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DESIGNERS TREATERS TO ABANDON MINES

MUST GET PROTECTION FOR MEN TO OPERATE THE PUMPS

Members of Clerical Staff Decline To Continue Arduous Task of Keeping Fires On Boilers

WATER GAINS IN SEVERAL COLLIERIES

Premier Armstrong Intimates That In View of Good Order in Strike Area, Government Will Not At Present Grant Request For Protection.

By Canadian Press Staff Correspondent. SYDNEY, N. S., March 9.—Abandonment of the coal mines, owned by the people of Nova Scotia, and operated under lease by the British Empire Steel Corporation, is the alternative held out by J. E. McLurg, vice-president of the company, in the event of failure on the part of the provincial government to afford protection to men he considers it necessary to bring into the colliery district, in order to supplant members of the clerical staff now engaged in manning the pumps and fans.

McLurg admitted this morning that a number of the clerical staff had declined to do maintenance work at an hourly bonus over and above their regular salary.

INDUCE CLERKS TO QUIT PUMPS

In addition, he charged that a committee from the men had visited the power house at No. 2 colliery last night, and induced several so-called "white collar men," he would not know the exact number until the night shift went on, to quit their jobs. Moreover, he stated, the company was nine men short at No. 6 house, and water was gaining in the mine in consequence. Yesterday Mr. McLurg wired the Premier appealing for protection for men he proposed bringing into the colliery districts to supplant the clerical workers.

Up to a late hour this morning he had received no reply to his appeal, but the Premier intimated at Halifax last night that in view of there being no disorder, and no wanton destruction of property, the protection sought would not be forthcoming. This contingency was suggested to the vice-president yesterday and on being asked what the company would do, if it eventuated, he replied: "Well, No. 10 will go first. That is our wettest mine."

Not Authorized by U. M. W.

John W. McLeod, district president of the U. M. W. of A., declared this morning that if a committee of the men had induced a number of "white collar laborers" to quit work at No. 2 power house, the executive had not only not authorized the action, but was unaware of it. McLeod pointed out that 35 members of the union had been instructed to operate the power house at New Waterford, one of the two main power houses of the company, and had operated it from the start. This to supply light and power to the hospital and people of the town. The company was using the power generated by the men for their own purpose including the operation of pumps and fans at various mines. And the mine workers were offering no objection to this practice.

Operation of Power House

McLeod's contention was that the power station at New Waterford could be made to operate pumps and fans throughout the Glace Bay district, but the company will not admit that this is the case. As for conditions at No. 6, McLeod's home, the district president was emphatic in stating that the water was not gaining in this mine, as alleged by the company.

"They have the same number of men employed as they had in the three previous disputes in which the maintenance men were pulled out," he stated. "Moreover, No. 6 is a reasonably dry mine, and remarkably free from gas."

Lewis Opposes District Policy

HALIFAX, N. S., March 9.—John Lewis, international president of the U. M. W. of A., has reiterated his previous statement that it is not the policy of the organization to withdraw maintenance men from the mining properties so long as members are not asked to work with strike-breakers, in a telegram received by Premier Armstrong this morning, in reply to one from him. The telegram follows: "It is not the policy of the United Mine Workers of America to withdraw maintenance men from mine properties during strikes, so long as our members are not asked to work with strike-breakers. It has been the policy of the U. M. W. throughout its 35 years' existence to stand for the protection of property interests. The officers of District 26 have previously been advised of the position of the British Empire Steel Corporation on this question."

Through With 1924 Rates.

GLACE BAY, N. S., March 9.—The 1924 rates are off, the British Empire Steel Corporation will not produce any coal under them," was the statement made at noon today by J. E. McLurg, vice-president of the British Empire Steel Corporation, when informed that the U. M. W. would provide maintenance men. If the corporation would renege on the credit at the stores, give a guarantee regarding minimum employment and pay the 1924 rates until a settlement was effected.

"There is nothing doing as far as McLurg's proposal is concerned. This corporation will not consider mining under the 1924 rates."

Can't Cope With Situation.

GLACE BAY, N. S., March 9.—H. J. McCann, general manager of the Dominion Coal Company, stated this morning that officials were working at all the plants, but at No. 6 and No. 21 there were not enough officials to cope with the situation. At No. 6 there were nine officials who were working eight hour shifts, Mr. McCann said. The pumps here were run by a compressor, there being no electrical power. Yesterday the fan was kept running all day, but today the compressor would have to lay idle. The company had no extra officials to send to No. 6, so water was bound to accumulate in the mine. The general manager explained that the water at No. 6 mine contained very much acid which would be ruinous to the machinery in the mine, if the water rose any considerable distance.

