

BRITISH GOVERNMENT MAKES NEW OFFER TO MINERS

FURTHER CONCESSIONS ARE MADE BY GOVERNMENT IN AN EFFORT TO END COAL STRIKE

Sir Robert Horne Is Understood To Have Made an Offer of 590,000 Pounds Sterling a Month To Meet the Deficiencies Complained Of by Miners—Reduction in Wages to Men Would Not Exceed Three Shillings Each Under New Proposal.

London, April 27.—The conferences held in an endeavor to reach a settlement of the coal strike were resumed at the board of trade this morning, Sir Robt. Horne, chancellor of the exchequer, meeting the representatives of the miners first and then the mine owners.

It is understood Sir Robert told the miners' delegates the Government had made a further offer to meet their position to the extent of contributing 590,000 pounds sterling, or more, monthly during the transitional period, so that the reduction in wages would not exceed three shillings.

EMBARGO ON COMMERCIAL COAL ONLY.

London, April 27.—Coal for hospital and household use and for public utility purposes will not come under the embargo laid by the National Union of Railwaymen on coal from overseas and on colliery sidings, it was decided by the executive body of the union today. Coal intended for commercial purposes, however, will not be moved by the union's members.

SEVEN MILK PRODUCERS SUSPENDED

Board of Health Takes Action As Result of Insanitary Conditions.

ON OWN AUTHORITY

Dairymen Will Not Be Allowed to Dispose of Supplies for From Three to Seven Days.

For supplying milk that was dirty or not up to the standard, seven milk producers in the surrounding districts have been suspended by the board of health. They will not be allowed to supply milk to London distributors for periods ranging from three to seven days. No police court action was required to bring this about. The board ordered the suspensions on its own authority.

London's milk supply has been uniformly good throughout the winter, but with the coming of spring the dairy inspector noted a falling off in some instances and also found that some producers were not keeping their supplies in as sanitary condition as they might. The policy of suspending them for a short period was immediately put into operation.

This the board of health claims to be more effective than fines. Producers who lose several days' sales make every effort to improve conditions so as to have the ban lifted. While a strict inspection of local distributors' supplies is made, the board feels that the real blame for any deficiencies rests with the dairymen, and concentrates most of its efforts on that source.

UNIONS CLAIM THAT OBSOLETE METHODS COSTLY TO RAILWAYS

Waste and Inefficiency Are Charged to Managements.

Chicago, April 27.—The railway labor unions fighting wage reductions before the labor board increased their charges of waste and inefficiency on the part of the United States railroad managements by a quarter of a billion dollars today. In a supplemental exhibit to that filed last week, setting forth alleged waste of a billion dollars, the unions charge that possible savings totaling \$1,275,500,000 could be effected by the roads if they would introduce modern methods in maintenance and operation of the railroad industry.

The larger United States railroads spent nearly \$5,000,000,000 for operating expenses last year, the exhibit showed, carrying 47,000,000 passengers one mile and 450,000,000 tons of freight one mile.

It can be demonstrated that six billion is altogether too much to move the traffic in hand," the report said. "That failure to introduce saving methods rests primarily with railroad managements, and that the public accordingly is not getting a dollar's worth of service for the dollar it spends in rates."

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS. Southampton, April 27.—Arrived: Corsica, from St. John, N. B. Cherbourg, April 27.—Arrived: Olympia, from New York.

BRYAN OBJECTS TO LITTLE ISLAND AS ONLY "WET" SPOT

Toronto, April 27.—A special New York dispatch to the Globe says that William Jennings Bryan urges the United States Government to protest to Great Britain about her behavior on the Island of Bimini, which, said Mr. Bryan, constituted an "unfriendly act." Bimini, a tiny island of the Bahamas, 45 miles off the coast of Florida, where Mr. Bryan now lives, is the nearest "wet" spot to the Atlantic coast south of the Canadian boundary. Proposals to buy it for moral and strategic reasons have been advanced by other prohibitionists.

