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Labor News From Coast to Coast

Our Overseas Column

come to an agreement about working I saw searchlights and machine guns metal workers, electrical workers, The workers' representatives mounted and swashbuckling gunmen hod carriers and laborers, and painhours. declared at the outset that the first parading around." It is further statcondition for the conclusion of a ed that officials of the United Mine hoisting engineers have secured an fresh national agreement must be the Workers have undisputed evidence increase from \$9 to \$10 per day, efrecognition of eight hours as the max- that a conspiracy exists to extermin- fective July 1, 1925. Other crafts inum working day. After long ne-gotlations no agreement could be West Virginia and Kentucky Men's agreement.

reached on this point; the proposals Union has now submitted to the union pendent body, not prejudiced on either sent chaos by forming a single nation-at Wilkes-Barre. Pa., who went on al federation comprising all four ex-atrike for \$1 per day increase, have ing finally shipwrecked.

Miners-Holland

of representatives of the various min- congress. In the interests of all con- Chicopie, Mass, is practically over. ing compagies and miners' organiza- cerned, it is to be hoped that one ma- These textile workers struck in refor some time been nego- tional centre will be formed. tialing for the settlement of a fresh vare arreament. The ernicivers at and a slight shortening of working Mexican Federation of Trade Unions reached normal. hours; or, as an alternative, an in- has ordered that unions must no longcrease in working hours. The min- er call strikes on their own initiative; Baltimore, 36d-On April 1, 125 the coal output (of which 50 per cent dom of movement. goes to the state, 40 per cent to the Province of Limburg, 19 per cent to

the municipalities of the coal dis- Recently "Trud" (the Russian trade trict. the Treasury of 700,000 and 1.320,000 unemployment in Russia, from which furing industries of Baltimore harguilders respectively under the two the following information is taken :-counts. In view of it, the employers have consented to limit the wage cut to 5 per cent. Thanks to the lack of unity of the Dutch trade union move- 29.1 per cent were industrial workers, ment, the miners are not agreed as to 31.8 per cent non-manual workers, their policy. a meeting of executives on March 15, whole number were receiving unem-Rumor has it that the coal owners efit from the trade unions is not will refuse this condition, on the known to the writer of the article, fuse ground that the coal market is but he believes it to be only small, so precarious that they cannot and in any case below the percentage bind themselves for so long a period. receiving unemployment benefit from The outcome of the matter is still public funds. uncertain.

Mexico

An American mine manager in was found for 51371 unemployed perpain of immediate dismissal. But for unemployed, can Constitution, which guarantees roubles have so far been paid in wages rities, with the result that on that this amount has been increased 000 miners idle. the basis of Article 33 of the Consti-tution, the manager was deported that the total sum will have sufficed

alien."

Building Workers-Germany The wage negotiations for the Ger-man building trade have reached a deadlock, it being found impossible to the structure is assured for the com-trade union miners by the non-union coal companies. I could not believe my eyes," he said, "when the structure is assured for the com-trade union miners by the non-union coal companies. I could reported previously, the following crafts have now signed up: Sheet and the building trades struc-tion have now been amicably adjust-ed, and pence is assured for the com-ing year. In addition to settlements reported previously, the following crafts have now signed up: Sheet and the building trades struc-tion have now signed up: Sheet and the building trades struc-tion have now signed up: Sheet and the building trades struc-tion have now signed up: Sheet and the building trades struc-tion have now signed up: Sheet and the building trades struc-tion have now signed up: Sheet and the building trades struc-tion have now signed up: Sheet and the building trades struc-tion have now signed up: Sheet and the building trades struc-tion have now signed up: Sheet and the building trades structure dispute in the building trades situa-

have accepted the terms of last year's Plumbers of the Conciliation Board (an inde- a proposal to put an end to the pre- Wilkes-Barre, Pa.-The plumbers

ions must be regarded as hav- isting federations, the constitution for resumed work at the new rate after the new federation he drawn up later a five days' suspension. on. The Raffwaymen's Union Exe-Textile Workers cutive has approved the proposal. Chicopee, Mass .- The trouble at the The Joint Commission, consisting which will be discussed at the next Dwight Manufacturing Company at

