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Possible Solution of Reparations Difficulty more Hopeful.

Sydney Miners Return to Work--Russia will Dispute Ownership of Wrangel Island--Firpo and Dempsey will Meet on September 14th.

FRANCE AND BELGIUM AGREE WITH BRITAIN ON LEADING POINTS.

PARIS, July 29. The text of the Belgian reply to the British communication, dealing with reparations was received at Quai d'Orsay this morning, and the French and Belgian replies will be delivered to the British Foreign Office to-morrow. Secrecy, on which has been insisted, has not prevented the Paris and Brussels newspapers of serious repute from assuring their readers that the French and Belgian replies, will be found to be in agreement in the principle or leading points, that there will be no negotiations with Germany until the evacuation of the Ruhr will be subordinate

to sufficient payment by Germany, and settlement of differences regarding the method of payment of Reparations which already has been proposed by Belgium to the Allies.

TROOPS LEAVING SYDNEY; ALL MINERS AT WORK.

SYDNEY, July 29. Although the local authorities profess ignorance of any general order for the military evacuation of the Island, several hundreds of troops have started for the mainland in special trains during the past twenty-four hours. The coal strike is at an end and the mills will be working within a day or two, and practically all the miners are back on their old jobs. Numerous complaints of discrimination against those who were active

in the strike are heard from different points, and these are being investigated as rapidly as possible by the United Mine Workers Provisional Executive. In seventy-six cases the men were taken back to work on the recommendation of Provisional President Barrett. The steel strike is dragging on, although the Company intimates that it now has practically all the men it requires for the operation of its plant. John MacLeod, known locally as Jack Popper to distinguish him from the other Johns of the same clan, was arrested at Glace Bay Saturday on a charge of seditious utterances. The exact terms of the charge were not stated.

FRES. HARDING'S PHYSICIANS ORDER HIM COMPLETE REST.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 29. Improved from an attack of pneumonia poisoning from which he suffered during the last two days, Pres. Harding arrived in San Francisco today, needing, according to his physicians, indefinite rest to restore him to his normal health.

A FATAL STABLE FIRE.

BOSTON, July 29. Two stablemen and eighty-two horses were killed in a fire which swept through Landers' Broadway Stables, in the south end of Boston late Saturday. The damage is placed at seventy thousand dollars.

LONDON DOCK STRIKE STILL IN PROGRESS.

LONDON, July 27. The strike of dock workers in London continues, but the men at Hull, by a decisive vote, decided to resume work to-morrow.

NOT A MARRYING KIND OF MAN.

LOS ANGELES, July 29. The engagement of Pola Negri, Polish Movie Star, to Charles Spencer Chaplain, is indefinitely off, after being once before off, then on again. Miss Negri still says hello to Chaplain, but says she realized five weeks ago a match with him was an impossibility, according to a published interview. "He is too temperamental, changing as the winds; he experiments in love, and he has no quality for matrimony," Miss Negri is quoted as saying.

ONLY A HOAX.

BERLIN, July 29. The anti-Fascist day with which the German Communists had threatened to overthrow the Cuno Government, and incidentally to wipe out Bourgeois, revealed itself as a Bolshevik hoax of the familiar type, notwithstanding the fact that it proved to be one of the chief elements of agitation in the perturbed economic and political situation, during the past week.

DEMPSEY WILL MEET FIRPO SEPT. 14TH.

NEW YORK, July 29. Jack Dempsey will meet Luis Angel Firpo of Argentine at the Polo Grounds, Friday, Sept. 14th, in the defence of the world's heavyweight title, promoter Tex Rickard, announced Saturday.

GILMORE WINS SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

ST. CATHERINES, Ont., July 29. W. E. G. Gilmore, Bachelor Barge Club, Philadelphia, took Canadian single amateur sculling championship yesterday from Hilton Belyea of St. John.

WELL KNOWN ENGINEER DEAD.

HALIFAX, July 29. William A. Hendry, Chief Engineer of the Nova Scotia Provincial Highways and one of the best known engineers in the Maritime Provinces, died at his home in Bedford, a suburb of Halifax, this evening.

THE WRANGLER ISLAND EXPEDITION.

NOME, Alaska, July 29. The Siberian Government is outfitting a vessel at Vladivostok for a voyage to Wrangel Island for the avowed intention of capturing the British explorers, headed by Alan Crawford of Toronto, and taking possession of the island in the name of Russia, Captain E. Putta of the Unit-

ed States trading schooner Iakum declared to-day. Harold Noice, who is in charge of the Canadian Wrangel Island Relief Expedition, stated last night that all preparations are completed and the relief ship Donaldson will sail at once for Wrangel.

Return Engagement of Mr. A. Lawrence.

STAR MOVIE TO-DAY.

The popular Star Movie as will be seen from the advertisement to-day is announcing for to-night Mr. "Sandy" Lawrence, and to whom no extended reference is necessary, as this talented and able singer has already won a reputation for himself at this theatre. To-night he will appear in illustrated songs, and no doubt as in the past he will be greeted with a large audience. In the feature picture



CHRISSE WHITE

will be seen in a picture full of exciting climax, entitled, "A Temporary Vagabond." It is one of Britain's foremost films, and one abounding with thrills and interest from beginning to end, and one that is well worth seeing.

U.S. and League of Nations.

Washington, July 27.—(By Canadian Press)—Disposition of democratic candidates for the Presidency to back away from the League of Nations causing comment here. Senator Underwood, of Alabama, who is all but an avowed candidate for the democratic nomination, has issued a statement, following his recent return from Europe, in which he holds the world court cannot settle the most serious of Europe's present troubles. At the same time, while not attacking the League of Nations, he leaves no doubt of his view that the League at this time is not functioning in such a way as to reach to the gravest of the European difficulties. He takes a stand for a strong U. S.

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foreign policy which would deal with each of Europe's serious problems as they arise, and not hold aloof. At the same time he is against political entanglements. Meantime, former Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo is dealing gently with the League issue. He is holding it at arm's length. Other democratic aspirants for the most part are doing the same thing. Former Governor Cox of Ohio is for the League but it is generally conceded he cannot be re-nominated for President. This attitude of democratic aspirants toward the League, in view of the fact that Mr. Wilson is still for it, may lead to some surprising results in the democratic convention next year. The friends of the League and the World Court will not calmly see anyone nominated who is cold toward league and court.

Meantime, the republican national committee continues to hammer on the idea that the U. S. is well out of the league and to take flings at the idea of the United States joining the world court. It is regarded as doubtful here whether the Harding administration presses the world court question except in a perfunctory way the coming session.

Find Precious Stones.

Melbourne, July 25.—(A.P.)—A remarkable find of precious stones has been reported near Wyangala, about 25 miles from Gowra, New South Wales, and not far from the once-famous Mount McDonald gold and copper mines. The stones, which comprise diamonds, rubies, sapphires and turquoise, have been submitted to experts who declare them genuine. The diamonds were found in blue pug clay similar to the pug clay in which South African diamonds are embedded. The sapphires are of a brilliant hue, and the rubies a deep red.

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