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## THINK EARLY PEACE IS STILL POSSIBLE; BRITISH RY. STRIKE AVERTED FEW DAYS; PREMIER A GERS AN ANDOVER DELEGATION

### THE RAILWAY MEN'S STRIKE IN ENGLAND AVERTED UNTIL NEXT WEDNESDAY AT LEAST

Delegates Representing the Miners of the United Kingdom Were in Session Yesterday.

### THE SANKEY REPORT UNDER CONSIDERATION

Leader of Miners Expresses Regret at "Foolish Utterances" of Bonar Law in House of Commons.

London, March 21.—By Saturday night the nation will know first whether the "triple alliance"—miners, railwaymen and transport workers—intend to paralyze the country's industries and disrupt those who are the life of Britain; second, whether the coal mines are going to be nationalized, an event which certainly would be followed quickly as far as the railway and steamship lines are concerned.

This week is most critical in British industrial life, and the decisions reached will have a profound effect, not only here, but throughout Europe. Many keen observers consider the outlook black, especially as the railwaymen and miners have adopted an uncompromising attitude.

The railway men, miners and transport workers, at a conference tonight, reviewed the whole position of the mine, railway, and transport workers, and passed a resolution recommending that the railway men continue at work, pending further negotiations with the government with a view to removing the deadlock. This action is interpreted to mean that there will be no strike before next Wednesday.

**Miners' Meeting.**  
One hundred and fifty delegates representing the miners of the United Kingdom met this morning to discuss the interim report of the coal commission, of which Justice Sir John Sankey is chairman, issued last night, and decide as to whether there would be a strike or the mining industry. The conference met without any recommendation from the executive officers of the unions before them.

The Sankey report recommended seven hours of work underground for the miners instead of eight from July 15th next, and six hours from July 13th, 1921, subject to the economic condition of the industry, with an increase in wages of two shillings per shift for colliery workers now on the sliding scale, and an advance of one shilling for workers under sixteen years. An effective vote in the direction of the mines for the colliery workers was recommended as was the substitution of nationalization or unification, by national purchase or joint control, for the present system of ownership and system of working.

After reviewing the report of the coal commission, Robert Smillie, leader of the miners, said he deeply regretted the "foolish utterances" of Andrew Bonar Law, the government spokesman, in the House of Commons yesterday, "in which he threatened the miners."

If a strike ensued and the government beat the miners, or they beat the government, the result would only show which side was the stronger, Mr. Smillie declared.

After a general discussion of the report the conference adjourned until four p.m. to enable the miners' executive to make its recommendations on the matter in question.

### RONIKER GETS FIVE YEARS AT ATLANTA

Boston Bank Embezzler Pleading Guilty to Charge of Taking \$25,000.

Boston, Mass., March 21.—A maximum sentence of five years in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, was imposed in the federal court today upon William Roniker, former teller of Merchants National Bank of Cambridge, for embezzlement of \$27,000. Roniker had pleaded guilty to the charge. He was apprehended in Montreal.

### WESTERN STATES SNOWBOUND

Denver, Colo., March 21.—The western section of the country is isolated today as the result of a snow and sleet storm that swept western Colorado and Wyoming last night. All wire communication west of Denver has ceased and transcontinental trains are reported to be behind schedule.

### Internal Events Dependent Upon Quick Peace

Paris, Mar. 21.—"The first result to be obtained is peace, and the quickest peace possible," said David Lloyd George, the British premier, in a statement printed in today's issue of the Excelsior.

"All internal events in every country, Allied or enemy," continued the premier, "are dependent upon that peace, which we expect and desire to come at the earliest possible moment. Pending this everyone is living in a state of expectation and uncertainty. Commerce and industry are kept in a kind of stagnation which can only engender disorders."

"I shall, then, remain in Paris, unless something unexpected arises, until the text of the peace preliminaries are definitely drafted and ready for submission to the German delegation, not let me say for discussion, but simply for signature."

### RAILROADS GET GOV'T MONEY

One Hundred Millions Advanced by U. S. War Dept. to Tide Transportation Companies Over Difficulties.

Bulletin—Washington, March 12.—One hundred million dollars was advanced by the War Department to the railroad administration today to assist in tiding the railroads over the period until additional funds are made available by congress. It was announced that approximately fifty per cent. of this sum was due to the administration on current bills and that the remainder represented an advance on bills yet to fall due.

### THE UKRAINIANS ENTER LEMBERG

Resistance of Polish Reinforcements Broken After Five Days of Hard Fighting.

Warsaw, Thursday, Mar. 20.—(By The Associated Press)—The Ukrainians besieging Lemberg have entered the city after five days of hard fighting, according to an official statement issued today.

