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Government Coal Price Control is Withdrawn Today

Spartacans Control Entire Industrial Section of West Germany; Fight Continues

Copenhagen, Mar. 23.—The whole western industrial district of Germany is held solidly by radicals and disaster is inevitable if the government troops try to interfere there, according to information received from Berlin this morning by telephone by the Berlingske Tidende. The Social Demokraten learns that a purely workers government is on point of formation, without co-operation with the bourgeois parties.

Berne, Mar. 22.—More than 300 persons have been killed in the fighting at Elberfeld, in the Ruhr region near the occupied zone and in the neighborhood of that city, according to today's advices from western Germany. The communists took about 500 of the reichstag prisoners at Elberfeld and 200 additional at another point.

Famine is declared to be threatening Bochum, Dortmund, Dusseldorf and Elberfeld, because the peasants are refusing to deliver food to the communists.

The hospitals at Elberfeld are full of wounded soldiers and civilians as the result of the fighting.

Dusseldorf, March 23.—Small squads of independent socialists, wearing red brassards and having their rifles slung over their shoulders, are arriving here to strengthen the forces, numbering several thousand men, which are holding this city while awaiting a threatened attack from government troops. The red army, in which many communists have enlisted, is now drilling near town. Socialist forces are patrolling the streets, but are not molesting the public. No disorders were reported today.

The people of Dusseldorf expect government troops, which were forced to retire to Wesel, 32 miles northwest of here, to be reinforced sufficiently to recapture the city within a week.

Another Battle On Alr La Chapelle, Rhinish Prussia, March 23.—Another battle is reported to be going on between Spartacans and troops of the regular army at Wesel, twenty miles northwest of Essen. The regulars, the report says, appear to have been outfought by the Spartacans.

Settlement Delayed London, Mar. 23.—The situation in the Ruhr valley, the stronghold of the German reds, is expected in diplomatic and military circles here to remain virtually unchanged until the peace conference in London decides whether German government troops shall be allowed in that district.

The conference had before it yesterday a protest by Czechoslovakia against such action. It failed to reach a decision, and put the question over to today.

This is the only instance where the entente may take a hand in the German disorders, and then only because Germany under the provisions of the treaty of Versailles does not control that section of the country.

This morning's official messages state that the reds in the Ruhr valley possess no effective artillery or tanks, but are plentifully supplied with rifles.

ESTHONIA AND LIVONIA PREPARE FOR HOSTILITIES

Copenhagen, Mar. 23.—Esthonia and Livonia, two of the former Russian Baltic provinces now independent nations, are preparing for war, says a dispatch to the Berlingske Tidende from Kovno.

Concentrations of troops in large numbers on the frontier is reported. Great Britain has tried unsuccessfully to mediate the dispute over boundary.

Wilson Did All Possible to Aid China Says Envoy

Shanghai, Feb. 17.—Dr. C. T. Wang, who was one of the prominent members of China's delegation to the peace conference at Paris, has returned from France and announced he plans to submit a report to the Peking government some time in March. Upon his arrival in China after a stay of a few days at the southern capital of Canton, he came to Shanghai, intending later to go on to Peking.

While in Shanghai Dr. Wang remarked that President Wilson has done "everything in his power at Paris to support China's contention in the Shantung controversy."

"China's only hope for a just settlement of the Shantung question," he said, "now lies with the league of nations, not in direct negotiations between Japan and China, which Tokio is seeking to open."

He added, however, that the league still is only a hope to be realized. "It is only a beginning," he said "like a scaffolding around which a great superstructure in time may be built and it cannot be a success without America."

When he was asked what would be the outcome of the present internal strife in China, Dr. Wang shook his head.

"God knows," was his laconic answer.

Sugar Advances One Cent Again In South Today

San Francisco, Mar. 23.—Cane sugar supplied to Pacific coast points by the Western Sugar Refining company advanced from 15 to 16 a hundred wholesales today, according to an announcement by the refinery here. The California Hawaiian Sugar Refining company, the other company supplying sugar to coast points, had not advanced its prices. It was announced, "the New York market quotations" was given as the reason for the raise.

As a result of today's advance sugar will retail at 13 1/2 cents a pound here and at the same price plus the freight rate from the San Francisco seaboard at other coast and interior points that are supplied from here.

Executives of the California Retail Grocers association said that the raise brought sugar up to its highest price since the Civil war.

It was the second raise in four days, the wholesale price having been raised from 14 to 15 cents last Saturday.

Detectives Sought By Armed Miners For Starting Fight

Middlesboro, Ky., Mar. 23.—Harlan county, Kentucky, on the Kentucky-West Virginia border, was the scene today of much excitement. Several hundred miners armed with pistols and rifles were searching the county for operatives of a detective agency, who are alleged to have started a fight at Wallins Creek, Sunday night with miners, which resulted in the killing of three persons and wounding of several others.

