

RHUR IS ISOLATED; ALLIES MAY ENTER

Krupp Factories Idle on Order of Reds.

FRANCE ACTS UNAIDED

Germany's Request to Send Troops Into Valley Denied by Millerand.

LONDON, March 31.—The Essen correspondent of the London Times, telegraphing from Cologne today, says he was forced to go to Cologne, as the Ruhr valley is isolated from the rest of the world, there being no trains, telegraph communication or telephones. Several factories are still in operation, although all are picketed by red guards.

The workers of Dusseldorf refused to strike and it was reported at Essen that the Bochum workers had taken similar action. The reds ordered Krupp to close work yesterday and the huge factory was lying idle, to the disgust of the workers. The supreme workers' council sent a delegation to Cologne Monday to inform the allies that the reichewehr troops were advancing into the Ruhr basin without the entente powers' permission and requested them either to order that this invasion cease or occupy the Ruhr territory themselves. As the delegates threaten to blow up the factories and mines unless the entente takes action, it will possibly be necessary for the allies to occupy the Ruhr district.

Reporting a visit to the red front, the correspondent says the discipline of the red guards seems to have improved and they are determined not to surrender their arms unless possibly to the allies; but their line is thin and often disconnected. There is a lack of artillery and machine guns, and, above all, food and ammunition. He is convinced that the reds could not withstand a serious attack for an hour.

The correspondent reports that Dortmund is surrounded by the reichewehr and is expected to fall at any moment. The inhabitants are entirely without food.

PARIS, March 31.—The direct negotiations between the French and German governments, without the participation of the other allies, developed in the exchange of communications today concerning the question of the occupation of the Ruhr. It is regarded here as of extraordinary significance.

Dr. Von Mayer, the German charge, made his request for permission to send troops today in the Ruhr region to the French government alone, and to M. Millerand as president of France and not as a member of the allied supreme council. Premier Millerand's refusal of the request is interpreted as in the name of the government of the French republic without allusion to the entente powers.

CITY FIGHTS FOR POWER

CENTRALIA OBTAINS INJUNCTION AGAINST COMPANY.

Current Will Not Be Shut Off as Threatened Pending Settlement of Case. CENTRALIA, Wash., March 31.—(Special)—The city of Centralia today obtained an injunction to prevent the North Coast Power company, which furnishes juice to the city, from cutting off the service.

LLOYD GEORGE RAPS U. S.

(Continued From First Page.) parliament's enemies in Ireland by which they might, under the guise of constitutional law, attain results which would be almost fatal to the empire. Sir Edward said he would not vote for the bill, but would do anything to prevent the bill becoming a law.

Referring to the assassinations in Ireland, Sir Edward asserted he did not believe it was his own countrymen who were in these assassinations. He believed they were committed by ill-conditioned men from America who had come back here to carry on propaganda which was going on in America and which the British people never took the slightest trouble to answer.

Premier Defends Measure. Replying to arguments against the Irish home rule bill, Premier Lloyd George declared that the government had every reason to be satisfied with the course of the debate, as it demonstrated that the government's plan was the only one that held the field. The difficulty of the problem, said the premier, was that no proposals which would be acceptable to any party in this country would be accepted by any party in Ireland.

Self-Determination Limited. "Self-determination," continued the premier, "does not mean that every part of the country, which has been acting together for 100 years, should have the right to say: 'We mean to set up a separate republic. There must be a limit to the application of any principle; otherwise it might be carried to every locality in every country throughout the world.'"

Mr. Lloyd George asserted that no one had accepted the plan of former Premier Asquith, dealing with the suggestion of John R. Clynes, Labor, for a constituent assembly. The pre-

mier emphasized that the previous Irish convention had failed and asked if it were likely that the assembly proposed by Mr. Clynes would be any more successful. Since any proposal which the Irish opinion would by a large majority accept would not be accepted by any party in Great Britain, Mr. Lloyd George declared, therefore the government must exercise its judgment for the United Kingdom and the whole empire in order to come to the wisest conclusion possible.

