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Unjustifiable, Asserts Hon.

ONDEMNS MINE WORKERS IN DISTRICT 18, ALBERTA, AS BEING UNLAWFUL **MENACING WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY**

"I shall lose no opportunity of condemning the strike as un wful, and, so far as I can see, unjustifiable, since it appears to ave no other purpose than the securing of a closed shop, an obet which menaces alike the freedom of the individual and the this purpose this year to £2,570,000 elfare of the community.

"If you and those associated with you persist in maintain g the present situation, I shall most certainly hope to assist in aming some changed methods or laws that will prevent a recurnee of such attitude on the part of those assuming to represent bor." These declarations are made by the minister of labor, m. James Murdock, to Robert Livett, international board memer, United Mine Workers of America, with respect to the mine further expenditure amounting to orkers' attitude in District 18 (Alberta) coal mine strike. A 5375,000 for works services; £946,000 per, caused a country wide survey of rther exchange of telegarms between the minister and Mr. Livett in the advancement of Post Office as given to Canadian Press yesterday.

Minister to Mr. Livett.

On December 11, Mr. Murdock wired to Mr. Livett as follows: THE CONSUMER'S EMANCI-"Referring to strike called by your organization in Edmonton strict, information reaching me indicates that principal if not ly object of strike is enforcement of claim for union recogni-Now I am, from past experience and otherwise, well aware the high cost of living: By demanding the conditions resulting from the fullest recognition by em- more money for his labor, or by seek byers of the trades unions to which their employes belong so ing to purchase the necessities of life at matters of grievances and wages and working conditions ay be dealt with by direct negotiation, but I have yet to learn by still higher prices. The savings, any situation in which the principle of recognition of the inter- made by co-operative purchasing cans of either party to a dispute or those of the public at large n be advanced by the declaration of a strike.

"It is, as you will be aware, but a few months since the close a disastrous strike for other, and in a sense more justifiable, reliable goods, honest weights, and cities, such as Boston, are reported e in the Southern part of District 18, and it is specially un- fair prices, thus emancipating the conrtunate that your organization should have seen fit at the preat time, when the coal industry has by no means recovered m the long cessation of work in the spring and summer months d without any effort to secure redress by the means provided by to bring on the prescrit strike on a satter which car as a le be satisfactorily settled only by negotiation. I trust your orts will yet be cast in favor of an immediate resumption of rk and an adjustment of existing grievances in the manner eribed by law. Kindly let me have conclusions of your comttee on this point.

(Signe) "James Murdock, minister of labor."

Mr. Livett's Reply.

To this telegram Mr. Livett replied on Dec. 14 as follows:

"Replying to your wire Dec. 11, I cannot understand why you "Replying to your wire Dec. 11, I cannot understand why you consistently drawing to our attention that we violate the law set. "He's naturally argumentative any kind of liquor he wants."

an' bent on mixin' into other people's What President Harding characternection with the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act. It troubles an' he might jes' as well get ized as a national disgrace might well be useless for us to further ask for a board in view of the fact | paid for the last time." - Washington | have resulted from a survey of condi- pared with 50,234 on November 13, it the operators of the Edmonton field have vowed they will Evening Star. do business with the U. M. W. of A. To apply for a board erests and it is not our intention to apply for same.

(Signed "R. Livett."

Minister's Explanation.

The Minister of Labor then sent the following reply to Mr.

investigation at this time would only be a detriment to our I continue to regard strike your organization is conducting nton coal fields as contrary to law, you overlook the fact it it was in message from Mr. Peacock, secretary of your organtion, that question of law was first raised, he having objected to preement of laws that regulate picketing, whereupon it became sary to point out to Mr. Peacock his inconsistency in proting against the enforcement of one law at the very moment was defying another law.

You are, of course, well aware, that Mr. Peacock's claim that tation of Saturday last. ard inquiry conducted two years ago was, and could be, no mons to confer on the situation, which are inquiry conducted two years ago was, and could be, no mons to confer on the situation, which ference with the union representatives of Malvern," and added, "I am hunt-look years ago was, and could be, no mons to confer on the situation, which ference with the union representatives of Malvern," and added, "I am hunt-look years ago was, and could be, no mons to confer on the situation, which ference with the union representatives of Malvern," and added, "I am hunt-look years ago was, and could be, no mons to confer on the situation, which leaves of the Third Internationale at Mosstrike was brought within the law by reason of a Conciliation re than a subterfuge. It became yet more absurd when it was is regarded as serious, and indeed in this week. de clear that the inquiry in question had not involved the colries concerned in the present strike.

