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CLOUDY AND COLD

TWO CENTS

PREMIER TO MEET MINERS EARLY TODAY

Insists There Shall Be No Negotiations Until All Pumps Are Started.

CONDITIONS LOOKING MORE FAVORABLE

In Meantime Transportation and Railroad Workers Are Delaying Action.

London, April 6.—A day of great excitement, which looked as though it was leading to amicable negotiations to find an issue to the wages dispute in the coal crisis, closed with still another hitch owing to insistence on the part of the government that resumption of pumping operations at the mines must be preliminary to any negotiations.

The first meeting of the government with the miners and mine owners had been set for eleven o'clock tomorrow morning at the Board of Trade, and meantime all questions of action by the railwaymen and transport workers, who together with the miners form the Triple Alliance, had been temporarily suspended.

Must Keep Pumps Going

Then the Prime Minister made the announcement in the House of Commons that the Miners' Federation had informed him that it was unable to see its way clear to instruct the pump men to resume work during the negotiations. Mr. Lloyd George added that the negotiations could not proceed unless this obstacle was overcome.

Whether the hitch is as serious as appears from the Prime Minister's statement is not quite certain. Frank Hodges, one of the leaders of the miners, referring to the matter to-night, said he did not see any less the question of negotiations. Another favorable indication is that the Prime Minister has written to the miners' executive asking them to meet him early tomorrow morning at his Downing Street residence.

Expect a Solution

Mr. Hodges who was seen before this meeting, expressed the opinion that these preliminary discussions may enable the Board of Trade to proceed as usual.

The miners' feeling is that the trouble about pumping is due to suspicions harbored by both sides, but that it is not serious enough to prove a permanent obstacle to negotiations. There is no cessation of the precautionary measures taken by the government, however, or by the miners, transport workers and other labor bodies to be prepared for all emergencies.

TWO KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

Several More Injured in Smash-up of Royal Palm Limited in South.

Lexington, Ky., April 6.—Two persons were killed and several injured in a wreck on the Royal Palm Limited, below Somerset, Ky., about 2:30 o'clock, when the train, which was bound for Louisville, was struck by a freight train.

Frost Hits Raisin Crop Severe Blow

Twenty Per Cent. Loss in Estimate of California Growers.

Fresno, Cal., April 6.—Twenty per cent. of the 1921 raisin crop or about 40,000 tons were destroyed by the frost that hit the raisin section of the San Joaquin Valley Monday and yesterday, according to a statement issued by W. M. Gillen, president of the California Associated Raisin Company. Gillen estimates that the money loss to growers will be in the neighborhood of \$10,000,000.

Ex-Emperor Charles Back In Switzerland

Buchs, Switzerland, April 6.—Former Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary, is back in Switzerland after his unsuccessful attempt to re-assert himself upon the Hungarian throne. He crossed the Austrian-Swiss frontier on his return journey from Hungary at five o'clock this afternoon.

His train left on the way to Locarno within a half hour after reaching here.

MARGARET LONG REMANDED.

Fredrick, N. B., April 6.—Margaret Long, of St. John, charged with complicity in the murder of a baby boy alleged to have been born to her at McAdam on March 19th, appeared before police magistrate Limerick in the police court here today and was remanded until April 15th, when her preliminary examination will be held.

Great Fire Rages Now In Tokio City

Already 1,700 Houses Have Been Destroyed and Many People Injured.

Tokio, April 6.—Fire which broke out in the Asakusa section of Tokio at 4:30 o'clock this morning was still spreading at two o'clock this morning. Fifty persons have been injured, while 1700 houses have been destroyed, among them eight temples, a school house and a police station.

TIED ROCKS TO NEGROES BEFORE DROWNING PAIR

Appalling Tale Told by Alleged Associate of Georgia "Slave" Worker.

HANDS BOUND BEFORE SINKING

Living Men Hurled to Awful Death in Yellow River Water.

