

MINERS GET ULTIMATUM Troops Advance In Coal Price

PARTY STRIFE RAPPED

Lloyd George Declares He Is Favoring Free Trade

MANCHESTER, England, Dec. 6.—Premier Lloyd George, speaking before the Reform club today, totally rejected the suggestion that the time had arrived for a removal of party distinctions by the Liberals and Conservatives.

He pointed to the experiences of the United States where, he said, party strife had been renewed prematurely in consequence of which peace was jeopardized and the league of nations endangered in the land which took the most prominent and distinguished part in its promotion. The premier evoked a storm of applause when he announced "I am a free trader."

Referring to Ireland, he declared he hoped to make a real contribution to settlement of the Irish question, the Unionists being prepared to make great sacrifices in order to preserve national unity.

Firm Peace Desired

LONDON, Dec. 6.—Storing resolutions urging the making of peace with the entente were adopted by the seventh congress of Russian soviets, meeting in Moscow, at which Premier Lenin and War Minister Trotsky were present, as also was Tompkins, "on behalf of the American communists," according to a Moscow message today. The resolutions read:

"The soviet government proposed peace to the entente on August five and has repeated the proposal eight times since. It affirms again its unalterable desire for peace. It offers to all the entente peace—England, France, Italy, the United States, and Japan, together or separately—to begin negotiations. It directs the executive and the commissary of foreign affairs to continue systematically the policy of peace taking all steps to attain success."

Floating Mines In North Sea Menace To World Shipping

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 25.—The danger to shipping from floating mines in the North sea is increasing, according to the chief inspector of the Swedish mercantile marine for that district of navigation, who predicted that this winter the mines will constitute a greater menace than at any period since the mine fields were laid. So extensive were the mine fields and so numerous the mines, says the inspector, that large numbers of them escaped destruction by the English and American mine sweepers, notwithstanding the energy and diligence with which they worked. More mines than ever before now are said to be loose and drifting toward the Swedish coast. Efforts are made to sink such mines as are seen by shooting them but it is impossible to cope with them in this way.

Crimes Increase With Fuel Saving Methods In Effect

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—Criminal complaints increased with the shutting off of street and other lighting as a coal conserving measure, according to the record for the past two days made public today by John J. Garrity, chief of police. Yesterday, the first of semi-darkness, the report showed 56 criminal complaints—16 burglaries; 10 robberies; 20 larcenies, one safe blowing; 2 murders and 7 miscellaneous, as against 24 criminal complaints the preceding 24 hours, when approximately normal conditions prevailed.

St. Louis Rushes Into Saloons as Lid Is Removed

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 6.—All sorts of intoxicants were sold freely here today following the orders of Federal Judge Farris yesterday temporarily restraining the United States district attorney and the collector of internal revenue from interfering with the sale of such beverages.

Thousands of gallons of whisky and wines were disposed of, and it was a common sight to see persons boarding street cars with large earthen jugs and bundles of quart bottles.

Whisky wholesaled at from \$17 to \$23 a gallon, according to the proof, and saloons sold portions at 20 to 50 cents a drink, "pour it yourself." Bottled goods retailed at an average of \$10 a quart.

It was the first time since July 1, when wartime prohibition became effective, that whisky and wine decanters appeared on bars here. There was no whispering to bartenders today and patrons entered the saloons and ordered a "shot." Many saloons hired extra bartenders.

Saloon and hotel men swarmed to distilleries and carried away stocks in almost every imaginable vehicle. Residents of rural districts in eastern Missouri rushed to St. Louis to replenish their stocks.

Judge Farris' decision immediately released 50,708 gallons of tax paid whisky, valued at \$475,000. Plaintiffs in the suits, it was said, have 100,300 more gallons stored in bonded warehouses that, according to the decision, must be released immediately on payment of the government tax.

