

THE NEWS OF EUROPE

British Capitalists May Assist Bagdad Ry. Co.

British Labor Unions Seek New Legislation Regarding Strikes.

London, April 9.—Premier Balfour's last speech in parliament before the Easter recess was an important pronouncement on foreign affairs. He was very gloomy in regard to the Balkan situation, which, he said, never had been the cause of graver anxiety than was now the case.

The holiday recess enables the ministers to take stock. They have not received assurances that the Nationalist convention will sanction the land purchase bill when there is no home rule bill behind it.

Rumors that the German garrisons have been reinforced at several points near the frontier of Holland have not been confirmed. There has been no serious interruption to transit trade by the strike, and no pretext has yet been provided for the employment of German troops in Holland.

The Dutch Socialists and labor agitators are the unconscious allies of the German propagandists who are clamoring for the annexation of the Baltic kingdom and the lower countries as integral portions of the empire. The leaders of the labor revolt, instead of striving to render the railway and dockers' strike more effective, are drawing the building trades, bakers and other organizations into a political demonstration against the measures now before the Dutch parliament.

The strikers are as well disciplined as the military forces, and have quit work without showing signs of a lawless spirit. The revolt is being conducted like a well ordered political campaign, directed by experienced managers. Meanwhile great pressure has been brought to bear upon the ministry in favor of the modification of the clauses rendering picketing, persuasion and intimidation criminal offenses. Premier Kuyper is capable of making an ingenious compromise in a crisis when the industries of the country are thrown into disorder.

The British courts, by recent decisions, have made strikes almost impossible by exposing the labor unions to suits for damages for acts, for which the Dutch measure imposes heavy fines and imprisonment. British labor unions cannot rebel against the decisions of the highest court; they can only seek to secure the passage of a measure for legalizing the peaceful conduct of labor disputes, and sanctioning picketing for the specific purpose of obtaining or communicating information, or persuading "blacklegs" to abstain from work.

companies and the country must be very great. At Amsterdam the wheels of commerce have ceased to revolve. In the industries where labor has not declared a strike, capital has proclaimed a lockout. No vessels are being laden or unladen at the docks. At Rotterdam, one of the chief clearance ports of the continent, there is greater activity. The government has dispatched a warship thither, and has ordered three cruisers to hold themselves in readiness, and called up all the marines. In the chamber the first of the criminal clauses of the anti-strike bill was passed by a large majority.

Racing in English waters yesterday for the first time, the America cup challenger, in an exhaustive series of leeward and windward trials with Shamrock I., showed that she was more than able to hold her own with the old boat off the wind, and immensely superior to her in beating to windward.

English papers chronicle a very long list of disasters as a result of the terrible storm that raged over the British Isles during the first week in March. Buildings were blown down and people engulfed in the ruins, telegraph wires were blown down, bridges were damaged and many persons injured by the flying stones and bricks from falling chimneys, etc. Many vessels were wrecked and a number of others had very narrow escapes. Perhaps one instance showing the force of the storm will suffice: A serious and remarkable accident occurred about 5 a. m. on Friday, February 27th, when the storm was at its height, on the Furness railway. The rail-train from Carnforth to Whitehaven has to cross the River Leven on a high viaduct near Ulverston. On Friday it consisted of an engine and tender and eight passenger coaches, and a brake van at front and rear. The train had gained the middle of a viaduct when a terrific blast of wind struck it broadside, and blew the eight coaches over on their sides, only the engine and vans remaining on the rails. Several of the coaches were badly damaged, and it quickly became evident that a number of persons had been injured. Owing to the furious gale, which had blown down the telegraph poles on a wholesale scale, it was some time before assistance to anything like an adequate extent was forthcoming. Eventually gangs of men were set to work to right the coaches and extricate those pinned beneath or in the vehicles. By 8 o'clock it was found that no fewer than thirty-two persons had been more or less severely injured. Major Druitt, R. E., held a board of trade inquiry at Barrow on Wednesday respecting the overturning of the down mail train on the Leven-viaduct, near Ulverston, on February 27th. The evidence showed that the accident was due to the broken-down telegraph wire, which caused an insular to knock off the plug of a vacuum pipe, thus automatically bringing the train to a standstill in the center of the bridge. Before it could be restarted it was blown over, the engine and mail van alone remaining on the metals. The weight of the train was 140 tons, independently of the engine, which weighed 70 tons. Capt. Ward, harbor master at Barrow, deposed that the storm was the severest he had known for forty years, the anemometer registering 100 miles an hour, while in the frequent violent squalls the wind pressure reached 110 miles an hour. A telegram was read from the Duke of Devonshire, chairman of the company, inquiring as to the condition of the injured, all of whom, with one exception, were reported to be progressing satisfactorily.

