

GERMAN MINERS TO GET RAISE IN THEIR PAY

Disastrous Coal Strike Probably Averted by Arbitration.

DIGGERS WILL GET TEN PER CENT. RAISE

Ruhr District Produces the Bulk of Fuel Needed as Replacement Supplies.

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Berlin, Oct. 25.—A coal strike in the Ruhr district, which would have been quite as disastrous as the British strike and entailed far more disagreeable international consequences to Germany, has probably been averted by the governmental arbitration commission which has handed down findings recommending a substantial increase of approximately 10 per cent. in wages.

Unlike a previous advance which was met by the mine owners and the government and which did not affect the price of coal, the present increase will be reflected correspondingly in higher prices to the consumers and a general rise in the cost of industrial production unless means are found to cut the cost of mining by longer hours in production. The commission's report is yet to be accepted by the mine owners and miners association, but no difficulty is anticipated. The report recommends a straight increase of two marks a shift and a special payment of three marks a shift as housekeeping money to married miners, and a marked increase for child allowance, making a total increase averaging about six marks per capita. The new wage will be about ten times higher than that of pre-war days and almost double that prevailing during the last quarter of 1919, but the miners claim it does not keep pace with the rising cost of living.

Experts estimate the new scale will necessitate a ten-mark increase in the price of coal, which is now 225 marks a ton, making the price figured on present exchange \$3.35 a ton.

Settlement of Big Importance.

The settlement of the Ruhr wage difficulties without a strike is of the utmost importance to Germany and the outside world, since this district produces the great bulk of the coal for the reparations supplies and a great part of the coal for the needs of Germany. Through the efforts of the government and the miners' leaders the production has passed the low point and was on the mend. About 9000 more miners

were working in the district during September than in August, the housing difficulties, which were the chief obstacle to increased production, having improved.

The total production in September was increased to 7,800,000 tons, an average of 300,000 tons each working day. This increase alone enabled Germany to deliver 2,000,000 tons to France, Belgium and Italy under the Spa agreement. The remainder was consumed by the railroads and home industry as fast as it was brought to the surface. The reserves at the mines disappeared and the total stocks at the mouth of the mines at the end of the month were only 70,000 tons.

Had the agreement not been reached Germany might have said good-bye to Ruhr coal mines, for a strike or even a weakening in the effort of the miners would have made it impossible to fulfill the Spa agreement and would have brought into play automatically the penalty clause providing for the occupation of the Ruhr district.

The progress of the British coal strike is being followed with the keenest interest in Germany, for its effect upon the price of coal has a direct bearing upon German finances, since the advance to Germany to purchase coal for the miners under the Spa agreement are based upon the difference between the German market price and the world price of coal. A big jump in prices would enable Germany to collect an increased profit on the amount of coal which it could spare and sell to neutrals and also pocket an additional advance to help out its troubled finances until next spring, when the advances are repayable.



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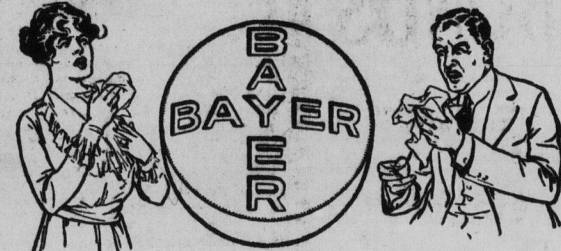
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POLES DEFEAT LETTS.

Copenhagen, Oct. 27.—Polish troops have attacked positions held by Lithuanian forces along the railroad near Orany, according to a dispatch from Kerpov. After a fight lasting for five hours, the Lithuanians were forced to retreat nearly two miles, it is said.

