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MORE TROUBLE WITH SOUTH AFRICA Imperial Authorities Have Provoked Grave Crisis

Situation Requires Most Careful Handling—Mr. Churchill's Name Unjustly Connected With Affair

LONDON, March 30.—The new government is finding continued trouble in its dealings with South Africa. By interfering to delay the execution of twelve natives convicted of having been concerned in the ambush and murder of Police Inspector Hunt in the recent native rising at the state, which has been attributed to the opposition movement, the imperial authorities have evoked an admittedly grave and delicate crisis, which will require the most careful handling.

In the house of commons, replying to Mr. Akers-Douglas (conservative), Winston Churchill, under colonial secretary, said it was Lord Elgin and not himself who had postponed the executions. The government had no intention of standing between the prisoners and their punishment. The government was in full sympathy with Natal in its time of anxiety and did not intend to prevent that any serious or constitutional issue would be raised. He believed the matter would be settled with composure on both sides.

Both Lord Elgin and Mr. Churchill declared that no official information had been received as to whether or not the Natal ministry had actually resigned.

WALLACE SAFE AT RED BAY

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass., March 29.—A telegram was received here today from A. Dillon Wallace, the Labrador explorer, announcing his safe arrival with his companions, Eaton and Stanton, at Red Bay after a successful trip by dog team down the coast from Ungava Bay. The telegram was as follows:

"Just arrived at Red Bay, Eaton, Stanton and myself, in good health. Fine trip down the coast. Start for home at once."

Wallace and Eaton left Ungava Bay during the latter part of August by dog train, and at Rigole picked up Stanton, who had taken the back trail out of the interior in order to bring back word of the party's progress.

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All Work Stops in the Anthracite Mines on April 2nd--384,000 Bituminous Miners May Quit Work April 1st--Wage Increase Refused, Mitchell Declares War.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 29.—The anthracite miners' scale committee tonight issued orders for a total suspension of mining in the three anthracite districts beginning Monday, April 2nd.

The committee informed President Baer that the miners' scale committee will meet the operators' scale committee in New York city on Tuesday, April 3rd.

At the close of a meeting of the committee tonight, President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers of America, issued the following signed statement: "The committee appointed by the Shamokin convention on December 14th met tonight and had under consideration the letter signed by Mr. Baer, dated March 20, and wired him the following:

"If agreeable to you, a meeting of the joint sub-committee will be held in New York at 10 o'clock Tuesday, April 3, for the purpose of further considering the wage scale in the anthracite field."

The committee having the matter in charge instructed the anthracite miners, except the men necessary to run the pumps and preserve the properties, to suspend work on Monday morning, April 2, pending further instructions from the committee appointed by the Shamokin convention.

"The entire miners' committee will meet in New York at 8 o'clock Tuesday night to hear the report of the joint sub-committee.

(Signed) JOHN MITCHELL, Chairman, T. D. NICHOLLS, W. H. DETREY, JOHN FAHY, Presidents Dist. Nos. 1, 7 and 9.

The committee which met tonight consisted of three executive board members from the anthracite districts, three national board members from those districts, and President Mitchell. This committee had been given power to formulate the demands of the mine workers. There were also present the members of the sub-committee to which had been delegated the power to formulate the demands in detail and present them. This consisted of the president and secretary of each of the three anthracite districts. They were John Fahy and George Bartley of District No. 9, W. H. Detrey and John P. Gallagher of District No. 7, and T. D. Nichols and John T. Dempsey of District No. 1. President Mitchell was also a member of this sub-committee. All the members were present.

The meeting was held at the headquarters of the United Mine Workers.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 29.—Without agreement on a wage scale, the joint conference of bituminous coal operators and miners of the central competitive district today adjourned sine die, leaving affairs in such a condition that a strike of over 175,000 to 284,000 soft coal miners, besides 150,000 anthracite miners ordered out, seems inevitable on April 1, the present wage scale expiring on March 31. The mines directly affected are in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Western Pennsylvania.

Miners and operators of the southwestern district, comprising Missouri, Kansas, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory, have decided to report a disagreement tomorrow.

Iowa miners have agreed with the operators to suspend work for sixty days. Michigan, West Virginia and

Kentucky miners, it is said, will follow the lead of the central district.

CONFERENCE FAILED. The disagreement came after a struggle lasting ten days, and disrupts the



PRESIDENT MITCHELL

Interest agreement which has existed since 1898 between operators and miners, through which wage scales and other differences have been adjusted.

The final vote in the conference of the second competitive field on which the other districts base their settlements, was on a motion offered by President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers to restore for two years the wage scale of 1903, which would have been an increase in wages of 5.55 per cent. The operators of Illinois, Indiana and Ohio voted against the proposal and defeated it. The disruption of the conference followed. Operators of western Pennsylvania and the miners of the four states voted for the proposal.

