

BREAK IN WELSH MINERS' STRIKE

Several Thousand Men Employed in Heath District Decide to Remain at Work.

LAW FIXES THE PRICE OF COAL

LONDON, July 14.—The first breach in the miners' front was announced from the Neath district, South Wales, coal fields. Men there totalling many thousands decided to continue work.

The text of the price of coal limitations bill, which was issued today, specifies that coal may not be sold at the pit mouth at a price exceeding 4 shillings a ton more than the price at which the same kind of coal was sold during the twelve months ending June 30, 1914.

LONDON, July 13.—The session of Parliament today was marked by a series of most important announcements by the ministers after the House of Commons had, at the suggestion of Premier Asquith, who moved it, adopted a resolution expressing gratification at the success of General Louia Botha in conquering German Southwest Africa.

The chancellor of the exchequer, Reginald McKenna, announced that the subscription to the war loan had reached the unprecedented figure of nearly £500,000,000 (\$2,000,000,000) not including small sums received at the post offices.

The president of the Board of Trade, Walter Runciman, aroused the house to further cheers by the statement that in view of the failure of the South Wales coal owners and miners to reach an agreement on the wage dispute, the government had decided to apply to the mining industry the munitions of war act.

This makes it an offense to take part in a strike or lockout unless the differences have been reported to the Board of Trade and the board has referred the matter for settlement by one of the methods prescribed by the act.

A very serious view is taken of the refusal of the miners to accept a compromise, for, even in the face of the decision of the government, they are threatening defiance. Most of the coal for the navy comes from South Wales, and even before the trouble arose the supply was affected by the enlistment in the army of 50,000 of the younger miners, which eventually made it necessary for the government to stop recruiting in the mining district of Wales.

Violation of Law. The crisis first threatened three months ago when the miners gave notice to terminate the existing agreements on July 1, and in lieu of these they proposed a national program, giving an all-around increase in wages. The owners objected to the consideration of the new terms during the war and asked the miners to accept the existing agreements plus a war bonus. After a series of conferences the union officials agreed to recommend a compromise which was arranged through the Board of Trade. The miners, however, voted yesterday against this, and the government was obliged to take action.

Could Well Pay It. The miners assert that their demands would mean no more than 5 pence (13 cents) a ton, and argue that as the owners are receiving much more for their coal than previously they could well pay it. As a matter of fact, Mr. Runciman today also introduced a bill in the house to regulate the price of coal.

In the House of Lords, the marquis of Lansdowne, a member of the cabinet without portfolio, stated that twenty-two or twenty-three British divisions are now in France and Belgium, and expressed the opinion that although reserves are flowing in, the country would not much longer tolerate the anomalies and injustices of the voluntary system, which is taking unusual proportions of married men, and that a national register would be useful, should it be found necessary to introduce compulsory military service. He intimated also that the munitions situation was now being satisfactorily handled.

Beyond the German claim that they have made further progress in their attacks near Bouchem, the French air raid on the German lines of communication serving their front in the Woivre, and repulses by both sides of the usual daily attacks, little has happened on the western front.

Operations in East. In the east the operations are entering a new phase, the Russians having been successful in the counter offensive against the Austrians in the region of Kramnik. They have taken new positions in the hills to the north of that town and apparently are waiting for the Austro-Germans to make a move. It is not expected that this will be long delayed for General von Mackensen has had time to receive reinforcements and supplies of guns and ammunition for his next great effort to secure control of the Lublin-Chelm railway.

Ashes of Author of Marseillaise Taken to Paris and Reinterred

PARIS, July 14.—With impressive ceremony the ashes of Captain Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle, composer of the Marseillaise, were placed today in the Hotel Des Invalides. Thousands stood with heads uncovered as the coffin, upon a gun carriage of the revolutionary period, passed under the Arc de Triumphant down the Avenue Des Champs Elysees, across the Alexander bridge to the Esplanade.

President Poincaré, all the members of the cabinet, the presidents of the Senate and Chamber and the highest officials of the government marched behind the gun carriage, while a detachment of dragoons led the way.

While the cortege was passing the hospitals in the hotels along the Avenue Des Champs Elysees every balcony and window was filled with wounded men, and in the dense crowds on the pavement many mailed soldiers and bronzed revolutionists, home on leave, saluted the bier and the president of the republic in solemn silence.

There were no cheers until the procession passed the Grand palais, when the Republican Guards band struck up the "Marseillaise." "Vive la France" and "Vive l'Armeen!" shouted the crowd in a spontaneous burst of enthusiasm.

President Poincaré rapidly sketched the events in Europe leading up to the war, finding everywhere a deliberate purpose of Germany and Austria-Hungary "to provoke war for their own objects, as history will show."

It is striking notes speak the universal language understood today throughout the world. A hymn like that which was needed to interpret in a war like this the generous thought of France.

