COAL STRIKE MAY SPREAD TO CANADA

MINERS ACROSS LINE REFUSE TO NEGOTIATE SCALE.

TAKING A REFERENDUM VOTE

Nova Scotia Workers Advised by Their Leaders Not to Accept a Compromise Scale.

Chicago.-If the threatened coal strike actually comes April 1 it may spread across the Canadian border. International aspects of the coal situation were developed when John L. Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers of America, received at Indianapolis a message from Robert Livett. of Calgary, Alta., reporting that operators in western Canada had refused to go into joint conference to negotiate new wage contracts. A strike referendum, he said, is being taken among Canadian miners. In Nova Scotla, a possible strike of 12,000 miners, developed when J. B. McLachlan, secretary-treasurer, and two board members of district 26 of the mine workers declined to sign a letter advising the mine workers to accept a compromise wage offer for a 20 per cent cut make by the British Empire Steel corporation. The Nova Scotla workers will vote on the proposal March 14.

One basic trouble in the coal situation is the overmanning of the industry. Operators estimate that between 150,090 and 200,000 more men work in the bituminous mines than are actually needed, or, rather, than would be needed if the mining business were efficiently organized.

Employment is more subject to fluctuation than perhaps in any other line of work. And the coal consumer has to pay for the period of idleness, for in fixing wage scales the annual earnings of the mine workers are the real starting point. Just as the building crafts, where the bricklayers ordinarily get a larger hourly scale than the carpenters on the ground that their working year is shorter, the "slack" senson in coal goes on the fuel bill in the form of wages. During the strike of 1919 the fuel administration, in a memorandum to the White House, set forth that "the average wage of the lowest paid group among the mine workers, except boys, is about \$950 per annum, that is, nearly \$80 a month for 12 months, working, however, about 200 days in the year. These are unskilled day laborers. The similar class of laborers on the railroads receive about \$900 per annum, working about 300 days in the year.

Since then the wage rates have been increased, but the fundamental fact remains that ordinary labor in the mines, in normal times, drags down for 200 days or less work a year, as much as similar labor does for 300 days work in other lines, and, in fact somewhat more.

But during the business slump, the mines have been struck so hard that even at high wage rates the workers have suffered a great reduction of earning power. In the coal fields last summer men spoke of being able to earn \$8 to \$15 a day, but in many instances they were fortunate to get one or two days' work a week, as in the Peorla field. In the nonunion fields where wage rates began to move generally downward last fall, the miners have had more stoady employment than elsewhere. As to how their actual weekly earnings compare, however, no authentic figures seem avail-

The time lost at the mines in normai years is most largely due to conditions over which the workers have no control. The United States geological survey recently issued figures showing that strikes in the mining industry have been responsible for only one-tenth of the time lost at the mines in the last 20 years.

Files for Congress.

Lincoln, Neb.-Nathan Bernstein, of Omaha, has filed notice with the secretary of his candidacy, as a republican, for the nomination of congressman in the Second district.

Dr. Work Takes Hays' Place. Washington, D. C .- Dr. Hubert Work took the oath of office as postmaster general, succeeding Will H. Hays, who had been a member of the cabinet for one year to the day.

New Gustemalan President. Washington, D. C .- Jose Maria Orelland, recently elected president of Guatemala, was inaugurated at Guatemais City, according to advices re ceived here.

Army of Workers Grows. Detroit, Mich .-- The number of workers employed in the chief industries here was almost doubled since March 1, 1921, according to a report made blie by the employers' association. An increase of 8,664 workers was shown for February, as compared with January.

Minister to Ecuador. Washington, D. C .- Gerhard A. Bading, former mayor of Milwaukee, Wis., was nominated by President Harding to be minister to Ecuador.



WHEAT GROWERS OF U. S. ORGANIZE AN ASSOCIATION

Association to Have Control of Export Sales of Wheat-Regard as 100 Per Cent Marketing Pool.

Denver, Colo.-Plans for the organization of a national federation of wheat marketing associations on the States at a meeting here.

The new federation, to be known as the American Wheat Growers, associated, will be placed in operation as houses assembled in joint session the soon as the middle western co-operative societies begin the actual selling of wheat, is was announced.

The new organization, as outlined will consist of a board of directors selected by the various state organizations. It is to have control of exnate the domestic activities, arrange and establish a statistical department and advise in the general operations endeavor." of the state organizations. Meantime plans for the formation of the federameeting of the organization commit-dent's address, follow: tee appointed to be held in Kansas City, Mo., on March 9.