BILLY'S BEATTIHOODS. Blessed is thee man with no arms for hee duzzent haf to shuvit snow. Blessed are thee heethuns for they do not haf too listen too long surmons. Blessed ar dogs for when they dye they are not askairt of hadeez or enny uther tropokal reegan. Blessed is thee drunkird foe hee iz happy at least haf of thee time, ennyhow. Blessed is thee man with whisk kutz for people cannot see his week chin. Blessed are thee hoboes for they doo nat haf to ware boiled shurts and dress-soots. Blessed is thee engaged cupie for they can begin to kwarrel just like married folks. Blessed is thee kid whose fathur iz ded for hee don't haf to ware enny made-ovur-trowers. Blessed is thee woman whoo has bin married twice for shee haz lurned not to be partickler. Blessed is thee man whose wife iz a poor cooker for hee iz not haf so apt to git dispeesie az thee other man. Blessed is thee yung mann with a homely sweathart for every uther yap inn thee town iz not hankering after hir. Blessed are thee ignorant for they never haf to buck up against Browning and Count de Mo tesquion and Hesen and thee uther littary duhs. Blessed ar thee common dabb for they doo not git intoo thee no-sap-pure and hav their family skeleton dragged out for exhibishun every tit-tal while. Blessed is thee man with a divorce for hee can goe rite out and try it agin.—Willie Smartweed in Chicago Chronicle.

GOLD RUN SULPHUR

Wages Raised on Gold Run Creek

Town at 244 Lower Dominion Continues to Grow—Cold Stops Sluicing.

The new company on Gold Run of which Dr. Wills is manager have raised the rate of wages and have put on about forty more men. The coming season will find Gold Run as busy as heretofore.

A large two story building is in course of erection at 244 Dominion, the site of the city of Palmer, by Lynch Bros. They intend to put in a large stock of general merchandise. The Golden Flat hotel at Palmer owned by Tromp & St. Jean is without doubt the most tastily equipped and neatly furnished house on this side of the dome. It contains what all roadhouses in the country should have—a bathroom in connection. These popular proprietors are being generously patronized by the traveling public.

The Orr & Tukey stage runs no longer to Gold Run by way of Sulphur creek. Instead it follows the ridge road from Hunker summit down Gold Run and terminates at the Grant roadhouse, 244 Dominion. Grant Crossam is their agent here and his hotel is their headquarters. However, Sulphur city is supplied by the above mentioned line with a daily stage from Beamish's hotel where it connects with their other lines of stages.

John Erlen has the contract for emplanting the poles for the new telephone line from Gold Run to the Grant roadhouse at Palmer city. It will be completed and ready for business in a week.

Frank Tyler, a wood merchant of Palmer city, recently received a letter from his wife, who is in Seattle, announcing the fact that he has another little mouth to feed. Frank is very much elated over the arrival of his heir.

It is expected that the coming summer will see the government road which runs down Sulphur as far as 32 below, extended to the new metropolis on 244 Dominion. The Brinston hotel at 32 below Sulphur has been renovated and very much enlarged by additions. It is now one of the most commodious buildings on the creek but is none too large to accommodate its steadily increasing army of boarders and transients.

Billy Shreeves, of 34 below, one of Sulphur's enterprising wood merchants has sold out his entire outfit and will shortly remove to Duncan creek where he will engage in freighting.

On 31 below the first cleanup proved far in excess of the owner's most sanguine expectations. This cleanup amounted to 116 ounces from the shovelling in of four men for sixteen hours. Similar pleasantly unexpected results are reported on many other claims.

On No. 4 below the big Drum Mining Company who are very heavily invested are operating on a larger scale than any other company in the country. The daily output is already enormous. This magnificent success is entirely due to the efficient management of this company's skillful superintendent, J. Reed.

