

GLOOM PALLS ALL BRITAIN

APPALLING SCOPE OF STRIKE DAWNS UP- ON ENGLAND

RAILROAD SERVANTS MAY GO OUT ON GENERAL STRIKE

Government Admits Situation Is Indeed Critical Throughout the Entire Country—Sympathetic Strike Certain—Food Prices Soar and Poor Already Begging of Government.

London, Mar. 2.—Practically complete paralysis of coastwise traffic as a result of the coal miners' strike today sent food prices soaring. The poor are already feeling the pinch and the government is besieged by the poor, begging food.

Railroads with coal supplies short, are commanding the coal shipments, and officials admit that unless the strike is settled soon, the railroads will have to suspend operation.

Reports today from Lancashire including both the union and non-union, men are out and it is also reported that other organized workers in the district are considering a sympathetic strike. The government will make another effort Monday to effect some sort of a compromise. Little hope for a settlement is entertained however, as both the owners and the men are determined not to yield a point.

The home office is greatly concerned over the situation, and is officially expressing fear that one half of the country's industries may be forced to suspend operations unless settlement is speedily made.

Railroad Strike Looms.

Danger of a railroad strike as a direct result of the coal strike developed today making the situation throughout the country even more acute. It is learned that the executive committee of the Amalgamated Society of Railroad servants was considering demands from railroads employees for permission to refuse to handle trains used to send troops to the disturbances. A general sympathetic strike is considered also, and the government officials announced that the government will take over the railroads if any attempt to prevent transportation of soldiers is to be made.

LOCALS HEAR COMMONER.

John Collier, Old-Time Chum, Goes to Portland to Hear Bryan.

The democratic delegation which went from La Grande and the valley, to hear William J. Bryan speak in Portland, returned this morning declaring that they had a big time and are full of enthusiasm for the coming campaign.

Two of the number who heard Bryan are known to be in the ranks of the republicans but enjoyed the speaking nevertheless. Those who went from here are Turner Oliver, T. H. Crawford, J. D. McKennon, J. D. Slater, George Leadbetter, Walter Pierce and John Collier. Dr. George O'Connor who was in Portland on business, also attended the speaking. All with the exception of Mr. Crawford and Mr. Slater returned this morning.

Turner Oliver and Walter Pierce were appointed in Portland to act on the reception committee as representatives from La Grande and Hot Lake. Mr. Collier is an old schoolmate and personal friend of Mr. Bryan. Both he and Mr. Bryan are graduates of Illinois university. Mr. Collier went for personal reasons, those of renewing his acquaintance with his old time friend.

The auditorium in which Mr. Bryan spoke was filled with about 12,000 people and about half that number were turned away as the building was packed. Mr. Bryan from Portland goes through Washington and then east through the northern states on his return trip home. His next trip will be to the eastern states.

STORK LEADS IN CONTEST

DEATH VS. STORK ISSUE WON BY LATTER.

Figures for 1911 Compiled by State Bureau Give Interesting Data.

Stork vs. Grim Reaper is always the title of an interesting series of data tables that is compiled through each year throughout the state, and the former won in a walk in Union county in 1911, according to figures just announced from the state board of health, upon figures supplied by Dr. N. Molitor, secretary of the county health board.

In 1911 there were 172 deaths in Union county and 231 births, a big margin in favor of the birth rate.

According to the same report there were 26 males and four females murdered in the state of Oregon. There were 94 males and 25 females who committed suicide. There were 5541 marriages and 470 accidental deaths.

SALEM WOMAN SLAYS FAMILY

CAN'T SUPPORT CHILDREN, AND THEREFORE DIES.

Takes Own Life When Funds Are Exhausted—Found Today Aged.

Salem, Ore., Mar. 2.—Addressing a note to the chief of police, informing him that she was unable to earn a living for her two boys, two girls, and herself, Mrs. J. F. Jellison, aged 40, divorced, last night killed them and herself with cyanide of potassium. The bodies were found dead today.

The children's ages range from nine to 15. They were found in bed as though sleeping. She said she was sorry to cause so much trouble. She left \$21 to aid in the burial of all.

MRS. BERRY NEAR DEATH.

Condition of Former La Grande Lady Grave, and End Expected.

Death is momentarily expected to end the kind, useful life of Mrs. J. M. Berry at Portland. Mrs. M. K. Hall has been at the bedside several days and Dr. Hall took his departure last evening for Portland.

J. D. McKennon, who returned from Portland this morning, reports her condition extremely critical and when he left her she was unconscious. Her condition is such that there are few hopes for her recovery. Until recently Mr. and Mrs. Berry lived in La Grande and their acquaintances in this valley number thousands.

WILBUR F. WAKEMAN.

Secretary Treasurer of American Protective Tariff League.