Threat to Change Law.

"I shall lose no opportunity of condemning the strike as unthe attention of Parliament, and to possis for variations in the national with the idea that she is a member of allegiance as a formality, a condition and reason for submitting protion and reason for submitting and the activities of Commun
the attention of Parliament, and to possis for variations in the national with the idea that she is a member of allegiance as a formality, a condition and reason for submitting protion and reas rful, and, so far as I can see, unjustifiable, since it appears to make another attempt to secure the conditions. no other purpose than that of securing a closed shop, an ob- allocation of a definite date for its Purther information, as already an ed who she was she gave the name ture, implying no obligation other of the working people in a large numwhich menaces alike the freedom of the individual and the discussion. are of the community. By experience and observation I know Il the value of sound trades unionism and am aware that in he dome.25 release always with the laws of the land, even a strike may be only power left to wage arners to change the attitude of a lowing morning and in the afternoon R. pledges resistance to any wage revision of the type sometimes found, and in such a case I should constitute of the type sometimes found, and in such a case I should constitute of the type sometimes found, and in such a case I should constitute of the type sometimes found, and in such a case I should constitute of the type sometimes found, and in such a case I should constitute of the type sometimes found, and in such a case I should constitute of the type sometimes found, and in such a case I should constitute of the type sometimes found, and in such a case I should constitute of the type sometimes found, and in such a case I should constitute of the type sometimes found, and in such a case I should constitute of the type sometimes found, and in such a case I should constitute of the type sometimes found. n with equal vigor the conduct of the employer who himself ing efforts being made by the miners uld be responsible for the use of the strike weapon.

"You are well aware no such condition exists in the present e, strike being declared without affording department opportuof inquiring by Conciliation Board or otherwise.

Renews Request.

Again I ask if you will not east your influence as the Internal Executive Member in charge of the district, in favor a restoration of conditions preceding the strike, so that due iry into the situation may take place under the laws of the land. "If you, and those associated with you, persist in maintaining on wages that even Mr. Bonar Law ply: "Starting on Monday." nt situation, I shall most certainly hope to assist in framing changed methods or laws that will prevent a recurrence of attitude on the part of those assuming to represent labor. "I shall be glad to have word from you on this point.

'(Signed) James Murdock, Minister of Labor."

ESTIMATES FOR RELIEF WORKS

Government Allocates a Further Million Pounds.

Particulars have been issued of the for the relief of unemployment, bringing the total amount estimated for With the estimate is a memorandum xplaining that of the £1,070,000, a sum of £600,000 is for additional expenditure in respect of exsiting chemes, while £470,000 is the amount required in the current financial year in respect of new assistance, which will total £1,620,000 in all.

In addition, it is proposed to incu

PATION

There are only two ways in which he consumer can struggle against flagrant and universal, with liquor at a lower price. The gains secured by higher wages are often wiped out grapes are exported to be converted not be taken from you. By cutting distribution on a basis of service instead of profit co-operation insures amer from the yoke of the profiteer.

PATAL IN MOST CASES

Bonar Law proceeded to illustrate his point by telling the story of a stripklander was was lying ill in the in control? in Misranker where mis last stages of exhaustion in a hospital, and asked that some one play for him and asked that some one play for him on the bagpipes. The nurse had a get liquor almost at will. The report from Chicago says that the enforcewarm heart and brought a piper into the room to play his entrancing music. The highland soldier recovered, but other patients in the hospital all died.

"What profession is your boy Josh going to select?"

DRY LAW IGNORED | WOULD ABOLISH IN UNITED STATES

President Harding Calls For More Effective Enforcement of Volstead Act.

When the complaint comes from the President of the United States himself that the Government's prohibition enforcement machinery has broken down the matter cannot be blinked at. President Harding wants the law strictly enforced. The accession of so many Democrats to power in the last election is responible for freely letting down the bars

The New York Tribune, a dignified and conservative republican newspa of President Harding's complaint The results of the Tribune's enquiry are printed today. Its correspondents report that the dry laws are ig nored and that the rum trade is a naviolation of the enforcement act is never more plentiful.

One state of the entire forty-eight issents, and that is California, but from that state thousands of tons of

The report shows that smuggling is arried on by wholesale lots and that eut useless middlemen and organizing a large part of the smuggled liquor comes from Canada, while saloons are wide open throughout the land. Some as flouting the whole idea of prohibition, with saloons wide open and in full blast.

