

BRITISH RAILROAD STRIKE EXTENDED

Lines Beyond London Involved as Government Invokes Realm Defense Act

TROOPS REFUSE TO ACT

Council Orders Continuance of Supply of Electricity, Gas and Water

By the Associated Press London, Feb. 6.—The first step in the direction of the threatened extension of the railroad strike beyond the local lines in London was taken last night when some of the drivers on the Brighton and the Southwestern roads were called out.

Repeal for Government Attitude The calling of the locomotive engineers on these lines, while fulfilling a threat to call a general strike, made on Monday, is also looked upon as a result to the letter from Andrew Bonar Law, government leader in the House of Commons, in which he refused to meet the strikers.

Academy President Believes Damage to Paintings and Statuary Lunatic's Act

Works of art and statuary at the summer school of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Chester Springs, Pa., which were destroyed by a vandal last Thursday, had no great value, according to John Frederick Lewis, president of the academy.

Electric Strike Unlikely The government's quick action in taking advantage of the King's presence in London yesterday to call a meeting of the council to enforce under the defense of the realm act legal means to secure to the communities an electric supply as already exists and to protect in a similar manner the gas and water supplies against strike measures has the full support of the general public.

More than 4000 mechanics of the royal army service corps have refused to go on duty in depots adjoining London. They claim their contract as soldiers is at an end and demand that they be demobilized and engaged as civilians to continue the work or be given the same pay that civilians would earn.

At Belfast, Lord Pirrie, controller of merchant shipbuilding, had a long conference with representatives of the strikers. He proposed a temporary arrangement of work for fifty-four hours weekly, with overtime paid for all work exceeding forty-seven hours, pending a complete settlement, for which he agrees to call a conference with the firms concerned. It is probable that a decision on this proposal will be reached today.

Norfolk Lawyer Found Dead New York, Feb. 6.—A man believed to be Charles E. Savage, Jr., a lawyer of Norfolk, Va., was found dead in a small hotel here today. The police said they believed he committed suicide by shooting.

RETAIN BIG RAIL SYSTEMS—HINES

Director General Proposes Large Companies Be Backbones of Regional Groups

BEFORE SENATE BOARD

Suggests Baltimore and Ohio Be United With Pennsylvania

Washington, Feb. 6.—Director General Hines today explained to the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee that in reorganizing the railroads according to his proposed permanent regional organization under private management, he would include one or two big systems as the backbone for each group. This grouping would have to be determined by some governmental tribunal, not by Congress, and in general he regarded it as unwise to divide big existing systems.

Senator Cummins of Iowa, thought Mr. Hines' proposal was remarkably similar to that which he had advocated for years and declared he believed that railroads should not be returned to private management until Congress had established a permanent policy in regard to them.

LEWIS DENIES VANDALS DESTROYED RARE ART

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I want to say, also, that it is a libel on the art students who have attended the school to say that the officials suspect a student of the outrage. We do not suspect any student. All of the students loved the place and everything that was in it. Only a lunatic would destroy the pictures in the manner it was done.

The matter was reported to the Philadelphia police as soon as it was discovered, and it was only because they requested it that we kept the matter from the public. I was in favor of giving it the widest publicity.

Asylums in the vicinity of Chester Springs were searched today by detectives in an effort to locate the vandal. It is believed a lunatic, with a mania for destroying canvases and leaving their frames unharmed, committed the destruction. Fingerprints found on the remnants of paintings and statuary figure in the investigation.

The single clue upon which detectives are working was furnished by D. Roy Miller, superintendent of the school. He furnishes the description of a man who visited the place Thursday and said, "The old place is looking fine. I haven't been here for fourteen years and the school is one of the pupils in the school for soldiers' orphans over there," pointing to the museum.

