

RUHR LOCK-OUT IS MORE SERIOUS

CONFERENCE OF ALLIES TO BE HELD SOON

Allied Powers to Consider Enforcement of Dawes' Plan.

BRITAIN HOPEFUL

Meeting Will Probably Be Held Early in June.

London, May 8—(By Charles M. McCann, British United Press staff correspondent)—The conference of the Allied powers to prepare enforcement of the experts' report in reparations will be held in London in June according to present authoritative indications and the United States will be invited to attend.

If the U. S. accepts the invitation to send representatives the extent of their powers will depend on the decision of the Washington government. The conference probably will be held in the early part of the month. It is believed that this time was chosen when Premier Theunis of Belgium conferred here with Premier MacDonald.

Some time before the conference, Premier MacDonald will meet Premier Poincare. Their meeting is expected to take place about May 13, when Premier Theunis and Premier Mussolini of Italy will be conferring.

The Belgians also have acted as peacemakers in the situation and have reassured the British regarding the part the reparations commission will play in working out the plan and the British now believe that the French will co-operate in settling details of the report, leaving the reparations commission to act as a sort of body of stewards. They would supervise the execution of the scheme which will be largely automatic.

It is believed in authoritative circles that the question of inter-allied debts will not come before the conference.

Britain Hopeful.

Britain refuses to share French pessimism over the German elections believing that the Reichstag will approve the experts' report despite the new Nationalist strength in that body. Informed observers here argue that the Nationalists must realize the tremendous responsibility which would be imposed on them by rejection of the report and point out that the Nationalists as well as other Germans, must see and appreciate the difference between the present financial stability in Germany and still recent chaotic conditions there.

DECLARES BILL CAN NOT GET BY PARLIAMENT

Ottawa, May 8—The Dominion Parliament has no authority to pass the Church Union Bill declared Eugene Lafleur, K. C., counsel for the Presbyterian Church Association in hearing on the Church Union Bill before the House of Commons. Private Bills Committee Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Lafleur maintained that the bill invaded provincial rights in regard to education and property and civil rights. Further Mr. Lafleur declared that his clients did not oppose "Church Union" in itself but were opposing the destruction of the Presbyterian Church and the erection of another on its ruins.

Mr. Lafleur was asked his opinion of the effect on taking another vote. He replied that another vote would show whether the minority was large enough to administer the trusts of the church.

Situation Threatens to Endanger Prospect of Early Reparation

N'FLD GOVT. HAS RESIGNED FROM OFFICE

WARREN GIVES UP PREMIERSHIP FOLLOWING CRISIS—W. J. HIGGINS, K. C. TO FORM MINISTRY.

St. John's, Nfld., May 7—The Warren Government of Newfoundland has resigned, the resignation following closely on the action of Hon. M. E. Hawco, Minister of Posts in the Warren Government, who has resigned both his portfolio and his seat in the Warren executive and has announced himself as a supporter of A. E. Hickman the Opposition leader.

Late Wednesday afternoon a cabinet meeting was called at the close of which the Prime Minister, Hon. W. R. Warren, K. C. announced that the Government has resigned.

Premier Warren further announced that he would recommend to His Excellency, Governor Allard, to call on W. J. Higgins, K. C. to form a new ministry.

The prediction is made in this city that Mr. Higgins will refuse such an invitation and that an invitation will then be extended to Mr. Hickman, leader of the Opposition who has a strong party following and is reported to be ready for the election campaign. The resignation of Hon. Mr. Hawco, from the ministry of posts and his seat in the Warren executive was published in this evening's Advocate, the Opposition organ. The letter, which created a sensation in Government ranks and throughout the city, strongly criticized Prime Minister Warren on charges of disloyalty to his former leader and his party colleagues.

POLICE BARE PLOT SIMILAR TO RED CHEKAS

Members, Armed with Guns and Cholera Germs, are Paid to War on Society.

Berlin May 8—A report from the Stuttgart police, officially confirmed in Berlin, reveals that German Communists have a far-reaching and well-armed terrorist organization built on the model of the notorious Russian Cheka.

The police report that numerous arrests made last week revealed that the organization had existed since last November and was formed for the purpose of disposing of party traitors and dangerous opponents. It has branches throughout the Reich and was under the leadership of the Russian Communist, Helmut, who was arrested recently.

The members were divided into district committees, received a minimum wage of 60 marks weekly and were supposed to have the following oath of office: "I swear by my proletarian honor as a member of this group for party protection that treason, falseness or desertion shall be punished by death."

Each member is supposed to be armed with two pistols of different calibers, explosives and cholera pest bacilli. Since February they have owned a motor lorry.

