

MINERS AND OWNERS ACCEPT INVITATION OF PRIME MINISTER

Request of Miners' Leaders For Reopening of Negotiations Meets With Prompt Response From Mine Owners and the Government—Meeting To Be Held On Monday—British Press View New Peace Effort With Optimism.

London, June 25.—Both the striking coal miners and the mine owners have accepted an invitation extended today by the prime minister to confer with him at the board of trade Monday with the view of endeavoring to reach a settlement of the coal strike, which had been in progress almost three months.

BROUGHT QUICK RESPONSE.

London, June 25.—The request of the coal miners' representatives for a new meeting with the Government and the coal mine owners, decided upon last night with the object of obtaining a settlement of the coal strike, brought a quick response from Mr. Lloyd George, the prime minister. This morning he invited the owners and miners to a joint conference to be held at the board of trade on Monday. The newspapers generally, in their articles today, are more optimistic over the possibility of an immediate settlement of the long strike, which now has been in progress three months.

No Financial Support.

The decision to attempt the reopening of negotiations between the mine owners and their employees was reached at a meeting of the executive committee of the Miners' Union last night. This step was influenced, it was declared, by the failure of the miners to secure financial support from other trade unions and the reluctance of other labor organizations to join with the miners for industrial action to enforce their mutual demands. The hope was expressed that the Government would not only grant a £10,000,000 subsidy to the coal industry as an aid to the settlement.

MINERS' LEADERS ANXIOUS TO FIND A WAY OUT

London, June 25.—Canadian Associated Press.—With the project of a general strike abandoned, and the miners and coal owners resuming negotiations, important developments in the industrial situation are looked for early next week.

The miners' federation is now evidently anxious to find a way out of the dispute, as the effects are proving disastrous not only to the finances but to the solidarity of the organization, and the spreading industrial stagnation of the country, which has already thrown 2,250,000 persons out of employment and reduced many others to half time, enforces the necessity of a speedy settlement.

Other unions have evidently abandoned any idea of taking drastic action to resist the demands of the employers for a reduction of wages. The railwaymen's agreement, under the sliding scale, has reduced many of them to 5 shillings per week to correspond with the drop in the cost of living.

LONDON MAN IS AWARDED FRENCH CARNEGIE MEDAL

Saved Young French Woman From Drowning in Deep Well.

MENTIONED IN DISPATCH

Corp. David Mills, R. E., Now in Employ of Local Railway Company.

[Special To The Advertiser.]

Paris, June 25.—Among the awards made recently by the French Carnegie Hero Fund is a bronze medal to Corp. David Mills, R.E., who is now somewhere in Ontario, Canada. The medal is awarded for his bravery in descending into a deep well in June, 1918, on a dark night, and rescuing a young woman who had fallen in. This occurred while he was on active service, and the incident was mentioned in dispatches by the French commander of the district.

The Corp. Mills referred to in the dispatch is Corp. Mills of 29 Grafton street, London, a former member of the British Imperial forces. He is now a well-known local railwayman.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest 87, lowest 60. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest 78, lowest 62.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARM.

Forecast. Today—Light to moderate easterly winds; fine. Sunday—Mostly fair and moderately warm, with a few scattered showers.

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Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	80	56	Clear
Montreal	70	40	Fair
Winnipeg	70	40	Fair
Port Arthur	70	40	Fair
Windsor	70	40	Fair
London	87	60	Fair
Kingston	80	52	Fair
Ottawa	78	52	Fair
Quebec	80	58	Clear
St. John's	70	52	Clear
Halifax	76	52	Clear

Weather Notes. An area of low pressure is centered over Alberta this morning and pressure is high over Ontario and Quebec. Scattered showers have occurred in the West, but the weather is generally fair and from moderately warm to warm throughout the Dominion.

LABOR DENIES EQUAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN

Unions, However, Are Urged To Admit Women To Membership.

DENVER, Colo., June 24.—The convention of the American Federation of Labor today voted down a constitutional amendment designed to give women "equal rights and privileges of membership in the union of their trade or industry." All affiliated unions, however, were urged not to discriminate against the woman wage earner and admit her to membership. Efforts to wipe out the "color line" in organized labor organizations also failed. The convention took the stand that national and international unions could not be compelled to recognize negro workers, and that this was a matter to be adjusted by conferences between the negro wage earners and the various organizations. Both questions were the subject of long and stormy debates, in which representatives of certain unions against the negro and the woman wage earners were bitterly denounced.

NOT GETTING UNION WAGES, IS CLAIM

Men Will Interview Board of Education THROUGH T. AND L.

Allege Kingston Co. Not Living Up To City Bylaw.

Alleging that they are not being treated by the Kingston Construction Company in accordance with the provisions and the 1920 amendment of the city of London bylaw No. 924, regulating hours and wages, members of the building unions employed on the new Collegiate Institute will present their case, through the trades and labor council, to the board of education, at the next meeting of the latter body.

