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BRITISH COAL CRISIS GROWS MORE SERIOUS

Lewis Charges Justified In Lancaster Work; \$105,455 Payment Urged

MINERS REJECT REVISED OFFER OF OPERATORS

Gigantic Walkout Is Scheduled For Tomorrow

CABINET MEETS

Baldwin Makes Effort To Stave Off Strike—Pittmen Prepare To Quit

Canadian Press

LONDON, April 30.—Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, in an address before a convention of women this afternoon, said that the coal dispute had reached a very serious position, according to information coming to him. His statement coincides with reports coming from all quarters interested in the negotiations to prevent a coal tie-up beginning tomorrow.

The miners late today rejected a revised offer from the owners, rendering the situation blacker. The Cabinet considered the matter at a special meeting, and it was rumored the negotiations might be reopened.

King George returned to Buckingham Palace from Windsor. It is understood a Privy Council will be held following his arrival.

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A Joke's A Joke Until Character Is Trifled With

Boston Meddler Spreads False Rumors About Professor and Student

BOSTON, April 30.—An eminent Boston University professor and an ordained theological student are the latest victims of a practical joker who so far has succeeded in keeping his identity a mystery. His pranks were of a mild nature until he spread the news that one of the most esteemed teachers of the School of Religious Education, who has been a devoted husband for 30 years, had started proceedings to divorce his wife.

NOT content with the consternation he caused at the School of Religious Education, he wandered over to the Theological School, and a few hours later Russell R. Prewett, a young divine, learned from his fellow students that he was a married man. He was even more surprised when he was confronted with a clipping from an afternoon paper, stating that "Mrs. C. R. Prewett is studying with her husband at the Boston University School of Education."

PREWETT about a month ago announced his engagement to Miss Elizabeth Dodd of Wesleyley College. There was no secret about the engagement. He stated that the jokester evidently knew very little about his fiancée because he stated that she was a student at the School of Theology instead of at Wesleyley.

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CHINESE SITUATION GROWING SERIOUS

Wars For Supremacy Turning Country Into Confusion, Declares Writer

VICTORIA, B. C., April 30.—"Two wars are being waged in China," said Nicholas Roosevelt, editorial writer and special representative of the New York Times, who was a passenger aboard the liner President Jackson, docking yesterday from the Far East. For the last seven months, Mr. Roosevelt has been in China studying economic and political conditions there.

"The two wars are turning China into confusion. One is being waged under the surface between Russia and Japan for supremacy in Asia and the other is between three Chinese super powers, for the control of China, and especially for possession and enjoyment of the national revenue from the import duties." Thus Mr. Roosevelt summed up the situation in China.

PRINCE CAROL FAILS TO FIX PATERNITY OF LABRINO CHILD

PARIS, April 30.—Former Crown Prince Carol of Rumania failed to appear at the Lyceé Michelet, a school in the outskirts of Paris yesterday and testify as to his paternity. The young son of Gisi Labrino, his former morganatic wife, Madame Labrino after establishing May 11.

FIND AGAINST SMITH IN N. B. LUMBER PROBE

Charges of E. C. Atkinson Sustained by Accounts Committee

PROVINCE LOSES

Revenue Cut Down By Violation of Regulations, Report Declares

Special to The Times-Star

FREDERICTON, April 30.—Charges made by E. C. Atkinson, member for Sunbury, that the River Valley Lumber Company, of which R. B. Smith, ex-M. L. A., is general manager, had received an 80 per cent. classification to cut lumber on Little River, Sunbury county, contrary to the regulations of the Lands and Mines, were sustained in the final report of the Public Accounts Committee of the Legislature made this morning by Hon. B. Frank Smith, chairman.

The report says: "We also find that 80 per cent. classification was received not upon the classes of lumber cut and upon which the province received stumpage, but upon the standing condition of the areas, a very large portion of which the River Valley Lumber Company did not cut and upon which the province received no stumpage rates."

CHARGES SUSTAINED. Therefore the committee finds that the company's receiving the 80 per cent. classification upon this representation has been fully sustained.

"Your committee also find that the recommendations made from time to time by the Minister of Lands and Mines and that the charges that the chief scaler's hands were tied is fully borne out."

REVENUE LOST. "The committee also finds that the lumber had been cut as represented when the classification was received by the River Valley Lumber Company and the regulations observed so far as the cutting of undressed and green lumber had been received a much larger amount of revenue therefrom. The committee finding was unanimous."