Seven members were arrested in Stuttgart, among them Felix Neumann a typesetter, who was in possession of books showing he had received \$30,000 for organization purposes during November.

Practically All Mines are Idle Today.

MINERS UGLY

Communist Miners have Declared a General Strike.

(Special Cable to The Daily Mail by the British United Press).

Berlin, May 8—The strike and lock-out in the Ruhr was effective practically throughout the entire industrial basin, according to reports here today and threatened to endanger prospects of a reparations settlement if it continued as practically all mines were idle.

Today, dispatches said, although the initiative was taken by the operators, who locked out thousands of men who declined to accept an eight hour day for underground work, Communist miners immediately countered by declaring a general strike in the Ruhr. Their funds are short and their resistance to pressure by the Industrialists weakens accordingly.

Some Germans profess to see Russian influence in the Communist strike, harking back to the incident at the trade Belgian headquarters in Berlin when a Russian prisoner was taken by police.

There are also reports that many miners are becoming ugly. Miners in Silesia and Saxony are reported to be considering sympathetic strikes.

Situation Critical.

The situation in the Ruhr, where already more than 300,000 miners are locked out as a result of the dispute over working hours, is most critical today.

Communist miners have called a general strike while the more conservative "old miners" league voted against accepting recent arbitration awards.

Separatists are taking advantage of the situation and agitating through out the Rhineland. Their leader, Dr. Matthes, is reported active.

Slim piles of coal testify to an impending shortage.

The Ruhr miners refused to recognize the award of arbitrators, which justified an increase in working hours. The owners announced that only miners agreeing to work eight hours underground would be accepted. Declaration of a lockout followed.

METHODIST WOMEN WANT TO BE PREACHERS

Question Was Up Before Quadrennial Conference at Springfield, Mass., Yesterday.

Springfield, Mass., May 8—The possibility of women becoming ministers in the Methodist Church came up for discussion before the quadrennial conference Wednesday.

Militant women members have repeatedly sought more recognition in the church. Four years ago their fight led to the appointment of a special commission to investigate the advisability of ordaining women.

The Rev. Joseph M. M. Gray of Scranton, Pa., chairman of the commission read the report. It was heard with much interest.

Unification of the two branches of the church, separated since the civil war is still one of the leading subjects of the convention. It is felt that a consolidation will have been accomplished before the end of the session.

ENGLAND IS THREATENED WITH STRIKE

A National Building Strike is in Prospect.

WORKERS VOTE

All Branches of Trade Demand Wage Increase.

By HARRY N. MOORE

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London, May 8—A national building strike is regarded as inevitable as the workers in the various associated trades have definitely rejected an offer made by the employers and which the latter declared is the last they will make. By a majority of eight to one the latest ballot has declared against acceptance.

The men in all branches of the building trades are demanding an all round increase of four cents an hour, and the best offer of the employers so far has been one cent an hour. A strike would seriously retard the local housing schemes, which are gradually approaching practical shape, and would necessitate government intervention.

The employers are to meet the men on next Monday for the last time, and the prospect of a successful issue of the negotiations seems to be very small. If negotiations fail, the strike will take place after the disputes in the mining and engineering trades, which have not yet been adjusted, are decided one way or another.

MAY LIGHTEN BAN ON DANCING AND CARDS

Methodist Conference in Springfield, Mass., Receives Pronouncement of 40 Bishops.

Springfield, Mass., May 8—The Methodist Episcopal ban on dancing card playing and theatre going may be lightened considerably, possibly lifted altogether as a result of a pronouncement by forty bishops of the church, which was considered by 800 delegates to the quadrennial general conference.

The bishops' address, put before the conference the proposition that the Methodist Episcopal Church was hampered in its work among the young folks by its ban on amusements.

"A direct appeal to their freedom in Christ would be the most effective way of dealing with the matter" said the pronouncement, which was written by Bishop Berry of Philadelphia and approved by two score other bishops.

The latter also went on record as favoring prohibition, entrance of the U. S. into the World Court, unification of the churches of the north and south and as opposing the Ku Klux Klan and divorce.

FRANC TAKES SLUMP IN N. Y. EXCHANGE

(Special Cable to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

New York, N. Y., May 8—Under heavy selling orders from abroad in which the fine hand of Central European speculators may be seen, France broke 33 points in the early dealing, to a shade above six cents. The demand fell to \$4.35 3-4, off 5-9 cents from the previous close. The other European exchanges were easier in sympathy.

