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of the present month. The depth and width will be increased, if the plans are adopted; and eight hours time will be saved in passage, because there will be fewer locks.

Work will soon be commenced on the railway from Saskatchewan to Hudson Bay, with its terminus at Fort Nelson. But this is not the only Hudson Bay Railroad now proposed. At Moose River, which runs into James Bay, is a harbour which can be made available for ships of considerable size, and which has actually been in use for two hundred years. It is not at all improbable that a railway will run northward to this port, or to the mouth of the Nottaway River, a little to the eastward. The vast extent of this great northern sea

is well expressed by the saying that if the United Kingdom could be put into it a vessel might sail all around it without catching sight of land.

The United States senate has so changed the President's arbitration treaties with Great Britain and France that they are practically destroyed. They will probably not even be submitted for acceptance in their amended form.

The great coal strike in England is ended, but has left suffering in its wake, and it will be months before its effects cease to be felt. It has lasted long enough to show how quickly the nation can be brought to the verge of ruin by anything that interferes with its industries.