

# STRIKE CRIPPLES PARIS RAILROADS

French Workers' Walkout Ties  
Up Greater Part of Traffic  
at Capital

## FIRST ARREST IS MADE

By the Associated Press  
Paris, May 3.—The strike situation in this city was generally stationary at the north and east stations this morning, only about 50 per cent of the usual number of trains being in operation. At the St. Lazare station traffic was affected more seriously. Virtually no freight trains were moving during the forenoon.

M. Monette, managing director of the weekly publication, Labor Life, which has been conducting a campaign for the continuation of the railroad workers' strike, was arrested this morning. This is the first arrest made by the police in connection with the railroad walkout, but other warrants have been drawn up at the ministry of the interior, and it is expected others will be detained.

Workers throughout France will be protected by the government against aggression by strikers, according to an interview with Yves Le Troquer, minister of public works, printed in this morning's *Matin*. The minister declares all measures to furnish necessities of life to the people have been taken and is optimistic that pending disputes will be settled by arbitration. Marseilles harbor is almost completely paralyzed by the strike. No ships have left since the walkout was declared, and the docks are deserted.

Official figures give the casualties resulting from the disorders Saturday as three dead and 102 wounded, of whom six remain in hospitals, two of them in a dangerous condition. The arrests aggregated 103. The foreigners among those arrested are to be deported. Alexander Blanc, extreme Socialist deputy, who was injured in the May 1 clash with police, will be prosecuted on a charge of abuse of the police. Parliamentary immunity, it is said, will not apply to his case, which, it is asserted, was a flagrant offense. M. Blanc was one of the deputies who met the Germans in Switzerland during the war at an international Socialist conference. Announcement is made of the indefinite postponement of the sailing of the liner *La France* for New York, which was fixed for today. Officials of the French line today were unable to set any probable date for the departure of the vessel. The postponement caused great inconvenience to many Americans who had booked passage. Many of the Americans had given up their rooms which were immediately snatched up and today are making the rounds of hotels trying to find accommodations.

### Cable Briefs

Difficulties are still being encountered in regard to disarmament of Germany. The Germans have approximately 18,000 guns of heavy caliber, but the work of destroying them goes on slowly, first because there are not enough available oxyhydrogen torches to do the work quickly, and second, because of a dispute between Germany and the Allies over the ownership of the junk metal resulting from scrapping the guns.

Irish Nationalist members of Parliament announce they will in future refuse to give any countenance to the home rule bill by their presence at its further discussion in the House of Commons.

Former President Poincare, of France, is opposed to the fixing at Spain of the total sum which shall represent Germany's debt to the Allies. He declares that to fix that sum now, when Germany's finances are at their lowest ebb, would be for France to surrender much of what is due her from a Germany of the future, capable of paying much more than what may appear today a reasonable sum.

Successes of Poland in the Ukraine mean much to France. The opening of Odessa would mean the releasing of vast stores of wheat for export, which are needed in Europe. Therefore France stands behind Poland with vast military supplies and able military men.

### Aviator Renaud Missing

Nice, April 30 (delayed).—The French aviator Renaud, one of the competitors in the trans-mediterranean flight from Monaco to Bizerta, Tunis, and back, is missing since he left Cagliari yesterday. (Cagliari is in the southern part of Sardinia, in the Mediterranean.) Destroyers have been sent out to search for him.

# BLAME JAPANESE FOR CZECH DELAY

Evacuation Movement in Siberia Hampered, Railway Board Charges

## AGREEMENT IS SET ASIDE

Vladivostok, April 30 (delayed).—The members of the International Railway Board, with the exception of the Japanese member, yesterday forwarded to their governments an identical telegram which places them on record as protesting against the actions of the Japanese military in Siberia.

The telegram charges the Japanese with actually delaying the evacuation of the Czechs, instead of assisting them for which purpose, it is stated, the foreign troops are supposed to be in Siberia. It adds the railway committee believes representations to the Tokyo government would result in securing a proper observance by the Japanese command in Siberia of the interallied railway agreement.

