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# OWNERS AND EXPERTS DISAGREE ON BRITISH COAL SITUATION

## OPERATORS SAY PRODUCING COST MUST BE LOWER

Comparison Is Made With Conditions in German Fields

SUPERIORITY OF U. S. ORGANIZATION TOLD

Gossipy Notes of Recent Activities in London and on Continent

By Times-Star Special Correspondent

LONDON, July 14.—The closer one gets into the coal industry's affairs the more baffling becomes the problem. Most owners still maintain that nothing can be hoped from re-organization, unification, or selling agencies, and that, without cheaper production, we cannot meet the increasing foreign competition. The fact is, they assert, that the good times do not afford sufficient margin of profit to cover existing costs during bad times. And they point to the fact that whereas our production cost per ton is 12s. 8d. for wages and 5s. 6d. for other items, in Germany, while the other items cost between 7s. and 8s. wages account for no more than about 7s. 6d. They further contend that the British miners get about 18s. 6d. a shift, against the German's 8 marks, while the latter works eight hours or even more. While the British miner's average earnings per hour is higher than that of other comparable workers in this country, the December quarter of last year found the percentage of unprofitable raised coal 50 in Scotland, 100 in Northumberland, 97 in Durham, 90 in South Wales, 71 in Lancashire, and 47 in the prosperous Eastern area.

### THE OTHER VIEW

While these facts constitute what may be accepted as the owners' official view, quite another contention is advanced by some of the experts, not specially identified with the miners, who assert that after lack of efficient up-to-date machinery, the working and managing of the coal industry in this country. Owing to their superior equipment in Germany, the German mines have an output one-third greater per man per shift than ours. Moreover, the Germans have effective kartels and selling agencies, as well as a large measure of unification, all of which enable them to run their coal industry on better business lines than ours. A similar superior efficiency is claimed for the American mining methods. These handicaps to our coal prosperity do not matter so much, they say, until the immense development of fuel oil, especially in the navy and merchant marine, began to bring us up against bedrock facts. The Germans are, moreover, far ahead of us in utilization of by-products and coal dust.

### GAILLIAUX AND THE FRANK

In spite of the slight improvement over the week-end, the city finds it difficult to believe that even M. Gailliaux will find any new means by which to effect the stabilization of the rapidly falling franc. It is generally admitted that, as was done in Germany, a class will have to be sacrificed before stabilization can be effected, but the great difference is that in Germany the fixed income class was neither very large nor very powerful, while in France the rentier has a very powerful voice in politics.

To effect stabilization at anything like the present figure, it is estimated that the whole of the rentier class, whose investments at the present time are almost worthless, it is interesting to hear that the French "experts" are now saying that the fresh fall of the franc is due to the coal strike. A few months ago they were saying it was due to the hostile manipulation of British financiers. Now they say it is due to the rentier class, whose investments at the present time are almost worthless. It is interesting to hear that the French "experts" are now saying that the fresh fall of the franc is due to the coal strike. A few months ago they were saying it was due to the hostile manipulation of British financiers. Now they say it is due to the rentier class, whose investments at the present time are almost worthless.

### ADMIRALS ALL

Who is going to be our next First Sea Lord? That question seems to be affording a good deal of naval discussion, not to say controversy, and is interesting people outside the quarter-deck. Admiral Beatty, the present occupant of the illustrious post, has satisfied all gossip by not retiring prematurely, and may carry on till next November, when his seven years' term will be up. It is a curious fact, and speaks volumes for the naval earthquake worked by Jellicoe, that all three of the gallant Admirals who are in the running as Earl Beatty's successor are years his senior in service though not in rank. Admiral Sir Charles Madden was a Midway man, yet Earl Beatty was a baby. He "joined" in 1876, and was a sub-lieutenant when Earl Beatty started as a cadet. Yet Earl Beatty outstripped him up the ladder of promotion, and was chosen, instead of Admiral Madden, to command the Grand Fleet when Lord Jellicoe was superseded. The two other possible successors to First Lordship are Admiral Browning and Admiral Oliver, both junior in years to Admiral Madden, but easily senior to Earl Beatty. The former is a great gunnery expert, and the latter an up-to-date C-in-C of the Atlantic Fleet.

