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Transport Men Join Miners; Premier Asks for Conference

POWERFUL FEDERATION THROWS WEIGHT INTO STRUGGLE ON SIDE OF COAL WORKERS

Mine Workers and Owners Accept Call of Premier for Resumption of Negotiations—Some Disorders in Scotland and Men in Angry Mood in Wales.

London, April 6—Decision to support the British miners in their strike was reached by the transport workers' federation at a meeting held here this morning.

The vote taken by the transport workers was unanimously in favor of lending aid to the miners.

It was decided to meet in conference immediately with delegates of the national union of railway men and the miners' union for the purpose of securing action on the strike situation by the Triple Alliance.

LLOYD GEORGE ASKS CONFERENCE. London, April 6—An effort to bring the miners and the employers together again was made by Lloyd George, the premier, this afternoon.

It was announced he had written to the president of the mining association and the secretary of the miners' federation asking them to meet and resume negotiations.

The premier's letter called attention to his speech in the House of Commons with regard to the desirability of the negotiations being resumed, and concluded: "I desire to repeat that the government tenders the use of its good offices for the purpose of bringing the parties to gether."

MINERS ACCEPT. London, April 6—The executive body of the miners' union this morning accepted the government's proposal that the miners' delegation meet representatives of the owners and the government for the re-opening of negotiations with a view to a settlement of the coal strike.

The mining association, comprising the owners of the mine, also accepted the proposals of the prime minister.

The Triple Alliance. London, April 6—At the conclusion of their conference, Robert Williams, secretary of the transport workers, said: "On recommendation from the executive committee, the conference has decided to give all assistance in our power to whatever extent necessary to help the miners and at once to enter into negotiations for the purpose of taking joint action throughout the remainder of the contest."

The executive committee went from the conference to the headquarters of the federation to put this decision into effect.

The National Union of Railwaymen held a conference this morning and adjourned at noon until later in the day when it will hold a joint meeting with the miners.

It is probable that following this meeting there will be a full conference of the triple alliance.

After the meeting J. H. Thomas, general secretary of the railway organization, said: "We are still considering the whole situation."

RAILWAY MEN'S OFFICIAL STRONG FOR THE MINERS. London, April 6—J. H. Thomas, secretary of the national union of railway men, spoke yesterday strongly for the workers. He asserted that the wages offered the miners were the equivalent of eighteen shillings a week below the war.

"There is a deliberate and unanimous opinion in the mind of the workers," said Mr. Thomas, "that this is only the first of a determined effort to reduce the level of the standard of life. The railway men said today:—If the miners go under, we are the next line of defense, and we will follow."

"The odds are overwhelmingly in favor of this dispute spreading, and those who grudgingly talk of a fight to a finish may find their bitter experience find out what fighting it out really means."

"The government would be deceiving itself if it did not clearly understand that the figures offered the men are figures which would justify them in saying:—We prefer to starve to death. Under these conditions it is no good talking about sacrifices of the war and paying tribute to our million dead, if the workers are to be rewarded with starvation wages."

"He will not accept it and he ought not to and we will support him in not accepting it."

U. S. MAY BENEFIT. New York, April 6.—The United States bids fair to win the English coal export trade, if the present strike in Great Britain lasts any length of time, says the wholesale trade coal association.

"Foreign buyers have been much displeased by the recurring troubles in the British coal mines and the subsequent interrupted shipments on contracts," read the statement. "United States exporters are very anxious to secure this business."

"This increased demand, if it materializes, will enable the bituminous mines of the eastern part of the country to operate with more regularity, and thus make it possible to keep their organization together, so that when the expected demand from industrial consumers of bituminous coal in this country materializes, as it probably will within the next thirty days, the mines will be able to take care of it."

