

MINERS, OWNERS CONFER MONDAY

Workers Suddenly Yield
and Conference Is Set.

PEACE DECLARED NEARER

Premier Makes New Proposal
to Men and Prospects for
Settlement Improve.

LABOR RAPS ITS LEADERS

Rank and File Disgruntled
Over Threat to Call Walk-
out Without Ballot.

LONDON, April 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—The coal mine strike, which threatens to carry with it a strike of the railway men and transport workers, seems to be in a fair way of settlement through negotiation.

After all-day conferences and interviews, when it was supposed that all efforts to move the miners had proved ineffectual, it was suddenly announced that the miners had yielded and that a conference with the coal owners had been arranged for Monday.

Notices were sent to the mining districts urging abstention from action that would interfere with measures for the safety of the mines.

The only explanation available as to what induced the miners to assent to steps assuring the safety of the mines is the statement of Frank Hodges, secretary of the miners' union, that "the conference was arranged unconditionally."

Reasons Not Explained.

Why the rumors that the government is willing that the wage question should be adjusted on a national basis may be held to explain the change in the situation is unknown. If, as Mr. Hodges suggested, the government and mine owners have agreed to an unconditional conference, that would be sufficient to induce the miners to yield the pumping point. In any case, the unexpected agreement gives the liveliest hope that a country-wide struggle will be averted.

Arthur Henderson, labor leader, although not personally concerned in today's meeting with Premier Lloyd George, tonight was confident that there will be no general strike Tuesday.

The executive committee of the triple alliance after a conference with the premier issued this statement tonight:

"It has been agreed that the government summon a conference of representatives of the miners' federation and the coal owners Monday and the miners' federation shall issue notices to the federations' branches, urging miners to abstain from action interfering with measures necessary for insuring the safety of the mines or necessitating the use of force by the government."

Hope for Peace Revives.

J. H. Thomas, secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, said the statement was the result of negotiations between the railway-

MOUNT ST. HELENS HEAVES UP CINDERS

DRIFTS OF BLACK DUST FOLLOW
LOW HEAVY STORM.

Trapper Reports Volcanic Disturbance, When Skies Darken and Loud Rumbles Are Heard.

KELSO, Wash., April 9.—(Special.)—Stories of a volcanic disturbance on Mount St. Helens on the afternoon of March 18, when the skies suddenly darkened and heavy rumbles were heard, were brought to Kelso today by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Crumb, who have made their headquarters at the foot of Mount St. Helens, where Mr. Crumb has been engaged in trapping.

Mr. and Mrs. Crumb said that while they were in their cabin the afternoon of March 18 there was a terrific electrical storm, accompanied by heavy rumbles. As the skies lightened toward evening, they said, they thought nothing unusual had happened.

Three days later, however, while Mr. and Mrs. Crumb were visiting their traps, they said they found the north and northeast slopes of Mount St. Helens covered with black, cinder-like dust and that drifts of cinders appeared in ravines. A heavy storm the following day obliterated the cinders.

MAN RATED DEAD, ALIVE

Woman Who Believed Herself War
Widow Hears From Husband.

YAKIMA, Wash., April 9.—After mourning for two years for her husband, S. R. Cutler, reported by the United States war department as having died in France, his wife, a telephone operator here, today received a message from him at Minneapolis saying that he was alive and leaving at once for this city.

Mrs. Cutler last saw her husband three years ago in Los Angeles, when he left for Camp Lewis. She believes that, due to shell shock or other injury, he lost knowledge of his identity, which also was unknown to the war department.

Mrs. Cutler has received from the government insurance on her husband's life for the last two years. No particulars were given in the message.

FLEEING MAN IS WOUNDED

Sheriff Shoots Coos County Resident; Finds Liquor on Premises.

MARSHFIELD, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—Carl Webber of Delmar was shot through one leg and injured in the other by a bullet from Sheriff Ed Ellingsen's revolver when he failed to halt while running away from a posse of officers who were searching in the vicinity for liquor. Webber was taken to Coquille hospital for medical treatment. The officers found a gallon of liquor on the premises from which Webber was fleeing.

Two other men were arrested last night by the officers near Coquille and were caught running moonshine from a still. Two gallons of liquor were obtained at the L. P. Branstetter ranch, where the men were operating a still.

