

HINTS THAT GERMANS MAY STOP WORK IN OCCUPIED RUHR DISTRICT

Allied Officials Say People Will Not Strike Because of Occupation

Workingmen Showed No Signs of Unrest After Yesterday's Work

CRAFT MOVING ON THE RHINE

Impossible to Divert Commerce so as to Avoid Customs Zone.

[Associated Press by Leased Wire.] Duisburg, March 10.—Vague hints that work throughout the Ruhr district of Germany will cease within the next few days, as the immediate result of Allied occupation of Duisburg, Düsseldorf and Ruhrort and the seizure of customs were made by German mine operators, civil officials and workmen here last night.

NO RESENTMENT TO THE ALLIED TROOPS

There seemed to be little unrest among workmen last evening after they had finished a full day's work, however, and thousands gathered on the streets to watch curiously the French sentries and to inspect the French machine guns and tanks. They appeared quite cheerful and showed no resentment at the presence of Allied troops.

Well informed Allied officials declared they did not believe there would be a strike in the Ruhr district, one asserting: "The people do not intend to strike. Communists are pointing toward Russia as Germany's salvation, but working men already have repudiated that idea and will repudiate it again. Business is not at a standstill here and I think it never will stop."

The river seemed fairly busy during the day, craft of various types shuttling to and fro.

Germans declared it impossible to divert the heavy Rhine commerce overland outside of the occupied zone, so as to avoid the customs zone, and they expressed themselves as being firmly convinced that those directly affected would abandon competition in the world markets because of the high prices, unless they were aided by the Berlin Government. They admitted they thought this extension of help was impracticable.

NO LIFE INSURANCE AS A SIDE LINE

Must Go Into Business as a Life Work or Get Out of It Altogether.

[Canadian Press by Leased Wire.] Ottawa, March 10.—The man who makes the selling of life insurance a side line must either get into the business as a life work or get out of it altogether.

This decision, reached by the Ottawa Life Underwriters' Association, will be made the basis of representations to the insurance department, with a request that action be taken to cancel the licenses of the part time men who will not undertake to devote all their time to the work.

Business Depression Shows Little Abatement in Europe

Reports of United States' Consuls Show That Economic Conditions Are Very Bad—Some Signs of Improvement in the Far East.

[Associated Press by Leased Wire.] Washington, D. C., March 10.—Continued business depression in Europe, with the exception of Italy, is reported by United States Consuls in the monthly cable survey of world economic conditions issued yesterday by the Department of Commerce. Signs of improvement were seen in the Far East, but little change was noted in South American countries. Both exports and imports are decreasing in Great Britain, the survey said, contributing to unemployment. Payment of heavy taxes was regarded as a cause of the tightness in the money market and British banks were said to have loaned two thirds of their resources to finance private enterprises.

Germany Not Dissatisfied With Simons' Efforts

[Associated Press by Leased Wire.] London, March 10.—Reports that Dr. Walter Simons, head of the German delegation at the reparations conference, was being censured in government circles in Berlin, are not confirmed in direct advices from that city.

It is declared that his position is considered secure and that criticism of his procedure in London was based on a misapprehension of the situation here.

Reports given Reichstag and government leaders in Berlin, however, have cleared up any doubtful points regarding the conduct of Germany's case at the conference, it is stated.

A Berlin despatch last night had said "The German government is issuing a white book on the London conference. Both Pan-German and the moderate newspapers concur in the statement that Dr. Simons' latest offer to the Allies was unauthorized and declare that he will be obliged to resign as Foreign Secretary, because he exceeded the limits prescribed."

Friendly Atmosphere in the District Occupied By Allied Troops Not Ruffled as Yet

The Allied Troops Have Settled Down on the Eastern Side of the Rhine—French Commander Issues Proclamation to People of District

[Associated Press by Leased Wire.] Allied Military Headquarters, Neuves, March 10.—Allied forces have virtually completed the occupation of the Rhine ports of the Ruhr region, all that remains to be done being the seizure of a few villages and important crossroads. As yet commanding officers have not arranged for a division of the occupied zone between the British, French and Belgian units gathered along the eastern side of the Rhine. The soldiers engaged in the operation were delighted with their "military promenade," which was favored by unusually fine weather. They draw comparisons between the reception given them here and in Frankfurt last year, and there seems to be a sort of friendly atmosphere in the occupied district.

A Düsseldorf newspaper said yesterday that if the Allied authorities followed outlines laid down in the proclamation by Gen. Degoutte the occupation of the city would be "unpleasant."