According to the report, vast quan According to the report,

titles of liquor pass the border from public. The first step in the promised dant to Detroit. The "liquor ring" dant to free the people from coal profiteers. in control" in Milwaukee, where minors and girls are said to be able to BRITISH LABOR EXCHANGE STAment law is regarded as a joke, while throughout the country it is reported that a long succession of "blind tigers'' operate down side streets, "to which any stranger can gain easy acthe highways, whereon taouoblseim? "I'm going to educate him to be pass, in which every comer who has

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FREE HOUSES

Northumberland Owners Offer

The question of "free houses" for forth country miners was raised at Northumberland a meeting of the Miners' Council at Newcastle, Alderman W. Weir presiding.

A long discussion took place subject, following which a resolution put forward by the Executive, was carried by 27 votes to 22.

salowners had intimated that they are "prepared to abolish the practice calace it by an addition to the money age," gave authority to the Execuive to meet the owners to discuss the reposal without in any way committ ing the association to any change in se tenure.

Any proposals of the owners lieu of free houses are to be submitt-

Resolutions were also carried urgasking the owners, by arrangement, alling for a fortnight's holiday with industry. pow every year.

proposal that owners should be to deduct union contributions at the colliery offices was defeated. mend lodges to grant one week's ment. oliday with pay to check weighers.

Henry Ford recently closed nego ations to purchase about \$20,000,000 order to start selling coal direct to the

TISTICS SHOW LITTLE IMPROVEMENT.

number of persons on Novem ber 20 recorded on the free-register beginning of last January. The num- ginal factory. ber working short time and drawing benefit for intervals of unemployment was 50,900 on November 20, as com- the vacancies thus caused and 934,786 on July 1, 1921.

MUTUAL AID IN INDUSTRY

Whitley Councils Have Stayed Wage Cuts, Says T. U. C.

"Trades which have refused to form Whitley Councils are those which have suffered most heavily in the mat er of wage reductions."

This was the statement of Mr. J B. Williams, chairman of the General sneaking at the annual dinner of the The resolution, recognizing that the Industrial League and Council in London

The League, he said, set out with and women of providing free house or rent and the idea that both employers and emploved were human beings, neither side having a monopoly of angelic both sides, and the aim of the League was to try to develop the best in both

trust and sincerity which would enti- playes. rd to additional money wages in the each side to understand the other's difficulties, and by mutual understand tional industry. It is shown that the ed to the association before any deci- ing to smooth over these difficulties. Labor leaders and captains of industry alike might advantageously

ng a basic wage for surface boys, try to understand the other's point of to employ only trade unionists, and plete and thorough understanding in Sir William Noble, the well-known strike.

ipowner, who presided, said that ! among the causes of industrial unrest the first that must be overcome wa The Executive was instructed to the soul-destroying fear of unemploy

TAILORS ON STRIKE

worth of cial mines in Kentucky in London Dispute Over Introduc tion of Non-Union Labor.

> Members of the United Ladies alleged attempt to introduce non union

as a union house, but it is stated by of the Employment Exchange in Great the union, on the opening of a new wholly unemployed was factory in Bethnal Green road, a num 1,379,000. This was 1,847 more than ber of semi-skilled, non-union female in the preceding week and 444,733 workers were engaged, and several ess than the figure recorded at the workers were transferred from the ori-

Messrs. Freedman, it is alleged, also

Twenty-seven men and five are involved in the dispute

NEWS ITEMS FROM ACROSS THE LINE

Henry Ford applied to the Inter-! tate Commission recently for authoriy to put into effect on his railroad milar to that effective in his manufacturing plant.

A nation-wide campaign for the Third Federal Child Labor Law is under way. The National Child La Council of the Trades Union Congress, bor Committee believes the new law of applying for himself all raw mawill be adopted throughout the coun try and for this purpose hopes to ob tain the signatures of ten million men

Secretary Honver of the Department of Commerce recently indicated his sympathy for the principle of a liv ing wage for the railroad workers by leclaring that the 1920 Transporta tion Act carries the obligation of the to try to create an atmosphere of public to secure just wages to the em

In a brief filed Saturday in support of the defense motion to dismissa the government's injunction against the Federated Shop Craft' Union, it was charged that there was better evidence of an unlawful purpose on the He was a firm believer in com- part of the United States Attorney General than of Labor Union officials in connection with the shopmen's

ittee of the United Mine Worker of America, stated in their replies to estionnaire of the fact-finding com ission, Saturday, that the possibility of standardizing mine wages and its of output from workers was in racticable.

mers' families in the United States was 57.1 per cent higher on October 15 last than in July, 1914. There was an increase of 1 per cent in the month wines. ceding October 15. Continued Tallors' Trade Union employed by slight increases in the average cost Messrs. Preedman and Co., Watling of food, clothing and coal were noted street, are out on strike against an by the National Industrial Confernee Board.

