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COAL AND WOMEN  
PLAGUE ASQUITH

British Ministry Hesitates  
Over Minimum Wage  
Bill.

BETWEEN TWO STOOLS  
General Sympathy Turning  
Against the Strikers'  
Selfishness.

POWER IN PARLIAMENT

Ministry Depends on Laborite  
Votes to Hold Working  
Majority.

ALL AGAINST SUFFRAGETTES

Severe Punishment Heartily Approved  
—Popular Suggestions to Stop  
Career of Riot.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.  
LONDON, March 9.—A million and a half workers idle, the industry of the country threatened with complete paralysis if the conditions do not change, the price of bread and other foodstuffs advancing, thousands already feeling the pangs of hunger, children going without their breakfasts to school, great industrial properties going to ruin through inability to prevent their deterioration, the railway service reduced to a minimum—such is the condition of things in England, Scotland and Wales, and the coal strike is only nine days old.

Meanwhile the miners are making the most of their holiday. They have a big fund, out of which every striker is receiving something, ranging downward from 10 shillings (\$2.50) a week. The miners seem to be content with the situation, although there are murmurings on the part of some who desire to resume work. Pigeon flying, pit pony and whip racing and other sports occupy their time. The public houses in the mining districts are doing a rushing business.

So far there have been practically no dissenters. Instances of selfishness are reported, however, and one case has attracted attention. It involves the refusal of the miners in the Whitburn colliery at South Shields to permit anybody to descend into the pits to feed the ponies and work the pumps to prevent flooding of the mines. This is a direct violation of the instructions from the Federation of Miners, which allowed the employment of miners during the strike for these purposes.

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LONDON IMMUNE SO FAR.  
London thus far has not felt the pinch of the strike very hard. The price of bread is to be advanced on March 11 and other foodstuffs are higher, while coal is at exorbitant rates; the railway facilities have also been curtailed. But actual suffering on the part of any large section of the population has not appeared.

Elsewhere in the United Kingdom conditions are different. Appeals to the municipal authorities to invoke the law for feeding indigent children indicate that the effects of non-employment are being felt in some localities.

One of the worst features of the strike is the effect on other industries than coal. In the words of Premier Asquith, coal is the life blood of the nation, and the distress and cruel truth of the simile is being proved with startling rapidity. News comes daily from all quarters of the kingdom of the shutting down of great steel, iron, tin plate, cotton and other works on which British prosperity depends. Ireland, which has no coal, is beginning to suffer indirectly, and the suspension or curtailment of water transportation to and from the rest of the kingdom promises to result in keen suffering.

Even the most ardent supporters of female suffrage outside a relatively small ring of the most extreme militants admit that the past week's turbulence has done enormous damage to the cause. Many of the individuals who have hitherto upheld woman suffrage now publicly disavow it, while important newspapers which have been its sturdy champions have sorrowfully joined the chorus of disapproval. Nothing could more plainly show the real serious nature of this public disapproval than the action taken by the Government in putting in force the law of conspiracy.

This convention will meet in London on Monday.

STEP TOWARD PEACE.

This is a distinct step in the direction of a settlement and indicates that the committee sees an opening to bring the strike to an end. There is no doubt that its course was actuated not only by the opinion that Mr. Asquith's proposal was reasonable from the miners' point of view but by the fear that a continuance of the miners' uncompromising attitude would be likely to bring disaster to the unions' cause. It is becoming apparent that the miners are alienating the sympathy of the multitude of wage earners who have been thrown out of employment by the shortage of coal as well as by the millions of others whose welfare and comfort are curtailed through the strike.

But the most potent reason for the concern of the Miners' Federation is the fact that a prolongation of the strike will probably ruin financially many allied trade unions whose funds were severely depleted by recent strikes and who now find that they are unable to support the army of workers whose unemployment is due directly to the miners' attitude. The mine owners are fully alive to this condition and manage to see some grim humor in a situation which while spelling ruin for themselves is likely to place the unions in a position where they will be unable to conduct a successful strike for at least five or six years.

RUINOUS RESULTS.

The coal owners have reached a point

where they view the case philosophically.

They feel that the harm has already been done and that little can be added to their burden. Its continuance for several weeks will, in their opinion, mean that much of the ocean carrying trade will be lost to Great Britain permanently. They believe the general law of failure to regain ascendancy in trade once it has been diverted and point to the fact that London has not succeeded in recapturing its position since the dockers' strike.

