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COLLIERIES END IN REJECTION OF ALL OFFERS

ADVANCE ON MERIT
PREMIER DRURY SAYS
TO CIVIL SERVANTS

Must Get Rid of Bane of Party
Politics in Service, Drury
Also Declares—Nobility
Clamoring for Best Posi-
tions—Plea for Economy.

Promotion by merit; nobody
clamoring for the best positions
in the civil service; no pull for jobs;
to get rid of the bane of party politics
in the service; urging the staff to
make the departments more efficient;
an expression of opinion that some
salaries were unduly low and a request
for forbearance until the financial air
is cleared; a plea for general economy
and reducing the staff by not filling
vacancies where people are not re-
quired.

The foregoing were among the
points made by Premier Drury in the
course of a somewhat remarkable
speech at the ninth annual meeting of
the Ontario Civil Service Association
held in the legislative chamber at
parliament buildings last night. Mr.
Drury occupied his own seat to the
right of the speaker and was accom-
panied by Hon. R. H. Grant, minister
of education; Hon. Walter Rollo, minister
of labor and health; and Hon. Beniah
Bowman, minister of lands and forests.
The latter announced that promotion
by merit had already commenced in his
department. There was a large at-
tendance of civil servants.

HYDRO PROPOSES
TO BUY GUELPH RY.

Offers Sum of \$150,000—
Beck Will Confer
Tonight.

Special to The Toronto World.
Guelph, Ont., Nov. 27.—The Hydro-
Electric Power Commission is making
a proposition to the city respecting the
Guelph radial railway for the sum of
\$150,000 on July 1, 1920. It is estimated
that if the local radial is
taken over it will become part of
the Hydro system in this district.

In paying for the same they agree
to issue Hydro-Electric Power Com-
mission bonds to cover this amount
which they will pay by an amount equal
to the interest and sinking fund each
year until the whole has been paid. It
is estimated that the Hydro system will
be paid over in a period of about 20 years. It is stipu-
lated in the letter that the book debts,
etc., should remain the property of the
city. In other words, the road must be
handed over free of all encumbrances.

Beck Meets Council.
The secretary stated that Sir Adam
Beck, the chairman of the Hydro
Commission, would come to Guelph
along with Chief Engineer Gaby this
evening to explain the whole offer to
the city council. This matter was
considered by Ald. Westoby, chairman
of the railway and manufacturers'
committee, and it was decided that in
view of the fact that the Guelph
radial railway situation was to be the
subject of discussion at a joint meet-
ing of the chairmen of the Hydro-Electric
city council, Trades and Labor Council
and the Retail Merchants' Association
representatives this evening, Sir Adam
Beck was courteously informed that the
council could not meet with him this
evening, but ask that he set another time.
It is probable that the council will
be made to have Sir Adam come here
Monday night when the council meets
in session.

City is Pivotal Point.
The railway situation here now is
that the city is included in the agita-
tion to build the Elmira-Hamilton-Guelph
line; it will be a junction point with
the G.T.R. north branch lines are ever
handed over to the Hydro; it is a
pivotal point in the Toronto to Wind-
sor line, and it is not impossible that
the C.P.R. may again try and link up
the Grand Valley Railway here. It is
certain that Guelph will go through for
the Hydro scheme, whether it will
hand over the street railway to any-
one is a debatable question.

MEXICO REFUSES
TO FREE CONSUL;
PLEADS INABILITY

Carranza Says It is Impossible
While His Case is in
Mexican Courts.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Mexico has
replied with an argumentative diplo-
matic refusal to the American govern-
ment's demand for the immediate re-
lease of William O. Jenkins, the con-
sular agent imprisoned at Puebla.
The official note was delivered here
today but not made public. There is
no reason to doubt that it agrees with
the copy given out by the Mexican
consul general at El Paso.
No comment was forthcoming to
indicate how the state department re-
sponds to the answer to what was con-
sidered one of the sharpest warnings
there any indication of what the govern-
ment's next step would be.

The Mexican reply, which according
to its text, was prepared at the direc-
tion of President Carranza, argues in
the main that the Mexican govern-
ment cannot order the release of a
prisoner while his case is under
adjudication in the courts of one of its
states and contends that the Ameri-
can government's demand for the con-
sular agent's release had no founda-
tion or precedent in international
law.

The note says Jenkins has no oppor-
tunity to be based on bail in the
sum of one thousand pesos, the
equivalent to five hundred dollars in
American money, if released, not more
than the Mexican bank notes, and
that Jenkins has refused to avail him-
self of it, although he has been request-
ed to do so.

Recalling that Mexican consuls in
the United States have been im-
prisoned and that Mexico has never
asked the United States to waive local
law in their cases, the note remarks
that "the Mexican government cannot
concede to the United States a preced-
ent which would allow the release of
other than Mexicans enjoy in the
United States."