Gen. Gaucher, in direct command of French units here, has issued a new proclamation, saying in substance that the German delegates at the London conference showed unwillingness to observe the Versailles Treaty, and that the Allies were forced to coerce the German government to fulfill its obligations. He has laid emphasis on the fact that the occupation is in no sense a hostile act toward the population, and that not only was the freedom to work guaranteed, but the Allied authorities would do their best to improve the condition of the people and assure an ample food supply. He has stated, however, that the people must obey any regulations that may be laid down.

While the presence of Allied troops has been accepted in good grace by most of the people, business men in the occupied district are worried over the consequences of the new customs system. Reports are current that cer-

tain factories have cancelled orders amounting to sixty million marks, but these rumors have not been confirmed. "People of these middle and working classes fear there will be an increase in the cost of living. They are laying in stocks of provisions and are besieging stores. In some cases, fear is expressed that stocks of food will be rapidly exhausted."

RAILWAY SCALE IN THE DOMINION

Representative of Railwaymen Gives Their Point of View on Present Situation.

[Canadian Press by Leased Wire.] Ottawa, March 10.—W. L. Best, legislative representative of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen at Ottawa, has issued a statement in strong condemnation of the remarks of Hon. Dr. J. D. Reid on the railway situation in Canada.

After pointing out that the order in establishing the McAdams scale in Canada was based largely on the expressed opinion that in view of the increased cost of living the wages in Canadian territory should be increased on a similar scale to that of the American territory.

Mr. Best adds: "As to the Minister's suggestion that the employees themselves should look into the matter and endeavor to adjust matters in such a way that the future of this country will not be hindered on account of the enormous cost of operation of railways, it may be pointed out that the employees are now and have always been willing to faithfully carry out their part in maintaining the most favorable railway situation. The present railway situation in Canada, however, is well known to be very largely the result of short sighted and extravagant policies of past governments, coupled with the apparent inability of the present railway policy to effect any material improvement. The railway employees have already made certain recommendations to the government with a view to efficient management, but these have not yet been given effect to. The onus of any failure of the railways to maintain a reasonable standard of operating efficiency or cost of operation must be placed upon the employees."

A PRINTERS' STRIKE.

Binghamton, N. Y., March 10.—Binghamton is without newspapers as the result of a printers' strike. The men are demanding an increase in the wage schedule from \$38 and \$41 to \$45 and \$50 per week with a seven-hour day.

SKULL BROKEN BUT LIKELY HE WILL RECOVER

Hon. J. Fletcher Tweeddale Is Said to Be Brighter and on Way to Recovery.

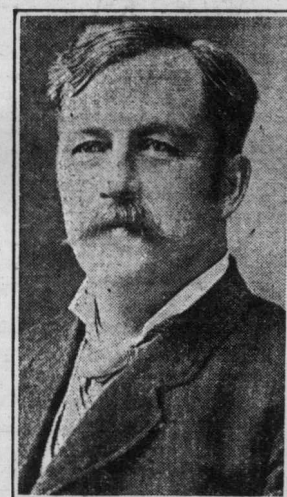
CRITICAL STAGE IS REPORTED PASSED

Will Be Confined to His Bed for Long Period With Fractured Skull.

Hon. J. Fletcher Tweeddale, former Minister of Agriculture, who was seriously injured by a fall on the ice near his home at Arthurville, Victoria, county, and who it was feared yesterday could not recover, was reported at noon today to have passed the critical stage and it was said his eventual recovery was now expected.

A telephone message received by his brother, Mr. A. Tweeddale, manager of the McFarlane-Neill Mfg. Co. at North Devon, today, said that he had rested very comfortably during the night, that he was somewhat brighter this morning, and that members of his family who were at his bedside were much encouraged. Dr. R. L. Barle, of Perth, when he visited the patient yesterday afternoon, said there was a fracture at the base of the skull, but he was pleased with the manner in which he had passed through the first twenty-four hours following the accident.

It was said this morning that complete recovery of Hon. Mr. Tweeddale



HON. J. F. TWEEDDALE.

was now expected, but that he would probably be confined to his bed and compelled to remain perfectly quiet for six or eight weeks. On April 1 Hon. Mr. Tweeddale was to have come here to undertake the organization of the new provincial Prohibition Commission, of which he was recently appointed chairman and chief executive officer and to which he was to give his entire time and attention.