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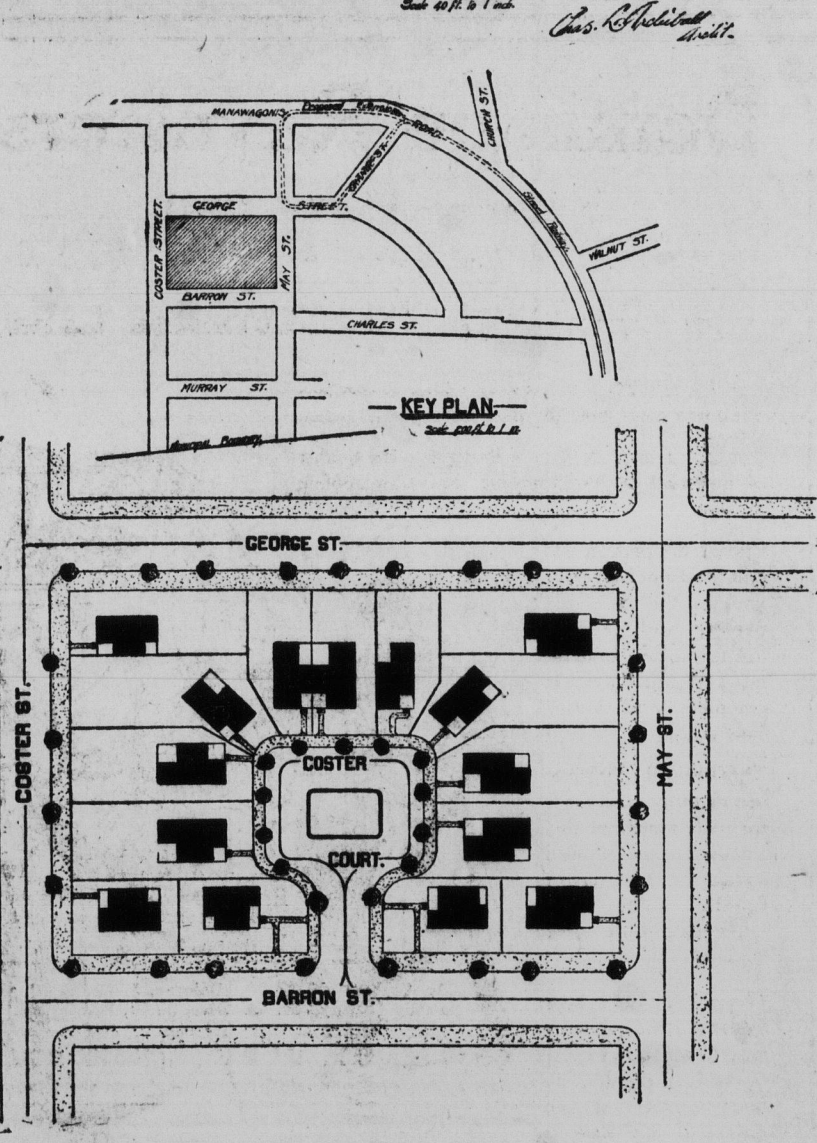


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pany to develop some of the property owned by the syndicate in Fairville. The intention, he said, is to build self-contained bungalows to be sold at reasonable prices. The plans which are being drawn will provide for five to seven room houses with lawn and court. Fifteen bungalows will comprise a court. It is planned to start the construction of at least one full court of houses immediately, that they

may be ready for occupation at the beginning of next year. Mr. Beaudry is seeking to interest local business men in the proposition. The company has owned land here for some time. The plan of building on a new one here, though it has been used quite extensively in other parts. The local representatives are Taylor & Sweeney, 151 Prince William Street.

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CHANCERY SALE

There will be sold at public auction at Chubb's Corner (so called) in the City of Saint John, in the County of Saint John, in the Province of New Brunswick, on Saturday, the sixth day of November, A.D. 1920, at 12 o'clock noon, pursuant to a decree of the Supreme Court, Chancery Division, issued sixth day of August, A.D. 1920, in an action between Bessie K. Marr, and Henry G. Marr, Plaintiffs, and Marion E. Jack, Defendant, the lands and premises in the said decree and the plaintiff's statement of claim described as follows:

"A certain lot of land and premises in the said City of Saint John situated 'lying and being in Kings Ward in the said City, being a portion of the lots designated by the numbers 219 and 220 on a certain plan of that 'portion of the said City of Saint John lying south of Union Street bounded and described as follows: 'Beginning on the southern side line 'of Union Street at a point thereon 'distant seventy feet four and one-quarter inches (70 ft. 4 1/4 in.) measured westwardly along the said line 'of Union Street from the intersection thereof by the western line 'of Charlotte Street, going thence 'westwardly along the said line 'of Union Street fifty feet four inches (50 ft. 4 in.) or to the easterly line of a lot owned by the City of Saint John on which Number 3 Fire Station now stands thence southwardly along the said line being the line of division between the aforesaid lots 'Number 219 and the adjoining lot 'Number 218 ninety feet (90 ft.) to a lot formerly owned by one Calaghan thence eastwardly along the line of the said lot Calaghan conveyed 'thence northwardly along the side 'of the said concrete building twenty-one feet four and one-quarter inches (21 ft. 4 1/4 in.) to the southern side of 'another building fronting on Union Street thence eastwardly along the 'line of the said building twenty-three feet two inches (23 ft. 2 in.) and thence northwardly sixty-one feet (61 ft.) more or less to the place of beginning together with all buildings, erections and improvements thereon and the rights, members, privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any manner appertaining, such sale to be made subject to 'existing lease and the option to 'lease that portion of the said property occupied by J. A. Marvin, Limited, with the approbation of the undersigned Master of the Supreme Court pursuant to The Judicature Act, 1909, and Acts in Amendment thereof.

All parties have leave to bid. For terms of sale and further particulars, apply to the Solicitor for the Plaintiffs, or to the undersigned master.

Dated this twenty-eighth day of August, A.D. 1920.

STEPHEN B. BUSTIN, Master of the Supreme Court for the City and County of Saint John.

BARNHILL, SANFORD & HARRISON, Solicitors for the Plaintiffs.

F. L. POTTS, Auctioneer.

Berlin, Oct. 27.—The municipal employment bureau announces that 733,000 men and women in Germany are unemployed. Of these, 1,000,000 are in the labor ministry estimates that soon three million will be unemployed or on short time. Women constitute approximately one fourth of those idle.

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