

LLOYD GEORGE AS GO-BETWEEN FAILS MENS' FUNDS LOW

Separate Conversations With Miners and Owners Have Had no Real Results NATIONAL POOL IGNORED Public Not Now Whole-heartedly Against Men—Funds Never Lower LONDON, May 19.—Premier Lloyd George's separate unofficial conversations with coal owners and miners has led to nothing definite so far; and even the names of those who interviewed the Prime Minister have not been divulged.

It is stated however that progress has been made towards clearing the way for an acknowledged conference between the mine owners and the men.

The Premier is determined that open negotiations will only be renewed when the way is reasonably clear to a settlement.

There is no longer even a pretense that the leaders of the miners are unanimously insistent for a national profits pool but it is equally notable that public opinion remains far from wholeheartedly condemning the miners.

Trade union funds are now depleted more than ever previously in modern times.

24,000,000 Working Days Lost by British Miners LONDON, May 19.—With 24,000,000 working days lost British leaders today returned to the task of ending the coal strike.

The mine-owners were prepared to offer a plan of great consolidations to reduce production costs without lowering wages greatly.

The Marquis proposed that the mines should amalgamate by districts. It would have much the same effect, he said, as nationalization without the latter's Socialist brand.

He pointed to the success of the great American corporations in reducing overhead costs.

Encouraging Report Premier Lloyd George returned unexpectedly from his holiday. It was reported he had returned in connection with the reopening of negotiations.

Sir Robert Horns, who began negotiations with the miners while he still was president of the Board of Trade, conferred unofficially yesterday with union leaders.

He was believed to have an encouraging report ready for the premier.

The loss in working days caused by the coal strike was calculated by the official Labor Gazette, which said 24,000,000 working days were lost in April. The number of idle persons was said to be 1,920,500, unemployed; 1,200,000 strikers and 1,095,900 on short time.

PLAN NEW KIND OF SUMMER "REST." "Rest is not quitting The busy career. It is the fitting Of man to his sphere."

HERCHMER HOUSE BOUGHT FOR OLD FOLKS W. C. A. OUT TO RAISE PURCHASE PRICE SUBSCRIPTIONS BIG OR LITTLE WELCOMED

AS has been stated in The Ontario before, the Herchmer home on the corner of Dundas and South John streets has been purchased by the Women's Christian Association for a home of the indigent aged for the city of Belleville.

The old home was condemned prior to 1914 but leniency was given on account of the demands for war purposes.

To build a new home would cost from \$1,000 to \$1,500 per inmate, meaning an expenditure of at least \$16,000 for a home for 16 members.

This amount was considered too great an expenditure just at this time; so after most carefully considering all properties available, the Herchmer home was decided upon by Dr. Mackay, the Government Inspector and the Home Board, as the place lends itself admirably to the requirements, besides being

the most economical in annual up-keep. The place also lends itself to expansion as the need grows, having the ground and best layout for that purpose.

The purchase price was \$7200 of this \$600 has been paid; and as much as can be produced from the sale of the old home and from gifts by citizens, is to be applied by June 10th next.

The rest is to be paid in yearly instalments of \$500 each with interest at 6% with the privilege of paying at any time

of any sum the W.C.A. may be able to procure.

Battleship Maileum is to be put on the floors throughout the house. It is the most sanitary, easily taken care of and soft underfoot; besides the old people would not slip on it like on the hardwood floor.

A bath room has to be completed on the first floor and some decorating has to be done.

To lessen the principal of the mortgage and to meet these expenditures the friends of this good work are asked to subscribe through the press.

Donations can be left at The Ontario office or sent direct to W.C.A. and Home Board and they will be acknowledged through the press.

Make checks payable to Mrs. Ella G. Smith. Subscriptions will be published. \$400 has already been voluntarily offered. Money or its equivalent can be paid in 3, 6, 9 or 12-month instalments.

Think of a Name For This Fine House

SUGGEST A SUITABLE NAME for the house on Dundas St. that has been recently purchased by the W.C.A. for a home for Belleville aged. The Home Board has decided to change the name and they want suggestions from the friends of this good work.