More Grief Added To Coal Situation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—All bituminous coal mines now in operation must close within a week unless the railroad administration pay for the coal it has confiscated or diverted, said a statement today by the American Wholesale Coal association.

The statement said the railroad administration had refused to pay for the coal until a price it considered fair had been fixed by Fuel Administrator Garfield and that Dr. Garfield had refused to change his price ruling.

Mines which will be affected, the statement says, are producing now 400,000 tons of coal weekly, the sole supply for the nation in the present crisis.

"If the mines are to continue to produce coal they must have money to meet their payrolls," said the statement. "The railroad administration is using sixty per cent of this coal. It has paid for no confiscated or diverted coal for sixty days and refuses to pay until a price which it considers fair is fixed by Dr. Garfield. Dr. Garfield has refused to change his price ruling. So long as this deadlock continues, coal mines can get no money for coal which has been mined and shipped."

WALTER TABOR AND MOTHER UNDER ARREST

Authorities Hope to Clear up Death of Ogden School Teacher

YREKA, Cal., Dec. 5.—Walter Tabor was taken into custody late Friday at Weed, in this county, by Sheriff A. S. Calkins, and his mother, Mrs. Lester Tabor, was being detained for the sheriff at Bray, fifty miles north-east of Weed. The sheriff said he had a telegraphic request from authorities at Lawton, Mich., to arrest the Tabor in connection with the finding last Monday in the basement of the Tabor home of a body believed to be that of Miss Maud Tabor, daughter of Mrs. Tabor and sister of Walter.

Tabor, who was brought to the county jail here tonight, denied any knowledge of the death of his sister, according to the sheriff, who quoted him as saying that all he knew of the matter was what he had seen in newspapers.

Sheriff Calkins said Tabor told him he had been visiting another sister in Oregon with his mother, and that they had traveled southward in an automobile looking for a small ranch on which to settle. He left Mrs. Tabor at Bray, he said, in order to take railroad employment at Weed.

The sheriff stated that he expected to have Mrs. Tabor brought here tomorrow to await the coming of Michigan officers.

MAY CLEAR MYSTERY.

LAWTON, Mich., Dec. 6.—Reports received here that Walter Tabor and Mrs. Lester Tabor, brother and mother of Miss Maud Tabor, whose body was found in a trunk in the basement of the family home here last Sunday, had been taken into custody in California, revived the dwindling hopes of

MEXICO TANGLE GROWS

Who Gave Bond For Jenkins' Release, Question

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The American government has not changed its attitude on the Jenkins' case and had no part in obtaining his release on bail, Secretary Lansing declared today in denying vague rumors that the state department had unofficially "passed the word" to the American embassy at Mexico City to see that the consular agent was liberated on bond.

The state department, it was said, has not yet been advised officially that Jenkins was released on bail. It received word today that Jenkins himself did not know until after he was liberated that bond was furnished and that he is conducting an investigation on his own account to determine who was responsible for his liberation.

Reports Awaited

Officials refused to comment on reports current here that J. Walter Hansen, who furnished the \$200 bond, was sitting for Luis Cabrezo, minister of finance in Carranza's cabinet. They are awaiting reports on this from the American embassy at Mexico City.

Senator Fall's resolution to request President Wilson to sever diplomatic relations with Mexico still is before the committee together with Senator Hitchcock's substitute proposing that congress assure the president of its support if he decides to break with Mexico.

Senator Fall has declared that startling facts would be disclosed when he made public information in his possession concerning the activities of the Mexican government in spreading radical propaganda throughout the United States. This charge has been denied in whole by the Mexican embassy.

Other grievances with Mexico exist and to what extent these would affect the future policy was a subject of wide discussion in official circles. In some quarters it was contended that the release of Jenkins would not cause a letup in the policy of forceful diplomacy while others claimed it had clamped down on the negotiations.

President Wilson is expected soon to take an active hand in the Mexican tangle and as a result of his conference with the senators it was believed the senate, state department, White House had become co-ordinated in a supreme effort to obtain final settlement of the whole Mexican problem.

