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## PARLIAMENT ACTION HOPE OF ENGLAND

Eyes of All Britain Centered Today on Legislative Body, Looking for Solution of Coal Strike.

## FIELDS ARE ALL IDLE

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Oct. 19.—The eyes of all Great Britain were centered today upon the first session of parliament after the summer recess, the entire nation looking anxiously to the legislators for action which might open a way to end the coal strike.

The interest in the Irish question, which otherwise would have been the first topic of discussion today, waned in the presence of a situation menacing the prosperity of the whole country, and the members assembled with the idea of devoting their entire immediate attention to this pressing topic.

Rumors in political quarters before-hand as to probable developments dealt mainly with two suggestions—one that, as the result of certain private discussions of political leaders and prominent labor men, the government and the miners' federation would soon get into negotiations again; the other that the government was contemplating a dissolution of parliament to test the opinion of the nation.

Course is Suggested

In the latter case, the government, it is said, would appeal to the country with the declaration that the chase of wages after prices could not continue and that the demands of the miners had been resisted to protect the community. Another version of the government's possible course in such a contingency would be to challenge the judgment of the people whether "the supremacy of the parliament was to be overthrown and be replaced by the ascendancy of one class of the community."

All rumors of intervention by other unions in the controversy between the miners and the government have ceased for the present, and the labor spokesman declared to be union, nor any combination of unions, is likely to interfere without an invitation from the miners, which they say will certainly not be given at present. Similarly, reports that other bodies of workers are intending to join the strike, likewise have ceased, for the time being at any rate.

Help is Offered

Meanwhile the government is receiving great numbers of offers of help from the general public. Thousands of men and many women have registered their names as helpers with the food ministry and the ministry of transport. It was necessary yesterday to line up the applicants in long lines and admit them to enroll a dozen at a time.

It is understood, however, that none of the applicants will be definitely engaged to serve, the necessity of employing volunteers, it is believed, will not prevent itself unless the railway men eventually join the strike.

Industry Paralyzed

Great Britain's coal mining industry has been almost completely paralyzed by the strike. Thousands of idle pits come from coal fields in England, Scotland and Wales. Sharp autumn weather prevails over the British Isles and belief was expressed today that this would have an important bearing on efforts to end the strike. No announcement so far has been made by the National union of railway men and the Transport Workers union relative to joining the miners in striking. Yesterday's serious rioting near the official residence of the Premier in Downing street, brought the problem of unemployment sharply to the attention of the people. Premier Lloyd George has promised to bring at once before parliament definite plans looking to the initiation of operations which may give relief to men who are out of work, and he told a committee, which waited on him yesterday he had proposed similar measures to the London city council.

## Weather Forecast

MOORE'S SPECIAL FORECAST. Warm weather will continue for the next 24, and possibly 48 hours. The southern limits of the cold wave predicted to arrive within this week, are now over Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and North and South Dakotas, where general snows have set in. Freezing temperatures or below for Richmond and vicinity appears certain before the close of the week.

For Indiana, by the United States Weather Bureau—Uncertified weather tonight and Wednesday; probably showers; little change in temperature. Temperatures Yesterday.

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General Conditions—The great area of high barometric pressure which still covers that portion of the United States east of the western plain states is gradually giving way to advance of western rains storm. Heavy local showers Monday afternoon in portions of Wayne county and unsettled conditions will continue for 48 hours with more general rain. General rain and snows are now falling over the northwestern states as the Alaskan cold wave slowly but surely advances southward.

## IRATE CITY FATHERS UNABLE TO ENTICE MAYOR INTO SCRAP

## EXPENDITURES OF CAMPAIGN TOLD OCT. 28

Complete Records of Collections and Disbursements of Republicans and Democrats To Be Announced.

## COMMITTEE RECESSES

(By Associated Press)

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 19—Five days before the coming election, on Thursday, Oct. 28, complete records of the collections and disbursements of the Republican and Democratic parties will be submitted to the public.

The senate committee appointed to investigate campaign expenditures, meeting here yesterday, directed the chairmen of the national, senatorial and congressional committees of the two parties, to file such reports at Chicago on that date. The reports are to cover all activities since the party chairman testified at the committee hearing in Chicago several weeks ago.

### Request Complete Lists.

In telegrams addressed to Will H. Hayes, Republican chairman, George Whitehead of the Democratic national committee and the heads of the other party organizations, the committee asked for complete lists of all subscriptions in excess of \$100, detailed figures on expenditures, and also a list of all pledges, promises or underwriting.

### Defends Schneider.

When Walterman took the floor he declared that in his opinion Schneider was one of the best street commissioners the city ever had, and that he thought it a shame that he had been forced to resign.

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Councilman Ford stated that when his wife remonstrated with the driver of a city trash wagon for scattering ashes about the alley the man laughed at her, and then deliberately tossed a spadeful of ashes into the air. Ford asserted that if Schneider was now commissioner the offending trash hauler would be severely reprimanded or discharged.

### Ford Indignant

"Schneider was an efficient, industrious official. Why did you practically force him to resign?" Ford asked the mayor.