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COST OF LIVING DROPS IN CANADA

Decreases in Leather, Textiles and Building Materials Reported AS TO FAMILY BUDGET April Statistics Reveal a Drop of 49 Cents—Retail Prices Criticized

OTTAWA, May 19.—The downward movement of prices continued during April, according to this month's issue of the Labor Gazette.

The most important changes were declines in prices of grains and hogs, with seasonal decreases in butter, cheese and eggs.

In materials there were again numerous declines in leather, textiles, metals and building materials.

There were increases in cattle and beef and a rise in sugar of fifty cents per hundred pounds.

The departmental index number of wholesale prices was down to 253.7 compared with 297.6 for April, 1919; 269.4 for April, 1918 and 136.7 for April, 1914.

The cost of the weekly family budget of staple foods continued to decline averaging \$12.74 at the beginning of April as compared with \$13.23 in March; \$16.99 in April, 1920; \$13.35 in April, 1919; and \$7.51 in April, 1914.

In retail prices, the average cost of a list of staple foods in 60 cities was \$12.75 for April as compared with \$13.23 for March; \$15.99 for April, 1920; \$13.35 for April, 1919; \$12.57 for April, 1918; and \$7.51 for April, 1914.

The chief changes for the month were in eggs and in potatoes, decrease in these commodities accounting for a fall of 36 cents out of 50 cents in the budget.

Sugar and butter showed slight increases, meats were practically unchanged, and there were slight decreases in rolled oats, rice, prunes, and evaporated apples.

In fuel, coal was slightly lower, as is usual in the spring for a short time.

Rent showed a slight increase in the average and further increases to become effective in May were reported.

WOMEN IN OFFICES UPSET FAMILIES?

That and Many Other Arguments Used by Italian Soldiers to Oust Them TAKE JOBS BY FORCE Men Who Fought the War Say Girls Should go Back to Old Place

ROME, May 19.—Italian soldiers who were more or less mutilated during the war lately have taken the law into their own hands and have swarmed in thousands late many of the government ministries, taking possession by force of the places of the many young women who gained a footing there during the war, and so far have refused to be displaced.

Newspapers are being flooded with letters, some few of them arguing that the women clerks have earned the right to work if they please, and to support themselves, but most of the writers telling lurid and terrible tales of the frivolity of these daughters of Eve; of the little work they do and the great amount of time they waste on flirtations and on their toilettes; of the alleged subversive effect they have in well-regulated ministries, and of many families whose peace is said to have been undermined by their dangerous proximity to staid and respectable men.

At any rate it appears that soldiers who have served their country have made good their claim to the coveted positions and, both in Rome and in many provincial towns the edict has gone forth that the girls must go. Italian housekeepers hope that some will return to the mistresses who sigh in vain for assistance in their households, but doubt whether after the short hours and independence of office life they will take kindly to domestic service or the long hours of shop work.

Deaths Last Evening of Mr. W. H. Lingham Removes Well-Known Resident BORN IN CANNINGTON, 1848 Member of John Street Presbyterian Church—Ill for Some Time

William Henry Lingham succumbed last evening at his home, 37 East Moira Street, to an attack of pneumonia after an illness which took a serious turn on Monday night. Mr. Lingham had not been well for some time, having been suffering from grippe.

The late W. H. Lingham was born in Cannington seventy-three years ago, a son of the late William Lingham. He had lived in Belleville for over fifty years and was engaged all his life in the milling business.

He had for years conducted a flour and feed mill on Moira St. east known as Lingham's Mill and for the past few years had operated a mill at Cannington.

He was well and favorably known to all classes of the community and in all parts of the district. His death came as a shock to his many friends.

In the year 1882, he was in the city council as alderman, while his uncle, Nelson Lingham, was mayor. He was a close student of municipal politics and took a deep interest in the development of the city.

Deceased was a member of John St. Presbyterian Church.

He leaves to mourn his death his widow, one son Arthur and one daughter, Mrs. John S. McKeown, of Belleville.

More Activity Here, In Coal Business; Now \$16.50 per Ton Their winter's coal supply is apparently being taken care of by a number of citizens.

About three weeks ago there seemed almost a cessation of activity in the business, but the tide is turned. Coal is today \$16.50 per ton.

Asked if he thought prices would advance, a local dealer today said: "Not likely for some time." There was the monthly advance of ten cents per ton to contend with.

