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SIXTEEN PAGES—ONE CENT

ARE LOOKING TO
PARLIAMENT IN
THE COAL CRISIS

Country Eager for Statement
by Lloyd George

He is to Speak in Commons
Today—Water Checked in
Some Mines, Gains in
Others, Fire in One—Poss-
ible Spread of Strike.

London, April 4.—The coal strike situation continued the foremost topic of discussion throughout all sections of Great Britain today, with labor, commerce, trade and finance deeply agitated over the serious condition into which the community has been plunged by the shut-down of the collieries.

Everyone was awaiting, however, an expected statement by Lloyd George in the House of Commons late this afternoon, which was hoped would have a clarifying influence. He arrived during the morning from Chequers Court his country residence and presided at a cabinet meeting at which the coal situation was considered.

The government's position it was anticipated would be clearly defined in the premier's statement, a day set aside for discussion of the situation probably tomorrow.

At The Mines.

So far as the colliery districts were concerned the best news was that the rush of water into many of the pits was being stayed, the management with the help of volunteers manning the pumps.

In the other mines, with volunteers available, the waters were gradually gaining on the workings.

In Skewen colliery, in Wales, a fire was reported burning which it was feared would destroy the workings.

The authorities at London were proceeding today with their arrangements for the provisioning of the people of the country if the meetings called for Tuesday and Wednesday resulted in the railwaymen and transport workers deciding to throw in their lot with the miners and join them in striking.

Announcements that additional big industrial workers were preparing to suspend their double shifts, preparatory to total closing with the damping down of the furnaces, came during the morning. In line with other measures restrictive of ordinary activities because of the strikes the races scheduled to be held at Lingfield were abandoned.

No move was made by either side looking to fresh proposals for settlement, but it was considered in both labor and political circles that the situation was likely to be clarified by the sessions of the House of Commons today and tomorrow.

London, April 4.—Frank Hodges, secretary of the Miners' Federation, made an astonishing statement about the withdrawal of the pumping forces in a speech at Conisboro, in Yorkshire, yesterday. "It was a decision," he said, "what could only have been taken in the most desperate circumstances. I am not a willing party to see the mining industry physically destroyed. Who could view the prospect of a flooded mine with equanimity? Who could think calmly of the destruction of mines that will never be re-opened? No man can do it. But the decision had been arrived at and must command characteristic loyalty until it is altered, if ever it is altered."

He added: "I think, counted on starting the miners' union submission. It is a question of endurance. We may go down, but if we do, the nation will be beyond the accepted view of the working classes that the government is prepared to starve sections of this community into accepting terms which are beyond acceptance, the least that keeps the working classes from revolutionary efforts will become looser."

In Parliament.

London, April 4.—Regulations to meet the emergency brought about by the strike of coal miners in Great Britain were discussed by both houses of parliament here today. Premier Lloyd George, who called a meeting of the cabinet for early today, was expected to go before the House of Commons and endorse an announcement made on Saturday by Sir Robert S. Horne, chancellor of the exchequer, that the government would refuse to yield on the point of subsidizing the miners' wages.

Members of the labor party also gathered today to discuss the situation and it seemed probable that some action would be taken which would forestall the attitude of the National Union of Railwaymen and the Transport Workers Union at their conference on Wednesday.

Indications were seen today that it was probable the two great unions would support the miners in their demands. It was pointed out that resolutions to that effect were passed by a score of London and provincial meetings of the railway workers' organization on Sunday, although the vote was not in all cases unanimous.

A feeling is growing, says the Daily Graphic, that the negotiations on the proposed new wage scale broke down too abruptly and that an attempt may be made by the House of Commons to bring the parties together once more.

Large police reserves were taken to the Bow Hill and Kelly collieries in Fifeshire last night to protect furnace men against 2,000 strikers who had compelled them to abandon work.

CAPRONI'S GREAT AIRSHIP BURNED

Milan, April 4.—The giant hydro-aeroplane of Gianni Caproni, which it had been hoped would be able to accomplish the trans-Atlantic flight, but which fell into Lake Maggiore during a recent trial flight, has been burned.



—De Mar in the Philadelphia Record.

WANT PLEBISCITE
ON ONE-MAN CAR

Bill for Legislature But Government Wants City's Approval—F. A. Campbell Explains Labor's Plans—Tenders for Painting Ferry—Public Works Reports.

Fred. A. Campbell, president of the local Trades and Labor Council, and lobbyist at Fredericton for the New Brunswick Federation of Labor, appeared before the common council in committee this morning to ask that the city approve the holding of a plebiscite on the question of the operation of the one-man car here. He said that a bill was to be presented in the legislature at this session providing for the ballot, but the government first wanted the approval of the city council.

