# A Canadian Opinion.

## Coaker's Bell Island Policy Discussed--U. S. Government Seize Mines -- Germany Repudiates Responsibility -- Mexico Snubs Uncle Sam Again.

**COAKER'S WILD CAT POLICY.**

MONTREAL, Nov 28.

Commenting on the reported statement of W. F. Coaker as to the proposed increase in the export tax on Wabana ore, the Star says, "Should the Newfoundland Government embark on such a project at this time it would be of vital importance to the Dominion Steel Corporation and Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co., Ltd., which between them control the entire iron ore deposits on the island. It is thought here that any action by the Newfoundland Government in the way of largely raising the export duty on iron ore at this time might seriously disarrange the plans of the two companies interested. Not only might it make it difficult by an increase in the initial cost of production to carry out proposals made for a large export trade but it might also affect the price of their finished products at their Cape Breton plants."

**MINES SEIZED BY GOVERNMENT.**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.

The seizure of the bituminous coal mines where the owners do not show a disposition to co-operate in increasing production and the use of troops to protect all miners who desire to work has been decided upon by the Government in an effort to end the bituminous coal strike, it was stated to-day officially. In the mines seized by the Government the fourteen per cent. wage advance agreed upon by the cabinet will be put into immediate effect, it was said. These plans of the Government were agreed upon by the cabinet last Wednesday, officials said, so as to meet the situation resulting from the refusal of the operators or miners or both to agree to the Government wage increase proposal.

**NO INQUIRY INTO COAL PRICES.**

LONDON, Nov. 28.

The Government won a sweeping victory in the House of Commons today when the motion of William Brace, Labor leader, calling for the appointment of a committee to inquire into the cost of production, output and prices of coal was rejected. The Government returned 254 against 59 for the measure.

**GERMANY WILL NOT MEET DEMANDS.**

BERLIN, Nov. 28.

It is stated in authoritative quarters here that Germany will not comply with the demand of the Entente for four hundred thousand tons of docks, dredges and tugs as an offset to German warships sunk at Scapa Flow. It was indicated that Germany would stand pat on her proposition to refer the dispute to the Hage tribunal. It is claimed that Germany should not be held responsible for acts of marine forces at Scapa Flow.

**TO RESTORE THE HAPSBURGS.**

PARIS, Nov. 28.

Prince Ludwig Windish Graetz, former Austrian Minister without portfolio, and intimate friend of former Emperor Charles, is reported to have declared in Berlin that the restablishment of the Hapsburg dynasty in Hungary is only a matter of machine guns, the Entente not being able to prevent it, according to a despatch received here from Geneva.

**U. S. WILL NOT RECEDE.**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.

Although further investigation of facts will be made, the United States Government has no intention of receding from its position in the Jenkins case, Administration officials declared to-day. The Government, they said, is prepared for "the next step which may take the form of an ultimatum to the Mexican Government."

**BIG FIRE IN BALTIMORE.**

BALTIMORE, Nov. 28.

The group of buildings formerly occupied by the John Hopkins University and also a score of other structures in the Square bounded by the Howard Ross monument and Eutaw Streets were either destroyed or wrecked by fire early to-day, entailing a loss roughly estimated at a million dollars.

**BRITAIN SAYS SO.**

PARIS, Nov. 28.

Great Britain has given Jugo-Slavia assurances that the Adriatic question will soon be taken up by the Supreme Council and that Great Britain's influence will be used to secure a just and equitable settlement in accord with the life and interests of Jugo-Slavia, according to private despatches.

**PLENTY OF GOLD IN RUSSIA.**

LONDON, Nov. 28.

Russia's gold reserves are unprecedented, the Soviet Government is prepared to pay four hundred million rubles in gold for food, machinery and necessaries, according to a statement ascribed to colleagues of Maxim Litvinoff, by the Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Mail.

**A MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION.**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.

Mexico has replied with an argumentative diplomatic refusal to the American Government's demand for immediate release of William O. Jenkins, Consular Agent, imprisoned at Puebla. The official note was delivered here to-day, but not made public. There is no reason to doubt that it agrees with the copy given out by the Mexican Consul General at El Paso. No comment was forthcoming to indicate how the State Department regards this answer to what was considered one of the sharpest warnings yet sent to Mexico, and neither was there any indication of what the Government's next step would be.

**JUST FOR PROTECTION.**

PARIS, Nov. 28.

The Japanese peace delegation is announcing to-day that Japan was sending a light cruiser and two torpedo boats to Fuchow, China, for the protection of Japanese subjects, said instructions had been given the commander of the squadron forbidding the landing of marines or the use of arms except in case of absolute necessity.

**READING A CRISIS.**

PARIS, Nov. 28.

According to advices received by the Jugo-Slav peace delegates, the Italian population in Dalmatia is in a state of great agitation. Italians at Hara are said to have informed all families having relations with the Serbian army that they must leave the town. The city is virually closed so far as business is concerned, according to the report, and all familes are remaining indoors.

**IRISH BANK CLERKS STRIKE.**

DUBLIN, Nov. 28.

The announcement is made that the Bank Clerks' Union will notify its members on Monday to strike after business hours on Wednesday in consequence of circulars issued by the bank directors, calling upon their clerks to state individually whether they intend to strike in accordance with the resolution adopted by the delegates of the Union here on Sunday. This circular is interpreted as a threat of dismissal of any who do not reply. It is reported the Irish Ministry of Labor is arranging to arbitrate in the matter.

