TO MEET ON EQUAL FOOTING.

Coming Conference of Allies and German Representatives.

TAXI MURDER MYSTERY CLUES.

Yugo-Slavia Goes Bolshevik; Hundreds Killed in Belgrade.

Germany is informed by the Allies, in a declaration issued at San Remo, that a continuation of the numerous infractions by her of the Peace Treaty will not be tolerated, and that the Allies will take all measures even to the extent, if necessary, of the occupation of further German territory, which will have the effect of ensuring the execution of the Treaty.

The Note adds that the heads of the German Government will be invited to confer directly with the heads of the Allied Governments, and, according to a statement made by Mr. Lloyd George, the Allies will at that conference treat the German representatives as equals.

To-day's reports of the Andover taxi murder mystery, state that the stolen car, which was found abandoned at Swansea, was taken to a garage at Cirencester by two soldiers for repairs on Sunday morning. One of the soldiers is said to answer the description of the unknown man who is reported to have engaged Spicer, the murdered chauffeur, to drive him to Andover. It is stated that this man had a ginger moustache. The following description of the "wanted" men has been circulated: (1) Man dressed in khaki. Age about 21; 5ft. 6in. in height; clean-shaven, full-faced, wearing glasses; (2) Also dressed in khaki. Age 35. About 5ft. 8in. or 5ft. 9in. in height; medium build, sallow, gingery, rather straggly moustache.

A Bolshevik revolution is reported to have broken out in Yugo-Slavia. In Belgrade hundreds of persons are stated to have been killed.

Mr. Churchill stated in the House of Commons this afternoon that the total number of British troops on the Rhine was approximately 14,000, with 95,000 French, 16,000 American and about 20,000 Belgian soldiers.

The price of milk in Sheffield is to be reduced to ninepence a quart next week. In the South the price will be eightpence per quart.

NOTE TO GERMANY.

Infractions of the Treaty Will Not be Tolerated.

NEW CONFERENCE.

Allies to Treat German Delegates as Equals.

San Remo, Monday (received to-day).—The text of the Allied declaration in reply to the German Note was issued this afternoon. It is as follows:

The Allied Powers have examined the letter of Herr Goeppert of 20th April, which presents a request from the German Minister of War to the effect that the German Government desires to maintain a German army of 200,000 men instead of 100,000, as provided for in the Treaty of Versailles, and declaring that this is necessary for the maintenance of order. The Allies wish to state at once that a proposal of this nature cannot even be examined as long as Germany fails in the most important obligations of the Treaty, and does not proceed with disarmament, upon which depends the peace of the world.

Germany is not living up to her engagements, either in the destruction of material of war or in the reduction of her effectives, or in the provision of coal, or in regard to reparations, or the cost of the Army of Occupation. She has given neither satisfaction nor apologies for assaults to which, on several occasions, members of the Allied Mission have been subjected. She has taken no steps, as was provided for under the protocol of the Treaty, towards ascertaining the liabilities under the head of reparation or towards making proposals fixing the total amount she should thus pay. Urgent as is a settlement of this nature in the interest of all concerned, she does not appear even to be considering how she is to meet her obligations as and when they mature.

The Allies do not ignore the difficulties with which the German Government is faced, and do not intend to insist upon a too literal interpretation of the Treaty, but they are unanimous in declaring that they cannot permit a continuation of these infractions of the Treaty of Versailles, that the Treaty must be executed and remain as a basis of relations between Germany and the Allies, and that they are determined to take all measures even to the extent, if necessary, of the occupation of further German territory, which will have the effect of ensuring the execution of the Treaty.

They declare on the other hand, that it is not their intention to annex any portion of German territory.

At the same time the Allies consider that the questions raised by the infractions of the Treaty of Peace and by the measures necessary to ensure its execution, will be more easily solved by an exchange of views between the heads of the Governments than by an exchange of notes. They have, therefore, decided to invite the heads of the German Government to confer directly with the heads of the Allied Governments, and they ask that when they meet, the German Government will present them with a precise explanation and proposals on all the matters mentioned above.