Mr. Campbell said that if the people decided in favor of the one-man car of any description, organized labor would do its best to carry out the wishes of the people. He said that a questionnaire had been submitted to some 10,000 business men and others in the city, and only eighteen had been returned signed in favor of the Birney safety one-man car.

He said that St. John had a higher street car fare than any place in Canada and that we had a worse system than in any place except Moncton. He understood that there were one-man cars being built for the city.

Replying to the mayor, he said that the operation staff would be reduced about one-third by the introduction of the one-man car. He said that if the government did not protect the workmen of the country they would have to get out and protect themselves.

Dr. Frink asked if the Public Utilities Commission did not have jurisdiction over this matter. He said that the commission ordered a change in the cars used on the street.

Mr. Bullock said that he understood that the city's ultimatum to the power company was: "The Birney safety car or no one-man car."

Commissioner Jones said that if the commission had no jurisdiction in the matter he favored a plebiscite.

Replying to Commissioner Thornton, Mr. Campbell said that there were about twelve cars in the city that were fit for operation. He said that the power company was protected by the government to the extent of fourteen per cent on their invested capital. It was now up to the people to decide what protection they would have for themselves. He said he thought it was rather strange that the government should refer the matter to the city before taking action, until he met F. R. Taylor in Fredericton; then he understood why the "buck was passed" to the council.

On motion the matter was referred to the mayor to take up with the N. B. Power Company to ascertain what their plans were.

Geo. H. Tippet applied for purchase of a lot in Manawagonish road adjoining two lots which he had already purchased at a cost of \$200. On motion the lot was ordered sold.

An application from Jas. A. Cooper to install a 500-gallon gasoline tank to replace that already in place, was referred to Commissioner Bullock.

Tenders for painting the ferry steamer "Governor Carleton" were opened and referred to Commissioner Bullock. The figures were as follows:—
W. E. Denings \$340
Jas. Huey 750
Daniel S. McConne 475
On motion it was decided to refer the tenders to Commissioner Bullock.

The Bridge Matter.

Dr. Frink asked the mayor if he had anything official regarding a report referred to already in place, fourth column.

LOW WHEAT PRICE

Portland, Agn., April 4.—No bids have been offered and no quotations published in the wheat market here since Thursday, owing to the low prevailing price. Offers made in the surrounding country Saturday were said to be as low as 93 cents a bushel.

MEMORIAL WORKSHOP

Preparations were being made this morning for the opening of a memorial workshop for disabled veterans in the city warehouse in Water street, formerly occupied by T. McAvity & Sons. Two men were at work today cleaning up and preparing to install benches, light machinery, lights, etc. The shop will be under the direction of Mr. Rees and it is proposed to start with the manufacture of berry boxes, crates and articles of that description.

TOBACCONISTS
AT WAR AND
SMOKES CHEAP

Prices Cut in Toronto, Especially in the Charge for Cigarettes.

Toronto, April 4.—A war is on among the big tobaccoists of this city and "smokes" are unusually cheap at present, especially cigarettes.

Thirty five cents cigarettes have been reduced to 28 cents; 25 cents brands to 19 cents; 18 cent varieties to 14 and so on.

Tobacco has followed much the line of reduction as have also to some extent cigars and smoker accessories.

REV. R. J. COLPITTS
DEAD IN HAMPTON

Editor of Maritime Baptist Passed Away Today After a Brief Illness.

Rev. R. J. Colpitts, editor of the Maritime Baptist, died at his home in Hampton this afternoon, after a brief illness from pneumonia and pleurisy. He was ill a week and early this morning he was reported to be resting comfortably and hopes were held out for his recovery; but he took a bad turn a little before noon.

Rev. Mr. Colpitts was one of the prominent Baptist ministers in the province and was well known and highly respected, and the news of his sudden death will be learned with sincere regret by a large circle of friends and associates.

Mr. Colpitts was forty-seven years of age and was a native of Elgin, Albert county. When a young man he graduated from the Provincial Normal School and in 1902 graduated from Acadia University. He went to Rochester, N. Y., where he graduated in theology in 1905 and came to his native province to take up the work of the ministry here.

He was pastor of several churches in New Brunswick, including charges at Point de Bute, Dawson and Keswick Ridge, but his ministerial career for the most part was in the Maritime provinces.

He was also a prominent member of the home mission board. He has made his home at Hampton for the last two years and was in comparatively good health until a week ago, when he contracted pleurisy and pneumonia which was the cause of his death at two o'clock this afternoon.

