

## PROSPECTS OF EARLY END TO COAL STRIKE

## MINERS AND OWNERS AGREE TO REOPEN NEGOTIATIONS; ACCEPT GOVT.'S PROPOSALS

Lloyd George Takes Initiative in Arranging for Conference—Transport Workers, After Long Consideration, Decide To Lend Support To Striking Miners—Railwaymen Will Hold Joint Meeting With Coal Diggers at Which Definite Decision Will Be Reached—Many Classes of Union Laborers Will Be Affected If Transport Workers Join in Walkout.

London, April 6.—The executive body of the miners' union this afternoon accepted the Government's proposal that the miners' delegates meet representatives of the owners and the Government for the re-opening of negotiations with the view of a settlement of the coal strike.

The mining association, comprising the owners of the mines, also accepted the proposal of the prime minister.

## LLOYD GEORGE TAKES FIRST STEP.

London, April 6.—An effort to bring the miners and the employers together again was made by Mr. Lloyd George, the prime minister, this afternoon. It was announced he had written to the president of the Mining Association and the secretary of the Miners' Federation, asking them to meet and resume negotiations.

The prime minister's letter called attention to his speech in the House of Commons "with regard to the desirability of the negotiations being resumed," and concluded: "I desire to repeat that the Government tenders the use of its good offices for the purpose of bringing the parties together."

## TRANSPORT WORKERS DECIDE TO SUPPORT STRIKING MINERS

London, April 6.—Decision to support the British miners in their strike was reached by the Transport Workers' Federation at a meeting held here this morning. The vote taken by the transport workers was unanimously in favor of lending aid to the miners. It was decided to meet in conference immediately with delegates of the National Union of Railwaymen and the Miners' Union for the purpose of securing action on the strike situation by the triple alliance. At the conclusion of the conference, Robert Williams, general secretary of the transport workers, said: "On recommendation from the executive committee, the conference has decided to give all assistance in our power to whatever extent necessary to help the miners, and at once to enter into negotiations with the railwaymen and the miners for the purpose of taking joint action throughout the remainder of the contest."

The executive committee went from the conference to the headquarters of the federation to put this decision into effect. The National Union of Railwaymen held a conference this afternoon and adjourned at noon until later in the day, when it will hold a joint meeting with the miners. It is probable that following this meeting there will be a full conference of the triple alliance. After the meeting, J. H. Thomas, general secretary of the railwaymen's organization, said: "On recommendation from the executive committee, the conference has decided to give all assistance in our power to whatever extent necessary to help the miners, and at once to enter into negotiations with the railwaymen and the miners for the purpose of taking joint action throughout the remainder of the contest."

## THREE IMPORTANT POSITIONS ON G. T. R. ONTARIO LINES HAVE BEEN DONE AWAY WITH

London Night Chief Dispatcher and Trainmaster at Stratford and Allandale Affected by Orders Received Here—Nothing Official Has Yet Been Announced.

Three important positions on the Ontario lines of the G. T. R. have been abolished, according to advice received locally. These changes involve the night chief dispatcher's position in London, one of the two trainmasters at Stratford, and one of the two trainmasters now located at Allandale. The order affecting the local night chief dispatcher's position in this city has already been put into effect. The position has been abolished entirely, for with the abolition of the rush of business which prevailed during the past few years the office outlived its usefulness. W. K. Rogers, who has held the position for some time, is now acting as day desk dispatcher.

Because of the many branch lines running out of Allandale and the great mileage under the supervision of Stratford, two trainmasters have held office in each of these places for many years. It has been definitely decided that one of the two positions in each of these

divisional points will be abolished. Nothing official concerning the changes has yet been announced. Former Londoners hold positions in each of these places, but it is not known whether they will be changed to other points or not. A. F. Sharp, who is now located in Allandale as one of the trainmasters, was chief dispatcher in this city for some time, receiving his appointment as trainmaster last year. He was succeeded here by W. Doherty, the present chief dispatcher. H. R. McLennan, one of the Stratford trainmasters, was chief dispatcher here five or six years ago. He left this city to take the position in Stratford.