SHIPPING PLAN CHANGED

Farm Bureau to Save \$50 a Car
in Marketing.

MEDFORD, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—The farm bureau co-operative exchanges of Jackson, Josephine and Douglas counties, through their respective managers—Roland Flaherty of Medford, C. N. Cully of Grants Pass and C. E. Banning of Roseburg—as the result of a conference just concluded here by the managers will hereafter handle shipments of livestock to market together, sending only one man from here to handle the simultaneous shipments from each exchange.

This method, with other shipping improvements planned, including the manner of marketing hogs, will result in the saving of \$50 to a car, the managers stated.

GERMANS' HATRED THREATENS WORLD

New Penalties Merely Fan
Growing Flame.

DISTRUST OF FRANCE GROWS

Concessions by Both Nations
Held Only Solution.

U. S. ATTITUDE IS SCANNED

Maximilian Harden Says America
Has Right to Demand Voice
in Settling Reparation.

BY MAXIMILIAN HARDEN.
Germany's foremost publicist. Special
wireless dispatch to The Oregonian.
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BERLIN, April 9.—(Special by wireless.)—Distrust and hatred are raging furiously between France and Germany. Never during the time of the war was hatred toward the French so marked in Germany as now, in the third year of peace.

The sanctions and the notification and expectation of new punishments tend only to fan the hatred of Germany.

This is a condition which cannot exist. It paralyzes the whole of European situation but perhaps even the peace of the white world.

What can be done against it? Germany must acknowledge her obligations more definitely toward France, and France must learn to know what is possible and what is not.

United States Attitude Is Cited.

In the midst of all this, between heavily padded reports regarding local communistic plots of all kinds and Hungarian rhapsodies about ex-King Charles' automobile ride for a throne, the news bursts forth that the United States is willing to take up the reparations question on the one hand and will insist that the allies respect her rights in Y and all other German possessions to be disposed of under the treaty of Versailles.

Immediately nine-tenths of everything that filled the newspapers until then was forgotten and for the first time the stock exchange registered "fair weather."

Germans Are Aroused.

Americans living in Germany, who do not feel high prices much because of the increased value of the dollar, were proudly conscious that however softly their country might speak, Europe would listen with bated breath. However, as far as Germany is concerned, only the slightest suggestion of good will can be recorded.

Germans talk about American "intervention," but this is as foolish as the tactics and clumsy assertion that American diplomatic representatives were the ones to take the initiative in the recent exchange of notes between the German foreign minister and the American secretary of state.

Washington statements surely will not charge to the debt account of Germany these bad manners left over from the Kaiser's time.

Germans Mistakes Cited.

It would have been better if nothing of the trans-oceanic discussion had become public. As this cannot be helped now, and as France's point doubtlessly has been effectively taken care of in the United States by her best speaker, Rene Viviani, it must be shown, more importantly than is the custom in official memoranda, how the Germans view this important affair.

Honest persons cannot deny three principal German mistakes. This first was that instead of working out in the 20 months since the war a

OPENING OF CONGRESS TO LIVE UP SOCIETY

WASHINGTON BALL FOR CHINA
RELIEF IS BIG AFFAIR.

Mrs. Thomas Walsh's Dance Also
Is Real Function at Capital.
President and Wife Entertain.

BY BETTY BAXTER.
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WASHINGTON, D. C., April 9.—

(Special.)—Although the spring social season has been a gay one, society really gets under way in earnest with the coming to town of congress tomorrow. Already the new and old members and their friends and families are here. The city is fairly buzzing.

The charity ball for the benefit of the Chinese fund was one of the functions this week in which real social Washington took a prominent part. Of course the charity ball was not the only affair of size of the week. There was Mrs. Thomas Walsh's dance tonight, also the recently organized Washington Cotillion club's first party Monday night at the New Willard hotel.

The Cotillion party included the vice-president and Mrs. Coolidge and many prominent residents from Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York. The party was formed by permanent capital residents, while a limited number of diplomats and officials with temporary residence in Washington were taken in as associate members. The diplomatic and residential set

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McNARY WILL BOOST MEMORIAL PARK PLAN

TRANSFER OF OLD POSTOFFICE
TO BE URGED.