The first action of the committee was to pass a resolution declaring at an end the antagonism which they declared had existed between the U. S. Grain Growers, Inc., and the co-operative societies of the various states.

London.-The Italian fascisti in Fiume succeeded in occupying the postoffice and later in subjecting the government palace, attacking it with hand grenades and machine guns, says a Rome dispatch. The Croates returned the fire of the fascisti, says the dispatch, and a state of virtual civil war has broken out between the Italian and Croate elements of the city. The fascisti are also reported to have captured an Italian torpedoboat.

More Brokerage Houses Fall.

New York .- The whirlpool of misfortune continued to drag down brokerage houses. The failure of George W. Kendrick, III, & Co., of Philadelphia, was announced from the rostrum of the New York Stock exchange and the Consolidated Stock exchange announced the suspension of Charles A. Bertrand, of C. A. Bertrand & Co., this city.

Bride Accuses Groom, Priest. Newark, N. J .- A bride of three

days, Julia Yonan, 21, caused the arrest of the Rev. M. Simonson Yonan, 57, a Nestorian priest, who said his pastorate was in New Britain, Conn., charged that he first tricked her into marriage and then threatened to kill her because she refused to live with him.

Lone Bandit Gets \$90,000.

New York. - A bandit wearing a yellow mask shot and wounded Benjamin E. Primm, assistant treasurer of the Tiffin Products corporation, in offer. Long Island City, and escaped with a payroll of \$90,000.

Irish Leader Slain.

Belfast.-Max S. Green, chairman of the Irish prison board, was shot and killed in Dublin, a Dublin message announces. He was a son-in-law of the late John Redmond, the Irish nationalist leader.

For Uniform Girls' Dress.

a uniform dress for high school girls land; and Mile. Ynes Reyntiens, was adopted by the woman's chamber of commerce representing 72 local organizations.

Indian Situation Menacing. London.-Scattering reports to the newspapers indicated that the situation in India is causing increasing his intention to visit Amritzar, where crowds gave tumultuous greetings. tators in April, 1919, killing 300 per- historic walls of the abbey was one

WILL KEEP THE YANKEE SHIPS ON THE SEVEN SEAS

Calls for Return of Ships to Aid of \$32,000,000 Annually Provided. Private Ownership.

Washington, D. C .- The administration plan for government aid for the American merchant marine was precontract pooling basis were adopted sented to congress by President Hardby a conference of state associations ing with the declaration that the incovering practically the entire wheat fluence of the United States in world producing territory of the United councils is "sure to be measured by that unfailing standard which is found in a nation's merchant marine."

The president detailed to the two war time creation of America's great tonnage-an experimental venture, as he described it-and then he added:

"Having failed at such enormous cost, I bring you the proposal which contemplates the return to private initiative and private enterprise, aid to port sales of wheat and will co-ordi- a conservative success, wherein we are safeguarded against the promo- The court sustained the lower courts plans to provide for wheat growers tion of private greed, and do not dis- which prohibit the Wisconsin railroad who are members of the organization courage the hope of profitable investment, which underlies all successful Chicago, Burlington and Quincy rail-

The salient points of this proposal. embodied in bills introduced in each tion will be further advanced at a house immediately after the presi-

Aid estimated at \$32,000,000 annually, to be provided for principally by diversion of 10 per cent of the na-

tion's customs receipts. Requirement that not more than 50 per cent of the immigrants to the United States be transported in for-

Sale of tonnage now held by the

as a construction loan fund. Authorization for induction of American merchantmen officers and sailors into the national reserve, with

the attendant allowance in pay. Loosens Grip on Egypt.

London.-Prime Minister Lloyd George announced in the house of commons that the British protectorate over Egypt has been terminated and that Egypt was free to work out such national institutions as might be suited to the aspiration of her people. Egypt, with its population of 10, 000,000 Fellahs, Copts, and approximately 100,000 foreigners, has been nominally a part of the British empire, but virtually constituted a dependency of England.

Six Arrests in Taylor Case.

Los Angeles, Cal.-Six men were arrested here in the raid of what police termed a narcotic den. Detectives working on the mystery slaying. February 1, of William Desmond Taylor, motion picture director, questioned the men. Police reported belief that the arrests will develop connec tion with the murder.

Detroit Offered Street Cars. Detroit, Mich.-Detroit United Rail-

way stockholders accepted the city's offer of \$19,850,000 for its entire city system. A special election will be called for April 15 to have the people vote on the purchase proposal, Mayor Couzens announced, when informed that the company had accepted the

Ingersoll Factory at Auction.

