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Peril Is Threatened In Cape Breton Coal Mining Zones

HARBOR WORKS RECOMMENDED

CRISIS NEAR IN MINING DISTRICTS

Cape Breton Coal Industry is Faced With Big Problem.

REACH DEADLOCK

Notice of 20 Per Cent. Wage Reduction Posted at Mines.

Sydney, N. S., Jan. 16.—The Cape Breton coal industry is today faced with a serious crisis, following the breaking down of the wage negotiations in connection with the renewal of the 1923 contract between miners and operators. These negotiations have been in progress during the last six weeks, the miners requesting that the renewal be based on the 1921 rates.

The corporation, contending that under existing conditions an advance in the wage rate is impossible, owing to the keen competition raised by the importation of European and American coal into the natural markets of the corporation, and the excessive cost of mining and banking coal during the winter season for export in the spring, submitted a proposition to the miners that from January 15 to April 30, while banking operations are in progress, they accept a reduction of 20 per cent. below the 1923 rate, which rate will be resumed with the opening of navigation and the resumption of the St. Lawrence river trade.

Deadlock Is Reached.

A deadlock in the deliberations was reached at Tuesday's sessions of the wage committee, neither side showing any willingness to recede from their respective stands, and as a result the industrial situation here is fraught with peril since the failure to negotiate a satisfactory wage schedule, for the mining industry, will without doubt effect the future operations of the steel plant. Whether negotiations will be resumed, is in view of the statement of President Barrett of the U. M. W. problematical. The corporation in its official statement holds for the promise that they be re-opened.

On the other hand President Barrett says that in view of the fact that the motion for the final adjournment of the committee came from the British Empire Steel Corporation representative the union must regard the deliberations as closed and that any further move towards their resumption must come from the operators. Following the adjournment, notices of the 20 per cent. reduction were posted at the various collieries today. A conference of district officials of the United Mine Workers was held at Glace Bay this evening but no plans of action were decided on pending the receipt of a pronouncement from International President John Lewis, the union leaders are emphatic in their rejection of the reduced scale as proposed. All the mines of the district are idle today on the order of the corporation.

STORM PREDICTED

Gales from the southeast accompanied by rain and sleet tonight or Thursday were predicted in a message received at the signal station here this morning. The hoisting of No. 3 storm signal was ordered, but on account of repairs being made at the local signal station, this could not be done.

The storm, the message said, was developing in the middle states and was gaining in rapidly and was likely to strike the maritime provinces at any time.

Alberta Nearer to Getting Resources

Edmonton, Jan. 16.—That Alberta is somewhat nearer to getting its natural resources but not yet in actual sight of them, is the report that Premier Greenfield brings back with him from Ottawa. He expressed the view that while an agreement as to a definite basis of settlement has not been reached, he felt that progress should be made. Negotiations are still pending.

Cat's Ankle Is O. K. Says U. S. Professor

Springfield, O., Jan. 16.—"Don't be too hard on those who say 'she's the cat's ankle,'" says Professor K. G. Lind, department of English of Western State College. "Suppose we say 'she is the cynosure of all eyes.'" The professor explains. "That may sound better, but that word is borrowed Greek. To guide ships into port, Greek mariners used to look at the little Bear Constellation and locate Cynosure, which means dog's tail. 'So there you are, 'she's the dog's tail,' which is no better than 'she's the cat's ankle,' or 'the kitten's meow.'"

CHARGES ENRIGHT IS A BOOTLEGGER

New Sensations Arise in New York Police Circles—Clerks are Under Scrutiny.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 16.—Charging that Police Commissioner Enright of New York was a "bootlegger," Assemblyman Louis A. Cuvillier started the assembly chamber of the New York State Legislature yesterday with a bitter arraignment of the commissioner's administration. New York, Jan. 16.—Police Commissioner Enright last night ordered a census of uniformed members of the force engaged in clerical work at headquarters. The order coming on the heels of the action Monday of the board of police surgeons, who ordered six clerical workers back to patrol duty, was seen as a continuation of a clean-up campaign inaugurated several days ago, when the commissioner charged thirteen police inspectors with laxity in enforcement of the federal prohibition law.