The whole shipping industry of the kingdom is in a state of stagnation already, and the coal owners argue that the Welsh coal owners, which are taking advantage of this situation are bound to hold a large proportion of the water transportation which Great Britain controlled up to March 1.

COUNTER LEGISLATION PROPOSED.  
Another thing which will have an important relation to British industry is that collieries which heretofore have been run at a loss will not be opened after the strike. D. A. Thomas, the leader of the Welsh coal owners, indicated the reason for the refusal of the Welsh and Scottish mine proprietors to follow their colleagues in the rest of the kingdom and accept the principle of the minimum wage and otherwise show a compromising spirit when he said that even if legislation were enacted to give the Government's proposals effect, that would not prevent a recurrence of the present disastrous dilemma within a few months.

He regarded the strike as a war against the State and said the only remedy was legislation similar to what had been enacted by some of the colonies making it a criminal offence to conspire against the well being of the community. The Government is being urged to take some such step with the addition of the legal right to attach the funds of the conspirators.

For the present, however, the Ministry prefers to steer a middle course, using every means in its power to bring the disputants to terms without having resort to legislation. It is greatly concerned with the possible effects of the strike on the fortunes of the Liberal party, which may be the most serious. It is dependent for its continuance in power not only upon preventing the alienation of general sympathy through a prolongation of the strike but also upon keeping the friendship of the members of the Labor party in the House of Commons, since it is these, with the Irish Nationalists, who keep the Liberal party in power.

THE SUFFRAGETTE VINDICTIVE.

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As has been fully explained in these despatches, the Cabinet is hopelessly split on the woman suffrage question and, save for the pressure of other and more vital matters, that split, in view of the projected franchise bill, would alone be sufficient to endanger the existence of the Cabinet. But with home rule, the disestablishment and disendowment of the Welsh Church and the manhood suffrage bill in front of it, with the deadly insurance bill losing by-elections or decimating majorities behind it, and the coal strike right on top of it, the Government has sunk its differences on the female suffrage question and bowing to the force of public opinion has adopted the measure

first suggested by the press and put into force the law against conspiracy.

Hitherto these violent demonstrations by the suffragettes have been regarded by the general public very much in the light of a joke; but the past week's orgies of window smashing have caused an extraordinary revulsion of feeling which, as stated above, has been strong enough to force action on a reluctant, harassed Government.

MERCENARY SMASHERS.

The reasons for this change of public opinion are as usual mixed. For one thing, the joke has lost its savor by repetition. Then the spectacle of smashed windows of unoffending tradesmen over four miles of streets in the heart of London caused a feeling of real anger and disgust in the minds of ordinary people, which was increased by similar smashings on the following days. Another thing which has robbed the militant ones of much sympathy and tolerance is the knowledge which the public now has of their forces.

At first, these demonstrations of violence were made by women who were evidently sincerely convinced of the justice of their cause and had been stirred to frenzy by genuine sentiment, or as some might prefer to say, by false zeal and fanaticism. But, now, scores of those arrested come from Scotland, the North of England and the Midlands, and these declare themselves to have "no occupation."

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JABBED BAYONET AT  
COUSIN OF THE CZAR

Treasure Guard, Doped With Vodka, Charged by Grand Duke's Auto.

RUSSIAN SUGAR MONOPOLY

Move to Offset Effect of Export Bounty —High Officers Involved in Stolypin Murder.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 9.—The strict precautions which are always taken to safeguard Government treasure almost resulted the other day in putting the Czar and the court in mourning. A cart containing 250,000 rubles, or about \$25,000, which was to be used in paying the monthly wages at an ammunition factory, was going through the streets in the usual way, at a slow walk. It was preceded and followed by soldiers with drawn bayonets. All traffic as usual gave way except an automobile, which was coming rapidly from the opposite direction. This did not avert, neither did the escorting troops of the cart, despite the constant trumpeting of the chauffeur's horn. The



ITALIAN CAMEL CORPS AT TRIPOLI.

wheel of the automobile grazed a soldier, who dashed his bayonet through a window at the occupant of the car.

