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### Spinnners Strike May Have Disastrous Result.

No Curtailment of Naval Programme--All German Communications to be Addressed to Allies--Making Friends With British--President Will Visit Pope--Universal Demand for Kaiser's Punishment.

#### SPINNERS ON STRIKE.

LANCASHIRE, Dec. 9. A strike of 100,000 cotton spinners in Lancashire, which has been in progress since the 1st inst., has increased to forty per cent. in wages in full swing in Lancashire. Only a few have conceded the men's terms. Fifty million spindles are idle. As the stock of yarns is low the weaving will soon have to close, throwing out of employment an additional 100,000 people.

#### LONG'S VIEW.

LONDON, Dec. 8. The Reuters' Ottawa Agency.—Hon. Walter Long, speaking at a luncheon, said that not only must Germany be tried but that Germany must pay to the last farthing she owes, if it took her thirty years. He would be no party to calling Germany to pay a sum which would necessitate her receiving from the assistance as would enable her to begin the old game of dumping on our market. We must see Germany in England went to her own country. He pointed out that they had made up their minds to colonial preference to the Dominions, Crown Colonies and Protectorates. The Government offered this unconditionally and were determined that the dominions and protectorates should have preference over possible.

#### CHURCHILL ON THE NAVY.

LONDON, Dec. 9. The Reuters' Ottawa Agency.—An article contributed by Winston Churchill, Minister of Munitions, in the Glasgow Sunday Post, says that no other State in the world is in the same position as Great Britain. Our safety from starvation, every means whereby we maintain our existence as an independent people, our unity as an empire, our federation of commonwealths, all these float from hour upon our naval defences. If our defence is neglected, weakened, we shall be in constant danger of subjugation or starvation. We should be forced to live in a state of anxiety. If that naval defences were overpowered or outwitted by any other navy or probability of a combination of navies we should hold, not merely our possessions, but our lives and liberties only. Where else in the world can such conditions be maintained? We must have the right to move from all other nations, and these alike, full recognition of our facts. We are also entitled to see that this naval strength we require and which we are determined to preserve, has never been in a modern history in a selfish, aggressive manner and that it has been used on separate occasions, in four centuries, against Phillip the Great of Spain, Louis XIV, Napoleon the Great, and Kaiser, successfully de-privileging from military by-standers, particularly preserved the independence of the low countries. The greatest of all wars the British shielded mighty America

from all menace of serious danger and when she resolved to act, it was the British navy that transported and escorted the greater proportion of her armies to the rescue and deliverance of France. Our record in a hundred years of unquestioned naval sway since Trafalgar, proves the sobriety of our policy and the righteousness of our intentions. Among the only ports in the world open freely to the commerce of all nations, were those of our islands. Its possessions and our coaling stations were used freely and fully by ships of all nations. We suppressed the slave trade, we put down piracy. We put it down again the other day. Even our coastwise traffic, so jealously guarded by every power in the world, was thrown open to all comers on even terms with that ancient people in whose keeping the world has been wisely ready to entrust the freedom of the seas. In conclusion Mr. Churchill says, We are sincere advocates of a League of Nations. Every influence Britain can bring to bear will be used to make such a league a powerful reality. This fine conception of President Wilson has been warmly welcomed by British democracies all over the world. We shall strive to faithfully and loyally carry it into being and keep it in active being and existence. But we must state quite frankly that a League of Nations cannot be for us a substitute for the British navy in any period that we can foresee.

#### BECOMING CORDIAL.

LONDON, Dec. 8. The German population west of the Rhine becomes more cordial in its attitude towards the British as Field Marshal Haig's troops move eastward. The armed men guarding the arms in the barracks talk without rancor of their experiences in the war against both the British and French. Danger signals are received at times and on occasions cavalry and machine guns are called for by the Germans for generally, I think, exaggerated fear of Bolshevik outbreaks of Russian character.

#### WILSON TO VISIT THE POPE.

PARIS, Dec. 9. The American Ambassador to Italy, Thomas Nelson Page, visited the Vatican yesterday and announced that President Wilson would pay an official visit to Pope Benedict and Cardinal Gasparri, the Papal Secretary of State on December 23, according to a despatch to the Temps from Rome today.

#### APPLY TO ALLIES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9. Notes were sent to Vienna and Berlin by the State Department today advising the German and Austrian Governments that the United States desires to receive no further communications from them which should properly be addressed to all the Allied nations.

