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Hundred or More Miners Entombed as Explosion Blocks Exits

COTTONS HOT IN ELECTION FINALS

VIRGINIA IS SCENE OF DISASTER

Great Blast Locks in Men Soon After Day's Work Begins.

FIRE IS REPORTED

Explosion Occurs 3 Miles in From Mouth—Rescuers Blocked.

(Canadian Press.)

Wheeling, W. Va., April 28.—A few minutes after between 100 and 200 miners went to work in the Benwood mine of the Wheeling Steel Corporation near here this morning, a terrific explosion occurred in the workings. The fate of the men is unknown. The blast, according to reports from Benwood, took place about three miles back in the mine. Benwood firemen reported the mine was on fire. Clouds of smoke drifted from the main entry of the mine and volunteer rescuers were driven back. An hour after the explosion occurred, not a single rescuer worker had been able to enter the mine.

ENTRIES BLOCKED

Entries to the mine, which is a drift mine, were blocked by falling rock and debris, further hindering the work of rescuers. Deadly fumes are seeping through the blocked entrances. More than 200 miners from nearby mines rushed to Benwood when word of the disaster spread. Their first task was to clear the entries so that rescuers could go in. The rock and debris blocking the way was attacked with picks and dynamite.

Among those trapped under ground was George Holliday, the fire boss, who went in this morning to see that all was safe.

A slope fringing the mine mouth soon was crowded with men, women and children, unmindful of a drizzling rain.

Charleston, W. Va., April 28.—A report to the State Department of Mines from the Benwood Mine of the Wheeling Steel Corporation said there were only 107 men in the mine at the time it was wrecked by an explosion this morning.

MUST CLEAN UP IN Nfld. POLITICS

Biting Comment Made by Glasgow Herald on Situation at St. John's.

London, April 28.—(By Canadian Press Cable)—Discussing the Newfoundland revelations, the Glasgow Herald says the report of T. Hollis Walker, K. C., recorder of Derby, England, the royal commissioner who found Sir Richard Squires, former Premier of Newfoundland, guilty of corruption, revealed the existence on the part of both politicians and a considerable section of the public of a state of morality in connection with public funds that resembles an American state in its worst days of boacruddy rather than what one is accustomed to associate with a British colony. The only immediate step that could have been taken by the Government of W. R. Warren after the presentation of the Walker report, the Herald says, was to announce its intention of pushing on an inquiry quietly into a number of other dark places in Newfoundland's political life. What caused the arrest of Sir Richard Squires at the particular moment when it was made, though natural enough in the light of Commissioner Walker's findings, is not quite clear, the Herald says. Saying that presumably Premier Warren would resign, the Herald expresses the hope that whoever may succeed to the head of the Newfoundland Government will not yield to the temptation of trying to shove the Walker report and ignore its findings. To do so after the attention of the English speaking world has been drawn to the contents of the report, and the low level of Newfoundland political life, in the Herald's view, would be to deal the reputation of Newfoundland a blow from which it would not readily recover.

Shot Kills Rum Hauler 2 Miles Off

Savannah, Ga., April 28.—Walter Evans, an alleged liquor hauler, was killed by a rifle bullet fired by an 8th Infantry soldier two miles away. Evans was in a boat on the Forest River with a companion when he suddenly crumpled up and fell into the bottom. There was a man with him and nearby was a power boat loaded with liquor.

It was not until Evans was dead and the bullet taken from his body that it was finally determined he had been killed by a bullet fired two miles away on the Ross Dhu rifle range. The liquor was confiscated.

C. N. R. TRAIN FROM HERE IN TROUBLE

Is Derailed Near Plumweseep—Reported No One Is Injured.

Moncton, N. B., April 28.—The C. N. R. train from St. John, due in Moncton at 10:40 o'clock this morning was held up by derailment about half a mile west of Plumweseep.

The run-off occurred at twenty minutes past nine. All the trucks of the tender and the forward truck of the postal car left the rails. No one was reported injured. The roadbed was damaged considerably, about 800 ties being cut up. The entire train remained standing on the roadbed. The Moncton auxiliary crew arrived about 12 o'clock. It was expected the line would be clear by 2 o'clock.

MEMORIAL SERVICE OPENS OLD WOUNDS

A Namesake and a Tragedy of Forty-One Years Ago Recalled.

Lunenburg, N. S., April 28.—Service was held in Zion Lutheran church here yesterday by Rev. Dr. Luther Roth in memory of Captain Albert Himmelman and seven comrades, all men from this district comprising the crew of the schooner Keno lost last December. Forty-one years ago Dr. Roth was pastor here and conducted a memorial service for a namesake of Captain Albert Himmelman, who perished with nine of his crew in the schooner Rose Bay.

