

GENERAL STRIKE GERMAN THREAT; SPREADS TO RR'S

Miners' Refusal to Dig Coal Forces Thousands Into Idleness.

Copenhagen, March 31.—A conference of workers' delegates at Essen has adopted a resolution calling a general strike tomorrow.

A Stuttgart dispatch to the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger reports the outbreak of a general strike there.

Dr. Bauer, minister of labor in the German cabinet, has notified the striking coal miners, that their demand for a six-hour day is utterly impossible if Germany's economic welfare is to be taken into consideration. He pointed out that hundreds of thousands of persons were idle thru lack of coal.

DEMAND DEBS OF GERMANY BE FREED.

Berlin, March 31.—(By Associated Press)—The executive council of greater Berlin has adopted the appeal of the communist workmen's council for the release of George Ledebur and other political prisoners. It was decided to demand of Chancellor Scheideман that he effect the release of these men immediately, on the basis of a promise made on March 6. On that date the chancellor said he was unable to grant amnesty until "order and quiet has been restored in Berlin."

Her Geisberg, minister of posts and telegraphs, at the same time gave his word of honor that he would appeal to the cabinet for their release as soon as Berlin was quiet.

The executive council claims that order has been re-established, and demands that the promise be redeemed.

MINE STRIKERS INCREASE

Cologne, March 31.—(By Associated Press)—Reports from Essen and neighboring towns show a serious increase in the number of strikers among the coal miners. Today 30,000 men are out. In Witten and Dortmund, Westphalia, and elsewhere, meetings were held at which terms, including the withdrawal of the government troops, 25 per cent increase in pay, additional bonuses and a six hour day were demanded.

The strike fever also is spreading to other fields, for instance the Prussian-Hessian railway, 6,000 employees of which adopted a resolution threatening to cease work on all lines unless all their demands were conceded by April 10.

At Dortmund an anti-bolshevik meeting was taken possession of by Spartacists who demanded the overthrow of the government, the disarming of the bourgeoisie, the arming of the proletariat and fresh elections to the soldiers and workmen's councils.

MAYOR FLED ACROSS RHINE.

Berlin, March 31.—(By The Associated Press)—Of the hitherto mysterious disappearance of Adalbert Oehler, chief burgomaster of Dusseldorf, who vanished during the last Spartacan uprising there, are published by the Vossische Zeitung, Oehler fled across the Rhine, the paper says, and has remained there, although his return has been urged strongly by the citizens of Dusseldorf, who wish the legal status of his case cleared up.

The newspaper also claims that the provincial governor of the district, Dr. Kruse, fled across the Rhine, but has returned. He was exonerated and reinstated despite the fact that he visited General Michlet, the Belgian commander west of the Rhine, during his absence, and begged him to occupy Dusseldorf.

HINDENBURG ADVISED TRUE.

London, March 31.—(British Wireless Service)—In connection with the discussion which was carried on in the German press as to whether Prince Max of Baden, then imperial chancellor, took the initiative in demanding and in offering peace in October last, the Wolfe bureau publishes a letter from Field Marshal von Hindenburg, dated October 30, which shows that on that date German army headquarters confirmed the demand it had made already in September that such peace offers should be made. Von Hindenburg wrote:

"In consequence of the disaster on the Macedonian front, with its attendant weakening of the west front, and in consequence of the impossibility of replacing the great losses sustained in recent encounters, there is now, humanely speaking, no longer any possibility of our being able to impose peace on the enemy."

"Our opponents are constantly receiving reinforcements. While the elements of our rear still hold together and may still offer some resistance to the renewed attacks of the enemy, our situation is becoming very precarious and may at any moment place the army command under the necessity of making a comprehensive decision."

"In these circumstances, it is imperative that we cease to struggle in order to save the German people and our allies from unnecessary sacrifices. Every day's loss in this respect costs the lives of thousands of German soldiers."

DOCTOR AND NURSE ARRESTED ON NOTE IN MURDER MYSTERY

Physician Discharged but Few Hours Before in Sim- ilar Case.