### THE HUMAN TOUCH

The Prince of Wales has thoroughly enjoyed his quiet four weeks' holiday away at his Sandwich Bay cottage. With occasional town visits and one or two public engagements, he has devoted himself steadily to improving his golf, and, next time, he will find that he is up against a much stiffer proposition. It is reported that on making a four-day last week H. R. H. dashed his cap into the rough. That if a human touch at any rate all golfers will understand and like. But such gestures are not confined to Princes of the blood. I shall never forget

## HEROIC BUST OF POLAR HERO



When Amundsen the explorer visited recently he saw the bust by Alonzo B. Lewis for which he has passed on a previous visit. Having reached both North and South Poles the great Norwegian says he is through with exploration.

get a round on a lovely course some 40 miles from London, where the bunkers are really terrible contraptions. One of our foursome was a well-known Scottish Journalist. He got into a bunker. His mild-eyed-curate disposition made it all the funnier, as he struggled to get out, gravely depositing on the side of the inexorable bunker first his cap then his coat, and finally, after more futile nibbling, his waistcoat!

### OLD STYLE CRICKET

Perhaps all the talk about modern cricket being slow is merely one symptom of the 20th-century craving for speed. Though batsmen may have been more enterprising in days when wickets were less perfect, the game has always been associated with a certain amount of otium-cum-digilitate. This opinion is buttressed by an interesting old print, now in the dusty window of one of those second-hand shops for which Chelsea and the King's Road have long been famous. It represents a match between Sussex and Kent at Brighton. All the players, both batsmen and bowlers, are wearing top-hats, and braces, as well as black leather boots, which surely gives some clue to the speed at which the game was played in the old days. The print is dedicated to the Prince Consort, shows three windmills overlooking Brighton, and makes the two umpires to be actual Victorian fops. But how the once ubiquitous topper has fallen from grace in half a century or so!

### A LA MATADOR

Unless I am much mistaken Chelsea is the chief factory of the latest type of Metropolitan male. Its votaries are youngish gentlemen who wear suits of a slightly Spanish cut, a dark rather wide-brimmed felt hat, and at a la matador style, and straight side-whiskers. It is the la matador style, and seems to be spreading. It began with a few artistic rebels in Chelsea, but is now being copied extensively by other London suburbs, some of them quite devoid of artistic flair. If gentlemen were at all like the ladies in the matter of fashions, of course, Spanish hats and side-whiskers would soon be practically universal. But it is more than doubtful whether the stolid masculine aversion from novelty and eccentricity which the la matador vogue is still spreading, will share the fate of Oxford trousers. Though inefficiently the latter have had this effect. Smart tailors are telling even their most conservative clients that trousers are now "looser." Woe betide the tailor, however, be he even of Savile Row, who cut them any other way than the Oxford-hat style. In the same way the Spanish hat may get a little popular. But we shall stop short at the side-whiskers.

### OLD PEVENSEY

It does look rather comic that while eminent British archaeologists are scrapping around for antique relics in distant lands, a few casual English navvies, employed removing loose bricks, suddenly came upon an unsuspected dungeon beneath Pevensey Castle, near Eastbourne. After all these long centuries it might be imagined that so famous a site, so intimately associated with English history, would have been thoroughly sifted. Mr. Hilaire Belloc has written about the spirit that broods over ancient battlefields. Even to the distant past visitor, the spirit of Ancient Britain haunts Pevensey. The old Roman stronghold, with its massive walls and grim towers commanding the gate, still seems to echo to the bucina and the tramp of Caesar's legions. And the dateless solidarity of the Roman masonry, untouched by the centuries, lends it imperially over the small Norman castle within, whose stones are crumbling in ruins rapidly. Those old Romans—who gave us our first schooling in western civilization—built better than we know.

### A SPORTING MINISTER

The London diplomatic circle will be considerably enlivened by the accession of the new Minister for Bolivia, Señor Carlos Aramyo, who lost no time in demonstrating that he is not only a very vital personality, but an ardent sportsman. At the luncheon given here to welcome him on his appointment he presented himself with a testimonial as "one of the worst public speakers in the Bolivian Parliament." And promptly he motored off to Southampton for a strenuous game of polo. Señor Aramyo may claim hereditary right to reside over the British Ministry, for his father held the same office before him, which is almost a unique occurrence in the diplomatic world. He speaks English like a native, for he spent much of his youth in this country, and is the product of an English university. He has great faith in the future of Bolivia, which is the third largest of all the South American States, and, according to the new Minister, after a century of limbo, is now coming very much into the limelight. Bolivia

## CONGRESSIONAL RECORD CLOSED

United States Senators Are Copy Readers For Their Own Stories

WASHINGTON, July 14.—The world's strangest daily newspaper has temporarily ceased publication here with a sigh of relief. It is the Daily Congressional Record, one of the largest, most verbose and least read publications in the world. It is financed by the government as a journal of the doings of Congress, but in the course of a year it publishes everything from the most complicated inverted aludary income tax payment provision to the poetry of members of the House.

