

BIG COAL MINERS' STRIKE CALLED OFF; CONTROLLERS' ORDER

U.S. Fuel Administrators Order Workers and Operators to Keep Up Production Under Threat

ILLINOIS FIELD

Forty Mines, Employing 15,000 Men, Close Down Previous to Washington Order

Washington, Oct. 16.—Aroused by news of the pending strikes in the southwest, Fuel Administrator Garfield today telegraphed the heads of the district unions demanding that there be no walkouts and giving warning that he would use every power committed to him to prevent them. Similar messages went to the operators in the territory.

News that the strike has been called off was received by the fuel administrator tonight with gratification. Officials said there was no doubt any difficulties over the existing agreement could be smoothed out.

The Washington agreement provides for an increase of 10 cents a ton for mining tons, a flat rate of five dollars a day for day work, and a 15 per cent increase for yardage and dead work.

Illinois Field Paralyzed
Springfield, Ill., Oct. 16.—More than 40 coal mines in central and southern Illinois, representing between 12,000 and 15,000 miners, were shut down today, and the coal mining industry of the state tonight faces practical paralysis, operators here stated, as a result of the spreading strike of miners who demand wage increases.

Miners said today they were given to understand that the new wage agreement reached at Washington would be effective without delay. Operators on the other hand, pointed to a clause making the increases contingent upon an advance by the fuel tinent upon an advance of coal prices by the fuel administrator.

Urges Postponement
Kansas City, Oct. 16.—John H. White, president of the United Mine Workers, in a telegram to union officers tonight urged that the strike in all coal mines operated by the Southwestern Interstate Operators' association, called for Friday, be postponed, pending further negotiations.

LOYD GEORGE WINS SATISFACTION FROM LONDON NEWSPAPERS

British Journals Apologize and Withdraw All Imputations Against Premier

London, Oct. 16.—The libel actions brought recently by Premier Lloyd George against the Westminster Gazette and the Daily News for publishing the statement that he left London when an air raid was in progress, has been withdrawn, the terms being an apology for the publication and the payment of the costs of the action. The amount of which is not mentioned, to indemnify the premier for his costs in the action.

The premier was present when the case was called on at a special sitting of the king's bench division today, where the settlement was announced. Mr. Lloyd George, in giving evidence, said that on the night in question he left with General Sir Robertson and Admiral Jellicoe to have interviews with the French premier and chief officer of staff. The raid was actually in progress when they reached the Charing Cross station. As the train waited on the bridge they could see shrapnel bursting. Realizing what remarks the published statement would cause among the munition workers, the premier declared he took legal action immediately to bring home to the public the absolute untruth of the charge. The defendants, finding that the statements were untrue, announced their willingness to apologize and withdraw all imputations. Under the circumstances, the premier did not ask for damages.

VOTE TO CONTINUE FIGHTING
Jassy, Rumania, Oct. 16.—(via Petrograd, Oct. 15).—Charles J. Vopika, American minister to Rumania, has made several visits to the front recently, exhorting the Russian soldiers to continue fighting. On one visit he spoke to 70,000 troops. There was a great demonstration at the end of the speech, the soldiers during the minister about on their shoulders. A committee representing the Ninth Russian army has voted to continue fighting.

SHELLED SURVIVORS OF WRECK
Washington, Oct. 16.—Small boats from a British submarine recently attacked by two submarines were mercilessly shelled by one of the U-boats, two men being killed and seven others wounded, the state department was advised today in consular dispatches. One other man was killed before the crew abandoned the submarine, which carried a number of Americans. The date and place of the attack were not disclosed.

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UP TO FOOD CONTROLLER

Winnipeg, Oct. 16.—A resolution asking for the immediate removal of customs duty from all agricultural implements and machinery and automobiles retalling at less than \$1,000, "the most efficient way to encourage farmers to produce and at the same time lower the cost of production," was forwarded to Food Controller Hanna from a meeting of the Manitoba food control advisory committee, held last evening.