San Francisco, Mar. 31.—Dr. Ephraim Northcott, local physician, was arrested, today, and charged with the murder of Inez Elizabeth Reed, the army nurse whose body was found behind the Crystal Springs road, in San Mateo county, March 8. Miss Reed's death was caused by an illegal operation.

With Dr. Northcott was also arrested Miss Frances Cronin, a nurse employed in his office. The two were taken separately and after two hours of separate grilling by detectives, the warrant charging murder was served on Dr. Northcott, and the nurse was charged as an accessory.

Dr. Northcott had already been in trouble in similar cases, the police say. A charge of murder against the physician, growing out of the death of a young woman as the result of an unlawful operation, was dismissed, today, by Police Judge Matthew Brady only a few hours before Dr. Northcott was arrested for the murder of Miss Reed.

The information which led to the arrest of Dr. Northcott and Miss Cronin was said to have come thru the mails, Sunday night, in a letter from an unnamed automobile driver.

REED WANTS TO DEBATE LEAGUE PACT WITH TAFT

Kansas City, March 31.—In a letter, tonight, to a committee of the St. Louis League to Enforce Peace, United States Senator James A. Reed, of Missouri, suggested that a debate on the proposed league of nations be arranged between William H. Taft and himself on the occasion of Mr. Taft's visit to Missouri in April to speak in favor of the covenant.

In the event Mr. Taft is unable to accept, Senator Reed said he would be willing to debate the subject with Senator Hitchcock, chairman of the senate committee on foreign relations in the last congress, or any other senator, republican or democrat.

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conduct it without assistance from the executive members of the committee.

Three Other Conferences.

In addition to the Compeigne meeting, committees are also working at Cologne on the disposition of raw materials; at Rotterdam on arrangements concerning shipments of food; and at Spa, concerning the details of taking over German shipping. The committee at Rotterdam is the one that looked after Belgian relief before the armistice was signed.

Premier Lloyd George and President Wilson conferred privately for an hour, this forenoon, before the council of four met at the president's residence. It is understood that the purpose of the conference was to expedite the peace proceedings.

Final Decisions This Week.

The probability that important final decisions will be taken this week by the peace conference is pointed out by the French press today. Dwelling upon French claims, the newspapers reiterate their arguments that these are just and legitimate and absolutely necessary for the safety of France and likewise of the world.

The Echo de Paris claims to know that in order to assure the security of the French frontier it will be made obligatory upon Germany to destroy her forts on the right bank of the Rhine, with the allies occupying the left bank until the war indemnity is paid.

Regarding the indemnities, the experts, the newspaper continues, have admitted the impossibility of Germany paying enormous amounts during the next two years. The newspaper understands that the payments required will be on rising scale yearly, each of the allies to receive its share either in cash or various products.

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ed to the trial of a person for an undisclosed "state of mind", that he had been denied the privilege of showing his motive in making the speech for which he was convicted, and that the court had failed to decide all of the questions presented to it for review.

Unless executive clemency is obtained, Debs now must serve his sentence. He is at liberty on bail.

COURT MAY NOT ACT FOR MONTH.

Cleveland, March 31.—No action will be taken in the case of Eugene V. Debs until the receipt of the supreme court decision, which will take about 30 days, federal court officials said today.

AMERICAN GRAVES SOGGED BY 4000 REGISTERING DEAD

Each Cemetery Plotted and Work of Identifying Goes Tirelessly On.

In the American Battle Area, March 24.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—Four thousand men of the A. F. are now engaged in the registration of and the graves of Americans who died in battle.

The work of seeking the resting places of American heroes is being undertaken by the section of graves registration, which is directing its efforts so as to be able to designate the grave of every American should congress authorize the return of the bodies of the fallen.

Tireless seeking for identification tags marks the daily task of the men of the graves registration section. They set out on their solemn mission equipped with pick, shovel and gas mask. Sometimes they pry down into the ground for the identity of the dead warrior; sometimes they ferret into the recesses of discarded dugouts, and sometimes they clear away the brush of the forest to find some traces of the victims of battle.