ALARMS BRITAIN

Spread of Sleeping Sickness in Old Country Has Been Rapid.

London, April 28.—(Canadian Press Cable)—The rapid spread of the sleeping sickness in Great Britain is causing considerable alarm. In last January there were 75 cases, in February 217, in March 460 and in the first three weeks of the present month 640 cases were reported. The proportion of deaths has not been large but the effects of the disease very often are serious.

Three Fishermen of Gloucester Lost

Boston, April 28.—The loss of three fishermen was reported by the Gloucester schooner Laura Goulart when she put in here today after a trip to La Have Banks, off Nova Scotia. Manuel Nataro, Duarte Magellan and Dos Cortina, all of Gloucester, were caught in a squall while out in their dories in April 19 and the boats capsized.

Wire Briefs

Amherst, N. S., April 28.—Grant Matheson, 17 year old mile runner, left here today for Northern Quebec to join a survey party.

Halifax, N. B., April 28.—Frank J. Robinson, prominent sporting man, died here on Saturday, sixty-six years old. He was a follower of the turf and ring.

Ayleford, N. S., April 28.—Dr. T. N. Malcom, aged 75, one of the best known medical men in the Annapolis Valley, died at his home here last night.

Paris, April 28.—(United Press)—Union cooks have demanded more pay and better working conditions and threaten to leave all the kitchens deserted during the Olympic games if their demands are not granted.

London, April 28.—(Canadian Press Cable)—Four Glasgow labor M. P.'s and several prominent Liberals supported a resolution adopted at a Glasgow demonstration last night calling for a Scottish Parliament.

LABOR WILL MAKE CUT IN SOME TAXES

Philip Snowden is to Deliver British Budget Speech Tomorrow.

NOTHING DRASTIC

Crux of Debate will be on What Liberals Regard as Protection Wedge.

(By HARRY N. MOORE.)

London, April 28.—Labor's first budget will be presented tomorrow in the House of Commons by Labor's first Chancellor of the Exchequer, Philip Snowden. The shortness of the period of power which Ramsay MacDonald and his colleagues have enjoyed precludes the possibility of the development of a full financial programme dependent on the Liberals for their continuance in office, acts as a check against the introduction of possible drastic changes. Among the expected changes are reductions in the tea and sugar taxes and the abolition of the entertainment tax, making cheaper seats in the theatres and moving picture houses possible. These will, of course, make a popular appeal. It is not expected that there will be any reduction in the income tax, as was the case last year.

SOME HOT SHOT FROM CHURCH UNIONISTS

Laymen Meet and Denounce Action of Ontario's Legislature.

Toronto, April 28.—Resolutions of censure upon the private bills committee of the Ontario legislature for endorsing the Church Union bill, and exhortation to the Dominion Parliament for the granting of such legislative duties as the Ontario legislature laymen of the Church Union movement, who, representing the Unity party throughout the province, gathered here.

Declarations that Premier Ferguson had nominated to the private bills committee members who did not represent the best thought of the conservative party or of the province, that the Anglicans should not be allowed to settle the affairs of other denominations, that the churches concerned were not to be kept alive and individual members of the legislature, were some of the more emphatic utterances of speakers in expressing their displeasure at the action of the Ontario House upon their bill.

THIRTY HORSES ARE BURNED TO DEATH

Forty-Five Firemen Are Overcome by Smoke in New York Blaze.

New York, April 28.—Forty-five firemen were overcome by smoke, 30 horses were burned to death, and several hundred persons were driven from their homes early today by a two-story fire in a densely populated section. The fire broke out in a fire in a building of a lumber company and fifteen million feet of pine lumber. Across the street were six new Standard Oil Company tanks from which the oil was drawn through emergency pipes to Hoboken, N. J. The tanks, new ones, replacing those destroyed in a fire in 1919, were separated from the flames by a barrage of water.

The second fire was in a paper factory in a densely populated section. The horses were killed in a stable adjoining the lumber company. Fifty animals in stables adjoining the paper company were saved.

GET RICH HAUL

Bandits in New York Rob Jewelry Plant of \$150,000.

New York, April 28.—Three bandits early today attacked, bound and gagged Charles Kresney in his office and jewelry manufacturing plant in Nassau street, and escaped with diamonds and platinum mountings valued at \$150,000.

The robbery occurred between 7 and 7:30 o'clock. It was discovered by a foreman in the plant, who found Kresney and Josephine Sefrano, a charwoman, bound and gagged. Kresney, who was semi-conscious, was taken to a hospital. One wallet of diamonds worth \$75,000, was stolen. It was said her greatest art treasure, the statue of Hermes by Praxiteles (500 B. C.) on an exhibition tour of America.