Need Men At Pumps.

At No. 21, he said the pumps had been withdrawn, the company taking it for granted that the power was to be shut off according to the United Mine Workers' ultimatum. There were only three of the working at No. 21, and those were being utilized along with those of No. 22, to save the latter colliery. The corporation did not have sufficient men to take care of them. The company was doing as well as it could with its officials, and if they failed serious results to mining property would be bound to follow.

No Report From Lewis.

The U. M. W. president, J. W. McLeod, today, when informed of the report that the international union had refused to back up a one hundred per cent strike in District 26, replied that he had received no such news from John L. Lewis, international president.

Will Be Disappointed If He Escapes Gallows, Says Williams

ROB "BROADWAY BUTTERFLY" OF \$50,000

To Broadcast Miners' Appeal

SYDNEY, N. S., March 9.—The churches of Sydney Mines collected enough money on Sunday to relieve distress among the miners on the north side of the harbor until Tuesday. The British Canadian Co-operative Society are feeding 200 school children daily. Arrangements were made to-night to broadcast an appeal for help by means of the radio.

PAYS HIGH TRIBUTE TO BLISS CARMAN

Greatest Lyric Poet in English Language, Excepting Yeats, Says Roberts.

TORONTO, March 9.—Having learned that the man is a formidable antagonist, wolves are inclined to give him a wide berth, according to Dr. C. G. D. Roberts, well known writer of animal stories, in addressing the Toronto branch of the Canadian Authors Association, at a dinner in his honor here Saturday night. As he spoke, they would not attack him, he said, their main motive being food and the peaceful getting of it. In the course of his talk, Dr. Roberts offered the opinion that Dr. Bliss Carman, was the greatest lyric poet in the English language, with the exception of W. B. Yeats, the famous Irish writer. He excluded Kipling, as he was a poet of imperialism.

PARTIES MERGED

Liberals and Progressives in Norfolk County, Ont., Unite on Tariff Question.

SIMCOE, Ont., March 9.—Meeting here Saturday representatives of Liberals and Progressives in Norfolk County, unanimously agreed to merge their political interests, and if the two riding associations agree with the decision, the problem of representation in the next election contest will be solved by entering a low tariff candidate in the field. The candidate, when elected, is pledged to give independent support to and join the caucus of which every Liberal party may be a member, whether it be under the leadership of Mr. King, or Mr. Forke.

MARRIED 91 YEARS

Polish Woman, New in Home For Incubates, Celebrates Her 107th Birthday.

BALTIMORE, March 9.—Married for 91 years, Mrs. Sarah Eshbach celebrated her 107th birthday a few days ago. In a room at the Hebrew Home for Incubates Mrs. Eshbach, who is unmarried since Eshbach, now 109 years old, when she was 16, will celebrate with that of her five living children who can be with her. Mrs. Eshbach has good and youthful girls. Every morning she rises at 6.30 o'clock. She attends religious services and has breakfast at 8. Then follows her morning walk of several blocks. She takes another in the afternoon. Both she and her husband read without glasses. They came here six years ago from Poland.

GIRL IS ARRESTED

Alleged Dope Peddler Had \$10,000 Worth of Narcotics in Her Possession.

NEW YORK, March 8.—Frances Ryan, said by the police to be a messenger for a drug ring, which operates in New York, Albany, Montreal and Pittsburgh, was arrested here last night, charged with illegally possessing narcotics. Drugs valued at ten thousand dollars, were found in her room.

Lifeless Body of Arthur Coleman, Located Hanging in Stellarton Hallway.

STELLARTON, N. S., March 9.—The lifeless body of Arthur Coleman, 69, a crippled ex-coal miner, was found hanging from a beam in the hallway of his boarding house, when Mr. and Mrs. Roy, with whom he lived, returned from church last evening. An inquest will be held this afternoon.

RAIL STRIKE AVERTED.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 9.—A wage increase agreement averting the threatened strike of engineers on the Santa Fe coast lines, was signed yesterday by company officials, and representatives of the railroad brotherhoods. The agreement grants the men their demand for a five per cent pay increase.