Trade Conditions Not Satisfactory

Toronto, Jan. 16.—General trade conditions in Canada not being satisfactory to the manufacturers, a conference of representatives of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association has been called to meet in Hamilton on Jan. 24, to see if some solution can be provided to set the wheels in motion. There are about 400 claimants in western Ontario and 2,000 in the U. S. and Canada.

Get After Share Of \$305,000,000

London, Ont., Jan. 16.—Heirs to the Edward estate from all parts of western Ontario, meeting here yesterday, decided to press their claims to property in New York, valued at \$305,000,000. There are about 400 claimants in western Ontario and 2,000 in the U. S. and Canada.

Wire Briefs

New York, Jan. 16.—Dr. Maurice Francis Egan, former U. S. minister to Denmark, died yesterday, aged 71.

Montreal, Jan. 16.—Sir Lomer Gouin, former minister of justice, and Lady Gouin will sail from New York Jan. 22 on the Empress of Great Britain for a trip through the West Indies.

Galveston, Texas, Jan. 16.—The U. S. cruiser Tacoma is aground and in distress on the Banquillas Reef, sixteen miles from Vera Cruz and is sending out distress calls.

Boston, Jan. 16.—Faint S. O. S. signals from a vessel off Delaware breakwater were picked up by the naval radio station here early today. The name of the vessel and the nature of her distress could not be learned.

Athens, Jan. 16.—Premier Venizelos, talking to the foreign newspaper correspondents, said he did not intend to recall King George before the plebiscite which is to determine the future government of Greece.

Ottawa, Jan. 16.—Fifty-seven years in the Canadian Confederation have not satisfied the Maritime Provinces or given them what they consider to be their rights, according to Premier Armstrong, of Nova Scotia, who has just left for home.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 16.—Cardinal O'Connell, of Boston, arrived here this morning from New York on the S. S. Empress of Scotland on his way to the Holy Land. When interviewed on the controversy, in the U. S. between fundamentalists and modernists, he said that "as long as we poor humans are fallible," such discussions would come up.

REBELS IN MEXICO ARE DEFEATED

Lose First Battle of Federal Offensive Begun Against Revolutionists.

FLEE, SAYS REPORT

Another Wing of Obregon Army Also Announces a Victory.

(By Canadian Press.) Mexico City, Jan. 16.—The first battle of the federal offensive against the Vera Cruz revolutionists on the Yucatan front, occurred yesterday when Gen. Urbalejo, second in command of the offensive troops, defeated the rebels at Tepic, twenty miles southeast of Puebla, according to a war department bulletin issued last night. The rebels lost one lieutenant and three sergeants killed and five privates wounded. The rebels fled, the report says. Special dispatches from the federal army advancing toward Vera Cruz also defeated an attempt of the revolutionists under Gen. Sanchez to surround it.

MISSING MEN ARE PICKED UP

St. John Fishermen are Safe—Landed in Nova Scotia.

John Dawson of 155 Acadia street, who is a fisherman about 70 years of age, and Gordon Melvor, aged 18, of Portland street, who were missing since Monday afternoon are safe. Word was received at noon today by Mrs. Dawson that her husband and young Melvor had been picked up on the coast of Nova Scotia and both are safe. They left in a motor boat on Monday afternoon to fish outside Partridge Island and there were grave fears all that night and yesterday when they did not return.

CRERAR SPEAKS OF A DIVIDING GULF

Industrial East and Agricultural West Apart—Comments on Affairs in Province.

(By Canadian Press.) Montreal, Jan. 16.—Hon. T. A. Crerar, who left here for Toronto last night, declined to make any statements regarding the recent interview of himself, Premier Dunning of Saskatchewan and Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King. He spoke of Canadian affairs.

H. G. Acres Meets Premier and Commission Members at Fredericton

A discussion regarding the power available at Grand Falls, the potential market and the probable cost of its development was held in Fredericton this morning. There were present Premier Veniot, Hon. Dr. E. A. Smith, chairman, Hon. J. E. Michaud, member, and S. R. Weston, chief engineer of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission, and H. G. Acres, of Port Stanley, Ont., who has been making an investigation into the Grand Falls project.

In conversation with The Evening Times over the long distance telephone this afternoon, Premier Veniot said that the conference had lasted for two hours this morning and will be continued this afternoon. He said that he was not in a position to make public any of the matters dealt with by those present.