GERMANY LAND OF GRAVES AND MISERY, SAYS OFFICER

Lt. Col. Harris, U. S. M. R. C., Reports Empire Filled With Centuries, Hospitals and Starvation—Children Worse Sufferers. Estimates Casualties at Three to Six Million

By the Associated Press Paris, Feb. 6.—Germany is pictured as "a land of graveyards and hospitals" by Lieutenant Colonel Stevie Harris, of the United States medical reserve corps who has just returned to Paris after having investigated conditions east of the Rhine. He says that the German nation is bankrupt, the people are actually starving and that "probably no one will ever know the number of casualties suffered by Germany during the war."

Conditions which he had found in Germany have led him to the opinion, he says, that many women and children will die of become defective if not supplied with food. While he regards the German people as the most despicable on earth, he thinks that bread and meat should be sent to the women and children. "The Germans who govern France," he says, "should be punished and permitted to starve, but not the women and children. Hungry men and women do not make good soldiers."

Lieutenant Colonel Harris estimates that the casualties vary from 3 million and a half to three million killed and twice as many wounded. Conditions he had found in Germany have led him to the opinion, he says, that many women and children will die of become defective if not supplied with food.

Studying the situation as a physician, he found that many persons, particularly children, were very anemic, as they were not getting enough to eat. The meat-eating, beer-drinking German, he says, is a poor specimen of a man.

UN MEMORANDUM DEI JUGO-SLAVI

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Parigi, 5 febbraio.—I delegati italiani si sono posti d'accordo sopra un memorandum che sarà presentato alla Conferenza della Pace, col quale saranno fatte proposte in ordine all'assetto dell'Italia riguardo gli Stati dell'Adriatico, appartenenti all'Austria. Detto memorandum sarà reso pubblico dopo che i rappresentanti del Jugo-slavo saranno stati uditi dal Supremo Consiglio, rappresentanti che sono attesi per oggi o domani.

I Jugo-slavi hanno presentato un memorandum contenente sei alternative piani per risolvere le divergenze con l'Italia. Secondo il primo di detti piani, i Jugo-slavi vorrebbero ottenere l'intero territorio ad oriente del fiume Isonzo, compresa Gorizia, Trieste, Istria e tutta la Dalmazia.

I delegati italiani hanno deciso di non contrariare in nessuna discussione con i Jugo-slavi, almeno presentemente, ma di sistemare i punti di vista dell'Italia.

MEXICO FRIENDLY, SAYS U. S. ENVOY

Ambassador Fletcher Reports Optimistically to State Department

AMERICAN RIGHTS SAFE

President Carranza Man of Real Power and Ability, He Believes

Washington, Feb. 6.—American rights in Mexico will be safeguarded amply by the Mexican Government, according to Ambassador Henry P. Fletcher, who is here from Mexico City for conference with State Department officials, with an optimistic view of the situation in the southern republic.

The ambassador said today that he felt there toward this country had become more friendly since the recall of the German minister, the notorious Von Eckhardt, and the consequent cessation of anti-American propaganda.

President Carranza, in the last two years, said Mr. Fletcher, had accomplished a great work in preparing for development and reconstruction and in reorganizing the public service, and had made such headway in this respect that the various bandit leaders now were without real influence or appreciable power. He was emphatic in the statement that President Carranza was the real power in Mexico.

Oil interests to be "protected" Of paramount importance, the ambassador said, was the probability that the troubles of oil interests, including American, soon would be adjusted. He said that up to this time no decrees had been enforced and no taxes collected under the new constitution vesting direct ownership of all minerals, including petroleum, in the nation. The oil interests have objected vigorously to these decrees, and the United States Government has made certain representations.

President Carranza appointed a committee of his cabinet to confer with the oil men. Mr. Fletcher explained, and the position of the American companies.

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was made entirely clear. President Carranza submitted the question to the Mexican Congress, which expired before the matter could be taken up. It now is understood generally that President Carranza will call a special session of Congress in April or May to consider, among other things, petroleum legislation, and the oil companies have been asked to appear and present their case. The ambassador thought that ultimately a law would be passed that would recognize the rights of American citizens acquired under Mexican laws and at the same time would be in harmony with the rights of Mexico in the taxation and regulation of industry.



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