Besides his wife, who was formerly Miss Lavinia Moore of Rochester, N. Y., he leaves five children, two sisters, Mrs. R. A. Smith of Elgin, Mrs. N. W. Eveleigh of Sussex; five brothers, J. Herrett, Sherman L. and Titus of Forest Glen; Warren H. and Henry W. of Sussex.

J. R. SHAW.



Vice-president of the Canadian Manufacturers Association, states that the association favors a tariff commission of experts who will study conditions and recommend the necessary legislation.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "what is a slower than a funeral procession?"
That's a queer question to ask," said Hiram. "I guess I'll let you answer it yourself."
"Fehill," said the reporter, "suggests a funeral, and I went out there yesterday, though not to a funeral. It took me much longer to get across the marsh, and I had to wait for a car about as long as it would take to walk half a mile. At the place transfer I waited twenty minutes or more, and rode on a strap to the cemetery gate, envying the pedestrians who passed us going in the same direction. I walked through Fernhill, returned to the gate, and waited half an hour in the fierce wind that swept across the marsh, and chilled me through, until I could get another strap on which to ride into town again. It took me two hours and ninety minutes to get across the marsh, and I had not contracted a ferocious cold. Do you suppose there is an understanding between the street car company and the cemetery company?"
"Feh what?" queried Hiram.
"Well," said the reporter, "a man who went out there once by the car and just naturally went to get the next time in a hearse, and get some action for his money. I suppose to look into the matter, I'll have to go to the cemetery."
"Looks to me," said Hiram, "like a conundrum. What's the difference between the street cars and a funeral? One is a dead service and the other is a service for the dead."
"Hiram," said the reporter, "I thank you."

MILLIONS FOR
BONUSES IN
MICHIGAN

Voting Today in Matter of Grants to Soldiers, Sailors and Nurses.

Detroit, April 4.—Michigan voters today were passing upon a proposal to bond the state for \$20,000,000 for soldiers' and sailors' bonuses and nursing home construction.

The lieutenant-governor said that he considered the moderating liquor act fairly the wishes of the electorate as expressed in last year's referendum.

The supply bill for government services amounted to \$20,626,000, the largest in the history of the province.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago, April 4.—Opening: Wheat—May, 1.07; July, 1.16. Corn—May, 60%; July, 63%. Oats—May, 87%; July, 89%.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, F. Stuparis, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis.—The pressure is highest over the St. Lawrence Valley and at Atlantic states, while to the westward of the Great Lakes there is an important area of low pressure, at present nearly stationary. The weather is fine from Ontario to the maritime provinces, while in the west it is quite cold and unsettled and snow falls have occurred in parts of Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Showery.

Maritime—Fresh easterly winds, followed by rain. Tuesday, showery. Gulf and North Shore—Moderate winds, fair and cool.

New England—Fair tonight and Tuesday. Not much change in temperature. Moderate east and south winds.

Toronto, April 4.—Temperatures: Highest during day, 42; lowest, 36.

Table with 2 columns: Station, Temperature. Rows include Prince Rupert, Victoria, Kamloops, Calgary, Edmonton, Prince Albert, Winnipeg, White River, Sault Ste. Marie, Toronto, Kingston, Halifax, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, N. B., St. John's, Nfld., Detroit, New York.

EXPECT CHARLES
TO GO TO SPAIN

One Report Says Ex-Emperor Seriously Ill

Think He Will Leave Hungary for Switzerland Today—"Little Entente" Threatens Action if He is Not Out by Thursday.

London, April 4.—Despatches from Vienna by way of Berlin to the London Times report that ex-Emperor Charles is seriously ill, that his throat is inflamed and his fever high, caused by over-exertion at receptions.

The train which is to convey Charles to Switzerland is ready at the south station in Vienna to start for Steinamanger when necessary. Three Entente officers and three Socialist deputies are to proceed on this train, but so far there is no sign of its leaving.

A Vienna despatch to the Central News states that the Swiss legation at the Austrian capital has announced that Charles will return to Switzerland today.

Berne, April 4.—Switzerland will be only a way station on the return journey of former Emperor Charles, it is said semi-officially here. Permission for him to re-enter this country is said to have been given only for the purpose of securing peace for Hungary and Austria. It is a general supposition that Charles will join his family at Prangins and take his wife and family to Spain.

Paris, April 4.—Resolutions demanding the arrest of Count Andrássy, a supporter of former Emperor Charles, and General Lehan, governor of West Hungary, have been adopted by the Hungarian National Assembly, which is reported to newspapers here.

A Prague despatch to the Petit Parisien states that Dr. Edward Benes, foreign minister to Czechoslovakia, has declared that if Charles does not leave Hungary before April 7 the "little entente" comprising Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Jugoslavia, will intervene.