STRIKERS SCORN OVERTURES OF PEACE CONCEDED BY MILL OWNERS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

CHILDREN PLEAD WITH CON- GREGATIONS.

Washington, D. C., Mar. 2.—Ill clad and half starved children of the textile workers and a dozen men and women testified today before the house committee on rules, regarding conditions which caused the strike at Lawrence.

Lawrence, Mar. 2.—After analyzing the mill owners' offer to settle the strike on a basis of a so-called five per cent increase, leaders of the strikers today announced the offer would be rejected. They asserted the advance was in reality less than two per cent, and said the owners figure on a 56 hour basis, instead of 54 as obtained by the law that has become effective. They say they will stick by their

original demands of 15 per cent.

The committee declared the wage increase an "insult to intelligence," and this afternoon will formally repudiate the offer of the settlement and war for a living wage will be renewed.

Strikers Tell Their Tales.

Washington, Mar. 2.—Two hundred persons were present when the strikers' children began telling of the conditions of the strike. Among them sat Samuel Gompers, President Golden of the Textile Workers' union and many public officials. The first witness was Samuel Lipson, a striker, who said he struck because he could not make a living for his family. He said something he was forced to live on bread and water and said the cause of the strikers was because the owners cut the hours and operators speeded up the machinery and got the same work at reduced wages.

FORWARD MOVEMENT COMES

Crystallized and unified effort to procure for La Grande a Y. M. C. A., enhanced surroundings and facilities for the proper physical and moral development of "the boy," and to plant in La Grande a subsidiary wheel in the great, vast machine, innumerable spokes of which radiate from a common center to the four corners of the world, was separately and collectively exercised at a 6:45 o'clock banquet at the Baptist church last evening.

The banquet given by the ladies of the various churches interested in the Men and Boys' Religion Forward movement and was well attended by a representative crowd of men and boys of the city and was the first move in the direction of organizing the men and boys of La Grande for a Men and Boys' Religion Forward movement in La Grande and community.

After the very good banquet served by the ladies, the movement was explained and much of the work that is being carried on by the men connected with it was interestingly and ably told by the men and boys who attended the meeting in Walla Walla.

Organization Is Commenced.

After the meaning and nature of the movement was made clear to all a standing vote was taken as to whether or not La Grande should have a campaign carried on in this city and community. The vote was unanimous and steps were immediately taken to perfect plans for the campaign. Various methods of getting the movement started were suggested and after discussing the question to some length it was voted to instruct the ministers of the churches interested to appoint laymen from their respective churches who, with the ministers, will meet this evening in the office of George H. Currey and select 25 men or more, who they believe will be capable of carrying on the work here to a finality.

Non-Sectarian Is Proposed.

It is emphasized last evening that the movement is strictly non-sectarian and not purely a church movement but a movement for the betterment of social conditions as well as carrying the gospel to men every walk of life, especially to reach the men who are not identified with any church organization. The committee which is to have charge of the campaign here is not to be composed of churchmen alone but by any man who is interested in some one of the six phases of the movement whether identified with a church or not will be asked to lend a hand in bringing about the conditions which they desire in La Grande.

Y. M. C. A. the Keynote.

One note sounded clearly throughout the entire meeting last evening

Christian Association in this city. Every man who spoke at any length said that he felt the want of the Y. M. C. A. but the strongest plea came from the boys themselves when they spoke. They did not ask directly for such an association here but when asked what impressed them most in Walla Walla the Y. M. C. A. was always the one thing most prominently spoken of.

Boys Take Prominent Parts.

The banquet last evening was notable for the number of boys present; the active part they took in the program and the active interest they showed in the talks and discussions. The men who spoke and those who listened felt the inspiration of the boys' presence and they were repeatedly referred to by the speakers and better things for them were invariably asked for by those who spoke. In fact the boys brought home and conveyed to the audience last night a clearer conception of what happened at Walla Walla than did the men.

George H. Currey was the chairman last evening and after the banquet in a few well chosen words spoke of the movement and the purpose of the gathering last night. He introduced Dr. J. E. Stevenson who briefly told of the immensity of the movement and its large scope and flexibility, showing how it is able to cope with any situation and work under any conditions. The six main features taken up by the movement as stated by Mr. Stevenson are evangelism, boys' work, missions, community extension, social service work and bible study.

J. K. Wright spoke of the work of the movement for boys and emphasized the need of the companionship of the parent with the boy and the boy's need of healthful amusement and clean environment.

The part of the program which said the most for the movement was the short talks by the boys who attended the meeting Walla Walla. In a few words each boy gave his impression of some part of the meeting or told of something of interest which struck him most forcibly as being a great thing for young men and boys. The boys who took part were Cecil Bolton, Ellis Williamson, Lynn Bohlenkamp and Lynn Wright.