Famed Statue May Be Exhibited in U. S.

Geneva, April 28.—(United Press)—Henry Morgenthau, former U. S. ambassador to Turkey, arrived here on Sunday on his way to the U. S. to transmit an offer by Greece to send her greatest art treasure, the statue of Hermes by Praxiteles (500 B. C.) on an exhibition tour of America.

Too Much Kissing Holds Up Traffic

London, April 28.—(United Press)—The goodbyes kiss habit must be abandoned to prevent traffic congestion, the Town Council of Bourne-mouth decided.

The municipal authorities had many complaints of slow tram and bus service. Traffic experts, after careful investigation, reported that there was too much farwell kissing in Bourne-mouth. Trams and buses were delayed and traffic tied up in knots while prospective passengers indulged in prolonged obligatory farewells.

The council issued an appeal to the public to quit kissing; that is, while trams were passing.

C. N. R. TRAIN HITS ROCK; TWO KILLED

Disaster Occurs Near North Battleford—Great Rock Rolled Down Bank.

Saskatoon, April 28.—Two of the trainmen instantly killed on Saturday afternoon near High Gate, first station west of North Battleford, when the engine of an eastbound National freight train over after hitting a rock, weighing about half a ton, which had rolled to the track from a bank. Both trainmen were killed. The engine was derailed and jammed on the brakes and jumped. Both trainmen were killed. The engine was derailed and jammed on the brakes and jumped. Both trainmen were killed.

SERIOUS CLASH IN SYRIA IS REPORTED

Three Hundred Casualties in Battle of French With Turkish Irregulars.

London, April 28.—Sanguinary fighting between French troops and irregular Turkish bands is reported to have taken place in Northern Syria, says the Jerusalem correspondent of the United Daily Express.

Three hundred men were killed or wounded during the fighting, he says, and the Turks captured a great quantity of arms.

There have been recurrent reports of unrest in Syria, of which country France is in danger of immediate collapse, according to predictions in labor circles here. Much, it is said, depends on a joint meeting of the locals to be held, probably next week, to consider a circular issued by the provisional board defining the policy of the International Union, particularly its respect to the independence of this district.

REAP AFTERMATH OF JANUARY STRIKE

Cape Breton Miners Face a Debt of Some \$105,000 For Groceries.

Sydney Mines, N. S., April 28.—District No. 26, United Mine Workers of America, is in danger of immediate collapse, according to predictions in labor circles here. Much, it is said, depends on a joint meeting of the locals to be held, probably next week, to consider a circular issued by the provisional board defining the policy of the International Union, particularly its respect to the independence of this district.

Germany Supports Experts' Committee

Dusseldorf, April 28.—(United Press)—Chancellor Marx of Germany yesterday told the propol of the occupied area that his government supported the work of the experts' committee and believed that Germany must approach the report in a spirit of goodwill.

A gathering of 6,000 people here heard his address. It had been feared that there might be trouble with the occupying forces, due to the element of election campaigning, but no incidents occurred.

Andre Tardieu Gets Rough Treatment

Paris, April 28.—(United Press)—Andre Tardieu, spokesman for former Premier Clemenceau in the Chamber of Deputies, was pulled from the platform at Harroville, a message here today said. His clothing was torn and he was bruised. The meeting suspended in disorder.

BELGIUM SEEKS TO MEDIATE

Makes Effort to Bring Britain and France Together on Reparations.

DISARMAMENT

League of Nations Adopts Canadian's Plan for a Special Committee.

(By WEBB MILLER.)

(United Press Staff Correspondent.) Paris, April 28.—Belgium attempted today to mediate between France and Great Britain over the Daves experts' report. Conferences between Premier Theunis and Minister Hyman of Belgium and Premier Poincare started at 10 a.m. While the Belgians were attempting to bring the French and British viewpoints together, M. Poincare was attempting to renew Franco-Belgian co-operation.

Disarmament

London, April 28.—(British United Press, by Harry N. Moore)—A special disarmament sub-committee for Government control of the private manufacture of war material was taken up. This plan was put forward by the distinguished Canadian more than a year ago and it is known to have received influential support.

The committee is composed of Colonel Glegg, the prime mover of the proposal, M. Joubert and Colonel Requin of France, General Demarini of Italy and M. Hodac of Czechoslovakia.

At the first meeting held on Saturday, the project of Colonel Glegg for Government control of the private manufacture of war material was taken up. This plan was put forward by the distinguished Canadian more than a year ago and it is known to have received influential support.

GIRL IS COURIER

Will Carry Belleville's Invitation to President of U. S.