Mrs. Wright who was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Ross, of No. 8 above has returned to Dawson.

Archie McBride of Griffin & McBride, No. 2 below, made a flying trip to Dawson this week. Notwithstanding the bad condition of the road Frank Mahan's mules on Sunday last hauled the largest load of live stock ever seen on Sulphur.

J. McFongal has resigned his position as foreman of repair work on the Sulphur highway after a long tenure of faithful service and has accepted a position as collector and traveller with the N. A. T. & T. Company.

Miss E. Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Mcarty are operating a large boarding house on No. 6 above.

The appointment of Arthur Wilson as license inspector is the most popular one that could possibly have been made. His many friends among mining men congratulate him.

Long Time Ago Near the lake where droop'd the willow, Where the rock threw back the billow, Low, Brighter than snow, Dwelt a maid, beloved and cherished, By high and low, But with Autumn's leaf she perished, Long time ago!

Rock and tree and flowing water, Long time ago! Bee and bird and blossom taught her Love's spell to know! While to my fond words she listened, Murmuring low, Tenderly her dove-eyes glistened, Long time ago!

Mingled were our hearts for ever! Long time ago! Can I now forget her?—Never! No, lost one, no! To her grave these tears are given, Ever to flow! She's the star I miss'd from heaven, Long time ago. Job Printing at Nugget office.

SPLENDID CONDITION

Much Work Done on the Athletic Field.

Scraped and Levelled by the Road Making Machine Until it is Better Than Ever.

Every day the barracks grounds resembles more clearly the play ground that it is intended to be in this summer. During the past week upon several different occasions the territorial road machine has been employed in leveling up the ground, cutting down the small elevations and filling the little depressions so that now the surface is almost as smooth and level as a billiard table. Within another day or two the ground will be sufficiently dry for practice when by the courtesy of Sergeant-Major Tucker it will be literally taken possession of by the devotees of the summer sport such as baseball, cricket, lacrosse, etc. It is to be hoped the public will not fail to appreciate the kindness of the police department in thus allowing their grounds which at their own expense have been put in condition for play to be used indiscriminately merely for the asking.

Hereafter the entrance for the public will be by way of Fifth avenue instead of through the barracks square on First avenue which will allow the police more privacy than has been customary when the crowds

Then came a groan of woeful sound, The bride, O! where was she? Meaning imply o'er the rail, And pleading with the sea.

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were wont to tramp by the very front doors of the officers' and sergeants' messes. In addition to the turn stile in the east fence a bridge has been put across the Fifth avenue drain and a gate large enough to accommodate a team, the gate and bridge being on a line with the bridge over the slough immediately to the rear of the police hospital.

Yesterday the tennis court in which Sergeant-Major Tucker takes a special pride was dry enough for play and was marked out for the season. It is the only dirt court in the city and is in excellent condition.

In the laying out of the baseball diamond the position of such will be considerably changed over what it has been heretofore owing to the erection of the grand stand last year. The batter's plate will be moved away from its former position in front of the hospital and will be placed east and a little south, in closer proximity to the grand stand and the play will be rather diagonally across the field instead of straight up and down. Before the first league game is pulled off it is the intention of the managers to see to the erection of a permanent backstop and also the placing in position of a wire screen over that portion of the grand stand reserved for ladies as a matter of protection from foul balls.

The lacrosse men are becoming more and more enthusiastic and last night there were a few out for practice in passing the ball. There is but little doubt but that there will be two or three lacrosse teams in the field this year and if the games are well played and show science instead of slugging the sport will prove a strong rival to baseball in the race for popularity.

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GRAND MUSICAL

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Excellent Program Prepared by Earnest Searelle—The Sale of Tickets Large.

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Mr. Ernest Searelle, Quartette, "The Lost Chord," Sullivan Mesdames Ritchie and Thompson, Messrs. McMeekin and Bozorth, Song, "The Angel's Serenade" Braga

Mrs. P. R. Ritchie, with violin obligato by Mr. Dorand, Recitation, French Canadian Dialogue, Mr. Frank Johnson, Organ solo, (a) "Offertoire in G" Felebere-Wely (b) "The Enchanted Habarber" Mr. Ernest Searelle-Duet, selected Mesdames Walker and Terry, Violin solo, "Decrease" from "Jocelyn" Godard

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