

MILITARY TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE MINES

Lloyd George Suggests Drastic Regulations to Deal With Coal Trouble.

SITUATION GROWING MORE DESPERATE

Appeal Made to Strikers Not to Permit Pits to be Flooded.

London, April 4.—The British Government is most anxious to probe every suggestion in order to see if a solution of the coal strike might be found. Premier Lloyd George told the House of Commons today in answer to a question concerning the coal crisis.

The Prime Minister declared he was fully alive to the importance of doing every assistance possible and said that he hoped within 24 hours the Commons would have an opportunity to discuss the question fully.

No Debate Yet.

This was the only information growing out of the early session of the House today, although a debate on the local strike had been expected.

The signs tonight point to the dispute between the coal miners and the government drifting in the direction of the most serious industrial crisis in recent years. There are rumors that the government has decided upon certain military steps, which are likely to further inflame the miners, while further emergency regulations will be issued in accordance with orders in council, giving the various governmental departments almost unlimited powers to take possession of mines, lands, buildings, works, gas, electric and water supplies, horse food and forage and to requisition all kinds of transport, including tramways and light railways, to close ports or harbors, control shipping and cargoes, fix prices of coal and prohibit or regulate the sale and supply of motor oil.

Much Depends Today.

Much may depend upon the attitude of the government as revealed by the debate in the House of Commons tomorrow, and Wednesday will be the critical day, deciding whether the other sections of the Triple Alliance, the railwaymen and transport workers, will strike in support of the miners.

When the railways are taken out of government control a similar situation may arise and unless they support the miners now they cannot expect the miners' support should they need it at that time.

Moderate opinion is concentrating in favor of the suggestion offered on Saturday by Alfred Bigland, coalition minister, that the so-called De-control Bill should be postponed and the time limit for control fixed for May 31, instead of March 31, thereby giving time for discussion and arrangement of the industrial position at home and abroad.

Press Their Demands.

John Robert Clynes and Arthur Henderson, the most independent of the Liberals, intend to press this suggestion on the government tomorrow. It is believed that the government will refuse to accept this suggestion and that the prime minister will have his position upon the simple proposition that it is impossible for the country in the present state of its finances to bear any further burden in shape of a subsidy to the miners. It is not impossible that important political developments may hang upon the triple decision Wednesday.

The anti-governmental press openly accuses Mr. Lloyd George of trying to misrepresent the labor party into a false position, whereby he could appeal to the country against the labor policy of "direct action and Bolshevism."

Appeal to Miners.

These newspapers recall the prime minister's recent attack on the revolutionary and socialist tendencies of the Labor Party and they appeal to the labor leaders, and the miners to abandon the extreme policy of wrecking the mines by flooding and refusing all discussion of the mine owners' proposals. By their present attitude the papers say, they are only playing into the prime minister's hands.

Mr. Lloyd George presided at a cabinet committee meeting tonight, those in attendance including Sir Robert S. Home, Sir Eric Geddes and T. J. McNamara, to discuss the situation, which also was considered by the Parliamentary Labor Party in consultation with the miners' leaders.

The balance of opinion tonight is that the Triple Alliance will refrain from the declaration of a general strike until it is certain that attempts at a peaceful settlement are hopeless. It is announced that the admiralty has cancelled all leave.

The Prime of Wales on the advice of the government has cancelled his proposed visit to Norwich Wednesday.

Schooner Abandoned

Nantasket, Mass., April 4.—The Portuguese schooner Evolution, bound from New Bedford for Cape Verde Islands, was abandoned as a total loss today by Captain Perry, who had stayed by his ship after the crew was taken off by the coast guard cutter Albatross yesterday.

Cost of Living Highest in Sydney

Investigator Declares It is the Dearest Place to Live in Dominion.

Sydney, N. S., April 4.—That the high cost of living is higher in Sydney than in any other city in Canada, is the admission made by E. McQuirk, special investigator for the federal department of labor, who left the city this evening for Ottawa, after making a survey of the local steel situation for the Dominion authorities. Mr. Quirk, who was sent east after repeated urgent appeals of the Sydney steel workers held conferences on Sunday with labor officials and today met the steel company heads to get their side of the story.

CHARLES GIVEN MORE TIME TO QUIT HUNGARY

Pneumonia in Both Lungs Prevents His Removal at Present.