It is a satisfactory settlement is arrived at on these points, the Allied Governments will be willing to discuss with the German representatives any question which affects the internal order and economic well-being of Germany. But Germany must understand that the unity of the Allies for the execution of the Treaty is as solid as it was for the war, and that the only method of taking her place again in the world is loyally to execute the engagements to which she has subscribed.—Reuter.

Paris, Tuesday.—The Paris newspapers record with satisfaction the agreement reached at San Remo between the Allies. The "Matin" says that the statement published is a document of the highest significance and is certainly the most important drawn up in common by the Allies since the Versailles Treaty. The "Journal" de- [illegible]

BALKAN BOLSHEVIKS.

Revolution Breaks Out in Yugo-Slavia.

HUNDREDS KILLED.

Rome, Monday (received to-day).—A telegram from Trieste to the "Messagero" states that a Bolshevik revolution has broken out in Yugo-Slavia.

At Lubiatine there were 13 persons killed, at Agram 20, and in Belgrade there were hundreds. Machine-guns were largely employed at Belgrade.—Central News.

ARABS AMBUSH FRENCH

Force which Relieved British Suffers Casualties.

Paris, Monday (received to-day).—In consequence of events which are not yet fully known, the garrison of Urfa, a French post between the Tigris and the Euphrates, has been forced to evacuate the town. During the retreat the French force suffered considerable losses.

In November, 1919, French troops relieved British troops at Urfa. The Governor of the town has made it known that an important part of the French column returned to Urfa. Reinforcements have been dispatched. The French would appear to have been ambushed.—Exchange.

PRINCE CHEERED.

Waving of Flags in New Zealand Tour.

Hamilton, New Zealand, Tuesday.—The Prince of Wales [illegible] of honour on the platform. The inhabitants of every village on the route turned out and waved flags and cheered as the Royal train passed.

In the course of the day the Prince visited the city of Pukekoli, which has long been represented in Parliament by Mr. Massey, Prime Minister, who accompanied His Royal Highness to the centre of this rich country, which produces three crops of potatoes a year.

Another city visited was Hamilton, which is also a prosperous agricultural centre. Here representatives of the Cambridge township frontiersmen association presented addresses to the Royal visitor. In both cities the Prince received and replied to official addresses of welcome, and had the finest reception, the entire population turning out.—Press Association.

Auckland, New Zealand, Tuesday.—The sudden declaration of a strike by railway workers has dislocated the arrangements for the Prince of Wales' tour. The engine of Lord Liverpool's train was found to have been tampered with.—Central News.

BOUND FOR RUSSIA.

Labour Deputation Off to Study Soviet Methods.

(BY OUR PRIVATE WIRE.)

The joint delegation of the Parliamentary Committee of the Trade Union Congress and the Labour Party, which is visiting Russia to inquire into the economic and social conditions of the country under the Soviet regime, left King's Cross to-day, travelling via Newcastle to Stockholm. Passports have been granted by the Supreme Council at San Remo to the Russian frontier, and the deputation has been promised facilities in Russia by the Soviet Government.

The deputation, as finally selected, consists of Miss Margaret Bondfield, Mr. H. Skinner, and Mr. A. A. Purcell (Trade Union Congress), Mr. Ben Turner, Mrs. Philip Snowden, and Mr. Robert Williams (Labour Party), and Mr. Clifford Allen and Mr. R. C. Wallhead (Independent Labour Party). All these delegates, however, did not travel from London to-day. Miss Margaret Bondfield was at King's Cross to see the party off, but will be unable to leave for Russia herself until later in the week owing to the illness of Miss Mary Macarthur. She hopes to join the party at Stockholm.

Mr. Tom Shaw, M.P., who is at present in Poland, will probably join the delegation at Reval. The delegates are accompanied by Dr. Haden Guest and Mr. C. Roden Buxton as secretaries and interpreters.

Mrs. Snowden, in conversation with a Press Association representative, said they expected to be away for six weeks. Some of the party desired to return in time for the Labour Party's Conference at Scarborough in June.