Mr. Acres is expected to return to St. John this evening, and with Gordon Krebs, consulting engineer with the N. B. Commission, will proceed to Halifax, where he will address a meeting of the Nova Scotia Institute of Engineers.

Comes to Canada For Trade Preference

(London, Jan. 16.—(Canadian Press.)—Senator Wilson of Australia, who is going to Canada instead of Premier Bruce to negotiate a trade preference with the Dominion, will sail by way of the U. S. in a fortnight.

Let Her Smoke Says Chicago College Dean

Chicago, Jan. 16.—An honest-to-goodness "drunk" is seldom seen on the modern campus, wome a half-century ago a college man, in order to be a gentleman, had to get "soused" at least once a week. This contrast in campus "morality" was drawn by Dean Albin W. Small, head of the Sociology Department at the University of Chicago, in reply to charges of degeneracy among college students made by Charles J. Smith, president of Peabody College. As to charges of women students taking their gin regularly, which Dr. Smith appears particularly incensed about, Dean Small is positive such cases are few and far between. If a co-ed can appreciate her cigarette, let her smoke, the sociologist said, "for it is no more a moral issue than drinking milk."

NOT MUCH IN SIGHT FOR DEPOSITORS

Associate Liquidator of Home Bank Says Only From 37 to 40 Per Cent.

Ottawa, Jan. 16.—That the depositors of the defunct Home Bank would receive only from 37 to 40 per cent of their money was the opinion expressed by L. E. Weedon, associate liquidator, at a meeting of the local press. Mr. Weedon argued that the influence of the community be deposited for their losses. Members of the Dominion committee of depositors are circulating petitions to Governor-General, and it is said that the petition will have the signatures of some 80,000 bank depositors.

JURORS ARE BARRED

Censured by Toronto Judge for Verdict in Automobile Case.

Toronto, Jan. 16.—The jury which heard the evidence in a charge of manslaughter against Harry A. Hamilton brought in a verdict of acquittal yesterday and were censured by Mr. Justice Riddell for the most deplorable verdict, gentlemen. After this, I think I will not travel in a street car," he said.

WILL NOT OPEN A PROVINCIAL BANK

Alberta Government Refuses Request of United Farmers—

Edmonton, Jan. 16.—The farmer government in Alberta definitely has refused a request of the United Farmers of Alberta for establishment of a provincial bank, and at the same time announced its hope that at an early date it would be possible to establish a practical system of long term farm credits. The statement declared that the federal government had not been sufficiently considered and that banking reform fundamentally was a matter for the federal authorities.

WRITES LABOR PLAY

Victory at Polls Inspires George Bernhard Shaw to Boost Leaders.

British United News London, Jan. 16.—So deeply did the recent victory of Labor at the polls impress George Bernhard Shaw that the playwright has begun writing a play analyzing the "new demes," manifested by the growth of the Labor movement. Shaw is busy gathering material for the piece, to furnish him with a close-up of the new Labor Sidney Webb, one of the intellectuals of the Labor Party is giving Wednesday to Shaw and David Kirkwood, intractable Socialist member of Parliament from the north of Scotland. Shaw expects that Kirkwood will provide him with plenty of color.

Prince Cables Words of Sympathy

Montreal, Que., Jan. 16.—Among many expressions of regret and sympathy received by the family following the death of Chief Rufus G. Chamberlain of the Department of Immigration of the C. P. R. is one from H. R. H. the Prince of Wales. The late chief was well known to the Prince as he had accompanied the royal train on both occasions of the Prince's visit to Canada. He also looked after the royal train when the King toured the country as Duke of York.

RUM TREATY TO RECEIVE SANCTION

Reference in King's Speech to Pact With the U. S. Assures Act.

SHIPPERS DOUBTFUL

Little Good to be Accomplished, is the View in London.

(British United Press.) London, Jan. 16.—The reference in the King's speech yesterday to the proposed treaty between Britain and the United States for the prevention of rum running insures the conclusion of that agreement before the Baldwin government leaves office. The delay in the execution has been due to the formalities involved in securing the consent of the various dominions, which procedure is practically concluded. Shipping circles, however, do not believe that the treaty will accomplish much. It will provide for the opening of the three-mile limit wherein rum runners may be seized to a rather indefinite zone described in general terms as "one hour" steaming from shore. This of course, applies only to ships under the British flag and undoubtably will make it more difficult for rum runners taking advantage of British registry, but there is nothing to prevent change of registry to French, Spanish or Brazilian flags which will involve new negotiations with various governments.

