

# PREMIER MEETS MINERS THIS MORNING FOR TALK ON RUNNING THE PUMPS

## Eleventh Hour Intervention by Lloyd George May Lead to a Settlement of the Great Struggle—All Parties Working Together to End the Trouble—Railway Men Decide to Give Full Support to the Strikers, Claiming Pitmen Justified in Walking Out.

London, April 7.—A day of port of today's negotiations for the miners' return to work has been a day of the most intense character. The premier's characteristic eleventh hour intervention, bringing renewed prospects that the grave industrial crisis will be averted. His appearance in the House of Commons tonight the willingness of the government to participate in a conference to discuss the question of pumping before other matters were considered.

Turns on Pumping  
Informal conferences continued through the evening. Moderates means in their power, declaring the strike as the House immediately after the Arthur Henderson and John Robert Clynes working hard in an endeavor to induce the miners to return to the question of pumping, and it was supposed that the whole question was turning on this slender hope.

Premier Lloyd George had been absent during the latter hours of the day. He returned at 11 o'clock and informed the members that the government had agreed to a conference which it is believed practically certain the miners will accept. The conference will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow and will be presided over by the premier. The government will discuss with the miners the question of wages and other matters involved in the demands of the men.

Labor Leaders Caught  
What steps exactly had led up to this change of front are unknown as yet. Arthur Henderson, who rose to reply to the premier, was clearly no negotiator. He had, he said, to express regret that the premier had not given notice to each of the important cabinet members, secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, to whom his suggestion is apparently was made. As he had earlier explained, the miners' federation would have preferred to open the conference without conditions on either side, but he has had an opportunity to express his opinion since the afternoon. Therefore, he could not assume responsibility on the matter. He thought the only way would be for the premier to put his statement into a letter to the officials for consideration.

# THIEVES GOT ABOUT \$500,000

## Four Bandits in Cincinnati Hold up Postal Truck and Get Registered Mail.

Chicago, April 7.—Special investigators sent from Washington in connection with the theft yesterday at the Dearborn street station of mail pouches containing cash and securities believed to total more than \$500,000 tonight were proceeding on the theory that the robbery had been carried out by a national gang of mail thieves who obtained advance information of money shipments from postal employees.

A score of persons were arrested today in connection with the robbery here, but most of them were released.

Stole Registered Mail  
Cincinnati, O., April 7.—Four men in an automobile tonight held up and robbed a United States post office mail truck near the west end station of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad here. Several pouches of registered mail were taken from the truck and carried away by the robbers.

# Committee Named in Grand Falls Trouble

Fredericton, N. B., April 7.—Premier Foster, Hon. C. W. Robinson and Hon. J. B. M. Baxter were named this morning by Chairman Robichaud of the corporations committee of the Legislature as a sub-committee to consider this afternoon with the promoters and opponents of the bill to extend the Grand Falls Company's rights in the water power at Grand Falls for a period of two years.

# Faithful Unto Death

Medbourne, Que., April 7.—Because she refused to abandon her brother who is deaf and blind, Miss Georgiana White, 74, and Finch J. White 33, both perished in a fire here last night which destroyed their home.

# MUNGBARAN MINISTER QUILTS

Blida Post, April 7.—The ministry of Count Paliokhas resigned. The collapse it is understood was brought about by the firm attitude of the small farmers against the legitimist's insistence upon an anti-Karlism government.

# Clara Steeves Married; Ceremony At Prison

## Unique Place Chosen So Father, Held on Murder Charge, Could be Present.

Special to The Standard  
Moncton, N. B., April 7.—It is O. G. Gains Steeves, incarcerated in the county jail at Hopewell Cape, awaiting his trial on the charge of murdering his wife and five children at Fine Glen, Parish of Albert county, in February, had temporarily been forgotten by the public, interested in the tragedy has been revived by the marriage of the accused's only surviving daughter, Clara Steeves, who was living in Moncton at the time of the tragic death of her mother and five brothers and sisters. She was married in the presence of her father in the jail at Hopewell Cape on March 25, to her cousin, Benjamin Steeves, of Elgin.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Harwood, Baptist minister of Hillsboro in the presence of the bride's father, the jailer and one or two others.

# CONFESSION OF ALLEGED SLAYER MAY BE DENIED

## Alienists Examine Prisoner for Elwell Shooting and Find Him Normal.

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# LIVED IN ONTARIO BEFORE THE CRIME

Bridgeport, Conn., April 7.—Additional doubt was cast today on the "confession" of Roy Harris in Buffalo yesterday to complicity in the murder of Joseph B. Elwell, Bridgeport, in New York last June. The Bridgeport police announced this afternoon that William Duken, believed to be the "Dunkin" alleged by Harris to have fired the shot that killed the sportsman, had only been released today from the Chenango reformatory, after having been sentenced to that institution in 1919 for theft.

# Too Busy To Keep Seat in Commons

Sir Thos. White Declares G. T. R. Case Makes Membership Impossible.