Following adjournment National Secretary W. B. Wilson of the mine workers said:

"There is no likelihood of anything further being done towards a settlement. This means suspension of work. The national convention of the miners will meet tomorrow morning. The principal business will be to determine a general policy. The question especially to be considered is whether the organization will permit miners to work in districts and mines where the advance demanded is refused."

F. L. Robbins and other operators, representing about one-third of the coal production of western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, offered to pay the advance and urged the miners to accept this advance and continue work in their mines, even though the other mines in the four states should be idle. The convention of miners tomorrow will decide whether to permit this or to demand that all miners suspend work until all have been paid the advance.

President Mitchell and Mr. Winder today explained to the conference that the union miners of West Virginia had been informed that they might work pending the results of the conference. The joint state convention of operators and miners will be held in Charleston, W. Va., on Monday. Mr. Mitchell explained, however, that his advice to the men to continue work did not contemplate any extended period.

STRIKE A CERTAINTY. A national official of the United Mine Workers tonight said:

"It is a foregone conclusion that all the miners whose scales expire Saturday will cease work until officially notified by the national and district officers that contract arrangements have been made governing their scales."

The bituminous miners affected directly and indirectly by the disruption of the conference number 384,000, distributed as follows:

Table with 2 columns: State, Miners. Pennsylvania 160,000, West Virginia 5,000, Virginia 15,000, Ohio 40,000, Indiana 15,000, Illinois 53,000, Iowa 14,000, Michigan 2,000, Kentucky 4,000.

And the southern states, 40,000. Of these 120,000 are unorganized. Operators of Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, and those of western Pennsylvania who are opposed to paying an increase in wages, held an executive session tonight. It is reported that they will adopt resolutions asking President Roosevelt to appoint a commission to investigate the coal situation.

WORK SUSPENDED IN IOWA. DESMOINES, Ia., March 29.—Representatives of Iowa coal operators and miners will hold a joint meeting tomorrow to declare a suspension of work in Iowa mines for sixty days, beginning April 1st. The suspension will throw about 15,000 men out of employment.

OPERATORS GETTING READY. PHILADELPHIA, March 29.—Officials of the anthracite coal companies controlled by the Pennsylvania and Reading railroads announced today that they intended to operate their collieries as usual next week, notwithstanding that the award of the anthracite commission expires Saturday.

Reports from the coal fields show that the larger coal companies and independent operators also intend to continue work pending a settlement of the difference between the mine owners and their employees.

The mining companies are still rushing coal to the storage points conventionally known as New York and are also quietly making preparations in and about the mines for a possible strike.

The mine workers throughout the hard coal fields look for dull times this summer even though there is no strike. They believe there is a much coal above the surface that the companies will work their mines on about half time during the summer months in case there is not a total suspension. The feeling that there will be either a strike or dull times has caused hundreds of foreigners to leave the coal fields for their homes in Europe, where they intend to remain until conditions become settled. The number of men leaving for Europe in April and May is expected to be much larger than the usual spring exodus.

MEMBERS WOULD GET NOTHING If Bill Passes, all Indemnity Would Be Abolished

Minister of Justice Sharply Criticises Judges of the Country—Will Strengthen Last Year's Bill

OTTAWA, March 29.—Some warm words were today addressed by the law makers to law breakers who are also law interpreters. Mr. Fitzpatrick gave seat to what would have been a tiresome sitting.

In discussing a bill by Mr. Lennox aimed to prevent judges acting as arbitrators in private disputes, Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick said some things with emphasis. The bill aimed to do something the statutes required as present.

"I have construed the act we passed last session very strikingly and when judges have asked if they could act as arbitrators in disputes between individuals I have told them it is not competent for them to do so. I regret I am obliged to say the judges of this country have not observed the law passed last session. They certainly have not given that example of obedience to the law we are entitled to expect of them."

The minister of justice said he had recently sent a circular to the judges throughout Canada calling their attention to this act and its limitations. One judge had replied calling his attention to the English practice, where many judges held directorships. The minister of justice said he was going to introduce a bill to strengthen that of last year. He suggested Mr. Lennox hold his bill so the two could be considered together.

In the provinces of Quebec Mr. Fitzpatrick said there were men on the bench who were highly paid administrators of large estates. It was held they did not have enough time for judicial and business duties. "The officers," said the minister of justice, "are mostly to be found in Quebec and Ontario. The proportion is greater in Quebec. Judges are on boards of insurance companies and of banks and have continued to act in spite of the law we made last year."

A bill by Mr. Campbell declaring a can of milk to mean eight gallons was sent to the agricultural commission.

