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MINERS' TROUBLE.
LONDON, Feb. 26. Executive Committee of the Welsh Miners' Federation to-day announced that the delegates to the conference, which is to determine whether there shall be a strike on March 15, a recommendation that the government offer for a commission to inquire into the situation, and that the date of the strike should be postponed for five days until March 20th. Justice of the Peace, who will be chairman of the commission, has promised the commission would make a report on the most important questions on March 20th. The delegates representing the miners in South Wales are expected to arrive in London on the original date for opening of work.

CLEMENCEAU OUT AGAIN.
PARIS, Feb. 26. Clemenceau left his residence this afternoon for the first time since he was shot last Wednesday. A large crowd had gathered outside his house in the hope of seeing the Premier, although the hour was kept secret. Cheers and cries of "Vive Clemenceau" arose as he stepped from the house and entered an automobile with Dr. Laubrey. The Premier's face, which showed signs of the fever he had been through, bore a pained smile as he acknowledged the greetings.

FINANCIAL INVESTIGATION ENDED.
PARIS, Feb. 26. The financial commission of the peace conference to-day ended its investigation into financial conditions. The commission soon will submit its report to the council of ten.

MISSING PRISONERS.
LONDON, Feb. 26. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Capt. Guest said that the number of officers and other ranks officially accepted as war prisoners who had not yet been accounted for by the Germans, is approximately 3,000, including the Imperial and Colonial troops and the navy, but excluding Indians. It was not expected that many were alive. As a result of a recent search in Germany sixteen sick and wounded prisoners were reported, and remained because it was not advisable to move them.

Three medical orderlies were left to attend to them, while their quarters were comfortable and in charge of the Anglo-French medical authorities, American Y.M.C.A., and the Danish Red Cross. There was also a small number of men desirous of remaining in Germany for various reasons.

TO FACILITATE FLYING.
LONDON, Feb. 26. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—With a view to facilitating commercial flying, the Meteorological section of the Air Force is introducing wonderful schemes by which, regarding the weather conditions in the upper air, special box kites carrying delicate instruments, can be flown at a very great height from the sterns of Atlantic liners in order to obtain the latest reports for prospective Atlantic pilots.

LUDENDORFF SEEKS VINDICATION.
BERLIN, Feb. 26. General Ludendorff, who is credited with having been the guiding mind in the final German offensive in the west, has addressed to President Ebert, through the German Legation at Copenhagen, a communication announcing his return to Germany and requesting that a court of inquiry be convened for the purpose of requiring from him the vindication to which he declares he is entitled. "It is necessary on behalf of my country and myself," Gen. Ludendorff said, "that full charity prevail in respect to my conduct during the years of the war and as to where the roots of our misfortune are really to be found."

DISCUSSING FRONTIER QUESTIONS.
PARIS, Feb. 26. The Allied representatives at their meeting at the Quai d'Orsay to-day discussed the allotting to commissions for consideration of frontier questions affecting enemy states. According to an official announcement this evening the conditions under which Belgian chains and the problems thereof shall be considered were laid down.

SKIRMISHING CONTINUES.
WARSAW, Feb. 25. Skirmishing between Poles and Germans continues. Some fighting was witnessed by Colonel Wm. R. Grove, of the United States Food Mission, 40 miles west of Kalisz, near Kropotchin where he arrived during a light cannonade and machine gun fire. Twenty-four Poles were wounded.

BOLSHEVIK SACRILEGE.
WARSAW, Feb. 25. The Bolsheviki in Vilna have turned the famous church at St. John into a theatre. Construction of this edifice was begun in 1288.

FOCH TO VISIT U.S.
OTTAWA, Feb. 25. Private advices to New York from France state that Marshal Foch is to visit the United States in March and the hundred Jesuit colleges throughout the United States are to unite in presenting him with a sword of gold. No word of his intended visit to America has been received here, but the local authorities intimated that when he arrived on this side of the Atlantic every effort will be made to have him visit Ottawa.

BISHOP HAYES SUCCESSOR.
NEW YORK, Feb. 25. The appointment of Bishop Patrick J. Hayes as Archbishop of New York, succeeding the late Cardinal John M. Farley, was announced to-day at the Archiepiscopal residence by Monsignor Dunn, chancellor of the diocese.