The deputation will inquire into Soviet methods, the condition of the country and of the industries, and to what extent Russia is now in a position to export goods.

Mr. Robert Williams said they were not going out to do any whitewashing or to create idols. All they wanted was a little more truth.

NO STRONGER BEER.

Government Not Prepared to Sanction Further Increase in Gravity.

(BY OUR PRIVATE WIRE.)

Sir Mitchell Thomson states in to-day's Parliamentary Debates that the Government are not prepared at the present time to sanction a further increase in the average gravity of beer brewed in Great Britain.

RETURNING TO CANADA.

Duke and Duchess of Devonshire to Sail on May 1st.

(BY OUR PRIVATE WIRE.)

The Central News says to-day that the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire are returning to Canada by the Empress of France on May 1st. They will be accompanied by Lady Maud Mackintosh, Lady Ann Cavendish and Lady Blanche Beresford.

Fines amounting to £122 were imposed upon Japanese seamen at Newport (Mon.) for bringing into the country contraband low-class spirits from Antwerp.

A BANDIT GANG?

Taxi Murder Mystery Provides Astounding Theory.

HUNT FOR "GINGER."

On the Trail of Suspects in Salisbury Plain Tragedy.

Is the murderer of Sidney George Spicer, at Andover, the same person who led a desperate gang of highway robbers and taxi thieves in an outrage in the South-west Counties recently?

The facts and descriptions certainly point in that direction (telegraphs a Newport correspondent of the "Yorkshire Telegraph and Star" to-day). The motive for each outrage was robbery. In each case the driver was attacked and the car stolen. In the previous case the driver was left on the roadside unconscious, whereas Spicer's life was taken. A member of the gang who escaped in the first outrage answers in almost every detail to the supposed murderer of Spicer. Both had a ginger moustache, and both were in possession of British warms. The description of the "mystery man" in the first case was, "slight to medium build, 5ft. 5in. to 5ft. 7in. in height"—two inches shorter than the description given of the Andover murderer. These facts are significant, also that it is a ginger man who is wanted in connection with both crimes.

The route taken after the outrages by both gangs was the same, and both the stolen taxis were recovered in country lanes.

Each outrage resembles the exploits of the notorious Paris bandits, and the question arises as to whether "Ginger" is in fact one of that desperate gang.

Up to a late hour last night the only tangible clue to the murder of Sidney George Spicer, who was shot in the head while driving a motor-car across a lonely stretch of Salisbury Plain late on Saturday night, was the discovery of the car which he was driving at the time of the murder in a lonely suburb of Swansea.

It is stated that the car showed signs of very rough usage, the tyres being badly cut and the mudguards considerably battered, and the deduction to be drawn [illegible]

[illegible] and everything else in his pocket wallet. It was the publicity given by the Press to the description of the car, and the energy of Superintendent Cox, of Andover, that led so quickly to developments yesterday. This in spite of the belated discovery of the murder.

Mrs. Spicer and the child have been the recipients of much sympathy in Salisbury, while the murder has been the one topic of conversation throughout the day.

The London "Star" special correspondent at Andover says to-day that an important new clue is that two soldiers were seen in the murdered man's car at 10 on Sunday morning at Cirencester. The car was outside a garage for two hours awaiting repairs.

A general parade of soldiers in all camps on Salisbury Plain to discover what men are missing was held to-day.

The "Evening News" Salisbury correspondent to-day says the Cirencester police have ascertained the stolen taxi was brought to Bridge's garage there early on Sunday morning by two soldiers, one answering the description of the unknown man who engaged Spicer to drive him to Andover. The proprietor of Bridge's garage gives almost an identical identification of the wanted man, but he asserts he had a ginger moustache. He also noticed the man was wearing a soft military cap, but saw no crown on his sleeve.

JUDGES ON STRIKE.

Germans Protest Against Inter-Allied Commission.