Bill Turning Building and Grounds
Over to City to Be Intro-
duced Tomorrow.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU.
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 9.—Senator McNary will offer in the senate Monday a bill to turn the old Portland postoffice building and grounds over to the city of Portland to be converted into a public park as a memorial to the soldiers of the world war. The bill appropriates \$250,000 for the purchase of a new site for a federal courthouse.

Senator Jones will reintroduce Monday the bill known as the China trade act, which is being urged by the Portland Chamber of Commerce and other commercial organizations on the coast.

The postoffice department announced today the acceptance of a proposal submitted by Coolidge & McLane, bankers, for the lease of new postoffice quarters at Silverton, Or.

Representative McArthur has been advised by the bureau of yards and docks of the navy department that deeds of transfer for the Tongue point naval base site have been submitted to the department of justice and that formal approval of the department is expected within a few days.

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BANK PRESIDENT GOES TO PRISON

Johnson Gets Indetermi-
nate Term of 10 Years.

QUICK SENTENCE SURPRISE

Jacksonville Official Off to
Penitentiary.

GUILTY PLEA IS ENTERED

C. H. Owen, Declared to Be Mas-
ter Mind in Failure, Returned
to Medford for Trial.

MEDFORD, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—William H. Johnson, ex-president and cashier of the Bank of Jacksonville, today received an indeterminate sentence of ten years when he pleaded guilty to four of the 30 indictments against him.

Another surprise was sprung when Johnson, in custody of Deputy Sheriff McMahon, drove up to the depot just before the northbound train departed and the two started to the penitentiary at Salem, where Johnson tomorrow will begin serving his sentence.

The other outstanding event today in the progress of the hearing of the Jacksonville cases was the return to Medford of C. H. Owen, who was arrested in Salt Lake City about a week ago.

Owen was declared benefited. He was said by the prosecution to have benefited greatly by the failure of the bank.

It had been supposed that Johnson would be kept here as a witness at least until the Owen and other remaining cases had been tried. Johnson was bidden good-bye by his wife and two young sons at Jacksonville.

Only Johnson, the county prosecutor and the court and sheriff office attaches knew of the swift and unexpected action that marked the day.

Sentence Is Unexpected.

Johnson was sentenced on one of the four indictments to which he pleaded guilty, the rest being held in abeyance. It was known generally that he would plead guilty but it was supposed the leading figure in the financial crash would not be sentenced before the May term of court.

When sentence was pronounced the court made no comment, neither did Johnson. "I knew I had it coming to me and was prepared for it," he told friends afterward. When the last term of court was over Johnson, warned of county jail life and the strain of testifying in criminal and civil actions, expressed a desire to begin serving his sentence. He recently recovered from a siege of influenza.

Not-Guilty Plea Changed.

Johnson entered court with his lawyer, Herbert K. Hanna, and changed his plea of not guilty to guilty on the four indictments against him. County prosecutor Moore was in court to represent the state. It was evidently the intention of Johnson to avoid a large crowd being present when he was sentenced.

The indictment under which he was sentenced charged that he made a false report of the bank's condition to the state banking superintendent.

The other indictments to which he pleaded guilty were as follows: For certifying a check for a customer when there was no funds in the bank; for publishing false reports of the bank's condition; for receiving deposits knowing the bank to be insolvent.

Rest Are Ramifications.

The rest of 30 indictments were ramifications of these four charges. The Bank of Jacksonville failed in

13-CENT MILK QUART SOUGHT AS STANDARD

DISTRIBUTOR-PRODUCERS TRY
TO FORM ORGANIZATION.

Dairymen's League May Cut Price
on Product Sold Through
Grocery Stores.

An effort has been inaugurated to organize the milk producers-distributors, who supply more than half of the milk consumers in Portland, according to reports yesterday. The effort thus far has been successful.

The purpose behind the move was to bring about a uniform price of 13 cents a quart for milk distributed by the producers, a price which the distributor-producers declared was the lowest possible at this period of the year for high-grade milk.

Prices ranging from 13 to 16 cents a quart have been charged by the producer-distributors. Various prices ranging from 11 to 14 cents have been charged by the milk distributors. There was declared to be some possibility that the officials of the Oregon Dairymen's league would make another cut in the price of its milk distributed through grocery stores, bringing such milk to a retail base of 10 cents a quart.

