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AUSTRIAN STRIKE NOW NATION WIDE

Quarter Million Workers on Strike Demand Immediate Peace. Munition Factories Closing.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The Austrian cabinet has resigned and a quarter of a million workers on strike demand immediate peace. The munition factories are closing. President Wilson's last speech has secured general circulation and has spurred on the anti-war party.

STRIKE MOVEMENT SPREADS DEMANDS

LONDON, Jan. 22.—The strike movement is spreading throughout Austria-Hungary, and it is associated with a demand for immediate peace, according to dispatches received in London from Swiss and Dutch sources. A general strike was declared at Budapest on Friday, when the entire transport system came to a standstill, while from all parts of the Dual Empire strikes and demonstrations are reported.

The food situation and the question

of peace were the sole subjects of discussion at the sitting of the budget committee of Austrian chamber of deputies on Friday. The Socialists, according to the dispatches, described the situation as extremely serious and declared that peace could not be postponed.

FOOD SITUATION REGARDED AS DESPERATE

LONDON, Jan. 22.—A Daily Mail Bernese despatch Sunday, says the strikes in Vienna and Lower Austria are becoming startling. As many as 300,000 were out Thursday. In all factories work ceased in Trieste, Terntz, Pulten and other towns on account of the lack of food. The premier declines to give the mayor of Vienna any reassuring statement with regard to the flour supply. An extremely grave Austrian crisis is believed to exist.

BITTER ATTACK BY LORD NORTHCLIFFE

Military Correspondent of Times Resigns on Account of Alleged Political Interference With Army.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—Bitter attack on the war office and the higher command of the army by the Daily Mail has made a decided stir throughout the country. Coincidentally with this comes the announcement of the resignation of Colonel Repington, the military correspondent of the Times. Both newspapers are under Lord Northcliffe's direction, and the public knows well what the position was. It was placed before them in a memorandum by the army authorities, but no effort has been made to meet that demand. The same game is played every time in this attempt to shift the responsibility for blunders from the politicians to the soldier and sailor.

"The government has lost the confidence not only of labor but of the great majority of the people, and if existing methods are allowed to continue will succeed in wrecking both the military and naval services."

The great crime of the government is that it will not tell the Nation the truth.

Declaring that the army has seen one road man after another sacrificed to cover up the blunders and intrigues of politicians, he continued: "Twelve months ago the government knew well what the position was. It was placed before them in a memorandum by the army authorities, but no effort has been made to meet that demand. The same game is played every time in this attempt to shift the responsibility for blunders from the politicians to the soldier and sailor."

Colonel Repington is considered the foremost military critic in England. He is credited with exceptional insight into the knowledge of his army and acquaintance with the higher officers.

FIRST SHIP LAUNCHED OF CANADIAN FLEET

8,000 Ton Steamer Launched, 43 Steel and 41 Wooden Ships Under Construction in Canada.

OTTAWA, Jan. 22.—Canada struck for allied supremacy on the sea and in the air yesterday. The first of a fleet of eight 8,800 ton steamers was launched on the Pacific coast and the first of a thousand improved Canadian aeroplane engines being built in Toronto successfully passed a test.

The Imperial munitions board has now 43 steel and 41 wooden ships under construction in the Dominion. A number of wooden ships have already been launched and it is expected that several splendid steel vessels will be placed in commission within the next few months.

When the Imperial munitions board shipbuilding programme is completed all ship construction in the Dominion will be directly under the control of the federal government. It is expected that under the programme mapped out by Hon. C. C. Balantyne, minister of marine and naval affairs, 300,000 tons of shipping will be turned out annually by Canadian yards.

The coming months will see the latest type of aeroplane engines turned out in the Dominion in great quantities.

More Honors for Island Soldiers

The names of several more P. E. Islanders appear in the latest published Honor List, as having won the Military Cross for bravery in action. One of these is Lieut. Keith McGowan, formerly of P. E. Island, son of Mr. D.H. McGowan of New Westminster, B. C. He is a grandson of Mrs. Percy Pope of Charlottetown. He enlisted in a British Columbia Regiment about a year ago.

Another Island boy well known to all, who has received the Military Cross is Capt. Raymond Sellar, a Veteran of the South African war, son of Mr. William Sellar, who formerly conducted the Morell House in Charlottetown, and who later removed to Western Canada.

Russians and Germans no Nearer Agreement

LONDON, Jan. 22.—A long report of the proceedings of the committee for the regulation of political and territorial questions at Brest-Litovsk Friday, sent out by Berlin, discloses the fact that the central powers and the Russians are no nearer agreement on the point of how the populations of the occupied territories are to record their desire for self-determination. The discussion concludes with a reply by Foreign Minister Trotsky that the Russians adhered to their proposal that a referendum should decide the future formation of these countries.

Trotsky also declared that one-sided and independent treatment of the territories occupied by the Austrians could not be granted to the Ukrainians, but he believed an agreement was possible between the Ukrainians and Russians.

