

ALL SOUTH WALES COAL TO BE PUBLICLY OWNED

British Government Takes Drastic Step to Conserve the Supply and Prevent Imminent Trade Disputes.

A despatch from London says that the defence of the realm act from the beginning of the war has been trouble in the South Wales coal field arising from the constant conflict between the coal miners and the owners on the question of wages. A year ago David Lloyd George, then Minister of Munitions, had to interfere and concede to the miners a fifteen per cent. bonus, despite the opposition of the owners. But with the continually rising cost of living the owners contended that they were entitled to a further bonus, and that the great war profits the owners admitted were making justified their demands. The owners especially objected to an audit on the ground that it was unprecedented and unreasonable. The coal owners have been generally condemned by both press and public, and numerous conferences have been held by the Board of Trade with the object of finding an issue from the difficulty, but all to no purpose, owing to the owners' irreconcilable attitude.

The action of the Government in taking over control of the South Wales coal mines is an entirely new departure, and appears to have been caused by the imperative necessity of preventing a trade dispute from interfering with the coal supply. Earlier in the course of the war the Govern-

Markets of the World BRITAIN'S SECOND NELSON HEADS THE GRAND FLEET

Big Shake-up in the Admiralty at Whitehall, Resulting in an Infusion of New Blood

A despatch from London says: Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, Commander of the British fleet, was on Wednesday appointed First Sea Lord of the Admiralty, being succeeded in command of the Grand Fleet by Vice-Admiral Sir David Beatty, who commanded the British battle cruiser squadron in the Julian naval battle. Admiral Sir Henry B. Jackson, the present First Sea Lord, has been appointed President of the Royal Naval College at Greenwich.

The announcement of the change of command of the British Grand Fleet was made in the House of Commons by A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Admiralty. Mr. Balfour said there would be consequential changes also in the Board of the Admiralty. The decision involving the appointment of Admirals Jellicoe, Beatty and Jackson was taken some time ago, Mr. Balfour said, but for military reasons the announcement was delayed.

On being asked whether the changes in the Admiralty meant other changes in higher commands, Mr. Balfour replied that undoubtedly there would be changes, which would be announced in the ordinary course.

SCIENCE TO AID IN DEVELOPMENT

Government Advisory Council on Technical Research.

A despatch from Ottawa says: After a year's consideration of the best method of Government procedure to encourage and assist in Canadian manufacturing development based on scientific and technical research, the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Sir George E. Foster, has secured the appointment of the Government of an Honorary Advisory Council on Industrial and Scientific Research. The Council consists of University professors in the departments of applied science, and of men prominent in steel and engineering work.

The appointment of the Council is in line with action taken months ago by Great Britain and the United States when Governmental action was taken early in the war to secure the latest expert advice, with a view to taking full advantage of the trade and manufacturing opportunities offered by the world's market. The object in view is to include technical and scientific research and utilize the results for the development of production and trade. It is hoped that the free exchange that offered to industrial firms will enable Canada to keep abreast of the world's manufacturing development during the war and after the war international competition which will follow it.

AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S. MAY BE GIVEN SAFE CONDUCT

Impression in London That Request From the Washington Government May Prevail.

A telegram received from Vienna, as forwarded by Reuter's correspondent, says the Austro-Hungarian Government did not make the appointment of Count Adam Tarnowski von Tarnow as Ambassador to the United States until after assurance had been received from the United States that safe conduct for the Ambassador would be forthcoming.

A strong impression prevails here that Great Britain will grant the request from Washington for reconsideration of the refusal of a safe conduct to Count Adam Tarnowski von Tarnow, the recently appointed Austro-Hungarian Ambassador to the United States.

OVER 100,000 BELGIAN WORKMEN HAVE ALREADY BEEN DEPORTED

Are Being Starved in German Camp in Attempt to Make Them Sign Work Contracts.

A despatch from New York says: Pierre Malin, the Belgian Consul in New York, made public on Thursday night the following cable message received from Carton de Wiart, Belgian Minister of Justice at Havre, France: "According to the last information received here more than 100,000 Belgian workmen have already been taken into slavery in unknown places. The work is put into serious danger, think mothers, wives and children who want about this?"

GERMANY IS READY TO DISCUSS PEACE

Terms Guaranteeing Existence and Future of Nation Are Required.

A despatch from Berlin says: In an address to the Reichstag on Wednesday, in introducing the Man power Bill, Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg again announced that Germany was ready to end the war by a peace guaranteeing the existence and future of the nation. In presenting to the Reichstag the bill for the national auxiliary service (providing for compulsory service of civilians for war purposes), Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg made an address in regard to the military situation, and the purpose of the bill. It was the Chancellor's sixtieth birthday, and his desk was decorated with chrysanthemums.

"The war continues, with its destructive forces," the Chancellor said. "We are celebrating the past summer as a period of victory. But did they obtain what they wanted? Our lines are unbroken and Rumania, through which a great stretch of woods was expected, is now atoning for what did. God has helped us up to the present. He will help us further."

GERMANS SENTENCE CANADIANS TO 12 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT

A Number of Soldier-Prisoners Condemned, But Nature of Offence Not Known.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The British Government has learned through United States Ambassador at Berlin that a number of Canadian soldiers held in Germany as prisoners of war have been sentenced to twelve years' imprisonment. The nature of the offences for which these heavy sentences have been imposed is not known here.

The British Government has endeavored to induce the Berlin Government to allow British prisoners of war who are under sentence to receive parcels of food on promise of similar treatment to German prisoners in England, but so far these efforts have met with no success.

TEUTON GOVERNOR OF SERBIA KILLED IN RAILWAY ACCIDENT

Train Carrying Persons Who Attended Late Empire Exhibition in Collision—66 Dead, 150 Injured.

A despatch from London says: Sixty-six persons, a majority of them soldiers, have been killed in a railway accident at Horeczehalen. The train was carrying persons who had attended the late Empire Exhibition in Vienna and Budapest. The accident occurred at Horeczehalen, where a passenger train carrying 150 persons, including 66 soldiers, was struck by a freight train. The passenger train was carrying persons who had attended the late Empire Exhibition in Vienna and Budapest. The accident occurred at Horeczehalen, where a passenger train carrying 150 persons, including 66 soldiers, was struck by a freight train.

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FROM SUNSET COAST
WHAT THE WESTERN PEOPLE ARE DOING.
Progress in the Great West
A Few Pointed Paragraphs.

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MUST FIGHT WAR OUT ON MANY FRONTS
Lord Cecil Says Operations in Rumania Will Not Affect Result.

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THE FUND'S NEW PRESIDENT.
Duke of Devonshire Becomes Chief Executive of Patriotic Fund.

130 SOLDIERS KILLED IN JAPANESE WRECK.
A despatch from Tokio says: One hundred and thirty young soldiers have been killed in a collision of a freight train with the train on which they were being conveyed to Aomori, a seaport on the north coast.

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