The stimulated consumption of milk caused by the reduction of price, according to the league officials, has resulted in the shipment of far more milk to Portland than has been recorded in several years, and the possible reduction to 10 cents would be, if made, for the purpose of absorbing this additional surplus.

Albert S. Hall, general manager of the league, stated yesterday that the sale of the league's milk through grocery stores was on the increase.

WEDDING HELD ON RAFT

Crowd at Pool Watches Ceremony
and Merchants Make Gifts.

BAKER, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—Frank S. Barton and Grace Wickham were married tonight on a raft in the natatorium swimming pool as a feature of the Baker Automotive show and Merchants' exposition. Rev. E. Temple Starkey officiating. The natatorium lobby and balcony were crowded with persons, who applauded the odd spectacle.

The newlyweds, both popular Baker young people, will receive a number of presents donated by local merchants. These include a wedding gown, furniture, groceries and a room with bath at a local hotel. The license and the minister were likewise donated by the merchants.

Because of the success of the exposition and the large crowd attending, the show will be extended over Sunday.

STILL BIGGER EGG LAID

Portland and Salt Lake Hens Out-
done by Ogden Bird.

OGDEN, Utah, April 9.—Apparently aroused by Associated Press dispatches which announced that a hen in Portland was laying eggs measuring 7 1/4 inches in circumference and a mixed-breed biddie on the farm of Holke Berger near here laid a single-yolk egg yesterday which measures exactly eight inches around the tips and six and one-half inches around the middle.

The hen's owner has the egg on exhibition here.

FAIR WEATHER ON SLATE

Occasional Rains Predicted Along
North Coast.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 9.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday are:

Rocky mountain and plateau regions, fair; temperature near or above normal. Pacific states, normal temperature; fair, except for occasional rains along north coast.

TERMINAL PLANS PUT UP TO CITY

Railroads File Map for
\$2,000,000 Project.

STREET VACATIONS ASKED

\$500,000 to Be Spent as
Soon as Authority Granted.

NINTH WILL BE IMPROVED

Council Is Expected to Submit
Question of Vacations to
Voters at June Election.

FACTS REGARDING PORT-
LAND'S NEW UNION
TERMINAL.

Railroad officials submit plans and file formal application with city for vacation of streets necessary to project. Immediate outlay of \$500,000 for first unit, trackage, roundhouse, etc., at Guild's lake will follow granting of street vacations.

Estimated total expenditure for completion of fully modern terminal, to which all freight entering city over railroads will go for "breaking up" and distribution, is \$2,000,000.

Opening and improving of Ninth, from Hoyt to Front street, by railroads is officially confirmed as part of plan.

Within few months Spokane, Portland & Seattle and Great Northern locals, including Seaside-Astoria trains, will use Union station, placing all passenger steam service there.

In conformance with the promise made by Carl R. Gray, president of the Union Pacific system, when he was in Portland two weeks ago, that the railroads interested in the unification of the freight terminals here would file their plans "within 30 days," maps outlining in full detail the proposed project and a letter requesting consideration of the same were submitted to the city council, the commission of public docks and the Port of Portland commission yesterday.

The letter was signed by J. P. O'Brien, president of the Northern Pacific Terminal company, of which the Union Pacific, Southern Pacific and the Northern Pacific are tenant members, and by L. C. Gilman, vice-president of the Great Northern, and W. F. Turner, president of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway.

The two last-named roads are jointly interested with the others in contracts which have just been signed, and which are to run for 12 years.

Project Only Large One.

So far as is known by local railroad officials, this terminal project, which will require an outlay of approximately \$500,000 for the first unit, to be constructed immediately at Guild's lake providing the voters pass favorably upon the vacation of certain streets involved, is the only large piece of construction work under way by any road in the United States at present time. Eventually, when the volume of business grows as it is expected to do within the next few years, an additional expenditure reaching \$1,500,000, according to well-posted men.

Incident to the situation, now rapidly developing, is the announcement that it will be but a few months before the Astoria-Seaside trains of the

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CARTOONIST PERRY MAKES LITTLE CARTOONS ILLUSTRATING SOME NEWS PHASES.

