

LONDON VIEW OF GERMAN OFFER

Berlin Still Temporizing, is the Opinion.

How Labor Views Prospects in Politics — Sport and Other Topics Discussed in Empire Metropolis.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) London, May 10.—The general verdict of the German offer is that the people in Berlin are still temporizing. Even among those authorities most hostile to French policy I find little disposition to regard seriously terms which put reparations at about a thousand millions less than the British minimum suggestion, and afford absolutely no guarantee for fulfillment even of the present ridiculous offer. After the war of 1870 Germany levied two hundred millions tribute on France, without having suffered a penny of damage herself, and held her military foothold in the republic until the last penny was paid. To offer after such a war as that of 1914 and 1918 and Belgium have been ravaged and Germany is untouched, an amount in reparations less than the victorious allies borrowed to carry on the fighting is merely buffoonery. The result will only be to make more stragglers with the French action in the Ruhr. Germany made the war. It was her Tag. She drew hundreds of millions war tribute from French and Belgian towns while she was ravaging the rest of their territories, and she ought at least to pay her whack. That is the verdict in this country of the Man in the Street—who was in 1914-18 the Man in the Trench.

The Labor View.

One of the most distinguished of the front bench intellectuals in the Labor Party gives me his views on the future prospects of politics. He anticipates that the Labor Party will be in power in ten years. Sooner than that he does not desire it, otherwise Labor would be, owing to its lack of experience, merely at the mercy of the permanent civil service officials. The Labor Party is frankly disappointed with the turn of events in Russia, but does not condemn the Soviet principle, believing that the movement has been grossly mismanaged. They anticipate a new Russian imperialism, but not on the lines of the old Caesars, under some Russian Napoleon.

Their information is that the Ruhr adventure is likely to fail, and to be followed in France by a sort of Fascism on the Italian lines. But the question is, who will be the French Mussolini? Feeling in the South of France is especially ripe for developments. In Provence the price of wood, which takes the place of coal, has already become prohibitive. And the Labor report is that the Pomere stock is going down every day. The Labor Party is taking an increasing interest in foreign affairs, and scores of its best men are seriously studying foreign languages. I am told that Stephen Walsh, Lancashire miner, can now address an audience in French.

New R. and A. Captain. The Prince of Wales, one of the youngest captains of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, is to be succeeded by a veteran of the links—Col. Sir Alexander Sprot, who is in his seventy-first year. Mr. Asquith, who found the colonial such a doubtful opponent in East Fife elections, would be ready to testify that he has always been a gallant fighter in war and sport as well as politics. A former master of the Fife Hounds, Sir Alexander may not be able to manage a golf ball with the same ease as he can a horse, but he will play himself into his new office by driving from the first tee in the cool "do or die" spirit of his old Dragoon Guard days.

Lady Rachel to Go Overseas.

Lady Rachel Cavendish has informed her intimate friends, I learn, that they must not expect her wedding to take place for "quite a long time." Which still leaves them guessing at the probable date. Society gossip has it that Mr. Stuart, the bridegroom-elect, may undertake a commercial party in Africa before he marries, but it is also whispered that both he and Lady Rachel are keen to visit the East. Lord Moray's stalwart son has already had business experience of the East, but he has an inclination for farming.

Archie MacLaren. Archie MacLaren's retirement from the cricket arena, owing to Anno Domini and an injured knee, is regretted by all real cricket enthusiasts. In my recollection, extending back to "W. G." in his palmy days, MacLaren has few rivals as a cricketer, and none as a team leader. He was an inspired, and an inspiring, captain. Witness the defeat of the hitherto unbeaten Australians, on their last very memorable visit, by a MacLaren side captained by the veteran Lancashire batsman. Among my memories of Archie MacLaren is one fierce match at Old Trafford, between the rival roses, when Yorkshire, on the third day, had about ten minutes to play, about fifteen runs to win, and three wickets to fall. Archie jockeyed them all out just on the last tick, and took the last two men himself in the slips, holding like Jove juggling with the lightning. He made about five bowling changes in that last ten minutes, and had the huge Old Trafford crowd gaping on tiptoe all the time.

Another recollection also has the Old Trafford ground as venue. It was the beautiful cricket afternoon on which Archie MacLaren achieved his life-long cricket ambition. He hit a long hop to leg slip into the middle of the pavilion clock face, a mighty swipe, beautifully sighted, and clean as a whistle. After that stroke MacLaren was the picture of the happy cricket warrior.

Carpenter's Rehabilitation. All the boxing experts who write for the newspapers are talking now about the "return" of the famous Georges Carpentier. But an old hand who saw the fight in Paris, tells me it was a most unconvincing rehabilitation. Marcel Nilles, the French heavy-weight whom Carpentier knocked out the eighth round, is no great shakes a champion of the ring. He is a

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MUTT AND JEFF—AND THEN GUS GEEVEM USED HIS MEAT CLEAVER ON MUTT. HEY, MUTT! WHERE'S MY CLOTHES? THE TAILOR CALLED THIS MORNING AND I GAVE THEM TO HIM TO BE DRY-CLEANED, JEFF! YOU BIG FOOL! DON'T YOU KNOW THAT'S THE ONLY SUIT I OWN? WHY NOT SLIP ON THAT KID'S SUIT WE'VE HAD SO MUCH FUN WITH SINCE YOUR WHISKERS HAVE BEEN SHAVED OFF? BUT I DON'T WANT TO GO OUT WEARING THAT OUTFIT! STAY IN AND PLAY PINOCCHLE WITH ME! I'VE GOT A DATE, BUT I'LL GET SOMEONE TO HELP YOU KILL THE DAY! THERE'S MUTT NOW! I HOPE HE GOT SIR SIDNEY OR JOE SPURS TO KEEP ME COMPANY! NOW YOU CHILDREN PLAY NICE AND I'LL GIVE YOU EACH A LOLLY-POP THIS AFTERNOON! I'M PLUTO SPURS! WHAT'S YOUR NAME 'TITTLE BOY?

FEWER FATALITIES IN MINES IN 1922. 1,950, a Decline of 28 Compared With the Preceding Year. New York, May 26.—The coal industry in the United States during 1922 cost 1,950 miners their lives, a reduction of twenty-three fatalities from the total of 1921, according to reports received by the United States Bureau of Mines from State mine inspectors. This is a tentative figure based on actual reports covering eleven months of coal produced, the accident rate will be actually higher than for the previous year, the report adds. In a summarization of the year's record, bureau statisticians point out that from the first of April to the last of August a large part of the industry was closed down on account of a miners' strike; the production of fresh mined anthracite was completely stopped; and the output of soft coal was cut in half. This stoppage naturally eliminated the accidents that would have occurred had the mines been in operation. The net result, therefore, shows that the five-month period of the strike showed an abnormally low number of fatal accidents, and this reduction, of course, is reflected in the total number of fatalities for the year. The reduction in loss of life, despite the strike shut-down, was not so large as it might have been because of the large number of lives lost during the winter, accidents in which at least fifty features of the mine year was what the bureau officials call "major" disasters, accidents in which at least fifty lives were lost. There were thirteen of these during the year, eleven of which were explosions which together cost the lives of 261 men. During 1921 there were only five major accidents, with a loss of thirty-four lives. Only three of these were mine explosions and they resulted in only twenty-one deaths. The largest killed thirteen men; the largest during last year exacted eighty-seven lives, while another took seventy-seven.

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