Mexico Was Warned.
In this case Mexico the state de-
partment not only demanded the im-
mediate release of Jenkins, but
warned Carranza that failure to ob-
ey would result in the consul general
being arrested and imprisoned.
Whether the government will regard
the Jenkins case as a climax to the
long line of unsettled questions with
Mexico is not being indicated in any
official way. Technically, a consular
agent has no diplomatic status, and
diplomats are of the opinion that
in framing its further action, as the
United States is not bound to deter-
mine whether the civil prosecution of Jen-
kins is a civil prosecution in good
faith or one designed to punish the
agent for receiving a bribe or for
other offenses, and whether he is being "molested" by
the Carranza government or whether
technical argument are being ad-
vanced to justify the procedure.

Belgian Consul Arrives.
Montreal, Nov. 27.—The consul-gen-
eral for Belgium, Mr. M. Gooz, arrived
here yesterday on the
Scotian, accompanied by Mrs. Gooz
and family, and proceeded to Ottawa
within two hours of disembarking.

Reiterates Warning.
"Some days ago, in anticipation of
the situation continuing, an announce-
ment was made thru the press to the
public by the fuel controller that these
institutions and industries requiring
coal must submit to the fuel adminis-
trator of the province a statement
under oath as to the character of the
work carried on by the institution or
industry, the amount of coal that is
in stock, the amount that is normally
consumed per day and from whom
supplies in the past have been ob-
tained. It seems necessary to remind
the public that this information is
absolutely necessary and until it is
supplied to the fuel administrator of
the province there can be no move-
ment of coal to Canada."

U. S. Has Absolute Control.
"White" coal supplies have
contracted for coal in the United
States and are being advised in some
instances of shipments being made,
it might as well be clearly under-
stood that the coal committee of the
United States railroad administration,
which has absolute control over
soft coal supplies, are diverting such
shipments whenever and wherever
they deem it essential. The only method
whereby soft coal can be received from
the United States at the present time
is thru the provincial fuel adminis-
trator and the fuel controller at
Ottawa."

LIONEL H. CLARKE MADE
LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

Chairman of Harbor Commis-
sion Honored by Province
for Public-Spirited Work in
Many Capacities—Appoint-
ment Not Yet Officially

Lionel H. Clarke, as lieutenant-gov-
ernor, may be a surprise, but a pleasant
surprise to most people. He is a
gentleman who has done much and
disinterested public service. As chair-
man of the Toronto Harbor Commis-
sion, he has been named as lieuten-
ant-governor of Ontario. It is
expected that Hon. Colonel Prior,
minister of militia in the Tupper
administration in 1916, will be ap-
pointed lieutenant-governor of Ontario.
Other names mentioned for the British
Columbia are Walter Nichol, Van-
couver, and A. C. Plummerfelt,
Victoria.

"PUSSYFOOT" JOHNSON
HAS ONE EYE REMOVED
London, Nov. 27.—The right eye of
William E. (Pussyfoot) Johnson, the
American prohibition worker and or-
ganizer of the Anti-Saloon League,
was successfully removed tonight.
Physicians in attendance explained in
a bulletin issued after the operation
that removal of the eye was necessary
to save his left eye, and also that the
pain could not have been relieved
otherwise.

STRATFORD CASE FATAL.
Stratford, Ont., Nov. 27.—Hiram
Gabel, of Shakespeare, is dead as a
result of sleeping sickness. Two weeks
ago he suddenly took sick with the ex-
ception of occasionally apparent spells
of consciousness. He was a son of
J. S. Gabel, of Shakespeare, and was
27 years old. He had been married
only a few months ago.

WIFE FOUND DEAD
Leaves Note to Husband; Who Can-
not Be Located By the
Police.
Mrs. Allen Salt, aged 55, of 323 West
Richmond street, was found lying dead
on the floor of her home at 7 o'clock
last night by neighbors and the police.
An empty bottle, said to have con-
tained poison, and a note were found
lying close by the body. The note
read, "You will not get a chance to
read me any more." The supposition
of the police is that a quarrel had
been going on in the home. The police
of Court street station have not been
able to locate the husband to interview
him.

FUR-LINED COATS
A cold day makes a fur-lined coat
the most necessary garment. The
Dineen Company have just put into
stock several choice coats just finish-
ed in their own factory. Some are
lined with fine mink, others with
Canadian rat and black Russian rat.
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ATTEMPTS TO LEAD
SOFT COAL STRIKE
ARE BROKEN OFF

Proposed 14 Per Cent. Wage
Increase Rejected After
Bitter Debate—Operators
Reject Wilson's Proposal—
Some Owners to Attempt
Production.

Washington, Nov. 27.—An abrupt
end came late today to all attempts
to settle the nation-wide coal strike
by peaceful agreement.
Miners and operators spent a bleak
Thanksgiving afternoon in embittered
debate over the government proposal
for a 14 per cent. wage increase, made
last night by Fuel Administrator Gar-
field, rejected it and every other pro-
posal that was forthcoming and then
discovered, one die.