The minister of justice told R. L. Borden that after he had been appointed to the insurance commission Mr. Langmuir recalled the fact that he had some time ago been appointed on behalf of a Canadian loan company, and an American insurance company, to a department of finance had declared that he did not disqualify Mr. Langmuir from acting on the investigating commission.

Mr. Borden wanted to know what truth there was in the press report Mr. Justice Fraser had been appointed to the post of Nova Scotia on the promise of a second term.

Mr. Paterson, who was leading the way on a fishing expedition. Their vessel had been sunk by the cruiser Grombo. The other two men had been released, but Cochrane was held as an American.

The minister of justice promised to bring a bill to amend the law relating to the railway act to regulate the speed of trains through villages was referred to the railway committee.

Mr. MacLean's bill to reconsider parliamentary salaries and ministerial retiring allowances came up, but discussion was deferred until the prime minister could be present.

Before this was done Hon. Mr. Paterson said Mr. MacLean when on the stump had called the indemnity bill of last session "a grab and a steal." The bill apparently proposed to do away with all indemnity to members of parliament.

Mr. MacLean said he proposed to put the indemnity back where it was before last session.

Mr. Paterson—Then you do not propose to do away with the grab and the steal, but only reduce the amount of it.

Mr. MacLean—I propose to put the indemnity back to the figure it was before.

Mr. Fitzpatrick—If the bill passes I may inform the hon. member that all indemnity will be abolished. Members of parliament will get nothing for their service.

MISS STONE NOT DEAD. FAIRMONT, W. Va., March 29.—The announcement last night of the death of Agnes Stone, sister-in-law of Wm. MacDonald, the opera singer, was, however, caused by the misinterpretation of information. Miss Stone was reading a letter from Mr. MacDonald when she received a telegram announcing his death and the information of the death was construed as that of Miss Stone.

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MURDER MYSTERY ONLY DEEPENED

By Arrest at Duluth of Eleven Bulgarians.

Who Say They Have No Knowledge of the Affair—The Police Are Puzzled.

DULUTH, Minn., March 29.—The mystery surrounding the eleven men who were arrested here on the charge of murdering the citizens of Minneapolis yesterday was only deepened today by the arrest here of eleven Bulgarians who were residents of the house at 245 Tenth avenue, south, in Minneapolis, where the crime was committed. The prisoners are eight men, two boys and one woman.

Cross-questioned individually, five of the eleven prisoners tell the same story and maintain their innocence of any complicity in the crime, and even their ignorance of it until they were enlightened by the police. If their story is true, the Minneapolis police have struck the wrong trail, and it shatters all theories of the murders which have hitherto been held, and leaves the police absolutely at sea for even a theory for the motive for the crime and the identity of the criminals.

The facts, as told by Kuzman Siskuloff, the spokesman of the party, are these: "For the last year or more, some of the Bulgarians from the province of Freebad, in the northern part of Turin, have been working in Minnesota. The members of this band were all from the same part of the province, and were headed by Kuzman Siskuloff, who acted in the capacity of padrone or leader. He was the only member of the band who could speak English, having been in this country about five years, and he provided work for his followers, hiring them out to work in logging camps, on the railways and in the mines. During the winter the members of this band have been working near the village of Albion, in this country. About four months ago Siskuloff rented the house on Tenth avenue, planning to bring some other of his countrymen over to America. The party included his bride, Euloka Naruova, whom he had married about a year ago while on a visit to his old home."

Petros Stojer, a middle-aged member of the Siskuloff band, was left in charge of the house about two months ago, and since that time he has been keeping "bachelor's hall," getting his own meals and keeping the house in order. He was the only member of the party who was not a native of the province. One week ago yesterday Siskuloff and the six members who are dead completed their work at Albion and went to Minneapolis with their winter wages in their pockets. Saturday the party of immigrants arrived from Bulgaria and the sixteen people occupied the house Saturday and Sunday.

Monday afternoon Siskuloff started for Duluth with the baggage, leaving the six members of his old band behind him in Minneapolis. They were planning to go out on some railway section work while Siskuloff intended to bring the new arrivals to the northern part of the state to work in the mines.

He arrived here with his party Monday night. The party comprised himself and wife, two boys about 15 years of age, seven young men ranging from 20 to 35 years of age, and Petros Stojer, member of the old band, who had been left in charge of the Minneapolis house. Stojer and Siskuloff were the only ones who had spent any length of time in this country, the others having come direct from New York, where they landed. Siskuloff and the members of his party are at a loss to know the cause of the murders, as all were friendly.

Siskuloff and party were located in a lodging house here with more than thirty people packed into four rooms. The majority of them are Austrians and Bulgarians and among them are

some of the other members of Siskuloff's band who had not been to Minneapolis at all. Siskuloff says he knows of no criminal organization or feud that could have prompted the murders. Of the six men left at Minneapolis, four were brothers named Jales, and, according to Siskuloff, the story that there was a father and son is incorrect. Asked if they had trouble with any persons in Minneapolis, he said they had none.