"The railway board," says the telegram, "having examined reports of the action of Japanese troops in the railway districts, are of the opinion, first, that General Semenov systematically set aside the terms of the allied railway agreement. Second, that the Japanese military acquiesced and themselves usurped the functions of the allied railway organization, and aided in the confusion of traffic, and actually delayed the progress of the Czechs, and, third,

that the Japanese military by placing troops at principal points on the Chinese Eastern Railway, which the allied agreement assigned to the Chinese to guard, and allowing such detachments to interfere with matters affecting railway traffic, provoked conflicts resulting in needless loss of life to Chinese, Russians and Czechs, and also jeopardized the movement of trains.

### SYNTHETIC AMMONIA MADE

American Capital Backs New Process in Italy

Rome, May 3.—(By A. P.)—Production of synthetic ammonia is announced by Doctor Casale, prominent in the Italian chemical industry, who says he has solved the problem by the use of special machinery and a chemical reagent of his own invention.

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### Rescue Party of Five Killed

Oviedo, Spain, May 3.—Five men were asphyxiated in a deserted mine shaft at Langreo, near here, yesterday. They had descended to rescue a girl who had fallen into the shaft.

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# WILSON PREDICTED FREED PALESTINE

Rabbi Wise Reveals President's Attitude in June, 1917, on Turkish Control

## ARMENIA ALSO INCLUDED

New York, May 3.—What was said to be President Wilson's attitude toward Turkey's control of Armenia and Palestine two months after the United States entered the war was revealed yesterday by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise in an address here at a mass-meeting of American friends of Armenia.

Rabbi Wise said he thought he would commit no transgression when he told for the first time something President Wilson told him late in June, 1917, in the White House. According to Doctor

Wise, the President said to him at this time: "Doctor Wise, when the war will be ended there will be two lands that will never go back to the Mohammedan apaches—one is Christian Armenia and the other is Jewish Palestine."

"Last Sunday," continued Doctor Wise, "just a week ago, the supreme council of the Peace Conference at San Remo took two historic steps. One was conferring of a mandate over Palestine upon the British Government to include the terms of the Balfour declaration of November 2, 1917, and the other was the request or the making of a request to the American Government, Congress and the American people to accept a mandate over Armenia. So that on the same day and at the same time two of the prophecies of President Wilson have come very near fulfillment."

Resolutions were adopted urging President Wilson, in determining the boundaries of Armenia, as requested of him by the Peace Conference at San Remo, to include the six vilayets and

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Cilia, also that sufficient arms and ammunition to equip an Armenian army of 50,000 be sent to Erivan.

### CRIPPLED U. S. SHIP IN PORT

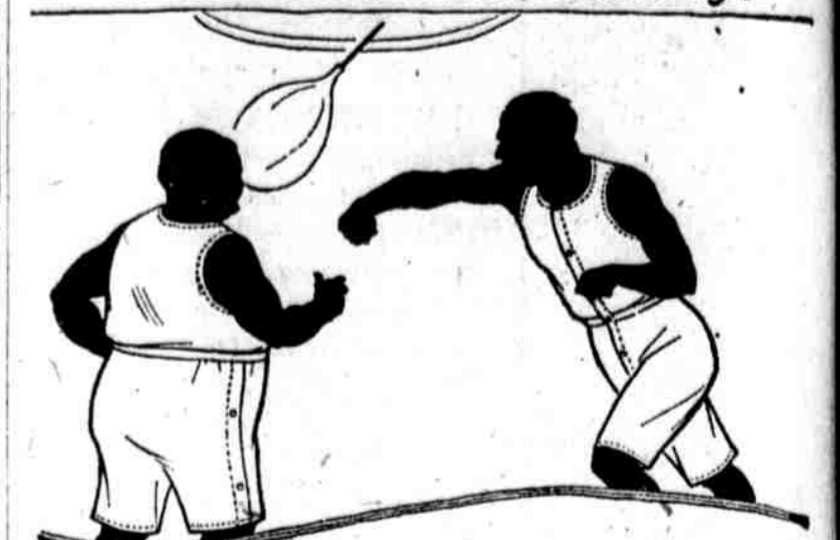
Tashmoo Towed to Queenstown by British Steamship  
London, May 3.—(By A. P.)—The British ship Port Stephens has arrived at Queenstown, having in tow the disabled American steamer Tashmoo, which she picked up 1200 miles off the

Irish coast. When the Port Stephens answered a distress call from the Tashmoo she found the latter wallowing in a heavy sea, but succeeded in getting a line to the disabled vessel and bringing her safely to port.