DISORDERS IN SCOTLISH MINES. London, April 6—Disorders which began yesterday in the coal mining town of Cowdenbeath, in Fife-shire, Scotland, became more serious at midnight and in a series of riots with the police several men were wounded. The rioters repeatedly broke through the police cordons, and succeeded in cutting electric light wires, throwing the town into darkness. Police reinforcements are being rushed to the scene.

Lanark, Scotland, April 6—Disorders were reported from many districts in Lanarkshire this morning. At many mines the striking workers interfered with pumping operations. Several arrests are said to have been made.

As Hiram Sees It

CHANCELLOR ON THE SITUATION

Labor Chairman in Commons Also Heard

Views of Papers on Coal Strike—All Leave From the Army is Reported to Have Been Stopped.

London, April 6—Sir Robert Horne, the new chancellor of the exchequer, speaking in the house of commons yesterday concerning the stoppage of coal mining, said:

"A result of the last strike was to rob us of many markets to which our coal used to go. For the first time in history American coal came to Europe in large quantities. Ten million tons of United States coal came to Europe last year, and in October one million tons went to France alone. Already, as a result of the present threat, orders are being eagerly sought from the United States and some have been placed."

Sir Robert declared the miners' representatives told him last week the only solution was a government subsidy. Such a subsidy might total ten million pounds yearly. Nothing, the chancellor asserted, would be so pernicious for industry as a whole than to begin the granting of subsidies and further burden the already overburdened taxpayers. He voiced a plea for the opening of negotiations for a peaceful settlement without involving the government.

John R. Clynes, chairman of the parliamentary labor party, spoke in a concluding address. He defended the miners' action and the government's action in giving up control of the coal mines. Mr. Clynes said that the government's action in giving up control of the coal mines, was a step towards the opening of negotiations between the owners and the miners. He argued that it would have been better for the government to have been better for the industry for two or three months.

London, April 6—Hope for a peaceful settlement of the coal strike was expressed by the new chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Robert Horne, in the house of commons this afternoon.

Vernon Harshorn, M. P. and the leader of the miners' union, took a pessimistic view of the situation.

"Premier Lloyd George," he declared, "has banged the door against an agreement. There will be no meeting of the miners and the owners on the lines he has suggested."

The general tone of yesterday's debate in the house of commons, however, was interpreted as suggesting that the government and men directly involved in the strike were trying to find a way to bridge the gap between the miners' union and the owners.

The Daily Mail today said that if the government would resume control of the mines for a limited period and would help the owners and the miners by relieving the admittedly essential wage cuts throughout the country, the threatened industrial paralysis could yet be avoided.

"What the railwaymen, miners and all workers feel about without a strike," said C. T. Crump, president of the railwaymen's union to the Daily Mail, "is a level below that enjoyed in 1914."

Food centres will be kept in Hyde Park, Regent Park, and Battersea Park in addition to those in Kensington Gardens. The government has stopped all leaves of absence from the army.

Loss to Owners. Finlay Gibson, secretary of the South Wales Miners' Association, said the amount spent on wages only during the strike was greater than the total proceeds of the industry. Notwithstanding the reduction of the output bonus wage from three shillings and six pence, the showing in February was even worse than in January.

The aggregate loss, he pointed out, was £2,082,000, compared with £1,969,666 in January. The output in February was 2,689,000 tons, compared with 3,166,000 tons. This amounts to a loss of seven teen shillings and one penny a ton against a loss of thirteen shillings and seven pence in January.

A peal of applause greeted Sir Robert Borden when he rose to speak for the first time this session. He supported Hon. Mr. Doherty's resolution, saying that while praise judges of the supreme court were given salary increases from \$20,000 to \$21,000, the salary of the chief justice, which had formerly been \$10,000, general, was fixed at \$15,000. This was to include everything, consequently he actually received no increase.

The bill was given first reading.

ESMONDE CASE ALL THE MAYOR'S

Hon. C. J. Doherty Disclaims Authority to Intervene in Vancouver Matter.