Former Minister Of Turkey Now Becomes Socialist

BERLIN, Friday, Dec. 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—Talaat Pasha, former Turkish grand vizier and minister of finance, who has been quietly living in Berlin for some weeks, the guest of a former official of the Turkish embassy, is reported to have been converted to Socialism. He is said to believe the salvation of Turkey lies in her political transformation along radical lines.

Talaat, who is suspected of leaning in the direction of communism, is reported to intend to accompany Karl Radek, the Bolshevik leader, who was released here yesterday, to the Eastonian frontier, later going to Moscow.

MESSAGE TO LEWIS

SIoux CITY, Iowa, Dec. 6.—Mayor Wallace M. Short, of Sioux City, has wired the following telegram to John L. Lewis, head of the miners' organization at Indianapolis, Ind.

"If you are right, stand pat. Right will prevail."

FIERCE STORM

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., Dec. 6.—Rain, accompanied by an electrical display, visited the heavily snow-covered western slope of Colorado today. It was the first December thunder storm on record.

ALLIES DEMAND ACTION

Troops Will Move If Berlin Fails To Sign

PARIS, Dec. 6.—In a note drafted by the supreme council today, it is demanded that Germany sign the protocol providing for the carrying out of the peace terms, failing which the allies, it is set forth, will be obliged to have recourse to military measures.

If ratification is not completed by December 31, says the Echo de Paris, certain clauses of the pact will be rendered impracticable and the allies will be obliged to submit to Germany a new protocol, which will result in still further delay.

Baron von Lersner's communication, which was received by Premier Clemenceau Thursday, declared the allies were misinformed regarding their complaint that Germany was exceeding the limit of military forces permitted under the treaty. Von Lersner declared that the German government had never sought to conceal the fact that the creation of detective police forces and civic guards would be necessary, and that the German government was prepared to submit proofs to General Nollet, head of the entente commission of control in Berlin, that these organizations were permissible under the treaty.

Germany, added the German plenipotentiary, was ready to discuss the question immediately with the allies and believed that such an offer was the best proof that she was not seeking to avoid carrying out the treaty terms.

Clemenceau's Note

The text of Premier Clemenceau's note to von Lersner concerning the excessive German armament complained of, which was made public today, charges the reichswehr (imperial defense troops) with organizing the schieberpolizei (security police) and zettelfreiwillige (emergency volunteers), which are declared to be virtually military forces.

It summons Germany to reduce her forces strictly to the limits of the treaty.

The council today took under consideration Germany's express wish that customs payments on goods entering Germany be paid for by gold as already had been done on goods sent by sea. The decision was postponed until the peace treaty is put into force.

It was explained that the allies declined to accord such an advantage to Germany, holding it incompatible with the putting of the treaty into force and with the economic measures she was practicing, especially her prohibition upon importation of numerous articles.

Mexican Bandits Have Disappeared

ZAPATA, Texas, Dec. 6.—No word had been received from county authorities who were searching for an unknown number of mounted and heavily armed Mexican bandits, who aided and looted a store on the Clarendo ranch, on the American side, eleven miles southeast of Zapata. It was believed the bandits, after the raid, immediately crossed the Rio Grande into Mexico, whence they are supposed to have come. They carried away all the provisions in the store, but, aside from binding and gagging the store keeper, did not molest anybody on the ranch, according to reports.

Texas rangers from Laredo were en route for the scene late tonight. The identity of the bandits still is undetermined. A number of Mexican federal soldiers are reported garrisoned three miles below the Clarendo ranch on the Mexican side while Mexican custom guards were stationed almost in front of the Clarendo ranch store, which is situated on the river bank, according to reports here.

Query: Does a man suffer more by ignorance or by knowledge?

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Public at Large Cordially Invited
Services, Three o'clock Sunday