The automobile and the treasury cart proceeded on their ways for a short distance, when the escort, to their utter bewilderment, were arrested by a company of the Pavlovsky Guards. It was then discovered that the occupant of the automobile was the Grand Duke Nicholas Nikolaievich, the Czar's cousin and the commandant of the Guards Brigade, who had communicated with the Winter Palace ordering the guards to arrest the treasury escort.

MOB NOW AGGRESSIVE.

The good nature of a London crowd has long been proverbial. The police before this week devoted their energies to preventing the women from attacking. Now they have already been turned to protecting them from attack, and if the violent demonstrations continue this will probably be before long the chief part of their duty on "suffragette days."

This may easily be inferred from what is heard from one end of London to the other. "Spunk them," is a comparatively mild suggestion made in first class smoking compartments. More drastic prescriptions are offered by the rougher elements. This may be more conveniently indicated by what has happened already on several occasions during the past week.

Two policemen with difficulty rescued a woman in Westminster on Monday night and brought her to the Cannon row police station. Her shirtwaist was completely torn off and her skirt, hat and hair had also been dragged off, though it should be said that her hair had evidently been attached to her hat and not to her scalp. On the same night a window smasher was hustled by a crowd into a quiet alley off the Strand and practically stripped of her clothing, which, however, was placed in her arms.

BEATRICE HARRADEN'S ZEAL.

LONDON, March 10.—Miss Beatrice Harraden has finished a new novel, her only book in the last four years. It is called "The Trackless Way" and is a story of so-called failures who work out their own salvation in curious ways. During the last few years Miss Harraden has been devoting herself to the charity cause and has been very busy in her personal services. Indeed she has almost sacrificed her health in her great zeal.

BERLIN LOSES CHIEF MAYOR

Herr Kirschner Gives Way to Greater City Reorganization—70 Years Old.  
Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.  
BERLIN, March 9.—The Oberbürgermeister or Chief Mayor of Berlin, K. A. Martin Kirschner, who has held the office since 1890 and who was reelected last year announced to-day his intention of resigning. He says that he will settle the date of his retirement before June 1. He will be 70 years of age this year.

FREDERICK LOESER & CO. BROOKLYN ADVERTISEMENTS. FREDERICK LOESER & CO.

Frederick Loeser & Co. The Subway to Hoyt Street Brings the Loeser Store Within 17 Minutes of Forty-second Street.

Women's Day and Evening Coats.  
Values to \$65, All at \$25.

A Great Offer That Will Make Tomorrow a Day of Opportunity So Unusual as to Make Even a Long Journey Worth While.  
THE LOESER STORE OF WOMEN'S APPAREL will tomorrow present one of the most interesting offers of women's wraps in all its history. It includes the entire range of new Coats for both day and evening wear, from serviceable tweed and serge to exquisite double-faced satins and featherweight changeable taffeta. They have just left the maker's hands. Many of them have been just finished. They are an authoritative exposition of the best in style for every occasion when a Coat is worn. Not one but will give service for several seasons, so recent are the modes.

The Coats for Evening Wear include beautiful models of brocaded satin, heavy bengaline, double face satin, featherweight changeable taffeta, changeable satins, heavy Rajahs in natural color, white serge, etc. They are trimmed with heavy silk hand embroidery, with touches of antique gold, with fancy silks. The linings are of exquisite quality, fancy taffeta in huge plaids, fine shot Persian, shimmering soft satins. Some of the taffeta wraps are light enough for wear on the hottest summer days.

The Coats for Day Wear are made of tweed, diagonals, whipcords, serge, reversible homespun. Some of the serge Coats are reversible, one side of navy and the other of cream serge. A handsome Coat of a mixed diagonal is trimmed with broadcloth in the new cycling style.  
\$19.98 to \$35 New Tailored Suits at \$15.75.

These Suits are from one of our own makers, whose output we control for Brooklyn, and who lives strictly up to the Loeser specifications in quality of material and character of workmanship. The offering includes some samples and other new Suits, which were offered to us at a price that barely covers the cost of the materials alone. They are all strictly man tailored in the soft finish that holds shape so well. They are advance styles for the coming season. The offering embraces all the latest styles, both as to Skirts and Coats. The materials are serges, chevrons, fancy mixtures, whipcords—in fact, all the newest materials are represented. Average value, \$25. Just 124 lucky women will be made happy by a share in the offering.

