

THREAT OF COAL MINERS' STRIKE HANGS OVER THE UNITED STATES

Indiana Miners Totalling 25,000 Have Already Quit Work
General Strike Would Involve 350,000 Workmen—
Coal Shortage Not Imminent as Large Supplies Are on Hand.

A despatch from Chicago says:—A general walkout before next pay day, strike of 350,000 coal miners of the principal bituminous producing fields would be idle if a general strike of the country will follow enforcement called. The mines at Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Michigan, Missouri, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, Wyoming, Iowa, and Montana would be tied up. The 25,000 miners have quit work in the Indiana.

Farrington, head of the Illinois miners, wired his chiefs that while a stoppage of the "check-off" system would be a violation of contract, he could not order a strike until it had actually occurred. It was understood he had received his instructions from headquarters in Indianapolis.

The Illinois miners will not be paid for two weeks and until that time they will not know what action has been taken by the Illinois operators and coal dealers. It was estimated Chicago had a supply sufficient for two months. Supplies of both bituminous and anthracite were reported above normal, due to the industrial depression. Similar conditions, it was said, exist throughout the country.

EAST NEWFOUNDLAND SUFFERS FROM GALE

Half a Million Dollars' Damage Done to Roads and Property.

A despatch from St. John's, Nfld., says:—The northeast gale which has swept this portion of Newfoundland since Friday evening has abated. Half a billion dollars' damage has been done to roads and public property, in addition to the loss of private property swept away or destroyed. Two-and-a-half feet of snow in St. John's from accumulation, not a yard of the ocean floor is known, but it is feared the storm is over, but its tremendous loss of life was inevitable.

No word has yet been heard from the vessel "Algonquin," which was blown out to sea with four men aboard near Cape Haydon.

A despatch from Conception Bay said 15 men were forced to spend two days without food, marooned on Keppel Island, near Bell Island, where they were marooned by the sudden rise of wind and waves. A steamer rescued them.

Richard Squires, Prime Minister, has reached a 25-mile point on Trinity Bay. A pathway through big banks of snow, practically unknown previously at this time of year, had to be cleared to allow the Progress's car to pass.

Lady Laurier, widow of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, former Premier of Canada, died at her Ottawa home last week.

CARL AND ZITA ON BOARD BRITISH MONITOR SAILING DOWN THE DANUBE

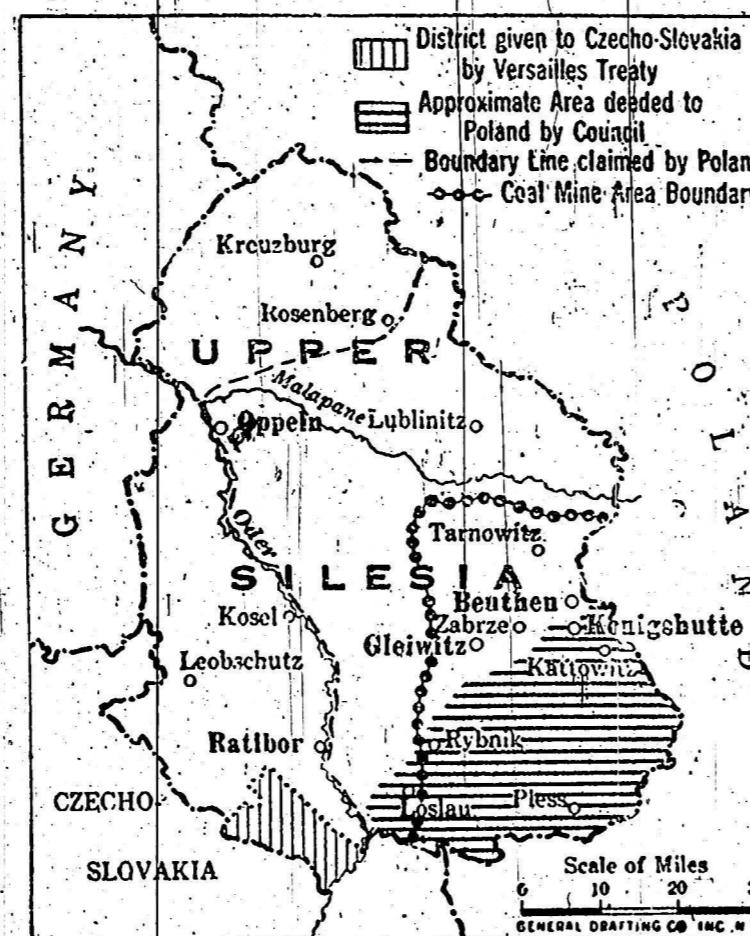
A despatch from Vienna says:—Carl and Zita are aboard the British monitor, Clew Worn, of the Danube flotilla, steaming slowly down that romantic river which is famous in song and dance, towards a, to them, as yet unknown St. Helena.