Bituminous coal operators meeting with miners' representatives in Chiago in an effort to agree on some asis for future wage notiations voted ntly, to adjourn the conference unii December 4, at the suggestion of a new sub-committee named by the operators to conduct negotiations ate recently.

Congressman Woodruff of Michigan efused to employ union men to fill and Keller of Minnesota announced ecently that impeachment proceed ngs against Attorney General Daughrty would be vigorously prosecuted n the approaching session of Couress. They contend that the recent lection in which Daughertvism was n issue in various states, spurred All organizations of railway workers re determined to use every legiti-

inte means to frustrate the attempts of Senator Cummins and other adinistration leaders to put teeth Rose held that the Shipping Board AND THE OATH in the Railroad Labor Board. A con- Emergency Fleet Corporation had no ference was held recently in which the leaders of the Bailroad Brother of its steamer Coellada during the coods and officials of the Shop Crafts' time for wheh they shipped. Union drew up a plan for combatting

aside for her own and her husband's garding the eath of allegiance was Communists have not yet secured a ator Norris, of Nebraska, announced way companies, regarding wages and which were use. She refused all particulars of Eireaun—the day on which the Irish of Labor and other trade union mem lief of the farming industry. A bill Subsequently the executive met the rejected by the unions, were submitted herself, but alleged that her parents Prec State entered the Commonwealth bers asserted an American delegate

tion came to an end by the protest ists and other radicals and had ap-

Congressman Woodruff of Mighigan organization from collapse Hodges, "and something has got to negotiations will be remond on a date her proper name is Amy Lilian Dawes."

Asked how long she had been married. The terms of the Treaty, he said, up their indictment in impeachment. S. Railroad Labor Board that the not yet fixed. The Executive met again the fol Newport No. 6 branch of the N.U. the woman replied, "13 years." Do were accepted by them under protest, proceedings against Attorney General shop contracts of the Western Mary

ment is made on the authority of the An invitation to particip

Dr. W. F. McCaleb has resigned as manager of the Brotherhood of Loomotive Engineers Co-operative Naa system of profit sharing somewhat tional Bank of Cleveland, and goes New York to take charge of the new labor bank that is being organ ized by the Central Trades and Labor ouncil of New York City.

> In accordance with his progra terials in the manufacture of autopobiles, Henry Ford has bought a oal mine in West Virginia for which e paid \$1,250,000.

> An embargo on anthracite coal chipments to foreign countries was oposed in a bill introduced recently Representative Rogers of Massa husetts. By the bill the President would be authorised in his discretion embargo coal of all other classes or foreign markets.

> The average received for each ton of freight by the U.S. Shipping Board was 30 per cent less in August of this year than in August of last year, and in per cent less this September than last September, but the net operating oss of the Board shows a decrease this year, according to Chairman Las

lared a 100 per cent stock dividend n its nearly 12 million outstanding oon stock, payable on Decemebr In recent months the Packard's set profits have been running at a monthly rate of \$500,000.

Congressman Britten, of Illonia vember 20, reintroduced the bonus all vetoed by President Harding at the last session of Congress, amended as to provide the necessary funds by the taxation of beer and light

e Federal Council of the Churches Christ in America asked President Harding to recommend to Congress ich special amendment of the retricted immigration law as will permit temporary entry into this co try of Greek and Armenian refugees be Near East.

Four representatives of the Depart ent of Labor were ordered to the bituminous coal fields in Somerset ounty, Pa., to investigate the workng conditions of the miners on strike in the Berwind-White Coal Co.'s

Efforts will be made by the State Michigan to keep 56 alleged radi als said to have participated in the communist Party of America meeting Michigan last August, back to the tate to stand early trial in January. Attorney General Smith announced hat 76 radicals attended the meeting and only 20 of them were arrested. in an opinion filed November 21 in Court in Baltimore, Judge

Organization for a huge govern orporation with a capital of \$100, repected legislation. corporation with a capital of \$100, The Communist Party in the 000,000 for the purchase and sale of to this effect will be introduced in a

A crisis in the affairs of the New pealed to the General Executive Board to net at once to save the local

ing period last year.

long afterwards cabled him from Eng.