WARNS FOREIGNERS

France Demands They Keep Out of May Day Political Demonstrations

British United Press

PARIS, April 30.—The 2,000,000 foreign workers in France have been warned by Minister of the Interior Durand to keep out of the May Day political demonstrations. The warning, a circular sent to all prefects, declares foreign workers must keep out of French politics and hot night. The warning is directed against communists, who have made rapid strides in organizing foreign workers. The second warning is against Italian Fascists.

BRITAIN SEEKS MEANING OF RUSSO-GERMAN PACT

LONDON, April 30.—Great Britain is expected soon to ask the German Foreign Office for elucidation of the Russo-German neutrality treaty signed in Berlin last Saturday.

It was authoritatively stated that Britain declined the French proposal that signatories of the Locarno agreement should make a common inquiry. Lord D'Abernon, the British Ambassador, will act for the British government.

CATHOLIC UNIONS TO MEET

MONTREAL, April 30.—The Federation of Catholic and National Unions of the province of Quebec will meet in annual convention in September in Sherbrooke. The probable date of the convention is from September 18 to 22. About 100 delegates are expected to attend.

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ICE STARTS TO MOVE OUT AT FREDERICTON

Special to The Times-Star

FREDERICTON, April 30.—The ice above the highway bridge here started to move between 12 and 1 o'clock and, after running about 50 yards, stopped. It is possible that if the water rises behind it the ice will move out this afternoon or tonight.

AT INDIANTOWN. This afternoon's report at Indiantown from up river was that movement in the ice field in the upper stretches of Long Reach. The strong sun today, however, was causing quite a flood of melted snow on the river shores.

FRENCH GOVT. O. K'S DEBT AGREEMENT

Pact Signed in Washington Now Goes to Chamber For Debate

United Press

PARIS, April 30.—The French Cabinet today approved the debt funding agreement signed yesterday in Washington by the American Debt Commission on behalf of the United States and French Ambassador Henri Berenger.

With the Cabinet's action the agreement to fund the debt, which has been a major international problem for seven years, will soon become subject of debate in the Chamber of Deputies. Premier Briand submitted to the Chamber a bill to ratify the pact signed with the United States and Great Britain had been concluded three days ago.

The Franco-American debt funding agreement, signed yesterday, provides for payment by France of \$6,847,474,000 including interest in 62 instalments, the first being \$800,000 to \$125,000,000.

The principal was fixed at \$4,025,000,000 and interest was waived for the first five years, rising gradually thereafter from 1 to 3-1/2 per cent, the latter rate applying for the last 22 years, and making the average a little more than 1-3/8 per cent.

Mrs. Margaret Locke Dead At Fredericton

Canadian Press

FREDERICTON, April 30.—Mrs. Margaret J. Locke, wife of Seby Locke, of this city died at Victoria Hospital last night after five weeks' illness. Mrs. Locke is survived by her husband; also two sons, Hargrove and Douglas, and three daughters, May, Jean and Mary. There also are three brothers, Charles Mitchell of Boston, John Mitchell of Halifax and Amos Mitchell of Pictou, and two sisters, Mrs. Lucy Shear of Halifax and Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell in the United States. She was a charter member of Central Temple Pythian Sisters.

Mrs. Locke was an adopted daughter of Commissioner and Mrs. Hargrove, of Salvation Army, Moncton.

FEDERAL MINISTERS TO WELCOME ELECTRICIANS

OTTAWA, April 30.—Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, speaker of the House of Commons, and Hon. Charles A. Dunning, Minister of Railways and Canals, will officially welcome 125 or more of the world's leading electrical experts who are visiting the capital Saturday. They are delegates to the International Electro-Technical Commission which is meeting in the United States and visiting the large electrical works on the North American continent.

MARVENS, LTD. INCLUDED IN BISCUIT MERGER

Canadian Press

MONTREAL, April 30.—Mergin of five Canadian biscuit firms took place today, under the name of Canada Biscuit Company, with Frank A. McCormick, of London, Ont., at its head. Participating in the new concern are McCormick Manufacturing Company, Limited, of London, Ont.; Montreal Biscuit Company, Limited, of Montreal; Paulin Biscuits Company, Limited, of Winnipeg; J. A. Marven Company, Limited, of Moncton, N. B.; Northwest Biscuit Company, Limited, of Edmonton, and the Northwest Mill and Feed Company, Edmonton. The last named is a subsidiary of the Northwest Biscuit Company.