Ottawa, April 6—(Canadian Press)—Right Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice, has wired to Mayor Gale of Vancouver that he has no authority to intervene in the proceedings instituted by the mayor against O. Gratton Esmonde, on the charge of uttering defamatory words.

In reply to a telegram from Mayor Gale, the minister of justice last night sent the following despatch: "Your wire received. Impossible for me to give instructions. Enforcement of law is on your and their responsibility. Constitutionally, administration of justice rests with province. I have no authority to intervene."

HERRICK AGAIN U. S. AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE. Washington, April 6—Myron T. Herrick, has decided to accept appointment as United States ambassador to France.

NO WORD YET OF BUDGET DAY

Meighen's Statement on the Grand Trunk Matter

Question of Traveling Expenses of Judges—No Income Tax on Salary of Canada's Chief Justice—Estimates to Cover Civil Service Bonus.

Ottawa, Ont., April 6—(Canadian Press)—Yesterday in the House of Commons Sir Henry Drayton, minister of finance said that he could not name a definite date on which the budget would be brought down.

Premier Meighen said that the government was not officially informed that the Grand Trunk railway company defaulted its interest payment in April, but that this was not improbable. Owing to dilatory methods employed in connection with the arbitration proceedings the government felt there should be no further extension of time for making the award involving further financing of the Grand Trunk by the government, possibly, unless control of the road was handed over to the government within the time contemplated in the original agreement.

First reading was given bills approving the trade agreements with the West Indies and France. After considerable criticism the House approved the resolution exempting the salary of the chief justice of Canada from the income tax.

The House also approved the appointment of an additional judge of the court of king's bench for Saskatchewan and the non-payment of traveling allowances to judges of the supreme and superior courts in seven provinces.

On motion to go into supply, Hon. A. K. MacLean, Halifax, moved an amendment to provide for a special committee on government railways and shipping.

Hon. A. K. MacLean withdrew his resolution after a lengthy debate.

Sir Henry Drayton tabled supplementary estimates of \$2,275,000, providing for the bonus to civil servants for the year ending March 31, 1922. The premier gave notice of a motion to create a standing committee on national railways and shipping. The House adjourned at 1 a. m.

In the senate Senator Casgrain gave notice of a resolution to call attention to railway matters, with particular reference to the Grand Trunk.

The House gave first reading to a bill providing for the transfer of Canadian and the West Indies. Discussion was deferred until the second reading.

A resolution for ratification of the trade agreement between Canada and France was moved by Sir George Foster and carried. He explained that the bill would be exhibited and moving pictures of the country and its industries would be shown. The cost to the government was very light. Similar facilities were being provided for Canadian demonstration trains in France.

The House committee of railways, canals and telegraph lines, has reported a bill authorizing the C. P. R. by a vote of at least two thirds of its shareholders, to issue bonds, debentures or other securities collateral to consolidated debentures of the same amount. The bill was amended to leave out that provision providing that such securities might be raised in lieu of debenture stock or upon the company's income.

MAY RECOVER Leg Cut Off, He Drags Himself Along With It Under Arm.

Montreal, Que., April 6—William Hopkins of Farnham, who on Saturday night severed himself to the platform of the station there with his severed right leg under his arm, and who was then said to have died, was yesterday reported to be in an improved condition and may recover.

In addition to losing his right leg his left foot was crushed.

PHILIX and PHOENIX WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, by a special director of meteorological services.

Synopsis—Pressure remains high over the eastern portion of the continent and is increasing in the far west, while the southwestern disturbance is moving slowly towards the Great Lakes. The weather is very cold with light snowfalls in the western provinces, fine and warm in Ontario and cloudy and quite cool in the maritime provinces.

Clear. Maritime—Moderate easterly winds; cloudy and cool. Thursday, easterly winds and clear. Gulf and North Shore—Fresh easterly winds; fair and cool today and Thursday.

New England—Fair tonight and Thursday; continued mild temperatures; moderate to fresh winds, mostly southerly.