New York.-Creditors of Robert H. Ingersoll & Bros., bankrupt makers of "the dollar watch," authorized the trustees to sell the factory at public sale April 10 unless an offer of at least \$1,500,000 is received within the next 10 days.

Hugh S. Gibson Marries. London.-The marriage of Hugh S. St. Louis, Mo.—Recommendation for Gibson, the American minister to Podaughter of a former Belgian court

official, is announced in Brussels' dis-

patch to the London Times.

Princess Mary Weds London.-Princess Mary, the only daughter of King George and Queen Mary, was married to Viscount Lasanxiety to the authorities, particularly celles, with all the pomp and dignity in the Punjab and the united prove befitting a royal wedding. The cereinces of Bengal. The report of the mony began in Westminister Abbey at impending arrest of Monhandas K. 11:30 o'clock and soon thereafter the Ghandhi, non-co-operationist leader, is couple were pronounced man and reiterated. .The Daily News says that wife, while the chimes of Westminster the Prince of Wales has abandoned rang out the happy message, and vast it is recalled, troops first fired on agi- The scene of the ceremony within the of impressive grandeur.

RICH IOWAN SLAIN BY TWO ASSASSINS

Angelo Ferrari, the Victim, Is Fired On by Two Men While Putting Up His Machine.

Des Moines, Ia. - Angelo Ferrari. wealthy Italian bondsman, known as the "king of little Italy," was shot and killed by two unidentified assassins in a garage at the rear of his residence. A bullet from a pistol entered his right temple, passing through the brain. Four other bullets took effect in his body.

Immediately after the shooting neighbors saw two men run through a vacant lot north of the Ferrari residence. They hurried north and are believed to have made their escape in a waiting automobile.

Ferrari and his wife had just returned from a wedding. Ferrari drove the automobile into the garage and then accompanied his wife into the

Leaving Mrs. Ferrari in a front bedroom, Ferrari left the house, saying that he would wipe the mud off the car before going to bed. He had been gone but a few minutes when the shots of a revolver were heard.

Egg Prices Still Tumbling.

Chicago.-Cheap eggs for Lent was signalized by a new drop in quotations. Prices showed a fall of a cent a dozen per day for the last 10 days. The wholesale quotation for first quality eggs here was 24 cents, as against 34 cents on the corresponding day a year ago, as well as for ten days back this season. Mild weather and big receipts were the reason for the decline in the egg market, which is in notable contrast with advancing values of late for other farm products.

U. S. to Fix Rail Fares.

Washington, D. C .- Railroad passenger fares within the state are subject to regulation by the federal government, the supreme court declared commission from interfering with the road in putting into effect increases in passenger fares in state travel authorized by the interstate commerce commission.

Wall Street "Wizard" Indicted.

Washington, D. C .- Indictments against Charles W. Morse, New York shipbuilder; his three sons, Benjamin, Harry and Ervin; Colin H. Livingston of Washington, president of the Virginia Shipbuilding corporation, and seven other persons were returned by the federal grand jury which had inshipping board and use of the funds vestigated the war time transactions of Morse nad some of his associates with the shipping board.

Four to Die in Electric Chair.

Nashville, Tenn.-Strenuous efforts by friends to stay the electrocution of four men condemned to die in the electric chair here, have failed to sway Gov. Alfred A. Taylor, the executive said. Charlie Petre, Otto Stevens, Tom Christmas and John Mo-Clure, the condemned men, were convicted of the murder last spring of George Lewis, Knoxville, a taxicab

\$1,000 for Egan-McMaster Debate. Sioux Falls, S. D.-Campaign headquarts for George W. Egan, indepenient republican candidate for the gubernatorial nomination, sent a challenge to Gov. W. H. McMaster, majority candidate, offering him \$1,000 to meet Mr. Egan in a series of three joint debates on the issues of the campaign.

Says Law Will Be Changed.

Des Moines, Ia.-On his return from Washington where he appeared before the interstate commerce commission, Gov. Kendall declared there was little doubt, but that congress would repeal the guaranty clause of the Esch-Cummins law as well as restore full jurisdiction to the state on intrastate traffic.

Suffs Win in Highest Court.

Washington, D. C .- The woman's suffrage, or 19th amendment, was declared constitutional by the supreme court. The supreme court dismissed for want of jurisdiction the suit brought by Charles S. Fairchild of New York, who sought to challenge the constitutionality of the amend ment.

German Ship in New York Harbor.