Holland-Amer. Liner Detained at Rotterdam With 2,000 Passengers

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The Holland-American liner Nieuw Amsterdam, being detained at Rotterdam with 2,000 passengers, including the New Dutch minister to the United States, Augustus Phillips, is held because Germany has warned Holland she will not permit the liner to sail until the Dutch agree that the ship shall not once return to Holland.

At the same time the United States government is insisting upon its condition that the Nieuw Amsterdam come directly back from Holland after making the one trip over.

It was with this express understanding that the American authorities allowed the ship to sail and now they are insisting that the condition be observed, while at the same time Germany is making the same demand of the Netherlands government.

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BRAZIL MAY SEND 2,000,000 MEN TO HELP ALLIES

PARIS, Jan. 22.—Within a few months Brazil will have an army of several hundred thousand men ready to take their places in France beside their allies and by the end of this year she will have assembled an army of two million men.

This statement is made by the Brazilian Senator De Mello Machado, in an interview published in the Petit Journal. An army of 2,000,000 men would bring into service at least one-sixth of the male population.

"It is a question of honor," declared Senator De Mello Machado, "for my country to come to the fighting front in France, in order to take part in the defence of the world's liberty. Germany seems to have considered our declaration of war as a matter of small importance. She adopted the same tactics with regard to Great Britain at the beginning of the conflict, and more recently with respect to the United States. We must take her change her tune."

"Before the war our army and navy had altogether about 15,000 men. I do not exaggerate when I say that today Brazil, with a population of twenty-five million, can easily raise an army of 2,000,000 men. This number we shall get together by the end of the year.

Meanwhile, within a few months, we shall have an army of several hundred thousand ready to go to France to fight with the Allies."

Brazil declared war against Germany October 26th last. If the statements of the Brazilian senator are true she will have trained her first overseas army in less time than it took the United States.

BELGIAN REPORT ON OPERATIONS FOR PAST WEEK

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The official communication for the week ending January 21, received by cable from the Belgian Legation here today, follows:

"For the past few days the weather has been unfavorable for artillery action in the Belgian sector; either snow or rain has created low visibility, thus limiting aerial activity by the German artillery in the region of Ranscapelle and Dixmude to prevent Belgian attacks.

The Belgian batteries have continued to bombard the enemy and to shell the enemy defensive positions. There has been no infantry action. However, some enemy patrols have been repulsed by the firing of our advanced positions. In spite of every unfavorable atmospheric conditions the Belgian flying corps has made a number of flights and reconnaissances for the control of artillery fire and for repulsion of enemy aeroplanes."

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IMPORTANT MEETING OF LOBSTER DEALERS

Agreed on Change of Opening Season from April 26 as Present to May 3.

A large and representative meeting of lobster fishermen and packers on the North Shore of the province was held yesterday afternoon in the Board of Trade Rooms, Charlottetown.

Hon. Senator McLean presided and Mr. Russel C. Clarke was appointed secretary.

The Chairman in opening the meeting explained that it had been called to discuss and if possible to agree upon the best season for lobster fishing. Some fishermen were of the opinion that a later or fall season would be preferable to spring; others claimed that the principal trouble with the present spring season was that it opened too early, namely on the 26th of April while fishing could not begin before the first and often the 10th or 15th of May. It was to arrive at some unanimity on the different points that the meeting was called with a view to presenting the matter to the Minister of Marine and so having it adjusted for the benefit of all. He asked for a full discussion on the subject.

The delegates present, to the number of nearly a hundred, represented the whole coast of the Island from North Point to East Point and the discussion was both interesting and instructive. The discussion resolved itself into three questions: 1st, change from the present date of opening the lobster fishing season, namely April 26 to a later date; 2nd, dividing the north side of the island into two separate fishing districts, namely east and west of Tracadie, with different open seasons, and 3rd, substituting fall fishing for the present spring fishing.

As to the spring and fall (August) fishing, while the latter had its advocates the general opinion expressed was that spring fishing was more profitable both from the point of view of quality and effect upon fishing gear. So this question was eliminated by general consent.

The two districts theory also had its advocates but it was pointed out by the chairman, Senator McLean.

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PEKING, Jan. 22.—(Bulletin)—The American gun boat Monocacy was fired upon by the Chinese fifty miles above Yochow, on the Yangtze-Kiang, yesterday. A fallow, named O'Brien, was killed and two other sailors were wounded. It is presumed that the assailants were a detachment of the southern revolutionary forces.

that the department might object to laying off two adjoining districts. This question also was eliminated.

The question upon which the discussion then centered was the advisability of changing the date of the opening season from April 26th as at present to a date somewhere between May 1st and May 10th.

The western delegates with few exceptions favored the present opening date. Messrs. James P. McIntyre, Thomas Pineau, Rustico, Edwin Murphy, Sen. View, Fred Bennett, Malheque and several others in the western district wanted to adhere to the present date of opening, April 26.