FRATERNAL LINK IN GARDEN PROVINCE

P.E.I. Author Who Has Achieved National Fame Has Not Lost Illusions.

Montreal, March 10.—Basil King, the Canadian author, who during the past twenty years has achieved considerable reputation as a writer of fiction in the United States and Canada, arrived in the city last night to attend the Authors' Convention, and is a guest at the Ritz Carlton Hotel. A native of Charlottetown, P. E. I., Mr. King stated last evening that the old instinct of the Islander to feel that the little Garden Province had some indefinable superiority over all the rest of the world was strong in him still.

"You know," he said, "we Islanders are born with the conviction that the earth has only two geographical divisions, 'On the Island' and 'Off the Island.' In the former, real people live and real things are done, the latter is a terra firma incognita, about which it is hardly worth while to bother."

Whole of Russia Appears To Be In Revolt Ferment

Appeal to World Workers to Fight Against Communists

THE SITUATION AT PETROGRAD

Artillery Duel Between Krasnoya Gorka and Armored Trains.

[Associated Press by Leased Wire.] London, March 10.—The Kronstadt government has issued a proclamation to world workers to begin a fight against the communists, according to a Helsinki despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

Early reports from Petrograd say that the soviet officials are ready to leave at any moment and that the soviet War Minister Trotsky had ordered the arrest of the staff of the Eschoman legion.

The Situation at Petrograd.

London, March 10.—Reports from Russia regarding the revolution against the soviet regime continue to be obscure and conflicting.

A Reuters despatch from Helsinki, Finland, yesterday, stated the Russian Agency there has issued a statement that the fate of Petrograd is still in the balance and denying that revolutionary troops are occupying three-quarters of the city.

The despatch says the insurgents have taken positions in a part of the city which is under fire from Kronstadt and that it is being shelled by Bolshevik batteries located at Buelkovo.

Another Helsinki despatch states that an artillery duel has been fought between the fortress of Krasnoya Gorka and several armored trains, and that foreign couriers have been unable to leave Petrograd. The fortress of Petrovsk has been badly damaged, it is said.

A message to the London Times from Abo, Finland, states that the batteries at Kronstadt, the Russian naval base where the revolution began, opened fire yesterday against the Seventh Bolshevik division, which was attacking revolutionary forces near Oranienbaum, on the southern shore of the Gulf of Finland.

"The whole of Russia," the message adds, "appears to be in a ferment."

Petrograd Has Been Cut Off.

Copenhagen, March 10.—There was virtually no firing during the day yesterday between the combatant groups in the Petrograd area, according to the Helsinki despatch correspondent of the Politiken. The stream of fugitives from Russia into Finland has almost ceased, the correspondent reports, pointing to the conclusion that Petrograd has been cut off.

The effects of the Bolshevik fire upon Kronstadt are declared to have been small, whereas great damage is reported to have been caused on Petrograd by the firing from the outside.

The message reports that Bolshevik propaganda is creating nervousness among the workers in Kronstadt who are fearing a reactionary coup.

MATE OF STEAMER BLAMED FOR WRECK

[Canadian Press by Leased Wire.] Vancouver, March 10.—First Mate F. R. Springall was the only man on the Princess Beatrice when she stranded on February 10, who was blamed by the wreck commission here yesterday. His certificate was suspended for three months.

Evidence indicated he was off his course. The Beatrice struck a bluff and her passengers were rescued by the Princess Patricia. Repairs now under way will cost thirty thousand dollars.

MEXICAN OFFICER WAS ASSASSINATED

El Paso, Tex., March 10.—Colonel Angel Gaxiola, chief clerk in the Department of the Interior of Mexico, and chief of staff under former Provisional President De la Huerta, was assassinated in Mexico City Monday, according to a telegram received yesterday by F. A. Pasqueria, Mexican Consul in El Paso. The assassin has not been caught, the message stated.

FOUR BELFAST MEN SLAIN BY THE SINN FEIN

Two of Murdered Men Accused of Giving Information to the Police.

REPUBLICAN ARMY BOASTS OF ACTION

Cards on Bodies Inscribed, "Tried, Convicted and Executed by Republicans"

[Associated Press by Leased Wire.] Belfast, March 10.—Four men, who had incurred the displeasure of the Sinn Fein, were murdered near here on Tuesday night.

The bodies of James Maher and Patrick O'Mara, former soldiers, and both residents of the town of Thurles, were found in a field. Maher's body was labelled "Spy". It is stated they were accused of giving information to the police. The bodies of two other men were found in a country lane at Augnacloy, and on their breasts were cards inscribed with the words, "Tried, convicted and executed by the Irish Republican Army."