### Rumored Mayor Intervented

Monday forenoon, when it was learned that Schneider had submitted his resignation to the board of public works, it was stated that Mayor Zimmerman had demanded the removal of Schneider on the pretext that Schneider had not been loyal in his attitude toward the mayor and that he had been "walking about" him. Ford asserted that Schneider has denied bluntly and emphatically.

### Probe Peace League

A lengthy report on the activities of the League to Enforce Peace, of which William Howard Taft is president, introduced into the record before the senators left here last night may be followed by further investigation of the league and examination of its officers, members of the committee indicated last night.

Don M. Hunt, attorney for the committee, who prepared the report following investigation of the letter files of the league, suggested in his findings that some members of the league had, in his opinion, violated the Logan act, passed in 1899, to prohibit private citizens negotiating with foreign governments or their agents in matters of controversy in which the United States is interested.

### Cites Decision

Mr. Hunt cites a supreme court decision in the treason cases during the Civil war, when American citizens were tried for proposing to English officials that Great Britain recognize the Confederate states.

The report contains copies of scores of letters and papers taken from the files of the league, many of the letters being confidential communications from William H. Taft, George W. Wickersham, Theodore Marburg, Elihu Root and others.

## Proposed Steamship Route From Great Lakes to Europe Is Discussed at New York

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—Hearing on the project of establishing a direct steamship route from the Great Lakes to Europe by improving the St. Lawrence river, were shifted to this city today by the International joint commission, composed of representatives of the United States and Canadian governments, which has been holding sessions at various places.

The commission will sit here through Thursday, and then go successively to Detroit, Chicago, Minneapolis, Cleveland, Albany and Boston, and several Canadian cities to take evidence and arguments. Later it will report the desirability of joint action by the two governments in undertaking the project.

The United States section of the commission includes former United States Senators Obdiah Gardner, of Maine, and Clarence D. Clark, of Wyoming. Canadian members are Charles R. McGrath, Henry C. Powell and Sir William Hearst. One vacancy exists in the United States section.

### Explains Decision

In assigning the custody of the child to Mr. and Mrs. Retter, Judge Bond stated that they as well as Mr. and Mrs. Addington were Christian people and all of them were worthy of having the care of Robert. He said that no matter who was given Robert's custody he knew the child would have a good home, wherein he was more fortunate than thousands of children.

The court indicated that his decision to permit Robert to remain in the custody of his great aunt and great uncle was based largely on the fact that the child had been in their possession a length of time to permit Mr. and Mrs. Retter to develop deep affection for him and for the child to become sincerely attached to them.

### WELCOME ARMY AVIATORS

MINEOLA, N.Y., Oct. 19.—Aviation officers in charge of Mitchel Field planned to send a veritable bevy of airplanes into the air to greet the four crews of army fliers upon their return today from the trip from Nome, Alaska.

Although this pioneer sky journey has occupied three months the actual flying time for the 9,000 miles covered was elected at about 110 hours.

### DENY THAT CREEL WAS OFFICIAL ENVOY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—White House officials reiterated today that George Creel, former chairman of the committee on public information, has not visited Mexico at the instance of President Wilson. State department officials likewise declared that Creel's visit had no official status.

Leaders of Million Striking Coal Miners in England



Above, Robert Smillie, head of the miners, at right, and Frank Hodges, his chief colleague, leaving a recent conference of miners' executives and, below, Herbert Smith, leader of the Yorkshire miners, explaining a disputed point in the miners' demands to one of the men present at a meeting of miners and coal owners.

These pictures, the most recent ones from England, give intimate glimpses of the men who are leading the 1,000,000 coal miners who struck recently in England, shutting off England's coal supply and throwing hundreds of thousands of men in dependent industries out of work. The strike followed weeks of conferences between the miners, mine owners and the government.

## MILTON FIRM URGES IMMEDIATE ACTION ON COURT PETITION

## Armistice Day Committee Assigns Floats to Richmond Organizations

Assignments of floats for the big Armistice Day celebration Nov. 11 were made at the executive and allied committees' meeting in the American Legion rooms Monday night. The historical nature of the floats and marching bodies will give the parade a pageant effect unprecedented in the history of the city.

Enthusiasm was high at the meeting and representatives from organizations after organization proffered the services of their constituents toward making the pageant a success. Many unexpected floats of mammoth proportions were outlined for the committee.

Start Finance Campaign

Wednesday morning the finance committee, under the leadership of Paul James, president of the Young Men's Business club, will start out to raise the necessary funds for the celebration. The city has been laid off in districts and a sum between \$3,500 and \$4,000 will be raised.

Joseph Hill, chairman of the program committee announced that every effort was being made to secure a speaker of national reputation to address a meeting in the afternoon. Members from the labor council stated that they also were planning to bring a prominent orator to the city. Neither could announce definitely who

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## PRODUCTION LOWERED BY TAX ON INDUSTRY WHITE TELLS ROTARY

"As soon as we quit taxing industrial effort we will have greater production. Taxing material, machinery or improvements all result in higher prices to the consumer and results in smaller consumption which reverts back to production," was the statement of John E. White, of the Henry George Lecture association, of Chicago, speaking before the Rotary club at the weekly luncheon in the Arlington hotel. Tuesday noon, on the subject "Relation of Taxation to Community Development."