The clash was the outgrowth of ill-feeling because of importation last week of a group of private detectives by the Kentucky Steam Coal company, where a strike is on.

Morgenthau Named To Post In Mexico

Washington, Mar. 23.—Henry Morgenthau of New York, former ambassador to Turkey, was nominated today by President Wilson to be ambassador to Mexico. He will succeed Henry P. Fletcher, who resigned recently because he did not agree with the administration's Mexican policy.

Campaign Being Pushed Slowly Toward Set Goal

Like the legions of mercy and humanity that forged ahead, foot by foot, across the uneven fields of Flanders and France, fighting for a cause they deemed greater than any other, the committee working to complete the Oregon General Hospital fund moved slowly toward the goal today. With Wednesday night set as the time for the official ending of the campaign and with \$25,000 yet to raise to complete the \$100,000 sought for the construction of the hospital, volunteer solicitors composing the "flying squadron," traced by reports received at the campaign headquarters, were gaining little by little.

No further reports than that made Monday night that \$25,000 was yet needed could be made today, it was stated at headquarters for the campaign.

A lump donation for \$1000 was accredited to the Masons here, an record at headquarters today. This is one of the largest subscriptions made during the past week.

Only one thing will put the campaign "over the top" by the time set to end it, and that is the exhibition of interest by the people of Salem by donations sufficient to complete the quota, it was said at headquarters.

Campaign Manager William McGillchrist Jr. said that "they hoped the drive would be ended for all time Wednesday night," but declared that the citizens must aid. He said he could not say whether the complete \$100,000 would be taken by that time or not.

South Dakotans Name Candidate At Polls Today

Sioux Falls, S. D., Mar. 23.—Indorsement of a candidate for the republican presidential nomination is the overshadowing issue at the South Dakota primary election today.

Nomination of party candidates for United States senator, congressman from the three districts and state officials from governor down, was made a struggle of secondary interest by the spectacular campaigns conducted throughout the state by four candidates for the ten delegates to the national convention at Chicago.

Under the Richards primary law the candidate receiving the highest party vote for presidential indorsement shall be supported by the entire party delegation to the national convention.

Failure of President Wilson to qualify as a candidate for democratic indorsement eliminated interest from the democratic side of the primary so far as the presidential vote is concerned. President Wilson was indorsed for a third term by the state proposal convention at Pierre December 2 but he did not file his formal acceptance of indorsement and his name was not printed on the official ballot. The democratic candidates are James W. Gerard of New York and James O. Monro of Maywood, Ill.

The four republican candidates who qualified for the primary—Leonard Wood, who received the convention indorsement; Hiram Johnson, Frank O. Lowden and Miles Poindexter—have all toured the state.

San Francisco To Have Drug Clinic

San Francisco, Mar. 23.—Establishment of a clinic at which drug addicts may purchase their drug supplies and where all types of such addicts may be treated, is to be considered at a meeting here tonight of federal, state and city health officials.

Portland Car Fares Remain At Old Mark

Patrons of the Portland street railway system will continue, for the time being at least, to ride for six cents.

Holding that the solution of the street railway problem in Portland does not lie in increased fares but rather in an assumption by the city as a whole of some of the public burdens now borne by the car riders the Oregon public service commission, in an order issued this morning holds final action on the application of the Portland Railway Light and Power Company for increased fares, in abeyance until after the people of Portland can have an opportunity of expressing their sentiments toward an assumption by the city of these burdens, holding out a prospect of a fare even lower than the six cent fare now in effect if such action is taken.

Included in the recommendations of the commission is that of city ownership and maintenance of the rails of the street railway system as a part of the city's system of improved highways. The absorption by the city of public burdens aggregating approximately \$200,000 annually is also suggested in the order which suggests that these questions be put up to a vote of the people at the special election May 21. Included in these public burdens are the maintenance of paving, bridge rentals, franchise taxes, car licenses and free transportation of city employees.

Public Ownership Urged "We are not prepossessed with municipal ownership and operation of the street car system as a whole," the order reads, "but we do believe that the street car tracks are part of the streets of Portland and as such these streets should be owned from curb to curb and maintained as any other streets. In the purchase of the tracks and the relief of the public burdens lies the prospect of a reduced fare and the taxpayer opportunity to assume an equitable proportion of the expense of the transit system."

Commissioner H. H. Corey dissects from the majority opinion which is signed by Commissioners Fred G. Buchtel and Fred A. Williams. The people of Portland have already declared themselves as opposed to assuming any of the "public burdens" referred to in the order according to Corey who declares for a fare of at least seven cents with one cent additional for transfers.