After leaving New York on April 19 for Irish ports the Tashmoo put back into port with a disabled steering gear. The trouble was repaired and she resumed her voyage on April 17. It seems probable the steering gear was again put out of commission, making it necessary for the Tashmoo to call for help.

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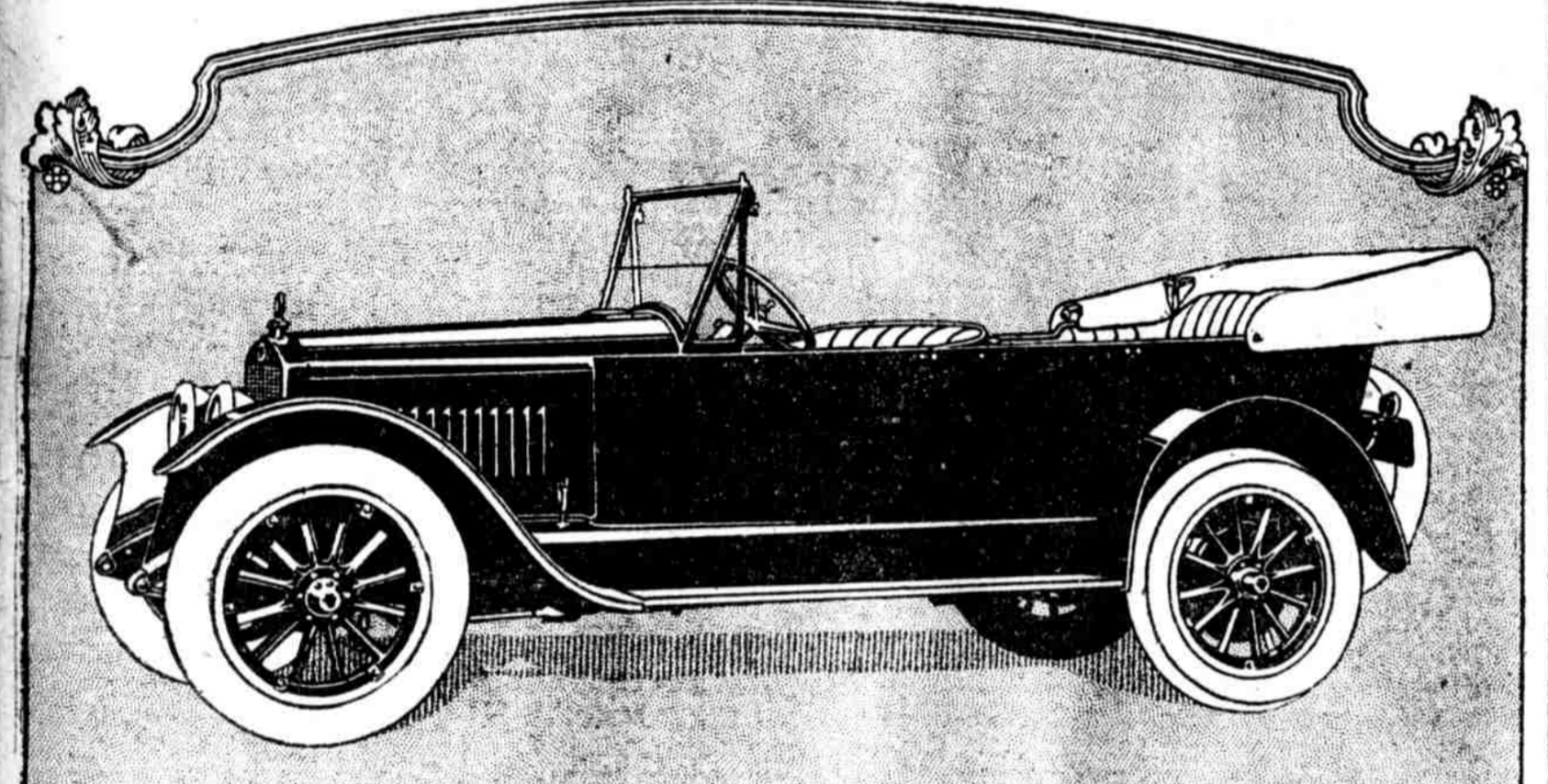
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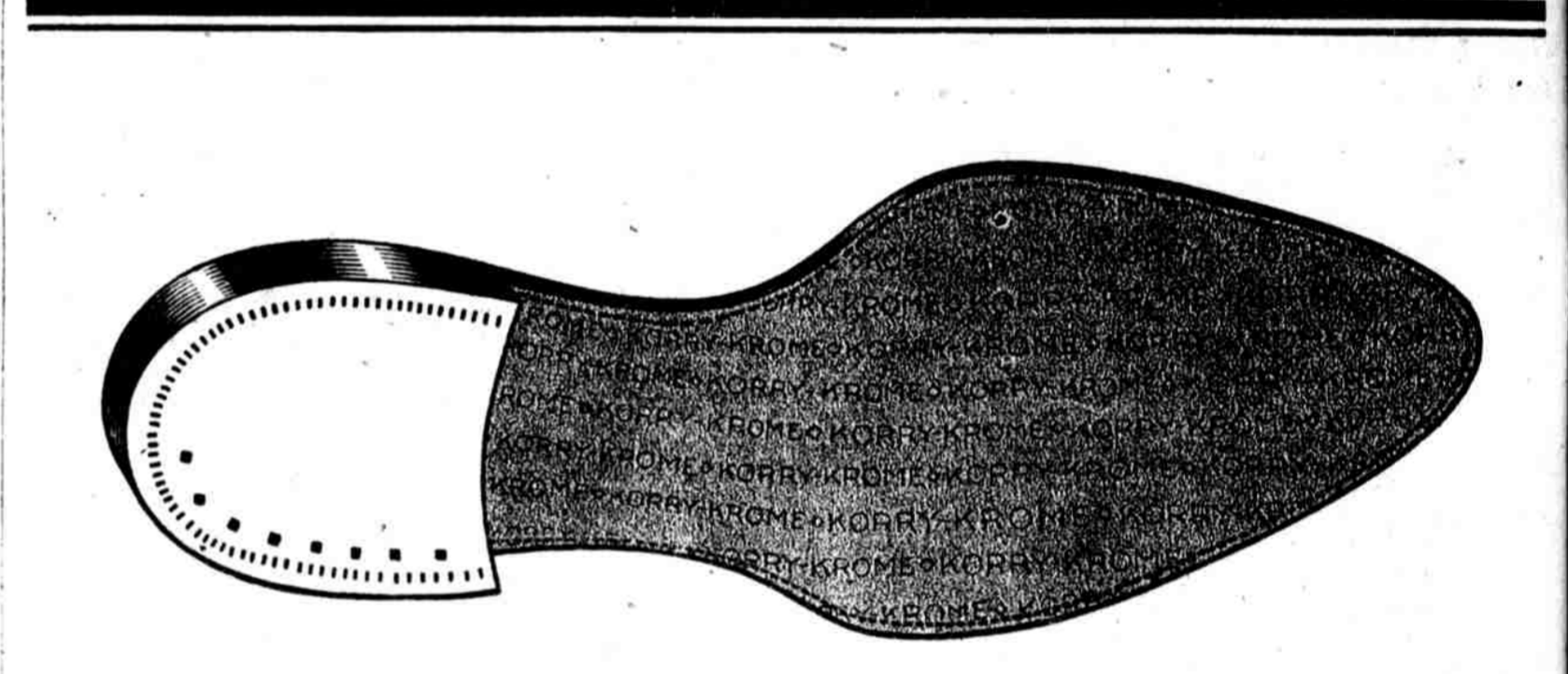
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