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BESCO SEEKS SHOW-DOWN WITH MEN

MUST SETTLE WHO IS RUNNING MINES OF N. S., SAYS MCLURG

Company Officials, Unused to Hardships, Cannot Operate Pumps and Fans For More Than Week

NO DISTURBANCES REPORTED TO DATE

Ask Lewis to Seek Contract Maintained—Walkout Is Complete In Cape Breton and Pictou—Miners Charge No. 10 Pit At Reserve Is Being Ruined By Corporation

By Canadian Press Staff Correspondent. SYDNEY, N. S., March 7.—"This business has got to be fought out once and for all to determine who are running the collieries, the company or the United Mine Workers of America."

So declared J. E. McLurg, vice-president of the British Empire Steel Corporation, this morning, reviewing the situation precipitated by the complete cessation of work among the miners throughout the coal fields of Nova Scotia.

The vice-president emphasized the contention that officials of the company, unused to the hardships of firing boilers, and working twelve-hour shifts, could not continue to man the pumps and fans for upwards of a week. After that it would be up to the Province of Nova Scotia to assist, at least, in the protection of its own property.

He added that the company had no intention of abandoning any mines, the permanent pumps at Number 10 Reserve, having been removed to prevent them from being submerged. Water was entering Number 10 at the rate of 1,400 gallons per minute.

The company was communicating with John L. Lewis, President of the U. M. W. today, notifying him of the action of the district committee upon him to fulfill the contract with the corporation.

There have been no disturbances of any kind to date throughout the colliery districts.

Officials Man Pumps. Sydney, N. S., March 7.—Replying to a telegram from E. H. Armstrong, Premier of Nova Scotia, calling upon the company to maintain all their mines, J. E. McLurg, vice-president of the British Empire Steel Corporation, telegraphed yesterday as follows:

Answering your telegram, we are taking every precaution and we are making every effort to maintain all mines in their present, workable condition and we will continue to do so to the limit of our strength and endurance. This is a formal notification to you that our officials and office staff can maintain the mines in this district for it will not be substituted more than one week.

Will Not Abandon Pit. A further message from the Premier referring to the alleged abandonment of Number 10 mine at Reserve, elicited the following reply from the company:

Answering your telegram reference Clarke's wire at Number 10 colliery Reserve, we have discontinued and placed in safety all small pumps located in deeps. Have also removed one main pump which will be available when it can be operated. It is not our intention to abandon this mine, nor any other mine.

Quiet in Pictou County. NEW GLASGOW, March 7.—The strike of the Acadia Coal Company miners in Pictou county was proceeding quietly this morning, with nothing but the stillness about the pits to indicate that anything unusual was taking place.

The company officials stated today that difficulty was being experienced in protecting the property and they would be able to keep the maintenance machinery in operation. Drummond colliery, owned by the International Coal Company at Westville, was working today, and Greenwood colliery expected to be raising coal Monday, neither being affected by the strike.

Strike Immediate Action. TRURO, N. S., March 7.—(Cape Breton) The following resolution was adopted last night at the annual convention of the Provincial Command of the Great War Veterans' Association, now in session here:

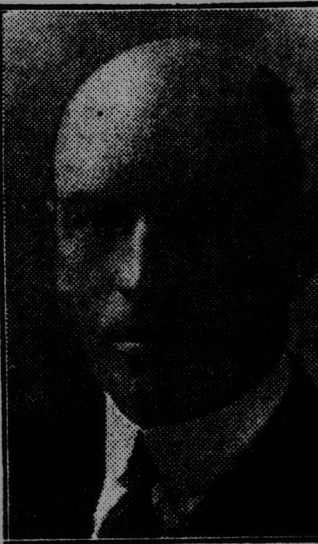
"Whereas in the present deplorable conditions of industrial affairs in Nova Scotia, the Provincial Command in convention assembled, on behalf of many returned men who depend upon employment, petitions the government to take immediate action to bring about a settlement and pledge itself to render every possible assistance to that end.

