

THE UNITED KINGDOM FACES THE PROSPECTS OF A CIVIL STRIFE BECAUSE OF MINERS' POSITION

Miners Vote 611,998 to 104,997 in Favor of a Strike—Premier Says the Government Has Come to a Most Serious Point in Trade and it Hesitated to Make the Concessions Asked for—Miners Meet on Wednesday to Consider Lloyd George's Suggestion.

London, Feb. 24.—The United Kingdom is faced with the prospect of a civil strife, and the House of Commons should do everything in its power to avert it, Premier Lloyd George declared today in introducing a bill to constitute a committee to inquire into the conditions prevailing in the coal industry.

The premier said he had been advised that to grant the demands of the miners would throw a burden on the most serious sort upon other industries, a burden so serious and so grave that it might have the effect of throwing scores, if not hundreds of thousands out of employment, and that it might cripple the export trade in coal, iron, steel machinery and shipping.

A commission of inquiry, the premier added, would be appointed. The commission would cover the question of wages and hours of work, the method of production and distribution of coal, the general organization of the coal fields, profiteering, social conditions and other matters.

Mr. Justice Sankey, of the King's Bench division, would be chairman. The commission would report by March 31, while the miners asked for a report by March 15. The premier said that a strike for sixteen days, under the present conditions, would cause a breakdown of the majority of the industries and the government would have to face the country with such fuel and supplies as it had at its disposal. Distress would fall on every class of the community.

The premier added, could not be determined until after the miners met on Wednesday to decide whether they would take part in the inquiry.

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Third Rate Parliamentarian Choice of Quebec to Guide Liberal Party at Ottawa

The answer is that Fielding was a conspirator, that he stood above everything else for the winning of the war and that Quebec, which dominated the present opposition, selects its leader, and has hung out the sign "No conspirators need apply."

Mr. Fielding was a good enough man to be premier of Nova Scotia. He was able enough to stand as the Finance Minister of Canada for fifteen years. He was patriot enough to put country before party in 1917, but he does not come within the orbit of objection to the will of a coterie of radicals from the Province of Quebec, and so he is destined the post which his long experience, his patriotism, his courage and his statesmanship deserve.

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Of Mr. MacKenzie's purely parliamentary qualifications for the post there is little that can be said. He has been in the House of Commons for fifteen years, being first elected in 1904, and during all that time his name has not been associated with any parliamentary event rising above the level of petty parochial politics.

SPANIARDS ARRESTED SUSPECTED IN PLOT TO ASSASSINATE WILSON. Learned That Two Men Were on Their Way from Philadelphia to do the Trick—All Under Arrest Are Prominent in the Spanish Councils of the I. W. W.

New York, Feb. 24.—Federal agents and secret service men today were examining the personal effects and papers of fourteen Spaniards, members of the industrial workers of the world, who were arrested here yesterday, on suspicion that two of their number were concerned in a plot to take the life of President Wilson on his landing at Boston.

While definite information was lacking, the authorities admitted that the two Spaniards, L. W. W. head, and another, were among the fourteen arrested.

Pending the investigation the prisoners are being held without bail on a general charge of conspiracy to commit espionage, and on the charge of being in possession of seditious literature. The inquiry, now in progress, officials stated, would determine whether some or all of the prisoners would be arraigned on a conspiracy charge, or merely turned over to the immigration authorities on charges of undesirable aliens.

ROBBERY AND THEFT ON THE INCREASE. Halifax Officials Kept on the Jump Cleaning up Cases of Robbery.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 24.—Robbery and theft are increasing. Sergeant Major Richardson, military police, rounded up Hector McDonald this morning for theft of \$70 in cash and a cheque for \$340 belonging to a man named George Allen.

PLACING THE WAR RESPONSIBILITY. Sub-Committee of the Peace Conference Has Completed Its Work.

Paris, Feb. 24.—The sub-committee of the peace conference dealing with the responsibility of the authors of the war has completed its work. Its report has not been made public, but at its meetings it was ascertained that the report would be attacked by nearly all the members of the full committee there seems no doubt that the report will be attacked by nearly all the members of the full committee.