Reuter's Agency learns to-day, according to a Warsaw message, that the German judges in several towns in Upper Silesia have gone on strike. They struck as a protest against the Inter-Allied Commission's action in expelling from the plebiscite territories the Prussian Public Prosecutor, Herr Fitter, who refused to institute proceedings against the murderers of a Polish municipal councillor.—Reuter.

KILLED ON THE LINE.

Early to-day, at Wormwood Scrubbs, a fireman named W. E. Williams, on a G.W.R. train returning to Cardiff, left his engine to get on to the line, and was killed instantly by the Paddington to Bristol newspaper train.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER FORECAST.

The weather forecast for Sheffield and district for the next twenty-four hours, issued at 10 a.m. to-day, is as follows:—

Wind west, veering to north-west or north, fresh or strong; dull; showery, with fair intervals later; visibility mainly good; becoming colder.

PREMIER AND THE BLIND.

The blind deputation now in London will not be received by Mr. Bonar Law to-day, as arranged, the men deciding to await the return of Mr. Lloyd George, who, before leaving for San Remo, expressed his willingness to see them. The meeting will probably take place on Thursday.

NEW GERMAN LOAN.

Berlin, Monday (received to-day).—The Finance Minister, Herr Wirth, speaking in the National Assembly to-day on the Budget for 1920, said the danger of a financial collapse had come apparently nearer. Big sacrifices must be made by the propertied classes, and a general restriction of the present mode of living was essential. A big internal loan must be floated as soon as possible.—Reuter.

AMUNDSEN RETURNING HOME.

Washington, Monday (received to-day).—The Navy Department has received a dispatch regarding Captain Roald Amundsen, the Norwegian explorer, stating that his messenger left about a week ago directing that all correspondence should be forwarded home. It is understood that Capt. Amundsen intends catching the steamer Victoria at Nome for Seattle. The time of his departure will depend upon when he gets clear of the ice in Siberia.—Reuter.

SHOT IN IRELAND.

Welsh Fusilier's Fatal Wound in Limerick Conflict.

ARREST OF RAIDERS.

During a conflict between civilians and soldiers at Limerick last night, a private of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers was shot, succumbing to his injuries to-day.

Last night three soldiers proceeding to New Barracks, Limerick, were stoned by some youths. The soldiers chased their assailants, and on reaching Crescent Avenue shots were fired, and Private Quinn, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, was wounded in the left side of the head. He was removed to the military hospital, and died there early to-day.

A smoke bomb was also thrown at the soldiers.

The Galway magistrates to-day investigated an extraordinary story of a raid which was carried out last night. Fifteen men, wearing masks, surrounded the house of James Feeney, a farmer, and took him out of bed and tied him to a telegraph pole. His son eluded the raiders and galloped to Galway on horseback, which led to the police arresting four men, two of them University students, whom Feeney identified.

THE HUNGER STRIKERS.

Threat to Bring out Irish Workers in Liverpool.

A deputation of the Irish societies in Liverpool waited on the Lord Mayor to-day with reference to the hunger strikers in Wormwood Scrubbs, and stated that unless these men were released within 48 hours it was their intention to bring out on strike all the Irish workers and sympathisers in the port of Liverpool, and similar measures would be adopted at other ports to force the hands of the Government.

The Lord Mayor promised to make representations to the Government.

The Irish workers in Liverpool number over 117,000.

SHOPGIRLS' GRIEVANCES

Some "Loyals" Won Over in London Strike To-day.

The strike of shop assistants employed by Messrs. John Lewis and Co., Oxford Street, London, continues, and yesterday's scenes in the neighbourhood of the premises were repeated this morning.

The Central News is informed that by a distribution of non-strikers a few departments have been opened to-day in addition to the silk department, which was kept in full swing yesterday.

Mr. Lewis still disregards the officials of the Shop Assistants' Union and this morning reiterated his intention of carrying on the business "in my own way."

Girl pickets were on duty at an early hour to-day, and succeeded in winning over to the ranks of the strikers some of the "loyals" of yesterday.