Montreal, April 7.—The importance of the work of the Grand Trunk arbitration board was the reason for the resignation of Sir Thomas White, arbitrator for the Dominion Government, of his seat in parliament as representative of Leeds, Ont., the ex-minister of finance, stated this morning. Sir Thomas also stated that the circumstances he felt that having regard to the spirit of the senate and House of Commons Act as to the independence of members of parliament, it would not be reasonable that legislation should be sought providing against his disqualification.

# Railroad Unions To Accept Harding Plan

Chicago, April 7.—Five railroad mechanical unions with 500,000 members tonight submitted to President Harding's plan for the ending industrial disputes between the roads and their workers, proposing that the president call a conference of representatives of both sides, at which new rules governing working conditions would be worked out to take the place of the national agreements now in dispute before the railroad labor board. The proposal is that all wage disputes be held in abeyance, pending the conference, holding that the matter of wages could be quickly adjusted to the satisfaction of all as soon as the question of rules had been settled.

# Rupprecht Marries

Berlin, April 7.—Former Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria who commanded the German army on the northern front in the Western theatre of the Great War, and Princess Annetta of Luxembourg were married today at Hohenberg Castle in Upper Bavaria.

# WORLD NEWS TODAY

## CANADA

New Brunswick auto owners ask for the right to the right rule for the province.

Clara Steeves of Moncton married in Hopewell Cape prison so her father, held on murder charge, may be present at ceremony.

Fig. tea and bamboo growing well in Vancouver Island, so illus. Dr. Tolmie declares.

Chicago mail robbery is supposed to have netted the bandit gang half a million dollars.

THE BRITISH ISLES  
Lloyd George announces that he will meet miners this morning to discuss return to work.

# CLAIM PROVINCE IS "WIDE OPEN"

Geo. B. Jones Alleges Prohibition Act Enforced for Political Purposes.

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The statement was made while the committee were considering expenditures under the holding of prohibition enforcement, miscellaneous and especially an item showing a refund of \$137 to Dr. E. Vincent Sullivan, of St. Stephen. The refund according to documents produced before the committee, was made up order-in-council upon the recommendation of the Attorney General.

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This precipitated a more or less lively discussion during the course of which two of the government members on the committee expressed the opinion that the Province was virtually "wide open."

It was also reported that the matter might further be aired in the House. The committee have completed consideration of the expenditures down as far as Public Works.

# Australia Needs United States Aid

London, April 7.—A Melbourne, Australia, despatch to the London Times, says that in a speech in the House on the forthcoming Imperial Conference, Premier Hughes declared with respect to the Japanese treaty that Australia could not make an enemy of the United States to secure the friendship of Japan, and that the treaty must be renewed in modified form, but satisfactory to the United States. He asserted that there was great danger of such rivalry in the Pacific as would drain the finances of the nations and have a vexatious influence on the whole world.

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# MAXWELL CAR CONTEST END IS NEAR AT HAND

## Only Three More Days of the Last Special Prize Offer in The Standard's Contest.

## CONTESTANTS SHOULD MAKE MINUTES COUNT

## It Will be Better to Have Too Many Votes at End of Contest Than Not Enough.

Just a few more days remain of the big Maxwell Touring Car offer. Today, Saturday and Monday are the last days.

The offer ends at 6 o'clock sharp Monday afternoon. The contestant who turns in the greatest amount of subscription money during a three-week period ending 6 o'clock Monday, April 11th, will be awarded the special Maxwell.

Close Race.  
The race for the Maxwell is a close one up to the present time, and the work done during these closing days of the offer will undoubtedly be the deciding factors in the close race.

Quadruple Votes.  
Four times the regular number of votes are being given on the last vote schedule of the contest. The last schedule is in vogue this week and also next week.

By securing every possible subscription this week, contestants will have their subscriptions count on both of the big offers—the special Maxwell offer and the Quadruple vote offer.

Be the Winner.  
No matter how many votes you have—secure more! It will be far better to have too many votes or too much subscription money to your credit than to not have enough.

AT THE IMPERIAL TODAY—Charles Ray in "The Village Sleuth."  
AT THE QUEEN SQUARE TODAY—"Heliopole" with an all-star cast.

AT THE UNIQUE TODAY—Tom Mix in "The Road Demon."  
OPERA HOUSE, TODAY—Vaudeville and feature picture.

Two of the prizes to be given away in The Standard's big contest are opportunities to become Movie Stars with the University Film Company, Fredson's largest and most important Moving Picture Company.

# PACKERS START GREAT ACTION

## Suit for \$3,350,000 Against United States Government Being Argued Now.

Washington, April 7.—Arguments were made in the United States court of claims today in four test actions known as "the packers' cases" to recover from the government approximately \$3,350,000 for damages sustained. It is alleged, by refusal of the war department to accept \$5,000,000 pounds of beef and bacon ordered by the United States food administration in December, 1918.

