

## MINERS OF BRITAIN IN GRAVE STRUGGLE

Arthur Henderson Warns  
Against Wage Reduction.

### GOVERNMENT AT CRISIS

Europe Held to Be in More Danger  
From Reaction in Germany  
Than From Communism.

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LONDON, April 2.—(Special by Wire.)—The critical state of British industry is indicated by the gravity of the mining situation. There is a complete stoppage of work. The attack on wages has developed more slowly in this country than in the United States, and the mining crisis is the first untoward event. It may, however, be but a forerunner of similar troubles in other industries.

Under the terms of the settlement of the mining strike last November the miners and owners were to prepare a schedule for the regulation of wages on a national basis. Obviously the employers, with the relinquishment of control by the government, are proposing now a regulation of wages by districts instead of nationally. The acceptance of this scheme by the miners could seriously reduce the influence of the miners' federation, which is the most powerful single industrial organization in the country.

**Miners Will Not Submit.**  
Moreover, the owners' scheme involved a serious reduction in wages which would be general throughout the industry and would reduce the miners' standard of living lower than existed before the strike. Obviously the miners will not willingly accept such a drastic change. If their resistance is broken, however, and the terms imposed, the prospect of future peace in the mining industry will be dim.

British labor regards the mining crisis as the first round in the struggle against an attempt to deprive the standard of living of the workers through wage reduction. The national union of railway men and the transport workers' union, which, with the miners, constitute a formidable triple alliance, will meet in separate conference early in the week to consider what steps they shall take.

### German Situation Ominous.

The strike has veered week-end interest away from the German reparations, but it is well to see that the recent sporadic riots in that country demonstrated not so much a formidable communist danger as a dangerous unsettled internal condition. Acute suffering and misery render large masses of a population easy prey to either revolutionary or reactionary extremists. The latter do not hesitate to incite disturbances in the guise of communism, if these disturbances would assist in breaking the republican form of government and help realize the aim of a restored monarchy with the Hohenzollern dynasty once more on the throne. France has much to fear from a defeated and demoralized Germany, out of the Kaiser and his fire-eating entourage than of a pre-war Germany at the height of her military glory.

### Revolts Presage Vital Crises.

Accordingly, the allies in their dealings with Germany ought to make sure that they do not play into the hands of the reactionary elements by aggravating internal conditions to such a point as will enable the monarchists or communists to overthrow the democratic government by the aid of inter-trouble conditions from which virtual slaves would seek to escape at any price. The Kapp rebellion and the more recent riots are not mere incidents, but warnings which the allies must take note of. It is because of British labor resistance to the reactionary European policy of the allies and the dangerous internal policy of the British government that Lloyd George has adopted the role of a new Saul of Tarsus, anxious to destroy the so-called revolutionary menace to well-ordered society. The decision of the independent labor party, the radical wing of the British labor party, rejecting by an overwhelming majority a motion for an affiliation with Moscow, is further proof of the latest folly upon which Lloyd George has entered.

### Labor Defects Bolshevism.

It is not the allies who have rendered futile the bolshevist attempts to inculcate their doctrines into other nations of Europe; it is British labor. Neither Paris nor Washington is the rallying center of working-class thought against communism. That center is London. Yet, with such innumerable facts before him, the prime minister has launched his misguided campaign of misrepresentation in order to discredit the most successful organized classes in the world and weaken the strongest buttress against bolshevist communism that exists in any country. The real explanation of his class-war crusade is that British labor today is a spearhead of enlightened opinion, not only at home, but throughout Europe, and its advocacy of a real, democratic league of nations and an international policy embodying sound economic laws renders the most formidable opponent to the forces of reaction at home and abroad.

### CLARKE MAN IS BURIED.

Funeral Held for Angus Nicholson,  
Killed in France.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 2.—(Special.)—The funeral of Angus Nicholson, first Clarke county boy to be killed in action in France, was held with impressive ceremony at the La Center at 1 o'clock today. A large delegation of soldiers from Smith-Reynolds post, American legion, of Vancouver, and the 32d infantry, Vancouver barracks, went from here. More than 300 attended the services.