Improvement Discouraged

"The true basis of taxation is land and land value," said Mr. White. "Too often improvement is discouraged by taxes on vacant lots being disproportionately low to the general high rate on improved buildings." Many examples of this were given by the speaker. He pointed out the great difference between the manufacturing concern of Los Angeles, Calif., where virtually no tax is placed on improvements, and Fall River, Mass., where land tax is low and building tax high.

### Cites Statistics

According to Mr. White, farm land is one-third of the total of all land. All land has a total value of one-half all products. From statistics, he said, it is found that one-fourth of our taxes are on land and three-fourths on products.

From the various examples given it was drawn that the way to encourage development in a community was to make taxes on vacant lots so high as to encourage improvements on them to lower their taxes.

The Rotary club brought Mr. White to the city for this special lecture. The association with which he is connected has been active in studying political and social questions such as the one discussed.

### Prof. Edwards Present

Dr. D. M. Edwards, president of Earlham college, presided at the meeting. Mrs. McCarter addressed here. Following the meeting Mrs. McCarter as taken to Portland in an automobile by a delegation of Jay county Republican women leaders. She speaks at Portland Tuesday evening.

## REPUBLICANS HEAR MARGARET McCARTER

One of the features of the meeting held here Tuesday afternoon was the singing by a quartet of colored women, Miss Anna Brown, Mrs. Little Fox and Mrs. Howard Bass.

### FRENCH MINERS DEMAND INCREASE IN WAGE RATE

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, Oct. 19.—Members of the national council of the French Miners' Federation will meet here Oct. 22 to consider demands for an immediate advance in wages.

The rate to be demanded is as yet unknown, but it is understood to vary between four and five francs a day. It is indicated the companies will be given a very brief time in which to answer, and that, in case of refusal, a strike will be called.

## SALESMAN OF MULTI-X HELD ON INDICTMENT

Lyle T. Laub Taken in Custody at Indianapolis on Indictment by Wayne County Grand Jury.

## SWINDLING IS ALLEGED

Sheriff Carr was notified Tuesday, that Lyle T. Laub had been arrested in Indianapolis, on an indictment returned against him Monday by the Wayne county grand jury, charging him with obtaining signatures to written instruments by false pretense.

Laub, it is alleged, was employed as stock salesman by the Multi-X Aircraft & Motors company, a "bluesky" promotion scheme, the promoters of which suddenly departed from Richmond about three months ago, following an exposure of their undertaking which appeared in The Palladium.

### Charges False

In the indictment it is charged that Laub, "feloniously, falsely and knowingly" induced Charles F. Estep, owner of a farm north of Richmond on the Chester pike, to purchase 500 shares of stock of the Multi-X company, giving his note for \$5,000, secured by a mortgage on his farm, in payment.

The note, executed by Estep, it is alleged, was made payable to Laub instead of to the Multi-X company. It is stated in the indictment that the note and mortgage were executed July 9, last, and that on July 24 Laub "unlawfully sold the note to the Elma Trust & Savings company of Indianapolis. It is stated that at the time Laub sold the note to the trust company he was in its employ.

### Trust Company Innocent

Prosecutor Freeman states that after the trust company was informed how the note and mortgage had been secured Laub was immediately discharged. The indictment refers to the Elma Trust company as the present "incumbent holder" of Estep's note and mortgage.

The second count of the indictment alleges that Estep signed the mortgage, as was represented to him by Laub, that he was merely signing a subscription for the 500 shares of Multi-X stock. It is alleged that the mortgage was unlawfully recorded.

Charge Misrepresentation.

The first count of the indictment charges that Laub, in urging Estep to purchase Multi-X stock, represented to him that the company had purchased a tract of land north of Richmond valued at \$25,000, that a factory was to be erected on this site for the manufacture of airplanes and automobiles and that the business was to be conducted on a large scale.

The indictment charges that Laub represented to Estep that the stock of the Multi-X company, the par value of which was \$10 a share, would be worth \$18 before expiration of the note. Estep was induced to give, in sixty days, and it is further alleged that Laub agreed to dispose of Estep's stock at \$18 per share.

### Allege All Blue Sky

The indictment charges that, in fact, the Multi-X company never owned real estate in Wayne county or elsewhere; that the company promoters had no intention of putting up a factory or of engaging in the manufacture of aircraft and automobiles; that the company's stock was worthless at the time it was sold to Estep, and known to be of any value.

It is understood that during the brief time the promoters of the Multi-X company operated in Wayne county they were able to victimize quite a few people. Their stock promotion activities ceased abruptly when The Palladium published an article setting forth the fact that the Multi-X company was nothing more than a "blue-sky" scheme. This exposure was made after the Palladium had conducted a careful investigation.

Deputy Sheriff Wadman left for Indianapolis Monday forenoon and returned with Laub late in the afternoon.