The actions have been brought by Armour & Co., Swift & Co., Miller & Canning & Co., and the decision is expected to affect a number of other suits contemplated by packers involving an aggregate of over \$5,000,000.

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# Convict Waiter In Trouble For Giving Brindell Fine Feed

## High Salaried Labor Prisoner Had Ham and Eggs While Others Got Plain Hash.

Quinsing, N. Y., April 7.—Hasi was on the dinner menu tonight at Sing Sing prison, but Robert P. Brindell, high salaried labor leader, who began a five-year sentence Monday for extortion, ate ham and eggs. Charges for violation of the prison rules are facing him. The waiter, another convict, from whom Brindell said he had obtained the delicacy, was deprived of his usual privileges and locked in a cell. Officials said the waiter probably would be sent to Clinton prison. The only inmates of Sing Sing who are permitted to eat eggs are patients in the hospital.

# LOSS OF NEARLY SIXTY MILLIONS ON THE C. G. M. M.

## Such is the View of Wm. Duff Expressed in Attack on Policy.

## HON. MR. BALLANTYNE CLAIMS A SUCCESS

## Sharp Division in Commons on Question of Vote of Interim Supply.

Ottawa, April 7.—Canadian government merchant ships were under severe fire in the House of Commons today. It was charged by the opposition that the vessels, instead of showing an operating profit last year, were operated at a deficit. Wm. Duff (Lanenburg) who led the opposition attack, claimed that loss to the country in the value of ships and in operation was already \$5,568,962. In this, he estimated depreciation in value alone at \$3,967,450. "The prime minister," declared Mr. Duff, "did not know what he was talking about when he said that the financial condition of the government merchant marine was fair and satisfactory."

Against Government Ships  
Mr. Duff favored a Canadian merchant marine but not one operated by the government. As soon as the estimate was signed, the minister of marine should have abandoned his shipbuilding programme.

Mr. Duff dealt with the steel plate contracts and declared that the government was facing a law suit for \$15,000,000 or \$18,000,000 as a result of bad management. Contracts had been cancelled after a steel company had erected a plate mill and that company would bring a suit for damages.

Mr. Ballantyne Objects  
Hon. Mr. Ballantyne interjected that the government had no claim whatever from the Dominion Iron and Steel Company. The Exchequer Court would decide the amount to which the company was entitled by way of compensation for the cancelled contracts but it would not be anywhere near \$15,000,000.

Mr. Duff's attack followed a lively passage over the introduction of an interim supply resolution for \$71,498,703 being one-sixth of the estimates tabled.

Against Blind Voting.  
Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Liberal leader, strongly protested against voting money "blindly." Sir Henry Drayton, minister of finance, replied that voting interim supply was a practice of many years standing.

# Col. Geo. H. Pick Dead At Moncton

## Fenian Raid Veteran Passes Away After Long Career in Railway Work.

Moncton, April 7.—Moncton lost one of its oldest landmarks this evening in the death of Colonel Geo. H. Pick, one of the best citizens. Col. Pick was a former well known official of the old I. C. R., but he had been on the pension about fifteen years. For many years he was assistant to the late George Taylor, general freight agent I. C. R., and later was weighing inspector for some time prior to his retirement. He was well known to railway men all over the maritime system of government railways. He was a native of Fredericton, but had resided in Moncton the last half of his life. In his younger days he took an active part in the militia and participated in the defence of the province at the time of the Fenian raid. He was a prominent Mason and Sons of England.

He is survived by his second wife, who was formerly a Miss Rogers, of Amherst. A. P. Mitchell, of the C.N.R., R. Campbellton, is a nephew.

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# FIGS AND TEA GROWN NOW ON VANCOUVER IS.

## Bamboo for Fishing Baskets and Poles Flourishing Along Pacific.

# ORIENTAL NUT TREES IN BLOOM

## No Longer is Canada a Land of Snows Declares Hon. Mr. Tolmie.

Ottawa, April 7.—That there are now being successfully grown on Vancouver Island, and for the first time in Canada, both tea and olives, was the information given here tonight to a banquet of local horticulturalists by Hon. S. C. Tolmie, federal minister of agriculture. This year, too, on Vancouver Island, there will be a good fig crop. Filbert and almond trees are in full bloom and the bamboo crop is large enough to harvest for baskets and fishing poles, he added.

"This is an astonishing statement to those without our borders, who are prone to think of Canada as a land of snow banks and wild country," he said.

Flowers for Canada.  
Dr. Tolmie also thought it would only be a matter of time until Canada is able to buy its roses from Pacific Coast towns and cities within her borders rather than import stock from Great Britain, Ireland and other countries.

While in ordinary truck farming, the Oriental should be an aggressive competitor of the Anglo-Saxon, he had not been able to successfully compete with white growers in flowers, Dr. Tolmie stated.

# ASK FOR KEEP TO RIGHT LAW FOR PROVINCE

## Delegation to Capital is Promised Consideration After Arguments are Presented.

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