Each cemetery where Americans have been buried is fully plotted on maps, the graves registration service is, extending every energy to complete the buying, marking, recording and classifying of the heroic Americans.

\$200,000,000 BOND ISSUE TO FINANCE R.R.'S

Washington, March 31.—The issue of \$200,000,000 in short term bonds, bearing interest at 5 per cent, was announced, tonight, by the War Finance corporation. The bonds, which will be placed on sale Wednesday, will be issued to provide funds for the railroads and to meet other demands of the corporation.

U. S. TAKES UP

rights were declared forfeited by the Mexican government in 1917.

War Drove Americans Off.

The land, upwards of a million acres below the California border, was granted by the then President Diaz to the California & Mexican Land company of Los Angeles, of which General Harrison Grey Otis, of Los Angeles, was the leading figure. It was desert land with nothing growing on it but sagebrush, cactus and chaparral. The soil, however, was rich, in places 80 feet deep, formed by deposits for generations by the Colorado river. It produced nothing for Mexico and the expense of putting water on the land was so great that no one in Mexico would undertake it. The American company spent more than \$1,000,000 in irrigation work before the tract was productive.

One of the requirements of the concession was that the land should be irrigated. Another was that it should be settled with farmers and ranchers. These requirements are said to have been met by the American company.

When Diaz was deposed and the revolutionary period began, the American settlers were driven from the land by revolutionists. Livestock was stolen and the settlers were killed. General Otis sears the land was unsecured for and then the company found that Japanese settlers were willing to take up farms and cultivate them.

Finally Confiscated.

The Japanese were protected by the Mexican, whatever party of revolutionists were in power in that section. Short-time leases are said to have been granted to Japanese farmers, but the American owners refused to sell any of the land to the Japanese or to grant long-term leases.

On April 7, 1917, the Mexican government declared the tract confiscated, according to the statements of General Aguirre and then, apparently, the Mexican government opened negotiations with a Japanese syndicate.

Acting Secretary of State Phillips said, today, that the Los Angeles company proposed, about two years ago, to grant a Japanese concession for long-term leases on a large portion, if not all, of the tract. At that time the company was still unable to maintain American settlers there, but when the state department objected to the proposed leases, the company dropped its negotiations with the Japanese.

When Senator Phelan, of California, recently informed the Department that negotiations had been renewed the company's attention was directed to the American government's attitude.

PHELAN TO CARRY MATTER TO FLOOR OF CONGRESS

San Francisco, March 31.—Direct diplomatic representations to Mexico and Japan to prevent the establishment of land grants to Japanese within Mexican borders "because of their military and industrial menace," are to be urged on the floor of congress by United States Senator James D. Phelan, according to an announcement by the senator here, today. He will make a direct plea to the state department also, he announced.

"While Mexico is well within her constitutional rights in granting this land, it will form a little Japan right on our borders," Senator Phelan said. "This will increase the danger of a Japanese invasion of California, which is a very attractive country for them. It would create a base of supplies and would be a propagating ground."

"Already we know that the Japanese are coming over the border from Mexico. The Japanese fishermen at San Pedro and San Diego maintain a large fleet of high-powered motor boats, and it is suspected that the Japanese are coming in also by that means."

"So a large Japanese colony in Mexico would be a military and industrial menace and I believe that the policy of the government is to prevent such a settlement near our borders."

Barnes Asked to Take 1919 Wheat in Charge

Paris, March 31.—(By The Associated Press)—President Wilson, acting on recommendation of Herber Hoover, food administrator, has requested Julius H. Barnes, president of the Grain corporation of the United States food administration, to head an organization for handling, 1919 wheat crop under the con-

24 CHIEFS WILL OPERATE BUREAU OF WORLD LABOR

International Office Will Be Located at Seat of League.

London, March 31.—(British Wireless Service)—The completed draft of the convention creating a permanent organization for the promotion of labor interests and international regulation of labor conditions consists of 41 articles. The first paper deals with the general outlines of the organizations, which will consist of a general conference of representatives and an international labor office.

