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# YIELD ON SHORTER DAY

By the Associated Press New York, April 8.—Officials of the United Mine Workers declared today United Mine Workers declared today that successful completion of a new wage agreement for the anthracite coal fields depends on whether the mine own-ers grant the workers an adequate wage increase; the closed shop, with the check-off system of collecting dues; the payment for coal on the legal ton basis wherever practical, and enforcement of an eight-hour work day throughout their arms. an eight-hour work day throughout the industry.

The 200,000 miners in the field, the union officials said, have insisted that these points be incorporated in the new contract now being drawn up here by a subcommittee representing both sides. Notice already has been served on the operators that there can be no com promise on the demand for a closed shop, with the "check-off" included.

The mine workers have not defined an "adequate" wage increase, except to state that they are entitled to 18 7-10 per cent more than the 27 per cent ad-"adequate" ance granted the bituminous miners. The legal ton in Pennsylvania is 2240 the Allies.

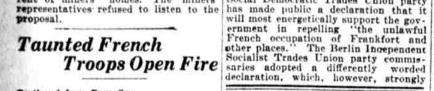
pounds, and the workers declare they should be paid on this basis. In the past many mines have paid employes on 2800-pound basis.
Owing to the unsuccessful attempt

of bituminous miners to obtain a short-er workday, anthracite workers are reported to be willing to continue the present eight-hour day schedule, pro-rided it is made universal throughout the industry and includes all classes of workers. At present, they say, there are a large number of men, including stablemen and pumpmen, required to work from twelve to fourteen hours a

The operators are reported to be opposed to extending further the eight-hour day.

Pittsburgh, April 8.-(By A. P.)-A conference of representatives of United Mine Workers, District No. 5, and coal operators, held here today to consider arrangement of President Wilson's wage settlement, broke up shortly before noon.

The break came when the operators submitted a proposition to increase the reat of miners' homes. The miners' representatives refused to listen to the has made public a declaration that it proposal.



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corners to join the crowds watching the soldiers pass. The elated onlookers began laughing and jeering, but the French at first took no notice of them. There was keen speculation whether there would be a strike by the workmen in protest against the occupation. It is understood that a movement was started understood that a movement was started to call a strike of short duration as a demonstration, but the correspondent was informed shortly that the leaders of the Social Democrats were counselling against a strike. The general sentiment expressed by

the populace up to the time of yes-terday's disturbance, at least, was that the people of Frankfort were powerless to resist the occupation and that the best course to pursue would be to ac-

cept the situation. The Germans refer satirically to the

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day. "Certain agencies inspired by Ger-many," reads the note, "spread the re-port in Germany and some neutral countries that England and the United be disbanded and the civil guards reor ganized, Vorwaerts states.

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ing in formal resolutions the with-drawal of the Reichswehr troops. Germany's error was in sending too many troops into the neutral zone. There seems to be little doubt that Germany technically violated her agree-ment with the Allies by sending more than were permitted under the protocol of August

London, April 8.—(By A. P.)— Lloyd George and his cabinet met today, presumably to discuss the occupation of German cities by the French. The con-ference of allied premiers and foreign ministers, which had been arvauged for today, has been postponed. It will probably be held tomorrow. London, April 8.- (By A. P.)-Lloyd George and his cabinet met today, Baron Scialoia, the Italian foreign oughness,

minister, who is here for the confer-Perhaps she wished to demonstrate anew that the treaty could not be car-ried out, always a popular thing in Berlin, saw her opportunity in the Ruhr valley, and counted upon the sympaence, expressed the opinion to the As-sociated Press today that there was no possibility of the Franco-German situation causing serious differences among thy in England and Italy which events have shown to exist there. She probably

"Intimations that there is dange "Intimations that there is danger of such a situation arising within the counsels of France and ner former cou-rade powers are entirely unjustified," he said. "I have every confidence that there is nothing in the present stare of affairs that will make it difficult for meant to snap her fingers at France. Now the government has got itself in the position where the labor leaders can declare once more that the militarists have made mischief. For the government to yield now is to seem weak be fore Herr Legien : therefore the govern-ment turns to the League of Nations. the Allies to reach a common understanding and maintain a solid front."

With reference to a report from Washington that Italy, Great Britain and the United States were negotiating France Tempted to Display Force The explanation of France's precipi-tancy is the weakness of the French position through the failure of the League of Nations and of the French with France regarding the formation of a definite policy. Baron Scialoin said : "It was expected we would get to-gether on that matter today, but now and American alliance, and the disposi-tion in England and Italy to mitigate the rigors of the treaty. Men who are weak are likely to be hurried into a show of force. France was tempted to gener on that matter today, but now it is deemed necessary to post-pone the conference until tomor-row. If, as reported from Berlin, a note has been presented to Germany on behalf of the Allies demanding a reduction of her army to the treaty basis of 200,000 men on April 10, it must have here a move initiated by show the mailed fist. The invasion of Germany by the

French has been threatened many times since the signing of the armistice. It since the signing of the armistice. At has always been popular with certain army leaders. It was threatened three times last summer. At that time the Supreme Council had sufficient authority to hold the French back. But a man must have been a move initiated by Marshal Foch, for, so far as Italy is concerned, there has been no such

and is in excellent condition; equipped with wire wheels and extra tires, and has been run who makes a frequent gesture of reach-7,400 miles. ing to his hip pocket ends by completing the gesture The motive of the army is easily un-derstood. There is always a militaristic

spirit in an army. In this case the French Government yielded to the army.