Building Trades

wage agreement. The employers at first proposed a 10 per cent wage cut Tugboat Men et al

ers refused the offer, and proposed they must first of all consult the Exe-that both they and the mining com-cutive of the National Centre. Md., struck for increased pay, follow-they must first of Tang to Emsela panies should petition the Government for a 25 per cent reduction of freight, provided that the mining companies would undertake to maintain the exist. would undertake to maintain the exist- All-Russian Trade Union Council to two Commissioners on April 11. The ing wages for another year. The pe- send a delegation to Russia to study men have been ordered back to work tition was accordingly sent in. Ahe the economic position of the Russian by their officers while negotiations Government replied by promising to workers on the ground that, in view continue. Agreement was reached lower freights by 10 per cent. and of "she political conditions prevailing on April 13, to be ratified by the loto abrogate temporarily its present in Russia" they feel no confidence cal unions on April 14. The agree-nevy of a tax of 26 cents per ton on that the delegation would have free ment provides for a 13 per cent. wage increase, time and one-half for

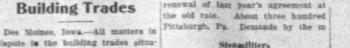
all overtime, standing committee to adjust grievances, and a signed agree-This offer means a loss to union journal) published an article on lously interfered with the manufacbor. In all, 800 men, including deck hands, marine engineers, firemen, etc. were directly and indirectly affect-

> Boston, Mass .- The Joint Conference of the Building Trades Unions standing that the wage question be referred to arbitration next year.

G.B. on Increase

With regard to relief work, it is stated that in the year 1923-24, work London, Eng .-- The April summary of British trade issued by the United Mexico recently tried to introduce into sons in 14 towns for a total of 1.259,- States Chamber of Commerce in Lon-Mexico, American methods of brow-heating workers, but with unexpected results. He issued an order for-Soviet Russia 2,450,000 roubles was bidding his workers to combine, on expended in the year 1923-24 on wages Churchill, but indulges in no prophesies as regards the results to be he had forgotten to study the Mexi- During the year 1924-25, 4,000,000 expected from the policies outlined. The British coal trade is extremethis right to the workers. The work- to 60,000 unemployed for a total of ly depressed, the report says, with ers concerned herefore applied to the 3,000,000 days. It may be assumed more than 600 pits closed, and 160,-

in general the amount of work pro-vided was insufficient. In order to production of pig iron, which ex-



Pittsburgh, Pa .-- Commissioner Thoas reports an adjustment of the controversy affecting the steamfitters in men were directly involved. included an increase from \$11 to \$12 Settlement provides for an per day. increase to \$11,50 per day until Noember 1, 1925, thence \$12 per day. About 400 men were involved.

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ROYAL RECORD

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London .- James Kirkwood, M.P. Labor representing Clydeside, acclared in commons that it is impo sible for Great Britain to pay £1. 000,000 daily war debt and provide comfortable living conditions for 139 workers. He suggested that repudiation of the debt was the only solu-

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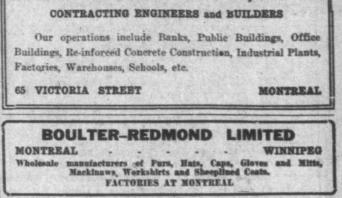
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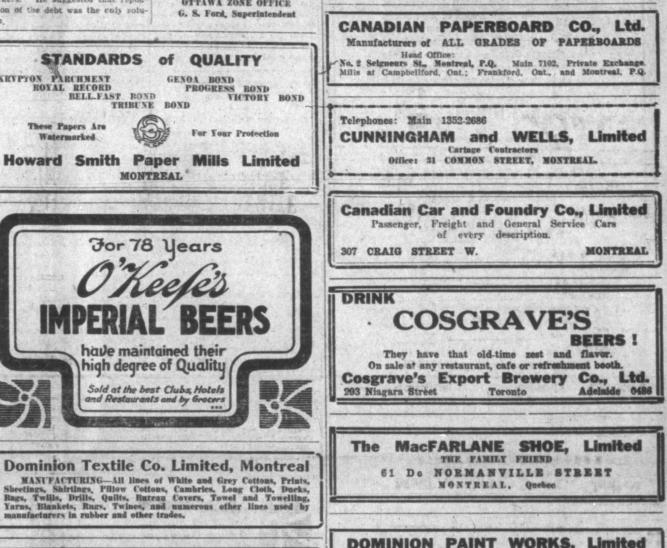
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Unemployment in Russia

ed. The Socialist miners' and 23.4 per cent casual workers, and the Building Men's Association, union refuses the 5 per cent wage cut, while 15.7 per cent belong to various of Boston, have reached an agreement but the Protestant miners' union, at other groups. 22.5 per cent of the which has been ratified by the accepted the offer by 51 to 27 votes, ployment benefit from the Public Un- by the Association. It provides that provided that the wages fixed abouid employment Funds. The percentage the old agreement be renewed for a three-year period, with the under-