With their departure also what is probably the last hope that any Hapsburg may have entertained of mounting the Hungarian throne.

In making his comic opera, yet tragic dash for the throne, Carl, in destroying all his own chances for again setting the thousand-year-old Holy St. Stephen's Crown on his head, has also had some revenge—he has dethroned all the other Hapsburgs.

In exclusive circles the adventure of Carl is spoken of in great bitterness and characterized as "madness." The chief blame is put upon former Empress Zita. Even after the fiasco there was still hope in those circles that prompt abdication by Carl might save the chances for some other member of the Hapsburg dynasty to mount the throne. Some, however, were extremely sceptical, one of the archdukes remarking to the correspondent:

FOR YOUR HOME WORK TO-MORROW I WANT YOU TO WRITE SOME LONG SENTENCES.



WHAT POLAND AND GERMANY GET IN UPPER SILESIA

This diagram illustrates what the Council of the League of Nations has done in dividing Upper Silesia between Germany and Poland. It gives the former the most territory and the latter the best of the industrial area.

China's Finances at Washington Conference

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A despatch from London says:—The State Department recently called the attention of the Chinese Government to the possible serious effect upon its credit which might follow default of the \$5,500,000 loan made to it by the Continental Trust & Savings Company of Chicago. The Chinese Government's decision to default on the Chicago loan defaulted also several loans advanced by Japanese institutions during the world war and, so far as known, did a big business here, and of which some thirty Canadian firms, many of them in Montreal, were members. Over a year ago the Export Association parted company with the firm and itself continued to do business under the management of two sons of Sir Clifford Sifton. It has since closed its European offices.

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Plebiscite for Two Irish Counties

A despatch from London says:—By a unanimous decision, says The Daily News, the British Cabinet has sent the Ulster Premier, Sir James Craig, an invitation to his Government to consent to a plebiscite of the counties of Fermanagh and Tyrone.

The Provincial University.

SLUMP IN EXPORTS HITS CANADA'S TRADE

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A despatch from London says:—The slump in the export trade has hit Canadian commercial enterprise in London fairly hard. A compulsory winding-up order issued some time ago against Thym, Nicholson and Duncan, has now been followed by the report of the official receiver, showing liabilities of £22,000 against assets of £32,000 with regard to contributions. The company was formerly sole European agent for and owned considerable stock in the Export Association of Canada, which for a time did a big business here, and of which some thirty Canadian firms, many of them in Montreal, were members. Over a year ago the Export Association parted company with the firm and itself continued to do business under the management of two sons of Sir Clifford Sifton. It has since closed its European offices.

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Canadian salmon, the market for which was very flat a month or two ago, is now, on account of the small pack this year, again quite saleable at former prices. The failure of the British apple crop lessened the situation for the product of Canadian orchards and despite low prices and exchange difficulties Canadian grain is being sold in Liverpool much more freely than had been hoped.

The Horthy Government, it is said, has decided to proclaim the dethronization, not only of Carl, but of all the Hapsburgs, and will attempt to do this through constitutional change, dropping the "pragmatic sanction."

In this manner Hungary, under the pressure of circumstances, emerges from a feudal monarchy into a more democratic but still kingless monarchy.

The Hungarian Cabinet has decided to depose with the Allied ultimatum to depose the Hapsburg dynasty, and has invoked the Assembly for Thursday to pass the necessary motion.

A despatch from London says:—Starkly refusing to abdicate upon the demand of the Hungarian Government, the former Emperor has now been forcibly deposed, according to reports received in official quarters here from Budapest.

The chief difference between the Hungarian and that of the higher apes lies in the thumb, which is always shorter in the ape.

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