Covington, Ga., April 6.—Two negro farm laborers, Lindsey Peterson and Willis Preston, were thrown into the Yellow River bound and chained to a hundred pounds of rock, according to testimony today of Clyde Manning, negro farm foreman in the trial of John S. Williams, Jasper county plantation owner, for the murder of Peterson.

Williams drove the machine that carried the negroes from his farm to the river bridge, helped get the bound men into the car and ordered them thrown into the water, the witness said. Manning said he and Charles Chisholm, another negro, hid throw the laborers over with chains around their necks and wires fastening their hands.

Rolled them into Water

"They were stubborn and begging," Manning said in a cool tone, "and me and Charlie rolled them over the banister into the river."

Earlier in the day evidence of Department of Justice agents as to penance conditions at the Williams plantation was presented by the State to establish a motive for the alleged murders.

After Peterson and Preston had been disposed of, the witness said, "we got in the car and drove me over to a third farm hand, to South River."

Made Them Go Over

"All right, boys, get out," Manning quoted Williams as ordering. "Harry Price, he got out," continued Manning, "and he and Charlie threw me over. I got over," he says, "and went over."

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Regina, Sask., April 6.—While no official announcement has been made by the provincial government all signs point to a provincial election this year, probably in June. In anticipation of going to the country, political meetings are now being held in all parts of the province. Already about a dozen members and supporters of the Martin Government have been nominated including Hon. C. A. Dunning, provincial treasurer. While there has been considerable talk of opposition bringing out candidates in the form of Conservatives, non-partisan and independents.

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AMERICA HAS PEACE RIGHT, NOTE CLAIMS

Messages from Washington to Allies Claim No Rights Sacrificed.

FAILURE TO RATIFY TREATY NO BARRIER

Even Out of League United States Must be Consulted in View.

Washington, April 6.—Failure of the United States to ratify the Treaty of Versailles will not be allowed to detract from that country's right to participate in peace settlements, Secretary Hughes declared in notes addressed to Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan.

The note to Japan differed from the other three in that it referred more specifically to the Japanese mandate over the island of Yap. All four of them reiterated the contention that the United States had sacrificed no rights in the peace settlement by reason of its unwillingness to join the League of Nations.

HIGH FREIGHTS SEND CANADIAN CROP FROM C.N.R.

Senator Complains That Dominion's Wheat is Hauled by U. S. Lines.

MARINE INSURANCE ALSO TOO DEAR

New Brunswick Senators Think Government Should Consider the Situation.

Ottawa, April 6.—The Senate today discussed the National Trans-Continental Railway and the diversion of Canadian grain through American ports. Although no definite action was taken in the latter regard, there was general approval of the necessity of immediate investigation into such diversion.

The subject arose in continued debate on the export trade of Quebec. Senator L'Esperance said that in 1917 he had expressed the hope that the completion of the National Trans-continental would be followed by an increase in Quebec's grain export trade. He had, however, been disappointed.

Where Fault Lies

The fault was not with the people of Quebec, but was in completing the terminals in that city according to contract.

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WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA.

Sir Thomas White has resigned his seat in the House of Commons. Nearly 400 delegates protest at Fredericton, N. B., against any further extension of time to power company.

Senator declines high freight and marine insurance rates are sending Canadian grain to the seaboard by United States lines.

United States notifies Allies that in spite of failure to sign Treaty of Versailles the nation takes part in peace negotiations.

UNITED STATES.

March statistics show an increase in unemployment in the United States.

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LAST OFFER FOR CONTEST IS ANNOUNCED

Last Vote Schedule of Contest is Quadruple—Four Times Regular Number.

END OF CONTEST IS IN SIGHT NOW

Maxwell Offer Ends This Coming Monday—Contest Ends Following Monday.

In yesterday's issue in announcing the continuation of the Quadruple Vote Offer until the close of the contest (said offer being given at the request of contestants), a mistake was made in stating that the regular vote schedule for this week and next week is as follows:—

6 months 5,000 votes

1 year 20,000 votes

2 years 50,000 votes

3 years 90,000 votes

4 years 135,000 votes

5 years 180,000 votes

The Quadruple vote schedule for the two weeks is as follows:—

6 months 20,000 votes

1 year 80,000 votes

2 years 200,000 votes

3 years 360,000 votes

4 years 540,000 votes

5 years 720,000 votes

There will be no change in these proportions instead of by the schedule published yesterday.