BRITISH MAIL SERVICE FOR RUSSIA RESUMED. London, April 6—It is announced that a mail service for European and Asiatic Russia will be re-opened on April 7. All mails are to be forwarded to Moscow for distribution.

Life In Prison For Drew; Four Years And Lash For Nearn

Former Faces Court and Protests Innocence—Extra Police on Duty as Prisoners Are Escorted Back to Jail.

Two severe sentences were imposed this morning by Mr. Justice Crocket in the circuit court upon George Drew, found guilty on a charge of rape, and William Nearn, found guilty on a charge of attempting to know carnally a girl under the age of fourteen years, and guilty on his own admission on a similar charge with another child.

Life imprisonment was the sentence given Drew, and four years with one whipping, consisting of eight strokes of the lash, was the sentence awarded Nearn.

Nearn took his sentence very quietly, having nothing to say, but Drew protested his innocence and cast reflections upon the court and upon the conduct of his trial. He was at last ordered to remain quiet, and his obedience to this command saved his being removed from the court room before his honor passed sentence upon Nearn.

Judge Crocket said to Drew that he had been convicted of a most heinous and brutal crime. He had very grave doubts, much misgiving in fact, since the finding of the jury, as to whether or not he should sentence the prisoner to the maximum penalty allowed—death, but after much deliberation he had decided that the ends of justice would be served and it would be a lesson and example to others by a life sentence in Dorchester penitentiary.

When asked if he had anything to say as to why sentence should not be passed upon him, Drew stood boldly before the court with both hands in his trousers pockets, no sign of emotion upon his face, and strenuously protested that he was innocent of the crime. When sentence was pronounced he said he would sooner be hanged than take the imprisonment for life.

To Nearn, also, His Honor spoke of the odious nature of the crimes in which he was involved. He did not think the sentence allowed by law was quite severe enough. The nature of the evidence given in his case was most degrading. He had come to the conclusion that he would give as many years as the law allowed, two in each case, and would also instruct the prisoner to be once whipped, the whipping to consist of eight strokes of the lash.

There was a very large crowd in the court room and a squad of policemen took extra precautions against a hostile demonstration as the prisoners were being taken back to jail in the patrol wagon.

CHARES LEAVES; TRAIN HELD UP

Threatening Attitude of Workmen of Bruck

Former Emperor Moist-Eyed as He Bids Farewell to People He Claims as Subjects.

Budapest, April 6—Former Emperor Charles went to the Steinmanger station on foot yesterday, accompanied by His Majesty and several officers, says a telephone message from that city. The entire party boarded a special train, which was to take Charles back to Switzerland. The former monarch was nervous, pale and haggard.

A local military band played the Hungarian national anthem and the crowd uncovered and sang the hymn with faltering voice. Charles descended from his train and stood, moist-eyed, among people whom he claims as his subjects.

When the guards on board the special train gave the signal for starting, Charles re-entered his car, waving farewell, calling out: "Au revoir, my faithful."

The message received here stated the crowd shouted back at a house party: "Your Majesty, come back as soon as possible."

Charles was accompanied on his return to exile by General Lohar, who has resigned command of the West Hungarian troops, as well as by officers who have renewed their oath of allegiance to the former emperor.

Graz, April 6—Former Emperor Charles encountered a threatening situation near here last night, the attitude of workmen at the city of Bruck, about twenty-five miles north of here, making the immediate continuation of his trip inadvisable. The train was stopped at Frohleitlen during the night and reports received here stated that negotiations which would enable Charles to proceed were going on.

Frohleitlen is a small village about thirteen miles north of this city.

PAY MEN'S WAY TO PRAIRIE PROVINCES

Vancouver, B. C., April 6—On receipt of information 500 men out of work here could be placed in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, the city council voted \$5,000 towards transporting them there. The cost will be about \$15,000, and the balance, it is understood will be provided by the provincial and federal authorities.