"SUFFS" ARRESTED IN BOSTON. Boston, Feb. 24.—Twenty-two women members of the National Women's Party carrying suffrage banners were arrested in front of the state house today when they refused to comply with orders of the police to move on.

ALL STRIKERS IN NEW YORK BUILDERS' DISPUTE BACK TO WORK. All Matters in Dispute to be Left to Conference of Six Men, Three Selected by Employers and Three by Workmen—15,000 Were Involved in Strike Which Threatened to Become Nation-wide.

Washington, Feb. 24.—All workmen on strike in New York building trade dispute and all other sympathetic strikers were ordered back to work tonight under an agreement reached at a conference here between representatives of the Building Trades Association, the union and the secretaries of war and labor.

PRESIDENT WILSON TELLS BOSTON THAT AMERICA IS LOOKED UPON AS THE FRIEND OF MANKIND

Proclaims That the Hopes and Aspirations of the People of Europe for a Lasting Peace Were Pinned to the United States as the Friend of Mankind—Believes the Verdict of the American People Will be to Uphold and Support the League of Nations.

Mechanics' Hall, Boston, Mass., Feb. 24.—President Wilson, in his first speech here, today, on landing from France, invited the critics of the League of Nations plan to "test the sentiment of America."

"Men," he declared, "who would have America fall the world in its hands, saw only beyond the nearest horizon. They do not know the sentiment of America," he said.

Speaking of hopes and aspirations of the people of Europe for a lasting peace, which, he said, were pinned to the United States as "the friend of mankind," the President said he had no more doubt of the verdict of America in this matter than I have doubt of the blood that is in me.

The nations of the world have set their heads now to do a great thing, and they are not going to stop short of their purpose. I do not speak of the governments, but of the people who will see that, if their present governments do not do their will, some other will, and the secret is out and the present governments know it.

"I have come back for an attempt to transact business for a little while in America, but I say, in all soberness, that I have been trying to speak your thoughts. Probing deep down in my heart and trying to see the things that are right rather than things that are expedient, I am finding the heart of America."

As the President concluded, Mayor Peters called for three cheers, which were given the audience standing. Immediately after the presidential party left the hall and drove to the South Station for the train which awaited for Washington.

President Wilson arrived at the hall at 2:30 o'clock. He was escorted to a private room at the right of the platform, and a moment later appeared on the stage. The thousands, who had found seats, arose cheering and waving flags. The roar from the audience drowned the music of the band.

QUEBEC TO CHANGE BELFAST STRIKE COMPENSATION ACT ABOUT ENDED. The General Belief That a Forty-seven Hour Week Will Become the Nation's One.

Quebec, Feb. 24.—An important amendment to the Workmen's Compensation Act of the Province of Quebec is contained in a bill presented by the Hon. L. A. Taschereau, Minister of War, in the Legislative Assembly today.

LIUT. CASHIERED. London, Feb. 24. (Canadian Associated Press)—Lieut. Thomas Maxwell Duncan, of a Quebec regiment, has been cashiered.

BAVARIAN ARISTOCRACY HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN MUNICH. Are Under Suspicion of Having Played an Important Part in the Killing of Premier Eisner—Enormous Crowds Pay Silent Honor to Slain Leader.

Berlin, Sunday, Feb. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—A large number of the members of the Bavarian aristocracy have been arrested on suspicion of having been connected with Count Arco Valley, who killed Premier Eisner, according to advices from Munich.

POLISH PREMIER OFFERS TO RESIGN. Believed to be a Mere Formality as Pilsudski Went Through Same Form to the Diet.

Paris, Feb. 23.—Ignace Jan Paderewski, the Polish premier, offered his resignation yesterday to General Pilsudski, the chief of state, who declined to accept it, says an Havas dispatch from Warsaw under date of Sunday. General Pilsudski asked Premier Paderewski to continue his functions.

MANY INJURED IN SPECTACULAR FIRE. More Than 300 Girls Rescued by Firemen When Fire Broke Out in Duffs Business College, Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 24.—More than 300 girls were rescued by firemen when a score were overcome by smoke and flames in a spectacular fire which, late today, destroyed the building occupied by Duff's Business College in the heart of the business district. One girl, who fell from the arm of a fireman at a third floor window, was probably fatally injured.