"Great Britain," said Mr. Bryan, lecturing at the Washington Irving High School, is allowing Bimini to become the base of a conspiracy against the prohibition law. If, instead of being a band of smugglers, it was a band of pirates that sought protection under the British flag, we would be quick to protest and England would be quick to act."

DEVLIN SCORES MANIFESTO OF UNIONIST CHIEF

Nationalist Leader Declares Statement Is Merely an Evasion.

Belfast, April 27.—Joseph Devlin, who has returned to Ulster to direct the Nationalist campaign, in an interview yesterday termed the recent proclamation issued by Sir James Craig, the Ulster Unionist leader, "as the greatest example of political bankruptcy I ever saw." He characterized it as "the statement of a man groping in the dark, not knowing where he is or what he is there for." It is not a statement of policy, he continued, "only an evasion. He talks about the Unionist's 'great cause.' It is the first duty of a leader to state his case. Craig does not tell us what his case is unless it is to cut off six counties from Ireland."

Discussing the proclamation's reference to stabilizing Ulster's agriculture and amending the licensing laws, Mr. Devlin said: "Sir James Craig, on the one hand, represents the liquor business, and his staunchest supporters, on the other hand, are prohibitionists. The Unionists, therefore, will find even more difficulty in regulating licenses than stabilizing agriculture."

Will Be Flasco. The Ulster parliament, in Mr. Devlin's opinion, will be a flasco. It will be faced at the outset, he said, with the necessity of taxing the people for the maintenance of Belfast's 35,000 unemployed, who are steadily increasing through the dismissal of a thousand workers weekly from the shipyards.

Regarding the possibility of a settlement of the Irish question by negotiation, Mr. Devlin was extremely pessimistic. He did not doubt that Lord Derby had come to Ireland with credentials from Mr. Lloyd George, but he added: "It is apparent from Lord Derby's own statement of his visit that he accomplished nothing. Representatives of the Government come over and palaver abstractions, trying to 'exploit' the Irish people's minds, but get nowhere. If the Government is sincere in its intention to bring about peace, the only thing for it to do is to state definitely the maximum concessions it is willing to grant Ireland."

BUILDING TRADES TO BE REPRESENTED AT OTTAWA CONFERENCE

J. Putherborough Delegate for Employers and E. Ingles for Employees.

J. Putherborough, a local contractor, and a member of the Builders' Exchange of this city, and E. Ingles, vice-president of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in this city, will represent respectively the employers and the employees of the building trades of this city at a conference in Ottawa on May 3, of representatives of the building and construction industries from all over Canada. The two local representatives will leave for Ottawa on Sunday night.

The conference is to be held under the direction of the minister of labor of the Dominion House. It is expected that 30 delegates each will be sent by the employers and employees. Delegates will be present from all the larger cities in Canada from Halifax to Vancouver.

Many questions of joint interest to the employers and the employees will be discussed, including existing conditions, apprenticeship and craftsmanship, cost and production, conditions of employment, and the employment of joint industrial conferences.

PRINCE IS INVITED TO ATTEND FIGHT

New York, April 27.—The Prince of Wales and Lord Londale, head of the National Sporting Club at London, have been invited, it was announced today, to attend the Dempsey-Carpentier fight as guests of Tex Rickard, promoter. A letter was mailed to Lord Londale yesterday and through him the invitation is extended to the prince.

UTTER DRYNESS IN CENTRAL EUROPE



A splendid picture of the result of the dryness which now prevails in Central Europe, for the first time in history, is so dry that the remains of villages built in prehistoric days by the men of the Stone Age, are in sight. There are thousands of the piles upon which the houses rested in plain view, and they are well preserved.

Comet and Earth In A Race This Summer

Berkeley, Cal., April 27.—For a month this summer the earth will engage in a race with the periodic comet Pons-Winnecke, and because it will have no chance to win, it will endeavor, through astral influences, to "trip up" its gaseous rival, according to a report made public today by the observatory of the University of California. The earth will not get into the race until the comet has a lead of between 12,000,000 and 20,000,000 miles, but then it will put everything it has into its test with the comet.