#### EXTREMISTS DEMONSTRATE.

BERLIN, Dec. 8. (Via the A.P.)—Eager to make members of the Spartacus Party martyrs, as the result of Friday's rioting, the impression abroad concerning

Dr. Karl Liebknecht, the leader of this faction, lost no time in staging a particular open air meeting at the Tiergarten last night. His call for the meeting brought forth 4,000 munition workers who had responded to the demand for a general walkout. These men and women marched through Unter Den Linden to the Tiergarten until they reached the point where the avenue of victory insects the Charlottenburger crosses. There, Liebknecht mounted the base of one of the statues erected in honor of the Hohenzollerns and made an address. The semi-circle of Dr. Liebknecht's auditors was flanked on all sides by machine guns mounted on motor trucks which commanded all approaches. Liebknecht harangued the crowd in his familiar style indicating Premier Ebert, Philip Scheidemann and other "Kaiser Socialists" of complicity in Friday's rioting. He called upon the masses to organize red guards and beat off the attacks of counter revolutionists. At a later hour to-night Berlin was absolutely quiet.

#### ELECTION BAIT.

LONDON, Dec. 8. (British Wireless Service).—Herbert Asquith, the former Prime Minister, speaking at Rochdale, Lancashire, to-day ranged himself alongside those who have declared that the men responsible for the war and the atrocities shall receive adequate punishment.

#### WANTS TO SEE WILSON.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 8. President Wilson is invited to visit Cologne by the Volks Zeitung of that city, which suggests that representatives of the German Foreign Ministry meet him there. The independent republic of Schleswig-Holstein will soon be proclaimed according to the Weser Zeitung of Bremen.

#### VERDICT FOR S.S. HEATHCOTE.

MONTREAL, Dec. 9. The Dominion Shipping Company has been awarded \$183,354 damages, including interest, for the loss of the steamer Heathcote as a result of a collision with the ship Kelbergen in the Bay of Fundy, in July, 1917, the owners of the Kelbergen, Furness, Withy and Company, being condemned to pay this amount on the finding of W. S. Walker, K.C., Deputy Registrar of the Admiralty Court, confirmed by Mr. Justice McLennan.

#### LEAVE FOR HOME.

LONDON, Dec. 9. (Via Reuters' Ottawa Agency).—The Olympic sailed on Saturday from Southampton for Halifax, carrying over 5,000 Canadian war veterans. The Mayor and corporation officials of Southampton and a number of distinguished generals gave them an enthusiastic send-off.

#### DID NOT WILL THE WAR.

LONDON, Dec. 8. Maximilian Harden, editor of the Zukunft, of Berlin, said to the correspondent of the Express, according to a despatch from the German capital, that the impression abroad concerning

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## STEER Brothers.

the former Emperor William is a false one. He said that he himself has suffered too much through the former Emperor to incur a charge of partiality but it was a fact that William Hohenzollern had no personal part in wiling the war. He was a mere tool in the hands of the military parties by which he was regarded as a coward. When the moment of declaring war came the militarists were afraid he would not sign the declaration, said Harden. The former Emperor missed his vocation. He was never happier than when posing in the limelight. He ought to have managed a cabaret or taken a show on a tour. He was a great showall.

#### ACTION APPRECIATED.

LONDON, Dec. 8. Cordial appreciation of the honor accorded by the United States by celebrating Britain's Day is expressed by

newspapers here. A new page in Anglo-American history is being turned, says the Telegraph. The Times dwells on the necessity for co-operation in future and concludes its comment by giving warning against German propaganda.

#### JOINS ROUMANIA.

BERNE, Dec. 7. The National Rumanian Council of Transylvania, has proclaimed its unity with the kingdom of Roumania.

#### CHINESE CONDITIONS IMPROVING.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9. Decided improvement in internal conditions in China is noted in the latest diplomatic advices received here. It was learned to-day that evidence of an earnest desire for reconciliation between the north and south factions has been reported and that a

tentative programme of consolidation is under consideration.

#### NFLD. PRISONER REPATRIATED.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 8. Artillery prisoner of war repatriated, W. F. Bursey, Bay de Verde, Nfld.

#### POST OF HONOR FOR VETERANS.

PARIS, Dec. 9. General Mangin will enter Mayence, the French bridgehead of the Rhine, this week at the head of the 13th and 43rd infantry divisions, each unit of which has been cited for bravery.

#### COUNTING CASUALTIES.

QUEBEC, Dec. 9. With four charred bodies recovered from the ruins and at least seven other employees missing, Shawinigan Falls to-day is anxious as to the exact extent of casualties and damage caused by a tremendous explosion

that occurred late Saturday night in an outlying building of the Canadian Electric Products, on the outskirts of the town. Seven men are listed as missing.

#### The Epidemic.

Only one case of influenza reported yesterday. All the patients are doing well with the exception of a Russian seaman, suffering from pneumonia. The following messages were received by Dr. Fraser:  
From Dr. Bethune, St. George's—Twenty-seven new cases; no deaths. From Magistrate Mifflin, Greenspond—Help of nurse wanted; 250 cases. (Nurse Cobb leaves for there by to-day's express.)  
From C. Bailey, Orlin, P.E.—Fifty cases of "flu" and two supposed to be smallpox. (Dr. McDonald leaves to-day for there.)  
From Dr. Hogan, St. Mary's—680 cases in the Bay and 13 deaths. During the last week 312 cases altogether were reported and 16 deaths.

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