HEAVY DAY IN LIQUOR FINES

Winnipeg, Man., April 6—Offenders against the Manitoba Temperance Act predominated in the city police court yesterday, and fines totalling \$1,885 were collected.

FOUR INDIANS OUT OF THE GAME

Speaker, Nunamaker, Wamby and Joe Wood

Pratt Likely to Join Cincinnati Team—Scottish Football Team in Montreal on May 24—Late Sport News.

Cleveland, O., April 6—Four of the Cleveland baseball team are on the ailing list. The latest to join the hospital ranks is Tris Speaker, who was spiked in a game in Mobile on Monday. Catcher Nunamaker is nursing a wounded ankle. Second Baseman Wambaugans is out with a fractured arm, and Joe Wood has an aching shoulder.

Cincinnati, O., April 6—Ray Fisher, Cincinnati National League pitcher, is thinking seriously of leaving the team to become baseball coach at the University of Michigan. He would take the place of Derrill Pratt, formerly of the New York Americans, who has left the college to join the Red Sox.

This dispatch contains the first intimation that Pratt has definitely decided to leave the University of Michigan position to re-enter big league baseball.

Montreal, April 6—At a meeting of the Province of Quebec Football Association last night the dates for the games with the Scottish team were decided on. The Scots will play an All-Montreal team here on May 24, and an All-Canadian team here on July 9. The fourth division of the league was inaugurated with eight teams, as follows: Grenadier Guards, H. Buffalo, Royal Montreal Regiment, Motor Gun Corps, Corinthians, Northern Electric, Royal Canadian Dragoons, Tretreuilville second team.

Boston, Mass., April 6—The Boston Braves arrived today at Columbia, Tenn., for an exhibition game between the regulars and yanigans. The Red Sox were scheduled to play the Rochester club of International League, at Charleston, S. C., today.

Chicago, Ills., April 6—With Kokher and Hill still one lap behind the other in the six day bicycle race, they had covered 306 miles, 4 laps, at 7 o'clock this morning, the 62nd hour. Corry and McBeath, the Australian team, were far in the lead in the point score.

Detroit, Mich., April 6—Preparations for the gold cup and Harmsworth regattas were begun here today. They will be contested the last week of August and the first week of September. A proposal that the Harmsworth trophy races be run over a course in the Canadian channel of the Detroit river is under consideration.

New York, April 6—Lou Bogash of Bridgeport knocked out Jimmy O'Gatty of New York, in the thirteenth round of a fifteen round match here last night. Bogash weighed 151 and his opponent a half pound lighter. The match was scheduled as an elimination, the winner to meet champion Jack Britton.

New York, April 6—Chaiky Beecher of New York received the judge's decision over Freddy Jacks of England after a fifteen round bout in Brooklyn last night.

SCHOOLMATES SEE THEIR CHUM DROWN

Canoe Trip at Week-End Party, Taken as Dare, Ends in Tragedy

Dowagiac, Mich., April 6.—Twenty high school seniors, guests at a house party near Indian Lake, saw Samuel R. Pace, Jr., aged seventeen, of Three Rivers, drown before their eyes Saturday afternoon when a canoe upset.

Ellen Ellsworth, sixteen, and Lyle Humble, seventeen, were saved. Humble held Miss Ellsworth above water until a fisherman reached them in a small boat. When Miss Ellsworth was lifted aboard, Humble struck out for Pace, who had lost his hold on the canoe. Pace sank when his friend was within a few yards of him.

The three students went canoeing on a dare. Pace's body sank in twenty feet of water and has not been recovered. His parents are visiting in New York city.

PROPOSE \$25 LABOR TAX

Montreal Port Workers Want This Imposed on Outsiders.

Montreal, April 6—The federation of port workers has asked the city to impose a labor tax of \$25 on all workers coming into the city during the season of navigation to work on the harbor front. They say St. John, Halifax and Lewis imposed a similar tax.

Chairman Deary of the administrative commission provided that the request would have consideration.