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Transport Men and The Railway Men Vote Strike To Help Miners' Cause

ENGLAND FACE TO FACE WITH INDUSTRIAL CRISIS OF UNPRECEDENTED PROPORTIONS

The Condition of Return of Pumpmen to Posts Blocks Conference of Miners and Owners—Government Call for Volunteers for Essential Services—Royal Proclamation for Army and Navy Reserves.

London, April 8.—Members of the National Federation of Transport Workers and of the National Union of Railwaymen, which organizations have voted to support the miners in the great coal strike, decided this morning upon a strike by the two unions.

This brings the entire power of the "triple alliance" of labor into the greatest industrial controversy in England for many years.

Official announcement that the "triple alliance" had decided upon a strike was made a little after noon today.

A general strike of the railwaymen and transport workers will be called unless the striking miners and the owners of British coal pits reach an agreement.

Premier Lloyd George's invitation to mine owners and their employees to confer on the situation set the hour of the meeting at noon, but some time after that hour the miners still were undecided whether to accept.

After the consultation between the transport workers and the railroad men, J. H. Thomas, a leader of the railroaders, emerged from the conference room, appearing much distressed.

"A triple alliance strike has been decided upon," he declared. "It will be controlled by the joint executives of these three bodies, which will meet this afternoon to take charge and make necessary arrangements."

Hope that the miners and the owners might meet with government officials to discuss means of settling the strike, were apparently blasted a little after noon, when it was announced that the miners had refused to meet their employers.

They based their refusal upon the fact that the mine owners had accepted the government's proposal of a conference on condition that the striking pumpmen and engineers would return to work at once, pending negotiations of the difficulties which caused the strike.

The government also intends to enroll special constables and form a special emergency force for a period of ninety days to protect the police in the execution of their duty.

London, April 8.—The miners reassembled at two thirty o'clock to consider the government's reply to their refusal to confer. It was understood that in his reply the premier asked the miners to meet the owners at 8 p. m.

The answer of the miners was that the conditions laid down providing that the safety of the mines must first be discussed stood in the way of the resumption of the negotiations.

The premier in his reply, it developed, had reiterated that the safety of the mines must be discussed and disposed of before other matters were taken up.

The original invitation from the premier for a meeting between the miners and owners to be held at noon, was contained in identical letters to the Mining Association and the Miners' Federation.

Each body was invited to meet "to deal in the first instance with the question of pumping and the preservation of the mines," the letter suggesting "that this matter should be disposed of before any other question is entered upon."

Fall to Get Together.

London, April 8.—Representatives of the striking British miners this afternoon refused to accept Premier Lloyd George's invitation to meet the owners of the mines on the conditions proposed, which were that the return of the pumpmen and engineers to the pits would be the first matter settled at the conference.

The mine owners, who had waited upwards of an hour for the appearance of the striking coal diggers, left the board of trade at one o'clock this afternoon.

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GREEK ARMY IN GRAVE DANGER

Turks Again in Advance in Brusa Sector

Wounded Greeks in Great Numbers Find Hospital Accommodations Inadequate—Seal of Nicene Creed Captured.

Paris, April 8.—Turkish Nationals have resumed their advance in the Brusa sector of Asia Minor, according to despatches received at the French foreign office.

Fears are entertained here for the safety of the entire Greek expeditionary force. The magnitude of the reverse suffered appears to be greater than first supposed. Six thousand wounded Greeks are said to be in hospitals in Brusa.

Athens, April 8.—Wounded soldiers are arriving in such numbers from the Smyrna and Brusa fronts that sanitary authorities are unable to care for them properly. Two thousand injured men arrived at Piraeus yesterday and found inadequate hospital accommodations.

Queen Sophie has appealed to the Red Cross in Paris for nurses and four classes of doctors have been called out by the government.

Angora, April 8.—Klasm Kara Balir, commander of Turkish Nationalist forces at Erzurum, has arrived here at the head of a cavalry division after a remarkable march from Armenia. Inik, a town near the Sea of Marmora has been captured by the Turkish Nationalists, says an official statement.

The Greek east of Brusa are being driven back to the sea. The Turkish losses at Eski Shehr were slightly less than those of the Greeks, which were estimated at 250 officers and 8,000 men.

The Greeks at Brusa are landing three divisions in Mudania. The Greek losses in artillery and motor trucks have been heavy, and there is no fresh material with which to replace them.

U. B. M. U. MEETING

The reception of reports from various committees occupied the attention of the quarterly executive meeting of the United Baptist Women's Missionary Union in session this morning in the German street Baptist Institute. The meeting opened last evening with Mrs. W. G. Clark, vice-president for New Brunswick, in the chair in the absence of the president, Mrs. David Hutchinson. Mrs. Hutchinson was present this morning.

Headline business in connection with the work of the union was dealt with and reports received.