The Quadruple scheme given above lasts for the remainder of the contest. There will be no change or alterations.

Make This Week A Big One.

The Maxwell offer ends at 6 o'clock Monday evening, April 12th. All subscriptions turned in this week and Monday will, therefore, count towards the special Maxwell offer as well as towards the Quadruple vote offer.

AT THE IMPERIAL TODAY

An all star cast in "Behold My Wife."

AT THE QUEEN SQUARE TODAY

Kathleen Calvert in "The Character of Kathleen Rush."

AT THE UNIQUE TODAY

Temix in "The Road Demon."

OPERA HOUSE TODAY

Vaudeville and feature picture.

Two of the prizes to be given away in The Standard's big contest are opportunities to become Movie Stars with the Universal Film Company. Filmdom's largest and most important Moving Picture Company.

Sinn Feiners Getting Munitions From America

Powder Boxes in Underground "Dump" Came from Massachusetts it is Claimed.

London, April 6.—Methods by which the Sinn Feiners are receiving arms and ammunition have been disclosed by the discovery of an underground dump in Dublin, says the Evening Standard today. Ammunition boxes found there, it declares, bear the stamp of a powder works in Massachusetts. The boxes, the newspaper asserts, were shipped by Irish-American sympathizers who had established wireless communication between "gun runners" on the West Coast of Ireland and in the United States.

WHISKEY CAR IN TRANSIT LEAKED AT EVERY DELAY

Thirsty Crowd Descends Upon Forbidden Drink at All Stations En Route.

CUSTOMS COLLECTOR GOT THE REMAINDER

Potatoes Used to Camouflage Shipment of Canadian Goods to Bangor.

Special to The Standard

Bangor, Me., April 6.—A carload of whiskey may start from northern border all right, bound to Bangor or "points west," but there is no telling how far it will get. An Aroostook deputy sheriff may get it, or maybe a custom officer, while in rare instances the stuff falls prey to a prohibition agent, but things have reached such a stage that most anybody is likely to make a grab as the car passes down the line.

That's what happened to Maine Central car No. 65,221, which started from northern Aroostook with a lot of Canadian Club whiskey tucked away in the depths of its cargo of 375 sacks of potatoes. Although billed to Putnam, Conn., it is said that the car made several stops between Aroostook and Northern Maine Junction to distribute cheer to friends of the consignee—or maybe they were just plain run customers.

Part of Load Gone

Anyway, when the car reached Northern Maine Junction Monday it had been considerably lightened. Then someone, worked the wireless to Bangor, and late at night a flock of public motor cars raced to the junction, where their drivers lit on the hooch car like flies on a sugar barrel. Nobody knew and apparently nobody cared who owned the stuff. Finding is keeping in the rum game in Maine and the motor cars sagged with their booze burdens as they rolled back to town. Residents of the Junction also got enough to stand off the April chills for a while.

Load is Seized

Before the car could get off it all, Deputy Collector of Customs Costly by heard what was going on, and on Tuesday, accompanied by H. M. Ors and S. F. Burnham of his staff, went out and grabbed what remained—about 75 cases. They escorted the car to Bangor, and last night liquor was carted to the Custom House vaults, while Capt. Phillips and Geofroyman Connors kept back the clanging crowd.

Extend Time For N. B. Railroad

Ottawa, April 6.—A resolution extending the time for the completion of the St. John and Quebec Railway between Centreville, Carleton County, N. B. and Andover, Victoria County, N. B. from December 31, 1921, to December 31, 1923, was adopted in the House this afternoon.

Grand Trunk Must Hasten Negotiations

Gov't Warns Line That Only Conditionally Can It Grant Any Time Extension.