MEATLESS INSTEAD OF BEEFLESS DAY IN NEW YORK HOTELS

Wheatless Wednesdays Has Also Been Decided Upon in the Eating Houses

New York, Oct. 16.—New York city's principal hotels and restaurants will inaugurate "meatless Tuesday" place of beefless Tuesday beginning next week, it was decided by unanimous vote of the executive committee of the Hoteliers' association at a meeting here today.

It was also voted to have a "wheatless Wednesday" every week. A reduction in the price of beef which the hotelmen asserted was due to "beefless days" inaugurated in various cities is expected to occur also in other meat prices after the idea of meatless days spreads throughout the country.

RESIGNED WEEKS AGO

Winnipeg, Oct. 16.—Hon. Dr. W. J. Roche, minister of the interior and the newly-appointed chairman of the civil service commission, arrived from Ottawa tonight. Speaking of the formation of a union government, Dr. Roche asserted that all the ministers of the late administration had handed their resignations to Premier Borden weeks before the end of the session in order to give the premier a free hand, and that he might be untrammelled in his efforts to bring about such a government.

PREMIER SENDS CONGRATULATIONS TO HAIG AND HIS ARMY

War Cabinet Says Flanders Battle Has Filled the Enemy With Alarm; Fierce Conditions

London, Oct. 16.—Premier Lloyd George sent the following message today to Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, commanding the British army in France and Belgium: "The war cabinet desires to congratulate you and the troops you have under your command upon the achievements of the British army in Flanders in the great battle which has been raging since July 1st. Starting from a position in which every advantage rested with the enemy and hampered and delayed from time to time by the most unfavorable weather, you and your men have nevertheless continually driven the enemy back with such courage and pertinacity as has commanded the grateful admiration of the peoples of the British Empire and filled the enemy with alarm. I am personally glad to be the means of transmitting this message to you and your gallant troops and I desire to take this opportunity of renewing my assurance of confidence in your leadership and in the devotion of those whom you command."

LABOR CANDIDATE

Toronto, Oct. 16.—John H. Kennedy, organizer for the Sheet Metal Workers' union of Canada, will be a candidate for the federal house in Center Toronto in the coming Dominion elections. Mr. Kennedy announced his candidacy last night. He will oppose Edmund Bristol, the nominee of the union government, and will appeal to the electorate on a straight labor platform.

POSSIBLE MINISTER

Montreal, Oct. 16.—Councillor Joseph Alney, who is spoken of as possible minister of labor in the union government at Ottawa, admitted tonight that he was in Ottawa today to discuss the political situation with Premier Borden, but he stated that he had not been offered the portfolio in question. Further than this, Controller Alney would not go.

EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS

Copenhagen, Oct. 16.—The prisoners-of-war conference, which will consider questions relating to the exchange of prisoners and the supplying of food parcels to soldiers in enemy countries, opened here last night. Official representatives of the Russian, Austrian, German and Turkish governments participated, but no British, French or American delegates were present. The Rumanian Red Cross was represented by a delegate as were the Red Cross organizations of Denmark and Sweden.

RED CROSS CAMPAIGN

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HAPPY OPEN-AIR BABIES AT SCHOOL OF MOTHERCRAFT
The healthy baby is the foundation of national greatness. The Marlborough School of Mothercraft, Earl's Court, has been established, especially with the view of meeting the needs of well-educated girls by providing them with a thoroughly efficient residential training. Awnings have been erected, and the babies sleep out of doors all weather. Our photo shows four of the girl pupils and their charges.

SIR SAM TRIES TO STIR UP TROUBLE IN NEW CABINET

Claims Union Government Is a Triumph for Bacon Knight and Minister of Finance

Lindsay, Ont., Oct. 16.—That union government was not necessary and that party governments in Canada have not had a fair show in the past is the opinion of Maj.-Gen. Sir Sam Hughes in a long interview in today's Warrier of which Sir Sam was at one time editor. Personally, the former minister of militia thinks the union government is "a splendid triumph for the plans laid long ago by Sir Joseph Flavelle and Sir Thomas White."