"The tripping up" process or perturbations caused by the earth's influence will pull the comet away from its course somewhat, but it will continue to plunge along the cosmic speedway at an undiminished pace. It will cap its supremacy finally when, on June 27, it flips its tail so hard against its terrestrial rival that the impact will send out sparks. These will go down in the record as a meteoric shower. The comet at last calculation was approximately 37,000,000 miles from the earth. Its nearest approach will be 132 of an astronomical unit, or 12,000,000 miles, on June 7.

Any prospect that the comet will do great damage to the earth are out of order, the observatory officials state. On the other hand, the meteoric shower, if it develops as anticipated, will prove to be a harmless, if inspiring spectacle.

WINDSOR MEN PROVE RIGHT TO 40-CASE BOOZE SHIPMENT

Police Trip to Lambeth Last Night All in Vain.

PROSECUTION REMINDED

Many Mail Orders Cannot Be Filled and Time Grows Short.

George Taylor and William A. McDonald, Windsor men who were carrying a truck-load of whiskey from Waterloo to Windsor when they were captured by the police last night, but this morning in police court proved that the shipment was a legal one and escaped a fine. Their truck and their 40 cases of whiskey were returned to them. They will probably continue their journey home via the train.

Last week Taylor was arrested while riding on a whiskey-laden truck at Melbourn. He was bailed to appear in a week, and his car was released from custody Sunday. McDonald was sent to Windsor Sunday and rented the truck for \$150. Of this amount \$50 was returned to cover running expenses. Taylor agreed to accompany him on the trip as a mechanic for \$20.

Then McDonald and Taylor took the midnight train for London. Taylor got off at London and proceeded to Waterloo with the truck. McDonald, who claims he is agent for the Labatt Brewing Company at Windsor and has an office in Detroit, went to Buffalo to order the whiskey. He paid \$320 for 40 cases. Then he went direct to Seagram's distillery at Waterloo to get the shipment. There he met Taylor and loaded the truck.

Reminded Lawyer. When asked by R. G. Fisher, who was prosecuting, why he did not order the shipment by mail, McDonald said that there were a great many mail orders in now and that they would not all be filled. "We are getting close to the time when we won't be able to get any," he reminded the lawyer.

He produced a bill of lading, showing Continued On Page Four.

Steel Shield To Protect Police

STEEL SHIELD taolainoin\$9 cmfwyaa Chicago, April 27.—A shield, similar to the ones used by ancient warriors in the besieging of walled cities, was delivered to the police department here today. It is for use in protecting officers while attacking criminals who have barricaded themselves in houses. It is of bulletproof steel and has a small, shuttered window and loopholes for revolvers or rifles.

The shield completes the besieging outfit of the police which includes gas bombs, grenades and heavy rifles.

LEARNS TO DRINK WHISKEY WHEN HIRED AS 'SPOTTER'

Saskatoon, Sask., April 27.—"A deplorable state of affairs exists today when the bringing to justice of a bootlegger demands the downfall of an innocent boy," said Police Magistrate F. M. Brown yesterday, when an 18-year-old boy, employed as a liquor spotter, told the court he had been instructed to drink whiskey with law-breakers if it was necessary to do so in order to avoid suspicion. The boy said he had never tasted whiskey before the occasion cited in evidence, but since had frequently indulged in intoxicants.

POLICEMEN ARE WOUNDED DURING AMBUSH ATTACK

Town of Newry, County Town Is Thrown Into Panic.

Belfast, April 27.—Seven members of a police party were wounded in an ambush today announced that because of the murder of Sgt. McFadden and an attack on the crown forces at Kilrush, the houses of John Leddy and William Lough had been destroyed as a military operation.

