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THE BRITISH COAL STRIKE IS VIRTUALLY AT AN END; HAS BEEN GOING ON SEVEN MONTHS

London, Nov. 23.—The coal strike is practically ended. Its knell was rung this evening, exactly twenty-nine weeks since it began on May 1, when the Delegate Conference of the Miners' Federation passed a resolution recommending all districts where the strikers are still holding out to open negotiations with the mine owners with a view to reaching an agreement.

These district agreements will be subject to certain general principles to be discussed at a later meeting of the Delegate Conference. But the discussions will be scarcely more than a matter of form. It is well nigh impossible that they can stem the tide of surrender among the strikers.

The complete back-down of the conference today was due largely to the constantly growing stream of coal strikers returning to work. Despite the reluctance among the "die-hard" element to give up their cherished idea of a national settlement of the strike, as against the district settlements insisted upon by the mine owners, there was nothing else to be done in the face of the steady current of returning miners wearied beyond endurance by the 203 days of the strike. Today 10,344 more returned to work, swelling the total of those working to 376,374, or more than one-third of the normal grand total of 1,107,000 employed in the coal mines.

Refuse All Other Proposals.

The momentous decision of the conference this evening came after several proposals, including one involving a general ballot, submitted by the miners' executive, had been rejected. The resolution which finally carried was moved by the South Wales delegation, and reads as follows:

"That this conference, having considered the whole of the circumstances recommends all districts immediately to open negotiations with the coal owners in their respective districts with a view to arriving at agreements. The Executive Committee will be asked to consider what general principles should guide the district organizations in their negotiations. No district shall enter into a final agreement until a further national conference is held to receive reports of all the negotiations." The vote on the resolution was 460,806 favoring and 313,200 against it.

Those who today yielded to the inevitable realized only too clearly that next week would bring even a bigger quota back to work than this week, during which a total of 47,663 striking miners acknowledged themselves beaten and resumed work at the coal pits.

The end of the great coal strike had nothing of dramatic suddenness. For many days the strikers had been virtually beaten to their knees. Despite sporadic outbursts of "never say die" eloquence on the part of the extremist leaders like "Emperor" Cook, the miners' Secretary, anybody could see that it was not a question of whether but merely when the strikers would surrender.

Miners' Leaders Bitterly Criticized.

The position of Cook and his satellites is far from enviable. On all sides their leadership meets with bitter criticism. In the ranks of the miners there is an angry conviction that the leaders made a disgraceful mess of their leadership. Coming so soon after the complete defeat of the general strike six months ago, there is a strong feeling that British organized labor has met a setback in its struggle with capitalism from which it will

not recover for many a day.

"Emperor" Cook has announced that he will soon start on a long-planned journey to Moscow. The great bulk of his followers will see him go without regret, and it is doubtful if he will be in a position to resume the reins of leadership when he returns from the stronghold of communism.

In its leading editorial tomorrow The London Times will say: "The coal stoppage is ending as it began, in a hopeless confusion of plans and leadership. The events of the past week have been the climax of irresolution and folly. The chief fact that emerges is that the Federation acknowledges the complete failure of its policy. Only one comment on that fact need be made. Lord Grey of Faldoon said the miners were beaten, not by the Government and not by the owners, but by economic facts. It would be even more true to say they had been beaten by their own leadership in spite of the efforts of the Government to save them."

Secretary Cook made the following statement tonight on the decision of the delegate conference:

"I would very much have preferred that the rank and file had been consulted before the decision was arrived at, but the fact that the men are returning to work influenced the minds of the delegates present and was largely responsible for their arriving at this decision."

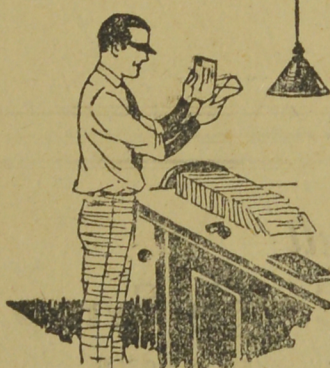
BOOTLEGGERS WAS GIVEN FOUR YEARS

Milton, Nov. 23.—Bert D'Angelo, the young Italian who once bootlegged around Hamilton and Oakville, will go to the Kingston Penitentiary for four years for his part in the poison alcohol epidemic of last summer.