In a statement to employees of Messrs. John Lewis and Co., a member of the firm declares that an unhealthy atmosphere had been created by "the vapourings of the accursed trade unionists." The statement proceeds:—"Their vocation is to make mischief and otherwise lead idle lives at your expense, by drawing from you money that might be saved for better purposes. They lie when they say that your interests are opposed to mine."

The employees allege as a grievance that they are not allowed to leave the premises from the time they start work at nine a.m. until they finish at six p.m., and victimisation is also alleged—an allegation that is denied.

The Press Association says:—The pickets were active to-day, and set out to counteract the effects of a personal canvas among the girls by the management. The manager was out early and approached several of the female employees.

Sympathetic action has been taken by Trades Unions other than the shop assistants. Some painters and carpenters working at Messrs. Lewis's stopped work yesterday, and this morning all the drivers were brought out by the Vehicle Workers' Union. One of the girl pickets pointing to a wax figure in the window, sang "It's all dressed up and nowhere to go."

This morning's strike meeting at Mortimer Hall was remarkably enthusiastic. Half an hour before the time the hall was packed, mostly with girls, all in the highest spirits. The strike musician took her place at the piano, and two girls opened the programme with an exhibition one-step. Several other couples joined in, and the audience sang. At the end of each item some one would shout "Are we downhearted?" or "Are we going to win?" and the right answer would be followed with cheers.

Mr. Hoffman, London organiser of the Shop Assistants Union, announced that the strike pay would be 15s. a week for girls, and 25s. a week for men, but he hoped to augment this considerably by an appeal to all branches of the Union in England, Scotland and Wales.

'BUS WORKERS' DEMANDS

Conference to Consider Steps to be Taken.

A special conference of the Executive Council of the National Union of Vehicle Workers is being held to-day at Transport House, London, to consider what steps should be taken to enforce the demand put forward on behalf of, the 'bus workers, for a flat rate increase of 10s. The conference will remain in session up to Friday when it is expected a decision will be reached.

Mr. George Sanders, organising secretary of the Vehicle Workers' Union, informed a Press Association representative when the executive adjourned at lunch time that they would probably remain in session until the Transport Workers' Federation had had a further interview this week with the operating manager of the London General Omnibus Company, and no new developments were expected in the meantime. He said that the strong feeling of the men was demonstrated by the fact that a deputation of the rank and file had appeared that morning at the headquarters of the Union to hear the executive's decision and to urge the necessity of prompt action and a better offer.

REFUSAL TO BUILD.

Bedford Persists in Defying the Housing Act.

Bedford is probably the only town in England which is defying the Ministry of Health regarding the Housing Act. The Corporation has been declared a defaulter and compulsory powers for the purchase of land have been issued by the Ministry.

In his letter to the Corporation, Dr. Addison says he recognises that the provision of capital for housing schemes needs special measures at the present time, but this feature is not peculiar to Bedford, and the Council have taken no steps to provide the money necessary for their immediate requirements.

The ratepayers, telegraphs the Central News correspondent, are determined to support the action of the Corporation in refusing to build on suitable land. The Mayor has summoned a mass protest meeting for Saturday and Dr. Addison, Mr. Kellaway, the member for the division, and Mr. Bottomley, M.P., will be invited to attend.

CINEMA STAR'S LOSS.

Pearl White's Magnificent Furs Stolen.

Paris, Tuesday.—A telegram from Marseilles states that in the course of a journey between Marseilles and Avignon a thief stole a magnificent fur, valued at £6,000, belonging to Pearl White, the cinema star, who immediately lodged a complaint with the stationmaster at Avignon.—Exchange.

BISHOP OF DURHAM ILL.

Dr. Moule, Bishop of Durham, is lying seriously ill at Cambridge from an attack of pleurisy, states a to-day's telegram.

TO-DAY'S WILLS.

Sir Allan Desmond Bagot, Bart., of Levens Hall, Co. Westmorland, left £186,320.

The Right Rev. Herbert Edward Jones, Lord Bishop of Lewes, left £58,176.

BOLSHEVIK TRAP.