A GENERAL APPEAL.
MUNICH, Feb. 26. The workmen's and soldiers' council has sent a wireless despatch addressed to the proletariat of all countries appealing to them to assist

the council to realize a peace which will give the German proletariat the possibility of new life. The despatch says the Bavarian Government is temporarily a Government by the workmen's and soldiers' council.

BEGINNING TO QUARREL.
BERLIN, Feb. 26. (By the A.P.)—Special despatches from Mannheim to-day report that peasant revolts are breaking out in various districts in Baden as the result of friction between the workmen's councils and the peasants. The peasants, it is said, are resentful at the dictatorship of the Soviets.

HEAVY DEATH RATE.
LONDON, Feb. 26. Death from influenza increased at an alarming rate last week, according to official figures issued to-day. The total number of deaths from this cause in 26 great towns of England and Wales was 3046, as compared with 1363 in the preceding week.

OVERSEAS BANK.
LONDON, Feb. 26. (Via Reuter's.)—The Times announces that the new overseas bank's capital will amount to about \$10,000,000 and be divided into ordinary and preference shares, the former being subscribed by the banks participating in the venture and the latter by the general public. The preference shares, besides ranking preferably with regard to capital and dividend of six per cent, will participate in the scheme, the "Times" points out, represents an entirely new development of British banking enterprises. It will aim at providing additional facilities for the British import and export trade and developing closer working arrangements between the constituent banks, each of which covers a different territory. The new institution will establish branches abroad and thus have the participating banks from each having to open separate branches abroad in order to enter for business outside the territory in which they now operate.

A BACK DOWN.
CAPE TOWN, Feb. 26. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—At a meeting of the Nationalist members of Parliament, it was decided to accept the Admiralty offer of a warship to convey the Nationalist delegation to England and to Paris, where arguments in favor of establishment of a Republic in South Africa will be advanced.

IMPORTANT!
LONDON, Feb. 26. Great Britain has issued a challenge for the Davis tennis cup, it was announced to-day. The Davis International challenge cup was donated by Dwight F. Davis, is now held by Australia. Players from that country having won the trophy at New York in July 1914.

DOMINIONS' NAVIES.
LONDON, Feb. 26. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—Replying to Lieut. Colonel Burgoyne, Right Hon. Walter Long, First Lord of the Admiralty, stated in the House of Commons to-day that the Imperial government had offered the Australian government six modern destroyers and six modern submarines, and that two submarines had been presented to Canada. Requests made by other dominions, said Mr. Long would receive the most sympathetic consideration. Mr. Long emphasized the fact that the Australian navy was in an advanced stage of development. Colonel Burgoyne asked if the two submarines given to Canada were the same two which had been taken from her or were they additional. Mr. Long replied, "I really cannot say."

IN HONOR OF PRINCESS PAT.
LONDON, Feb. 26. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—The king and queen gave an evening party at St. James' Palace last evening in honor of the marriage of Princess Patricia and Commander Ramsey.

As their Majesties were in mourning for Prince John they did not attend the party in person, but other royalties were present and by receiving the visitors. Refreshments were served in the banquetting hall and picture gallery, and the whole

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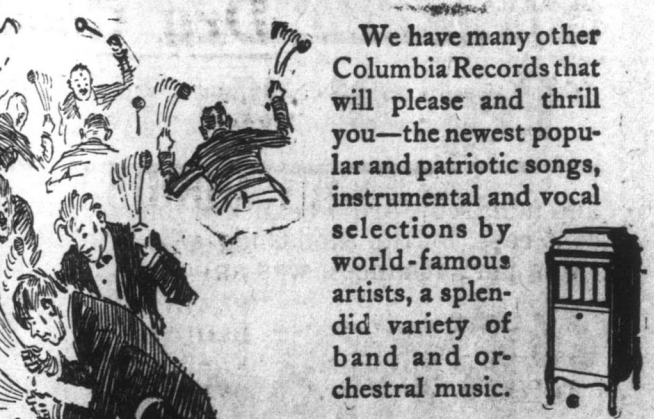
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