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GERMANS REFUSE TO SIGN PROTOCOL

THOUSANDS FACING LOSS OF JOBS DUE TO COAL SHORTAGE IN U. S.; MANY TRAINS WILL BE CANCELLED

Lack of Bituminous Coal Has Already Forced Many Large Industries in Western States To Cease Operations—Majority of Strikers Adhere to Decision Not To Accept 14 Per Cent Wage Increase and Are Remaining Away From Mines—Few Men Are Returning to the Mines in Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia.

Chicago, Dec. 3.—Further disruption of national industry because of the fuel shortage brought about by the strike of bituminous coal miners, was in prospect today. Regional directors of railroads had authority to cancel passenger trains where the public could be least inconvenienced, and many additional manufacturing plants throughout the country faced shutdowns either through exhaustion of their coal supplies or the strict rationing decreed by the fuel administrator.

State executives who under appeals from their constituents for aid, have sought ways and means for replenishing the dwindling fuel supply, today virtually were without encouragement as regarded increased production. Only in isolated instances were there reports of a change of front on the part of the miners. Generally the workers adhered to their attitude of remaining away from the mines, until better terms than the 14 per cent wage increase offered by the Government were forthcoming.

A slight ray of hope, however, was found in optimistic reports from operators of the district embracing South-eastern Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia that the decision of the miners here had been broken, the return to work of miners at one small mine in Missouri with the statement that they could not see their neighbors suffer, and adoption by miners of one West Virginia sub-district of a resolution favoring a general return to work under the 14 per cent wage increase "until a satisfactory adjustment is made."

Thousands to Lose Jobs
On the other hand, cutting off of electric advertising and other non-essential use of power and fuel, with the added prospect of further curtailment of industry brought to the general public a rather gloomy outlook. Some regional coal directors estimated that with the cessation of working staffs already made or threatened, should the strike not be broken immediately, the number of jobs thrown out of work would soon surpass several times over the approximately four hundred thousand mine workers involved in the walkout. Conditions at the mines today showed no appreciable change from yesterday. There was no indication of an intention to resume production in the great central competitive field, Illinois, Indiana, Western Pennsylvania and Ohio.

As miners' leaders talked of possible extension of the strike to the anthracite fields, there were reports from Indiana, Pennsylvania and Ohio, that the Government had concluded to institute contempt proceedings being convinced that the injunction issued against the strike had been violated.

West Is Hit Hardest
In the eastern part of the country, where the effects of the strike so far have not been felt as heavily as farther west, the Bethlehem Steel Company today had been forced to order hunked one of its North Lebanon, Pa., stacks. It was announced that unless there was an early delivery of coal the stack would be blown out, and that because of the fuel situation no additional men now were being employed.

Among the many industries forced to close or facing a shutdown in the west was the Anaconda Copper Mining Company in Montana. Officials announced that preparations were being made to close all that company's mines and smelters in Montana, which would throw 12,000 men out of employment.

8,000 MEN THROWN
OUT OF WORK DUE
TO COAL SHORTAGE
Gary, Ind., Dec. 3.—Eight thousand steel workers were thrown out of work today when the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company announced that manufacturing operations of its kind in the world, was forced to close because of the fuel shortage.

All mills of the company were forced to be shut down completely and reports reached here that the company's plants at Elwood, Ind., employing four thousand to five thousand persons also had banked its fires.

BECK DECLARES THAT
HYDRO RAILWAY WILL
PARALLEL THE G. T. R.
Sir Adam Advises St. Catharines Officials Not To Renew C. N. R. Franchise.
MAY GET MORE LINES
Claims District Will Be Given Best Paying Electrical Road in Ontario.

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UNITED STATES TAXES WILL NOT BE LOWER FOR THE NEXT YEAR

Secretary of Treasury Submits Annual Report to Congress.

HUGE SUMS ARE NEEDED
Expenditures For Year Ending June 30, 1920, Estimated Over Five Billions.

Washington, Dec. 3.—No appreciable reduction in taxes for the next fiscal year is to be thought of, Secretary Glass declared in his annual report today to Congress. Government receipts must be kept at their present figure, he said, in order to bring Government borrowing to an end.

Pacing expenditures estimated at \$5,000,000,000 for the year ending June 30, 1920, and \$4,478,886,355 for the year ending June 30, 1921, the Government must enforce rigid economy, Mr. Glass declared. He placed the deficit for the current year at \$3,925,000,000 and for the year ending June 30, 1921, at approximately \$2,005,000,000.