It has more editors than any other journal—381 to be exact. Each Senator and Congressman reads copy upon his own stories. He not only furnishes his material but acts as the editorial judge who corrects it. Special stenographers record debate

## HAS \$1,000 DREAM WHICH COMES TRUE

Husband Finds Jewels Hidden By Wife in a Mattress

REVERE, Mass., July 14.—David Pavey, of 99 Highborn street had a \$1,000 dream last night and the dream came true. Five years ago Mrs. Pavey lost two diamond rings and a valuable watch and until last night the Paveys sought in vain to recover them. Then Pavey had his golden dream. The brilliance of the lost diamonds shone upon him, while the watch was suspended before him and its ticking sang to him that sweet refrain, "I'm coming."

Before the vision vanished it had revealed to him just where the treasures were secreted. Awakening, he ripped open the mattress on which he had been sleeping and there found the long lost articles. Exultant, he showed them to his wife. Then Mrs. Pavey suddenly re-

## HAMILTON WILL BAR STREET BEGGARS

Professional Mendicants Who Establish Themselves on the Downtown Streets and Seek Alms by Playing Various Instruments, or Selling Small Wares, are to be Ordered off the Streets by Chief of Police Coulter.

HAMILTON, Ont., July 13.—Professional mendicants who establish themselves on the downtown streets and seek alms by playing various instruments, or selling small wares, are to be ordered off the streets by Chief of Police Coulter. The police chief said: "If these persons are so incapacitated that they cannot do any light work, they should be placed in proper institutions."

FIRE FATAL TO TWO KIDDIES  
BRANTFORD, Ont., July 13.—The lives of the two small children of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Lyle were snuffed out at a summer camp near Sour Springs, Indian Reserve, today when the barn in which they were playing became ignited.

## KING BORIS HUNTS FOR WIFE ABROAD

Intention to Give Up Throne of Bulgaria Denied by Premier

SOFIA, July 13.—King Boris' trip abroad is a matrimonial errand, and he has absolutely no intention of abandoning his throne. The only abdication likely to overtake the King on his present voyage is on account of his state of bachelorhood. Such is the gist of the information imparted by Premier Andrey Leaptcheff today. The Premier said: "The rumor of a plot against the King is absurd. Calm reigns in Bulgaria. The King's trip abroad is the best proof of that perfect understanding exists between the King and myself."

Use the Want Ad. way

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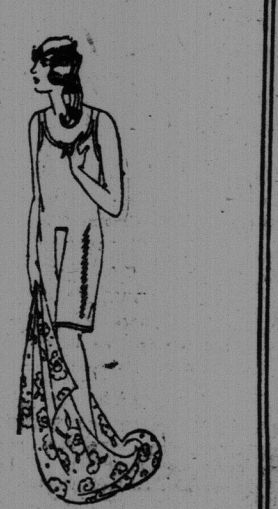
### Tourists To Saint John

Are especially welcome to our stores. You will find here the largest assortments of IRISH and SCOTCH LINENS BRITISH and CANADIAN CLOTHS and general Dry Goods in Eastern Canada.



## Summer Sale of Knitted Underwear

This is our annual summer sale of Knitted Undergarments for women and children and affords an excellent opportunity of replenishing your stock while bargain prices prevail. Underwear, in all styles, including sleeveless, short sleeves, strap shoulders, opera tops, etc. summer weight in plain and fancy weaves. Cotton, Lisle and Mercerized. Ordinary and outsize. Sale prices are:  
10c, 15c, 19c, 25c, 35c, 49c.  
Bloomers, in pink, white, mauve, sand, a variety of weights, single and double knees.  
Sale prices: 29c, 35c, 50c, 65c, 75c.  
Children's Bloomers, navy only, assorted sizes. Price: 25c.  
Children's Undervests, sleeveless, 2 and 4 years only. Price: 10c.  
Combinations, knee length, a few only, 50c. Sale commences 8.30 Thursday.  
No approval. No exchange. (Whitewear Dept.—Second Floor.)



## Sale Pattern Hats

At \$9.50

We are offering in this sale the balance of our imported Millinery at a real bargain price. In this collection—there being only one of a kind—an early choice will give you an opportunity of selecting a model hat from some of the world's leading designers, made of the best materials, in the latest fashion, at an extremely low price. Sale commences Thursday, July 15th. SPORT HATS—Special \$4.75 (Millinery Dept.—Second Floor.)



