

PEACE OR WAR AT BRITISH COAL MINES STILL IN BALANCE

Events of Coming Fortnight
Will Decide Issue Now
Deadlocked

WORKERS REFUSE
TO ACCEPT PAY CUT

Strike or Lockout Appears
Inevitable if Both Sides
Fail to Agree

LONDON, April 18.—Events in the coming fortnight will decide whether there should be peace or war in the British coal industry.

The position, although less serious, has much similarity with the position last July when another crisis was threatened and was only averted by the government providing a state subsidy to enable the mine owners to pay wages which the owners claimed were not justified by the economic condition of the industry.

This subsidy which cost the country some £20,000,000 will come to an end April 30 and the mine owners are already posting notices terminating the existing wage agreement on May 1. They are also preparing schedules of new wage scales for the men's acceptance, but there is no sign as yet of the reduction they propose. The

When Denmark Paid Final Tribute To Dowager Queen



One of the greatest crowds in Denmark's history gathered at Copenhagen and along the procession route to pay final tribute to Dowager Queen Louise when her body was borne to its final resting place in the ancient burial place of Danish royalty in Glucksburg chapel of the Roskilde Cathedral, 30 miles out of the city. Photo shows a small part of the crowd, the hearse and the royal mourners on foot behind it.

miners have refused to consent to any reduction whatever, therefore either a strike or a lockout seems inevitable unless a settlement can be adjusted within the next fortnight.

COMMISSION'S PROBE

When granting the subsidy last year the government appointed a royal commission to investigate the whole coal problem and endeavor to find a solution. This commission made a number of recommendations for reorganizing the industry and increasing its efficiency. The recommendations include purchase by the state of mining royalties, promotion of amalgamations of mines, the granting of powers to local authorities to engage in the retail sale of coal and many other measures. The commission also favored some reduction in wages but advocated the institution of family allowances.

The position now is that the government has undertaken to carry these

recommendations into legislative effect, provided both the mine owners and miners agree to accept them.

The commission's report has been accepted by the government and the owners, but the miners, although acquiescing in its main recommendations so far as proposals for a reorganization of the industry are concerned, take exception to the owners' interpretation of its wage clauses.

UNITED CHURCH AT STANLEY BANQUETS

STANLEY, April 18.—On Wednesday evening about twenty friends of the United Church from Stanley and the adjoining parts of the field gathered at the home of the pastor, Rev. Leon Jewett, where a banquet was served by the ladies of the church. A program of games and music was enjoyed, and the sum of sixty-five dollars was donated toward the maintenance and extension fund of the church.

KILLED BY DERRICK

N. S. Man Dies When Skull is
Fractured at Work on P. Q.
Mill

THREE RIVERS, Que., April 19.—Sam McLean, 44, working on the new mill of the Waymouth News, Limited, of this city was instantly killed, when he was hit by a derrick on Saturday. Death was caused by a fracture of the skull and of the spine. Mr. McLean was originally from River Philip, N. S., and had come to this city early last fall. Another man was hurled about 15 feet in the air and fell heavily to the ground. He suffered from shock.

Mexican Conditions Compared With Que.

THREE RIVERS, Que., April 19.—"Persecution in Mexico is closing churches, convents, and schools and forcing away priests and nuns, although Catholics represent nine-tenths of the population. This is something to wonder at. But why should we Catholics of this province wonder? Are we not more than nine-tenths of the population and did we not allow foreigners to force upon us the obligation of working on Sundays?" said Canon Boulay, at the Cathedral of this city, yesterday, in the course of a denunciation of Sunday labor at the local pulp mills.

Will Probe Film Boycott in Quebec

MONTREAL, April 19.—Will H. Hays United States motion picture head, will shortly visit Montreal to try to arrive at an agreement with the Quebec board of censors involving a changed standard of censorship. The Motion Picture Producers of America have refused, at present to make further contracts in this province, owing, they claim, to too drastic cutting of their films.

Ontario General Election Due In June

TORONTO, Ont., April 19.—The Toronto Star says: In circles close to the government, the date of the provincial general election is figured to fall on Monday, June 28, or Wednesday, June 30. Decision is expected to be made next week, though dissolution of the legislature may not be announced until the following week.

BUSY WEEK AT CAPITAL

FREDERICTON, April 19.—This promises to be a crowded week for Fredericton. In addition to the session of the legislature, the capital will have the Anglican Synod of the diocese of Fredericton in session here, and the New Brunswick Grand Orange lodge will hold its annual convention here this week, too.

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13 FROM HALIFAX

Party Leaves Today to Participate in Bowling Tournament Here

HALIFAX, N. S., April 19.—A party of thirteen Halifax and Dartmouth bowlers and friends left this morning for Saint John, N. B., to participate in the Maritime Provinces and Eastern Maine bowling championship which starts there tomorrow.

GOVERNOR SUFFERS

Baron Byng Unable to Walk on
Account of Foot
Infection

PORT ARTHUR, Ont., April 19.—Suffering from a slight infection in one of his feet, Baron Byng, Governor General of Canada, was unable to leave his train on arrival here today. The condition is not serious, but he is unable to walk.

Baron Byng will continue his western tour, but the visit to Winnipeg has been postponed indefinitely.

CURB RUM RUNNERS

Britain Plans to Assist U. S. in
Tightening Control Over
Smugglers

LONDON, April 19.—The British government has a plan for assisting the United States to tighten its control over rum runners. The plan does not go as far as a new treaty, but according to official circles will take the form of permission for U. S. revenue cutters to visit the Bahamas and co-operate with British ships in carrying out searches for contraband liquor.

Fredericton People Are Seriously Ill

Special to The Times-Star.
FREDERICTON, April 19.—The condition of William H. Quinn, who has been seriously ill is reported today to be improved.

Mrs. Miles B. Dixon, wife of clerk of the Executive Council, is seriously ill at her home and her condition is causing her friends anxiety.

Mrs. Michael Ryan wife of Ex-Mr. Michael Ryan is still seriously ill at her home, Woodstock road.

Cable Ship Held Up By Ice Packs

HALIFAX, N. S., April 19.—The Western Union cable steamer Cyrus Field, reported by wireless this morning that she had been delayed by ice packs and would not be able to reach Halifax until tomorrow. The Cyrus Field, which was due this morning, had been engaged in cable repair work off Newfoundland and had sailed from St. Pierre, Miquelon, for home last Friday.

Spaniards Appreciate Rescue of Aviators

MANILA, April 19.—Members of the Spanish community here will march in a body to the British consulate general's office today to thank the British government for the rescue yesterday of Captain Estevez and Mechanician Calvo, Spanish aviators, who were lost in the Palestine desert.

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