Matters looked pretty hopeless at the Ministry of + Minister, Apparently only, Sir Walter Monckton himself, was still confident there'd be no strike. Big Jim Campbell and Harry Franklin (wearing bow tie) headed the N.U.R. Executive. J. G. Baty and N.A. Pinches represented the drivers and firemen. Baty is their General Heading Secretary. Hamman the British Transport Commission was recently appointed General Sir Brian Robertson. He's been in him malely a meer: in tight corners of many kinds. Pressmen waiting for news wondered how he would fare in this one. When Sir Walter Monckton left the conference the strike threat was over-The General and Jim Campbell had reached agreement; improved standard rates on a per-centage bases in six weeks time. The country breathes again.

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