Belleville dealers generally put on this advance in September increasing the price fifty cents for the whole five months.

FIND NO CLUE TO KIDNAPPING OF GIRL SINGER

Miss Edna K. Lee of Palmerston Suffering from Shock and Exposure; Unhurt CHLOROFORMED, BOUND Chief of Police Thinks it Was Jealousy and Says She Would Not Have Tied Self

PALMERSTON, Ont., May 19.—This morning there are no further developments in the investigation into the kidnapping and chloroforming of the town yesterday night of Miss Edna K. Lee, leader of Knox Church choir and prominent music teacher who was found gagged and bound in an out-of-the-way part of the town yesterday morning.

Miss Lee's parents and police here attributed jealousy and attempt to blackmail her character as motives for the deed. Miss Lee is suffering from shock and exposure in the open but otherwise is unhurt.

Police Chief Wilson said today: "Miss Lee is a splendid singer and her leaving one church to go to another has caused bad feeling."

The chief said he thought that an organized grudge might be at the bottom of the affair. Authorities are today making an investigation in Listowel which is Miss Lee's home town and in Guelph. Police say that Miss Lee could not herself have tied the knots which bound her.

Attacked by Man and Taken Off in Motor Car An earlier despatch said: Miss Lee, who has music classes both here and in Listowel returning from the latter town last night arriving at 8 o'clock. She went to the Presbyterian church for some sheet music and while on her way from there on Main Street near Shields' store, a car drove up behind her and a man jumped out. He asked her to help him as his wife was ill in the car and Miss Lee, though a little startled, saw a woman sitting in the car, apparently crying, with her face in her hands.

Seized by the Man. Miss Lee went over to the car and was immediately seized by the man who put his hand over her mouth and thrust her into the rear seat where the supposed woman was. Miss Lee then chloroformed, her hands tied behind her back and her ankles bound, and she was carried and left in Louis Nairn's lane on the edge of the town. A chloroform bottle with a handkerchief was left under her nose so that she would continue to inhale it. She was found in an unconscious state about five-thirty this morning.

Hours Under the Drug. Dr. Coleman was immediately called and it took several hours before she could be restored to consciousness. Her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lee, of Listowel, were notified and drove over to Palmerston. No other injury was inflicted than that occasioned by the shock. Miss Lee has been prominent in musical circles in Palmerston for several years and is highly esteemed.

FASHION NOTES SAY: That crepe de chine is rivaling straw for smart summer millinery.

That lighter shades of tan are the latest rivals of the yogue for gray.

That warm shades of orange, henna and red are being favored in hats and in the waistcoats of the dark wool one-piece dresses, writes a Pinehnut fashion observer.

That New York smart afternoon frocks feature pale gray, tan and mauve novelty crepe, crepe de chine and canton crepe, trimmed with tulle and lace and uncut fringes of moss braid, also small flowers of the dress material, and wooden bead work in inset design.

WAR HABITS DISAPPEARING London Daily Chronicle. The stranger in our midst, who is also a critic, is pleasantly impressed by the way in which we have thrown off our war habits.

Whether it is in spite of our economic troubles or is actually, due to them, we impress the visitor to our shores as a people who are settling down very commendably to old and honored habits.

Our manners, which were not above criticism three years ago, are becoming better, and the spirit of goodwill and kindly feeling that evaporated during the years of warfare has descended upon us once again.

It is a nice continuation to receive, and should encourage us to prove that it is a true one.

News About People and Social Events

DON'T surrender your individuality, which is your greatest agent of power, to the customs and conventions that have got their life from the great mass of those who haven't enough force to preserve their individualities. —R. W. Trine.

W. C. Mikel, K. C., has been appointed Chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Law of the Canadian Fraternal Association.

Dr. M. A. Day and Mrs. Day left for Toronto yesterday to bring back their young son, who has been in Dr. Allan Brown's private hospital for treatment. The child has made an excellent recovery.

Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Duchess of Devonshire, accompanied by the Marquis and Marchioness of Hartington, Lady Maud MacKintosh, Lady Ann Cavendish, Miss Saunders, Captain Balfour, A.D.C., and Captain Lloyd, A.D.C., Ottawa, spent the week-end at their summer home at Blue Sea Lake.

