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**British Poor Burn Belongings to Keep Warm.**

## PINCH OF STARVATION

**SERIOUSLY FELT IN ENGLAND'S COAL STRIKE.**

Premier Asquith is bringing pressure to bear on Miners' Council to Get Them to Accept Minimum Wage Scale Bill.

London, March 7.—Enormous pressure was brought to bear on members of the miners' council yesterday to persuade them to accept the government's assurance that a minimum wage scale bill will be passed to call off the strike. The situation is so acute that the members promised seriously to consider the latest promises of the government especially when they were accompanied by a rough draft of the bill which it was expected would be introduced in parliament last evening. This measure, it was said, meets with the approval of many of the union leaders. In addition the government is striving earnestly to have all the questions at issue submitted to Sir George Askwith for settlement.

At the request of the premier, members of the miners' executive council conferred with Mr. Asquith in his office on Downing street in the afternoon. The premier again promised the men that he would force a minimum wage scale bill through parliament if they would declare the strike off and order the men back to work. He appealed to them on grounds of patriotism, and told them that the entire country is well-nigh defenseless because of lack of fuel. In addition he made it plain that he was certain, if the strike is declared off and the men go back to work, they will gain everything they have demanded of the employers. The men listened carefully to the premier, and a general discussion of the points still at issue followed. If possible, the premier will try to bring the men and the operators together again this evening. He also showed the miners a completed draft of the minimum wage bill.

The pressure to settle the strike is not confined, so far as the miners' union is concerned, to official circles. Big boards of various industries have added their influence. This is due to the great drain on their resources from their membership now out of work. Thousands of pounds are already being paid in "idle benefits" to men whose places of employment have been closed down through lack of fuel. Officers of national bodies of these organizations are urging miners to accept anything that promises "leaves with honor."

### Families Without Fuel.

Meanwhile the price of food continues to advance with the quantity for sale being steadily reduced. Hundreds of families in the slums of the big cities are without fuel and in some instances have been compelled to burn their belongings to keep warm.

At Newcastle nearly every industry has been compelled to close because of the strike. There is no fuel for heating purposes and the suffering is very great. Many stores have been compelled to close because their stocks were exhausted and there was no way of replenishing them because railway freight traffic is at a standstill.

At Aldershot's great military barracks they are absolutely without heat because of the strike. There's much complaint among the soldiers.

Business in Scotland is paralyzed. Shipping is at a standstill so far as the coastwise traffic is concerned. Liners are kept running because they are able to call at their ports, but the great fleet of steam trawlers which has headquarters in Glasgow is lying at anchor, their owners being unable to get coal to operate them.

Only a few passenger trains are running on railways of Scotland. The price of food is going up and in many cities authorities are already arranging to throw open schools and churchrooms, as well as public buildings, to house poor who are suffering greatly from cold.

The continued meetings of the contestants in the coal trade war are interpreted as indicating a growing desire of both parties to find a way out of the difficulty.

### Appeals to the King.

London, March 7.—The London Express, an influential morning paper, is out with an appeal to King George to personally take a hand in the negotiations of the settlement of the coal strike and save the nation from an impending disaster. The Express says that while it may be asserted that under the British constitution the king governs only through his elected advisers, the fact remains that the king is father of his people, and in a national crisis should use his great influence between the contending parties.

The Express calls upon Premier Asquith and his cabinet to stand aside and permit his majesty to use his best endeavors. Millions of dollars are

### DAILY MEMORANDA.

Board of Education, 5 p.m.  
Band in the Park, Rock to night.  
The Land of Oodles, Dreams, Grand Opera House, 8.15 p.m.

### TAFT PREPARES FOR TRIP

He Will Make No Direct Reply to Roosevelt.

Washington, March 7.—President Taft's trip through Northern Ohio and to Chicago will be one of the busiest the president has taken in months. Republican leaders also believe it will be most important.

No direct reply to Col. Roosevelt's Columbus speech will be made by the president nor will he go into personalities. He will have many opportunities to make political speeches, however, and it was the general belief to day that he would accept them.

The president will leave Washington Thursday night, reaching Toledo Friday afternoon, after a daylight ride through Eastern and Northern Ohio that may have an opportunity to make some rear-platform speeches. He has three engagements in Toledo, a reception of business men, a banquet given by the Commerce Club, and an address to a public meeting in the Coliseum. Leaving Toledo Friday night, the president is due in Chicago early Saturday. On that day he has eight engagements. Mr. Taft will leave Chicago for Washington Sunday.

### BRITISH ARMY HAS THE BEST WEAPONS

Colonel Seely's Answer To Col. Hughes' Criticism in British House.

London, March 7.—A protest at the action of the department of marine and fisheries at Ottawa in abolishing the close seasons for certain game and fish in the last few years is contained in the annual report of the game and fisheries report of Ontario, which was laid in the legislature.

"There is urgent necessity," says E. Finlay, superintendent of game and fisheries, "if the fisheries of the province are to be perpetuated, for the removal at once and for all time of all interference during the close seasons with nature's perfect plan of reproduction, from whatever source it emanates. Close seasons should be applicable to the whole province, and no condition of exigency should be an excuse for encroaching on the inadequate close seasons provided for by the present regulations."