\$1.98 FOR WOMEN'S SUMMER WASH DRESSES, VALUES TO \$4.  
Quite the prettiest styles we have seen this spring, and many will think quite the best values. One model is of Anderson gingham, serpy weight, in small pencil line light checks, combining two colors. It has three-quarter sleeves of the fitted kimono type, slightly raised waist line, y-neck, and is trimmed with plain gingham matching color of the plaids. Women will be impressed with the fineness of the material and the excellent way in which every detail is finished.

Another model is of plain color linen in a good medium weight and in a charming range of all the newest spring shades. It has a high collar, cuffs and buttons of fancy crayon-stripped corded gingham and a wide tucked placed in the skirt at hip level conveys the effect of a peplum. Unusually charming Dresses to be found thus early in the season at a price so small.  
Double Width Imported Fancy Chiffons, 69c. to \$1.50 Values, for 25c. a Yard.

OUR LATEST PARIS CORRESPONDENCE reports: "More lace and chiffons being used." The gowns already arrived from the great French dressmakers show lavish use of Lace and Chiffon. We are pleased but a glance at the advanced styles to verify the fact that LACES ARE TO BE MORE PROMINENT THAN EVER.  
So we believe women will be stirred by this Loeser announcement, which offers thousands of yards of the finest and most desirable imported fancy Chiffons and pretty Laces for prices in many cases less than the cost to manufacture.  
As one feature of the event we present some thousands of yards of handsome double width imported fancy Chiffons for the record low price of 25c. a yard.

For tunics, overdresses, overdresses, blouses, evening dresses and summer dress trimmings in general these Chiffons are such in quality and quantity, that they are a real boon to the fashion-conscious woman. Part are a surplus from an importer and part are what remain from previous Loeser sales.  
6c. to 69c. French Valenciennes Laces, 3c. to 10c. a Yard.  
More than fifty thousand yards of these popular Laces, in a variety of new and pretty patterns, will be here tomorrow for at least half and in many cases more than half below the regular selling prices. As a convenience to our customers we will sell these Valenciennes Laces by the yard instead of the usual dozen yards.  
There are Edgings and Insertions to match in two and three different widths and all in the effective round and diamond meshes.  
5c. to \$1.49 Machine-Made Cluny Laces at 3c. to 49c.  
Linen and cotton machine-made Cluny Laces, several thousand yards, in an extensive variety of patterns and in widths from one-half to ten inches wide.  
One of the most desirable Laces for trimming summer dresses and underwear, and the patterns are all copies of the hand-made Laces.

39c. and 50c. Silk and Cotton Fabrics. 25c. ON Main Floor Table.  
IF IN YOUR PLANS for pretty spring and summer dresses you will include some of the lustrous silk-and-cotton stuffs, here is a chance to select from a variety of the most likable weaves for a fraction of the ordinary prices.  
Some 4,200 yards altogether, the weaves including Shantung, Whipcords, Foulards and plain heavy Tussahs, in a very full assortment of good colors.  
Half Silk Fabrics, 16c. a Yard.  
Apron Gingham at 6c. a Yard.  
12 1/2c. Yard Wide Percales at 9c.  
15c. Zephyr Gingham at 11c.  
20c. and 25c. Plain Colored Dress Cottons at 12 1/2c.  
These include Ranier Cloth, mercerized Poplins and "Like-Linen" Suitings, in a great variety of colorings. 27 to 32 inches wide.  
12,000 Yards of New Dress Gingham at 9c.  
Plaid, stripe and check patterns, a quality that we believe cannot be equalled for the small price outside of the Loeser Store.  
\$2 All Silk 36-Inch Peau de Crepe, \$1.  
The Final Shipment of Our Remarkable Purchase.  
THIS IS AN EXACT DUPLICATE of the sale of Peau de Crepe which caused a great stir in the Silk Store last Monday. It is a superb quality of pure dry silk, and our purchase is the first offer, to our knowledge, for less than the regular price, \$2 a yard.