Budapest, April 4.—The time limit on the ultimatum from Czechoslovakia, demanding the removal of former Emperor Charles from Hungary, which had been set at Sunday night has been extended to noon Wednesday, it was announced today. The extension was on account of the announcement from Stalinsmayer that the ex-ruler was ill.

Advices from other quarters have stated that the Little Entente, comprising Czechoslovakia, Roumania and Yugoslavia had demanded that Emperor Charles leave Hungary before Thursday, failing which military operations against Hungary would be begun.

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The military council of the republic, consisting of forty officers of the highest standing under the presidency of Admiral Horthy, the regent, discussed late Saturday night measures which might be made necessary by the presence of former Emperor Charles in Hungary.

"It took the oath to maintain the constitution, and I will not break it," said the regent, in addressing the council. "Help me to save Hungary. Keep the troops under the strictest discipline."

The members of the council thereupon took an oath of loyalty to the regent. The troops of the local garrison renewed their oath of fidelity to the constitution this morning.

Two airplanes appeared over the suburbs of Budapest today, dropping portraits of the former emperor and pro-Charles hand-bills. Minister of Agriculture Szabo declared to the correspondent, "Charles gave his word of honor to Regent Horthy that he was leaving the country, and now he is looking for a pretext to stay. But we have guaranteed that he will be removed, even against his will."

Charles Has Pneumonia.

Berne, Switzerland, April 4.—The return of former Emperor Charles to Switzerland has been postponed because of illness, said to be pneumonia in both lungs, says an official message received here today.

The situation is proving embarrassing to the government which has determined to withdraw its permission to Charles to re-enter Switzerland if the delay in his arrival continues unduly.

Bread 500 Years Old Discovered

Even the Fuel Gathered to Cook the Meal Found in Old Ruin.

Washington, April 4.—The oldest and staled bread in North America has been discovered. Some 500 or more years ago, one of the original Americans, a dweller of the cliffs in what is now Mesa Verde National Park, Colorado, forgot to eat his supper, and Dr. J. Walter Powkes, archeologist of the Smithsonian institution, has found the cereal portion of it. Through all these years the dry air of that region has preserved this ancient dried corn bread, made into a form similar to the modern American griddle cake or the Mexican tortilla.

This ancient food was found on the plain of Oak Tree House, one of the many cliff dwellers ruins that Dr. Powkes has unearthed and reconstructed. There also was found the shattering remains between which the housewife of the ancient community crushed the corn, and even the straw brush she used in scraping up the corn meal had laid near by through the centuries.

PENSIONS FOR AGED WANTED IN N. SCOTIA

Labor Member Explains Bill to Give Unemployment Insurance.

WILLING TO PAY FOR COMMISSION

Insists Labor is "Always the Goat" in All Government Legislation.

Halifax, April 4.—In the House of Assembly today the bill presented by Mr. Joseph Steel, Labor, Cape Breton, providing for old age pensions and unemployment insurance, came up for second reading and he was asked to explain its object to the House. Mr. Steel said that it was for a commission to inquire "whether the standing of the country was real or camouflage in order to have wages forced down."

Willing to Pay.

Hon. E. H. Armstrong, acting leader of the government, said that the appointment of a commission meant the expenditure of public money, and that therefore the measure would have to be given careful consideration. Mr. Steel said that labor was "always the goat," and that labor would pay its share for the commission.

VETERAN DEMAND FOR \$2,000 EACH IS RE-AFFIRMED

Unemployed Former Soldiers Want Army Pay While Jobless.

GRATUITIES FOR FAMILIES OF FALLEN

Trade Apprentices to be Paid Full Wages While Learning Work.

Ottawa, April 4.—Re-affirmation of the principle of a \$2,000 bonus for Canadian veterans of the war is contained in the recommendations of the Grand Army of United Veterans and Naval Veterans' association to the parliamentary committee on soldiers' civil re-establishment, which will be dealt with by the committee tomorrow morning.

Other recommendations made by the G. A. U. V. include free medical treatment for five years; government employment for disabled men; adequate compensation for persons who lost arms or legs; and re-establishment committee with power to grant loans in each military district.

Unemployed on Pay.

An important resolution is one asking that unemployed veterans be placed on an army pay and allowances until such time as offered positions commensurate with their physical conditions and business abilities.

Owing to the dearth of apprentices in the various trades the G. A. U. V. suggests that all minors, up to 21 years of age, be given an opportunity to become apprentices at prevailing wages, the government to contribute to make this a living wage.