## JEWISH MISSIONARY IS STILL MISSING

Left London for Toronto Four Weeks Ago—Friends Anxious.

All efforts to find Rudolph Schoen, Jewish missionary, who left the city almost four weeks ago, have failed to locate him. Samuel Wilson, 215 Richmond street, has communicated with all the Jewish institutions in Toronto and other places in this part of Ontario, but no information regarding him can be gleaned. Mr. Schoen had just been appointed superintendent of the Jewish mission recently opened here, and left for Toronto, where he was to obtain some trade and texts in a few days. He expected to be gone only a few days. Mr. Schoen came here from the Moody Institute in the States, and it was said that his life was threatened because he had become a converted Jew. His friends think that he is ill in some town or city or that he has met with an accident. He had considerable money when he left London.

## 500,000 WOULD BE CALLED OUT BY TRANSPORT MEN

London, April 6.—The National Transport Workers' Federation which voted today to extend aid to the British miners in their strike, comprises thirty-five affiliated unions with an aggregate membership of about 500,000. A strike ordered by the federation, if it becomes generally effective, would call out all types and classes of workers engaged in transportation by road, rail or sea. These workers include the street car conductors, motormen, taxicab drivers, truckmen, engineers, trainmen, watermen, lightermen, bargemen, stevedores, freight shunters about the railroad yards, hostlers at freight terminals, canal watermen, various classes of general laborers, firemen, stokers, dock workers, ship stewards, cooks, various vehicle workers and a miscellaneous assortment of other auxiliary service workers, such as coal trimmers, boiler scalers, stockhold laborers and tugboat men.

The services of several of these various classes of workers are much more vital to industry, commerce and public convenience in Great Britain than in Canada. In London, for instance, hundreds of thousands of persons are dependent upon the "busses" as the sole means of conveyance from their homes to their places of employment.

## BIGGS DENIES THAT HE GOT ANY 'RAKE OFF'

Provincial Minister of Public Works Appears Before Committee.

## EXPLAINS TRUCKS DEAL

Was Helping Dundas Dealer Because He Was Young Man in Business.

Toronto, April 6.—E. C. Biggs, minister of works in the Ontario C. F. O.-Labor Government, today before the public accounts committee of the Legislature declared emphatically that he had not received one cent of commission in connection with the sale of 117,000 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. The minister admitted that he told L. C. P. C. of Dundas that the department was likely to buy trucks, and asked him if he would like to tender on them. This, he said, was received a week later, and was accepted on the recommendation of George Hogarth, the engineer of the department.

Mr. Biggs declared that he had never done any figuring with P. C. C. before the trucks were submitted, neither had he discussed it with Roy Reynolds, the witness who told the sensational story before the committee last week.

Engineer Recommended Trucks. Some time after the trucks were put Continued on Page Eleven.

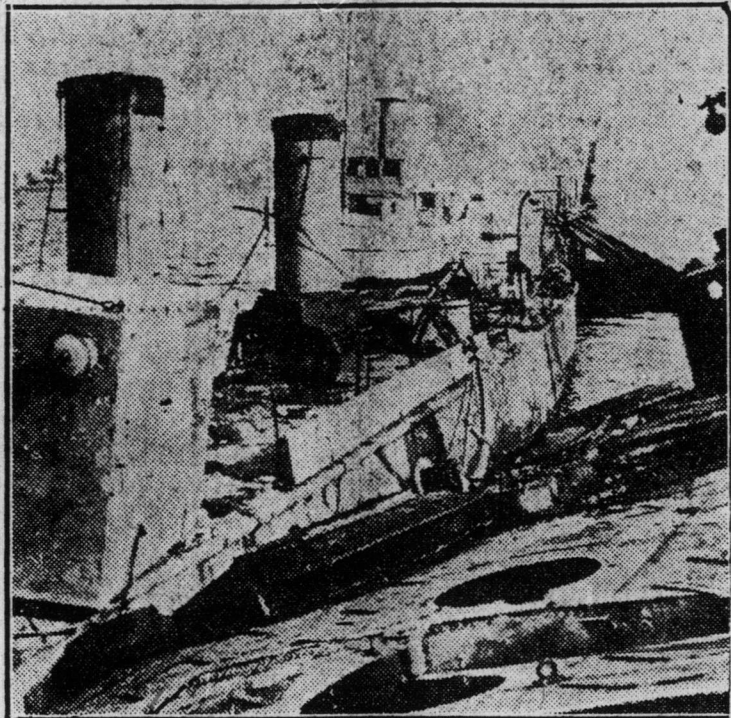
## CHARLES' RETURN IS DELAYED BY ANGRY WORKMEN