On this basis, Mr. Glass urged Congress to deny "every appropriation for expenditure in its new field." He said the same policy should obtain, until the Government has its sinking fund well under way, and repayment of the war debt "satisfactorily begun."

Mr. Glass charged that excessive Government expenditures were "the most vital factor" in increasing the cost of living and argued that it was urgently necessary to keep down public expenses for this reason, as well as because of the drain on the taxpayers.

The present revenue laws need revising to meet the new conditions, he said. He referred particularly to the excessive profits tax laws, which he described as being "objectionable even as a war-time expedient." It would be still more objectionable as a permanent device.

Less harmful forms of deriving funds for the Government should be employed, the secretary said, adding that the excess profits tax had been continued on page three.

SHRINERS ARE HERE
FOR FALL SESSION;
BROUGHT THE GOAT
Twelve Hundred in City From Many Points.

MEETINGS ARE PRIVATE
And Will Continue Into Early Hours of Thursday Morning.

Two hundred new members of the Masonic order will cross the burning sands at the semi-annual convention of the Shriner at the Masonic Hall this evening. Altogether 1,200 Shriner will attend the convention.

This morning and this afternoon were occupied with business meetings, and the extending of welcomes to the visiting patrol. From all Western Ontario and places as far away as Sault Ste. Marie, Saginaw, Grand Rapids and Detroit, delegates journeyed to the local oasis. Many of the patrols were met by the band of Mocha Temple, but with varying degrees of success.

At noon a parade, in which was a lion's head, proceeded through the city streets.

During the afternoon discussions of subjects pertaining to the welfare and progress of the order took place. From 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. a buffet lunch will be served at the temple.

Not until early on Thursday morning are the ceremonies expected to be concluded.

WINDSOR GIRL KILLED,
ANOTHER IS INJURED,
AT LEVEL CROSSING
Young Women Failed To Regard Warning and Passed Around Gates.

Windsor, Dec. 3.—Miss Hazel Oliver, aged 20, was killed, and Miss Lauretta Denison, aged 18, was injured and is now in hospital in a serious condition from a fractured skull and spinal injuries, as the result of a collision that occurred on the M. C. R. tracks today.

Both girls are residents of Jackson's corner, and had just left the automobile driven by Miss Oliver's sister, the dead girl, and were crossing the tracks at the intersection of the Windsor branch when an M. C. R. engine, which was backing into the roundhouse, struck them.

Eye-witnesses of the accident declared the girls paid no heed to the guards of the railway company, which were down at the time, but ran around the end of the long arms and attempted to cross the tracks.

THE EXPERT



—Satterfield, for Newspaper Enterprise Association.

DOUBT EXISTS AS TO WHETHER VALUATION OF STREET RAILWAY WILL BE IN TIME FOR VOTING

Just What Progress Valuers Are Making Is Unknown As Also Are Numbers of Those At Work.

"There is no official assurance yet that the valuation of the street railway will be completed in time for a vote of the electors to be taken on the matter of the purchase of the street railway," Mayor Somerville stated today.

The hydro valuers are still working on the road. If the work is to be completed in time for the vote, the street railway committee before the end of this week, so that that body may consider it and send it to the council. The special committee will also have to determine whether the valuation is acceptable to the city, and also whether it will prove acceptable to the street railway in the event of the people favoring the purchase.

If there is no hitch at this point, the council will hold a special meeting Monday to pass the necessary bylaws sending the matter to the people.

Little time—Much work. The law requires that bylaws be advertised for three weeks before an election. In this case that means that the first advertisement must appear on December 11. The council meeting will be held December 8.

SEVEN VESSELS ARE DESTROYED BY FIRE One Man Missing and Several Injured in Conflagration Near Baltimore.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 3.—Two wharves of the Calumet Lumber Company at Canton, a suburb, the state oyster steamer Governor McLean, and six other vessels were destroyed, and four steamers slightly damaged by fire early today.

One man is missing and a score of others had a narrow escape. The crew of nine on board the McLean were obliged to jump overboard to escape the flames. Several of the men were taken to the hospital suffering from exposure.

RATE OF STERLING
EXCHANGE FALLS TO
ITS LOWEST LEVEL
Demand Bills for Pound Are Quoted at \$3.89 1/2.

New York, Dec. 3.—The rate on sterling exchange fell to the lowest level in history today, when demand bills for pound sterling were quoted at \$3.89 1/2, which is 3 1/2 cents below yesterday's final quotation. The normal rate of sterling exchange is \$4.87.