These silk Peau de Crepes are almost unlimited in their usefulness. They are desirable for afternoon and evening gowns, for waists, for negligees, for petticoats and sundry other uses. They are woven firmly and they have a softness and luster which put them in the front rank of popular spring and summer Silks.  
Owing to one of the big silk mills changing hands and a readjustment of stocks being necessary, we secured a considerable quantity of these Peau de Crepes at a price which allows us to make the selling price just half the regular price.  
Among the colors are white, ivory, cream, ciel, rose, lilac, silver, pearl, taupe, turquoise, Atlantic blue, old rose, gold, poudra, artichoke, Copenhagen, king blue, mulberry, oiled, chartreuse, ashes of rose, fuchsia, amethyst, wistaria, raisin, chocolate, wine, leather, brown, olive myrtle, seal, navy and black.

Ostrich Plumes Underprice.  
LUSTROUS CLEAR BLACK AND WHITE, with long, full fluffs. These are the kinds that are in greatest demand for the finer Hats for early spring. Because of the low prices none will be sent C. O. D., exchanged or credited.  
\$3.25 Plumes, 14 inches, at \$2.25.  
\$4.50 Plumes, 18 inches, at \$3.25.  
\$5 Plumes, 20 inches, at \$3.50.  
\$6.50 Plumes, 20 inches, at \$4.50.  
\$3 to \$5 Waists at \$1.98.  
THIS EXCEPTIONAL OFFERING includes cream and white net Waists, trimmed with pretty frills. They are lined with net, have three-quarter sleeves and non-shoulder lines. There are chiffon Overblouses in black, navy, wistaria, gray and brown, with fringe trimming. Excellent black taffeta Waists and some of messaline, open in front, as well as open back models. Striped messaline Waists in all the wanted colors; some are the new collarless design; some are finished with lace yokes and high necks; some are tailored; others have the effect of lace collars. A pretty model of filet net and Val. lace in a shadow pattern has panels of Cluny. There is a fancy Waist in navy with a lace yoke, three-quarter sleeves, lace trimmed, with pearl buckles. About 2,000 Waists in this offering.  
Including the very popular peplum Waists, at least seven different models of which are shown in this lot. There are the batiste Waists with square necks, yoke and sleeves of excellent flat lace 2 1/2 inches wide, with strips of Cluny and trimmed with pearl buttons. Two Waists of allover lace with medallion and strips of heavy lace, three-piece peplum. The other models are of allover embroidery trimmed with wide lace, both open front and back models.  
A special lot of tailored and lingerie Waists. One of madras in short style with soft collar and cuffs, another of colored striped shirting in gilette style with stiff collar.

Spring Hosiery at Record Prices.  
THREE PAIRS OF WOMEN'S STOCKINGS or of men's Socks for 25c. Not only that but every pair guaranteed to wear to the full satisfaction of the purchaser.  
This offering, extraordinary as it is, presents a typical instance of the values which we have prepared for men, women and children tomorrow in Hosiery of the most desirable spring styles.  
15c. and 25c. Stockings at 3 Pairs for 25c. Fast black, full fashioned and fine gauge seamless cotton; spliced heels and toes.  
25c. 25c. and 50c. Stockings at 15c. a Pair. Fast black full fashioned cotton with unbleached split feet; black gauge seamless and full fashioned silk line; also black full fashioned cotton; all with spliced heels and toes.  
25c. and 50c. Stockings at 25c. Black full fashioned cotton, line and silk line; also white and tan silk line; spliced heels and toes.  
50c. Stockings at 3 Pairs for 25c. Black gauge line, embroidered line; black silk line; also white and tan gauze and silk line; spliced heels and toes.  
Women's 50c. to \$1 Silk Stockings at 29c. to 50c. Silk Stockings at 25c. Fast black and tan silk line; boot hose with fine mercerized tops and soles; spliced heels and toes.  
\$1 Silk Stockings at 50c. Black, white and tan pure thread ingrain silk with mercerized tops and soles; spliced heels and toes.  
Men's 15c. to 50c. Socks at 3 Pairs for 25c. to 25c. a Pair.  
15c. and 25c. Socks at 3 Pairs for 25c. Black fine gauge seamless cotton, also with unbleached split feet; also plain colored cotton and embroidered cashmere; all with spliced heels and toes.  
25c. to 50c. Socks at 15c. Fast black and a wide range of the popular plain colors and fancy lines, silk line and silk line; spliced heels and toes. All have spliced heels and toes.  
50c. Silk Socks at 25c. Black and a wide range of the popular plain colored silk Socks, all made with mercerized heels and toes.  
Children's 15c. to 25c. Stockings at 3 Pairs for 25c. to 17c. a Pair.