The resistance of the Polish reinforcements sent to the aid of the beleaguered city was broken by the Ukrainians, the statement adds. A document seized by the Poles showed that a reward of 5,000 crowns and fine arrears (about five acres) of land had been promised to every Ukrainian soldier entering Lemberg.

### AMERICAN SOLDIER IN WILD WEST ACT

Held up by Frontier Guard, He Cuts Loose With His Revolver and Kills Three.

Amsterdam, March 21.—A despatch from Frankfurt-on-Main gives the report that an American soldier on Monday night killed three persons in a small town of Hesse-Nassau. A German frontier guard asked two American soldiers for their passes, which they did not possess, and turned them back, according to the report, whereupon one of the Americans drew a revolver and shot the German dead, and then fled. While running he turned back, according to the report, and again fired, accidentally killing his comrade, as well as a German farmer. An American officer, it is said, is making an investigation.

### Japan Sure of Wilson Approval For Her Racial Equality Clause

Paris, Friday.—The League of Nations Committee when it holds its next meeting will have before it the text of Japan's proposal regarding racial equality, and it probably will be written into the draft of the covenant. The following is an authoritative copy of the proposal as it will be considered by the committee for endorsement in the League of Nations.

"Equality between nations being a basic principle of the League of Nations, the high contracting Powers agree to accord as soon as possible to all alien nationals of states members of this league equal and just treatment, making no distinction either in law or in fact on account of race or nationality."

Leading Japanese here believe that the attitude of the American delegates with regard to their proposal is friendly. This, they said, leads them to believe that their proposal will be favorably acted on.

They are, however, somewhat worried over the attitude of the British representatives, which is based on Australian, British Columbia, Canada and South African views.

They expressed the opinion that there is widespread ignorance of the serious international policies involved for Japan.

Presentation of the proposal to the next meeting of the League of Nations Committee is evidently in the hope for forestall a race mass meeting in Tokyo next Sunday.

Baron Makino and Viscount Chinda, Japanese peace plenipotentiaries, have, it was authoritatively said, suggested to Colonel E. M. House that President Wilson call the League of Nations Committee to meet as soon as possible.

Analysis of the proposed League of Nations covenant is occupying much space in the Japanese press, and some of the leading and most influential newspapers declare that racial equality will be the test question to determine whether the league will be based on the principles of justice and humanity or whether it will be an Anglo-American instrument to conquer the world.

A portion of the press also blames the Japanese government for "permitting America to establish special interests in connection with joint Siberian railroad control."

Meanwhile the Foreign Office has issued a denial of reports which have been current in Tokyo that Japan will insist on the Lansing-Hait agreement being embodied in the constitution of the League of Nations if the Monroe doctrine is included therein.

At the same time, the government, replying to the criticism of its Siberian railroad policy, denied the implication of the newspapers and declared the American pledges showed their unselfish motives.

### RHINE THE ONLY GOOD LINE OF DEFENCE

Foch Says the War Will Have Been in Vain if It Not Made the Barrier.

Wonderful Soldiers Gave the Victory

Said His Only Merit Was to Have Had Faith and Never to Have Despaired.

Paris, March 21.—(Havas Agency)—"The Rhine is our only good line of defence. I do not demand annexation, but if we do not secure this military frontier, we will have fought in vain," is a statement made by Marshal Foch in an interview in the Matin today.

In discussing the last days of the war, the marshal said: "It was the wonderful soldiers who gave us victory. My only merit was to have had faith and never to have despaired. We signed the armistice, in spite of the certainty of crushing the German armies, to avoid killing one more man and because it gave us everything necessary to a 'truce' victory."

The writer asked the Marshal if his strategic sense was a doctrine that could be taught, or if it was rather not that faculty "to divine and improvise," called genius.

### SEPTEMBER MORN WAS ARRESTED

Brings Suit Against Officers and Gets Jury Award of \$25,000 in Damages.

Chicago, March 21.—Mrs. Margaret Reeves, wife of Melville Reeves, known as the "Sky scraper burglar," today was awarded \$25,000 in damages against Nicholas Hunt, former chief of detectives, and Detective Sergeant Charles Gratton, on her charge of false arrest. Mrs. Reeves charged the officers, while seeking her husband, broke into her hotel apartment while she was in her bath, compelled her to dress in their presence, and she sued for \$75,000. The award was made by a jury.

### SERIOUS CHARGE LAID AGAINST U. S. SECY. OF WAR BAKER

Kansas City, Mo., March 21.—Secretary of War Baker was accused directly of "Aiding and assisting the I. W. W., International Socialists and Humanitarians in their programme of blocking the construction of the army" by Major Dick B. Foster, member of the General Court Martial, which tried 123 alleged conscientious objectors at Camp Funston in an address before the City Club here today.

"This was done," Major Foster declared, "by extending and perverting the acts of congress for the protection, comfort and solace of these obstructivists."

