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FRENCH STRIKE **CALLED CRIMINAL**

Employes Destroy Tracks and Wreck Trains.

Telegraph Wires Cut and Air Brakes Disabled-Food Supply for Paris By Water.

Paris, Oct. 13 .- The strike of the railroad men, which threatens to spread throughout France, was denounced today by Premier Briand as "an insurrection, purely, built upon criminal foundations."

The premier declared that the strike was called while negotiations were going on for an adjustment of grievances and he promised that the instigators of the strike would be prosecuted.

The river Seine, which in January threatened to destroy Paris, looms up in the role of saviour. The government has made arrangements to rush food supplies to Paris from the sea, requisitioning all boats to meet the crisis and ease the food market, which is already hard hit.

The employes of the Eastern and the Paris, Lyons & Mediterranean railroads have not to any appreciable ex-tent responded to the strike call and the government's weapon of mobilization has induced some of those employed on the Northern road to return to their posts. Nevertheless, the Northern and Western railroads are 'prostrated. The call to the colors has been ignored by the large majority and at mass meetings today the strikers reiterated their determination not to respond to the call.

Much destruction has been wrought on the Western system, on which the strikers and their supporters have held up and derailed trains, blocked tracks, destroyed signals, ripped up rails and cut telephone and telegraph wires. The government has ordered the arrest of a score of strike leaders and instructions have been issued to the troops to use severe measures wherever occasion requires.

Thousands of person living in the suburbs and employed in Paris massed this evening around the depots. These they found closed and silent, with military camps in front. Then, with true Parisian gaiety, they laughingly set out to walk home, perhaps a distance of five or ten miles, or stormed the tramways, cabs automobiles and other

The losses to commerce already are Scores of trains have been stalled along the roads, many of these carrying food supplies, which have become unfit for use. The passengers on the steamship Oceanic, who took the train at Cherbourg for Paris, are blocked at Mante-Sur-Seine, about

36 miles from Paris. Many Americans have been compelled to remain in this city or pay fabulous sums to reach the coast, so that they might embark for England.

M. Jaure, leader of the Socialists in the chamber of deputies, today answered Premier Briand, charging that the railroads of the government were nsible for the present crisis declared that the scheme of militarization was dangerous, as it was certain to weaken military discipline and increase anti-militarism.

The Southwest express had a narrow escape from being wrecked on its arrival here today. The brakes failed to work and subsequent investigation showed that the air pipes had been cut. The train dashed into the Austerlitz station at a speed of 60 miles an hour. It was stopped just before reaching the Dorsant terminus.

At Bois Colombes the strikers held up a freight train and, smashing in the doors of the cars., freed a cargo of cattle. Heavy consignments of fruit and vegetables destined for Belgium and Northern France are stalled and ruined. Prices of fish, eggs, butter and milk have jumped 25 per cent. The merchants are arranging for the transportation of vegetables from the suburbs by automobiles.

Search for Gold Ended.

Los Angeles-Two associates, Fulier and Steward, hardly less known in the world of adventure than himself, reached this city with the personal effects of Dr. Charles P. Holt, of Santa Ana, the distinguished journalist, scientist and explorer, who died of fever, alone in a far-off port of Colombia, South America, with wealth with-in his grasp. The lure of gold had drawn Dr. Holt to every part of the globe where the precious metal is He was among the first that invaded Alaska.

Argentine Heads Sworn. Buenos Ayres-Senor Roque Senza Pena and Dr. Victorino de la Plaza were inaugurated respectively as president and vice president of the Argentine Republic. President Pena de-clared in his message that his interna-tional policy would be directed with friendship toward Europe and fraternity for America.

GALE HITS GULF.

West Indian Hurricane Headed for Florida Coast.

Key West, Oct. 15-At 6 o'clock tonight the wireless station here reported a West Indian hurricane centered west of Havana and moving with great intensity toward Progresso, Yucatan.

The storm will extend from Florida to Mexico. All wireless stations with the exception of the local government station are disabled. There is an unconfirmed rumor that a liner is ashore near Key West.

The weather bureau station at Sand Key was awash and the men there sought refuge at the lighthouse. The United wireless station was temporarily disabled and the operator secured the instruments and abandoned his quarters when heavy seas began to come in. The government wireless alone was in operation.

English Coast Feels Storm.

London-The English coast is strewn with wreckage as the result of a storm that has continued for two days. The casualty list is a long one. Bodies of five seamen from the coasting steamer Cranford were picked up off Hartlepool. It is believed the vessel, which carried a crew of 20, foundered, and that the men were attempting to reach shore in a small boat when they were

Some of the wreckage coming ashore indicates that a sailing ship met a like Lifeboats from many points were out and in some instances effected rescues. In other cases they were unable to reach distressed craft.

Steamer Cannot Make Port.

Tampa, Fla. - A message from the wireless station at Key Westat 7:20 p. m. reported the steamship Olivet just outside the bar unable to make port on account of heavy seas. The wind is blowing 50 to 60 miles an hour. The steamship Comus, spoken 40 miles west of Tortugas, is proceeding. Indications are that the storm is swerving eastward and will strike the Florida coast in the vicinity of Tampa, slightly to the northwest. The barometer is reading 29.94.

GALLERIES MAY BE INVADED

Wealthy Art Patrons May Have to Turn Over Treasures.

New York-An anonymous note sent to William Loeb Jr., collector of the port of New York, precipitated a sensational raid on the Fifth avenue establishment of Duveen Brothers' art galleries and the arrest of two members of the firm, Benjamin J. and Henry J. Duveen, clarged with conspiracy to defraud the government of more than \$1,000,000 by undervaluation of imports.

In the event of fines being imposed or duties recovered from the firm or its members, the informant will be in line for the reward offered by the government for evidence resulting in such conviction.

If the alleged frauds prove as extensive as customs officials have stated, this reward will probably be between \$100,000 and \$500,000.

The United States government has warrants out for the remaining mem bers of the firm, who have art galleries in the leading capitals of Eu-

Millions of dollars' worth of paint-He ings and art work have millionaire art patrons in this country, and it was suggested that the customs officials may invade these art collections and temporarily hold the masterpieces pending an adjudication of the alleged frauds.

District Attorney Wise said he be lieved that fraudulent valutions have been carried on systematically for

Hurricane Rages in Cuba. Havana-The provinces of Havana, Matanzas and Pinar del Rio have been in the grip of the severest storm of recent years since Thursday. highest velocity of wind was 80 miles an hour. The rain probably was unprecedented, and has wrought great damage to sugar cane and tobacco. Exit from and entrance to the port have been closed. Dredges and barges working about the battleship Maine were compelled to seek refuge. but one dredge got away safely. crew of the dredge was rescued.

Makes Call in Aeroplane.

Washington-Claude Graham White, the English aviator, stopped at the White House door in his aeroplane, after a flight of about six miles. He landed where the slightest deviation from the course would have impaled him on the spikes of an iron fence at his right, or smashed him against granite walls at his left. Admiral Dewey was on the spot to extend congratulations. An hour later White ascended from the spot where he had landed and returned to his starting point, the Bennings race track.

Two Fall Into Boiling Dye.

Provo, Utah-Two employes of the Knights Woolen Mills fell into a vat of boiling dye while scuffling on its brink. H. D. Jonhson died soon after being taken out and his companion, John H. Nebaker, cannot live.

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