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M. FRANCES ALDA, noted Metropolitan soprano, who sings here Wednesday night at the Heilig, direction Steers & Coman, entranced Los Angeles music-lovers at her recent recital in that city. Jeanne Redman, critic of the Los Angeles Times, said:  
"That quality which has made Frances Alda beloved of audiences here and wide, the sheer vitality of the woman and of her voice, was more than usually evident at her recital last evening at Philharmonic auditorium. She received an acclaim which is rarely accorded a recitalist. 'There is a wholesomeness about her personality, her interpretations and her choice of songs which reaches the understanding of all to their admiration and approval. Her voice, too, is in better form than ever.'"  
The programme was a happy one, for the words, as well as the music of her, were clearly presented and mostly she sang in English. Her big aria was from 'Mefistofele' and she gave this with serenity and sincerity. Her coloratura work was excellent, her trills being especially fine."

## NEGRO BELL BOY FLOGGED

MASKED MEN BRAND LETTERS  
"K K K" UPON FOREHEAD.

Consorting With White Women  
Brings Terrible Punishment  
to Employee of Hotel.

DALLAS, Tex., April 2.—Masked men late last night took Alexander Johnson, negro bellboy in a local hotel, to a lonely spot six miles south of Dallas, flogged him until he bled freely and then branded with an acid the letters "K K K" on his forehead. Johnson was brought back to Dallas in an automobile and thrown from the machine in front of the hotel where he had been employed.

Police said the masked men accused the negro of associating with certain white women. Six automobiles drove to Johnson's home and several masked men forced him into one of the cars, where he was tied. With lights out and Johnson pleading for his life, the party drove to a lonely place. There he was tied to a fence post and given 25 lashes after his clothing had been stripped to his waist. He promised never to "do such a thing again as long as I live."

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## RATE CHAOS HURTS LUMBER BUSINESS

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of \$15 Unsettled.

### SHINGLES FILL WHARVES

Sawmill Operators Press Demands  
for Lower Log Prices—Inter-  
coastal Trade Improves.

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 2.—(Special.)—For over a week a chaotic condition has existed in the Vancouver-Oriental lumber trade owing to the fact that all was not peaceful in the camp of the Pacific westbound conference.

A resolution adopted about ten days ago to increase the rate on lumber to the Orient from \$10 to \$15 did not meet with response from all the shipping companies with the result that during the past week Struthers & Dixon quoted \$10, United States funds or lumber from Vancouver to the Orient, Blue Funnel \$10 Canadian, and the Canadian Pacific oriental service observed the new \$15 rate but booked nothing under that figure.

At a conference in Seattle the rate was firmly fixed at \$10 and the United States shipping board boats announced it could not carry for that figure. There have been a number of orders in the market this week from Japan for Jap squares but the local mills are filled with this class of order and

railway ties, and are scraping the bottom of the log market to get enough logs of the special sizes required for Japanese squares.

**Lower Log Prices Sought.**  
While several sawmill companies were negotiating with the owner of a boom of logs this week to lower prices, a Puget sound company stepped in and took 30 sections to Port Angeles at \$22 while the local men were offering only \$17 and \$20 for No. 1 and No. 2.

Speculators are working hard in the Australian market selling futures at from \$12 to \$15 per thousand under the figures quoted for today's bookings delivered. This class of gambling is having the effect of preventing any spot business being done only where the dealers cannot possibly avoid placing orders.

Intercoastal trade was a little better this week, purchasers realizing that the ocean rate via the Panama canal is about half the rail rate and buying accordingly. One drawback was found in this class of shipping as the purchasers who could heretofore, when buying by rail, get one car at a time, is now forced to form a company and take a cargo or a large amount of lumber in order to make the shipment of sufficient value to get a fair consideration at mill and on boat. Few firms even on the Atlantic coast care to finance a cargo of lumber today if they require only a few cars. The same applies to the shingle shipments.

**Wharves Filled With Shingles.**  
The wharves here are filled with shingles, ready for shipment to Atlantic states but they are all for large concerns able to finance on an extensive scale.