Mr. John Agnew, who spoke at some length pointed out that all could not get things just as they wanted but he believed a compromise arrangement could be arrived at by which all would benefit. While he believed that, owing to the general lateness of the spring, 1918, May would be sufficiently early to begin, closing on 10th July, he was willing to compromise with those who preferred an earlier date. He accordingly moved that the opening date be fixed at May 5th, closing on July 5th. Before the motion was seconded there was some further discussion and another compromise was agreed upon, namely to fix the opening and closing dates on May 3rd and July 3rd.

Mr. Fred Bennett moved an amendment making the dates May 1st and July 1st. On division the amendment was lost and the motion carried with a large majority. Mr. Bennett then moved that the motion be made unanimous.

Other speakers who took part in the discussion besides those above mentioned were Messrs. R. N. Cox, Howard Clarke, Alberton, Eddie McIsaac, Hermantville, Harry Cox, Morell, Robert Carr, New London and Charles Sudbury.

Mr. S. T. Gallant, Fisheries inspector also spoke giving statistics as to the relative returns from spring and fall fishing.

Mr. John J. Ryan, Black Bush also gave some valuable information relative to the different fishing grounds and some statistics showing the difference in size of lobsters on these grounds.

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OUTPUT OF COAL WILL BE SPEEDED

Immediate Action to be Taken to Increase Output of Coal in Eastern Canada.

OTTAWA, Jan. 22.—An important meeting of the war committee of the cabinet was held yesterday, to consider the fuel situation and devise measures for relieving it. The meeting was attended by Mr. Magrath, Canadian fuel controller, and Sir Joseph Flavelle, chairman of the Imperial munitions board. The information submitted showed that the present fuel shortage in the United States, resulting in the drastic expedient of closing down plants for a period, is due to difficulties of transportation rather than to any actual shortage of coal. In Canada the problem of fuel supply has been less acute, as the transportation difficulties have not been so great, but the situation is admittedly serious, particularly in view of the fact that Mr. Garfield, the

American fuel controller, has found it necessary to divert substantial quantities of coal intended for shipment to Canada to points in the United States.

In view of these conditions the war committee of the cabinet has decided that immediate action shall be taken to secure increased production from the mines of Eastern Canada. Measures are being employed at the same time to speed up the bunkering of ships in eastern ports.

Mr. Magrath left for Washington this afternoon, to confer with Fuel Controller Garfield. It is understood that the Canadian government is operating with the American government in the effort to meet the present fuel crisis.

THREE CADETS IN FLYING CORPS KILLED IN TORONTO

TORONTO, Jan. 21.—Three cadets in training with the Royal Flying Corps here, one of whom was an American and another reported to be a former resident of the United States, met death today as a result of accidents to their machines while in the air.

N. M. Milne, aged 23, of Malden, Mass., was instantly killed when the machine in which he was flying over the Armour Heights camp was hit by another driven by D. E. McMillan, aged 20, of Durham Centre, N. B. The body of McMillan, who was killed, was badly burned as a result of his gasoline tank exploding.

Alex. George Benedict, a Dane, born in Copenhagen 21 years ago, who is reported to have come here from the United States, was killed at the Leaside camp as a result of his machine over-balancing as he was making an ascent.

THE LIST OF BRITISH CASUALTIES.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—Casualties: 49 officers, 6 dead; 2366 men, 256 dead, 961 missing. Regiments suffering: London, Gloucestershires, Grenadier Guards, East Kents, Rifle Brigade, Warwickshires, South Wales Borderers, Machine Gun Corps, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. Admiralty announce 22 officer casualties, 18 dead; 104 men, 24 dead.

THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TODAY IS THE 127th DAY OF CANADA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE WAR.

TORONTO, Jan. 24.—Fresh westerly winds, fair and cold.

The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 23 degrees above; at 10 a. m. it was 20 above; at 9 p. m. it was 17 above. The lowest the previous night was 15 above.

The tide will be high this morning at 9:26 and tomorrow at 10:21; it will be high tonight at 8:10 and tomorrow at 9:05.

The sun sets this afternoon at 5:17 and tomorrow at 5:19; it rises tomorrow morning at 7:42 and Saturday at 7:41.

The moon sets tomorrow morning at 6:43.

The first quarter of the moon was on Saturday, January 19th at 9:38 a. m.

COMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

*Concert and basket social and sale of fancy and useful articles in Cornwall Hall, Monday, Jan. 28th. If weather is unfavorable, first line night. Admission 10 cents. 2318Pp.

*The annual meeting of the New Perth Egg Circle will be held in the New Perth Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 29th, at 7:30 o'clock. 2320-124M2Pp.

*Concert and basket social in Cornwall Hall Tuesday February 5th. Proceeds in aid of Church. Admission 10 and 15 cents. Ladies with baskets free. 2293-123M3Pp.

*Dr. McEwen will lecture in St. Andrew's Church, Orwell, on Thursday 24th at 7:30 p.m. Solos will be sung by Miss Iona McLeod and Miss Smith. Proceeds in aid of Prisoner of War and Sunday School.

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