

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, is for the purchase of all mines, 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 smouldering. The railway men are not yet satisfied with the new 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 consensus 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. E. Nussbaum; 10:15, devotion, 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., devotion, Mrs. D. W. Scott; 1:45, "Christian Americanization," the Rev. G. G. Burbank; music, ladies' double quartette, English Lutheran missionary society; 2:30, address—"The Gospel in Latin America," Mrs. Anna R. Atwater, National president Christian women'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:

Teachers' Sunday, March 7, a simple, direct appeal from the pulpit for a whole-hearted recognition and appreciation of the teachers and their work.

Teachers' day during the week, set apart and observed by all civic, commercial, social and educational bodies, in discussion of the situation, its causes and remedies.

Convocation day in behalf of teaching, in every high school, college and university of the state. A direct appeal by a speaker to young people to consider anew the profession of teaching.

Public mass meeting for education, Sunday, March 14. A general assembly of the people in all cities and towns for considering ways and means of promoting a program in behalf of all educational work.

Deschanel and Wilson Claim "13" is Lucky

(By Associated Press)
PARIS, Feb. 18.—Another famous statesman has come forward to keep President Wilson 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 life is simplicity itself. I 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 communicate 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 canvass 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 McGraw, 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.

Wilson Has Working Schedule Now—Grayson

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—President Wilson has improved so much, Rear-Admiral Grayson, his physician said today, that he goes to work at his desk in his study every morning at half past nine.

Dr. Grayson said the president had not yet resumed using his typewriter, but that he probably would do so soon.

RADIUM PRODUCER DIES.

PITTSBURGH, Penn., Feb. 19.—Joseph M. Flannery, 53 years old, internationally known as a producer of vanadium and radium, died at his home here Wednesday. Mr. Flannery a number of years ago obtained control of a vast supply of vanadium in Peru, and later, with a number of associates, developed the radium deposits of Colorado and Utah.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATORS OPEN SESSION AT CHICAGO

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—The national society for vocational education opened a three-day convention here today and began consideration of the industrial and economic problem presented by unskilled labor.

Education and training of soldiers to fit them for some specific occupation after enlistments expire also were discussed.

TYPICAL OUTFIT FOR NEW SEASON



Here is the typical utility outfit for the coming spring season. The skirt is brown and white checked wool material made on straight lines with a wide belt. The coat is brown bolivia cloth lined throughout with brown satin. It is made on rather loose lines so that it may serve as a top coat for wear over a suit or sports outfit. Brown oxfords and brown hose are the accepted footwear for spring.

City Carriers to Attend State Meet; Pay, Topic

Local mail carriers who will attend the annual state convention of the Letter Carriers' association Sunday at the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce include: J. O. Hill, president of the Richmond organization; Charles K. Thomas, secretary; Harry Young and Charles Stoddard.

Over 200 delegates from the state are expected when the convention is called together Sunday at 10 a. m. by the state president, J. C. Anderson, of Terre Haute. Increased salaries and improvement of working conditions will be the leading subjects of discussion. It is planned to consider resolutions requesting an early report from the congressional committee that recently investigated postal salaries.

CONSIDER LUMBER SHORTAGE

(By Associated Press)
OTTAWA, Feb. 19.—The threatened lumber shortage in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, caused by the steady shipment of Canadian supply to the United States was considered today by the Board of Commerce. United States firms are said to be conserving their own supply and buying a large part of the visible supply in western Canada, for their present use.

MONOPOLY PROPOSAL DROPPED.

(By Associated Press)
VIENNA, Feb. 19.—Negotiations between the Austrian government and a Franco-Dutch syndicate for the sale of the tobacco monopoly of this country have been abandoned, it is stated in financial circles in this city. It is said that the syndicate was unwilling to meet the conditions existing in Austria at the present time.

Steamship New York, Veteran of Two Wars, Returns to Old Work

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The American line steamship New York—a veteran of two wars, in the first of which she served her country as an armed cruiser and in the second as an armed transport—has again resumed commercial pursuits. Fresh from the ship yards where her war equipment was removed and her passenger accommodations replaced, she will leave here today under her old Captain, W. J. Roberts, with passengers and cargo for Plymouth, Charbourg and Southampton.

The New York is credited with the honor of being the first American ship to leave a European port for America in defiance of Germany's submarine lane route for ships in the proclamation on Feb. 1, 1917. Not only did the New York come through, following not the lane prescribed by Germany, but the direct route selected by Captain Roberts, but she also made the trip without the German prescribed vertical stripes. During the war she carried many thousand American troops to France and did her part in returning them to their homeland.

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