Miners Issue Statement. GLACE BAY, N. S., March 7.—The following statement relating to the withdrawal of the maintenance men from the mines, was wired to Premier Armstrong by the executive of the miners' organization this morning:

"We have every desire and intention to follow such course, but with such luck as a farm worker. Bailey's recent efforts to escape from the tramways of his class and make his way as

Canada Will Reap Benefits From Boom in Newsprint Industry

Fight To Finish



J. E. McLURG, Vice President of Besco, says it must be determined once and for all if corporation or miners are to run coal mines.

JUDGE DENOUNCES STOKES' PROSECUTOR

Sensational Turn to Trial of Aged Millionaire in Chicago, Court.

CHICAGO, March 7.—Less than two hours after it had begun its examination of W. E. D. Stokes, wealthy New York apartment hotel owner, on trial charged with conspiring to defame his young wife in an effort to obtain a divorce, the prosecution was warned yesterday by Judge W. M. Cavanaugh, that it probably had destroyed its case.

Without questioning the prosecution for the trial record, Mr. Smith, in a scathing, angry, voice demanded that Mr. Stokes give a "yes" or "no" answer as to whether he had sent missives to Mrs. Stokes, the Stokes' children and Mrs. Stokes' mother, denouncing Mrs. Stokes for alleged dealings with negro men.

His face blazing with anger and clinching the arms of the witness stand, Mr. Stokes strained forward and burst an equally wrathful "I never did."

Judge Cavanaugh's bombshell then exploded. "If this line of questioning were to be continued, no matter what the verdict would be, I would have to set it aside," said the court. "The reading of these postcards has destroyed its case already, in my opinion. It was wrong in any court on earth. You could hang any man on evidence like that."

Taking No Chances.

The people are taking no chances on being left short of domestic fuel and 1,500 tons of coal dumped at the Scotia retail depot yesterday afternoon was cleared out before night, all sorts of vehicles being pressed into service for the occasion.

The independent mines are all working except the Indian Cove, which has caught up with its orders for the week. The local U. M. W. executive is giving out orders for groceries at St. Mary's Hall, and the Co-operative Society kitchen is distributing free soup and biscuits.

Appoint Fuel Controller.

SYDNEY, N. S., March 7.—The company announced today that A. W. Macdonald had been appointed local fuel controller, and that coal would be rationed among the citizens of Sydney until the limited supply available is exhausted. The coal banked at the steel plant would be used for the sole purpose of keeping the works in operation.

Armstrong Resents Indignities. HALIFAX, N. S., March 7.—Premier Armstrong wired President John W. McLeod, District 28, U. M. W. of A., this morning, copies of two wires he had received from Vice-President J. E. McLurg of Besco which have already been published and which he explained the company's attitude regarding mines which Mr. McLeod stated were being deliberately abandoned, and concluded with these words: "I am not averse to paying telegraph charges on messages from you in the workers' interests, but I will not continue to pay from public funds, messages from you containing misrepresentations and indignities."

Skelton To Be Under Secretary of State

40 FAILURES REPORTED.

TORONTO, March 7.—This week's commercial failures throughout the Dominion numbered 40 compared with 65 during the corresponding week of last year. Seventeen of this week's failures were reported in Ontario, 10 in Quebec, five in Alberta, three in New Brunswick, two in Saskatchewan and one in Nova Scotia.

Scion of Nobility Coming Here, Via Steerage, to Learn Farming

British United Press.

LONDON, March 7.—Joseph F. E. Bailey, 17-year-old son of Mrs. J. L. Bailey, and grandson of the late Lord Glanusk, sails steerage on the Canadian Pacific steamer Montrose today from Liverpool for Canada to try his luck as a farm worker. Bailey's recent efforts to escape from the tramways of his class and make his way as

HERRIOT FACES SERIOUS CRISIS ON PACT ISSUE

Chamberlain Confers With French Premier On Way To Geneva

POLAND ADAMANT

Will Not Consent To Revision Of Versailles Treaty, Says Prime Minister

PARIS, March 7.—Premier Herriot is regarded in political circles here as confronting the most difficult crisis of his career as head of the government. He is facing the all-important question of a security pact, and the entire nation is watching him closely to see what he will do with it.