C. FRED PAUL DEAD

Editor of Toronto Saturday Night, Passes Suddenly; Native of New York

TORONTO, Ont., April 30.—C. Frederick Paul, editor of Saturday Night, died suddenly at his home during the night. He was 69 years of age. He came to this city from Montreal in 1909, previous to which he was on the staff of the Montreal Star and other eastern newspapers. He was born in New York State. Mrs. Paul, formerly Miss Costigan, Montreal, survives him.

CASUALTY TOLL OF DISORDERS MORE THAN 1000

Stoppage of Food Supplies Threatens Calcutta

TRADE CRIPPLED

European Merchants Urge Stringent Means To End Reign of Terror

By BERNARD BEILBY.

United Press Correspondent. CALCUTTA, April 30.—The principal city of the Indian Empire is today convulsed in ferment of terrorism arising from Hindu-Muslim rivalry, which has resulted in the most serious rioting of the history of the British occupation.

The disorders have already caused upwards of 1,000 casualties. Frontier markets have been imported to help restore order.

The twin spectres of disease and famine threaten Calcutta from the dingy alleys which choke the streets and from the stoppage of the food supply. Many months must pass before Calcutta will have recovered from the economic setback involved.

WORST IN 30 YEARS. "This is the most serious situation we have been up against during the thirty years I have been in this country," wrote Hugh Stephenson, chief British consular officer, in a letter today, in reply to the suggestion of European merchants that more stringent means be adopted to end the reign of terror.

Although the city is momentarily quiet, the rioting sporadically engage in wholesale looting, murder and incendiarism. The disturbances have demonstrated that a peaceful, busy city within a few hours can be transformed into a seething, gory, and lawless scene.

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COMMITTEE SHUNS CHARLOTTE CHARGE

Reports no Time to go into Matter Involving J. S. Scovill; Veniot Protests

Special to The Times-Star

FREDERICTON, April 30.—Respectfully charged by J. S. Scovill, member for Charlotte, of irregularities of the roads department of Charlotte county involving J. M. Scovill of St. Stephen, the Public Accounts Committee in its final report declares it has not had time to go into these matters and they are referred to the government for such action as it might deem necessary in the public interest. Criticism is made of expenditures in Queens county by Supervisor McCrea and the committee finds that sufficient care was not taken in checking up accounts before payment had been made.

VENIOT WANTS PROBE

Hon. Dr. P. J. Veniot, opposition leader, said that the recommendation with respect to an investigation by this government of the Charlotte county road expenditures involving J. M. Scovill of St. Stephen, should be acted upon in order to clear up this situation. He was confident that such an investigation would clear up the situation and would show that there had been nothing wrong in connection therewith, other than a few minor irregularities in connection with the filing of returns.

PROROGATION IS EXPECTED TONIGHT

N. B. House Cleans up Lot of Business at Morning Session

Canadian Press

FREDERICTON, N. B., April 30.—Prorogation of the New Brunswick Legislature is expected some time tonight. The House sat this morning when two important bills, affecting the issue of pulp and paper licenses and the amendments to the corporations tax act, were introduced and the bill amending and consolidating the Motor Vehicle Law was finally reported.

It is expected that the last of the legislation will have been disposed of by this evening and prorogation will then follow.

TORONTO MEETING TOLD STRATA THEORY OF AGES IS "ALL BUNK"

TORONTO, Ont., April 30.—Speaking at the convention of the World's Christian Fundamentals Association here last night, Dr. A. L. Brown, of Vancouver, declared that the geological theory that strata and rock formation showed definite ages for definite kinds of animal remains was "all bunk."

He stated that the strata was no mixed up and that there was no way of proving from rock formation that man did not live at the same time as the prehistoric animals, such as the dinosaur of the reptilian age. Dr. Brown appealed for a return to simple faith in the fundamentals of the Bible and the gospel and said that the age of minerals was not passed while the gospel could save souls and assure the sinner of forgiveness and eternal life in Heaven.

MINERS' LEADERS IN COAL CRISIS

Miners' Leaders in Coal Crisis

A. J. Cook and Herbert Smith, shown above, are two of the men to whom the British coal miners look in the long drawn out settlement of the crisis growing out of the expiration of the subsidy designed a year ago to aid the employers in meeting the men's wage demands.