Rates on French exchange also developed new low records, franc checks being quoted at 10.17 for the American dollar or less than half their pre-war value. Lire checks were quoted at 12.37 for the dollar, as compared with a normal rate of about five to the dollar, while German marks, quoted at 23 and 24 each before the war, dropped today to 2.50.

RATE TO GO LOWER.
London, Dec. 3.—The break in American exchange to \$3.85, while considered serious from a trade viewpoint, is due to the same conditions previously prevailing, the huge indebtedness of Great Britain to the United States, which the cotton still to come from that country.

No official action has been taken to meet the situation, and in the market circles the opinion is expressed that the rate will go still lower. Today's decline unsettled continental exchanges, which moved against this country.

COUNT KAROLYI IS
BARRED FROM CASINO
Budapest, Tuesday, Dec. 2.—Count Michael Karolyi, former Hungarian premier, has been barred from the National Casino on a charge of having committed "treasonable offences."

EVERY CHURCH NOW DOWN TO REAL BUSINESS

All Report Great Activity in Big Forward Movement.

INTERESTING ADDRESSES
Members of Each Denomination Tell Convention What Is Being Done.

Reports of the progress of the Inter-Church Forward Movement in the five denominations constituting the great church alliance in the united national campaign, constituted an important feature of the morning session in the armories of the United National Campaign Interchurch Forward Movement convention, which is being brought to a close this evening.

As an introduction to this the Bishop of Huron delivered a stirring address on "The United National Campaign," and Rev. J. H. Arnpel led the discussion of plans and progress.

Foreign Missions.
The foreign mission aspect of the movement was ably given by Rev. A. Scott of Central India, in an address on "The Call of India." Referring to the great alliance of the churches of Canada in the forward movement, the Bishop of Huron declared that the churches are only doing what has already been done in a political and military way in the great war.

One of the speakers declared that the movement began some fifteen months ago and before it had proceeded very far, those identified with it were deeply impressed by the experiences of the war. It was felt that recognition was due to Almighty God for immunity from war conditions in Canada, for the peace of life enjoyed here as compared with other countries involved in the war.

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LADY ASTOR BREAKS PARLIAMENTARY RULE

Transgresses One of Laws of Commons, But Does It Unknowingly.

London, Dec. 3.—Lady Astor had her first experience in being called to order last evening in the House of Commons, when she jointly transgressed one of the canons of the house. She was returning to her seat after voting a measure, and stopped to chat with another member "within the bar," where nobody is allowed to stand.

Speaker called "Order," but Lady Astor, unaware she was addressed, continued talking. Thereupon the Speaker raised his voice and repeated his warning. Lady Astor turned quickly, realized her mistake, stepped quickly to her seat, and continued her conversation there.

LLOYD GEORGE MADE NO PLEDGE REGARDING HOME RULE QUESTION

Bonar Law Announces No Such Promise Was Made to U. S. Delegates.

London, Dec. 3.—Premier Lloyd George gave no pledge of any kind to the American representatives at the peace conference that in consideration of the question of Irish self-government not being dealt with by the conference, the British Government would, as soon as possible after the signing of the peace treaty, settle the Irish question on a home rule basis.

This statement was made by Andrew Bonar Law, the Government's spokesman in the House of Commons, in reply to a question in the House today.

FREIGHT HANDLERS' STRIKE AT ST. JOHN IS SETTLED

Men Accept Offer of C. P. R. for Fifty-Three Cents an Hour.

St. John, N.B., Dec. 3.—The strike of freight handlers at the port of St. John has been settled, the strikers last night accepting an offer of the C. P. R. of 53 cents per hour, subject, however, to a decision of a conciliation board on the rates of 55 and 62 cents an hour, for former the compromise offer of the company, and the latter the lowest offer of the men.

The original offer of the C. P. R. was 5 cents, while the men went out for 65 cents. In the meantime the men will return to work. Fred A. Campbell, president of the trades and labor council, has been named as the men's representative on the board of conciliation.

PROCLAIMED INDEPENDENT STATE
Vienna, Dec. 3.—Christian and Socialist deputies have presented a formal resolution in the Vorarlberg Diet declaring that province a free and independent state. The action was taken, it is said, with a view to annexing Vorarlberg to Switzerland.

GERMANY REFUSES TO SIGN PROTOCOL TO PEACE PACT, CONFERENCE IS NOTIFIED

Baron Kurt von Lersner, Head of the German Delegation, Declares His Government Has Decided Not To Sign the Guarantee That Armistice Terms Will Be Put Into Effect—Germany's Refusal Brought About, It Is Claimed, by Failure of United States Senate To Ratify Peace Treaty.