Foreign Minister Skrzynski, of Poland, in a long talk with the Premier yesterday declared Poland would not consent to a revision of the treaty of Versailles. In addition, he held a long conference with the British Secretary, Chamberlain, of Great Britain, who arrived here Friday, in the opinion of the Paris press, is going to Geneva to give the final blow to the league protocol, which was M. Herriot's greatest hope.

Issue Sharply Defined. Minister Skrzynski, it is understood, told the Premier in their interview that Poland relied on the League plan for her security, and that a security guaranteed by all the nations is the only one which can be accepted. The issue is thus sharply defined. It is considered in diplomatic circles on one hand, and France and Great Britain on the other.

Two Solutions Offered. Only two possible ways out of the dilemma have been suggested thus far. One is that Germany should renounce her claim upon the Danzig Corridor, which was put into the treaty of Versailles as a condition of her admission to the league. The other is that the league's security protocol on a basis that Great Britain and the British dominions will be able to accept. The second of these possibilities "will be the subject of a talk between Mr. Chamberlain and M. Herriot today.

FURTHER SHOCKS

Slight Earth Tremors Reported From Outlying Districts in Quebec.

QUEBEC, Que., March 7.—Five feeble earth tremors are reported to have been felt in Quebec yesterday, and reports from various outlying districts tend to confirm the statement. The shocks later for several seconds, only, and were very faintly felt. In other places, however, notably at Malabar and Tadoussac, the shocks were more pronounced, and caused alarm to the already unnerved inhabitants.

Say New Serum Will Cure Venereal Disease

DEPUTY MURDERED

Communist Leader Assassinated by Government Plotters in Sofia.

ATHENS, March 7.—The communist deputy St. Janoff has been assassinated, says a dispatch from Sofia, Bulgaria. The Deputy was shot as he was leaving the military club in the centre of the city. The assassin was arrested, and was reported to have confessed, implicating government adherents as instigators of the plot.

SIMONS APPOINTED

Former Foreign Minister Becomes Temporary President of German Republic.

BERLIN, March 7.—The majority parties in the Reichstag have agreed to frame a measure appointing Dr. Walter Simons, president ad interim of the German Republic. Dr. Simons is a former foreign minister and now president of the Supreme Court at Leipzig.

Rode 10 Miles On Death Car

NEW YORK, March 7.—On a seat atop a crowded Fifth Avenue bus a dead man rode yesterday for more than 10 miles. The conductor finally discovered the man was dead after all the other passengers had disembarked. The conductor said the man paid his fare and took his seat, and that while the car was still about nine miles from its point of destination he noticed him apparently asleep. During most of the trip, a woman sat beside the man.

REV. G. W. FOSTER DIES SUDDENLY

One Son and Two Daughters of Retired Baptist Minister, Reside Here.

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES-STAR. FREDERICTON, N. B., March 7.—Rev. Geo. W. Foster died suddenly this morning at his home, Lincoln, at about 8:30 this morning. He had been around his home as usual and had attended church services this week.

The deceased was ordained a minister of the United Baptist church in 1884. He held pastorates at numerous places in New Brunswick including Hampstead, Kenwick and Lincoln. He retired from the ministry because of heart trouble several years ago and since that time resided in Lincoln. Surviving are his widow, four sons and two daughters. Norman Foster of Halifax, Fred and Kenneth Foster of Lincoln, William Foster, of St. John, Mrs. C. Sealy, of St. John, and Mrs. E. Lorne Merrithew, of Fredericton.

JARVIS HAS PAID \$14,000 OF FINE

Toronto Bond Dealer, New Serving Jail Term, Gives Part of \$600,000 Judgment.

TORONTO, March 7.—There has been action on the huge fine imposed on Aemilius Jarvis, bond dealer, and Peter Smith, former provincial treasurer of Ontario, who were convicted last year of conspiring to defraud the province in certain bond transactions. It was announced by the Attorney General this morning that \$140,000 of the \$600,000 fine imposed had been paid by Mr. Jarvis, who is now serving a six months' sentence at the jail farm, York county.

