

WELSH MINERS CHIEF OBSTACLE

General Opinion is that Settlement of Coal Mine Trouble Can be Secured Only in English Fields

ACTIVE EFFORTS BY GOVERNMENT

Proposals Made to Owners and Miners Supposed to Include Adoption of Minimum Wage and Output

LONDON, Feb. 23.—The Chronicle, the government organ, confirms the report that Premier Asquith has submitted important proposals to the mine owners and the miners' committee, requesting them to discuss their replies by Tuesday. The nature of the proposals is a secret.

The Morning Leader believes the ministers are trying to secure an agreement on the lines of least resistance, namely, a minimum wage and minimum output, and says it hopes for much from the fact that Premier Asquith, Chancellor Lloyd George and Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey are actively bending their efforts in favor of peace.

The general opinion of the morning papers is that the attitude of the miners in Wales is the most threatening factor against a solution of the difficulty, and the only hope is in effort to secure a settlement in the English coal fields on the basis of a minimum wage, leaving the Welsh miners to strike alone.

The Lord Mayor of London will convene a conference of all the mine owners tomorrow. They will consider the best methods of preventing the strike. According to the Daily Telegraph Premier Asquith at the conference at the foreign office yesterday proposed:

First—A postponement of the date of operation of the strike petition.

Second—That the mine owners should admit the principle of a minimum wage.

Third—That negotiations should ensue to settle the amount of the minimum wage.

The miners offered no substantial objections to the proposals. Some of the owners concerned, in the South Wales district, refused to listen to the request for a postponement on the ground that it would only result in further disorganization of trade.

France is Concerned
PARIS, Feb. 23.—The gravest apprehensions are felt throughout France in regard to the threatened national coal strike in England, as France gets more than half its coal from that country. The stock here is low and a national strike in Great Britain would halt many French industries.

Finnish Pilots Strike
HELSINGFORS, Finland, Feb. 24.—In consequence of the confirmation by the Emperor of Russia of the bill subordinating the pilot service of Finland to the ministry of marine, all the Finnish pilots have resigned. Twenty-five provincial pilots are now detained at the police station here, where they are being subjected to an investigation. This fact has caused many pilots, who hitherto had hesitated, to join the strike which is causing greater embarrassment to local coasting shipping than to foreign vessels.

New Ontario's Wants
TORONTO, Feb. 24.—The Associated boards of trade passed a resolution urging the Ontario government to appoint at the present session a commission to discover the most advantageous policy for the settlement of New Ontario, and made these suggestions: "Construction of adequate roads; the clearing of land for the settlers; the preparation of ready-made farms; provision of land to settlers, opening of office to assist interested settlers; permitting of the settlers' duties to be performed by the locator, not a resident settler; the promotion of education by agricultural and model farms; lecture courses and like methods; aggressive advertising campaign for New Ontario; the securing of a ready market for their pulp wood."

Fight Over Freight Rates
WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Argument was begun today before the supreme court by attorneys for Spokane, Wash., and other inter-mountain cities to obtain a final judicial ruling on the order of the inter-state commerce commission granting to those cities freight rates lower than are granted to Pacific coast points on shipments from the east. The arguments marked the closing phase of a fight that has now lasted more than twenty years. The court will hear further arguments on Monday.

Oriental Students
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.—Fuh Mao Sah, nephew of Admiral Sah Chen Ping, who commanded the Imperial fleet at the battle of Hankow, and Sarbeh Kumar Ghosh, an Indian prince and writer of international note, arrived today on the liner Siberia. Both have come to America to study social, political and industrial conditions. Fuh, who occupies a position in the republican government under Yuan Shi Kai, said that his uncle, the admiral, had gone over to the republicans.

SALARY INCREASE

Minister of Customs Gives Notice of Substantial Advance in Case of Several Classes of Officers

OTTAWA, Feb. 24.—Hon. J. D. Reid, minister of customs, has given notice of a substantial increase in salary to customs officers.

A person who has served seven years as chief clerk in the outside service may be appointed senior chief clerk at a salary of from \$2200 to \$2800 per annum. After three years service a clerk in the outside service may become a senior at from \$1200 to \$1300. Other increases provided for are:

Schedule B collectors, \$1000 to \$3400; chief inspectors, \$2200 to \$4600; port inspectors, \$2000 to \$3000; assistant inspectors, \$1800 to \$2000; chief clerks, \$1200 to \$2200; senior chief clerks, \$2200 to \$2800; surveyors, \$1200 to \$2800; landing waiters, etc., \$1200 to \$1600; Dominion appraisers, \$2000 to \$2600; appraisers, \$1200 to \$2000; assistant appraisers, \$800 to \$1500; gaugers, \$500 to \$1000. Other classes: Senior clerks, \$1200 to \$1600; clerks, \$400 to \$1200; examining officers \$100 to \$1000. Packers and messengers, \$400 to \$800.

EXPORT GRAIN VIA PACIFIC

Operators in Prairie Country Now Moving for New Remedy for Congestion of Railway Traffic

RELIEF TO COME FROM COAST ROUTE

Leading Merchant of Winnipeg Leaves for Vancouver to Look Into Question of Facilities

WINNIPEG, Feb. 24.—Hugh Patterson, leading grain operator here, and member of the grain exchange, left for Vancouver yesterday to make a preliminary survey of the situation there, in view of the strong probabilities that the greater part of the western Canadian wheat crop must be in the future moved out of the country by way of the Pacific coast seaports.

Grain men here have come to the conclusion after this year's experience of the railway failure to adequately handle the transport for last year's grain crop by the usual route, and are now taking steps to secure connections and ascertain what facilities will be necessary in connection with the grain traffic from the Pacific through the Pacific coast ports. The C. N. R. and C. P. lines through the mountains on easy grades will, it is said, eliminate the difficulties that have heretofore barred the way, western grain being shipped to markets of consumption by way of the Pacific.

BISHOP ROPER CONSECRATED

Began Episcopate in Columbia Diocese Yesterday Following Impressive Ceremonies in Christ Church Cathedral

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Allowed Out on Bail on Charge of Converting Trust Funds to His Own Use

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"Capt. Harvey has \$4,000 in his possession," declared Mr. Kappel, "and unless his erstwhile partners come down from their high perch and withdraw the absurd charge laid against him, they'll have to whistle for their share of the money. My client has been arrested on a false charge, and we're going to take action against the informants for malicious arrest."

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After a 20-minute scuffle the crowd was dispersed, and all but two children were driven away to the city farm. One triumphant father captured his two children during the confusion and succeeded in slipping away from the scene unnoticed.

Twenty-seven persons, arrested during the day's disturbances, were before Associate Justice Rowell this evening, charged with obstructing the sidewalks and other minor infractions of city ordinances. They were assessed fines ranging from \$1 to \$10. Several of the number were women.

Walter Sheppard, a wealthy philanthropist of Pittsburgh, came to Lawrence today and began the distribution of several thousand cards for free meals for children. He is having dining room quarters fitted up, and says he will feed three thousand children three meals a day as long as the strike lasts.

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