Among those present from outside parishes are Mrs. W. G. Clark, Fredericton; Miss M. E. Hume, Hantsport, N. S., corresponding secretary; Mrs. C. S. McLearn, Middleton, N. S., provincial secretary; Mrs. C. H. Martell, Wolfville, N. S., representative of the Home Mission committee; Mrs. Mary Smith, Amherst, N. S., treasurer; Mrs. Prosser, Canada, N. S., Mission Band superintendent for Nova Scotia; Miss Augusta Slipp, Hampstead, N. B., provincial secretary for New Brunswick; Mrs. Hubley, Tyrn, P. E. I. The meetings are being continued this afternoon.

CANADA'S FIRE LOSSES.

Toronto, April 8.—Fire losses in Canada during March, 1921, according to the Monetary Times, aggregated \$2,112,200, as compared with \$1,708,200 in March, 1920. This makes a total of \$7,085,000 for the first three months of 1921, compared with \$6,326,625 for the same period last year.

HAINES-STURGEON

Earl J. Haines of Durham Bridge and Miss Violet H. Sturgeon of Donkton, were married at Fredericton by Rev. Z. L. Fash, Wednesday afternoon. They will make their home in Devon.

HONOR COMES TO PRINCE ALBERT OF MONACO

Paris, April 8.—Prince Albert of Monaco will sail on Saturday for New York on his way to Washington, to receive the Alexander A. Sargent gold medal awarded him in recognition of his scientific marine researches.

THE CUSTOMS HOUSE

Collector Lockhart says that checks are still coming into the customs house made out to inland revenue. All checks should be made payable to the collector of customs and excise.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram" said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "have you any beavers in the Settlement?"

"We got some that has been worn in every procession an' funeral since the Loyalists landed," said Hiram.

"I was not alluding to hats," said the reporter.

"Well," said Hiram, "that's the only kind of beavers we got out there."

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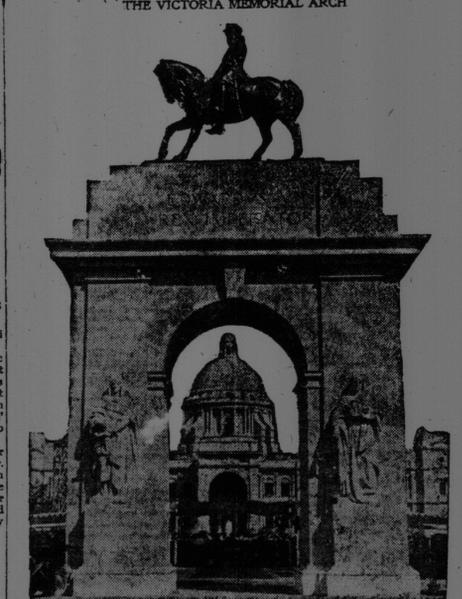
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This beautiful arch was unveiled recently in Calcutta, India, in memory of the late King Edward VII. It was donated by King George V, and unveiled by the Duke of Connaught.

PACKERS SUING U. S. GOVERNMENT

Millions Involved in Actions Over Some War Contracts.

Washington, April 8.—Arguments were made in the United States court of Claims yesterday in four test actions known as "the packers' cases," to recover from the government approximately \$6,000,000 for damages sustained, it is alleged, by refusal of the war department to accept 68,000,000 pounds of beef and bacon ordered by the U. S. food administration in December, 1918.

The actions have been brought by Armour & Company, Swift & Company, Miller & Hart, and Morris & Company. The decision is expected to affect other suits contemplated by packers, involving an aggregate of over \$5,000,000.

FATAL REVOLVER BATTLE FOUGHT IN CHICAGO STREET

Chicago, April 8.—Policeman John Tracy and Robert Nidich are dying. Matthew Lalic died early today, and two others are suffering from wounds received in a street fight in the south Chicago steel mill district last night. As Tracy and Policeman John M. White, who was wounded in the hand, met a party of three steel workers, a quarrel began, it was said, when the policemen, in plain clothes, were crowded off the sidewalk. The steel workers opened fire and by the time both sides had emptied their guns, all had been wounded.

Captain Smith of the south Chicago police station said the three steel workers, not being familiar with the English language, may have thought the two policemen, in plain clothes, were robbers.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. P. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The eastern high pressure has passed to the Atlantic and the barometer is falling in the St. Lawrence Valley, while a shallow low is moving quickly northward across the Great Lakes. The weather is becoming milder in Quebec and the maritime provinces, but continues quite cold in the western provinces.

Forecasts—

Showery

Maritime—Fresh southerly winds, cloudy and milder, becoming showery. Saturday showery.

Gulf and North Shore—Fresh to strong south and southwest winds, milder and showery today and on Saturday.

New England—Rain tonight and Saturday, slightly rising temperature; fresh east to south winds.

Toronto, April 8.—Temperatures: Lowest 8 a. m. Yesterday night

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