### ALSACE LORRAINE HAS NEW GOVERNOR IN MILLERAND

Paris, Mar. 21.—President Poincaré at a meeting of the cabinet today signed a decree appointing Alexandre Millerand, former minister of war, governor of Alsace-Lorraine. M. Millerand's headquarters will be at Strasbourg.

The governorship of Alsace-Lorraine recently was declined by Charles C. A. Jonart, formerly French governor-general of Algeria.

### PATROLS CLASH IN WOODS NEAR VALOGDA RY.

Small Bolshevik Raiding Party Surprised an Allied Artillery Position in the Forests.

Raiders Repulsed With Losses

Believed Bolshevik Will Have Big Advantage as Spring Advances and Rivers Open.

Archangel, Thursday, March 20.—A small Bolshevik raiding party, making its way over the snow, surprised an Allied artillery position in the forests near the Valogda railway.

After considerable fighting in the darkness, the raiders were repulsed, leaving a number of dead behind.

Following up last Friday's success on the Dvina, when the Americans and Russians repulsed a raid against the Allied lines of communication, an American patrol today encountered a Bolshevik patrol in a wood. A number of the Bolsheviks were killed and the others in the party were made prisoners.

As the winter has been unusually mild in North Russia, it is expected that within a month the thaw will come to make extensive land fighting impracticable. The Bolshevik will have a big advantage when the rivers open. The Dvina and Vaga, River will be navigable near the fighting front before the Dvina is opened further north around Archangel. The condition would permit the Bolshevik gunboats which have spent the winter at Krasnoborsk and Kotlas to reach the vicinity of Brestok before the Allied river flotilla can steam southward to meet them.

Efforts are being made, however, to speed up the arrival of the Allied fleet in the fighting zone in order to confine the Bolshevik advance to the shortest time possible. In the meantime, as long as the present cold weather continues, it is a race against time to move over the snow before the thaw comes, sufficient big guns and ammunition to hold the enemy boats in check until the Allied vessels can move southward. In this work the Allied transport service is performing a stupendous task, in spite of the shortage of hay and oats, which has weakened the horses for the long hauls over the snow, and added greatly to the difficulties of the situation.

### SIR THOMAS LIPTON SAILING FOR STATES

Will Confer With American Yachtsmen About Resumption of International Yacht Racing—Has Offered Cup for "P" Yachts.

Marblehead, Mass., Mar. 21.—A cablegram was received by the Corinthian Yacht Club from Sir Thomas Lipton stating that he was sailing on the Aquitania and would reach the United States about March 25, where he would confer with American yachtsmen and about the resumption of international yacht racing.

Sir Thomas has offered a cup for class "P" yachts, to be contested in races to be arranged this year, but the New York club replied that it preferred to wait until 1920 before resuming the international competition.

In 1914 Sir Thomas challenged for the America's cup and entered Shamrock IV. The war prevented this race from being held and the Shamrock IV has since been in dry dock in Brooklyn. Members of the Corinthian Yacht Club believe that Sir Thomas will inspect the Shamrock IV, to decide if it can be used for racing.

### GERMAN SEAMEN GETTING FUSSY

London, March 21.—A Central News despatch from Amsterdam says German seamen at Hamburg have decided that they will not man ships carrying entente troops.

### BETTER OUTLOOK REPORTED ON EARLY PEACE

Agreement Reached on the Necessity for the Quickest Completion of Terms to Be Imposed.

### EARLY PEACE NOW BELIEVED POSSIBLE

All Future Work of Council of Ten to Be Preceded by Conferences Between Heads of Governments.

Paris, March 21.—The system by which the heads of the associated governments discuss and agree upon matters of great importance, outside of the council of ten, seems to be producing results tending to show that an early peace is still possible.

It is understood tonight that an agreement has already been reached regarding the necessity for the quickest completion of the terms to be imposed upon Germany; also that those terms are to include not only military, naval and aerial clauses, but also financial and territorial clauses, and finally the league of nations.

It also has been agreed among the heads of the associated governments that the council of ten will be delimiting the frontiers of Italy shall be drawn up simultaneously, thus satisfying the Italian demands, which recently have been growing more acute.

Having regard to the advanced state of preparation where the various commissions concerned find themselves, it is believed in high circles here that fifteen days hence the German-Italian report will be ready.

It is understood that all the future work of the council of ten will be preceded by conversations between the heads of governments, such as produced the above decisions, and it is expected that much time will thereby be saved in the council sessions.

Today the council of ten discussed the Polish-Ukrainian dispute over Lemberg, with especial reference to the despatch to Poland of the Polish divisions now in France, and also debated the western frontiers of Poland.

Next in order for discussion is the question of Schleswig-Holstein, also the question of German Austria, whose independence Germany probably will be asked to respect.