TRANSACTON IS CALLED LOOSE BY COMMITTEE

Public Accounts Board Passes Report On Inquiry

ONE-THIRD COST

Members Unanimous That Arrangement Is Just To All Concerned

FREDERICTON, N. B., April 30.—That the province should recompense the Lancaster Highway Board for a total of \$105,455.37 for road work in Fairville last summer was the recommendation contained in the annual report of the Public Accounts Committee as read this morning in final session by B. Frank Smith, chairman, and as adopted by the committee.

The investigation into this matter arose out of charges preferred by James Lewis, M. L. A., for Saint John, and in effect the committee finds that his charges were justified.

TEXT OF REPORT. "The transaction was carried on very loosely from the standpoint of the province. We find that the then Minister of Public Works and ex-Premier wrote letters from time to time which were in evidence and also had private conversations with Mr. O'Brien, the chairman and other members of the Lancaster Highway Board, which the committee feels had much to do with the volume of expenditure made. Money was freely borrowed from the bank to finance this work by the said highway board, supported only by resolutions of the Municipal Council of the city and county of Saint John. Said resolutions were evidently based only on letters referred to and private conversations between the ex-Premier and the board or members thereof."

PAYMENTS SPECIFIED. "After taking into consideration all the existing conditions, we believe the province should recompense the highway board as follows: \$105,455.37. This amount is to be paid in three instalments: \$35,151.79; \$35,151.79; \$35,151.79. Lancaster avenue to Avery line, \$14,638.81; road to hospital grounds, \$723.34; Suspension bridge road \$47,334.55; Dever street, detour, \$925.29; Green Head road, Church avenue \$8,829.29; total, \$105,455.37. This amount is about one third of the expenditure on this work."

In making the recommendation, the report said that the committee went carefully into the accounts submitted by G. C. Murdoch, the highway board's engineer and they believe the conclusion reached is fair and just to all concerned. The committee finding was unanimous.

SUPPLEMENTARIES PASS. FREDERICTON, N. B., April 30.—The supplementary estimates, totalling \$83,100, passed the Provincial Legislature last night as they had been submitted, without change. The House, sitting in committee on supply, with Fred C. Squires, deputy speaker, presiding, passed the items with little or no discussion.

VENIOT OBJECTS TO LAST HOUR BILLS

Protests Pulp and Paper License Measure Should Have More Consideration

Canadian Press

FREDERICTON, N. B., April 30.—Hon. C. D. Richards, Minister of Lands and Mines, introduced a bill providing the issue of pulp and paper licenses in the legislature today. He said that the bill provided authority for the issue of licenses for a period of 30 years, renewable each year and subject to extension for an additional period of twenty years.

Hon. Dr. Veniot entered a formal protest against the introduction of such an important measure within a few hours of prorogation without giving an opportunity of examining the provisions of the bill.

MOTIONS WITHDRAWN

OTTAWA, Ont., April 30.—When the customs probe met this morning, the motion and amendment submitted yesterday in regard to the Messrs. Lachelle and Jamieson, were both withdrawn. This action was taken as a result of the resignation of the two commissioners.

DEPUTY MINISTER ILL.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 30.—R. Farrow, Deputy Minister of Customs, whose name has been prominently before the public as a result of revelations disclosed at the customs committee, is seriously ill in the Civil Hospital here, suffering from a breakdown.

THE WEATHER

SYNOPSIS—Shallow depressions most of which first appeared to the southward of Manitoba, moved to the southern part of Ontario and thence eastward, are following each other with great rapidity, north and east of the tracks of these depressions, that is from the Great Lakes eastward the weather continues cold and unsettled to the southward and in the Western Provinces it is quite warm.

COOL AND UNSETTLED. MARITIME—Moderate west and southwest winds, continued cool and unsettled. NEW ENGLAND—Cloudy and slightly warmer, probably light showers in northern portion tonight. Saturday generally and cool, fresh southeast shifting to northwest winds.

TEMPERATURES. TORONTO, April 30, 1926.

Lowest Highest Yesterday night

Victoria ... 48 60 48
Calgary ... 58 84 52
Winnipeg ... 34 74 38
Toronto ... 40 46 38
Montreal ... 42 50 38
Saint John ... 40 50 34
Halifax ... 42 50 38
New York ... 42 50 38