Meetings of the general conference will be held at least once yearly. The conference will include representatives of the employers and workers. Each delegate may be accompanied by two advisers, and where women's rights are involved, at least one of the advisers should be a woman.

The conference will meet at the seat of the league of nations, where the international labor office will be established as part of the league organization. A governing body of 24 members will control the labor office and will be composed of 12 government representatives and six members elected by the delegates to the conference, representing the employers, and six elected by the delegates, representing the working people.

The director of the labor office will be appointed by the governing body and will select his staff as far as possible from different nationalities and include a certain number of women. The labor office will act as a general clearing house for all labor information.

He Escaped Influenza.

"Last spring I had a terrible cold and gripple and was afraid I was going to have influenza," writes A. A. McNeese, High Point, Ga. "I tried many kinds of medicine, but remained clogged with cold. I then took Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, feeling relief from the first. I used seven small bottles. It was a sight to see the phlegm I coughed up. I am convinced Foley's Honey and Tar saved me from influenza." Checks cough, colds, croup and whooping cough. Great Falls Drug Co.—Adv.

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time, he said, the company's output was more than 80 per cent of the country's total, but it now is only 58 per cent.

All the concerns competitors, he asserted, had united recently in a recommendation to the Department of Justice, that the suit be settled in the interest of the industry as a whole.

Socialists Protest Acquittal of Slayer of Leader Jaures

Paris, March 31.—(Havas)—A resolution of protest against the acquittal of Raoul Villain, who shot and killed the socialist leader Jaures in 1914, was adopted Sunday by the Federal Social congress for the Department of the Seine.

Seven British Officers Murdered on Egyptian Train

London, March 31.—Official communications referring to the outbreak in the southern provinces of Egypt have been received here from Rome. They say that a train from Luxor was attacked at Minieh, March 15 and partially sacked. The bodies of seven British officers who had been murdered were found in the guards' car.

BISHOP SHAHAN MADE FRENCH CHEVALIER

Washington, March 31.—Bishop Thomas J. Shahan, rector of the Catholic university, this city, has been made a chevalier of the legion of honor by the French government in recognition of his espousal of the French cause in the war.

Backache? Rheumatism?

Those of us who are past middle age are prone to eat too much meat and in consequence deposit lime-salts in the arteries, veins and joints. We often suffer from twinges of rheumatism or lumbago, sometimes from gout, swollen hands or feet. There is no longer the slightest need of this, however, as the new prescription, "Anuric," is bound to give immediate results as it is many times more potent than lithia, in ridding the impoverished blood of its poisons by way of the kidneys. It can be obtained at almost any drug store, by simply asking for "Anuric" for kidneys or backache. It will overcome such conditions as rheumatism, dropsical swellings, cold extremities, scalding and burning urine and sleeplessness due to constant arising from bed at night.

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CASUALS ALL SAFE ABOARD SHIP WITH CRIPPLED PUMP

Culgoa Coming in at Six-Knot Speed but Doesn't Require Assistance.

Halifax, March 31.—The United States naval supply ship Culgoa, with 103 returning troops on board, all casualties, is reported in distress off New York, according to a wireless message picked up here.

The message said the vessel was hoisted in a strong northeasterly wind and rough sea. It further stated that the ship was capable of making six knots if the weather moderated. The Culgoa sailed from Brest for New York on March 5 and put in at the Azores, from which she departed on March 19.

The Culgoa's position was given as 35 degrees north latitude, 66.38 degrees west longitude. Her circulating pump was said to be out of commission. According to the position given, the Culgoa was about 600 miles southwest of New York.

The ship did not ask for assistance and said she could proceed at six knots an hour if the weather moderated.

U. S. Navy Mans Five of German Liners

Washington, March 31.—Five of the twelve German liners allocated to the United States for the return of American troops from France have been commissioned by the American navy, the navy department announced, today, that the Zeppelin and the Pretoria were taken over Saturday and the Patricia and the

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Graf Waldsee were manned Friday. The liner Cleveland, the first of the German ships to be commissioned, has been re-named the Modie. Most of these ships are now en route to Brest to load troops.

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