Suggestions on pension amendments submitted by the G. A. U. V. are similar to those submitted by the G. W. V. A., with the exception that the G. A. U. V. is asking that pensions be paid to the next of kin one year after a pensioner's death and for two years in cases of dependent children. A further suggestion is that pensioners, called for medical re-examination, should be paid at the rate of \$5 a day.

Fossils of Past In Nature's Museum

Rich Deposit of Ancient Day Found in Former Bed of Lake.

Crooked, Colo., April 4.—A museum of nature's building, where she preserves plants, insects and other forms of life into mud and preserved them for the scientist of today to discover and use in puzzling out the world's past, has been discovered near here. This fossil storehouse is twenty miles long and five miles wide, and many hundreds of feet thick, according to Dr. F. H. Knowlton, of the U. S. National Museum.

These ancient lake beds were filled up and finally extinguished by volcanic ash and mud many ages ago, but now they produce this marvelous storehouse in which the plants and animals are preserved with the greatest fidelity.

"Although the newly discovered lake beds have not been thoroughly explored, they have yielded beautifully preserved plants, a few insects and many isolated bird feathers," says Dr. Knowlton. Among the plants found were branches and cones of pine and fir, similar to and probably ancestors of trees of the region today.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA

Sharp debate in House of Commons over proposal to pay indemnities to demobilized soldiers with Quebec anti-conscription riots. Deputy Minister of Justice declares Sir Thomas White can sit as a member of the Commons.

Demonde, alleged Irish leader, arrested by Mayor's order in Vancouver for alleged anti-British address.

UNITED STATES

Court orders millionaire Stillman to pay alimony and costs to his wife.

BRITISH ISLES

Military likely to have a part in dealing with the coal mine strike.

Lively clashes are reported in several parts of Ireland; number of outrages in last year is 10,894 with 333 deaths.

EUROPE

Germany has paid 100,000,000 pounds sterling for indemnities to date, says Lloyd George.

Ex-Emperor Charles of Austria is a victim of pneumonia now.

BITTER TAUNTS IN HOUSE OVER QUEBEC'S RIOTS

Motion Made That Indemnities Should be Granted Those Who Suffered Loss.

"NO PENSIONS FOR REBELS" SAYS HOCKEN

Hon. Mr. Lemieux Declares Trouble Was Made by Agents of the Gov't.

Ottawa, April 4.—The appointment of a special parliamentary committee to investigate the various forms of proportional representation with a view to adopting one for use in federal elections, was asked in the House tonight by J. A. Szemith (Peterborough).

He instigated the Quebec election of 1918, where fifty-four Liberals were elected with a total of 164,909 votes, and eleven Conservatives with a total of 111,588 votes. Under proportional representation thirty-nine Conservatives would have been elected.

A resolution by Hon. R. Lemieux for the production of the correspondence in the Canadian and Quebec Government concerning the expulsion of Dr. Burman's hospital mission from Montenegro, brought on a sharp debate on the necessity of securing respect for Canadian Nationals in foreign countries.

Col. Cyrus Peck, V.C. (Steeles) struck the high note of the debate when he declared that, while he was not an abolitionist of the constitution, the time had come to let the whole world know that the rights of Canadian citizens must be respected.

Debate Riot Case.

At the afternoon sitting a resolution by George Parent (Quebec west), to indemnify the victim of the so-called Quebec riots of 1918, brought on a sharp debate. French-Canadian members pleaded for compensation for the injured. Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Hon. H. S. Beland and others supported the resolution. Considerable bitterness was evident, especially after H. C. Hocken (Toronto west), intimated that the government should not be called upon to pension those who played the parts of rebels at a time when Canada needed loyal citizens.

Hon. Charles Murphy (Russell), said Mr. Hocken spoke in a characteristically Toronto fashion. Charges not against themselves on the fact that they were employed by government; were made by Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux.

D. D. McKensie (Cape Breton north), said British subjects had at St. John's, N. B., been called by his name that the man who casts his lot with the nation was assured of a square deal and a fair trial. Two things should be done; criminals should be brought to justice, and those who had lost their goods should be compensated.

An absolutely non-partisan investigation should be made. Parliament would then rise to the occasion and do what was right.

CONTEST FOR THE MAXWELL NEARING END

Winner Will Have Splendid Opportunity to Win the Studebaker Also.