### GERMANY NOT BEATEN IN EAST

If Her Aims in That Part of Europe Are to Be Frustrated There is to Be Peace

There Must Be a Strong Poland.

Warsaw, March 18.—Germany, although defeated in the west, is not yet beaten in the east, and her aims in that part of Europe are to be frustrated and there is to be peace, there must be a strong Poland, Ignaz Paderewski, the premier of Poland, declared today.

"The importance to the peace of Europe of a strong and united Poland cannot be exaggerated," said the premier. "Germany made war not for honor and ideals, but for markets and raw material. The war has not been won. Germany is ready to acknowledge herself beaten in the west, but not in the east."

"The same men who organized the present war count on re-organization of Russia in their own interests. If they do so, they will have an endless supply of labor and raw material."

"What stands in Germany's way is not France or England, which are so weak off Germany is at the gates of Europe."

### PREMIER FOSTER DISAPPOINTS RY. DELEGATION

Tells Them Valley Road Will Not Be Built from Centreville to Andover by the Local Government.

### REMINDED OF PRE-ELECTION STATEMENT

Delegation Returns Home With Minds Made up That Victoria County Will Have Different Representatives in the Assembly.

Fredericton, March 21.—A very large and important delegation waited upon the government this morning, with regard to the extension of the Valley Railway from Centreville, Carleton County to Andover, Victoria. This delegation was composed of representative men of both political parties from the counties of Victoria and Carleton. R. W. Demings of Victoria county was the first speaker and presented the resolutions passed by a meeting held in Andover on March 14. After a long preamble came the following:

"Therefore resolved, That this meeting desires to impress upon the government in the strongest manner possible the absolute necessity of having the railway built from Centreville to Andover without any further delay."

Premier Foster told the delegation that the local government would not build the Valley Railway from Centreville to Andover, but was willing that the Dominion government should take over the road and extend it. One reason was that the Prudential Trust Company had taken the bond proceeds of over twelve miles of road, and invested the money in business on the Pacific coast where it would remain for five years. To extend the railway a bond issue of \$1,000,000 would be necessary. The premier was reminded that at Grand Falls he had stated that while he would not make a good representative as Mr. Burgess, his prestige as Premier would enable him to have the Valley Railway extended to Grand Falls and connected with the Transcontinental. The Premier answered that he did not remember making such a promise.

The delegation was very much dissatisfied with the Premier's attitude. They say neither the Premier nor Mr. Tweeddale will get another election in Victoria.

Some days ago the Premier told the House that the delay in the extension of the Valley Railway was due to the fact that it was intended to make another survey.

### EGYPT BECOMING MORE TROUBLESOME

Troops Are Being Reinforced There and General Allenby is Hastening to Cairo.

Bulletin—London, March 21.—The situation in Egypt is becoming worse and at the present time is distinctly grave, a Reuters despatch from Cairo says. General Allenby, the commander in Palestine, will reach Cairo Tuesday. The large force of troops already in Egypt are being reinforced.

Disorganized Russia did once let her combine with the Bolsheviks and reorganize Russia, as she will have the leisure to do in peace time, she will dominate the world. A strong Poland alone can block this plan."

### RUSSIANS TO HASTEN HOME

Dissatisfied With Economic Conditions in United States and Want to Get Back to Homeland.

New York, March 21.—Because of dissatisfaction with economic conditions in the United States, the executive committee of the second-all-Russian convention today announced the incorporation of the Svoboda Steamship Company, the purpose of which company will be to charter or purchase steamships for the transportation of one million Russian workers, Bolsheviks and others, to Russia.

### STERLING EXCHANGE TAKES A DROP

London, March 21.—Cable transfers rates on sterling exchange fell to 4.50 a pound in London today when an announcement was made that government support of exchange had ceased.

### VARIOUS INTERPRETATIONS PLACED ON THE TARIFF STATEMENT

The General Effect of the Announcement Has Been to Lessen the Tension Produced by the Debate on the Address When Opposing Factions Gave Violent Expressions of Opinion.

Ottawa, March 21.—Various interpretations are being placed upon the statement made yesterday by Sir Thomas White subsequent to the Unionist caucus of the tariff. All reports from within the caucus agree with the assurance given by the acting prime minister that the discussion was along moderate lines. The statement by Sir Thomas that announcements were likely to be made that would be acceptable to the Unionists is naturally interpreted by the low tariff members as an intimation that

there will be some fairly heavy reductions, while the high tariff advocates lay more stress upon the assurance that when normal times are restored there will be a general revision of the tariff by a ministerial commission. The moderate contingent expect a compromise that will keep the Unionist tariff intact throughout the session. The general effect of the caucus and the subsequent announcement has been to lessen the tension produced by the debate on the address when the representatives of the two opposite tariff viewpoints gave somewhat violent expression to their opinions.