

ENGLAND HOPEFUL IN STRIKE SITUATION

Solution Said to Lie in Independent Inquiry.

CONFERENCE DUE FRIDAY

Drastic Rules Governing Use of Coal, Light and Power Ordered by Board.

LONDON, April 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—Although still confronted with the strike in the coal mines and the possibility that work will not be resumed for several days, England faced the week-end somewhat more hopefully than it did the last.

All labor quarters were still excitedly discussing yesterday's action by the railwaymen and transport workers in calling off the dogs and the effect on the future interests of labor. The best hope for an early solution is held to lie in the new attitude for independent investigation shown by a large section of the house of commons.

In view of the possibility of a protracted stoppage from all coal districts in the United Kingdom at which the coal strike situation will be considered, was today fixed for next Friday, April 22, the meeting time will not be resumed in any of the coal fields affected by the miners' strike.

"Yesterday was the heaviest defeat that has befallen labor within the memory of man," began the Laborite Herald's comment on the sensational breakdown of the old formula of the transport workers. "It is no use trying to minimize it. The workers have not stood together and they have repeated the same old story."

The newspaper declares that Frank Hodges, secretary of the miners' organization, made a tactical mistake by altering the old formula of the union during his address before members of the house of commons on Thursday night.

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100 per cent compulsory pooling of crops.

According to the sentiment expressed by many leading growers of this section, the recently organized United States Grain Growers' association meets with greater approval. This plan would allow the growers to form a Umatilla county association and sell their wheat outright to the national co-operative agency, consign their wheat to the agency or make pools either locally or in joint pools of larger size and sell through the same national agency. A desire to see how the plan works out in other sections resulted in no definite action being taken here last night.

Umatilla growers expressed a sincere desire that there be no split among local growers as to the form of marketing finally accepted. It is thought that the Oregon association will send organizers into this county, which is regarded as a key county to movement in the state. If such is the case and with the local farm bureau known to favor the national plan with optional privileges, a battle is predicted.

I. W. W., CONVICTED, JAILED

Tom Lassiter Will Be Taken to Walla Walla to Serve Term.

CHEHALIS, Wash., April 16.—(Special.)—Tom Lassiter of Centralia, convicted here some months ago of criminal syndicalism during the round-up of I. W. W. here, was arrested today by deputy sheriffs and was in the Lewis county jail tonight. Lassiter will be taken to Walla Walla to serve a sentence of six months to ten years for his offense.

Thomas Nash was also arrested at Centralia today and jailed here to answer a criminal syndicalism charge. Nash had a quantity of I. W. W. literature in a box with him. He is charged with being an I. W. W. organizer.

Local authorities propose to round up promptly those who have been convicted on syndicalism and other charges and see that they serve their sentences.

STATE PREFERS TO ACT

Attorney Assigned for Suit of Warren Construction Company.

SALEM, Or., April 16.—(Special.)—J. M. Devers, attorney for the state highway department, has been assigned by Attorney-General Van Winkle to represent the state in an action brought by the Warren Construction company to recover approximately \$300,000 alleged to be due as royalty from road contractors employed by the state.

This suit was filed in Portland two years ago, but has not been pressed. The construction company alleges that the contractors used materials patented by the plaintiff, despite the fact that the state had been warned against such procedure.

Word received here indicates that the suit will be brought to issue without further delay.

\$250,000 BONDS BEATEN

Central Oregon Irrigation District's Contract Is Canceled.

BEND, Or., April 16.—(Special.)—Returns received today from the election held yesterday on the central Oregon irrigation district showed the defeat of the proposed \$250,000 bond issue by a vote of 252 to 114.

The negative vote canceled the district's contract to purchase the central Oregon irrigation company's holdings, which had been offered for \$125,000.

The bond issue, if passed, would also have provided for attorney's fees of \$400. A negative vote was taken earlier in the year on the question of purchasing the company's holdings, but the majority was a small one.

PHONE RATES REDUCED

Owner of Condon System Restores Pre-War Tariff and Profits.

CONDON, Or., April 16.—(Special.)—Two years ago the public service commission of Oregon increased the local telephone rates 33 1-3 per cent. This rate had been effective since that time until April 1, when John Jackson, local manager and owner, voluntarily lowered the rates to their pre-war basis.

