House” boarding house, and teaches English, French, German, and Latin.

Neat Unemployed Hut on Torrens Bank



ONE OF THE MANY HUTS in which single unemployed men are living on the banks of the Torrens. The owner of this one, Mr. John Borg (who is in the photograph) has brightened the hut by painting it red, with white lines, to represent bricks.

PLIGHT OF TORRENS BANK DWELLERS

Still Waiting for Jobs

Has Adelaide forgotten that there is a village of 83 single men, without work, and many without the hope of it, living in the heart of the city, on the banks of the Torrens?

The public does not hear about them, though they are a village of men, law-abiding and industrious in the main. But they are still there, in their flimsy huts of hessian and tin, distinguished by the slowness of work, but hanging on waiting for the Government to do something to help them.

Some of the men have been there for six years, just before the economic winter set in, but the usual term has been about four years.

“Four years of patching your boots one day and wearing them out the next looking for the job that never comes,” said one of the men today.

“Often I don't go out now,” he went on, “because I know I will come home again without the job.”

Firewood Wanted
A representative group of the men said that even if the Government could not find them work and provide them with better housing and living conditions, it could at least give them firewood with their rations.

The men are bitter about the lack of firewood. “I married men need firewood, why don't we?” they say. “Does the Government expect us to eat our meat and vegetables raw?”

This is their chief grievance. Otherwise, they are making a creditable job of living on a river bank, with the muddy water lapping the ground only a few yards away from their doors.

Some of the huts are plain hessian. Others have been whitewashed until they look like canvas huts. And some have been pieced together with scraps of old tin and iron.

John Borg, a Maltese, has the best looking hut. He has painted it red, with white lines, to represent bricks. On the walls inside he has hung photographs of his wife and children in Malia, and two bunks are rigged up for himself and his mate. Near his hut he has a neat little vegetable garden, with a few flowers to give a splash of color.

Many Nations
Englishmen, Scotsmen, Irishmen, Germans, Dutchmen, Swedes, Maltese—many nations are represented in the village, which sprawls along the north bank of the river from Morphett Street Bridge to the weir, and then transfers to the opposite bank and falls off about a quarter of a mile downstream.

Few of the men are happy, except in a limited way. Being single, they receive nothing but sympathy from most charitable institutions and agencies of clothing, boots, and firewood embitters them. Work is what they want, or, failing that, the time to find more humane and brighter conditions of life.

WHY MAYOR ARRIVED LATE

“Times Differed”
“By arriving late at the Port Town Hall for the coronation ceremony, the Mayor of Port Adelaide caused children, some barely three years of age, to shiver in their coats and shiver in the cold corridor until he arrived,” Mr. A. Savage, a member of the committee, said today.

The Mayor (Mr. H. W. Bray) said: “It was told that as the coronation ceremony would take place between dances should arrive somewhere about 9, and I was there about 9.10 p.m. There appears to be some misunderstanding between the different committees about the time, I was due to arrive.”

These explanations followed a stir at the final meeting of the Port Adelaide D.N.S. carnival committee on Wednesday night, when Mr. Savage criticised the mayor for “lack of consideration for the children in the coronation ceremony.”

Mr. Savage said today that he considered the health of the children in the corridor for some time before he had been asked to attend at 9 p.m., and he should either have been at the town hall then or attended the dance throughout the evening.

After the children had been waiting in the corridor for some time he considered withdrawing his adopted daughter and three nieces from the display because of the cold and the late hours of the mayor.

Mr. Bray explained that he would have arrived at the town hall at 9 p.m. had he been asked to be there definitely at that time. He was surprised to see the children drawn up when he arrived.

“I was one of the judges in the afternoon at the sports, and I admired the way the committee worked—the proceeds of the carnival were £206—and I know that the committee was meeting for the last time last night. I would have been pleased to attend to congratulate them on their fine effort for a worthy cause,” said Mr. Bray.

Thieves last night stole £7 worth of tobacco, cigarettes, and pernickies from the grocer's shop of T. J. Lanyon, Melbourne street, North Adelaide. Entrance was gained by forcing a side window.

Golfers Rise With The Birds in Search of Birdies

THE Spartans, who boast of their early morning swim year in and year out need to look to their laurels, for there are other claimants to the title of super-enthusiasts. These rivals may be found on many of Adelaide's golf links.

There are a number of golfers who leave their beds before daybreak, so that they may be on the links shortly after the first flush of dawn, and play a round before devoting their attention for the rest of the day to the demands of business.

Kooyonga, for example, six or seven members turn up regularly two or three mornings each week for a strenuous round, and the same thing happens at Glenelg, Grange, and other metropolitan courses.

“Two very enthusiastic members arrive at Grange before 8 o'clock every Sunday morning, and play until nightfall. They average about three rounds each day. Another “early bird” always arrives at St. Peter's College, Hackney, has all the true golfer's qualities of sportsmanship, and has never been known to dash on ahead to improve his master's lie.

There is an explanation of such superlative keenness, of course. The person who at 7.30 is wondering whether he dare risk another 40 winks cannot understand the mentality of the almost as many strokes, and is inclined to regard him as being golf mad.

Labor Confident

SEAT GAIN FORECAST

Campaign In This State

EARLY DETAILS

IN announcing preliminary details today of the A.L.P. Federal election campaign in this State, the campaign director (Mr. Makin, M.H.R.) confidently predicted a seat gain in the Senate in South Australia, and the capture of a number of House of Representatives seats.

The Leader of the Opposition in this State will open the South Australian campaign on Thursday, August 16, Candidates for the country electorates of Barker, Wakefield, and Grey will initiate their appeals to the public on Friday, August 17, at Mount Gambier, Peterborough, and Port Pirie respectively. Each will be supported by a Senate candidate.

The campaign in the metropolitan constituencies will open with a monster rally at the Botanic Park on Sunday, August 19.

Mr. Scullin will arrive in Adelaide on Thursday, September 5, and will speak that night at West's Olympia, Hindley street.

FAVORABLE START
Arrangements are likely to be made for Mr. Scullin to address a public gathering at Mount Gambier on the following night.

Mr. Makin said that the State campaign would start under the most favorable conditions possible in respect of Labor organisation and public feeling.

“We shall definitely win the Senate in this State,” said Mr. Makin, “and will capture certain representative seats. At the moment it might be injudicious to mention the actual seats, but there will certainly be additional gains by Labor in this State.”

The A.L.P. executive met today and endorsed the 10 nominees for the Barker pre-selection ballot, and Mr. A. Smedley, the only candidate for Wakefield.

£1,741 VANISHES IN 5 YEARS

Banker's Evidence In Ryan Case
Each Carried Swag

SYDNEY, Friday.—The inquest into the death of John Ryan, aged 34 years, retired stockdealer and farmer, who was shot at Barry on June 7, is expected to end at Carcoar this afternoon—the ninth day of the hearing.

Mrs. Charlotte Fowler, who is charged with the murder of Ryan, was present in custody again today.

Douglas Vine Life Smith, manager of the Blayney branch of the Commercial Bank of Sydney, produced passbooks and statements of accounts and cheques of John Ryan. He said that in May, 1929, Ryan's credit bank balance was £1,777. Since then it had steadily decreased to about £30 at the time of his death.

One cheque payable to John Ryan had an endorsement which did not think was in the writing of deceased. It was a cheque that Mrs. Fowler had cashed with Dugald McCullum, and which he had asked her to get an endorsement for.

The case is not completed.

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