An attack on Unionists is reported from Armagh, where an attempt was made to burn the Ballyrea Orange Hall. Two houses were destroyed by bombs. The prisoners were taken to the military barracks.

UNIQUE FUNERAL

Belfast, April 27.—A funeral unique in the history of Belfast was held here this morning when Patrick and Daniel Duffin, the two brothers who were shot and killed here at midnight Saturday, were buried. Sinn Fein honors were paid from Falls road to King street, where the military assumed control. The two motor hearses containing the bodies were preceded by armed cars. In front of the mourners was a lorry filled with soldiers with rifles at the "present arms," and behind them was another armored car. In Falls road the shops were closed and all traffic suspended. The coffin of the brothers were draped with Republican flags. Bands of girl scouts sang hymns and recited the Rosary in Irish at intervals. The excitement engendered by the passing of the funeral cortege culminated in a sharp party encounter in the Old Lodge district, in which a young man was critically wounded.

J. E. SMALLMAN BUYS 'WILLOWBROOK FARM'

To Be Used for Raising and Training Thoroughbred Horses.

TRY FOR KING'S PLATE

Capt. A. E. Reason Receives \$40,000 for Property On Proof Line Road.

"Willowbrook Farm," owned by Captain A. E. Reason, has been purchased by John E. Smallman for the sum of \$40,000. Mr. Smallman contemplates using the farm for raising thoroughbred horses. The farm is situated on the Proof Line road, about one mile north of the Richmond street bridge. There are 80 acres in the farm, and the entire place will be used for the training of horses for steeplechase racing. A course for this will be made, and several events will be run off during the summer.

Mr. Smallman is completing negotiations with the Federal Government to obtain one of the best thoroughbred stallions in the Dominion. If this deal is closed, London will be the centre of thoroughbred race horses for Western Ontario. It is understood that Mr. Smallman has secured one of the best horse trainers in the Dominion. It was learned that the horses will be put in training to participate in the King's Plate for 1922. Mr. Smallman has two colts entered in this event for this year.

Captain Reason used to be a farmer, but he turned to training and jumping horses. He informed The Advertiser today that he purposes buying a farm about three miles north of the "Willowbrook Farm," and will continue this work.

It is expected that training will begin about May 15. Some of the horses will be shown at the Western Fair.

BOLSHEVIKI TO RENEW TRADE RELATIONS WITH NORWAY AND SWEDEN

Riga, Latvia, April 27.—The Russian Soviet Government has authorized M. Tchitcherin, the Bolshevik foreign minister, to sign an agreement to renew trade relations with Norway and Sweden, even accepting changes proposed by the Norwegian and Swedish commissioners in the course of the negotiations.

GERMANY'S PROPOSALS BEING UNACCEPTABLE, FRANCE WILL PREPARE TO OCCUPY RUHR

Definite Decision Will Be Made by French Government Today—Amount Offered Germans Is One Hundred Billion Marks Below Sum Set by Allied Supreme Council—No Mention Made by Berlin Government of 12,000,000,000 Gold Marks Due Allies by May 12.

London, April 27.—The British Government today requested its representatives in Berlin to inquire informally regarding the new German reparations offer for the purpose of clearing up the ambiguity concerning the terms of years in which the payments would be made under the offer.

Paris, April 27.—Germany's proposal relative to reparations are still being considered by Premier Briand, and it is probable a decision will not be reached before this evening regarding their acceptance or rejection. When such decision is reached it will be communicated first to the United States Government, and until such time Ambassador Jusserand will be given no instructions whatever regarding the French attitude toward Germany's terms. Officials here were reticent this morning regarding the German proposals, but in political circles close to the premier there was a belief today that the Ruhr district of Germany would be occupied immediately after May 1.

AMOUNT ENTIRELY INSUFFICIENT.

Paris, April 27.—Germany's reparations proposals are entirely insufficient, it is declared in authoritative circles here, being at least 100,000,000,000 marks below the terms set by the supreme Allied council in this city last January. The reparation demands decided upon at that time have been considered as a minimum, amounting to some 226,000,000,000 marks.