**BREAKS OFF SOVIET RELATIONS.**

MADRID, Nov. 28.

Spain has broken off all relations with the Soviet Government of Russia, it was announced in the Cortes to-day by the Minister of foreign affairs, who said this step had been taken because the Spanish Embassy in Petrograd had been twice attacked and the Charge D'Affaires forced to leave Russia. Socialist Deputy Savorit protested against this action which he declared to be tyrannical.

**JUST QUIBBLING.**

BERLIN, Nov. 28.

It is semi-officially announced that the German Government's reply to the recent note sent by M. Clemenceau refers to alleged official announcement issued in Paris Sept. 20th, stating that allied and associate powers had decided to anticipate the date of the ratification of the treaty as far as the repatriation of German prisoners was concerned.

**LADY ASTOR ELECTED.**

PLYMOUTH, Nov. 28.

Lady Astor was elected to Parliament from the Sutton Division of Plymouth in the balloting of November 15th. The results were announced after the count of the ballots here this afternoon. The vote stood: Lady Astor, Unionist, 14,495; W. T. Gay, Labor, 9,292; Isaac Foot, Liberal, 4,139.

**THE TANK INVENTOR.**

LONDON, Nov. 28.

The Royal Commission inquiring into the claims of tank inventors had awarded Sir William Tritton and Major Wilson fifteen thousand pounds jointly. These are the principal awards. There are others but smaller for minor contributors. The Commission expresses regret that it cannot recommend an award to L. E. Demole who in nineteen twelve reduced to a practical shape a brilliant invention which anticipated and in some respects surpassed that actually put into use.

**THE MATTER OF COAL.**

LONDON, Nov. 28.

What was regarded as a vote of censure on the policy of the Government in connection with the control of coal output of the United Kingdom was moved in the House of Commons at noon to-day. The motion, introduced by William Brace, Labor member, called for the appointment of a committee to inquire into the cost of production, output, and the prices of coal. Behind the resolution the full strength of the Labor Party was marshalled. There was a full attendance of the House. In presenting the motion Mr. Brace declared the Labor Party had been trying to co-operate with the Government in this grave and difficult financial problem, but that the Government had declined to permit the Party's co-operation.

**DISPOSING OF GERMAN SHIPPING**

PARIS, Nov. 28.

Discussing the sinking of the German fleet at Scapa Flow and the compensations to be obtained therefor, the Supreme Council to-day admitted in principle the demolition of the units still in the hands of the Allies, but the question of the distribution of the scrap iron resulting from the breaking up of the ships was not decided. France and Italy, whose shipbuilding yards have been idle since 1914 will receive certain units intact as compensation for tonnage lost during the war.

**THE ITALIAN ELECTIONS.**

ROME, Nov. 28.

The directors of the Socialist Party to-day adopted a motion declaring that the Socialist victory at the general election is an act of complete solidarity with the Soviet republic of Russia. The resolution declares that the Socialist victory was won "for Maximilist programme of the party, realization of that programme being a pledge taken by the party before the elections."

**FIGHTING IN MEXICO CITY.**

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Nov. 28.

Reports were received here to-day from the border to the effect that fighting had broken out in Mexico City between Ragon and Carranza factions. Carranza is reported to have fled to Queeretaro. General Pablo Gonzales is reported to be leading Carranza troops.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DIPHTHERIA.

## "Colonia" Arrives.

The schooner Colonia, Capt. Gushue, arrived from Brig Bay, Straits of Belle Isle, yesterday, with a full cargo of dry codfish. The captain reports having met terrific weather for the whole passage. During the storm in which so many vessels met with disaster, he was driven about 150 miles to sea, but the vessel being staunch and strong and an excellent sea boat, came through without any damage whatever. The crew are all well.


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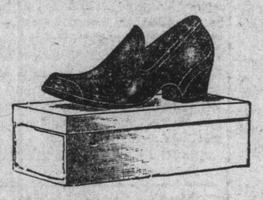

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FOR Johnny's birthday his mother presented him with a dandy rifle, and Johnny took the four targets that came with the rifle and went out to the back yard to try his skill. Shortly after, his mother came out too to satisfy herself that Johnny knew how to use his gun. Upon examining the targets showing all the holes made by the bullets, and being a quick-thinking woman, she exclaimed: "Why, Johnny, what a good shot you are—and do you know that you have made every target spell a word? Can you tell me what each target spells?"

Can YOU Puzzle It Out?

Johnny couldn't, so his mother told him HOW TO DO IT. Each target spells a word. Each circle of each target shows a number of bullet holes, as you can see by the targets, and each circle represents a letter. The number of holes indicates the position of that letter in the alphabet. For instance: "A" would be represented by one hole, "B" by two holes, "C" by three holes, and so on.

After you have worked out all the letters that are represented in each word, you will find that they are not in their proper order. Put them into their proper order to spell out correctly the names of the four things wanted.

In order to help you, we will tell you that the letter represented by the middle circle of first target is "A," because "A" is the first letter of the alphabet. This is not an easy puzzle, but with perseverance you can work it out—and the prizes are worth trying for.

Copy your answer upon a plain, white 4? set of paper as neatly as you can, because neatness, spelling, handwriting and punctuation count! If more than one answer is correct, the neatness will decide. Put your name and address in the top right-hand corner of the paper. If you have to write a letter, or show anything else, put it upon a separate sheet of paper. We will write as soon as your answer is received and tell you if your solution is correct, and also send you a complete illustrated list of the grand prizes that you can win.

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