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LOYD GEORGE ASKS SUPPORT OF COMMONS

Premier Riddles Political Enemies in Address.

WILL STAND PAT Odds Favor British Leader When Real Test Comes.

LONDON, April 3.—"To obtain recognition from Great Britain, Soviet Russia must recognize the Russian foreign debts, open her ports to Europe, give her protection to trade and pledge herself not to make war on her neighbors," declared Premier Lloyd George.

LONDON, April 3.—Flaying his political critics at home, Premier Lloyd George went before the House of Commons this afternoon and asked its support for the British policy at the international economic conference at Genoa.

The test of strength for the prime minister and his coalition government found its supporters confident.

A vote of confidence was to be asked of the House on a resolution which the Premier is to introduce in a lengthy speech. The resolution, carefully prepared by the cabinet, expressed Parliament's approval of the Genoa economic conference and confidence in the government to represent the country at that gathering.

Odds were two to one Lloyd George would get a large majority and would not resign. The Premier, it was understood, would not be content with a small majority but would want a margin of between two hundred and three hundred votes.

Lloyd George's opponents in the House prepared amendments to the Premier's resolution, any one of which would cause his resignation if passed.

LABOR EXPECTED TO OPPOSE P.M.

Labor representatives were to move to amend the government resolution to read the House did not consider the present government capable of representing Great Britain at Genoa.

The Independent Liberals led by former Premier Asquith and Sir Donald MacLean, were to propose a similar amendment if Labor's was defeated and the Unionist "die-hards" under Sir George Younger, whose opposition nearly caused Lloyd George's resignation early in March had still a third amendment ready.

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SMALL BOY SHOOT SMALL COMPANION WHILE PLAYING WITH GUN

While a companion was playing with a revolver, he did not know was loaded today, Glimmer Whitaker, 13, son of Mrs. Ed Whitaker, 321 South Davidson street, was shot and seriously hurt. The boy who did the shooting is Cloe Jones, 15, 237 Lord street. He is being held by the police pending investigation.

The shooting occurred at the Jones home. According to the story told the police, the boys were out of school during the noon hour. They obtained the

LEWIS WANTS GOVERNMENT TO TAKE MINES

Union Chief Declares This Step Would End Strike.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Nationalization of the country's coal mines was "seriously suggested" to Congress today by John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, appearing before the House Labor Committee which is seeking a solution of the present strike.

Nationalization, President Lewis told the committee, is the inevitable remedy for the ill of the coal situation, which he said, the operators have refused to remedy.

"The mine workers," said President Lewis, "have been waiting, with ever growing impatience, for many years, hoping to be able to detect some signs that the operators were awakening to a realization of their duties. But so far nothing has been accomplished."

"And so it is that the mine workers say that there now seems to be no hope except through a public remedy. The remedy has been offered by the operators and in default of any other remedy, the mine workers seriously suggest that the government take over and operate the mines."

OR MISCHIEVOUS OR WASTON SPIRIT.

"We do not do this through any mischievous or waston spirit. We have no desire to advocate immediate steps in any direction. But we see that it is inevitable that sooner or later the government must take the step of nationalization, because we have finally given up all hope of relief from the operators and we are convinced that it is a step in the right direction, we urged its consideration upon Congress. If the owners will not set their house in order the public must step in and enforce order, because in a democracy such as this, no set of men whether in the ranks of labor or of capital, can be allowed permanently to maintain a public nuisance."

With respect to settlement immediately of the existing strike emergency, President Lewis said:

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TACKLE AVERTS BANK HOLD-UP

Watchman Employs Football Tactics to Recover \$20,000 in Currency.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—A bold attempt to rob the Merchants Bank in the heart of the national capital was made by three bandits shortly before 1 o'clock here today. The three men snatched a big pile of bills containing \$20,000 and dashed for the door. The cashier fired three shots at them.

One of the bandits was captured when a watchman brand him down with a flying tackle. The money was recovered. The bank is within two blocks of the White House and a half block from the Federal Treasury.

Three Big Oil Tanks Ablaze; Loss, \$300,000

SAPULPA, Okla., April 3.—Three tanks of the Standard Refining Company, containing nearly 170,000 gallons of oil, were blazing fiercely here today. The loss, it is estimated, will reach \$300,000.

The tanks were being moved from the Sapulpa refinery to a storage tank at Muskogee, Okla., when the fire broke out.

The fire was caused by a spark from the engine of the truck pulling the tanks.

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SLATE MISSING IN CITY HALL'S PRIMARY PLAN

Mayor Shank Issues Order to Official Family.

KEEPS PROMISE Employees Free to Vote Their Choice, He Says.

Notice that the Shank Republican organization will devote practically its entire energy between now and May 2, when the primary election will be held to working for the election of precinct committeemen pledged to support William E. Kelley for Seventh district chairman, was served in an announcement of Mayor Shank today.

The mayor said that in conformity with his campaign pledge, to keep his hands off of the primary, he is declaring "there will be no official slate from the city hall."

Policemen and firemen must "keep out of all political activities, except voting," said the mayor and other employees will be permitted to do political work, except outside of the hours they are hired by the city. Whom the employees vote for, outside their city hours, is a matter of no concern to the mayor, according to the announcement.