The situation was thoroughly threshed out at a special meeting of the men's delegates last night. A somewhat similar claim was made not long since, when the company denied that it was not paying the union scale of wages. Members of the building trades still claim, however, that conditions, especially among the carpenters, are not exactly according to the city of London bylaw. The latter enactment, they say, states clearly that the prevailing union scale must be effective on all work, and a clause to that effect must be included in the actual contract. There shall be eight hours a day, the men assert further, and time and a half for all work over that period. Although the men admit that the union scale is being accorded to some, they have strong reasons to believe that the rule is not being carried out to affect every worker on the job.

Another feature of the question has been pointed out. "The bricklayers only work their eight hours," one delegate declared, "while the carpenters, who are doing the same kind of work, are working ten hours a day, including Saturday afternoons. You will find, if this keeps up, that all the other local contractors in the city, who now have an eight-hour day, will eventually attempt the ten-hour day. They will reason that if an outside firm can come in and get away with it that they should be able to do so too."

The workers claim further that the bylaw provides that any man employed on a civic building, and not receiving what he claims to be his due wages in accordance with the bylaw, has the right to file suit for the balance with 30 days following the completion of the work. He told of the doings of the U. F. O. from its inception to the present time. He expressed himself as in favor of consolidated schools, but did not think this would lessen the cost of maintenance. He then showed his disapproval of the Government's policy of sending men to fight in the mud of Europe. He pointed out that in this gambling in the mud and many other stocks prices were inflated and this became a burden to the poor. He stated that all governments got corrupt and behaved badly. He was very watchful of the men who were commissioned to sit as their representatives in Parliament, and by their assistance and advice install in them government for the people and by the people.

Must Call Halt. He pointed out that unless Government spending program ruinous times are ahead. He instanced that in 1900 he took his farm from his father, and at that time the taxes were only \$15, while last year his son had taken the farm from him and had to pay taxes of \$100, or an increase of over 500 per cent in 20 years. A halt must be called throughout the country, and he advised citizens to conference this movement by at once beginning to retrain.

He was glad that the women had the franchise, and thought that this would have a tendency for politics to be discussed more in the home, which would lead to better education of the masses on the political situation and cause more intelligent voting.

At the conclusion of Mr. Morrison's speech Miss Wilson of Minnesota rendered a choice and pleasing solo, which was much appreciated. This was followed by lunch, after which the young folks indulged in dancing.

CONSTABLE RUNS AMUCK; KILLS 5-YEAR-OLD CHILD

Ennis, Ireland, June 25.—Auxiliary Constable M. ducho, chasing a party of men through the streets of Ennis last night, fired several revolver shots, killing a 5-year-old child and wounding a woman and two men. When arrested and disarmed, Murdoch said the men tried to seize his revolver while he was in a shop.

WHO SAYS THE AGE OF CHIVALRY IS PAST?



—Morris, for the George Matthew Adams Service.

BUILDING TOTAL FOR 1920 LARGEST IN HISTORY OF CITY; REACHES \$1,128,715

Amount For June So Far Is \$496,695 — Building Inspector Piper Expects Summer Boom To Continue.

Building estimates for 1921 up until Friday in this city have surpassed any previous year in the history of London, reaching a grand total of \$1,128,715. The nearest approach to this record are the figures for the first six months of 1914, just prior to the outbreak of war, when the totals reached \$1,128,715. The total so far this month reaches \$496,695, in contrast to \$174,340 of June, 1920, and \$392,140 of last month. In all, 102 permits have been issued this month, the latest including that to the board of education for the new Great War Memorial High School on Waterloo street, to cost \$306,000, and one to Terrence street at an estimated cost of \$2,800.

Building Inspector A. M. Piper stated to The Advertiser this morning his confidence that the estimates will continue to soar during the last half of the year, making a record for 1921. From various outlying parts of the city, Police Chief Birrell has received complaints of motorists indulging in the dangerous practice of driving without their tail-lights burning. Just at dusk every night numbers of motorists show their headlights, but fail to light their tail-lights, which are generally oil-burners, is the claim. At the corner of Victor street and the Wharfedale road on a night this week a citizen counted seventeen cars, and in an hour which were not carrying three lighted lamps. In fifteen minutes another citizen saw twelve motorists who were violating the law in a similar manner.

Chief Birrell stated that in the central part of the city the law was observed fairly well, but that some car-owners were a little lax in carrying out the regulations when they were driving about the outskirts. He declared that he will devote the time of his motorcycle force to enforcing the regulations in this regard, as the practice is dangerous both to the motorists and to other drivers coming from behind. If the law is not obeyed prosecutions will follow, the chief declared.

MILK PRODUCERS TO MEET TONIGHT Mass Meeting Will Be Called Shortly To Discuss Prices.