Former Hungarian Monarch Is Held Up Near Swiss Border.

Graz, Styria, April 6.—Former Emperor Charles, who is on his way from Hungary to Switzerland, encountered a threatening situation near here last night, the attitude of workmen at the city of Bruck, about 25 miles north of here, making the immediate continuation of his trip inadvisable.

WAS VISIBLY NERVOUS. Budapest, April 6.—Former Emperor Charles went to the stationmaster station on foot yesterday, being accompanied by Bishop Mike and a number of officers, says a telephone message received here from that city. The entire party boarded the special train which was to take Charles back to Switzerland. The former monarch was visibly nervous, pale and haggard. Charles was accompanied on his return by Gen. Lehar, who has resigned command of the West Hungarian troops.

## SCRAPPING OBSOLETE WARSHIPS



The British naval department has begun dismantling warships that have become out of date. Here are two destroyers being broken up.

## STREET RAILWAY MEN AND OFFICIALS IN CONFERENCE OVER A NEW AGREEMENT

Endeavor Being Made To Reach Settlement Before O.R.M.B. Gives Up Control—Men Ask 52 Cents an Hour—Company Wants To Discontinue Present Wage Scale.

Negotiations for a new agreement between street railway employees and the company will be commenced this afternoon, when the executive of the union will meet company officials to discuss an entirely new agreement. The present working arrangement with the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board expires May 1. The board has announced its intention of withdrawing at that date and therefore every effort will be made to have an agreement arranged between the men and the company by that time, so as to avoid any interruption in service.

Clauses relating to working conditions probably will be the same as in past years, as these have proved satisfactory to both parties. The wage schedule is the main point on which they are likely to differ. The men want a definite schedule of 53 cents an hour, which was practically conceded to them last year, although the railway board declared it was impossible to pay that rate unless fares were increased.

The company, on the other hand, has given official notice that it does not intend to continue the present rate of 48 cents an hour, plus the surplus which may accrue from each month's operation.

## J. L. ENGLEHART DIES AFTER AN ILLNESS OF SEVERAL WEEKS

Was Chairman of T. and N. O. Railway for Fifteen Years.

## BUILT UP ROAD

Well Known in Western Ontario for His Philanthropic Works.

Toronto, April 6.—Jacob Lewis Englehart, former chairman of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway for fifteen years, died in Wellesley Hospital this morning after an illness of several weeks' duration. He was 74 years of age and had been actively engaged in his duties until ill health compelled him to retire a few months ago. He was well known as a financial expert, and was noted also for his philanthropic works.

The late Mr. Englehart was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1847, and entered commercial life there. He came to Ontario in 1870, entering the petroleum business and becoming in 1881 a vice-president of the Imperial Oil Company. He became chairman of the T. & N. O. Railway in 1905, following the resignation of the commission as a consequence of the provincial election. Since that time he made himself known for his painstaking management of the undertaking and a convincing faith in the future of the country it traversed. Northern Ontario he described as the greater Ontario. To his efficient management is attributed a large measure of the success of the railway.

## MYRON T. HERRICK TO BE RETURNED AS AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE

Washington, April 6.—Myron T. Herrick has decided to accept appointment as United States ambassador to France, a post he filled under President Taft and which he occupied at the beginning of the war. Mr. Herrick's formal nomination will be made soon, and he will go to France in the early summer.