Lady Maud MacKintosh, Ottawa, will go to Montreal this week, and while there will be the guest of Lord and Lady Shaftesbury.

Rev. O'Meara Rouleau of Calgary is in Ottawa visiting relatives, and is the guest of his aunts, the Misses O'Meara, 569 Laurier avenue west. This is the first visit to relatives by Rev. Father Rouleau since his ordination three years ago at Calgary Cathedral. On Sunday at St. Patrick's church he was the celebrant at high mass.

Mrs. A. F. Shillman leaves today for a ten day's visit with friends in Campbellford.

Mrs. M. W. Marsh, of this city, is visiting friends in Campbellford.

Miss Enla Terry, nurse-in-training at the Pictou General Hospital is in the city for a few days visiting relatives.

Miss Jessie Buck, nurse-in-training, Toronto General Hospital, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Buck, 18 Brewster Street.

Mrs. Edward Wells and her daughters, Miss Gladys, Miss Helen and Miss Phyllis, who have been the guests of Mrs. I. G. Bogart, Kingston, have returned to the city.

Mr. C. S. R. Laidlaw, of the Carlton Street Branch in Toronto, has succeeded Mr. E. S. J. Martin, as manager of the Young and Queen streets branch. Mr. Laidlaw is a native of the Queen City. He entered the service of the Bank of Montreal in Quebec, and served in branches at Kingston and Belleville. Since 1899 he has been attached to branches in Toronto, and had held the appointment of manager of the Carlton St. branch from April, 1913, until the present time.

Mr. E. V. Elliott, son of Rev. W. Elliott, pastor of the Tabernacle Methodist Church, has completed his course at the Royal College of Dental Surgeons, Toronto, and last Friday evening received his degrees, L.D.S., D.D.S. Rev. and Mrs. Elliott attended the graduating ceremonies. Dr. Elliott has accepted a position at Dunnville, Ont.

OSTROM—MAY. A quiet wedding took place last Thursday evening at the Methodist parsonage, Cobourg, Rev. J. S. I. Wilson officiating, when Miss Gertrude Blanch May, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John May, D'Arcy street, was united in marriage to Mr. Arthur Ostrom, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Ostrom, of Belleville. The bride looked very charming in a brown satin dress and hat to match and travelled in a navy blue suit.

The young couple left after the ceremony for a trip to Quebec, and on their return will reside in Belleville.

IN MEMORIAM. MILLER—Ida Vandewater Miller died May 19, 1920. "Tis May again, the flowers bloom, The busy world rolls on, But somehow things don't seem the same For one we loved has gone.

DEED. EMBURY—Elizabeth Corham, wife of R. C. Embury, died in Belleville, Tuesday, May 17, 1921, aged 55 years.

PARIS COMMENT SHOWS SORENESS AT LLOYD GEORGE

"Affair too Grave Henceforth to be Treated as Politics," Says Paper BRITAIN IS STIRRED Freedom of Speech by L. G. and Briand Amazes the Old Country

PARIS, May 19.—Declaration made regarding Poland and Silesia by Mr. Lloyd George yesterday caused considerable irritation to French newspapers. There was little comment on the premier's words this morning, but what there was seemed severe.

The Echo De Paris said: "Please give us even less if possible than you did in the last speech before the House of Commons. The affair is too grave henceforth to be treated as politics. There is no getting away from one fact, the Entente Cordiale is at stake."

Great Stir in England London, May 19.—The freedom with which Mr. Lloyd George and Premier Briand are debating the Silesian situation through the newspapers and the strong words they are using is creating a great stir in England.

The British public is accustomed to the courteous and smooth methods of the old diplomacy, and the spectacle of most delicate differences being handled by vigorous public debate amazes the people.

The heads of the two Governments after their numerous conferences were expected to understand each other. Apparently each has chosen the plan of campaign which he considers the most effective against his opponent.

M. Briand will have the next word in the French Parliament today and there is great interest in London as to whether he will maintain the same high key of conversation which Mr. Lloyd George started upon in his recent speech in the House of Commons.

The Prime Minister's unexpected statement is popularly interpreted as a warning to M. Briand not to go too far in his pronouncement before the Chamber.

