

## BRITAIN MAY TAKE OVER HER MINES, IS M. HENKE'S BELIEF

BY MARY HENKE

LONDON, Feb. 19.—Nationalization of coal mines in Great Britain is to be the big issue before the Trades Union Congress in London on Feb. 20 according to labor leaders here. Predictions at recent labor meetings have been that a strike or political action that will mean the "breaking of the government" will follow the meeting of the Unionists.

A committee composed of representatives of the miners' federation, trade union congress and co-operative societies has been busy calling meetings and distributing propaganda over the kingdom urging government ownership of local mines. Present waste of coal and money will be eliminated by this action, its supporters claim.

## Coal Scarce, No reason

The prevailing scarcity of coal without any apparent reason is throwing many workers and middle class people to the support of the nationalization scheme. Coal deliveries are delayed for months and domestic consumers are kept in a constant state of anxiety by the difficulty in obtaining even small quantities of fuel.

Nobody seems to know just why this condition exists, for there has been no labor tie-up, and production has increased since the armistice. The heavy coal exports to the continent are blamed by the labor unions, who claim a profit of \$250,000,000 has been made on the exportation of coal in the last year.

## Royal Commission Reports

The report of the Royal Commission to investigate the mine situation, although turned down by the government, is put forward by its supporters as a practical solution to the problem.

The scheme is for the purchase of all mines by the issue of government bonds, to be cleared by the profits made from the sale of the coal.

District committees to consist of labor representatives and mine managers and a national committee that would work under the Minister of Mines, would have charge of the operation, and the distribution of coal, according to the plan.

## Gets Government in Bad

The government has gained marked unpopularity by its handling of the coal situation, in the first place it added 60 cents to the cost before control was lifted, and then a short time ago lowered the cost of domestic coal but made no change in the price of industrial coal.

Critics of the government point out that more wisdom would have been shown in lowering the price of industrial fuel so that manufacturers would be enabled to recuperate and build up their output.

As it is the domestic consumer finds himself unable to get sufficient coal at any price, and the manufacturer if he gets any, has to pay an exorbitant price for it. The price of coal has gone up 200 percent in Great Britain since 1914, figures show.

## Labor Trouble Smoulders.

Although to outward purposes the labor unrest has died down, trouble is still smoldering. The railway men are not yet satisfied, the miners want more money, and the number of men unable to find work forms a dangerous element.

Where nationalization of mines is discussed, there is also the prediction that land and railways will come next.

The English labor orator is not fiery as a rule, but his auditors always give vocal expression to their sentiments, and the concensus of opinion at most labor meetings seems to be that the English working-man doesn't like the government of the house of commons, or things in general, and that he is in the mood for taking things in his own hands and showing, preferably by the ballot, just what his ideas of reconstruction are.

### Waitresses Needed For Father and Son Banquet

Everything is set for the Father and Son banquet at the Y. M. C. A. Friday night when over 400 people will gather in the gymnasium for a feast and toasts. President David M. Edwards, of Earlham, will preside and introduce the speakers. Persons who had made reservations were getting their tickets as early as 7:30 Thursday morning, and by night it was expected that everyone of the tickets engaged would be in the hands of the purchaser.

Efforts were being made Thursday to secure the needed corps of 34 waitresses. A number of women and girls of the city have offered their services. Others who will assist, are asked to call at the Y. M. C. A.

## GERMANY READY TO TRADE PRISONERS WITH RUSSIA

(By Associated Press)

BERLIN, Wednesday, Feb. 18.—Agreement to negotiate with Soviet Russia for exchange of war prisoners has been reached by the German government, according to newspapers here. Conversations to this end will be carried on through a Russian named Kott, who lived in Berlin before the revolution, as a refugee.

Hopes that the exchange of prisoners may be followed by exchange of goods and labor are expressed by the Vorwaerts, but it says the present negotiations will not concern this subject nor politics.