Widow's Curse Is Feared As Woman Asks Lawyer To Save Her

Cleveland, Jan. 16.—Fear of death sentence pronounced in the "widow's curse," most terrible of the Seven Hungarian Curses, drove Mrs. Rosa Horwath, 42, 2745 T. 90th street, to Assistant Police Prosecutor John A. Boylan's office yesterday for protection against an auditor.

"The Seven Hungarian Curses," she gasped incoherently. "Protect me, or I must marry him," she told Boylan as fear shone from her eyes.

The auditor placed her under the curse after she had refused to marry him, she declared. "He tore the wedding ring from my hand—it was given me by my husband—and he put it into the form of a cross. He nailed the ring to a wooden block, using 12 nails to fasten it. He hit each nail one blow. "With each blow, he muttered a terrible curse, and at the end he told me 'I would die if I did not marry him.' "That is the most terrible of the Seven Hungarian Curses. You are a Hungarian. You should know," she says he told her. "She didn't know. But the fear of the curse haunted her night and day. "Only he can release me. I don't want to marry him. He used to work for me as a hired hand on my farm. He beat me, and tore my dress before he cursed me. "Please make him lift the curse and tell him I can't marry him," she pleaded with the prosecutor.

Boylan issued a summons for the auditor, demanding that he explain the meaning of the Seven Hungarian Curses.

NEWS IS SURPRISE

London Shipowner, Reported Millionaire, Files Personal Petition in Bankruptcy.

London, Jan. 16.—Business and financial interests were astonished when they read in the Official Gazette this morning that Howard Houlder, ship owner and reputed millionaire, has filed a petition in bankruptcy. Mr. Houlder and members of his family told newspapers that the failure in no-wise affected the shipping firm of which the petitioner is a member, but that it is due entirely to unfortunate personal industrial ventures.

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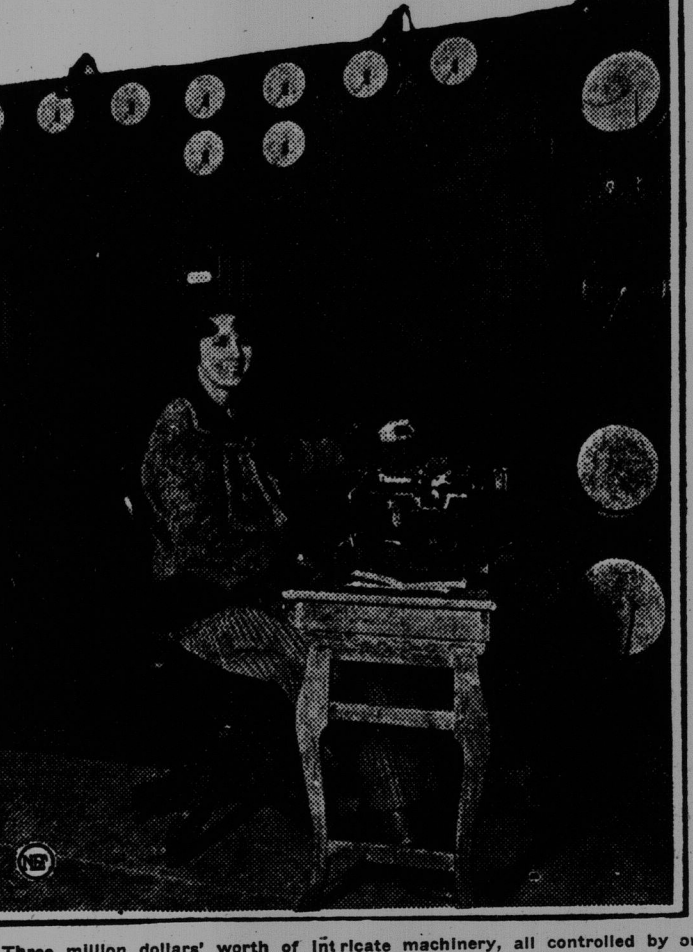
Only Two Lives Lost in Railway Accidents in England in 1923.

London, Jan. 16.—There was only one railway accident in England involving loss of life during 1923, according to the Railway Gazette. This was at Diggle, in July, when two passengers were killed.