URGENT INQUIRY INTO BRITISH SHIPBUILDING

The Loss of \$5,000,000 Contract to Germany, Arouses Nation

INDUSTRY IS HIT

Some Blame High Wages and Others Large Profits Sought By Capitalists

By HERBERT BAILEY. British United Press. LONDON, March 9.—The placing of a five million dollar contract for five 10,000 ton motor vehicles with a German firm by a subsidiary company of the Furness Withy Shipping Corporation is causing a storm of comment which promises to develop into a thorough enquiry of what is wrong with British shipbuilding which is the most depressed industry since the war. Such an investigation would also be expected to expose the economic factors which militate against British industry generally in competition with foreign rivals.

DEMPSEY IS WILLING

Ready to Meet Wills if Financial Proposals Are Satisfactory.

NEW YORK, March 9.—Jack Dempsey, according to law, has fifteen days in which to reply to the ultimatum sent to him by the New York State Athletic Commission. The edict of Friday gave him 24 hours, which the commission now admits must have been a mistake. Jack Keenan's reply that the champion is willing to meet Harry Wills when the boxing mogul of New York state make a few financial guarantees to leave the situation as it was before any definite action was taken. The work will have to be done all over again.

MEXICANS ROB PAY TRAIN OF PIERCE OIL COMPANY

Leave \$2,000 in Cars.

VERA CRUZ, Mexico, March 9.—Eight armed bandits yesterday held up the pay train of the Pierce Oil Company, which was being taken to the camp. The bandits left behind them two thousand dollars they could not carry off.

FAMOUS PIANIST DIES

Moszkowski, Noted Composer and Teacher, Was Financially Ruined by War.

PARIS, March 9.—Moritz Moszkowski, famous pianist and composer, is dead at his home here. Born at Breslau, Germany, on August 23, 1854, he studied at Dresden and Berlin, and for many years was a teacher at the Kullak Academy. He was financially ruined by the war and ill health obliged him to give up his teaching. His declining years were made easier by the efforts of Padewski, Harold Bauer and many of his pupils.

MAN IS FOUND DEAD

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Second Cousin Former Kaiser Passes Away

DESIREN, Germany, March 9.—Prince Friedrich Wilhelm, of Prussia, second cousin of the former Kaiser, died in a sanitarium at Weisshilf this morning, aged 45. He was the youngest son of Prince Albrecht, regent of Brunswick. In 1910 he married Princess Agathe, of Hildburghausen, one of the beauties of the Potsdam court, who was buried under the central pillar of the Asakusa temple in Tokio.

Three Killed In Auto Crash

BUFFALO, March 9.—A party of youths returning from a late dance yesterday morning, in a small automobile truck, overturned in South Buffalo, and three were killed, and two fatally hurt. The dead are Cornelius O'Brien, Dudley Kempf and Bernard Colgrove. Those fatally hurt are Leo Hattinen and Thomas Doyle. Six others were slightly injured.

CANCER WILL SOON BE UNDER CONTROL

Dr. Mayo Makes Significant Statement to Philadelphia Surgeons.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 9.—Dr. C. H. Mayo, of Rochester, Minn., one of the country's leading surgeons, told the Philadelphia Forum in an address last night that he believed cancer would be "under control" within a few years. By this, Dr. Mayo said he did not mean that cancer would be cured, nor that it would be preventable, but that it would be more amenable to treatment, and that its working would neither be so rapid nor so serious. He based this belief, he said, on the theory that cancer is caused by an organism, perhaps a germ, and on the Wassermann test through which it is claimed the presence of cancer may be detected. Dr. Mayo said the Wassermann test was being used in the laboratory of the University of Pennsylvania, and he believed it would be practical.

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SENTENCE GUNMEN

William Watkins, Guilty of Murder of Verdun Man, to Hang June 12.

MONTREAL, March 9.—Sydney Harrison, formerly of New Westminster, B. C., pleaded guilty to a charge of manslaughter in the Court of King's Bench this morning, in connection with the fatal shooting several months ago of F. R. Bevaux, Verdun postman-shipkeeper. He will be sentenced later. William Watkins was found guilty of murder last week in connection with the death of Bevaux, and sentenced to hang June 23, while Alfred Deschambault, third member of the accused trio, tried with Watkins, was found guilty of manslaughter, and will be sentenced later.

