

sequence of the further depreciation of the mark and the increase in wages granted the miners, it was stated today. This increase will bring Ruhr coal to 221,000 marks a ton, as compared with about 345,100 marks a ton for English coal delivered at Hamburg. The retail price of German coal, however, will again be advanced shortly, due to forty percent increase in freight rates, which also becomes effective tomorrow. Speaking at the meeting at which coal prices were fixed, Dr. Pinkernell, mining industry expert declared the coal situation was satisfactory both in occupied and unoccupied Germany. Imports from England were continuing on a large scale, he said. The average miner in Germany is now receiving 28,700 marks for each shift.

Washington, May 31st.—Forest fires in the Superior National Forest, located in northeastern Minnesota, are spreading beyond control, according to reports received yesterday by the forest service, which said if high winds spring up it will be difficult to prevent a widespread conflagration.

Nogales Arizona, May 31st.—A forest fire which is burning in Sonora, Mexico, south of here, is gaining headway rapidly and moving toward this city, according to reports.

London, June 1st.—Miss Mabel Russell (Actress), wife of Capt. Hilton Philipson, was returned in a bye-election today as member of the House of Commons for the Berwick-on-Tweed division of Northumberland. Running the Conservative ticket she polled 2,000 votes, against 5,858 for Capt. Harold Robson, Liberal, and 3,966 for G. Diver, Labour.

Tokio, June 1st.—Russian authorities of the Soviet administration in Siberia have seized a Japanese fishing vessel and imprisoned the crew of 72 for operating within the seven mile limit. Heretofore fishermen have not been molested unless they were within three miles off shore.

London, June 1st.—The King and Queen, surrounded by medical scientists yesterday laid the cornerstone of the hospital building being added to the University College Hospital and London University grounds, as a result of the 125,000 pounds gift from the Rockefeller Foundation.

Dublin, June 1st.—Big dumps of rifles, machine guns and ammunitions are being discovered throughout Ireland by Free State forces. The discoveries are accepted as proof that the insurgents are following Eamonn De Valera's recent order and abandoning warfare.

Tientsin, June 1st.—All the foreign captives now held by the Suchow train bandits in the Poatzuku stronghold will be released in a few days, according to Major Allen, U. S. Army, Medical Corps, who arrived here last night accompanied by W. Smith, an Englishman, the men having been released by the outlaws yesterday.

London, June 1st.—Tonight's court was even more brilliant as regards beautiful gowns and jewels than that given on Wednesday night by the King and Queen. The attendance last night was also more general in character. It was notably a flower function, the women carrying splendid bouquets, instead of, as on Wednesday night, only fans. The prevailing colours were blue and gold with lavish decorations, mostly Egyptian in style. Among the most striking of the toilettes was that of the wife of the Brazilian Ambassador, Senor De Gama who wore a Venetian picture gown entirely embroidered with heraldic designs in various precious stones, suggesting the magnificence of the fifteenth century.

Berlin, June 1st.—Standing at one time yesterday at 70,000 to the dollar, the German mark for the first time slipped below the Austrian crown value. During the war eighty-seven gold pfennings would buy a crown, while yesterday it took 100 paper marks to purchase 98 crowns. The marks new slump of about 10,000 to the dollar within 24 hours was viewed in financial circles as the greater catastrophe in the light of the fact that its depreciation is greater now than even that of Austria's shattered currency.

Albany, N. Y., May 31st.—Governor Smith sat in the Assembly Chamber today and listened to a flood of oratory for and against his signing the legislative repealer of the Mullan-gage state prohibition enforcement act, that flowed on with one 5 minute interlude for four hours and 34 minutes. When both sides had talked their fill, and weighed him down with briefs, he walked silently from the room without having betrayed by a single gesture or word the answer to the momentous question "will he sign or veto?" His decision will be announced sometime between ten and midnight on Sunday, which hour the repeal bill would automatically die if he had not acted.

London, June 4th.—In the fifth match of the tour against Middlesex on Saturday, Middlesex batting first scored 337. Bowling for the West Indians, John took four for fifty-two, Francis three for eighty-six, Pascall two for 113 and Constantine one for twelve. The match will be continued today.

Washington, June 1st.—The President will not consider a modification of the tariff rates on sugar as a means of bringing down the price of that commodity, it was said today at the White House, after the executive had discussed the general situation with Chairman Marvin of the tariff commission.

Rome, June 1st.—A cyclone in the Simplon region of Northern Italy has caused much damage in many localities, according to advices to the Central News today. Numbers of houses were wrecked, several bridges destroyed and international railway traffic was greatly hin-

dered. Four persons are reported killed at Vogogna, two at Ossola and several at Domodossola.

Calgary Alta., June 1st.—The Elbow river has overflowed its banks in the city. Residents along the river are leaving their homes, at least two bridges may go out any moment. The street railway company is hauling boats to the menaced districts.

Albany, N. Y., June 1st.—Governor Smith this morning signed the legislative bill wiping the Mullan-gage state prohibition enforcement act off the statute books, and he went further. Acceding to the urging of his friends that he strike a note in a campaign for the return of light wines and beer, and he denounced the one half of percent alcoholic beverages content provided in the Volstead Act as the "work of fanatics dries", calling on Congress to modify it to a "common sense", maximum and then leave each state free to set a figure below that maximum if desired. The Governor emphasized, however, that the mere repeal of the Mullan-gage Act, accompanied by his signature, did not alter the effectiveness of the Volstead Act in its present form, as long as it stand unmodified and served notice on all peace officers of the state that they would be expected to "enforce the Volstead Act in its strictest letter".

London, June 1st.—In the first speech he has made since he became a member of the Cabinet, Lord Robert Cecil tonight made an eloquent plea to the United States, before the English speaking union for joining the League of Nations. He declared that he had found widespread sentiment throughout the United States during his recent visit there in favour of the League. Lord Robert Cecil sounded a warning that in many parts of the world warlike symptoms were developing which were profoundly disquieting. He surprised his audience by informing them that there were more armed men than before the world war. He affirmed that the tendency of most of the larger countries was toward greater military equipment. "There seems to have been a conviction during the last few months," Lord Robert continued, "that force violence and bloodshed are coming into power as instruments for settling international disputes. Now is the time for all nations to erect a barrier against this scourge, when the frame of public mind is such that is passionately anxious for peace."

Milan, June 2nd.—All of northern Italy along the Swiss frontier has been swept by a hurricane. The mountain towns report a number of victims and many persons were rendered homeless. Floods caused by cloud bursts swept away railway lines, causing a suspension of traffic, especially at the Simplon route, which is the main line to Constantinople.