WAS IN HALIFAX?

Joliet Penitentiary Official's Riddle Story of Kozet Escaped to Nova Scotia.

JOLIET, Ill., March 7.—The officials of the Station Penitentiary here are tearing their hair over the rumor that Leo Kozet, the Bayano swindler, who didn't die at all, but got away and is now somewhere in Canada. The story originated from the office of the State's attorney in Chicago Friday following receipt of a telegram from Halifax, N. S., where he was captured, last November.

FOR HOUSE OPENING

Lieut. Governor and Mrs. Todd Take up Residence at Capital on Tuesday.

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 7.—His Honor the Lieut. Governor and Mrs. Todd are to arrive here Tuesday to take up their residence at the Queen Hotel for the session of the Legislature which will open on Thursday.

DIES AT CAPITAL

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 7.—Byron Chapelle, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Chapelle of Fredericton died at an early hour this morning after a long illness. His parents and several brothers and sisters survive.

LUMBERMEN HARD HIT.

FREDERICTON, March 7.—The mildness of the weather has seriously interfered with more than passing interest the progress of arrangements being made for a baseball game here in two weeks. The teams: Ku Klux Klan vs. Knights of Columbus; in charge of ticket sale: Joe Aaronson, Abe Sokolski and Abe Miller, musicians; a negro band for this city. The proceeds of the game will go toward paying the salaries of the teachers of the schools here. If the crowd is poor, the school officials announce, the teachers will not have a pay-day.

TRUMPHE SCORED BY BALDWIN IN BRITISH HOUSE

All England Enthused Over Premier's Masterly Speech

PRAISED BY PRESS

Appeal For Industrial Peace Wins Approval of All Parties in Britain

LONDON, March 7.—Everybody was talking today about Premier Baldwin's remarkable speech in the House of Commons yesterday, when he made an earnest appeal for industrial peace and declared to use his big parliamentary majority to achieve a political success.

At the Premier's behest the house formally rejected the Trades Union political fund bill, which would have freed Conservative and Liberal trade unionists from the requirement, under the trade union act of 1913, of contributing to a fund used for the support of the Labor party.

Made Fine Impression. Although the Premier's attitude displeased a few of his own followers, and was dubbed by some of his opponents as a piece of opportunistic expediency, and was the subject of animated praise in the lobby. It was not a great feat of oratory such as those which made Gladstone and other parliamentary spellbinders famous, but instead an earnest, homely and at times even emotional plea for good will and co-operation in the industrial world.

Personal Triumph. The press today is extremely eulogistic, declaring that the speech not only vastly enhanced the Premier's reputation and hold on the Conservative party, but surpassed in interest and importance anything heard in the House of Commons in many years. This editorial praise is not confined to the Conservative newspapers, but is lavishly bestowed by some of the opposition organs.

SIX DAY BIKE RACE

Three Teams Tied For Leadership in Madison Square Garden Grind.

NEW YORK, March 7.—The 48 hour tie of three teams for the lead in the six day bicycle race, in Madison Square Garden, remained unbroken this morning at 12:00th hour of the contest.

LOSES CASE, THEN JOB

R. E. A. Leach, Defeated in Liberal Action, Dismissed by Saskatchewan Gov't.

REGINA, Sask., March 7.—R. E. A. Leach, chairman of the Saskatchewan League Commission who Thursday lost his Liberal action against the Premier, has been dismissed from the board by the Provincial Government.