The premier reiterated his declaration that the government plan held the field because it recognized the fact that the house would not satisfy Irish opinion in its present state without destroying the essential unity of the kingdom. The demand in Ireland for the moment was for independence and secession, not self-government.

Mr. Lloyd George said he wanted to say to "our American friends" that Eamonn de Valera was putting forward the same claim in exactly the same language as Jefferson Davis, and that some of the men who voted for the Irish self-determination motion in the senate the other day had ancestors who fought to death against England to the southern states of America the very demand they are now supporting for Ireland.

Demands Held Impossible. The acceptance of that demand, declared the premier, would never come. It was a demand which, if persisted in, he said, would lead to exactly the same measures of repression in the case of the southern states of America. Great Britain, he declared, claimed nothing more than the United States had claimed for themselves. Great Britain, he added, would stand on its own legs. There were certain powers which might be retained upon terms which they settled down to an established union and accepted partnership with the United Kingdom, said the premier, but if they were given at the present time they would only be wasted, to the harm of the union and of the world.

There would be placing dangerous weapons in the hands of an infuriated people, he declared. The premier concluded by saying he believed the bill would result in bringing about the union of the north and the south, union with Protestant and Catholic alike, with Great Britain and Ireland.

POLICE BARRACKS ATTACKED

Fierce Fight Develops and Many Raiders Reported Wounded.

SKIRBEERENE, County Cork, Ireland, March 31.—More than 100 armed men attacked the police barracks at Duruss, seven miles southwest of Bantry, County Cork, with rifle and petrol bombs last night. A portion of the building was blown up and two policemen were wounded, one seriously.

After a fierce fight the raiders, some of whom are believed to have been wounded, were driven off.

FAKERS INVADING CANADA

Inspectors Ordered to Watch for Proprietary Medicines.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Many "sure cure" medicine fakes, driven from the United States by the federal food and drugs act, have invaded Canada, the department of agriculture today in announcing that inspectors had been ordered to watch proprietary medicines imported from Canada.

The food and drugs act applies to imported, as well as domestic manufacturers, and in some respects is more stringent than as imported articles, the statement said.

MINERS, OPERATORS SIGN WAGE SCALE

Workers Agree to \$200,000,000 Increase Awarded.

PUBLIC TO PAY BILL

Operators Insist That Production Will Not Be Such That Prices Can Be Kept Down.

NEW YORK, March 31.—The negotiations for a new agreement for the bituminous coal miners were brought to a close this afternoon when the general scale committee of operators and miners of the central competitive field ratified a contract embodying the award of President Wilson's coal commission.

This new agreement, which involves a wage increase of 27 per cent, becomes effective tomorrow morning and will continue in force for a period of two years.

\$200,000,000 Increase Granted. Wage increases totaling approximately \$200,000,000 annually are granted to the miners in the new agreement, which affects about 400,000 soft coal diggers.

Despite contention of workers that increases should be borne by the operators without additional costs to the public, the mine owners tonight reiterated their announcement that present coal prices will be boosted from 68 cents to \$1.50 per ton at the mines.

Representatives of the miners also produced statistics, tonight to show the increases were "unwarranted." They declared that "present prices were in excess of what the miners received in increases," as the total increase to the men since 1913 was but 47 cents per ton, while the "increase in the cost of coal averaged from \$1.11 before the war to \$2.70."

PEACE PACT IS PROPOSED

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pointed out, but republicans predicted that there would be no difficulty in

obtaining the necessary two-thirds vote to pass it over the veto. The resolution follows: "Whereas, the president of the United States, in the performance of his constitutional duty to give to congress the information of the state of the union, has by joint resolution declared the war with the imperial German government has ended.

War Is Declared Ended.

"Resolved, by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, that the state of war declared to exist between the imperial German government and the people of the United States by a joint resolution of congress approved April 6, 1917, is hereby declared at an end.

"Section 2.—That in the interpretation of any provision relating to the date of the termination of the present war or of the present or existing emergency in any acts of congress, joint resolutions or proclamations of the president containing provisions contingent upon the date of the termination of the war or of the present or existing emergency, the date when this resolution becomes effective shall be construed and treated as the date of the termination of the war or of the present or existing emergency, notwithstanding any provision in any act of congress or joint resolution providing any other mode of determination of the date of the termination of the war or of the present or existing emergency."

