

BRITISH COLLIERIES FATTEN ON AMERICA

Strike Suddenly Quickens English Industry.

CHANGE MADE OVERNIGHT

Thousands of Unemployed of Few Days Ago on Starvation Rations Now All at Work.

BY NORMAN H. MATSON.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—(Special.)—The British coal industry is doing well now. A few weeks ago it was a very sick industry. The thousands of unemployed were getting by with half rations, and those still on jobs were getting wages of a lower purchasing value than those of before the war. Lines of coal cars were piled away on sidings. Shipping rates were down almost to the pre-war levels but bottoms went begging. Demand was drying up in nearly all normal markets and losses in many cases were so heavy as to forestall an irremediable financial disaster. There came orders from strike-smitten America. Lord cheers went up in Cardiff, Glasgow and Newcastle.

ALL Available Supply Booked.

Extremists are urging international solidarity and there may be incidents of sympathetic action on this side before the coal shortage is entirely relieved. The official organ of the communists, who have a certain strength in South Wales, accepts the report that "miners' officials" have declared the attempt to relieve the American shortage with British coal may be futile.

Newcastle reports that the whole of the available supply is fully booked up to the end of August. There are numerous inquiries from the United States for advanced supplies at advanced rates. Continental countries are getting into the scramble. Prices jumped two shillings and shillings were being offered at less than eight shillings a ton are now being offered at 15 shillings. Miners are generally working full time.

Glasgow tells a similar story. So far the miners have not objected to "cabbaging" the country by buying heavily to fulfill her reparations obligations to France and Italy) and the demand promises to exceed the supply. Thanks to the trouble in the states.

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South Wales three weeks ago was in the grip of a coal strike. One town of 10,000 population, for instance, had 14,000 starving along on unemployment benefits. Exports were half the normal average and there were no orders. According to operators' reports, the industry was not earning enough to cover the wages paid the 10,000 miners employed, although the wage rate was lower than before the war.

The "miracle," as some ecstatic mineowners have described the sudden and enormous orders from across the Atlantic, is a complete change overnight. The "demoralizing despondency" of July, to quote one expert, gave way to "vibrating cheerfulness." It is not yet known just how much coal America is going to buy, but enough has already been ordered to cover all the collieries can produce up to the end of August, and not a few companies which yesterday were franticly begging for coal are now placing orders so as to avoid the huge expense involved in suspending operations from the market.

Nobody seems very excited over the differential. American authorities are having their English bootleggers smugglers. "All this," says the Daily Express, "is no doubt very awkward for the protection and enforcement officers who are set on the hopeless task of guarding thousands of miles of thinly populated coastline, but we really do not see what we can do about it. The bootleggers have undertaken to deny the natural human appetite for drink of more than 100,000,000 people who have plenty of money to pay for what they want. With such untimely one wonders who can be the 'pusyfooters'."

The Express continues more magnanimously: "When they (the smugglers) are caught we do not complain; but we could not, even if we chose, tell colonial governments that while their people may drink what they like on shore they shall not put anything to drink in a ship and sail the sea therewith."

OSPINA PICKS CABINET

Colombian Portfolio in Sympathy With United States.

(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—General Pedro Nel Ospina, inaugurated five days ago as president of Colombia, has announced a cabinet in sympathy with his policy of strengthening the renewed friendly relations with the United States and building up the commercial intercourse between the two countries.

General Benjamin Herrera, who was the liberal candidate for the presidency against General Ospina, has been named minister of the treasury, according to advices received by the Colombian legation here Friday.

The new minister of foreign affairs, Dr. Carlos A. Uribe, ex-minister of Colombia in the United States, also is a member of the liberal party. Dr. Uribe, however, is very friendly to the United States.

FAMOUS BREWER HOME

Liquor Plentiful on George Washington, Says Mr. Busch.

(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Adolphus Busch, head of the brewing company that made St. Louis famous, returned Friday on the George Washington, the same ship that he crossed on when going to Germany

in May, afterward writing a letter to members of the firm here in which he was quoted as saying Chairman Lasker of the shipping board was the greatest bootlegger in the world. The letter was the result of the large amounts of liquor Mr. Busch saw served by the crew on board the George Washington, the largest passenger liner under the American flag. Mr. Busch said on arrival that he did not wish to discuss the letter.

Mr. Busch paid a high tribute to the service on the George Washington which was even better, in his opinion, now than when the vessel was under the German flag. He also said that there was always plenty of liquor on board during the trip for thirsty Americans.

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MASTERS WANT TO ATTACK SMUGGLERS OF OPIUM.

Law Making Skippers Responsible for Narcotics Aboard Declare War on Dope-Runners.

HONOLULU, T. H., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Bringing back the days of the war when gun-turreted ships steamed into this port, the recent report of the captains of trans-Pacific ocean liners will go toward making the sea bristle with guns again. Several commanders of steamers plying between San Francisco, Honolulu and the Orient have requested permission of local federal authorities to equip their ships with rapid-fire guns in order to check the activities of opium smugglers in the vicinity of Koko head and off the coast of Hawaii.

While the federal authorities will not discuss the matter they had admitted that a communication would be addressed to Washington, asking that permission be granted. Under the amended narcotics act, captains work a hardship on the commanders, who in many instances, are blameless. The only remedy for this condition is to back up the commanders and let them fire on the sampans that follow the ship to pick up the opium, dropped overboard near this port.

Field Marshal Haig Goes Back to Whisky Making.

British War Hero Joins Forces With Distillers' Company.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—Field-Marshal Earl Haig was elected director of the Distillers' company at the annual meeting held in Edinburgh. The chief product of the company is whisky. There are some persons who think it rather detracts from the field-marshal's dignity and reputation to be interested in a business that is so far from being approved in America. The Haigs long have been financially interested in whisky.

Earl Haig is usually credited with being thorough in all that he does, and the demand promises to exceed the supply. Thanks to the trouble in the states.

END OF STRIKE SOUGHT

Fruit Growers Launch Movement to Bring About Settlement.

WENATCHEE, Wash., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—A mass meeting of all citizens of the Wenatchee district has been called for Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in the Wenatchee Commercial club rooms, to urge a speedy settlement of the rail-road strike. Every commercial and civic organization in north central Washington, including the Chelan county pomona, grape and farm bureau, joins with the Wenatchee Commercial club in calling the meeting.

Attention is called to the fact that only sufficient refrigerator cars are available on the Great Northern lines to move the summer fruit crop, with no provision being made for moving the 150,000 cars of apples now ripening. Telegrams have been sent to commercial growers' organizations all over the northwest, asking that similar meetings be held everywhere to stress the necessity for prompt action in order to move fruit and other crops. The plan is to telegraph administration officials at Washington, calling attention most emphatically to the danger that threatens the prosperity of this part of the country if the strike continues.

MILLS NEAR COMPLETION

South Bend Lumber Ventures Soon Will Be Inaugurated.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Rapid progress is being made in the construction of two large lumber mills in South Bend, and one of them should be operating in about six weeks. This mill, the South Bend Lumber company, is headed by three well-known lumbermen, C. A. Doty, A. J. Cole and J. W. Kleeck. Part of the capital for it was furnished by South Bend business men.

The other mill, the Lewis Mills & Timber company's plant, will be longer in building, but will be a large and splendidly-equipped lumber plant when finished.

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