Hoboken, N. J .- The first ship of the North German Lloyd line to come into New York harbor in eight years, steamed up the bay and received a rousing welcome from German clubs and organizations and the city officials of Hoboken.

Treaties Sent to Senate.

Washington, D. C .- Committee con ideration of the arms conference treaties was completed when the senite foreign relations committee orderd. favorably reported without reservations, the general far eastern and Chinese tariff treaties. In both cases the action was unanimous.

N. D. Grain Law Invalid. Washington, D. C .- The North Da kota law regulating grain inspection and purchase was declared invalid by the supreme court.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

Timely News Culled From All Parts of the State, Reduced for the Busy.

Hundreds of carp are frozen solidly into the ice in a large pond on the Partington farm, near Havelock, according to John L. Spidell of Lincoln, who claims to have discovered them. The fish had apparently flocked to the center of the pond, where there overtaken by a zero snap when they get away. Spidell says.

When Leo Nicholas, hardware merevening recently he was surprised to find a \$10 bill in a letter with an explanation that the sender had at one time short changed Mr. Nicholas to the amount of \$4. At another time he had taken merchandise from the of Lincoln, secretary of the Nebraska Nicholas store to the amount of \$5. Farm Bureau federation, wired mem-The extra dollar was included for in-

Following cremation of his body the ashes of the late Matthew Gering, well-known Omaha and Plattsmouth attorney, will be taken to his childhood home, Kempton, Bayaria and scattered over the waters of the River Her, along which he played when a small boy. The disposition of his ashes will be in accord with a wish often expressed by Mr. Gering.

Douglas county post, American legion, was awarded judgment of one cent by default in Judge Redick's court against F. H. Shoemaker, former labor leader on charges of slander. It was charged Shoemaker in a labor speech last December stated "the legion was subsidized by the big business and interfered with picketing among labor unions.'

For selling liquor to Indians on the Winnebago reservation near Walthill, Neb., Earl Rose was given a 60-day jail sentence and a \$100 fine by Federal Judge Woodrough. This is the minimum sentence set by law. Rose pleaded guilty. Indian agents testifled that Rose sold pint of whiskey for \$12.

A cow kicking over a lighted lantern was the cause of Hans Schrum, a farmer residing near Wolbach, losing his barn by fire. All of the livestock was gotten out, but the barn, a quantity of hay and grain, several sets of harness and a Dodge automobile were entirely consumed.

Eighty-six convicts at the state penitentiary at Lincoln are now learning to operate machines for making parts of shirts, overalls and other work clothing, and within another week prison officials expect the new factory of the D. M. Oberman company will be in full operation.

Corn touched 4812 cents a bushel on the Fremont market. Even that sloner, and secretary of the board of high price, it is said, is failing to educational lands and funds, has aninterest many of the farmers who nounced that he had invested \$75,000 have filled cribs. Two months ago of the \$2,000,000 bonus passed by the Fremont market.

The state board of educational \$63,000 in bonds.

W. E. Chapin, 73, banker and capitalist, member of the board of directors of the Federal Trust Co., of held in the Municipal Auditorium, Lincoln, and connected with other March 13-19. The entries give promfinancial institutions of Lincoln, is ise of being fully as numerous as dead, after a brief illness.

At a bond selection held in Stratton for the purpose of issuing \$12,500 light extension bonds to replace a similar issue that were declared illegal the issue carried by the wide margin of 68 to 8.

Influenza is breaking out in Norfolk according to physicians. City Physician Holland is one of the victims. About twenty cases have been found during the past week.

A potato growers club has been organized at Gothenburg with a large membership. Several cars of certifled seed have been purchased and a large acreage will be planted.

William E. McMahon, former commander of Omaha post, Disabled Amelcan War veterans, has confessed to a shortage of \$1,500 in his accounts.

A new tourist park is being planned at Cozad. It will have all the modern conveniences and will be larger than the present park.

One hundred Nebraska editors attended the forty-ninth annual meeting of the Nebraska Press Association just held at Lincoln.

Wolbach believes it has the youngest purebred hog dealer in the state in the person of Virgil, son of Mrs. W. H. Maddox, proprietor of the Glen View hotel. While but 12, Virgil sold three purebred hogs at the Larson & Son sale for a handsome price, and immediately bid in one of the Larson gilts for \$52. Those he sold were his tendent of the Lincoln Telephone and own raising and which he earned during last summer's vacation.

The uncompleted building of the North American Hotel company, recently estimated to be worth \$225,000, resentatives, has filed with the secinclusive of real estate, was sold to retary of state notice of his candidacy Judge Norval, representing Seward, as a republican for governor. Omaha and other bondholders, at foreclosure sale for \$56,000.

to the supreme court.