"Once more the spirit of domination menaces the liberty of the people. Our democracy for many long years contented itself with works of peace, and it would have considered criminal or insane any man who would have dared to nourish warlike projects, notwithstanding repeated provocations, and regardless of surprises at Tanager and at Agadir, France remained willingly silent and impassive."

French Official Report. PARIS, July 14.—The French War department today gave out the following official statement: "In Belgium, after the bombardment reported in the official statement last night, the Germans attacked the trenches captured by the British troops on the east bank of the canal to the southwest of Pitkon on the night of July 8. They were repulsed, but not without casualties."

"In the Argonne German attacks which were concentrated in the region included between Marie Therese and the Chevance heights were definitely stopped. "Between the Meuse and Moselle, in the forest of Apremont, there was artillery cannoneading, but no infantry action." "On the rest of the front there is nothing to report."

German Official Report. BERLIN, July 14.—The German official statement issued today announced that German forces yesterday captured French positions in the forest of Argonne for a width of three kilometers (1.8 miles) and for a depth of one kilometer and that they also stormed Hill No. 288. The Germans claim they made 1,381 prisoners, took two field cannon and rendered eight cannon useless. The text follows:

Western theater: Fresh hand grenade attacks near the sugar refinery at Souches were repulsed during the night. "The French blew up without result a few mines in the neighborhood of Trooc, west of Craonne, and at Certeis in the Champagne our bombardment with hand grenades prevented them from settling themselves into the mined positions."

"In the Argonne a German attack resulted in complete success north-west of Vienna-Le-Chateau. Our troops took by storm the enemy positions in the hills extending over a width of three kilometers and a depth of one kilometer. Hill No. 26, La Pilette, is in our possession. Two thousand five hundred and eighty-one unarmored prisoners, including fifty-one officers, fell into our hands. In addition 285 wounded were taken under our care. Two field cannon, two revolvers, six machine guns and a large quantity of tools were captured. Our troops advanced as far as the positions of the French artillery and rendered eight cannon useless. There are no standing between the French and German lines."

Eastern theater: Between the Niemen and the Wisla our troops obtained some local successes in the neighborhood of Kalvaria, southeast of Kelmno, at Frasnayna and south of Miaw. "Southeastern theater: There is no change with the German troops."

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mother also shook hands with the jurors, saying to each: "Thank you so much for all that you have done." One of the jurors asked her whether she had ever had any doubt of the result of this proceeding. Mrs. Thaw smiled and replied in the negative.

The jury and Thaw then filed into a room adjoining the court, where photographers were waiting. Thaw himself moved the benches and chairs around in the room, so that he and all the jurors might get into the picture.

It was with great difficulty that the court attendants and deputy sheriffs prevented scores of men and women from dashing up to Thaw in the court room and the anteroom and shaking his hand in congratulations of his legal victory. It was with much difficulty that the crowd was cleared from the court house.

Steps Crowded. Outside the court house within the shadow of the towering municipal building, there is a wide flight of stone steps stretching down into chambers. These steps had been crowded all afternoon with hundreds of persons. The street and sidewalks on either side were also congested. When Thaw flanked by deputy sheriffs, appeared in the doorway a great cheer went up and those who did not cheer applauded with their hands.

Why Two Ballots Taken. In explaining why two ballots were taken, one of the jurors, Paul J. Marks, a brother of the president of the Borough of Manhattan, said that on the first ballot the vote was 11 to 1 that Thaw was sane. The dissenting juror said that he cast his ballot that way more as a matter of fact than anything else, so that the verdict would not be rendered without formal discussion. The vote was unanimous on the second ballot.

Mr. Marks also said that he and the other members of the jury believed that Thaw was eccentric and possibly, mentally weak, but that they did not believe that he would harm anyone else.

Young Girl Drowns Bathing at Riverton

SHELANDOAH, Ia., July 14.—(Special Telegram.)—While swimming in the high waters at Riverton Alice O'Brien, 15 years old, was drowned this morning. With a number of girls she had gone down to look at the swollen river and had come in bathing. Two plunges in the water were enjoyed by the girl, who was said to have been an excellent swimmer. The third trip out she got water in her mouth, became excited and sank. Sydney Clark responded to her calls for help, but was unable to save her. Her body was recovered an hour later from the freshest water which came out over the bottom after the heavy rain of four inches last night. Miss O'Brien was the daughter of Joseph O'Brien of Kansas City, but has made her home with the Holt family here since Christmas. The funeral will be held Thursday.

MAN SCALDED YEARS AGO MADE OVER BY SURGEON

MASON CITY, Ia., July 14.—(Special.)—Probably one of the most miraculous escapes from being scalded to death is that of Herbert Crowell. Just about a year ago a traction engine he was running blew up and the scalding water nearly covered him. He was rushed to the hospital here, and it was not thought that he even had a fighting chance to get well. Today he was out for the first time. He is a patched up man throughout, a veritable cork quilt. At five dif-

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