Belleville, Ont., April 28.—Miss Gwendolyn Lazier has been chosen as the courier who will leave for Washington to bear an invitation to President Coolidge to attend the 140th anniversary of the coming of the Loyalists to Upper Canada which will be held at Belleville on June 16.

Miss Lazier is a grandniece of Col. S. S. Lazier, Master of the Supreme Court here for more than half a century, and a former commanding officer of the 13th Battalion, A. I. I. She is a daughter of S. D. Lazier, a granddaughter of the late Fred R. Lingham, and a descendant of Asa Weller, who established the first stage route from Carrying Place to York. She will travel on horseback as the couriers of old. The journey will be made by easy stages, speed not being an object of the undertaking. Miss Lazier will carry invitations to heads of cities through which she will pass.

Weather Report

Toronto, April 28.—The high area which has been over the Great Lakes for several days has dispersed and pressure is now fairly uniform over the continent. The weather has been milder in Ontario and Quebec and showers have occurred in Alberta, Southern Saskatchewan and New Brunswick. Light rain is falling near Lake Erie this morning.

Forecast: Cloudy and Cool. Maritime—Moderate northerly winds, partly cloudy and rather cool tonight and Tuesday, that in Gulf and North Shore—Moderate winds, mostly fair today and Tuesday, not much change in temperature.

Northern New England—Showery tonight and Tuesday; somewhat cooler Tuesday; moderate shifting winds, becoming fresh northwest.

Toronto, April 28.—Temperatures:

Table with 2 columns: City, Temperature. Rows include Victoria, Kamloops, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Montreal, St. John, Halifax, New York.

Two Future Kings



A queen, a queen-to-be and two future kings are here shown in an exclusive photograph. Quite unshowered by the proceedings is tiny Crown Prince Peter (at extreme left) with his mother, Queen Marie of Yugoslavia. At the right is Prince Mihai, who will one day sit on Rumania's throne, shown with his mother, Crown Princess Helene.

ALL EXPRESS CONFIDENCE IN RESULTS

Early Vote in Some Wards, Notably North End, However, is Light.

MANY CARS OUT

Fine Weather and Keen Interest Greet Workers in Civic Contest.

While the vote in some of the wards, particularly in the North End, was said at noon to be lighter than at the primaries, two weeks ago, an increased vote was reported in several of the other booths this morning and it was predicted by several that a record vote would be polled in the finals by which a mayor and two commissioners will be chosen.

There is no doubt that the interest in the result of the ballot is keen, and representatives of all the candidates today expressed confidence that their men were going to be victorious.

The Questions of the Day

Today's vote will decide whether G. Fred Fisher will remain at City Hall as mayor for another two years, or whether he will be replaced by Frank T. Potts; also as to who will be the two commissioners who will give the personnel of the City Council. Their term will be for four years.

Another feature of today's election is the plebiscite which is being taken on the question of whether or not a vocational school will be built in the city. This question, however, seemed to be overshadowed by the personal contests for mayor and commissioners. One voter remembered that this question was on the ballot only after he had come from the polling booth after depositing his ballot.

Practically all the candidates were backed up by strong organizations which were making the best endeavor to bring out a large vote. In addition many automobiles were employed which tended to make street traffic more busy than usual. Today's fine weather was expected to assist in bringing out a large vote.

On account of the great interest which is being taken in the civic election, the Times-Star has arranged to give the people the best possible service in announcing the result. In co-operation with the Maritime Radio Corporation, the results by polling places will be broadcast by radio; they will also be announced by megaphone from the Times-Star office in Canterbury street and the results will be published in an election extra which will be on the street soon after the decision of the voters is known.

Indications at noon today were that a lighter vote than in the primary would be polled in Duke and Sydney wards. At 11:30 o'clock this morning in one booth for Dukes ward, the returning officer reported that at that time in the primary more than 100 had voted while today just 82 had registered, only two being women. Similar reports were made by other officers. At noon, the pace was accelerated considerably. Whether sufficient to make up for the slowness of the vote during the morning remains to be seen.

LOWELL HAS FIRE LOSS OF MILLION

Business Centre Scourged—Fire Captain is Killed, Others Hurt.

Lowell, Mass., April 28.—One fireman was killed, eight were injured and a property loss of approximately \$1,000,000 was caused yesterday when fire in the heart of Lowell's business district swept through five buildings, destroying two of the city's largest office buildings, a theatre, the Knights of Columbus building and a large garage. Capt. Edward T. Conningham is dead as the result of the collapse of a wall.

Hundred Fishermen Missing After Storm

Tokio, April 28.—A storm in the Sea of Japan yesterday left 100 fishermen missing.