In discussing the German terms, it is said in well-informed circles that in offering an installment of one billion gold marks, Germany made no mention of the 12,000,000,000 marks held by the Allies to be payable before May 12. Germany also asks the abandonment of the penalties decided upon in London early in March, as well as those stipulated by the Treaty of Versailles. Assertion is made that, should Germany be exonerated of all other reparation obligations, she would be given an advantage greater than would accrue to the Allies from her future payments.

HOPES PROPOSALS WILL FORM BASIS OF NEW NEGOTIATIONS

Berlin, April 27.—The Berlin newspapers, with the exception of the extreme conservative organs in commenting on the German counter-proposals on reparations express hope that these proposals will at least form the basis for new negotiations which will precede the occupation of further German territory, and the application of additional penalties after May 1. The Conservative Deutsche Tageszeitung views the proposal with scorn and reaches the conclusion that "Germany's industries are bound to be robbed, regardless of circumstances."

PROPOSALS BELOW DEMANDS.

London, April 27.—Germany's new proposals, says the London Times, commenting on the German note, "are not so desirous as the proposals of March, but they are still well below what the Allies, after many voluntary abatements have declared to be the minimum demands."

ADVISES CONSIDERATION.

London, April 27.—Consideration should be given the German reparations proposals by the Allies, said the Daily News today, in suggesting the terms of the Berlin Government as published here. The newspaper expressed the opinion that the German note was not Continued On Page Three.

STRIVING FOR CHURCH UNITY.

London, April 27.—Canadian Associated Press.—Addressing a meeting of the Baptist Union, the Archbishop of York declared that the Anglican bishops confessed their share of the guilt in dividing the church, and believed the time had come when they should forget the past and reach out for a reunited, catholic church. This being the first time in history an Archbishop of York has addressed the Baptist Union, his remarks have created widespread interest in church circles.

Bank Rate in Britain May Be Reduced

London, April 27.—The possibility of a reduction in the bank rate is being eagerly discussed in Lombard street, where the advocates of cheaper money point to the recent issue of treasury bills at a lower rate of interest and to the recent issue of treasury bills at a lower rate of interest and to the announcement of a funding loan as factors bearing in the way of a reduction in the official minimum rate.

During the past few days the exchange rate has been considered as another development pointing toward cheaper money.

There seems no doubt that the commercial and financial community is anxious to have a lower bank rate, after twelve months with the rate at 7 per cent, but conservative opinion in banking circles inclines to the belief that the change may be postponed a week or two. The treasury view of the situation favors a reduction, it seems to be considered, but those in touch with the Bank of England believe the bank, influenced by other considerations, would desire to see conditions more propitious including the settlement of the coal dispute and the reparations question, before making any change.

FAVOR INDEPENDENCE.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 79; lowest, 56.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 69; lowest, 58.

TOMORROW—COOLER, SHOWERY.

Toronto, April 27.—8 a.m. Forecasts. Today.—Showers and thunderstorms; moderate to strong tonight.

Thursday.—Showers, southwesterly winds; cooler and showery.

Temperatures. The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	54	42	Cloudy
Calgary	54	24	Cloudy
Winnipeg	46	25	Cloudy
Port Arthur	45	35	Rain
Perry Sound	52	56	Clear
Port Stanley	43	55	Cloudy
Buffalo	54	46	Clear
Toronto	70	54	Clear
Kingston	72	52	Clear
Ottawa	69	46	Clear
Quebec	52	40	Clear
Falher	49	29	Fair
St. John	64	44	Fair
Halifax	56	42	Cloudy

Since yesterday an important disturbance has developed over the western portion of the Great Lakes, while the barometer has risen to the westward, and remained high long the Atlantic coast. Strong winds and thunderstorms are prevalent in Western Ontario. Cautionary signals are displayed at lake ports.