Creson's Room Mate Gone; Also His Valuables

"Know ye thy neighbor?" Cecil Creson, 1370 Norway street and a student at the Oregon Agricultural college, didn't know his neighbor, so this morning he reported to police the loss of \$2 in coins and a valuable gold watch, taken some time Monday night from his room in the Rex hotel.

Creson told police that he met a man who gave his name as C. H. Gill, and who claimed he was from Liberty, on the train coming to this city. They both went to the same room at the hotel, intending to rise early this morning to take a train for the country to work. When Creson arose Gill was gone, and so was the coin and watch. Today police were searching for Gill, who is described as being about 24 years old, 5 feet 9 inches tall, and weighing 150 pounds.

End Of Shipyard Strike May Result From Conference

San Francisco, Mar. 23.—Conferences undoubtedly will be held here between representatives of the shipyards of the San Francisco bay district and the unions which have been on strike since last October with a view toward adjusting their differences, according to James O'Connell, head of the metal trades council of the American Federation of Labor here today. Conferences already had taken place in the east between officials of the Bethlehem Steel and shipbuilding corporation and international leaders of metal trades labor unions, O'Connell said.

"We are here to meet with the local labor people first of all," said O'Connell, "and to go into the situation thoroughly. Later on we will meet with the other side. O'Connell was accompanied here from the east by Joseph Valentine, William Johnston and James Wilson, heads of the international molders, machinists, and pattern makers unions.

SAILORS TO STUDY ABROAD New York, Mar. 23.—Thirty enlisted men of the United States navy now stationed at the Rockaway naval station, will leave within a few days for London to study at an English dirigible school, preparatory to attempting a trans-Atlantic flight with the R-34, sister ship of the R-34, it was announced at naval recruiting headquarters.

Democrats Grill Sims On Witness Stand In Senate

Washington, Mar. 23.—Cross-examination of Rear Admiral Sims was continued today before the senate committee investigating the navy's conduct of the war with Senators Pittman of Nevada and Trammell of Florida, democrats, undertaking to show that the United States was not wholly responsible for submarine losses during the two months immediately following the entry of the United States into the war.

Admiral Sims said adoption of the convoy system marked the turning point of the war and that the allies had to wait for American co-operation before the plan could be made effective.

"Our destroyers and other ships should have sailed the night we declared war and there was no good reason why they should not have done so," he said. "If they had, 2,500,000 tons of shipping would have been saved, and the United States would have had an army of 1,000,000 men in France by May, 1918. The fact was that after we declared war many American ships had to be placed in drydock and repaired before they could be sent to war zone."

Borah Accuses Wood Supporters Of Corrupt Acts

Washington, Mar. 23.—Acting on published reports that large sums had been contributed to Major General Leonard Wood's campaign fund, Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, called on the general and his campaign managers Monday for the names of subscribers, amounts and "the manner in which it is being used."

General Wood's managers not only owe it to their candidate but "still more to the party and the country to clear these charges in an unmistakable way," Senator Borah declared in a statement.

"The use of money in elections has reached a point where the people will have to take hold of it," he said. "It is nothing less than a national peril that two months before the convention the use of money in the attempt to control the convention has reached the point of a scandal."

People Want to Know "That a vast sum of money is being spent is perfectly apparent. I have seen letters from South Dakota, Virginia and Illinois showing that the people generally are becoming very restless in the face of the apparent use of money for corrupt purposes."

"From what I have known of General Wood I would not suspect him for a moment of doing the things himself being charged against him. But it is not sufficient that he does not himself actually participate. He cannot be the recipient of favors of such a campaign without himself being responsible."

"If General Wood or his managers will not permit this matter to go until it will become a subject which others will have to take hold of."

Berlin Drifting Back to Normal Condition Again

Berlin, Mar. 23.—The city now is becoming normal. The postal service is working, stores are open and electricity is available to enable small factories to operate. The city and circle railroads have resumed operation but the elevated has not resumed.

The following provincial reports were received today: Quedlinburg, Saxony: There has been violent fighting between troops and Spartacans. Both sides suffered severe losses.

Halle-On-Saale: The town is held by government troops after an artillery battle lasting for several days.

Magdeburg, Saxony: Work has resumed. The street cars and railroads are running regularly.

Majority Report of Strike Settlement Commission to Be Basis for Wage Advance

Washington, Mar. 23.—President Wilson today withdrew government control of the price of bituminous coal so that the 27 per cent wage advance for miners recommended by the majority of the coal strike settlement commission may be absorbed in the price the consumer will pay after April 1. The commission estimated this wage advance at \$200,000,000 a year.