Sir Sam said: "It is more than a year since the movement to form a national or 'national' government, as it is sometimes called, was proposed by Sir Joseph and his friends. It is understood that the undertaking at that time involved the replacement of Sir Robert Borden by Sir Thomas White."

The government had done its full duty during the past year, said Sir Sam, and there was no pressing need for coalition or union. He admitted that as men, the new cabinet had good qualities.

DOUBTFUL STATEMENT

"Some weeks ago," he said, "when Gen. McBurn and Col. Ballantyne, both 'my boys' were individually condemning conditions under Borden, and when each asked me what I didn't break out and take hold of things myself, I thanked them for their confidence and loyalty but showed that the results might be the placing of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in power."

Sir Sam said he would give his support to Liberals or Conservatives who are advocating active but not passive war measures. He had himself received and refused from tens of thousands of petitions and demands to come out and lead an aggressive fight for the war.

TEN UNITED STATES CONGRESSMEN TO EUROPEAN FRONTS

Reply to Invitation of Members of the British and French Parliaments

Washington, Oct. 16.—Ten members of congress, traveling in unofficial capacity, but carrying special passports arranged for by the state department, are on the way to Europe to visit the war fronts and fraternize with the parliamentary representatives of the allies. In the party are Representatives Dale, Vermont; Taylor and Timberlake, Colorado; Hicks, New York; Johnson, Dill and Liller, of Washington; Goodwin, Arkansas; Stephens, Nebraska; and Parker, New Jersey. Former Representative Stout, of Montana, and Ross L. Hammond, a Fremont, Nebraska, editor, and others.

The visit is a reply to the recent cable and personal invitations of representative members of the British and French parliaments for closer affiliations of the parliamentary bodies of the allied governments through personal conferences at the British, French and Italian capitals. President Wilson did not favor congress officials accepting the invitation at this time, and neither house took action, but the 10 members arranged their trip informally. Other representatives are expected to follow soon.

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BOARD OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS ON MOTOR TRAFFIC

Many Level Crossing Accidents Cause Wide Investigation by Board on Preventatives

Ottawa, Oct. 16.—In view of the increasing number of accidents at level crossings to persons traveling in motor cars, the Board of Railway Commissioners is inviting expressions of opinion from motor associations, and railways interested as to the best methods to be adopted for decreasing accidents. In a circular just issued, the board suggests that the following questions should be expressed by persons or organizations expressing an opinion:

MAY PUT HUMPS IN ROAD

The matter of view from the highway of approaching trains; the speed and braking efficiency of motor cars; whether there is any difficulty in seeing the standard railway crossing signal from motor cars; and whether additional post signals on the road would assist in avoiding accidents; whether humps should be placed on the road so as to compel motorists to bring down the speed of their cars to a rate at which they may safely proceed; whether motor cars should be brought to a stop before a crossing; which are better, bells or wisp-whistles; whether any change be made in the railway regulations which, without injuring the efficiency of the public service, will promote safety; whether the regulation whistle signals should be given closer to the highway, or any change be made in the use of the whistle or bell.

The board is preparing to consider written expressions of opinion on the matter, or it may be spoken to at any of the meetings. It is to be discussed at the meetings of the board in Hamilton and Toronto on the 23rd and 24th of this month.