Mr. Jackson said that because of the cut in his business had increased to such an extent that the income was considerably greater than under the higher rate.

All Win Acquittals at Bend.

BEND, Or., April 16.—(Special.)—A straight record of acquittals for the entire docket of criminal cases for this term of circuit court was established last night, when the jury in the case of Newton Wells, charged with looting a homesteader's cabin on the high desert, returned a verdict of not guilty. Earlier in the week James T. Carter had been acquitted of a statutory charge, and Jake Kooyman and C. L. Evans had been freed of a charge of stealing a calf.

M'NARY EXPLAINS RECLAMATION PLAN

Billion and Half for West Promised in 20 Years.

BILL IS IN CONGRESS

Clauses Relating to Operation of Revolving Fund Are Made Clearer by Senator.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU.

Washington, D. C., April 16.—There will be \$1,500,000,000 for western reclamation development in the next 20 years, under the bill which has just been introduced in the senate and house, according to Senator McNary, chairman of the senate committee on irrigation. Was in an interview today explained the manner in which the fund provided by the proposed legislation will revolve.

No measure introduced in a long time has excited so much interest throughout the west. Letters and telegrams have been coming in for the last three days requesting copies of the bill and asking an explanation of its working. Senator McNary's interview today was given in answer to these inquiries, which have come in such large numbers as to make personal replies physically impossible.

How it is that the proposal is made to develop all of the arid lands of the west with an appropriation of \$2,000,000,000 appears to be the question which puzzles all who are making inquiries.

System Is Explained.

The plan to have this money become available in six annual installments, beginning with \$250,000,000 in 1922, followed by \$350,000,000 in 1923, \$450,000,000 in 1924 and \$500,000,000 a year for three years thereafter is understood, but how this money can do more than \$250,000,000 worth of development few seem to comprehend.

"It is quite evident that the bill is quite different from any other bill of this kind," said Senator McNary, "and it is in this particular that this money differs from any other money. It is not a revolving fund, but a revolving fund in the sense that the money is then made liquid through the sale of district irrigation bonds which are offered to the investing public whenever in the opinion of the secretary of the treasury the property in the district is twice the value of the outstanding district bonds which are held as a security for the repayment of the money by the federal farm loan banks."

Revolving Fund Is Cited.

"It is estimated that when the project is undertaken that in a period of four or five years from the beginning of the construction of the works that the property will then have attained a sufficient value to justify the sale of the bonds, thereby replenishing the fund and make it available in its character. By this method, the federal government is not called upon to underwrite the bonds or to lend its credit. Simply, the secretary specifies the value of the bonds, thereby making them acceptable as securities. If the property in the project reaches this value within five years, when the bonds will be sold, then in a period of 20 years the appropriation will have revolved four times, which will during that period have done the work of \$1,000,000,000. Added to this immense sum will be accretions coming from the sale of public lands and rentals and royalties from the old leasing bill, amounting, it is thought, to \$3,000,000,000 plus all accrued interest. This will give \$1,500,000,000 for the development of the great west in the next 20 years, at which time the bill provides return payments to the government are to begin at the rate of \$50,000,000 a year."

"Within the next two weeks I shall call the reclamation committee together and enter upon extensive hearing of the plan as outlined in this bill."

MARKET FARM PROBLEM

(Continued From First Page.)

bureau of crop estimates indicate that whereas only 72 per cent of the required supply of farm labor was available in 1918, 83 per cent in 1919 and 86 last year, the supply now considerably exceeds the demand, the ratio now being 105 per cent.

Reports from many states are to the effect that the supply of farm labor is ample. There is apparently

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1921 CLASS GIVES \$1000

Corvallis Seniors Boost Fund to Construct Building.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, April 16.—(Special.)—The first \$1000 toward the construction of a student building will be the memorial of the 1921 senior class.

Wainard Ripps of Astoria has been elected president of the class for the remainder of the school year, to succeed Henry Anderson of Aberdeen, Wash., who has finished his course. Merle Briggs of Corvallis and Henry Fish of Albany also were nominated.

Banks Wants Electric Light.

BANKS, Or., April 16.—(Special.)—The Banks commercial club met at the Banks hotel last evening and the electric light question was discussed. A committee was appointed to get out contracts and get all signers possible. Light and power are almost assured now for Banks.

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