ESTABLISH SCHOLARSHIP IN YEAST KING'S MEMORY

CINCINNATI, Ohio, March 9.—A fund to provide annual scholarships in the American Institute of Baking at Chicago in memory of Julius Fleischmann is proposed by the American Bakers' Association, and has met with the hearty endorsement of merchant bakers' clubs throughout the United States. The fund will be fixed at \$500,000.

DENIES STATEMENT

Did Not Propose British Protectorate in Ethiopia, Says Foreign Minister.

REVAL, Estonia, March 9.—Denial of a recent statement attributed to the Soviet Foreign Minister, G. Tchitcherin, that Estonia had made proposition to Great Britain for the establishment of a British protectorate there with a naval base and other concessions, is made by the Estonian foreign minister. He said no such proposition had ever been made by his government.

Japanese Beauty Offered to Be Burned Alive in Tokio Temple

LONDON, March 9.—Tsune Karamura, Japanese beauty of wealthy parentage, has been saved from being burned alive beneath the foundations of a temple only because her offer to be a human sacrifice was refused, according to the Daily Express. Ancient tradition relates that a virgin was walked up beneath the central pillar of the Asakusa temple in Tokio. When the great earthquake of 1923 swept Tokio the Arakusa temple remained standing. Its miraculous escape from the quake and ensuing fire is attributed by popular superstition to the unknown virgin's sacrifice. When Tsune's offer was refused she inaugurated a movement whereby eighty-nine village girls sacrifice their long black tresses to be buried under the shrine.

MASKED BANDITS GET RICH HAUL IN APARTMENT

Robbers Bite Costly Diamond Rings Off Woman's Fingers. HAVE NO CLUE

Police Believe Same Gang Murdered Louise Lawson and Dorothy Keenan

NEW YORK, March 9.—Three masked men broke into the studio apartment of Mrs. Fay Perkins, West 88th street, this morning, and escaped with jewelry of an estimated value of \$50,000, after beating Mrs. Perkins and binding and gagging her escort, Milton Abbott, described by the police as a wealthy cotton broker. They were believed by the police to have been members of the same gang that robbed the apartments of several women known as "Broadway butterflies," including Louise Lawson and Dorothy Keenan, who were murdered. Hit With Revolver Bullets. After choking Mrs. Perkins and biting rings from her fingers and taking bracelets and necklaces from her, the robbers beat her with revolver bullets until she revealed the location of the rest of her jewelry. Mrs. Perkins, a frequenter of Broadway cabarets, is separated from her husband, Benjamin Perkins, wealthy proprietor of a West 83rd street cafe. Mrs. Perkins and her companion had just returned to her apartment after dining in one of Broadway's fashionable nightclubs, and making the rounds of other night resorts. Escort Is Gagged. Abbott was seized by the robbers, gagged with a pillow and bound to a bed with ripped up lengths of sheets. The robbers then attacked Mrs. Perkins and stripped her jewelry from her. The jewelry taken by the robbers included several diamonds which were collected by her husband from famous lapidaries of the world, Mrs. Perkins told the police.

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GAME LIFE IN N. B.

Moving Picture Studies Given to Gathering of Montreal Sportsmen.

MONTREAL, March 9.—Moving picture studies of game life in New Brunswick, taken with a home-made camera, operated by a motor in the bow of the canoe of the naturalist guide, Burton S. Moore of Andover, N. B., gave a representative gathering of sportsmen and tourist agents a good insight into the sporting possibilities of the Maritime Provinces here on Saturday. In five short reels, hundreds of deer and moose gambolled before the lens and a hundred small animals went about their daily work and play undisturbed.

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS COUNCIL IS OPENED

Austen Chamberlain, British Foreign Secretary, Formally Opens 23rd. Session

GENEVA, March 9.—Austen Chamberlain, the British Foreign Secretary as president of the council, opened the twenty-third session of the council of the League of Nations today, and a great was the crowd assembled in the corridors of the league palace that he had literally to edge his way into the council chamber. Resent Attitude. The British, however, resent advancement of the idea that they are killing the protocol. Their representatives insist that what they intend to do is to explain their objections of the proposed pact. The present indications seem to be that action on the protocol will be postponed to the meeting of the League Assembly in September, and that meantime the negotiations for the guaranty pact recently proposed will be pushed.

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The Weather

Pressure is high over Ontario and Quebec and also in the far northwest, while an important disturbance now centered in Nebraska is moving eastward towards Lake Superior. The weather is quite cold.