138 Anarchists and Communists on Trial Today for Murder

PORTUGUESE FLIERS HAVE COME TO GRIEF

AIRPLANE DAMAGED IN SEVERE STORM IN INDIA—BOTH AVIATORS SLIGHTLY INJURED.

(British United Press)

Lisbon, May 8—Portugal's long distance air effort has come to grief at Jodspur, India, a message to the Air Ministry said today.

The two Portuguese airmen, attempting a flight from Lisbon to Macau, ran into a storm and damaged their plane in a forced landing the message said. Both were injured slightly.

The Air Ministry plans to send a new plane in which the flyers will continue to Macau.

MOTHERWELL MAKES PLAIN STATEMENTS

"No Selling Out" He Declares Referring to Liberal and Progressive Relations.

Ottawa, May 8—"There has been no selling out" declared Hon. W. R. Motherwell in the House during continued debate on the budget. Mr. Motherwell was referring to relations between Liberals and Progressives. He added that the platforms of the two parties were identical.

"If we carry out ours, we carry out theirs," Mr. Motherwell charged that the real reason why Conservatives did not like the budget was because "it had got them in the hip." The budget was a real Liberal budget and the parties were lining up for a fight on the tariff issue.

Col. Arthurs, (Conservative, Parry Sound) referred to the statement recently made in the House by Premier Mackenzie King that the budget had the entire approval of Rt. Hon. W. S. Fielding, Finance Minister.

Mr. King—"Yes, and since making that statement I have had a conversation with Hon. Mr. Fielding and he requested that it be repeated in the House."

"There is a rumor that the mental condition of the Minister of Finance is not of the best" remarked Colonel Arthurs.

The Prime Minister immediately rose and declared that there was no foundation for such a rumor and that the statement should be retracted.

Hon. E. M. MacDonald, Minister of National Defence, also protested saying that Hon. Mr. Fielding had intimated to him that the budget had his full approval.

DOCTOR FOUND MURDERED WITH A HAMMER

Newark N. J., May 8—Dr. George A. Nellson, chiropractor and physical culture exponent was attacked by a hammer murderer according to the police in his office. He was taken to the City Hospital with a crushed skull.

A blood-stained hammer was found on the floor near the doctor's desk. A pool of blood spread over the desk where the doctor is believed to have sat when he was struck.

John Volmer who had lived in the doctor's house three months undergoing treatment for a nervous breakdown is missing and the police have broadcasted an alarm for him.

Sensational Trial Starts in Florence Today.

A MOTLEY CREW

Three Women are Included in the Number.

(British United Press)

Florence, Italy, May 8—Locked in a huge iron cage in the courtroom, 138 Anarchists and Communists including three women went on trial today for murder and robbery of nine Italian marines and carabinieri on March 1, 1921 during the general rail strike.

The prisoners, a motley crew, glared at the jurors through heavy iron bars. Each sat upon a numbered stool and each juror had a three hundred page guide book containing the photographs, penal and political record of each prisoner to enable quick and intelligent followings of the trail. In numbers the defendants succeeded those of the famous Camorra trial at Viterbo.

They are charged with deliberately killing the soldiers and injuring a score of others near Empoli when the marines and carabinieri were on their way to Florence from Leghorn to help restore railway service.

FRESHET HAS RECEDED FOUR INCHES TODAY

Drop Continues — Only Heavy Rain Will Keep Up Water — Heavy River Freight.

The water in the St. John River at this point dropped four inches since last night and continued to drop today. This is the second time the freshet has begun to recede since the water rose some days ago. It is believed that unless heavy rains occur the water will continue to recede gradually.

The steamer Majestic made a round trip from St. John Wednesday. She arrived here at 3.30 with a heavy cargo more freight offering at St. John than could be taken. She left shortly after six o'clock and docked at Indiantown, St. John, at 2 a. m. today. She will go on the Grand Lake route the rest of the week.

Stream driving conditions continue good with many drives in in this section.

\$200,000 IS CLAIMED FOR LOST BABY

Detroit, May 8—How much is a baby worth in cold dollars and cents? William C. Gretnex who lost his only child in a strange mixup of babies that stirred Detroit for many days says \$200,000. He asks this amount in a suit filed today against the Evangelical Deaconess Hospital. Gretnex alleges the hospital, through mixing up two babies is directly responsible for the mysterious disappearance of his few months old son a couple of days before he claimed it.

EXECUTIONERS WORK FAST IN SOVIET RUSSIA

Copenhagen, May 8—Soviet executioners work fast. It is learned here this afternoon from Moscow that twenty-one leaders of Siberian revolts were today sentenced to be executed immediately.