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# It appears to have had certain political motives. One aim was to show the people of France that the treaty must and would France that the treaty must and the t

provement Will Amaze World

Burlington, N. J., April 8—Improve-ment of public health under prohibition will amaze the world and will do more than any economic or moral argument to force European statesmen to follow dry footsteps of Uncle Sam." de-i Dr. Marcus W. Newcomb, of European W. Newcomb, of European Mills, president of the Anti-Tuberculosis League, discussing gen-eral health topics at a seasion of the New Jersey Health Officers' Association. Public Health officers from all parts of the state attended the meeting. Miss Margaret Haines, executive sec-She has done so, but it is an open ques-tion whether she has not really weak-ened herself and the treaty because the support given by England. Italy and United States is only on the surface. And Germany is likely to exact a price

Miss Margaret Haines, executive secretary of the Burlington County Anti-Tuberculosis League, gave a report on for backing down to save the face of the

spurt east of the Rhine. The militarism of which President Wilson complained in his letter to Senator Hitchcock is confined in France to a few leaders of a small army group. The people are not militaristic. The country has not risen to the glorious exploit. The finan-ciers are cold. The franc is disconcert-ingly soing down. ingly going down. Unless a quick solution is found the

Millerand government will apparently be in danger for its part in provoking the controversy.

Y. W. C. A. DINNER TONIGHT

Moore and New Yorkers to Address Meeting to Assist Drive

Mayor Moore will be one of the speakers and a guest of bonor at a dinner given at the Ritz-Carlton to-night in the interests of the new Y. W. A. movement.

Several hundred invitations have been issued in the name of Mr. and Mrs. John Gribbel, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Geary and Mr. and Mrs. George Mc. Fadden to representative Philadelphians in order that the new plans of the or ganization may be fully explained. Mrs. James S. Cushman, vice presi-dent of the National Y. W. C. A., and William Fellowes Morgan, both of New York city, will also speak.

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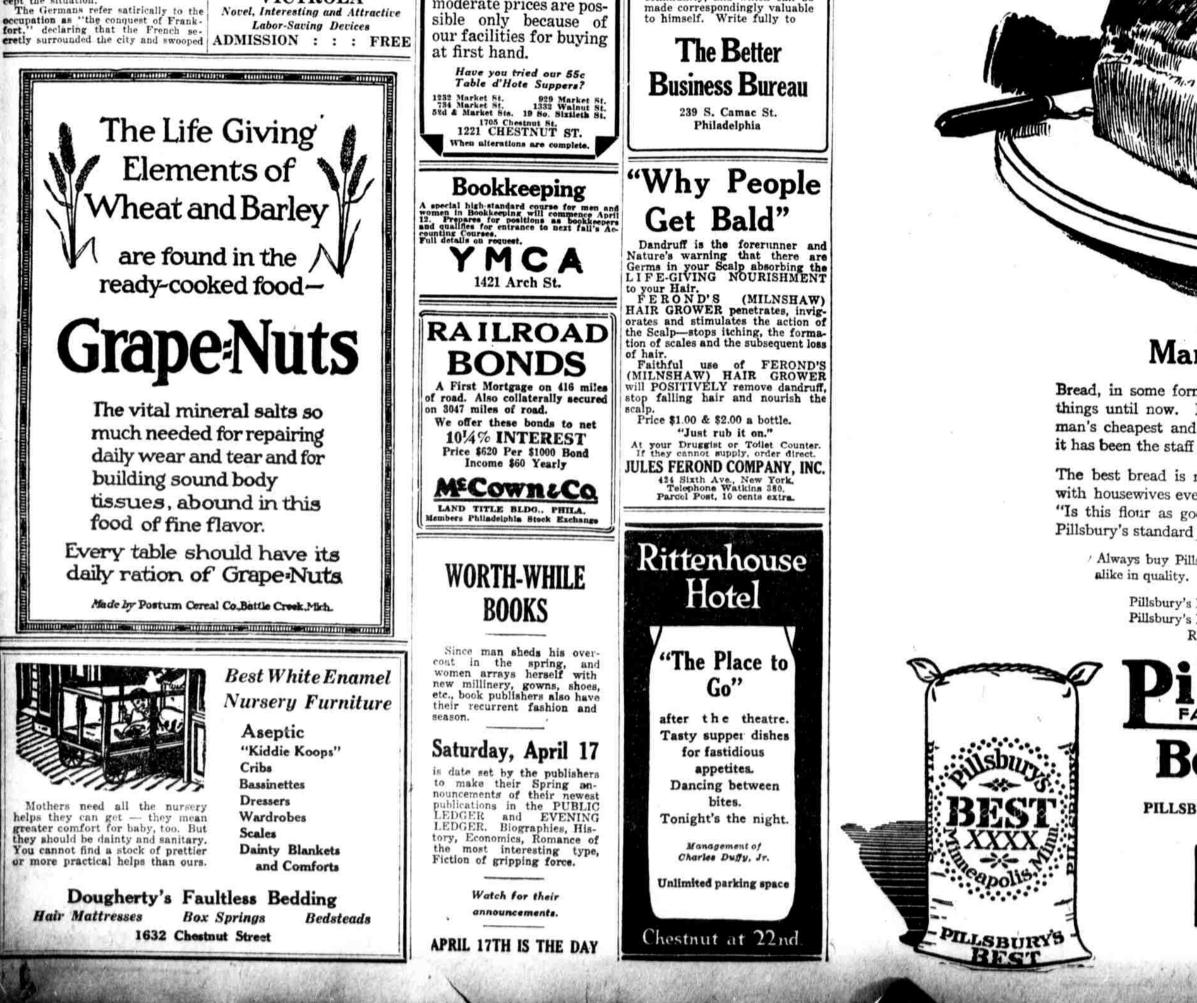
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