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Hostile Acts In Cape Breton Are Reported Today

SUGGEST \$6 TO \$6.50 COAL RATE; RAILWAYS SAY NO

Conference Over Transport of Alberta Fuel to Ontario

Operators and Big Railway Men Talk it Over—Premier Greenfield Says 4,000 Tons to be Sent at Rate Not Yet Decided.

Edmonton, July 17.—If the C. P. R. and C. N. R. can set a freight rate for Alberta coal to Toronto which shall not exceed \$6.50 a ton, then Alberta coal can compete with United States anthracite in the Ontario market.

This appears to be the crux of the question as reached yesterday at a conference here attended by Sir Henry Thornton, president of the C. N. R., C. D. Coleman, vice-president of the C. P. R., western agent J. R. Dalrymple, W. G. Mander, A. E. Warren, Stephens and other prominent railway heads, called together by Premier Herbert Greenfield, and presided over by A. C. McGrath, chairman of the Federal Advisory Fuel Commission, and official representative of Ontario at the conference.

Jesse Gouge, speaking for the Alberta operators, said that furnace fuel could be sold at the mines at \$4.50 a ton on a lead, a balance of \$6 to \$6.50 a ton for transportation at the present 80 rate, if Alberta coal was to reach Ontario at a price between \$10.50 and \$11.

To this would have to be added \$2.20 a ton for dealers' profit, sucking and handling, making the retail price \$13.70, against a present retail price of \$13.50 for anthracite.

It was agreed that a conference between the executives of the two railroads was necessary before the meeting could get any further. It was announced that a rate of \$8 or \$6.50 is impossible.

Twenty thousand tons of anthracite had been made whereby shipment of 4,000 tons would be made within the next few weeks. It was decided to be decided upon later, and which would be able to amount.

MONCTON WARM AND WELCOME, BUT IT RAINED HARD

Governor Cox Loses Auto Drive Because of Downpour—N. S. Greetings at Truro.

Moncton, July 17.—Notwithstanding a heavy down pour of rain, there was a large and representative gathering at the railway station yesterday afternoon when Governor Cox arrived here. Mayor J. Fred Edgett, F. E. Dennison, president of the Moncton Board of Trade, R. M. Rasmussen, American consul here, Ivan C. Rand, president of the Moncton Board of Trade, and many others were present.

On the links of the Riverside Golf and Country Club this afternoon match was arranged between the Riverside Club and the Westfield Golf and Country Club. A large field of players turned out and a good game was expected. Play began a little after two o'clock.

FERGUSON GOVERNMENT IS NOW IN SADDLE

Toronto, July 17.—The members of the new Conservative administration of Ontario took their oath of office at the government House yesterday. Hon. G. Howard Ferguson and his twelve cabinet colleagues were received by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, Col. Harry Cockshutt, at Government House.

Incident on Sydney to Louisburg Line Not Looked On as Accident

Bolt Comes Out of Rail After Express Passes—Power Line Short Circuited With Hay Wire—Reports from Steel Plant.

(Canadian Press)

Sydney, N. S., July 17.—After the Sydney to Louisburg line had passed through Dominion No. 1 this morning a bolt dropped out of one of the rails near which the train was moving at place yesterday. The British Empire Steel Corporation, operators of the railway do not regard today's happening as an accident.

The power line from Waterford to Glace Bay was short-circuited through the night by the throwing of hay wire over the power wires. Six or seven hours were required to restore the line to operation.

Increased quantities of coal will be moved from No. 2 to Sydney, it was announced today.

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The blooming mill and the coke ovens at the steel plant have been in operation in a limited way for more than a week. Yesterday it was announced a night shift would be put on to meet the demand for steel.

Three coal trains were moved from the pit at No. 2 colliery at Glace Bay to the steel plant yesterday over the Sydney and Louisburg railway. This movement of coal will be continued until the mine is exhausted.

Returning to Work

Edmonton, July 17.—The Drumheller coal miners, who went out on strike last week in sympathy with the Nova Scotia miners, voted to return to work at a mass meeting held on Saturday.

Sugar Down and Then Up Again

Refined sugar prices took a little flurry within the last twenty-four hours and after the excitement had subsided it was found that they stood in the same place from which they started.

GREAT CHANGE IN ULSTER IN YEAR; FREE FROM CRIMES OF VIOLENCE

Belfast, July 17.—There were no cases of murder, attempted murder, manslaughter, or incendiarism in Ulster during the last three months, Lord Chief Justice Moore said today in opening the Belfast criminal commission. In the same period last year there were of those crimes respectively eighty-nine, sixty-two and 140.

D. R. Willet Half Century in City Hall

Joined Clerical Staff in 1873 and Has Served Under 23 Mayors.

St. John newspapers recently have chronicled the anniversaries of several men who have spent a long lifetime in the city's employ. There is another, D. R. Willet, cashier in the chamberlain's department who this month is rounding out a full half century as a public servant in the City of St. John, and may be seen behind his wicket in his own home.

Mr. Willet joined the civil clerical staff in July, 1873 as a clerk, while the late Hurd Peters, while T. M. Reed was Mayor. Since that time he has served under twenty-three Mayors; eleven governor-generals have held office at Ottawa and a queen and two kings have reigned at Buckingham Palace. He has always enjoyed the complete trust of those under whom he served and his obliging and cheerful manner has made him popular with the general public, a great quantity of whose earnings passes through his hands.