Approximately 180 inmates of Ne braska penitentiary will soon be steadlly employed in the new prison shirt and overall factory. Installation of 129 large power sewing machines is expected to be completed soon. Large quantities of buttons, thread and cloth are already on hand. The factory will probably turn out 125 dozen shirts a day, according to Warden Fenton. The entire product, will go to a Jefferson City, Mo., wholesale concern, which has contracted for the labor.

Forty-nine cows, 8 bulls and 14 calves were burned to death near Lexington in a barn belonging to J. Stuart. The animals were all choice was an air hole, and there had been thoroughbreds and were tied in long rows of stalls in the barn when the were too exhausted for lack of air to fire started. According to Stuart, he was grooming them for his large sale of fancy stock to be held next month. chant at Palmer, send his mail one The origin of the fire, which started about midnight, is unknown,

Organized farmers of Nebraska are opposed to the proposed sales tax to create revenue for the soldiers bonus or for any other purpose, H. D. Lute, bers of the Nebraska delegation in congress. Mr. Lute said the farmers suggest that funds for the bonus should come from either a tax on excess profits or from the income tax.

Fairmont is in doubt as to whether to light the town by long distant electric service or continue its own plant. At a mass meeting the Public Service company and the Blue River Power company each made a proposition. The matter was dismissed when a motion prevailed to print all propositions on the ballot at the election April 4.

A large golden eagle, weighing 10 pounds, measuring seven feet from tip to tip of the wings and three feet from the tip of beak to end of tail was caught in a trap by R. L. Gray. 10 miles south of Fairbury. Mr. Gray had arranged several steel traps near a dead hen to catch chicken hawks.

Gering and Scottsbluff business men, at a meeting in which past grievences and jealousies of town against town were wiped off the slate, decided to co-operate in pushing to completition the raising of \$150,000 for the north-west Nebraska Methodist

The Richardson county board took another step in the building of a new \$200,000 court house when at their meeting, W. F. Grnandt of Omaha was selected as the architect. It is not yet known when active work will be commenced.

Fire destroyed the five-room homeof W. D. Shaal near Springfield. Mr. Shaal was alone in the house at the time of the fire and almost suffocated before rescued. The firemen were unable to save the house or contents. The loss is estimated at \$3,000.

Dan Swanson, state land commiscorn was 23 cents a bushel on the last legislature in school bonds of the city of Nelson.

Seven hundred suits are to be lands and funds has invested \$75,000 of brought in federal court, Omaha \$1,950,000, the interest of which the against parties who subscribed for legislature set aside for soldler relief, stock of the Skinner Packing company in Nelson, 5 per cent school bonds, and have failed to make payments, The board had previously invested The subscriptions approximate about \$1,000,000.

The Omaha Automobile show, thebig auto event of the year will be during former years.

The railway commission has authorized the Monroe Telephone company, which has 3,000 subscribers at Monroe, Albion and neighboring towns, to continue present rates until December 1.

Merchants Week in Omaha this year, March 6-11, promised to bring a large number of Nebraska and Iowa business men to the city. A great entertainment program has been pre-At a special election to be held in.

Scribner soon, the proposition of a. new \$85,000 school building will be placed before the voters. The Callaway school district has voted bonds of \$45,000 for the erect-

ing of a new high school building. The bonds carried, 229 to 73. A 10 per cent reduction in wages of grade teachers of the Steele City

schools has been announced by the board of education. J. D. Phillipe, Fremont contractor,

submitted the lowest bid among 16 firms, for the construction of the new junior high school to be built at Fremont this summer. The bid was \$157,-

The thirty-mile gale accompanied by sleet put 20,000 miles of telephone lines with 40,000 phones and 300 toll lines out of commission in the South Platte district, with a financial loss of \$20,000, M. T. Caster, plant superin-Telegraph Co., announced. The heavlest loss was in Butler county.

A. H. Byrum of Frnklin county, member of the Nebraska house of rep-

The Superior High school will have new gymnasium. The proposed The jury in the \$65,000 damage suit building is to be 50x80 feet. The of Arile Culver of Beatrice against basement room is to consist of class Union Pacific railroad brought in a rooms, which will relieve the congesverdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$50,- tion of the seventh and eighth grades 000. The case has been the most bit- and the high school. The ground terly fought of any tried in ... district floor will make a gym 30x70 feet, with court in years and will be appealed a maple wood basketball floor and a seating capacity of and