Reciprocal Trade Desired.

"Section 3.—That with a view to securing reciprocal trade with the German government and its nationals, for this purpose it is hereby declared that unless within 45 days from the date when this resolution becomes effective the German government shall duly notify the president of the United States that it has declared a termination of the war with the United States and that it waives and renounces any claim, demand, right or benefit against the United States or its nationals that it or they would not have the right to assert had the United States ratified the treaty of Versailles, the president of the United States shall have the power, and it shall be his duty, to proclaim the fact that the German government has given the notifications hereinbefore mentioned and thereupon and until the receipt of such notification commercial intercourse between the United States and Germany and the making of loans or credits and the furnishing of financial assistance or other aid to the German government or to the inhabitants of Germany, directly or indirectly, by the government of the United States, shall, except by license of the president, be prohibited.

Violations Provided For.

"Section 4.—That whoever shall willfully violate the hereby provided condition whenever the same shall be in force, shall upon conviction be fined not more than \$10,000, or imprisoned not more than two years or both, and the officer, director or agent of any corporation who knowingly participates in such violation shall be punished by a like fine, imprisonment or both, and any property, funds, securities, or other articles or documents or any vessel, together with her tackle, apparel, furniture and equipment, concerned in such violation, shall be forfeited to the United States.

U. S. PARTICIPATION PUZZLES

Selection of Delegates, if Any, Not Made by Department.

PARIS, March 31.—The resumption of the sitting of the peace conference, which now seems definitely set for April 10 or 11 at San Remo, Italy, brings up the question whether the United States will be represented and, if so, by whom. Hugh C. Wallace, the American ambassador to France, has been sitting in the peace conference sessions held in Paris, and Ambassador John W. Davis at London.

They are sitting not as active delegates, but by courtesy of the representatives of the allied powers, so that they may keep in touch with the course of the negotiations and thus be ready either to take part in them officially or to acquiesce in American delegates. Mr. Wallace is appointed to represent the United States and resume his place as an interested spectator at the conference table. It is possible that Mr. Johnson may take that post.

No instructions have been received at the American embassy at Paris in this connection from the state department.

Everything is in readiness at San Remo for the arrival of the delegates, and numerous telegraph instruments have been installed for the correspondents. Premier Lloyd George, Andrew Bonar Law and Earl Curzon have reserved apartments for themselves and their staffs.

SENATOR UNDER KNIFE

Chamberlain Has Abscess Removed From Right Ear.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 31.—United States Senator Chamberlain of Oregon was operated upon this afternoon for an abscess in the right ear. The trouble was caused by a severe cold from which the senator has been suffering for several days.

When an operation appeared to be necessary this morning efforts were made to take him to a hospital. All hospitals to which an entrance was sought being filled to capacity, the senator was operated upon at the residence.

The specialist attending him said that the senator will be confined to his room for some time.

EXTRAVAGANT ERA AT END

(Continued From First Page.) speaking, caution and conservatism are called for and the efforts to restrict the volume of credit have been only partially successful. As a result high interest rates and a relative scarcity of funds will continue to prevail during the period in which the country is endeavoring to expand its productive capacity and to overcome the relative loss of progress resulting from war limitations upon investment and production."

Oil Business Expands.

MOOSE JAW, Sask.—At least \$300,000 will be expended in southern Saskatchewan this year in warehouses, tanks and extensions by the Imperial Oil company.

Coral Atoll Uninhabited.

PAGO PAGO, American Samoa.—Governor Terhune of American Samoa has just returned from Ross Island.

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MORE GRANT LAND ASKED

McArthur Asks Waiver of Filing Fee for Ex-Service Men. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 31.—Representative McArthur has addressed a letter to the commissioner of the general land office asking additional preference right for former service men on the Oregon & California railroad grant lands. Among the common requests is that the government waive the filing fee at present demanded so far as former soldiers and sailors are concerned.

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