Such a sentence was imposed upon him Saturday by Mr. Justice Rose, who, in so doing, stated that he could not give as much weight as he would like to give to the recommendation of mercy which the jury added to its verdict, given Thursday evening, of guilty on one of the four counts of manslaughter on which the prisoner had been indicted.

Nora (as young man passes)—What an awful worm he is.
Dora—Yes, don't look around dear, he's going to turn.

BLUNDERS



WHY IS THIS WRONG?

One of the many annoyances that the postal service has to contend with is the receipt of bundles of carelessly sealed letters, many of which are stuck together. Since letters can be run through the cancelling machines only one at a time, all those stuck together must first be pulled apart by some postal employee. This may result in mutilation of the addresses or in placing the letters to one side until mail has been handled.



Of Interest to the Women

HOUSEHOLD SUGGESTIONS.

If apples are to be kept any length of time they should be stored in a cool place.

There is a new type of felt, popular for the tiny hats of the moment that is exactly like shaved lamb.

Vegetables should be cooked until tender, but no longer. Over cooking makes them strong flavored and indigestible.

After dinner mints, dissolved in vinegar, make an acceptable substitute for mint sauce when fresh mint is not available.

Very piquant meat sauces may be made with tomato soup as the base adding peppers, mushrooms, okra and such vegetables.

Decorative trees for the garden or made of metal. The tree itself is of bronze and realistic oranges hang from the branches.

COCONUT DROP CAKES.

½ cup shortening

1 cup sugar

1 or 2 eggs

½ cup milk

2 cups flour

2 teaspoons baking powder

½ cup coconut

Cream the shortening and sugar until light; add the beaten yolks of eggs and mix well; then add the milk and sifted flour, baking powder and salt alternately; add the coconut; then the stiffly beaten whites of eggs; mix well. Brush gem pans with shortening, fill two thirds full of the mixture and bake in hot oven 15 minutes.

STEAMED PRUNE PUDDING.

2 cups steamed prunes

2 cups flour

2 teaspoons baking powder

½ teaspoon salt

1 egg

1 cup milk

1 tablespoon melted shortening

A little grated nutmeg or flavoring to taste

Sift the flour, baking powder and salt into bowl, add the milk, well-beaten eggs, shortening and flavoring; mix well. Remove the stones from the prunes, cut into quarters, add to the batter and mix lightly. Pour into mold or kettle that has been brushed with a little melted butter; put into saucepan of boiling water and steam 1½ hours. Serve with orange or lemon sauce. This makes a hearty cold weather pudding.

STUFFED SKIRT STEAK.

2 or 2½ pounds skirt steak

1 tablespoon salt

2 cups breadcrumbs

2 tablespoons chopped parsley

2 tablespoons finely chopped or grated onion

2 tablespoons flour

2 tablespoons drippings

Pepper to taste

Put the drippings into pan add the onion, fry until tender, but not brown, then add the breadcrumbs, which have been soaked in cold water and pressed between the hands until dry; stir constantly, adding half the salt and a little pepper. Have a pocket cut in the steak put in the filling and sew up the end. Put into small pan, sprinkle with salt and pepper and 1 tablespoon flour; add a little drippings, ½ cup water and cover; put into hot oven. Bake 45 minutes.

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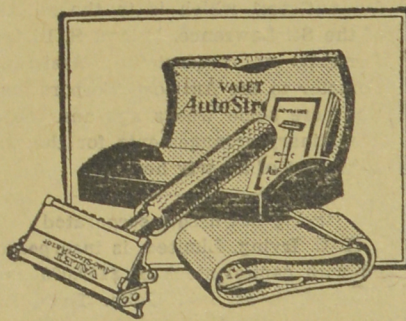
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