One was identified as Francis McPhillips, who was taken from his bed at an early hour yesterday morning by six armed men. The identity of the other slain man is unknown.

A youth was tied to a gate in the town of Keady on Tuesday night by two masked men who fastened a placard to his clothing reading: "Too young to be shot. Beware. Keep your mouth shut."

Police at Carrick-on-Shannon have arrested Alexander McCabe, a member of the Sinn Fein Parliament, and Michael McLoughlin, a prominent Sinn Fein member. McCabe has served several terms in prison and was one of the men released from Mountjoy prison last fall after having been on a hunger strike for some time.

Patrick Moran, who was found guilty of having been connected with the murder of several British officers in Dublin November 21, 1920, has been sentenced to death and the sentence has been confirmed by General MacCreedy, Military Commander in Ireland.

THE PROFITEERS YET IN EXISTENCE

Chicago Railway Restaurants Have Gross Profits as High as 800 Per Cent.

[Associated Press by Leased Wire.] Chicago, March 10.—Railroad station restaurants in Chicago are the "biggest profiteers in existence," and their gross profit ranges from 80 to 800 per cent, Russell P. Poole, chairman of the city council cost of living committee, said yesterday in a report covering a survey.

Gross profits were listed by Mr. Poole as follows: Steak 186 to 200 per cent, pie 190 per cent, pork tenderloin 500 per cent, pork chops 441 per cent, coffee 809 per cent, cereals, average of 275 per cent.

ABOLISH PROHIBITION.

Ottawa, March 10.—A notice of motion to abolish prohibition in Wright county was presented before adjournment of the county council yesterday afternoon. The motion, which was sponsored by Mayor Moreau, of Galt, near Point, calls for the quashing of the dry by-law at the next meeting in June.

Bolshevik Soldiers Join the Revolvers

[Associated Press by Leased Wire.] Riga, March 10.—Three brigades of Bolshevik soldiers in Moscow have deserted and joined the revolutionary forces, it is stated in advices reaching here. The action of the soldiers was prompted by the very acute food situation at the Soviet capital.

RUSSIANS FROM U. S. IN THE REVOLUTION

Became Disgusted With Soviet Rule After Being Deported from U. S.

[Associated Press by Leased Wire.] The Hague, March 10.—According to the Royal correspondent of the Rotterdam Maasbode, Russian radicals recently deported from the United States are playing a prominent part in the new revolution in Russia.

This correspondent asserts the deported Russians had great expectations of Russia, but were bitterly disappointed when they found, he says, that the communistic regime represented "nothing but a sentence to an indefinite term of hard labor without adequate food."

THE DUKE REGRETS NEAR DEPARTURE

Governor General Says He Will Revisit Canada and May Go to Yukon.

[Canadian Press by Leased Wire.] Ottawa, March 10.—Addressing the annual meeting of the St. John Ambulance Association here yesterday, His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire, spoke of the regret he felt at his impending departure from Canada and after eulogizing Canada's war effort, said:

"There is no reason for fussy interference with people's general standards of living, but undoubtedly much could be accomplished in the ordinary course of everyday life to bring to the attention of the population conditions that might be remedied. We in Canada are fortunate in not having large congregations of human beings in a small area. With due attention from federal, provincial and municipal governments, there need be no difficulty in making regulations to prevent anything like slums in our great cities. There should be ample accommodation for living in our great industrial centres. It is easier to prevent slums than to remove them."

His Excellency said he certainly intended to come back to Canada and he might then visit the Yukon, which is almost the only part he has not seen.

TO USE STANDARD TIME.

Montpelier, Vt., March 10.—The legislature passed and Governor Hartsness signed yesterday a bill which will keep Vermont under standard time this summer. The provisions of the bill will not interfere with the operation of trains in such schedules as the railroads may provide.

Sinn Fein Establish Curfew For Crown Forces at Dublin

Warnings Posted Up That Any Soldiers or Policemen Found on the Streets of the City After Ten O'clock Are Liable to Be Shot.

[Associated Press by Leased Wire.] Dublin, March 10.—Notices establishing the "curfew for crown forces" were posted in a number of places throughout Dublin on Tuesday night. These notices, which were signed by "Irish Republican Army," gave warning that any soldiers or policemen seen on the streets after ten o'clock in the evening were liable to be shot.