ALL VOTES COUNT ON REGULAR PRIZES

Everyone Who Makes An Earnest Effort Will Win Something in Big Contest.

Only six more days of the last special prize offer of The Standard's big prize contest—the \$400 Maxwell Touring Car offer.

Which contestant will win this elegant award for doing the best work in the contest by the end of Monday, April 11th? The one turning in the greatest amount of subscription money during the three-week period ending April 11th will be awarded the special Maxwell.

Not Too Late.

Inquiries are being received at the department, daily, as to whether or not it is too late to enroll in the big prize contest and win the \$2,950.00 seven-passenger Studebaker, the Gray-Dart, the special prize Maxwell or one of the other valuable prizes. It is not too late.

Use the entry blank in today's issue to enroll your name. Then get busy and make up for lost time.

AT THE IMPERIAL TODAY

"Half A Chance," with Mahlon Hamilton and Lillian Rich—Also Beauty and the Beast.

AT THE QUEEN SQUARE TODAY

"Ceil De Mille" "Something to Think About" (an all-star cast).

AT THE UNIQUE TODAY

Waltz Reids in "The Charm School."

OPERA HOUSE TODAY

Vaudeville and feature picture.

Two of the prizes to be given away by The Standard's big contest are opportunities to become "Movie Stars" with the Universal Film Company, film's largest and most important moving picture company.

League Will Not Notice German Note

Regards Saar Army as Merely a Garrison and Not Troops of Occupation.

Geneva, April 4.—The Council of the League of Nations will apply the same rule to Germany's latest protest against the presence of French military forces in the Saar region as applied to previous protests, it was announced by council officials here today. Unless some member of the league raises the question, no action will be taken.

Only a Garrison.

The French troops in the Saar territory are not considered troops of occupation, but a garrison, the officials pointed out. The administration of the territory depends in the first instance upon the League under the peace treaty and was delegated to the Saar Valley governing commission of which M. Rault, of France is president. As French interests predominate in exploitation of the mine and factories of the region, the presence of the French garrison is regarded by the council to be proper as eventual protection in case of trouble.

Two Sealers Bring 14,000 Good Skins

Bow of One Badly Damaged by Collisions With Ice Floes.

St. Johns, Nfld., April 4.—The sealing steamer Diana, the first of the fleet to return from the annual hunt off the Northeast coast of Newfoundland, arrived tonight with 7,000 pelts aboard. Her bows were damaged by contact with ice floes which held the whole fleet prisoners for several days. The steamer Pacific followed with about the same catch. The remainder of the fleet is continuing the hunt.

Germany Has Paid 100,000,000 Sterling

Lloyd George Makes This Announcement in the House of Commons.

London, April 4.—In reply to a question in the House of Commons today, Premier Lloyd George stated that the net amount of reparations money received from Germany was about 100,000,000 pounds sterling.

FARM WAGES IN WEST CUT DOWN ABOUT ONE-HALF

Not Likely to Pay More Than Fifty Dollars Per Month This Year.

TILL LESS LAND IF LABOR SCARCE

Farmers Claim They Cannot Pay High Prices of Other Years.

Calgary, Alta., April 4.—Wages of farm hands in Alberta this year will be only about half what they were last year, according to several farmers and farming organizations. Hon. Duncan Marshall, provincial minister of agriculture, who was in Calgary this morning when this question was put to him, replied emphatically that farmers could not possibly pay more than \$50 a month with board for their help, in view of the prospect of wheat this year going back to pre-war basis.

Will Less Soil.

Generally speaking, it is the intention of farmers, if they cannot secure help at about the figure mentioned that they will only seed such land as they can take care of themselves. If such is the case, it is expected that a much decreased acreage will be put in effect this year. Farmers contend that with the present set of conditions and prospects that they cannot possibly pay more than \$50 a month up to harvest time.

Paying 600 Months.

Saskatoon, Sask., April 4.—Wages for farm hands in the Saskatoon district are now sixty dollars a month, a ten dollar increase on the price that has been advocated by the provincial employment office. The office has already placed a considerable number of men on the increased wage. Some communities have pledged themselves to pay a maximum of \$30 on the ground that the farmers cannot afford to pay more; but it looks as if the element of competition will increase the scale, bringing it even higher than at present.

STILLMAN MUST PAY WIFE'S BILL WITHIN 30 DAYS

Counsel Fees Are Already Nearly \$50,000 in Alimony Case.