Stockholm, Monday (received to-day).—The Stockholm "Tidningen" learns that large crowds of Russians are seeking refuge in Esthonia. The refugees state that the promised amnesty of the Soviet Government was merely a trap. Nearly all the White soldiers who returned to Russia in good faith have been arrested and sentenced to terms of from five to twenty years' hard labour. Many officers have been shot.—Reuter.

SYRUP AT THE DOCKS.

With reference to the allegation by the Bermondsey Food Control Committee that great quantities of syrup have been lying in the Surrey Docks for three or four years, and much has been wasted by leakage, the Central News was officially informed to-day that the quantity is comparatively small. The eldest consignment was landed last September and the majority has been there only a few weeks.

Two valuable horses, refusing to move at the call of would-be rescuers, were roasted alive during a fire in the stables of a London contractor.

MORE CLOTH DEALS.

Another False Pretences Charge in London.

HOTEL PARTIES.

Charles Hease (34), secretary, appeared at the Old Bailey, London, to-day, before Mr. Justice Darling, and pleaded not guilty to a charge of obtaining £10,000 by false pretences from Mr. Sidney William Hart, a City woollen merchant, and with attempting to obtain sums of £50,000 and £60,000 by false pretences from the same gentleman.

The defendant said he proposed to defend himself in order to elicit from the witnesses the whole facts of the case.

Mr. J. D. Cassels, who prosecuted, said that the prisoner had a great privilege, which he used to the utmost, of being allowed to enter the Houses of Parliament, where he carried out his business deals. He walked about the precincts of both Houses of Parliament almost with the freedom of an old member confident of re-election, while he was known in the Members' rooms of both Houses. The prisoner represented that he had a contract with the Government for the purchase of large quantities of khaki serge which he offered to the prosecutor at 3s. 9d. a yard. He received £6,500 from the prosecutor, and in order to carry out the contract actually paid the Disposals Board 9s. 6d. a yard. Subsequently he obtained £10,000 from the prosecutor for which no goods were delivered. Prisoner told the prosecutor that he had contracted to take 10,000,000 yards of khaki serge from the Government in addition to 5,500,000 yards of tweeds, but, as a matter of fact, he had no contract with the Government of any quantity of goods.

The case for the prosecution, said counsel, was that it was a deliberate fraud, for Hease knew he was offering to pay 9s. 6d. a yard for cloth he was offering at 3s. 9d. a yard. Counsel added that on New Year's Eve, when Mr. Hart was beginning to get anxious, Hease was found at a Faversham hotel entertaining the local Chamber of Commerce at a festive gathering.

MINERS SUFFOCATED.

Four Men Killed in Fire at Scottish Colliery.

An underground motor engine caught fire at Bothwell Colliery, Lanarkshire, to-day, with the result that four men were suffocated and seven others had miraculous escapes.

The Press Association states that a father and son were included in the four miners who were suffocated.

PRICE OF MILK.

Twopence a Quart Cheaper Next Week.

The Press Association says it is officially announced that at the recent meeting of the National Federation of Dairymen's Associations it was decided that on and from Sunday next the retail price of milk in London and other large towns shall be reduced to 8d. a quart, a fall of 2d.

At their annual meeting the Bolsover Farmers' and Dairymen's Association fixed 9d. per quart as the summer retail price of milk, and it was decided that this price should operate from May 2nd to Sept. 4th, inclusive. Mr. Z. Breedon presided, and the following were the principal officials appointed:—President, Mr. Z. Breedon; vice-president, Mr. J. W. Holmes; treasurer, Mr. W. T. Marsh; secretary, Mr. R. Banner.

Although the decision of the Federation does not directly affect Sheffield—the local dairymen's associations not being affiliated—the Sheffield Dairymen and Cowkeepers' Association had already decided to reduce the retail price of milk to 9d. from Monday next. The present price is 11d. per quart. The producers have fixed 2s. 5d. per gallon as the wholesale price, and this leaves only 9d. per gallon profit for the retailers, who regard this as the "irreducible minimum" on which they can maintain their services to the community. The London and South Country dealers, they point out, are able to buy their supplies cheaper than is possible in the North.