As to the articles of a religious significance found in the house he said his people all belonged to the Bulgarian church and carried those things with them always and held service among themselves.

Men will be held here until the Duluth police direct what shall be done with them.

The correct names of the men murdered are: Nikola Jales, Muri Jales, Angelo Jales, Thomas Jales, Krispin Wukvoss, Krivio Milla.

FREDERICTON FIREMEN WILL HOLD GRAND MID-SUMMER GARNIVAL

Large Number of Citizens Decide to Help Make Matters a Success—The Programme

(Special to the Sun.)

FREDERICTON, March 29.—A largely attended meeting, including many of the leading citizens of Fredericton, was held this afternoon in the city council chamber. Mayor McNally presided and T. S. Wilkinson performed the duties of secretary. The gathering unanimously decided to join with the firemen in holding a grand mid-summer carnival, and July 2nd, 3rd and 4th were fixed upon as the days of celebration. A strong committee of 25 was selected to make arrangements, and this committee will meet tomorrow afternoon and select the different committees. Chief Engineer Rutter, who was present, said that the firemen had already arranged for July 2nd celebration, and from the communications received from different parts the success of the undertaking was assured. It was pleasing, however, to have the citizens all join in and make the affair a broader one. A provisions programme for the three days was drawn up and will likely be adopted. The programme is as follows:

July 2nd—Morning, firemen's procession; afternoon, to tournament; evening, firemen's festival.

July 3rd—Morning, polymorphous parade and water sports; afternoon, horse races; evening, firemen's festival.

July 4th—Morning, trades procession, baseball match; afternoon, horse races; evening, torchlight procession and fireworks.

A regatta may be added to the programme, as many people are desirous of seeing the old days of boat racing revived. The meeting was an enthusiastic one, and by its appearance it may be judged that the celebration will be successfully carried out.

ATTELL AND NEIL TO FIGHT ON APRIL 20TH

For the Featherweight Championship—Bout will be at Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., March 29.—Manager Thomas McCarey, of the Pacific Athletic Club has closed a match between Abe Attell and Neil McCarry for the feather-weight championship of the world at Los Angeles April 20. The weight stipulation is 122 pounds, ring side, the feather-weight limit.

Beside the championship, McCarey will offer a championship belt costing between \$500 and \$1,000. This will be the first belt fight to be held since the Richard K. Fox diamond belt.

COLD IN THE LUNGS. "We have seven children and have used Dr. Chase's Syrup of Limes and Turpentine for every one of them and with good results. We get four bottles at a time and find it a good remedy to break up cold on the lungs." Mrs. R. D. Turner, Broadway, N.W.T.

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TWO MEN KILLED BY BOILER EXPLOSION

Were at Work in Father's Mill at the Time—Another Injured

(Special to the Sun.)

MONTREAL, March 29.—Reports received in the city today give details of one of the worst accidents that has occurred in northern Quebec lumber district in recent years. The accident occurred at Arundel, Que., about five o'clock yesterday evening. The men were all at work in the mill when a large boiler exploded, killing two men and seriously injuring a third. The dead are: Hugh Wade and Douglas Wade, sons of the proprietor. A workman named Millet, who was standing nearby, was badly injured. The two Wade boys were at work in the engine room. So great was the force of the explosion that Douglas Wade was blown through a window and into the Rouge River, a distance of thirty feet. He was killed instantly. Hugh Wade's body was terribly mangled, and he died about two hours after the accident. The mill was completely destroyed.

GOVERNMENTS ADVISED TO ERECT SANITARIUMS

Anti-Tuberculosis Convention Recommends Many Sensible Precautionary Measures.

OTTAWA, March 29.—Officers were elected by the anti-tuberculosis convention today. President, W. C. Edwards; vice-president, Chief Justice Fitzgerald of P. E. I.; Dr. William Bayard, St. John, N. B.; Sir James Grant, George H. Perley and John Manual, Ottawa.

Executive—The Bishop of Ottawa; Dr. Hodgests, Toronto; Dr. Lachelle, Montreal; Dr. Lafferty, Calgary; Dr. Fagan, Victoria; Dr. F. A. Lawrence, M. P., Colchester; Dr. Simpson, Winnipeg; Dr. Seymour, Regina; J. E. Wyatt, Summerside, and Dr. Stockton, M. P., St. John, N. B. Precautionary measures were recommended for steamboats, railways, public halls and schools. A non-absorbent covering was recommended for push-in passenger cars. The provincial governments were recommended to erect sanitariums and the federal government was advised to give them financial aid.

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