CRASH IN MID-AIR

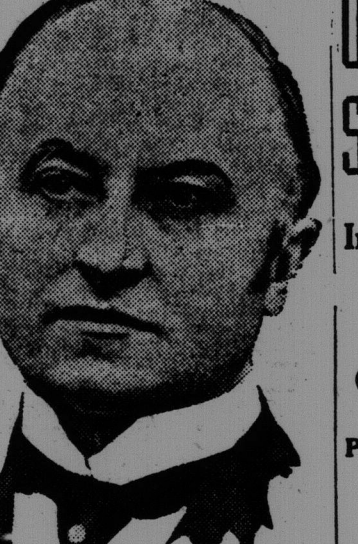
Aviators Make Thrilling Descent in Parachutes When Planes Are Wrecked.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 7.—When two Kelly field planes collided in mid-air at an elevation of about 4,000 feet yesterday, both pilots jumped from the wrecked machines in parachutes, landing safely soon after the burning planes, locked wing to wing, crashed to earth.

BASEBALL UNITES KLAN, K. OF C., JEWS AND NEGROES OF TEXAS TOWN

BRITISH UNITED PRESS. ORANGE, Texas, March 7.—Texas is watching with more than passing interest the progress of arrangements being made for a baseball game here in two weeks. The teams: Ku Klux Klan vs. Knights of Columbus; in charge of ticket sale: Joe Aaronson, Abe Sokolski and Abe Miller, musicians; a negro band for this city. The proceeds of the game will go toward paying the salaries of the teachers of the schools here. If the crowd is poor, the school officials announce, the teachers will not have a pay-day.

Under The Knife



LONDON, March 7.—Marquis Curzon of Kedleston, Lord President of the Council, who suffered a collapse while about to address a meeting at Cambridge Thursday night, will undergo an operation Monday, it was stated today.

MARX IS CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENCY

Former German Chancellor is Most Likely Successor to Ebert.

UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT. BERLIN, March 7.—Wilhelm Marx, former Chancellor, who recently resigned the Prussian Premiership, is probably the republican candidate for the Presidency.

His record as chancellor, coupled with his winning personality, is causing the movement in his behalf to gain strength and political indications are that he will stand a far better chance of victory than any of the several other candidates being considered.

Security Pact Too. While the presidential campaign is already causing enormous interest, the public attention is divided by two other matters, the security pact and the railroad strike. There is a general feeling that a safety pact would go far toward healing Europe's post-war suspicions and alarm, but the German press is doubtful if France would permit any such a safety pact and it is also worried because of Poland's criticism of the proposed pact.

TO RECEIVE PILGRIMS

Cardinal Vanutelli Will Pay Respects to Canadians at Historic Basilica.

ROME, March 7.—Cardinal Vantelli, Dean of the Sacred College, paid a visit yesterday to Cardinal O'Connell of Boston.

The Dean told the Boston prelate that his affection for Canada and the United States since his recent visits after returning from the Eucharistic Congress at Montreal, was so great that he had decided to be at the entrance to the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore, of which he is high priest, with an entire chapter of the Basilica in full regalia to receive the great Holy Year pilgrims tomorrow.

AGAINST SOVIETS

Japan Passes Law to Prohibit Spreading of Bolshevik Propaganda.

TOKYO, March 7.—The peace preservation act, also known as the Anti-Bolshevik law, providing for imprisonment for nearly every form of Communist activity, was passed by the House tonight, while a heavy police guard surrounded parliament. The law is designed to check Communist propaganda and is said by government officials to be a direct result of the Japanese-Russian agreement.

STEAMER AGROUND.

NORFOLK, Va., March 7.—The Danish steamer Siera Morena, went aground off Cape Henry in thick weather, early yesterday, and lies less than 800 yards off the beach, with a heavy sea whipped by a 48 mile north wind breaking over her.

The Weather

SYNOPSIS—The high pressure which was over the western provinces yesterday, is passing eastward to the northward of the Great Lakes. The weather is moderately cold in the western provinces, and in northern Ontario. Elsewhere it is mild.

MARITIME—Moderate and windy, mostly fair today and Sunday, with much the same temperature. NEW ENGLAND—Unsettled tonight, warmer in interior. Sunday, probably cloudy in the afternoon, followed by rain. Moderate to fresh east to south winds.

TORONTO, March 7. Temperatures. Highest during 8 a.m. yesterday, night

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Locations include P. Rupert, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, St. John, Halifax, and New York.