ALL PAPERS WILL BE KEPT SECRET

Referee Hearing in the Trial Postponed Until Costs Are Settled.

White Plains, N. Y., April 4.—Justice Morschauser in Supreme Court here today signed an order directing that payment of alimony and counsel fees in the divorce proceedings brought by James A. Stillman, New York banker, against Mrs. Anne U. Stillman, be made within thirty days and that meanwhile referee hearings in the case be stayed.

Counsel for both sides agreed that sealed papers in the case, including letters said to have been written to Mrs. Stillman by Fred Beatty, the Canadian Indian guide, named as co-respondent, and the alleged "confession letter" of Mrs. Stillman to her husband should not be opened when they are filed in the Putnam County court house at Carmel. The order provides that no further hearings be held before the referee until Mr. Stillman has paid to his wife \$15,000 alimony for March and April; counsel fees of \$35,000 and \$12,500 for expenses, the entire amount to be paid in thirty days.

German Note Out

Berlin, April 4.—The German note sent by Dr. Simon, the foreign minister, discussing reparations and suggesting that Germany is willing to assume her debts to the Allies, and the reply of the United States secretary of State Charles E. Hughes, delivered to the German Foreign Office on March 31 by United States high commissioner Loring Dresel, were published today by the German Government.

MAYOR ORDERS ESMONDE HELD UNDER ARREST

Alleges Anti-British Statements at Meeting Held in Vancouver.

ALLOWED TO LAND BY SPECIAL FAVOR

Sensational Development in Case of Irishman Came Unexpectedly.

Vancouver, B. C., April 4.—Omond Grattan Esmonde, described as Sinn Fein "error" to Australia, was arrested here this afternoon on orders from Mayor Galt. The charge to be laid against him is said to be that of sedition, and probably arises out of Esmonde's alleged anti-British utterances at a meeting held here last Friday. Esmonde, because he refused to take the oath of allegiance, was brought back to Vancouver on the Australian liner Makara, and given permission by Canadian immigration authorities to land on condition that he proceed to an Atlantic port to embark for England.

IRISH CLASHES DURING TWELVE MONTHS 10,894

Over 4,000 Police and Soldiers Wounded in Fights in Last Year.

KILLED IN PERIOD NUMBERED 333

Ambuscade in Tipperary Ends in Death of One Assaultant.

London, April 4.—Starting figures of outrages attributed to the Sinn Fein during the year ending March 31, were given by Dennis Henry, attorney-general for Ireland, in the House of Commons in reply to a question. The figures showed a steady increase in the number of killings and wounding of police and military forces, quarter by quarter.

In the last quarter of the year there were 1,245 outrages. Eighty-eight policemen were killed and 156 wounded, while 44 soldiers were killed and 84 wounded. The total outrages of the whole year numbered 10,894. The police killed totaled 243, and the wounded, 3,810. The soldiers killed numbered 90 and the wounded 202.

One Assaultant Killed.

Tipperary, April 4.—Growth forces were ambushed early this morning in a badly County Tipperary, one of the attackers being killed and one wounded. The Crown forces sustained no losses.

In another ambush at Ballina, County Mayo, one constable was wounded. Last night a constable walking with a civilian in Carlow, County Carlow, was attacked. The constable was killed and the civilian wounded.

An armed attack in force upon the Charleville, County Cork barracks, was repulsed without casualties. The reply of General Algood, military commander in North West Ulster, to the scenes of violence in Londonderry over the week-end has been to advance the curfew one hour.

Suicide Haunts Wife With Spiritual Cat

Police Called Out in Trenton to Guard Home from Curious Crowds at Night.

Trenton, April 4.—Police guard will be mounted tonight over the home of the widow Koch to maintain order among the crowds that gather to witness the nightly visitations of John Koch, ghost, and his escort, a white cat, also spiritual.

Koch killed himself with a bullet three months ago. Mrs. Koch says he appeared at the foot of her couch, when she lay resting, three weeks ago. He was accompanied by a snow white feline spirit. Since then he and the astral kitty arrive every night and fill about the house up dawn, she says.

W. M. Lowney Dead

Atlantic City, N. J., April 4.—William M. Lowney, of Boston, widely known candy manufacturer in the United States and Canada, died suddenly at a hotel tonight of heart disease. He was 65 years of age.

Mr. Lowney was born at Debec, Me., and was educated in the public schools at Bangor.