Ottawa, April 6.—Warning to Sir Alfred Smithers, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, that consideration of the application of the company to the government for extension of time in the arbitration proceedings and for further advances must be conditional on the government obtaining possession and control of the railway, was given by Hon. Arthur Meighen, Prime Minister of Canada, in a cable to London, dated March 31. This cable was included in the correspondence between the government and the Grand Trunk directors tabled in the House this afternoon by the Premier.

NO TRADE FROM BELGIUM

Montreal, April 6.—That Canada had done absolutely nothing toward the industrial reconstruction of Belgium and so had lost the opportunity to capture the Belgian market, was the statement of Geoffrey Langlois, agent general of the Province of Quebec in that country, speaking before the Chambre de Commerce this afternoon.

MOUNT VESUVIUS IS IN ACTIVE ERUPTION AFTER FIFTEEN YEARS

Naples, April 6.—Mount Vesuvius is in active eruption. The eruption is the most violent that has occurred in fifteen years. It is being accompanied by impressive internal rumblings.

CHARLES LOOKS SICK

London, April 6.—The former Emperor Charles arrived at Locarno about eleven o'clock tonight, according to a Zurich despatch to the Exchange Telegraph. He was accompanied by the former Empress Rita, who met him at Buchs. Charles appeared to be in a very exhausted condition.

LAPOINTE IS AFTER SCALP OF ROBERTSON

Declares Minister of Labor Should be Dismissed by the Premier.

CATHOLIC UNIONS CAUSE OF ATTACK

Alleges Minister Took Employers' Sides in the Winnipeg Strike.

Ottawa, April 6.—Demands for the resignation of Hon. G. D. Robertson, minister of labor, were made today during a debate on the subject of Catholic National Unions, precipitated in the Commons on a motion to go into supply, by Ernest Lapointe member for Quebec East.

Mr. Lapointe declared that the minister of labor had been unfair in his treatment of the delegates from the national unions and that he had discriminated against them in favor of the International.

Denies Religious Taint

The National Union had asked for representation in the forthcoming building trades conference and not only had that been refused, but the deputation had been informed by the minister that their unions were dangerous and were liable to cause racial and religious strife. Mr. Lapointe declared that he was just as good a friend of labor as was Senator Robertson. While Senator Robertson was in Winnipeg openly siding with the employers and sending frantic appeals to Samuel Gompers for help, he (Mr. Lapointe) was on the floor of Commons defending the right of labor to collective bargaining.

Premier's Statement

The prime minister, replying, declared that Mr. Lapointe had "irritably confused the issue with a long statement of utterly impregnable principles, all the time assuming that one or other of these had been violated by the minister." The building trades conference was between employers and labor in the building trades. These two parties had asked for the conference and the National Union was not eligible for representation. The minister had not appointed the delegates. He merely made it convenient for the parties to the conference to get together in Ottawa. The premier paid a warm compliment to the disinterested work of Senator Robertson in the interests of labor for many years.

Fire The Minister!

Mr. J. B. Fontaine (Hull) declared that the government ought to dismiss the minister of labor. According to Edmund Proulx (Prescott) the minister was under the domination of Tom Moore.

ATTACK CHOICE OF LORD TALBOT

Sinn Fein Claims Government Will Use Name and Faith for Propaganda Work.

Dublin, April 6.—The Sinn Fein today issued an official statement declaring that Lord Edmund Bernard Talbot has been appointed viceroy of Ireland because the government hoped to turn his name and religion to successful propagandist use in foreign countries and create division among Irish Catholics.

Hon. Mr. Biggs Denies Graft Tale

Never Promised Any Commission in Motor Truck Deal He Declares.

Toronto, April 6.—Hon. F. C. Biggs, minister of public works in the Ontario U. P. O. Labor Government today before the public accounts committee of the legislature declared emphatically that he had not received any commission in connection with the sale of \$11,900 worth of motor trucks to the province. Mr. Biggs said he had never been promised a commission by anyone, and nothing had ever been suggested to him along that line.

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