Members of the executive committee of the London Milk Producers' Association will meet at 8 o'clock this evening at the office of the Ontario Department of Agriculture. A date will then be set for a general mass meeting of the organization some time in the near future.

That the prevailing price of milk will be accorded its share of discussion is not unlikely. Questioned this morning, J. C. Nichol, president of the milk dealers, admitted that the subject would probably come up for discussion, but was emphatic in his declaration that nothing along the line of a resolution favoring a change in the price would be adopted by the executive.

CELEBRATE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS Hyde Park, London, Scene of Remarkable Demonstration Today.

London, June 25.—Hyde Park was the scene of a remarkable League of Nations mass meeting today, the occasion being the second anniversary of the formation of the league. In addition to more than 50 of the most distinguished speakers in Great Britain there were in attendance representatives of twelve foreign countries, including Belgium, China, Finland, the German Republic, Holland, Italy, Japan, Persia, Poland, Rumania and Ukraine. Many countries arranged to have detachments in national costumes walk in procession to the park.

FRENCH MISSION ARRIVES IN CANADA Fifty Veterans of the French Army Form Guard of Honor At Montreal.

Montreal, June 25.—Met at the Canadian Pacific (Windsor street) station by representatives of the Federal and Provincial Governments, and a guard of about 50 veterans of the French army, Marshal Fayolle, with the distinguished French mission, arrived in Montreal this morning from New York. There was also a large gathering of citizens present to welcome the mission, and the concourse of the station around 9 o'clock presented a very official aspect. The guard of honor was inspected by Marshal Fayolle, after which he and his colleagues left for the Windsor Hotel, their headquarters while here.

G. W. V. A. STILL LOOKING FOR NEW QUARTERS

Amalgamation Proposal Not Discussed At Friday Meeting.

VOTE ON QUESTION

Dominion Gathering of Delegates Postponed Till September.

"We did not discuss the amalgamation proposal at our meeting last night," said A. E. Foster, secretary of the G. W. V. A. today. "We are at present temporarily concerned over securing our new club house. Our lease on the present building expires August 1, and although nothing definite resulted at last night's gathering, the committee reports that it has a likely place in view."

Questioned as to the likelihood of a vote being taken by the members of the entire organization from coast to coast, the secretary admitted the possibility. "It may be that the fact that the date of the Dominion convention of G. W. V. A. delegates, scheduled for the first week of July, has been officially postponed until September, may have something to do with the amalgamation issue. It is not at all unlikely that the Dominion executive, although decidedly against a union of the various organizations, may call a general vote between now and September."

The secretary referred also to the headlining of the Dominion executive, who recently returned to Canada from the Imperial conference in South Africa, and who will report in detail at the Canadian gathering, which was expected to have the same ready for the scheduled meeting, thereby necessitating its postponement.

Mr. Foster expects to receive advice on the matter today from Toronto.

TAIL LIGHTS ON ALL MOTOR CARS MUST BE LIT AT NIGHT

Chief Birrell On Watch For Careless Motorists.

DANGEROUS PRACTICE

Motorcycle Squad Will Enforce Regulations.

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CALGARY LIBERALS NOMINATE FULL SLATE FOR CITY

Calgary, June 25.—Liberals of Calgary last evening nominated a full slate of five candidates for the city at large, in the coming provincial elections.

The candidates are as follows: R. C. Marshall, ex-mayor; C. J. Ford, city solicitor; Mrs. Fred Langford, chairman of the public school board; A. G. Harkin, Webster, and Trustee F. S. Selwood of the school board.

NATIONAL PARKS POPULAR. Ottawa, June 25.—Canadian Press.—Canadians in ever-increasing numbers are this year taking advantage of the holiday possibilities of the Canadian National Parks. It is estimated that the parks will this year set a new high level.

EMPIRE'S RELATIONS WITH UNITED STATES DETERMINING FACTOR

Manchester Guardian Contents in Editorial On the Anglo-Japanese Alliance—Declares "Close Understanding and Friendly Co-operation Must Be Cornerstone of Our Foreign Policy."

London, June 25.—The Manchester Guardian, which is an opponent of the renewal of the Anglo-Japanese alliance, contended, in an editorial today, that the original motive of the alliance, which was a protective measure against Germany and Russia, has disappeared. It asked if a military alliance was necessary to insure the "open door" in China and the security of Great Britain's dominions in the east, and if such an alliance was possible "without turning the edge of it against the United States."

It was declared by the newspaper that no answer had so far been given to these questions, and that it was unlikely one would be forthcoming. "The vital, determining consideration," the newspaper said, "must be our relations with the United States. A close understanding and friendly co-operation should be the cornerstone of our foreign policy."

PREMIERS SPEND THE FIRST WEEK IN PREPARATION

Statesmen of Dominion Are Thoroughly Informed On Britain's Point of View.