Paris, Dec. 3.—Germany has decided not to sign the protocol presented her by the Allies as a condition for putting the peace treaty into effect, the peace conference has been notified.

It was learned today that Baron Kurt von Lersner, head of the German delegation here, called on Secretary Dastuta of the conference on Monday and told him that Germany had made such a decision.

This attitude is taken as confirming the reports of a sharp reaction in Germany within the last fortnight. Trained observers of German developments have expressed to members of the peace conference the view that there has been a complete transformation of the situation in Germany, brought about, in their opinion, by the failure of the United States Senate to ratify the peace treaty.

These observers declare that while the vast majority of the Germans, before the senate's adjournment, desired the peace treaty ratified as soon as possible, they are now supporting the Government's attitude in resisting the demands of the Allies for indemnity for the sinking of the German fleet at Scapa Flow, recompense for which was provided for in the protocol. The question upon which the German representatives here, however, appear most sensitive is the insistence upon the trial of German officers accused of the commission of crimes in France and Belgium.

Thus far, it is stated, no indications have reached Paris of any disposition on the part of the Germans to modify their attitude.

PROTESTS AGAINST INCREASED ARMAMENT

Paris, Dec. 3.—The supreme council today addressed a note to Germany protesting against the increase of Germany's armament contrary to the provisions of the peace treaty.

FORMS NEW CABINET CARRANZA IS GIVEN FREE HAND TO DEAL WITH U. S. QUESTION

Mexican Senate Gives President Unlimited Power.

Mexico City, Dec. 2.—The solution of difficulties arising out of international affairs with the United States were entrusted to President Carranza without legislative initiative by the Senate at a secret session held yesterday. Relations with the United States were declared during the session as being "very delicate."

CARRANZA CALLS CONFERENCE.
San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 3.—President Carranza called a secret session of the House of Ministers at his official residence, Chapultepec Castle, last Sunday. It is reported here in a private message from Mexico City to a prominent Mexican. According to the message the session was called to discuss the international situation between Mexico and the United States.

confering with his advisers President Carranza, it was said, decided to send telegrams to the governors of all states notifying them to meet him in conference for the discussion of methods to restore peace in the republic.

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN VIENNA GROWING SERIOUS

Vienna, Tuesday, Dec. 2.—All foreign representatives in Vienna have been requested by the cabinet council to attend a meeting tomorrow at which there will be given facts and figures relative to the economic situation. It has been requested that the representatives telegraph immediate representations to Paris on the gravity of the situation and the necessity for relief.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 25; lowest, 16.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 19; lowest, 5.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD.
Toronto, Dec. 3—5 a.m. Forecasts:
Moderate winds, a few light local snowfalls or furies, but mostly fair; cold today and on Thursday.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria. 33. 28. Clear.
Calgary. 38. 25. Fair.
Fort. Arthur. 4. 6. Fair.
Perry Sound. 15. 6. Snow.
Port Stanley. 24. 10. Clear.
Buffalo. 25. 10. Cloudy.
Toronto. 28. 8. Cloudy.
Kingston. 28. 0. Cloudy.
Ottawa. 28. 0. Clear.
Quebec. 12. 0. Clear.
Father Point. 10. 0. Clear.
Minus (—) means below zero.

Weather Notes.
The cold wave is drawing southward being now centred in Iowa.
In the Western Provinces and over Lake Superior the temperature is moderating.
A few light snowfalls have occurred in Ontario and Quebec, and a moderate snowfall in Nova Scotia.

MC GILL STUDENTS CREATE ALL KINDS OF EXCITEMENT

Montreal, Dec. 2.—Following a banquet given at the Windsor Hotel last night by the freshmen of the medical class of McGill, a band of students about 200 strong, marched down St. Catherine street uttering the college yell, pulled rotary poles off the wires, and finally forced their way into the Princess Theatre, breaking up the show and trampling in a body on the stage during the act. Thence they went to the Jardin de Danse. The police reserves prevented the students from entering the dance hall. Manager Wright of the Princess says he will take action against the students.

TWENTY CITIES IN STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS VOTE FOR LIQUOR LICENSES

Boston, Mass., Dec. 3.—A marked feature of the municipal elections in twenty Massachusetts cities yesterday was the fact that every one of them cast a majority of votes in favor of granting liquor licenses. It was well known to the voters that in view of the coming national prohibition the holding was a mere formality. State legal authorities, however, ruled that as the state prohibition law had not been repealed, the question must appear on the ballots.