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FREE STATE CHIEF AND PREMIER OF ULSTER TO MEET

Belfast, July 17.—Speculation over the Ulster-Free State boundary dispute has reached its height when the Belfast news letter said it had learned that Premier Cosgrave of the Free State and Premier Craig of Ulster were to meet in London within a few days.

According to the newspaper they will discuss various outstanding questions which, the news of the 1922, were to have come within the purview of the council of Ireland.

Luncheon At The Experimental Station

Fredericton Rotary Club, City Club, and City Council Members Guests of Superintendent.

Fredericton, July 17.—(Special)—Superintendent C. F. Bailey of the Dominion Experimental Station here, was the host at luncheon at the Experimental station on Sunday.

MUCH ACTIVITY IN STREET WORK

Although fairly well scattered, a considerable amount of work is being carried on in the city streets by the public works department.

FOUR HUNDRED FROM HERE ON WAY TO SHREVE

Success Attends the Setting Out of Pilgrimage to St. John to St. Anne de Beaura.

More than 400 pilgrims left this morning on their sharp (by rail) trip to the C. N. R. train for St. Anne de Beaura, Quebec, where the shrine will be visited. Rev. William D. Duke, who is in charge of the pilgrims, who occupied seven cars, left this morning on a sleeping car attached to the regular passenger train.

The committee includes A. McAndrew, C. P. R., of Moose Jaw, as chairman; F. Johnston, C. N. R., St. John; N. B. P. Woods, C. N. R., Winnipeg; W. Aspinall, C. P. R., Winnipeg; Geo. Cummings, C. N. R., Montreal, and J. J. O'Grady, C. P. R., Ottawa.

At least twenty or twenty-five scout masters or assistants will be in attendance at the first annual Scout Training Camp to be held in New Brunswick, which will open at Oak Point on July 30, 1923.

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WEATHER REPORT

Chicago, July 17.—For the first time this season wheat today fell in price to below 96 cents a bushel, September delivery. All deliveries of wheat again broke the season's low price record, with September touching 95-3/4. Opening prices, which ranged from one-quarter to three-quarters cent lower, with September at 96 to 96 1/4 and December 95 1/8 to 95 3/8, were followed by a slight further setback and then by a rally to a little above yesterday's finish.

Corn and oats showed an upward tendency, both markets presenting an oversold appearance. After opening at a range varying from three-eighths decline to one-quarter advance, September closed at 94 1/8. Later all months showed a slight advance.

C. N. R. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY

Montreal, July 17.—The financial report of the Canadian National Railway, including the Central Vermont Railway, for May shows an increase of \$1,005,227.50 in the net revenues. The gross operating revenues for the month were \$21,890,322.64, and the operating expenses \$19,745,095.14, leaving a net revenue of \$2,045,227.50 against a net revenue of \$1,078,492.25 for the corresponding month last year.

ANOTHER LARGE NUMBER COMES IN FROM BOSTON

The Eastern steamship liner Governor Dingley arrived this morning from Boston via Eastport and Lubec with 245 passengers and nearly 100 tons of freight. The majority of the passengers were en route to points east and to Prince Edward Island.

ST. JOHN MAN ON COMMITTEE IN MONTREAL FOR MORE PAY FOR RAILWAY MEN

Negotiations of Maintenance Employees With Dominion Officials—Conductors and Trainmen Also to Make Demands

(Canadian Press)

Montreal, July 17.—Members of the committee selected to represent the maintenance of way men in the negotiations with officials of the Dominion railways under the convener of the Railway Association of Canada, on the demands of the men for increased wages, will meet again in Montreal today for further discussion in preparation for a conference with the railway officials on Wednesday.

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SCOUTS' GOOD-BYE FARMER-LABOR TO A. C. SKELTON WINS VICTORY

Plans for Friday Evening in Trinity Schoolroom—Gilwell Camp at End of the Month.

Members of the local executive of the Boy Scouts' Association are preparing a farewell greeting for A. C. Skelton, president of the local association, who is to leave the city soon for Hamilton, Ont., and invitations are being sent out to all the city troops to have as many boys as possible present.

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Threatens Montreal's Mayor With Death; Would Burn Public Buildings

(Canadian Press)

Montreal, July 17.—According to the Montreal Star the confessed author of threatening letters to Mayor Martin in which there were statements that the Mayor would be assassinated and that all public buildings in Montreal would be burned to the ground, is in the hands of the police.

The authorities are investigating the possibility of this man's connection with the burning down of the City Hall on last Saturday, demanding payment of sums ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000 to compensate him for not carrying out his threats immediately.

The man is now being held at detective headquarters and is believed to be mentally unbalanced. It is said he lost money in the building slump following the outbreak of the war. He denied any knowledge of the large church fires that have caused heavy loss in this province.

BAD DAY FOR YANKS

Lose Game and Also Star Pitcher

Joe Bush's Finger Broken by Hot Linner—Giants and the Cubs Split a Double Header.

New York, July 17.—It was a bad day for the Yanks in Cleveland yesterday. Not only did they lose half their double header to the Indians, but they lost Joe Bush, their star pitcher, and the man they counted on to lead them to victory.

The Yankees' Ted Blankenship passed out four free tickets to first, which, coupled with an error by McClellan, allowed Philadelphia to escape with a game by the score of 4 to 3.

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