While the mayor said he is not going to force any employee, he added that personally, he is for Albert J. Beveridge for United States Senator and his brother, Carl H. Shank for county commissioner.

It is understood that in addition to these two men the Shank city organization, which is rallying under the name of the Marion County Republican League under the direction of William H. Armitage will work for the candidacies of George O. Hutton for the Republican nomination for county clerk and Edward J. Robison for county treasurer.

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MAYOR BOSSE, STATE LEADER, NEAR TO DEATH

Democratic Chairman Suffers Rapid Decline—Specialists at Bedside.



MAYOR BENJAMIN BOSSE.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., April 3.—Mayor Benjamin Bosse, Democratic State chairman, was near death at his home here today.

While physicians today held no hope for Mr. Bosse's recovery they believed death would not be sudden, but would be a matter of days. Pneumonia set in today, adding to the seriousness of the heart lesions and Bright's disease which followed sciatic rheumatism on the heels of an attack of influenza.

Dr. James H. Herrick, Chicago's noted heart specialist, was at the mayor's bedside.

PICTURESQUE IN POLITICS.

The career of Benjamin Bosse, who is 48 years old and a picturesque figure in Indiana politics, has been unique. From a grocer's boy he grew to be a dominant figure in this district. He also acquired a fortune of several million dollars.

He had just entered his third term as mayor after the most spectacular campaign in Evansville's history—a campaign which reached its climax in the action of Republicans in bringing suit against Bosse and the elected ticket, contesting their seats and charging the election was "bought."

Intense activities during the election and since hastened the mayor's decline, physicians said.

FORCED BED REST AFTER SPEECH.

Two weeks ago he made a vigorous speech before the State tax board on a proposed \$400,000 bond issue, but the thing that has kept him in bed was a speech he made before the board of directors of the Evansville National Bank. The next day he was forced to go to bed.

Mayor Bosse is president of the Globe-Bosse-World Furniture Company, having one of the largest plants in the world and the head of several smaller furniture concerns. He is president of one bank and director in several others and the head of a directing officer in fully one hundred businesses and corporations. He is interested in the Vendome Hotel here and in several other hotels over the country.

His friends, for two years, have bent their energies to make him the next Democratic candidate for Governor of Indiana.

Real Test of Strength in Coal Strike

Some of the real strength of the nationwide coal tie-up is now being determined.

John L. Lewis, before the House Labor Committee, suggested nationalization of the mines as a way out of the repeated coal troubles. He emphasized that the miners were ready to meet the operators.

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'NO MEAN CITY' MUST MEAN WHAT IT SAYS, AVERS MAYOR SHANK

Indianapolis Not to Be Playground for Robbers.

COPS GIVEN WORD 'Sullivan No. 4' Suspended on Intoxication Charge.

Indianapolis is to become anything but a health resort and recreation center for criminals, according to orders issued to the police by Mayor Shank and Chief of Police Herman Rikhoof.

Chief Rikhoof yesterday directed 11 undesirable be picked up by the police, and Mayor Shank members of the board of safety and police officials spoke at a general roll call and declared the highest degree of efficiency will be demanded of the force.

As part of the criminal clean-up campaign, the cooperation of Judge Delbert O. Wilmett of city court will be asked and it is believed "floaters" and that element which drifts aimlessly about from city to city will be given orders to get out of Indianapolis.

Shortly after Mayor Shank had spoken at roll call Sunday, Patrolman John J. Sullivan, generally known as Sullivan No. 4, because of the number of men of that name on the police force, appeared at headquarters in what his superiors said was an intoxicated condition. He was taken before Captain White and Inspector Weaver and suspended. Traffic Policeman Jess McGarry was suspended on a similar charge Saturday night.

As a result of the roundup of suspicious characters instituted by the police Saturday night, forty-seven suspects are in the city prison. Among the guests are several who have been registered before. Heading the list is Willie Carey.

Harry Howard, professional bondsman, hastened to Carey's rescue as soon as he heard of his arrest, but when he learned Carey was held on a vagrancy charge under bond of \$5,000 he hastened away again.

Other police officers besides Sergeants Cox and Stoddard should begin catching bad patrolmen, Mayor Shank said in a conference with the sub-committee of the board of safety and police.

The mayor continued to urge the board of public safety and police to drive on until the crime wave is checked and the indolent policemen either cured or fired.

Sergeants Cox and Stoddard are known as the "breath inspectors," having been detailed by Chief Rikhoof to watch for infractions of rules by members of the department. They have caught almost a dozen patrolmen loitering and drinking since the first of the year.

The mayor said if these men working independently could make such catches he could not see why sergeants and lieutenants could not detect neglect of duty on the part of the men directly in their command.

Some of the cities heard from have so high a transfer charge as Indianapolis. Cleveland has a 6-cent fare with a 1-cent transfer charge; Detroit, 5-cent fare with 1 cent for transfer; and Toledo, 7-cent fare and 1-cent transfer. Before the war Cleveland paid 3-cent fare and 1 cent for transfer. Five-cent fare and 1 cent for transfer was the maximum during the war.

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