Unemployment in

The total unemployment in the country is 1,202,700, or 152,154 over from the country as an "undesirable to pay for 4,500,000 working days. But the same period last year.

U. S. A. The West Virginian coal field is supplement it, collections had to be creded that of March by 70,000 tons. the scene of a long drawn out strug-gle between employers and workers. In some cases the strikers are enter-ing their third year, (in other the workers have only recouly come out.) Some tober 1st, 1924, 1,448 collections had been organized, in which 50,000 per-workers have only recouly come out.) Some tober 1st, 1924, 1,448 collections had showed only a 75 per cent output. The Scottas shipbuilders during April launched twenty-eight vessels. Many of the first class have found ed was sufficient to provide 50,000 un- totalling \$4,517 tons, but the shipother work to support them, but still employed with a monthly allowance ping industry is still depressed, ac-there is a small army of almost 20.- of 32 roubles and 50 kopeks for a cording to the summary. persons dependent on the aid of whole year.

the United Mine Workers who house them in shacks and tents, and issue them rations just sufficient to sup-port life. The strikers have been adequate.

turned out of their homes, which were the property of the mining compan-

Germany

Chemnitz Textile Industry .-- There The cause of the dispute is the fol- 'has been such a lack of female skilled lowing. An agreement was signed help in the Chemnitz textile indus-at Jacksonville, Florida, in 1924 fixing the average day rate for West secure employes from far distant em-Virginian miners at about 6.99 and the ployment offices.

average tonnage rate at about ' 84 cents. Since then, however, the mine cents. Since then, however, the hithe operators have pursued a deliberate policy of employing non-union men. The wages in the non-union fields dropped as low as \$2.80 per day in restautioning field where the operaone particular field where the opera-tors us deputy sheriffs and mine and, on the other hand, a decided betguards to prevent by force any sort of organization. Moreover, in the most industries. non-union fields, so many deductions rendered a large number of popular are made from pay for different reas- U.S. Amabassador ons that the workers are left too indignant to seek other employment. Hence the struggle in West Virginia is a kind of crucial battle between Mine Workers of America, has just feur having been warned that he day. returned from a tour of the West could not operate the official em-Virginian coal fields. He announces bassy automobile between 9 a. m. and Indiamapolis. Ind.-Indianapolis

Spain

terment in the rate of production in plasterers over cork work was report-

Had to Walk

Mexico City, Mex-Organized labor affecting painters in Pittsburgh and unionism and non-unionism in the Mexico City, Mex.--Organized labor affecting painters in Pittsburgh and ricinity. The men demanded an agreements made have been shame- its power in Mexico City May Day. lessly broken by the employers. John American Ambassador J. R. Shefflold rate \$12 per day. A compromise Lewis, the president of the United was forced to walk to work, his chau!. agreement provides rate of \$11.50 per

the fixed determination of the union 3 p. m. There was a complete ces- plumbers asked for increase in wages not to change its policy and accept sation of work and a series of huge for coming fiscal year. Arrangement any reduction in wages. He declar- labor demonstrations, was mafile, however, providing for the

A joint permanent committee representing all sections of the em-ployers in that industry has been

formed. Curtailed production con tinues at thirty-five hours weekly. The report also notes a great increase in unemployment among the wool textile operatives

Labor in the U.S.

Carpenters Des Moines, Jowa-A dispute over renewal of agreement, affecting 2,200 men, was adjusted by providing for last year's rates and working conditions to be in effect during 1925. Jurisdictional Dispute

Indianapolis, Ind .- The jurisdictional trouble between bricklayers and ed by Commissioner Dynes as having been adjusted on basis of division of work between the two crafts concerned. About one hundred men were affected.

Painters

Pittsburgh, Pa. - Commissioner Thomas reports adjustment of dispute

Tumbers