And yet the men who are producing land: "Will you take a post on the have your marriage lines?" it was these results are compelled to exist.

North Eastern?" Back came the resuggested. "Oh, no, I haven't. The said he had received a telegram from Railroad Labor Board, particularly conference at the Hagne, December and he had received a telegram from Railroad Labor Board, particularly conference at the Hagne, December to the course of his speech, after to freedom of action.

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Items of Interest From Overseas

thing Has Got To Be Done.'

Prime Minister's reply to the depu- way companies, regarding wages and

Th Daily Herald learns that the

Striking confirmation of the amaz-

of the country to increase the output was forthcoming yesterday. Journal, 5,471,800 tons of coal were sored Celebrities." A great railway surprise when asked where the mar-raised in the week ending November magnate, Sir George Gibb, happened riage took place. "I was married at or alter or amend the Constitution in the retail cost of food in October charges that the Klan is operating

describes as "inadequate."

keeps the hatchet away.

devation met yesterday to discuss the those originally presented by the rail-

panies, it is declared, merely desired

ASKS FOR HER HUSBAND "THE IRISH LABOR

Claiming to be the wife of the Prince of Wales an unknown woman, .. No Barrier to Freedom of Ac-The Men Are Starving; Some. No New Proposals for Variation who has been lodging for some time at Windsor, paid a visit to the eastle, It is stated by the Railway Review and announced that she had come to The Executive of the Miners' Fe that no new proposals, apart from take possession of the apartments set on the position of Labor members re United States has failed because the farm products is the plan which Sen

of the House of Windsor. When ask-798,300 tons more than the correspond- down as a man of promise, and not register was replied. "That is lock- barrier to freedom of action."

"The men are starving," said Mr. of the companies' claims, and the papers in her possession it is likely person who accepted the privileges of

25 an increase of 95,000 tons over to meet Mr. Geddes (as he was then) St. George's Chapel," she retorted, any respect whatever, nothing in our as compared with September as com-

Prince has those," was the answer. Mr. Bonar Law, in which he said:

RAILWAY WAGE **AGREEMENTS** MINER'S MEET

Have Been Made.

The general managers of the com-

Indian jungle.

tion." Dramatic Outburst.

of Malvern," and added, "I am hunting for my husband, the Prince of Wales." She possessed a good know of faithfulness to King George, de will be upward, declares President of was announced that the New York whole position was reviewed and that to place before the unions their posi- ledge regarding the various members sired to place on record that they re- Gompers in an article written for the was decided to press the subject on tion and reason for submitting pro of the Royal Family, and is obsessed cognized the act of making an oath Cosmopolitan News Service. The Joint Board and its staff had resigned dition of membership of the Legislaounced, is to be supplied in support of "Amy Lilian Windsor," but from than the ordinary obligations of every ber of industries during the past year.

A FAMOUS MAN'S START It was then observed that the woman giance," he proceeded, "intending to ciary Committee, but declared "we those contracts. This means that the wore no ring, and the question was fulfil our pledge, with the provise have got the goods on him."

Western Maryland will refuse to be the story of how Sir Eric Geddes put to her, "Where is your wedding that if at any time it should be deem. The cost of living in the United bound by the Labor Board's decision." as forthcoming yesterday.

States is steadily increasing and has An ouster suit against the Ku Klux According to the Board of Trade E. T. Raymond, author of "Uncendid not get another." She expressed of Ireland in the exercise of their been for practically a year. It in Klan was filed in the Kansas Supreme

Before then Sir Eric had spent years A doctor was called in, but the woman "You may be assured that we, on settlement of impending railroad pers and the Executive Council of rough work in many corners of the remarked. "I have not asked for a our part, will do all that lies in our strikes, will be dependent upon the A. P. of L. "Participation in An Ottawa hen has laid an egg globe as a steel worker, a lumberman, doctor. When I want one I will send power to further the common ends we decision of the Supreme Court in a the Congress requires the A. F. of L. daily for 197 days. There's a saying and as general utility man on rail for one. If you want any information have both in view—the peace and in the you had better see my solicitor or my prosperity of Ireland, and the lasting Railroad Company which will be reways, both in America and in the you had better see my solicitor or my prosperity of Ireland, and the lasting Railroad Company which will be re- of the International Federation of acord between the two countries." viewed by the Supreme Court."