Mr. Lloyd George's reference to Great Britain's willingness to use force, followed by the declaration that Britain cannot stand by while the treaty is trampled on, is taken as significant of future developments depending chiefly upon whether M. Briand proclaims a widening of the gulf between the policies of two countries or pictures them as following the same principle.

Argylls to Form Tennis Club Here The Argyll Light Infantry Athletic and Sports Committee have called a meeting for tomorrow night at the Armouries, the object being to form a tennis club.

A notice issued by Capt. D. Thos. McManus, the adjutant, says that all those interested in the formation of such a club are invited to be there. This includes civilians—that is to say tennis enthusiasts not members of the A.L.I.—and "all opinions and recommendations are for discussion and are solicited."

BORN. COUPAL—At the Grey Nuns' Hospital, Regina, Sask., on May 15, 1921, to Captain and Mrs. A. B. Coupal, (nee Sybil Grant) a daughter. m19-11

COSTLY FIRE IN TORONTO TORONTO, May 19.—Military equipment, near the old Fort here was destroyed by fire last night. The loss is seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

JUST WHAT DID HE MEAN? In its praise of "Biff, Bing, Bang" the New York Telegram critic concludes: "The best criticism of the performance was given by a spectator who remarked in the crowd as he made his way out: 'I could see that show again tomorrow night.' And he did not look as if he came from Montreal, either."

Now just what did that critic mean. Is he one of the kind that hints an audience needs to be drunk to stand for the type of deadly dull musical shows some modern producers offer?

As Heywood Brown remarked recently: "We wonder why the producer does not get along without ten or twelve costumes, and, of course, the chorus girl who goes with them, and spend the money saved thereby in hiring a joke."

What She

ANSWERS TO

D. C. G. C.—How skate with one boy or many things; as a would say—stop just before he wants you tease you about a boy why don't you tease if they keep it up; be silly—and mean. When a young man a dance, he is entitled and last and supper wise, you should not for any man unless it you for them. A girl not to let the same be where all the time merrier, and the safe

Not Sure—It is wise, nor safe some to kiss a boy friend, won't be a real friend if you do.

Muggins—It is not to make yourself out the girls walk together walk with them—but the girls and all the if your parents are in court to the party, I am all right. You must ed, addressed envelop gestions for choosing so glad my letters he

Lonesome—To make must be friendly. B force anyone to love

Brown Eyes and I keep on inviting the they keep on refusing that they don't want parties regardless of they say about you. ing them for available ter cure for their that is the trouble.

Blue Eyes—It was you to stop going with because he went out girl though, but bec want you to go with a Don't be yourself do friend until you are Dress your hair in style that is becoming be in style.

Anxious—You should dances without your sent; if you cannot, w seek your pleasures way until you are old return home very earl per to invite the you you should expect the for your company—t turn, may thank the evening. To sit in the for a few minutes per providing you are off a few minutes, a ver even that if they wat arms around you. O spoon—It's horrid.

DON'T MARRY YET Q.—Dear Miss Pag received an offer. am in doubt whether I use it. I do not believe do not think I could band happy as he is. Do you think it would him to accept his offer explain to him the tr feelings without giving I am sure I do not is the first man in wh any interest at all.

A.—When in doubt dear Lovers, if you could make your h what kind of a marry life do you think yo you don't suppose he to marry him because unhappy for the rest you?

I certainly do thing unable to him to accept to yourself as well as taking his devotion ar false pretenses. Y cheat. And you would shed for it by having torture of a loveless o

If you think you love him, tell him so, you cannot marry him you want his friends you hope to grow to e he cares for you. If badly enough, he will court you and strive to

ANSWERS TO IN Rose—I couldn't at the date you asked by ters have to wait for our column, and your just come. I'm sorry, helped. "You should sister, with whom yo

the young man should talk things over with that to you and your sister who has moth sides. Rose you are marry for a while, u understand wait a little he must wait a little you to assume the car hold, Dear.

Dinky—You'd better granted that your fri other girl and write are glad for his happy trying to "break the he will jump at it. you all about it—if doubtless set you r that he has no such o other girl. Of course actually engaged, you to ask him point blank understand that he w your engagement since this other girl.

Work on the Gove at Little Current has menaced after cessatio ter months.