A Vienna despatch says the Hungarian government has fixed August 20 as the date upon which a king will be elected.

Budapest, April 4.—Former Emperor Charles told the members of his suite at Steinamanger today that he was unwilling to leave Hungary. If he could not remain as king, he would settle in the country as a private citizen, he declared.

Austria, April 4.—The Austrian cabinet has notified the Hungarian government that unless an early hour is set for the certain departure of ex-Emperor Charles, the Austrian government will cancel his safe conduct. This notification has evoked a promise from Hungary that Charles will leave that country within forty-eight hours from Sunday night.

EXPLOSION
ROCKS A CITY

Nitro-Glycerine Plant Near Bowling Green, Kentucky, Blown Up.

Bowling Green, Ky., April 4.—The nitro glycerine plant of the Eastern Nitro Glycerine Company, four miles west of here, was destroyed by an explosion yesterday.

The force of the explosion rocked the city, and windows in houses within a radius of a mile and a half were shattered.

The cause of the explosion has not been determined. Reports vary as to the amount of nitro glycerine in the factory, but it is believed that from 300 to 500 quarts exploded.

UNEMPLOYED
IN WEST MARCH

Vancouver and Winnipeg Parades—Former at End of Resources.

Vancouver, B. C., April 4.—About fifteen thousand unemployed took part in a parade yesterday at the termination of which volunteer speakers urged them to take some measures to obtain relief.

It was again decided to appeal to the city, although civic authorities here already notified unemployed that the city is at the end of its resources for relief and that relief will have to come from federal or provincial sources.

Winnipeg, April 4.—About four hundred of Winnipeg's unemployed paraded here Saturday following a meeting at which addresses were given by John Quinn, Wm. Ivens and W. D. Bayley, labor members of the legislature.

The Union Jack headed the parade, while the red flag was also accorded a place.

POLICE KILLED IN
RAID ON HOUSE

Michigan City, Ind., April 4.—Captain Frank Zimmerman and Patrolman George Spencer of the Michigan city police force were shot and almost instantly killed last night by Wm. Rietau, as the police attempted to arrest two women, inmates of a house, which the police raided. Rietau later committed suicide.

DRINK BILL IN
BRITAIN GREATER
BY \$400,000,000

Washington, April 4.—Great Britain's drink bill increased by more than \$400,000,000 last year as compared with 1919, says a report to the department of commerce from the United States consul at Edinburgh, Scotland.

The amount spent on intoxicating liquors in the United Kingdom in 1920, the consul says, is estimated at \$2,285,795,000 as against \$1,878,469,000 in 1919. The total, however, is about 24 per cent less than before the war.

STILL MAN FIGHTS
COURT DECISION

Opposes Barring of Letters in Divorce Action, Also \$90,000 Yearly Alimony.

White Plains, N. Y., April 4.—Counsel for James A. Stillman, New York banker, today began their fight against the decision of Supreme Court Judge Morschauer barring from the divorce proceedings brought by Mr. Stillman certain letters said to have been written by and to his wife. These included the so-called "confession letters" that Mrs. Stillman is said to have written her husband and letters alleged to have been written her by Fred Beauvais, a Canadian guide.

The banker's attorneys also opposed an order served on them by the court last Saturday seeking to make effective immediately the court's award of \$90,000 alimony a year, with counsel fees and expenses.

GREEK PRINCE IS
REPORTED SLAIN

Turks Say Brother of Constantine Killed in Battle Near Brusa.

London, April 4.—Prince Andrew of Greece, brother of King Constantine, has died from wounds received in fighting near Brusa, says a Constantinian despatch to the Evening News, quoting a Turkish announcement. The Turks also assert that General Vlachopoulos, who was in command of the Greek attack against the Turkish Nationalists on the Brusa front has been killed in action.

Prince Andrew of Greece was the third son of the late King George of Greece. He was born in Athens on Jan. 20, 1892, and served in the Greek army during the Balkan war of 1912. Following the return of Constantine to the throne, Prince Andrew was appointed a general in the Greek army and late last month was said to be in command of a division at the front. He was married to Princess Alice of Battenberg on October 7, 1908.

MAY SETTLE THE
MATTER OF WAGES
OF CARPENTERS

Regina, Sask., April 4.—An offer of fifty-five cents an hour and a nine-hour day to all carpenters, made by the builders' exchange and expected to be accepted by the men, apparently ends the long dispute over carpenters' wages in this city and brings about an amicable settlement which will last at least a year. The offer is a reduction of fifteen per cent from last year.

The carpenters will hold a meeting early this week, when the offer will be discussed.