SOME HEAVY STORMS

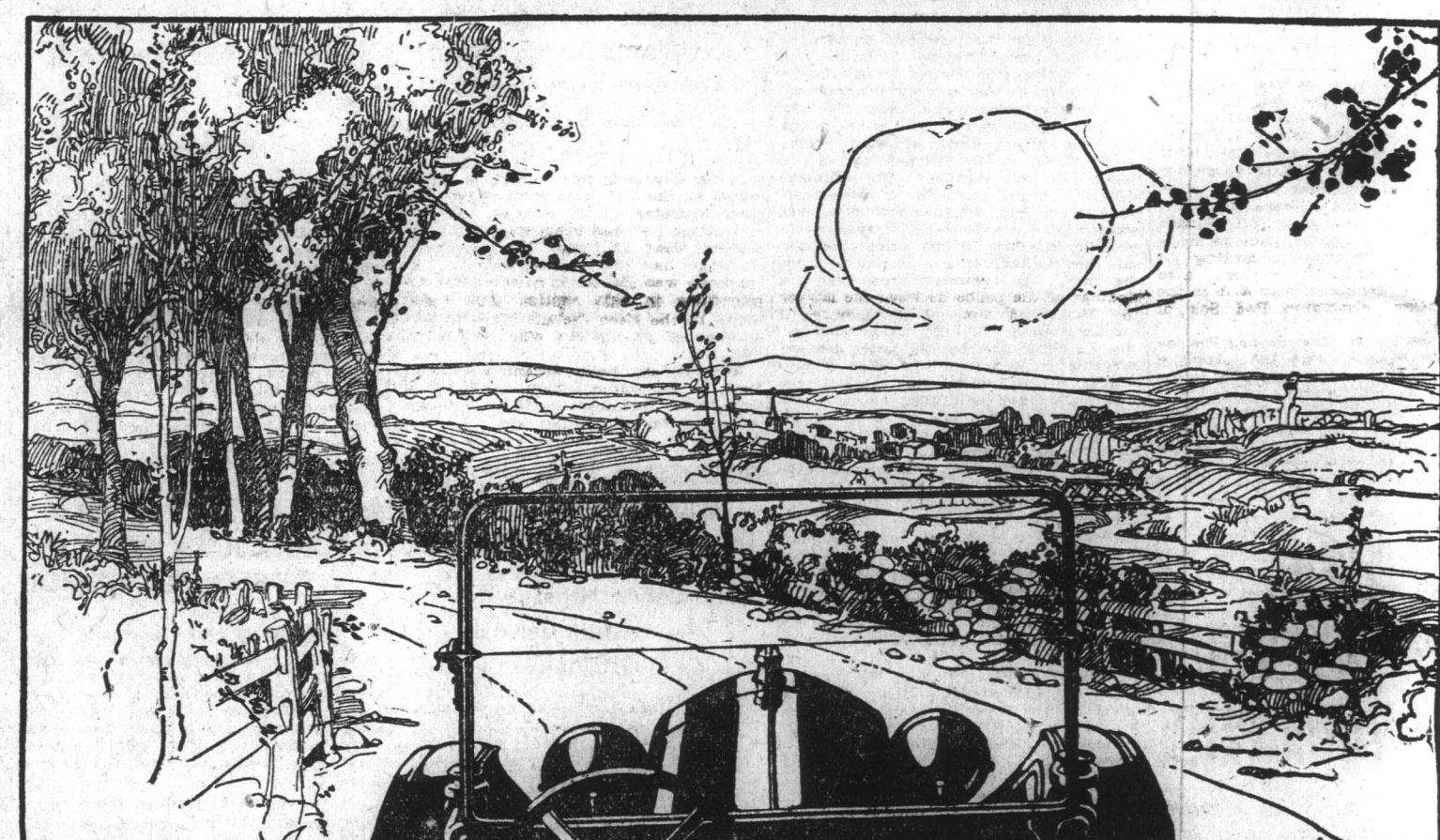
Duluth, Oct. 16.—Heavy winds that are prevailing in various parts of Great Lakes today, have caused unsettled conditions in all departments of shipping and many boats are lying in shelter at several places on Lake Superior today. The wind is blowing at 45 miles an hour. If the wind subsides tonight more than 50 vessels will head for Duluth and other ports.

RECORD CROP FOR INDIA

Washington, Oct. 16.—A record crop of wheat in India was reported today in a dispatch to the department of agriculture. British India officials estimate the 1916-1917 crop at 379,232,000 bushels, compared with 323,008,000 bushels the year before.

MAJOR EATON ON LEAVE

Winnipeg, Oct. 16.—Major R. B. Eaton of the 50th (Calgary) battalion, and member for Hand Hills in the Alberta legislature, passed through here last night on his way home for three months' leave. During the past two years he has been twice wounded slightly.



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