

bution to a six-year-old institution does not give any employee thereof the right to throttle those of us who have built up the Union with the sweat of our brow. None of us however can prevent the Secretary or any other official of the Union making a fool of himself in print by signing this or any other such notice.

Yrs. truly

JOSEPH MILLER.

Dear Mr. Editor,

I am glad to see by your cotem the W. E. News that the other end of this island is the "wet" end I think that those of us who are complaining so much about the "dryness" of this end had better move down.

Yours truly,

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TO RECAST AUSTRIAN FINANCE.

GLUCKSTADT, DANISH BANKER, WILL UNDERTAKE TASK FOR ALLIES

Copenhagen, April 4th.—The Entente has asked the Director of the largest Danish Bank, Den Danske Landmandsbank, of Copenhagen, Emil Gluckstadt, to take over the work of organization of the finances of Austria. The director has decided to answer in the affirmative.

Gluckstadt, with two other Danish financiers, participated in the financial conference at Brussels, where the Entente evidently saw and appreciated his ability. He will arrive in Vienna April 14th.

[Mr. Gluckstadt is the chairman of the Board of Directors of the West Indian Sugar Factories (the Bethlehem Concern.). ED. AVIS]

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, April 18th.—Governmental authorities were anxious today to reopen negotiations between the miners and the owners of collieries throughout the United Kingdom with the hope of bringing about a settlement of the wage question, which caused the strike of miners on April 1st, and came near involving Great Britain last week in an epocal industrial crisis. There seemed little probability however, that the members of the Miners Federation of Great Britain would take any steps to meet the Government officials or mine owners before next Friday when representatives of the British miners will confer on the situation in this city. In the meantime Great Britain is facing a serious coal shortage, and every effort is being made to eke out the present stocks until adjustment of the situation can be made. Beginning today train services were curtailed and steps taken to bring to the people a realization

that the coal shortage was really serious.

New York, April 18th.—Raw sugar was quiet early today, no sales were reported, with prices quoting @ 4½ cents for Cuba's, C&F, equal to 5.77 for centrifugal, as quoted by the committee, while uncontrolled sugars were quoted as 5.64 for centrifugal. Refined was quiet at 7.65 to 8.00 for fine granulated, Futures were steadier and prices at midday were unchanged to points higher on covering and trade buying.

Paris, April 18th.—The new customs regime established in the occupied territory of Germany, under the inter-allied Rhineland commission ordinance of April 9th, constituted a new flagrant violation of the Versailles treaty, says a note transmitted by the German Govt. to the council of Ambassadors here today. Copies of the note were also sent to the British, French, Belgian and Italian Governments.

Paris, April 19th.—Consideration of the coercive measures to be applied to Germany, should such action become necessary through refusal of the Germans to give satisfactory assurances on May 1st, of an intention to pay the reparations due, was taken up early today by Marshal Foch, General Weygand, acting secretary to the general staff, M. Loucheur, Minister of the liberated regions, and M. Beydoux, who represented France as financial expert during the Brussel's Conference. Absolute secrecy was maintained as to the decision of the conferees, who will meet frequently to frame the details of the propose measures and assemble them for presentation to the Allies of France. At a meeting of the cabinet on Friday to discuss the question of eventual extension of the military penalties to be applied to Germany it was announced the French Government would take no action until consulting with France's allies.

London, April 19th.—The owners of coal mines throughout the United Kingdom met here today, and it was expected that Mr. Lloyd George would submit to the conference suggestions which might lead to a prompt renewal of negotiation with the striking miners for the settlement of the wage controversy. A formal conference with the miners' leaders was not expected until Friday, when a general conference of the Union leaders will be held here, but there appears to be a belief that means might be found to bring the parties to the industrial conflict together without great delay. A distinctly favourable atmosphere regarding a settlement of the conflict has developed as a result of an address made yesterday before the House of Commons by Mr. Lloyd George. The Premier declined to alter his position in opposing a national pool of profits, but he likewise stood firm against attacking the rights of unions.

Rome, April 19th.—Conditions approaching anarchy seem to prevail in

northern central Italy, where parties of extreme nationalists have been in armed conflict with socialists and communists almost daily for the past week. The disorders, which are the outcome of partisan feeling aroused by the electoral campaign in progress, appear to centre about Florence and other Tuscan cities. Reports received here do not indicate the authorities are able to cope with any degree of success with strife between the nationalists and the radicals. Upwards of a score of persons were killed in Meleos on Sunday and there were several ambush and running fights during the day. A number of socialists and communists' clubrooms have been wrecked by the nationalists. Leaders of the communists have been forced to declare their fealty to the Italian Government and the tricolour has been raised above communists halls. General strikes have been called in a number of cities where there has been bloodshed in recent fighting.

Memphis, Tenn., April 18th.—With the death roll in the tornadoes, and storms which swept six southern states on Saturday remaining at approximately 100, relief work in the devastated areas is being pushed by national, state and civic organizations, with reports tonight indicating that the immediate need of sufferers have been cared for. The list of known dead stands at 94, with a number of persons missing and believed dead in Arkansas and Texas. A dozen more of the injured are expected to die.

London, April 19th.—The funeral train bearing the body of the former Empress of Germany reached Wild Park station at Potsdam shortly before midnight, according to a Berlin message to the Exchange Telegraph. The whole station was crowded and cordoned by the police. Prince Henry, the former Emperor's brother, the former Crown Princess, the Grand Duke of Baden, Marshal Von Hindenburg and Generals Ludendorff and Mackensen were on the platform. Officers mounted kept guard around the bier.

London, April 19th.—The mine owners late tonight completed proposals which, it is believed, may go some way towards the settlement of the coal strike. This was the outcome of a conference held at the Board of Trade between the owners and the Government officials, where proposals of their previous offer to the miners were considered.

London, April 19th.—Sugar in stock on the 16th. inst., was 160,000 tons. Last year 73,000 tons.

Jamaica, April 20th.—The four-masted British schooner "Edgewood", St Thomas to Mobile, which drifted on to a sandbank at St. Margaret's Bay recently and was subsequently floated by a wrecking steamer, is now reported completely destroyed by fire at Port Antonio. The origin of the fire is unknown.