HOME AFTER
DANCE; SHOT
BY HUSBAND

Callieon, N. Y., April 4.—Peter Kahl, thirty, is under arrest here, charged with the fatal shooting of his wife, Laura, at three o'clock yesterday morning. The shooting took place on the front porch of a hotel of which Kahl is manager. They are said to have quarreled after Mrs. Kahl returned from a dance which she attended against her husband's wishes.

FIRE MADE A
BUSY SUNDAY
IN ELEVEN TOWNS

Worcester, Mass., April 4.—Fire did damage in eleven Worcester county towns yesterday, fire departments and citizens spending most of Sunday digging ditches and playing water.

The most serious blaze was in Holden, with damage estimated at \$30,000. State police have been asked to investigate.

EXTRAVAGANT,
SAYS BROME M. P.

Montreal, April 4.—McMaster, M. P. for Brome, speaking at the Brome Club here on Saturday, said that not only the federal government but others as well were extravagant, but the Quebec government seemed the least affected. In regard to arrangements, he said that Canada still proposed to spend eleven and half millions for militia and navy had been accepted from Britain which would mean an additional two and a half millions. Speaking of the railways, he thought the Grand Trunk trouble was due to an error of judgement on the part of the Grand Trunk management and the tax payers were now being called to pay for the error.

LEEDS TO WED
GREEK PRINCESS

Athens, April 4.—William B. Leeds, of Prince of Wales, is expected to arrive here in a few days ago by airplane to visit his mother, who is ill, has become engaged to Princess Xenia, seven years-old second daughter of Grand Duchess Marie and niece of King Constantine, so it was learned today.

The marriage will take place in June, probably in Athens, but they plan to reside in the United States.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET.

Montreal, April 4.—The opening of the local stock market this morning was characteristic of its opening all last week, with trading dull and quotations uninteresting. Atlantic Sugar rose a quarter point over the week end and sold at 31 1/2, during the first half hour of this morning. Brompton was unchanged at 34 1/2. National Breweries weakened a half point to 38. Other issues were quiet during the early trading.

PRINCE AS CHAIRMAN.



Alexander Carlisle, Irish privy councillor, suggests that Prince Albert, the king's second son, act as chairman of a committee to settle the Irish question.

VLADIVOSTOK
JEWS LIVE IN
REIGN OF TERROR

Request for Intervention of Allies and Reported Protest to Russia.

London, April 4.—The entire Jewish population of the Vladivostok district is being terrorized by anti-Semitic mobs and threatened with pogroms, according to advices received by the Zionist organization here.

An appeal has been sent to the committee of Jewish delegates in Paris requesting intervention by the Allied representatives in Vladivostok, the despatches say, and a similar appeal is addressed to the Zionist organization here and a protest has also been lodged with the Russian authorities.

TWO SHOT BY
BOOTLEGGERS

Canadian Customs Officials Reported Wounded at Valleyfield, Quebec.

Malone, N. Y., April 4.—Captain Benjamin Lafave and Mr. Boreault, Canadian custom officers, were shot and seriously wounded at Valleyfield, Que., on Saturday night while endeavoring to capture a bootlegger seeking to cross the United States border line, according to a report reaching here last night. Effort to communicate with Canadian customs headquarters for confirmation of the report were unsuccessful.

Canadian customs officers and United States prohibition enforcement agents have been waging an active campaign of late in this vicinity against bootleggers. This has led to many serious clashes. On last Friday night, Jos. Charbaut, a Valleyfield garage man, who was shot and seriously wounded by four men said to be United States bootleggers, three were attempting to take an automobile held on police order. The assailants escaped after wounding Charbaut three times. It is thought that while endeavoring to intercept members of the band who attacked Charbaut the Canadian officers were wounded.

NOTED STARS AT
OPENING OF NEW
MONTREAL THEATRE

Montreal, April 4.—The opening of the Famous Players Canadian Corporation, Ltd., film theatre, the Capitol, here on Saturday night, was the occasion of one of the largest and most brilliant gatherings ever seen in Montreal. Guests of the theatre who were seated in one of the boxes and who were introduced to the audience, included Miss Elsie Ferguson, Miss Alice Brady and Thomas Meighan.

Admission was only by invitation and about 3,000 persons attended the opening.

HAS SOME \$400,000 BUT
SPENT WINTER IN WOODS

Brockville, Ont., April 4.—Robert Davis, a middle-aged wanderer, brought here from Kemptonville, Ont., after having quartered himself over the week end and existed in the woods all winter, and charged with vagrancy, was committed to the Ontario hospital for the insane on Saturday. He has a bank account of about \$400,000.