Participants went home tonight and
where the break left coal strike con-
ductors in one of the mines or
operator, would say. Likewise in official
quarters, there was gloom.
Acting president John L. Lewis, of
the mine workers, who has to say
one word as to the strike itself, which
therefore was called off in obedience
to federal court injunction, held
a press conference in the evening and
for war time food and fuel control, scored
the government roundly at the con-
clusion of the conference. So did
William Green, secretary of the mine
workers.

Operators, the accepting the govern-
ment proposal definitely, in a letter of
explanation to Dr. Garfield which they
made public, intimated that the govern-
ment refusal to all price increases
would be for reconsideration. It was
stated that the coal situation reached its climax today,
after involving the full attention of
the federal government for two days
previously. There was much heated
oratory, but T. W. Guthrie, of Pitts-
burg, acting chairman of the operators'
committee, described the parliamentary
procedure succinctly as the case
closed.

Voted Everything Down.
The operators, by a 14-10 vote, re-
jected the government proposal for
this central competitive field of
their acceptance of Dr. Garfield's plan.
This vote was promptly
rejected down. In turn, the miners
voted forward a counter proposal, that
Secretary Wilson's suggestion for a 14.5
per cent. wage increase be granted,
and this the operators flatly refused.
For the third time the operators
renewed their offer of arbitration and
this time the miners voted
down. Unanimously an adjournment
was voted.

The operators are pretending to
accept Dr. Garfield's proposal, Mr.
Lewis said, manifesting scorn and in-
dignation as he called the newspaper
editorial which had been written in
London and in the United States, a
"noble ball" that was the scene of the
all-day gatherings. "But as they do
it they state they are unable to operate
many of their mines under the
proposed plan. It would be foolish for us to attempt to
make an agreement unless miners are
to be given work."

Miners' Position Unchanged.
"Our position is unchanged. We hold
the United States government cannot
do anything for us."

Health Officer of Manitoba
Looks for Smallpox Outbreaks
Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 27.—Dr. Stuart
M. Fraser, provincial health officer for
Manitoba, declared today that it is
the duty of every man, woman and
child in Manitoba to be vaccinated
owing to the smallpox outbreak in the
east, which is already making its
entrance into Manitoba.
Medical men, he declared, look for
outbreaks of smallpox in March, largely
owing to movement of men from lum-
ber camps.

PARTY OF BRITISH
DOMESTICS ARRIVE
Served in Women's War
Forces—Thousands More
Will Come.
Special to The Toronto World.
Ottawa, Nov. 27.—Mrs. Robson,
representing the department of immi-
gration is in Halifax to meet the first
party of domestic servants arriving
in Canada from Great Britain. The
party numbers 83, and for the following
provinces: Nova Scotia, 1; New
Brunswick, 1; Quebec, 7; Ontario, 39;
Saskatchewan, 4; Manitoba, 6; Al-
berta, 2; British Columbia, 5, and 15
have not yet decided. These girls are
from the British women's war forces,
such as the Women's Royal Air Force,
Women's Royal Naval Force, Women's
Auxiliary Army Corps and the land
army, and their fares are paid to Can-
ada by the imperial government, but
they are accepted here on agreement
to enter domestic service.

Providing Hostels.
To supervise and locate these girls,
there has been formed in Canada the
Canadian Council of Immigration of
Women for Household Service. This
organization has provided for these
girls' hostels at Halifax, St. John,
Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina,
Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver,
and will secure for them employment
and provide accommodation for them
until their story positions are obtain-
ed. The organization has many ap-
plications for domestic help, and ex-
pects to place thousands of British
domestic story positions are obtain-
ed at home since the demobilization
of the war organizations.

NEW BELGIAN CABINET.
Brussels, Nov. 27.—The new Belgian
cabinet under the premiership of M.
Dele Croix comprises all the former
ministers with the exception of Baron
De Broqueville, who is succeeded, as
minister of the interior by M. Poulet.
M. Piret, Socialist, becomes minister
of arts.

WHAT IS REAL QUESTION
ABOUT BACON HIGH COST?
The Fact That Fourteen Years Ago the Packer Gave the Spread Be-
tween His Per Pound Cost of Live Hogs and Finished Bacon at
5.42 Cents, and in 1917 His Figures for Same Process Work Out
at 17.83 Cents Per Pound Opens Trail to Real Causes of H.C.L.
It is very interesting to observe how
speedily many excellent people get
stirred up when the realities of the
high cost of living are discussed in
their hearing. You can't reduce the
high cost of living without somebody
handing less money than they handle
now.

If you pay less for pork, the pork
seller will receive less; and even if
his present percentage of profits re-
mains, the aggregate of his net pro-
fits will decline. If present prices to
the consumer are abnormal, profits
normal, profits must be made normal
also. Both have gone up, together.
Both must come down together. Any-
body who thinks otherwise is deceiv-
ing himself and it is a maxim equally
good in pork and poetry, that he who
deceiveth himself is not wise—and
certainly he is not a good business
man.

Today
Papeteries
containing quality linens to match. 45
Furniture 49
Perfume size. Special 17
White Swiss
Embroidered
95
Wagons, \$9.00 each. 4.95
Company limited