HAVE TWO IDEALS

Discussions Held in Secret—Pacific Methods Outlined by Lord Curzon.

London, June 25.—(By Grant.) O'Leary, Canadian Press Staff Correspondent.—The first week of the conference of the Empire closed Friday without having made much progress toward the disposal of the practical problems with which it has to deal. This week's sessions, indeed, have been entirely absorbed by reviews and discussions of the principles presently dictating the foreign policy of the Empire.

Such discussion, of course, has been necessary, inasmuch as it was essential that the statesmen of the dominions should be thoroughly informed of the position as viewed by the foreign office before attempting to deal with, and determine matters of special importance, or even to offer constructive criticism and advice respecting the policies to be pursued in future.

Two Schools of Thought. Conforming to the traditional policy of European chancelleries, the discussions have been secret, but enough is known of their purport to make one thing clear, and that is that within the conference there are two distinct schools of thought. There is the school which, clinging to old pre-war tradition, believes the Empire can best promote its own interests and the peace of the world by a policy of special alliances, and the school which, following the old doctrine of the balance of power, is not far removed from that ancient principle. The other school, which numbers Mr. Meighen among its adherents, is in favor of a policy of no special alliances, but friendly co-operation with all the nations of the world.

Need Pacific Methods. Lord Curzon, it may be said, is of the school which favors the traditional policy of European chancelleries. The policy presented to the conference on Wednesday, there was one eloquent sentence which summed up his foreign creed, he declared that however disagreeing and hitherto British foreign policy had been in the days of Beaconsfield, when opponents had been discomfited and enemies destroyed, they were now living in a vastly different world, and the need was for pacific methods. Whether this principle completely triumphs in the conference only the decisions of the next fortnight can tell.

Time of Testing. Meanwhile the British people are passing through a severe test. The news from Ireland continues gloomy; the industrial situation is bad; four million people are unemployed, and the worst drought in a quarter of a century threatens the nation with tremendous losses. Despite all this, however, and despite the fact that the Union Jack has been lowered during the past week on the field of international sport, the people's spirit which triumphed in the darkest days of the war is proving similarly invincible in the crises of peace.

FULL DISCUSSION OF ANGLIO-JAP TREATY NEXT WEEK

London, June 24.—By the Associated Press.—An unpenetrable veil seems to have fallen, so far as concerns the proceedings of the Imperial conference. A further meeting was held today, attended, in addition to the Dominion and Empire representatives, by Mr. Lloyd George, J. Austen Chamberlain, A. J. Balfour, Lord Curzon and Winston S. Churchill. The bare official communiqué issued at the conclusion of the meeting, says:

"Discussion of foreign policy initiated at Wednesday's meeting was continued." It is still considered possible that when this discussion is concluded the Government may issue a brief summary of the speeches delivered, but even this is uncertain. Generally it is assumed that although Premier Meighen of Canada is opposed to renewal of the Anglo-Japanese treaty he will not press his opposition against the wishes of all the other premiers. It is understood, however, that a detailed discussion of this matter has been reserved for next week.

G. T. R. TRAFFIC EARNINGS. Montreal, June 25.—Grand Trunk Railway traffic earnings for the week ended June 21 were \$2,030,561, for corresponding week a year ago, \$2,015,144, increasing \$15,417.

GRASSHOPPERS INVADE 300 MILES IN ANNUAL HOP

Colorado Springs, Colo., June 25.—An army of grasshoppers, estimated to be fifteen miles wide, and twenty miles long, is advancing on El Paso County, Colo., from the southwest, County Farm Agent J. W. Hale announced today. These are destroying virtually all vegetation in their path.

DECREASE IN FISH CATCH. Ottawa, June 25.—The sea fish catch for May showed a remarkable decrease for the catch during May for last year, according to the monthly statement issued by the Dominion fisheries branch. The total was \$70,118 hundredweights, as against \$60,145 hundredweights, and the value \$2,072,137 as against \$3,458,225.

PRESENTATION MADE TO REV. R. J. MCCORMICK [Special To The Advertiser.] Blith, June 25.—A capacity house met in the Methodist Church last night to bid farewell to Rev. R. J. McCormick, who is finishing a five-year term here. The chair was taken by Fred Sloan of the high school staff. Complimentary addresses were made by Rev. George Telford of the Presbyterian Church and Rev. W. R. Harkin of the Anglican Church, besides several of the laymen. The Gidley orchestra gave several selections. Mrs. McCormick received an autograph quilt from the Mission Band, and a pyrex dish from the Sunday school class. The congregation and brotherhood presented Mr. and Mrs. McCormick with two handsome tapestry chairs. Lunch was served. Rev. Mr. McCormick will preach his farewell sermon on Sunday evening. He goes from here to Hyatt Avenue Methodist Church, London.

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