At the same time the president made public the majority and minority reports of the commission and wrote the operators and miners asking that they reach an agreement on the basis of the majority report alone as speedily as possible so that the uncertainty regarding the fuel situation might be removed.

The president wrote the operators and miners that it was "essential to the public welfare that the governments be concluded at the earliest date practicable so that the uncertainty as to the fuel supply may be ended and that the consumers may be able to make contracts for their coal supply."

The president said he assumed that neither party would raise any question and that he was sure that no question could properly be raised as to the binding character of the award by the majority of the commission notwithstanding the fact that it was not unanimous.

The president said there was no provision of law for fixing new coal prices for peace time purposes and

STRIKE NOT LIKELY New York, Mar. 23.—The general scale committee representing the anthracite coal miners by a virtually unanimous vote decided today to remain at work after April 1 first pending negotiation of a new wage agreement. "Providing the mine owners agree to make any wage award retroactive to that date."

That "unless and until some grave emergency purposes of the Lever act, I would not feel justified in fixing coal prices in reference to future conditions of production."

First Raise Absorbed The majority report of the commission said the 27 per cent increase absorbed 14 percent increase allowed when the miners returned to work and that in dollars it would approximate \$200,000,000 a year.

The executive order withdrawing government control of prices removes virtually all government control of coal, placing the fuel administration in the status that it was before its authority was restored when the miners struck last November 1.

In refusing the demand of the miners for a thirty hour week, the majority of the commission said that if the work day were shortened by one hour it would be equivalent to an additional cost of more than \$100,000,000.

Minority Wake Higher The minority report of John P. White, the miners' representative, held out for a higher increase for all day labor and monthly men than were granted by the majority, but he concurred in the recommendation for a 24 percent ton increase for pick and machine mining. His report was transmitted to the operators and miners by the president for their information.

The general terms of the two reports previously had been published. Operators Warned The operators were warned by President Wilson against violating laws against combinations in restraint of trade and profiteering and also not to exact "unreasonable prices for coal."

"I am aware," said the president, "that at present, as a result of the shortage created by the coal strike and of the consequent interference with transportation and as a result also of the exceptionally unfavorable winter, the demand for coal continues active. I desire to impress upon the coal operators the extreme importance not only of their complying to the fullest extent with the laws against combinations in restraint of trade and against profiteering but also of their exerting themselves affirmatively to prevent exacting of unreasonable prices for coal."

Carpentier Arrives In New York Today New York, Mar. 23.—Georges Carpentier, heavyweight boxing champion of Europe, who served France in the world war as an aviator, arrived here today and was cordially welcomed by sporting enthusiasts and delegations from the French colony. He was accompanied by his 17 year old bride and his manager, Francois Desmange.

Carpentier will be entertained here for several days and then will make a trip to the Pacific coast.

LATE BULLETINS

Essen, Germany, Mar. 23.—(Via Copenhagen, Mar. 23).—The local executive council today announced that the entire industrial region hereabouts is in the hands of the revolutionary workmen and that a red army of 50,000 men is victoriously advancing on Wesel where "the last remnants of the regular troops" are concentrated.

St. Louis, Mo., Mar. 23.—Thomas T. Brewster, chairman of the coal operators scale committee, in the central competitive field today refused to discuss the coal commission's report other than to say it would decrease the cost of production forty cents a ton if accepted.

Madrid, Mar. 23.—A strike on all railway lines in Spain will take effect at noon today. This decision was reached unanimously by representatives of the railway employes at midnight following the failure of the managers of the railway companies to accede to the demands of the men.

Last Witness Heard by Probers in Hoff Case

With the appearance before the Marion county grand jury this morning of Thomas A. Ryan of Oregon city, deputy state treasurer under Tom B. Kay and candidate for state treasurer against O. P. Hoff, the list of witnesses so far summoned to appear in the investigation of the state treasury department has now been exhausted. It is expected that the inquisitorial body will devote the next few days to a summing up of the testimony so far presented with a view to the early filing of a report on the probe.

Among those who appeared before the grand jury Monday were Ralph H. Schneelock, Edward Geary, Henry Teal, B. B. Dunbar and F. B. Fenton, all prominent in Portland bond buying circles. Schneelock and Geary are said to be connected with the Lumbermen's Trust company of Portland, which it is understood, is a rival of Morris Bros. Portland bond buyers, to whom State Treasurer Hoff is alleged to have shown undue partiality in the purchase of bonds.

Spring Fashion Number.

Tomorrow, Wednesday, March 24, the Capital Journal will issue its Annual Spring Fashion Number, containing the latest designs of fashionable apparel and seasonable merchandise for the Easter period.