## VICTIM OF SMALLPOX.

St. John, N. B., April 6.—Henry Hicks, an Alberta farmer, one of the passengers who arrived at this port some time ago on the steamer Scandinavian and with a 100 others was placed in quarantine because they had been in contact with a case of smallpox, died from that disease here today. He is survived by a wife and three children, all of whom are under quarantine at Partridge, Ireland.

## U.S. In Note To 3 Great Powers Claims America's Approval Is Necessary In War Settlements

## STRAP HANGERS IN AEROPLANES

London, April 6.—London has long known the strap hanger in the subway, street car and omnibus, but the first instance of aerial strap hanging has just been recorded. On the second day of the resumed British air service to Paris, it was found that one of the departing planes had no seats for three of its passengers.

They made the journey standing in the passageway holding on to the luggage racks.

## BAPTIST MINISTERS REGRET LEICHLITER ATTACK ON HUGHSON

'Cannot Understand It,' Says Rev. J. L. Norton of Maitland Street Church.

## ACTED CONSCIENTIOUSLY

Stratford Preacher Merely Expressing Right to Freedom of Thought.

"We have great respect for Dr. Hughson and we cannot understand the attack made upon him by Mr. Leichter," said Rev. J. L. Norton of Maitland Street Baptist Church, in conversation with an Advertiser reporter today. "The majority of the Baptist ministers of the city greatly regret the manner in which a brother minister who has merely exercised the right, recognized by the Baptist Church, of freedom of thought has been criticized and we fail utterly to understand the reason for the abuse directed at him."

Personally, and I believe the majority of the Baptist pastors of London will agree with me, I am in full accord with the editorial comment made by The Canadian Baptist and join in the wish expressed that Dr. Hughson will find joy and prosperity among his new friends."

The editorial to which Mr. Norton referred reads as follows: "Rev. L. S. Hughson, D. D., closed his pastorate of ten years' duration at Stratford last Sunday, (March 27th). Dr. Hughson will not take another church among the Baptists, having decided to cast in his lot with the Presbyterians. His application for membership in that body has been made to the Stratford Presbytery, which, doubtless, will favorably commend it to the General Assembly, which meets early in June. Our acquaintance with Dr. Hughson reaches back to student days in Woodstock College, and we regret exceedingly that he has felt constrained to leave the Baptist denomination, though we feel sure he takes the step conscientiously and only with the thought of doing his Master's will, and pleasure. Dr. Hughson is a Christian gentleman, a man of honor and integrity, a minister of ability placed upon him in his new affiliations. We cannot but wish him joy and prosperity among his new friends, and we hope he will have not a few kindly thoughts toward those of former years."

The note will not be given out here until it has been made public in Washington. It was learned in official circles today that the communication bears principally upon the action of the council of the League of Nations last December in approving the mandate passed upon at that meeting, including the Japanese mandate over the North Pacific islands, taking in the island of Yap, but that it also outlines the policy of the new administration regarding questions arising from the war, and declares the approval of the United States to be necessary for a final settlement. The reply will probably express the intense satisfaction of the Allies if the United States is disposed to resume collaboration with them in the settlement of war questions.

Gov.-General Sees Early End of Coal Strike

Duke of Devonshire Speaks At Saskatoon Luncheon.

Saskatoon, April 6.—The governor-general referred briefly to the British coal strike at a civic luncheon tendered him yesterday, and he observed with regret that the labor problems of the northland were far from settled. In this respect he congratulated Canada upon the steadiness of the people and the success with which the post-war problems had been met. He expressed the utmost confidence that the British people accustomed as they were to breaking away through difficult situations would meet this crisis and in the end turn it to advantage. The viceregal party left for Edmonton last night.

Uniform Price for "Hard Stuff" in All Parts of Province.

Victoria, B. C., April 6.—The new liquor control act for the province of British Columbia will be brought into force on or about May 1, according to Attorney-General Deb Ferris. The board to administer the act will be appointed this week. The Vancouver and Victoria stores, already established, will be the first to operate under the new system.