The drop of 7 cents a 100 pounds on lumber freights eastbound is not expected to make much difference in the demand for shingles via transcontinental rail route as this means only about 10 or 15 cents per thousand. If it were 25 or 35 cents, the shingle men are certain they could do business. Many mills and dealers anticipated receiving orders in advance subject to the new rate to come into force April 1, but their hopes have not been realized.

## PANAMA DEVELOPS HANDS-OFF SPIRIT

Little Republic Manifests Go-  
It-Alone Policy.

### AMERICA NIPS AMBITION

Recent Fracas With Costa Rica  
Gives Washington Opportunity  
To Dispel Illusions.

PANAMA, April 2.—The hostilities with Costa Rica over disputed border territory, which began last month and evoked an admonition from the United States government, broke just at the right moment for the administration of President Belisario Porras to attempt to utilize them in its campaign to assure the isthmian republic the right to conduct its affairs without foreign interference.

A national spirit has been developing in Panama since November 1920, when for the fifth and last time, Panama declared her independence. It was hardly perceptible during the first decade of the republic's existence, but, in his New Year's message of January 1, 1921, President Porras gave utterance to the belief of his administration that the time was ripe for Panama to stand alone.

**First Protest Is Raised.**  
Protests to the state department at Washington over the taking over of land by the American government for canal defense purposes was the first

step in the independence programme. The Porras administration asserted that the occupation of territory under the Hay-Varela treaty should be consummated through regular diplomatic channels and that, if the United States government continued its present policy to its logical conclusion, it could swallow the entire republic without pausing to notify the victim. These protests, aimed at the utilization of points on Taboga island, on the Pacific side, and on the Bahía de las Minas, on the Caribbean shore, were almost simultaneous with a protest against a written opinion by Judge John W. Hannan of the United States district court of the canal zone, in which the court stated Panama occupied the position of a protectorate of the United States. President Porras declared that he counted upon the support of Latin-American republics in this protest.

### Fiscal Independence Declared.

The next incident upon which the Porras administration took a decided stand for a free hand in running the republic came during the last week in February, when the president, in an interview given the Associated Press, announced that he had decided to name a Panamanian to succeed Addison T. Ruan, American, as fiscal agent. During the incumbency of Mr. Ruan the republic had piled up a surplus of \$2,500,000, which the administration intended to utilize in an extensive road-building programme. The prompt dispatch of American warships to Bocas del Toro and the noisest sent to Panama and Costa Rica by Secretary of State Hughes on March 6, settling a halt in the hostilities, came as a shock to plans of the Panama administration to settle the dispute over Costa Rica single-handed. The situation in Panama prior to the retirement of the Costa Rican forces from the territory they had seized was in many respects similar to that prevailing in Mexico before the fall of Carranza, where the government sought to hold public support by posing as the defender of Mexico's rights against North American aggression.

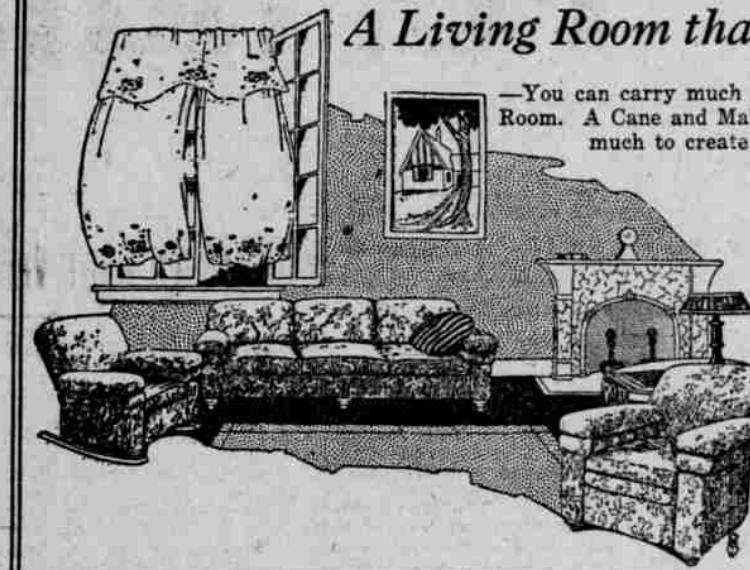
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