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### Dr. Rae, Mrs. Atwater To Speak to Women

Mrs. Atwater, national president of the Christian woman's board of missions, and recognized as a brilliant speaker, will speak at the afternoon session of the women's missionary societies of the city, Friday.

All ladies are invited to bring a lunch box and spend the entire day in this missionary conference. The program follows:

10 a. m., president's greeting, Mrs. L. B. Nusbaum; 10:15, devotions, Mrs. H. S. James; 10:30, business; 10:45, methods round table—Topics led by Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Backus, Mrs. Starr, Mrs. Hazeltine, Mrs. Kenny; 11:45, "The Inter Church World Movement"; Dr. J. J. Rae; 12:10, period of prayer, led by Mrs. Atwater; 12:30, box luncheon.

1:30 p. m., devotional, Mrs. D. W. Scott; 1:45, "Christian Americanization," the Rev. G. G. Burbanck; music, ladies' double quartette, English Lutheran missionary society; 2:30, address—"The Gospel in Latin in America"; Mrs. Anna R. Atwater, National president Christian woman's board of missions; 3:30, student volunteers' convention, Miss Martha Doan, and Earlham students; collection; benediction.

### TEACHERS PLAN TO OPEN PUBLIC MIND

Plans for an educational campaign March 7-14 were adopted at a meeting of the special committee on emergency in the schools Wednesday at the state house.

Speakers told the conference, of which President David M. Edwards, of Earlham was a member, that an unprecedented shortage of probably 3,000 teachers is to be expected in Indiana next fall. The solution of the problem is "a complete and immediate awakening of the public mind."

Special features of the teachers' week were outlined by the committee as follows:

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### Deschanel and Wilson Claim "13" is Lucky

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, Feb. 12.—Another famous statesman is coming forward to keep President Wilson's company in claiming that thirteen is a lucky number. This new follower of what is ordinary called an ill-starred number is, by coincidence, also the president of a great republic. He is M. Deschanel, newly elected chief executive of France. Just after the election M. Deschanel remarked:

"My republic itself was born on the thirteenth; I was married on the thirteenth and it was on the thirteenth that the chamber declared me a candidate for the presidency."

FEVER REPORTED IN RUSSIA, STOCKHOLM, Feb. 19.—Twelve thousand cases of spotted fever and typhus have been reported at Narva, northwestern Russia, and in surrounding districts, according to a Helsingfors dispatch to the Tidningen.

### WAR BLANKS ARE RECEIVED; "FILL EM OUT," IS REQUEST

Service men of Wayne county who have failed to return their information blanks for the Wayne county war history, or who have not received a blank, are urged to come in with the County Historical committee, of which E. M. Haas is chairman.

Approximately 2,400 blanks have been sent out, and about one-half have been returned. Members of the committee are anxious that every former service man return the blanks, that the county's history may be complete.

Several blanks have been returned by men, who, for various reasons, have not filled in the desired information. The majority, however, are filled completely, and the county's history promises to be one of the most complete in the state. All the information will be used for a county and state record, and will be on file in the court house.

Hope to Finish Soon. The last blanks were mailed Wednesday, and it is hoped that the list may be completed soon. As soon as all the blanks are returned, a house to house canvas will be made in an effort to obtain information concerning every service man in the county.

Members of the committee have requested that the name of every man, and a statement of whether or not he has served overseas, be returned, if no other information.

Former service men, who have not received blanks, may obtain blanks by communicating with E. M. Haas, chairman of the committee, 901 Main street, or by telephoning 2051.

### High School Notes

That the improvement in composition ability of pupils during a semester may be gauged, Floyd McGranahan, head of the English department of the Richmond high school, will inaugurate a writing test next week in which each English pupil will write a composition on one of 3 or 4 subjects. This composition will be laid away, until the last of the semester, when pupils will again write a composition on the same subject. Improvement will be estimated, and advantages and disadvantages of the training methods used, considered from the standpoint of increased ability in pupils.

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