Sentenced To Jail For Housebreaking

Amherst, Jan. 16.—Pleading guilty to housebreaking at Port Greenville, Cumberland county, on three counts, John Evans was sentenced in county court to a five year term in Dorchester penitentiary on each charge. The sentences will run concurrently.

It Looks Simple, But Oh My!



Three million dollars' worth of intricate machinery, all controlled by one little set of levers. Miss Althea Farles is showing how it's done, the machinery being the Sacramento (Calif.) new filtration plant with a capacity of 40,000,000 gallons of water a day. Official dedication of the plant took place New Year Eve.

Remove Russian Death Sentences

Moscow, Jan. 16.—Death sentences which for more than a year and a half had hung over the heads of eleven leaders in the party of Alexander F. Kerensky, Russia's first revolutionary premier, has been removed by a decision of the Central Executive Commission of the Soviet federation by commutation to five years of strict isolation.

Weather Report

Toronto, Jan. 16.—Pressure is high over the northwest states and western provinces and near the Atlantic coast, while a deep depression is developing over the middle states. The weather is extremely cold in the western provinces and moderately cold in eastern Canada. Rain is falling in southern Ontario.

Forecasts: Gales, Rain, Sleet. Maritime—Southeast gales with rain or sleet late tonight and Thursday. Gulf and North Shore—Strong easterly winds, snow tonight and tomorrow. New England—Rain and warmer tonight and probably Thursday morning. Colder tomorrow, southerly gales.

Toronto, Jan. 16.—Temperatures: Stations 8 a.m. Yesterday night Highest during Lowest

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

Below Zero.

COMMITTEE OF CITIZENS GETS REPORT

No Change in Administration or Area at Present Time.

SURVEY ADVISED

Get-Together Under Tripartite Agreement—Improvements Suggested

A recommendation that no immediate change be made in the form of harbor administration at the Port of St. John, is contained in a report of No. 1 sub-committee of the Citizens' Committee of 25, which met this afternoon to discuss port matters. The sub-committee also recommended that the matter of harbor facilities in West St. John be handled under the tripartite agreement of 1911, that a conference be arranged between the City and the C. P. R. to ascertain the extent of improvements required and that the result be presented to the government in the form of a joint document.

Sub-committee No. 2 presented a report urging extension of the Negro Point breakwater, construction of more piers and grain conveyors at West St. John as required, the establishment of a railway and traffic bridge across the head of the harbor and the construction of another pier at Reed's Point, on the eastern side of the harbor.

Administration. No. 1 subcommittee, composed of G. E. Barbour, chairman; D. W. Ledingham, A. P. Paterson, Allan McAvilly and A. H. Wetmore, was appointed to consider the best form of harbor administration and suggested areas of same. They reported:—

The sub-committee have endeavored to study the present form of harbor administration at St. John with open mind and from purely business, civic and transportation standpoints. They have also made a casual study of the forms of administration under which some other large world ports are operating. They have endeavored to secure information by correspondence with representatives of certain other harbor ports now operating under harbor commission. Reaffirming the necessity of favorable interest in the future of the port of the two great Canadian Transcontinental Railways, and particularly the Canadian Pacific Railway, conferences were secured with Sir Henry Thomson, president, and J. E. Dalrymple, vice-president, of the Canadian National, also E. W. Beatty, president, and A. D. MacFler, vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

No Immediate Change. As a result of their study and investigation, the sub-committee report that, under existing conditions, they cannot recommend any immediate change in the form of harbor administration which they think would be an improvement over the present form and no change in area is suggested. In this decision, the committee have been guided by the following considerations:—

The geographical situation of the port of St. John clearly shows that its future prosperity and development as a winter port depend upon the existence of conditions which will hold the continued active support of the two great Canadian railway systems. This active support will, in a measure, be influenced by national considerations and by the existence of modern, economical facilities. The prime factor, however, will be the charges for handling the traffic going through the port. Any suggested change in administration which does not carry with it the distinct approval of both railways and a guarantee of the lowest possible operating traffic charges will not finally be in the interest of the port of St. John.

West Side Facilities. The committee recommend that the question of providing necessary additional facilities on the West Side of the harbor should be handled under the agreement of 1911, in which the Federal Government, the City of St. John and the Canadian Pacific Railway (Continued on page 2, fifth column.)