

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 striking 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."

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 abatement 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 a day desk dispatcher.

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

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, 216 Richmond street, has communicated with all 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 tracts and texts in Yiddish. 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.

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 of 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 52 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.

J. L. ENGLEHART DIES AFTER ILLNESS OF SEVERAL WEEKS

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

Well Known in Western Ontario for His Philanthropic Works.

Toronto, April 6.—J. C. Biggs, minister of works in the Ontario T. & N. O. Railway 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 been promised a commission by anyone and nothing had ever been suggested to him along that line. The minister admitted that he told J. C. Packin of Dundas that the department was likely to buy trucks, and asked him if he would like to tender on the place. 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 Packin, before the tenders were submitted, neither had he discussed it with Roy Reynolds, the witness who told the sensational story before the committee last week.

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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 Switzerland 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.

Charles was accompanied on his return by Gen. Lehar, who has resigned command of the West Hungarian troops.

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

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.

"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 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."

B.C. LIQUOR ACT TO COME INTO EFFECT MAY 1

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.

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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