### WARSHIPS FOR NORTH SEA.

Kaiser Follows "England's Prudent Lead" and Sends Fleet.

Berlin, March 7.—The Taegliche Rundschau announces that a cruise of six small ships and four dreadnaughts are to be transferred in April from Kiel to Wilhelmshafen, and will be permanently stationed in the North Sea. The journal explains that the transfer has nothing to do with Anglo-German relations, declaring that Germany is only following England's lead in concentrating her naval strength in these waters "under the prudent assumption that in the wars of the future the most important decisions will fall in the North Sea."

### A NEW POINT RAISED IN HOME RULE CASE

Customs Control Might Mean Valuable Arrangement With the United States.

London, March 7.—The Times says: From the home rule and nationalists' point of view, the strength of the case put forward by a certain section of Irishmen is not fully realized yet by a considerable section of the home rule party. One of the chief reasons why control of the customs is desired by many Irishmen, is in order that the Irish parliament may enter into tariff arrangements with the United States. It is stated that Irish farmers could double the value of their land, if they could get free entry into Boston and New-York for Irish potatoes, onions, baked ham, and mackerel.

If the Irish parliament had a right to bargain, it is argued that they may insist, and bacon on the free list, in exchange for the free listing of Irish potatoes, onions, rye and it is claimed that the Irish parliament could get strong support for such arrangements from the Irish in the United States who would be prepared to put pressure on their congressmen in Washington.

### JAPAN'S NAVY HAS SHIPS.

Tokio, March 7.—The Japanese admiral has just submitted to the diet a return showing the strength of the navy. According to this the Japanese navy to-day comprises sixty-two ships, with an aggregate tonnage of 450,655. Including vessels to be built the Japanese navy consists of seventy-three vessels, with an aggregate tonnage of 647,850.

AN IMAGINARY TRAIN CAUSED HIS DEATH

A G.T.R. Engineer Saw a Headlight and Fancied It Was Moving.

Sherbrooke, March 7.—Under the impression that the engine which was side-tracked to allow his train to pass was moving towards him, Engineer Seymour sprang to death on the Grand Trunk line near here Wednesday morning.

Rushing east and west through a thick mist, Seymour saw a headlight in front of him, and, cheated into the belief that a head-on collision was imminent, reversed his engine; and leaped, falling under the wheels and dying almost instantly.

### Winnipeg Telephone Rates.

Winnipeg, March 7.—The proposed advances of one-third in telephone rates in Winnipeg may not be enforced. The royal commission appointed to investigate the Manitoba government telephones has issued an interim report without giving any impression as to the result of the investigation.

### Woman to be Electrocuted.

Plymouth, Mass., March 7.—For the first time in Massachusetts' criminal procedure, a woman, Mrs. Lena Costantino of Hull, was sentenced to death in the electric chair. Enrico Mascioli, who was convicted jointly for the murder of the woman's husband, was similarly sentenced.

Montreal, March 7.—From now on all women who break the law will be treated the same as every one else who commits a crime," declared Inspector McSweeney, of the London police, in outlining the plan of the city authorities to stamp out the property-destroying tactics of the militant suffragettes.

Montreal, March 7.—In an editorial La Devor discusses the repeal on the naval act. At the outset it says that Mr. Borden's response to their repeated demands for the repeal of the act has been somewhat tardy in coming, but he was finally obliged to yield. Since the government found the law a bad one, it was only logical that it should be wiped from the state books.

After an analysis of the various clauses of the bill, the article concludes by saying that in future warfare we should concentrate our efforts on the defense of our own land. The article is signed by Oscar Heroux.

Montreal, March 7.—"Gibson's,"

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To make room for spring importations, Brock street, is having a great clearing sale in all his departments, in clothing, made-to-order and ready-made clothing, and gents' furnishings.

Spoke bargains. "Gibson's,"

Canceled library books. "Gibson's,"

### ISSUE MIGHT WRECK BORDEN

Hochelaga Member Thinks Manitoba Catholics Should be Satisfied.

Montreal, March 7.—"If the French conservatives were to separate themselves from Premier Borden, I do not think he would be able to carry on the government; hence an appeal to the people during which we would be swept out of political existence," is the way Louis Codere, conservative M.P. for Hochelaga, views the attitude of several members from his province.

Mr. Codere said: "I consider as very unjust the attacks of several friends of the government for no man should be condemned before being heard in his own defence. My opinion is that, in trying to save 160 Catholic French-Canadians, we lose the good-will of the Roblin government, even if the school question, which was closed by the vote of the house went into committee upon the bill. Notice of the debate yesterday afternoon, it was the funeral sermon on the insidious methods utilized by Hon. Mr. Pelletier during the election campaign, to inflame passion and prejudice, and the opinion was prevalent among the Quebec members last night that the obsequies will likewise embrace the political corpse of the postmaster-general. The debate of the two days has been the calumniating exposure of the government's insincerity in appealing to racial and religious prejudices both in Ontario and Quebec for years past.

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