Rev. J. H. Rudd of Island City who has attended eight such campaigns as was held in Walla Walla spoke of the completeness of the movement and how it is covering the whole United States.

Rev. Gilliam spoke on the subject of the laymen's place in the movement and told how men and religion forward movement is a movement of the laymen and movement for them,

APPLES REACH GERMAN MARTS

WORD RECEIVED AT IMBLER SAY SHIPMENT WORTH 300.

First Class Condition—Imbler Apples Please G.

Imbler, Mar. 2.—The Thronson Fruit company today received returns of Yellow Newtons from Germany. Advice from the Northwest Fruit Exchange state fruit arrived in fine shape.

The average price of \$1.82 per box f. o. b. Imbler shows the advantage of the thorough grading now being practised by the Imbler district.

In the carload lot was a fancy box prepared for Emperor Wilhelm, and the royal sideboards are now, no doubt, showing their Imbler fruits to guests of his majesty and her highness. It is generally agreed that the Grande Ronde valley will find a steady market for her apples in the German marts hereafter, once a carload shipment has been received there and tested out.

ROBBERS LOOT TWO HOUSES

BUTCHER SHOP AND HARNESS SHOP ENTERED.

Considerable Property Taken From Fr Street Business Places.

Two business houses were broken into early last evening and robbed. The Freet shop of the Grande Ronde Meat company and the harness shop of W. S. Wines are the houses which suffered from what appears to be the work of one gang.

Entrance into the butcher shop was gained through a rear door. The robbers cut the putty away from a window near the door and took out the pane. They then reached in and unfastened the door. It is not known what was taken as there were large piles of bacon and hams in the shop and a few would not be missed. The thieves tampered with the cash register but got no money as there was none in the drawer.

A back window in Mr. Wines' shop was smashed with a brick and the robbers secured a pair of chaps, a lariat and a lap-robe besides a number of smaller leather articles. The loss sustained by Mr. Wines, so far as known, amounts to about \$40.

As there were no tracks in the snow about either place it is believed that the robbery was committed before 9 o'clock last evening. No clue as to who the robbers are has yet been gained.

Larrison Now a Resident.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Larrison, formerly of Baker arrived here last night and will make La Grande their home. Mr. Larrison is interested in the Allen-Lewis Wholesale company.

therefore of necessity, it must be conducted by them.

Local Adaptability Cited.

Rev. S. W. Seemann was the last speaker on the program. His subject was the reasons why La Grande needs a Men and Boys' Religion Forward movement. He said that little need be said after hearing the talks of the others as the value of the movement to a community was evident. He emphasized again that the movement is not a class nor a sectarian institution and corrected the false report that has been spread that the movement was financed by J. P. Morgan and other financiers for their own interests. He said that the movement is not financed by any one man nor by any set of men; no one being permitted to contribute more than \$5,000 to the cause.

Organizer Alexander of the labor federation spoke briefly of the movement as a good thing for men of all kinds for it tends to engender peace.

PEKING CRIMES HORRIFY ALL

LEGATIONS AFFORD LITTLE SHELTER TO FOREIGNERS

FRENZIED MUTINEERS SPREAD TERROR THROUGHOUT PEKING

Yuan Unable to Cope With the Situation—American Troops Dispatched to City to Protect Foreigners There—Fire Loss From Vandal Torches Has Already Reached \$25,000,000.

Peking, Mar. 2.—Confronted on all sides by frenzied mutineers who throughout the day continued to loot and massacre Peking tonight with one sixth of its area devastated by fire, is literally shaking in terror doubting the ability of Yuan to control it, and foreigners are massed in the legation. Wholesale execution of the mutineers and looters by the authorities today has only increased the dissatisfaction. The fire loss is now \$15,000,000.

Tonight mutineers forcibly seized several freight cars, piled them high with loot and left the city.

The latest estimates of the fire loss are \$25,000,000.

Troops Sent to Peking.

Tien Tsin, Mar. 2.—For the purpose of protecting foreign lives and property from attacking of mutineer soldiers a detachment of United States soldiers was ordered today to Peking. This action is deemed necessary because Yuan apparently is unable to cope with the situation.

Yuan will collapse shortly, although he shows great courage and still insists that he has the situation controlled. Every precaution to keep rioters from the foreign sections is being exercised.

French Priests Killed.

Concentrating their attack on Hai Ting, the soldiers murdered several French priests. The rioters then returned to Peking again and robbed the palace of the deposed dowager-empress' father.

Elgin Editor Here.

E. H. Flagg arrived this afternoon from Elgin to address the meeting of strangers tonight whereat Attorneys Finn and Rusk will carry on a debate on a timely subject. His theme will be "How to Prevent an Extravagant Legislature." It is planned for several parties to attend the meeting which is open to all.

PIERRE LOTI.

Novelist Denounces Christians For Anti-Moslem Wars.