BLACKBURN SENSATION.

Missing Gentleman Found Shot on Moorlands.

A sensation was caused at Blackburn, to-day, by the discovery of Mr. Walter Hilstead (51), a gentleman of independent means, residing at Wilpshire, lying dead on the Wilpshire Moorlands. He had been missing from home since Wednesday. His wife had not been unduly anxious as deceased had previously absented himself. A farm servant found the body under a wall, deceased holding a five chambered revolver, one being discharged. Deceased was a member of a prominent family of active religious and social standing.

SHIPPING CONTROL.

Deficiency to be Met by Vote of Credit.

Sir J. H. Gibson, Comptroller and Auditor-General, in his report on the appropriation account, 1918-19, for the Ministry of Shipping, points out that the expenditure shown in the account has exceeded the gross estimate by £85,465,020 and the sums realised on account of appropriations in aid have fallen short of the amount estimated by £14,938,686, the total deficiency to be met from the vote of credit being therefore £100,403,706. The expenditure includes £8,384,945 for shipbuilding abroad, for which final accounts have not been received, making the total expenditure on this service during the financial years 1916-19, still awaiting settlement, £25,740,008.

WAR MATERIAL.

Mr. Hope and a Sheffield Firm.

(BY OUR PRIVATE WIRE.)

Major Nall asked the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Munitions whether his attention had been called to certain imputations recently made against the firm of T. W. Ward, Ltd., and whether he can make any statement on the subject.

Mr. Hope: I assume that my hon. and gallant friend refers to statements with regard to a large collection of miscellaneous war material which is known as the Zenegham Salvage Dump. The disposal of the whole of this material was entrusted in September last to a syndicate of four firms, one of which is T. W. Ward, Ltd., who work on a commission basis and are paid according to the net profits realised for the material. Messrs. Ward had no possible motive in keeping purchasers away from the dump and had, on the contrary, every inducement to effect the best sales possible in the public interest of its contents. On the other hand the disposal officer concerned rightly directed the attention of purchasers to other dumps in regard to which no selling arrangements had been made, and in so doing he was merely carrying out the policy of the Disposal Board. It is quite true that before the war this officer was connected with Messrs. Ward, but it would have been impossible to find anyone to fill his office who had at once the necessary technical knowledge and at the same time had no connection with the trade. There is not the smallest reason for any imputation on either the ability or honour of this officer, and in any event his interest in this matter could not have been in conflict with his duty.

POLITICAL SENSATION CAUSED IN DENMARK.

Copenhagen, Monday (received to-day).—The sensational defeat of the Radicals, of whom the ex-Premier is leader, has caused surprise. Presumably a Liberal-Conservative Coalition Government will be formed.—Reuter.

SHEFFIELD TAILORS' DISPUTE SETTLED.

The tailors' dispute in Sheffield is now at an end. Members' meetings will be called of all parties, at which the recommendations arrived at at the conference of representatives, held at the Grand Hotel, will be submitted. Machinery has been fixed up for dealing with all disputes in connection with the trade up to May 1st, 1921.

INTERESTING SHEFFIELD WEDDING.

A pretty wedding took place this morning at St. Augustine's Church, Brocco Bank, Sheffield, when Mr. John W. Vessey, only son of the late Mr. C. H. Vessey and Mrs. Vessey, of Hastings Road, Millhouses, was married to Miss Beatrice M. Greening, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Greening, of Endcliffe Avenue, Sheffield. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. A. F. Mitchell, and the ceremony was of a quiet character. Captain Norman Atkin was the best man.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of white cashmere with sleeves of white georgette, the panels being embroidered with chenille. A flowing embroidered veil was thrown over her white toque. She carried a sheaf of lilies and carnations, and was attended by Miss Janet Vessey, cousin of the bridegroom.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the Royal Victoria Hotel, and later Mr. and Mrs. Vessey left for their honeymoon on the West Coast.

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