There will be a uniform price for "hard liquor" all over the province, but this will not apply to beer. Owing to the bulk of the latter beverage, it will not be possible for the Government to pay carrying charges to distant points where persons are resident some distance from a Government store. Express and freight charges will be paid when they are deemed fair by the control board.

More than 500 applications for positions ranging all the way from a place on the board to minor posts, have been received by the Government.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 77; lowest, 42.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 50; lowest, 45.

ALDERMEN'S TRIP TO TORONTO FRUITLESS; M'CREA BILL NOT UP

Tourists Interview Members of Legislature—Believe Bill Due for Defeat.

Aldermen were surprised today when they learned that the M'Crea bill had not yet been dealt with by the Legislature. Official notice that it was to come up in the Legislature Tuesday was received at the last council meeting, and Aldermen Bridge, Watt and W. A. Wilson were appointed to go to Toronto to protest against the measure.

Ald. Bridge was unable to go, but Aldermen Watt and Wilson made the trip. For some reason the bill was not dealt with. They made the best of their time by interviewing members of the Legislature in regard to it. They are confident from the opinions expressed in various quarters that the bill will be defeated.

## French Officials State That the Communication Bears Principally Upon Action of the Council of League of Nations in Approving Mandates Over North Pacific Islands—Policy of Harding Administration Is Clearly Outlined—Reply of Allies Will Express Satisfaction If It Is U. S. Intention To Collaborate in Adjustment of After-War Problems.

Washington, April 6.—New notes on the subjects of mandates have been sent by the United States Government to the governments of Japan, Great Britain, France and Italy.

The notes are understood to be very similar, but the occasion for preparing them is said to be the receipt of Japan's reply to the original United States note protesting against Japanese mandate over the former German islands in the Pacific north of the equator.

State department officials refused to discuss the documents, but it was learned that they were broad enough in terms to cover all the United States contentions of rights growing out of the war.

Mr. Colby's notes were addressed to the principal Allied powers, and subsequently a copy of them, with an appendix dealing specifically with the Japan-controlled island of Yap in the Pacific Ocean, was sent to the league of nations council at Geneva. Counsel in turn transmitted the document to the Allied governments with the explanation that the mandate for the island of Yap had been granted by the supreme council.

The latest American communications, prepared by Secretary Hughes were dated April 4, and by this time have reached the four governments to which addressed. All information as to whether or when they will be made public was withheld at the state department today.

Paris, April 6.—A note of considerable length from Charles E. Hughes, United States secretary of state, has been received by the French foreign office through the United States embassy here. The document, which bears the date of April 4, affirms the rights of the United States in all settlements arising out of the war.

Identical communications were sent to the British and Italian governments. It is understood, with notice that the text would be issued at the state department in Washington immediately after all the interested governments have received it.

"Pertinax," political editor of the Echo de Paris, who appears to have had access to the note, declares he considers it means that the United States declines to recognize any decision of the Allies in the Treaty of Versailles or taken by the supreme council or by the League of Nations. He asserts that this is a grave attitude on the part of the United States.

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## CANADA JOINS WORLD COURT OF JUSTICE

Protocol Ratifying Statutes Signed On Behalf of Dominion.

Geneva, April 6.—Canada has just signed the protocol ratifying the statutes of the international court of justice, her action bringing the number of states which have adhered to the court up to 25.

The secretary of the League of Nations has written that members of that organization asking them to have candidates for election as judges of the court designated conditionally upon ratification of the statutes of the tribunal by a majority of the members of the league. The judges will be elected by the assembly of the league at its meeting next September, among the names proposed by representatives of the different states at The Hague arbitration court.

STOREKEEPER IS SHOT BY MASKED ROBBERS

Joseph Howard of Hartford Village Gets Bullet in Shoulder.

Waterford, April 6.—Joseph Howard, general store proprietor at Hartford, was held up and shot through the shoulder on Tuesday night, when two masked men attempted to rob him at his home.

The shooting occurred in a scuffle resulting from Howard's attempt to knock the revolver out of the hand of one of the robbers. He secured the weapon, after which the robbers made good their escape, getting nothing for their pains.

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