## Suggestions From Our Notion Counter

- Fawn Bias Tape ..... 2 for 25c.
- Black Tape, Black and White, 3 bolts for 12c.
- Black Tape, longer length, white, 2 bolts for 15c.
- Roll Tape, White ..... 2 for 10c.
- Roll Tape, White ..... 2 for 15c.
- Bunch Tape, assorted ..... 21c. bunch
- Cotton Bloomer Elastic ..... 6 yds. for 17c.
- Cotton Bloomer Elastic ..... 4 yds. for 22c.
- Silk Bloomer Elastic ..... 3 yds. for 17c.
- Silk Bloomer Elastic ..... 3 yds. for 15c.
- Silk Bloomer Elastic ..... 6 yds. for 33c.
- Snaps, Black and White ..... 3 cards for 10c.
- Long Flat Snaps ..... 2 cards for 15c.
- Pins, 200 pins on sheet ..... 2 for 5c.
- Pins, 365 pins on sheet ..... 2 for 9c.
- Best English Pins ..... 2 sheets for 23c.
- Linon Threads ..... 5c. and 15c. spool
- HAIR NETS—
- Marie Antoinette Double Mesh Cap, 3 for 25c.
- Princess Pat Double Mesh Cap ..... 3 for 25c.
- Princess Pat Single Mesh Cap ..... 3 for 25c.
- Fairy Queen Single Mesh Cap ..... 6 for 25c.
- Wire Bobby Hair Brushes ..... 75c. each
- Dressing Combs ..... 15c, 20c, and 25c. each
- Pocket Combs ..... 12c, 20c, and 25c. each
- White Paper Napkins ..... 100 for 17c.
- Paper Plates ..... 10c. doz.
- Drinking Cups ..... 10c. doz.
- Bottle Washer Brushes ..... 15c. each
- Coat Hangers ..... 5c. and 10c. each



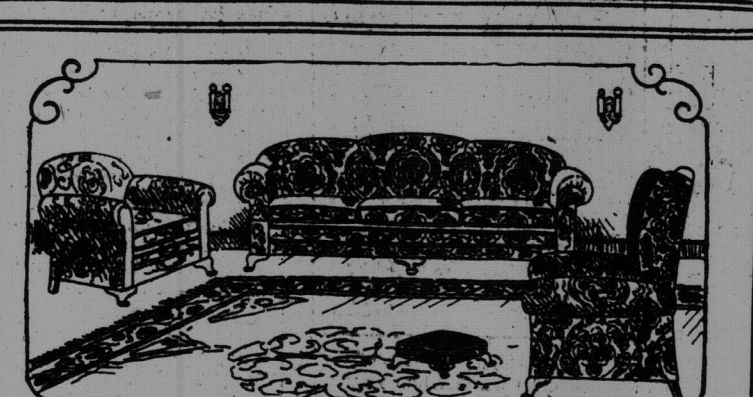
## Summer Furs

Small neck pieces in Grey Squirrel, Australian Opossum, Mink, Stone Martin, Hudson Bay Sable and Baum Martin. Animal shape stoles in Amber, Brown, Beige and Platinum Fox, Black Pointed Fox, Natural Black Fox, Cross Fox, Silver Fox and Red Fox.

A large and well assorted stock to select from. (Silk Dept.—Second Floor.)



**JULY CLEARANCE SALE MEN'S FURNISHINGS**  
These July Sale prices are so low that they are quite out of the ordinary. Only a few are given here, other values will be advertised later.  
Neckties—The season's favorites—in fancy crepes of durable quality ..... only 49c.  
Silk and Wool Crepe Neckties, neat designs and good colors. Price ..... 69c.  
Silk and Wool and Swiss Moire Stripes, best quality and the best value of the season. Price ..... 95c.  
Men's Braces—Text-end style, soft and durable with broad elastic webs. Price ..... 59c.  
Men's Socks of fine mercerized lisle, plain colors and dark fancies. Special value ..... 35c, 3 pairs for \$1.  
Men's Pure Silk Socks, Art Silk and Lisle—Silk-plaided, plain colors and overchecks. Art Silk with drop stitch ribbed effect. A large assortment of the most popular kinds and colors. Price ..... 45c, 3 pairs for \$1.25.  
Men's Socks, Pure Silk, also Art Silk, in the season's new colors. Price ..... 59c. a pair.  
White Mercerized Handkerchiefs, hemstitched 1-4 in. hem—a special purchase. Price ..... 4 for 50c.  
Boys' Belts—Fancy silk webs. Price ..... 15c, 35c.  
Leather Belts, black, grey and brown. Price ..... 35c, 50c.  
New Fancy Monkey Grain Leather Belts. Price ..... 60c.  
Men's Belts—Fancy silk webs. Price ..... 50c.  
Fancy Grained Leather Belts, 2 widths ..... 60c, 75c.  
Fancy Figured Leather Belts—Bright colors. Price \$1, \$1.25.  
Bargains in Shirts, Sweaters, Underwear and many other articles now on display in our Men's Shop.  
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