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WILLING FOR AN OCEAN CONTEST

Bluenose vs. Mayflower, for Long Distance.

Nova Scotians Ready to Accept Challenge for Race to Southern Port and Bring Back Cargo of Salt.

Halifax, N. S., May 21.—A challenge y Roy W. Pidgeon of the schooner Mayflower Corporation, of Boston, for n ocean race with the Nova Scotia chooner Bluenose, issued some days go, when the Mayflower was charged ith loafing along the coast, and the luenose was on the banks, has been ccepted by Captain Angus Walters of e Lunenburg schooner in a letter in hich he expresses renewed confidence his charge, and the following wire as been despatched to Mr. Pidgeon: Roy W. Pidgeon, Boston:

"We have message from Captain ngus Walters of Nova Scotia built hooner Bluenose requesting us on his half to accept your challenge for an an race next winter from a port in Newfoundland and to Brazil, on the erstanding that you and your assoates will put up a purse sufficiently ractive and that each vessel will carry k to Newfoundland or a Nova Scoport a cargo of salt. Please let the dersigned know at your earliest conienice amount of purse and, if same satisfactory, details will be promptly ranged.

"W. H. DENNIS,
"The Halifax Herald."

In the letter accepting the challenge pt. Walters says:

"I will certainly accept the challenge all that is needed is for Mr. Pidgeon make the purse worth while. He n make the port as far south as he tes and back to Nova Scotia or Newundland with a cargo of salt. I am rtain the owners of the Bluenose will fit by the trip, for the purse will cerinly come to Nova Scotia. I am deghted with the Bluenose. She is not nly a good fishing vessel, but is entire satisfactory as regards sailing qualies and stands up well riding out a ale on the banks. I have not come cross any vessel on the banks we could ot easily outdistance."

Halifax, N. S., May 21.—"I am confident that the Bluenose can hold her wn with the Mayflowers or any other essel on the North Atlantic," said W. J. Roue, designer of the Nova Scotia challenger and a member of the committee which inspected the Boston challenger on the stocks, in a statement ssued today. "She has been designed or two purposes, fishing and speed, but neither to be sacrificed for the other. According to reports she is amply fulfilling er purpose. She has already reported big catch with her spring bait, and shermen coming in from the banks say he is speedy."

Mr. Roue said that he had no fear hatever of the Mayflower and was certain that when the time came the Nova cotian would give an account of herself that would completely satisfy those ho look for the international trophy to turned to Canada this year.

HARVEY STIRS HALIGONIANS

Recitation of Answer to the Hymn of Hate Brings Tributes of Applause.

Halifax, N. S., May 21.—(Canadian Press.) After reciting Helen Gray Cone's answer to the German "Hymn of Hate" at a dinner in honor of the Scottish International Football Team here last night Sir Martin Harvey, famous English actor, said: "That poem was written by an American woman. It proves that blood is thicker than water. The older British civilization must hold out the hand and must keep it out eternally. Thus shall the Anglo-Saxon race eventually become one and inseparable."

The applause which followed Sir Martin Harvey's recitation of the poem lasted for several minutes and it was necessary for him to sit down and wait until it had subsided before he was able to make his concluding remarks.

The dinner was given by the North British Society, an organization of Halifax Scotsmen. Lieut. Governor Grant and Hon. E. H. Armstrong, acting premier of Nova Scotia, welcomed the internationals to New Scotland; Deputy Mayor John Murphy greeted them on behalf of the city of Halifax, and President Alvin F. Macdonald expressed the pleasure that the North British Society felt on the arrival in the Dominion of these missionaries of clean sport from the old land."

FOR OPEN SHOP AND 48 HOUR WEEK

Buffalo, N. Y., May 21—Fifty printing plants here, representing 90 per cent of the city's productive capacity, have announced an agreement to maintain open shop and operate on a basic forty-eight hour week.

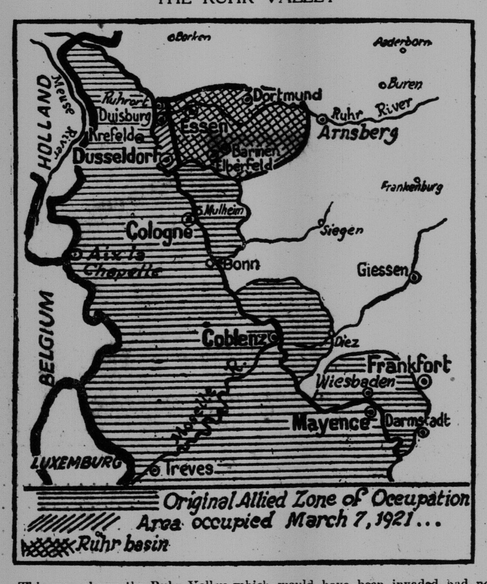
Union demands, the announcement says, are "entirely unjustified by existing economic conditions," and the agreement signed pledges the fifty firms not to enter into agreement with any labor organization covering hours, wages or conditions of employment.

The union printers have been on strike since May 1 for a forty-four hour week.

CHALLENGE.

The young Buffalos wish to challenge any team in the city whose members are between the ages of twelve and fourteen years to a baseball game to be played on next Tuesday evening on Gilbert's Lane diamond.

THE RUHR VALLEY



This map shows the Ruhr Valley which would have been invaded had not Germany complied with the allied demands, and which still may be invaded should Germany fail to live up to her agreement.

—From the New York "Evening Post."

BERNARD COYNE, EIGHT FEET HIGH, DEAD IN STATES

Was Believed to be the Tallest Man in the World.

Sioux City, Ia., May 21. — Bernard Coyne, said to be the tallest man in the world, is dead at his home in Oto county.

Coyne was known as the "youthful giant." His height measured eight feet, one inch, and he weighed 300 pounds. He wore size 24 shoes. He had been ill for several months. He was twenty-four years of age.

NO SESSION ON VICTORIA DAY

Proceedings at Ottawa—The Halifax Dry Dock Matter in the Senate.

Ottawa, May 21—(Canadian Press)—Yesterday in the House of Commons when Right Hon. J. W. Lowther, former speaker of the British House of Commons, on behalf of the United Kingdom branch of the Empire Parliamentary Association, presented to the Canadian House the new speaker's chair, a replica of the one in the British House of Commons, addresses of appreciation were made by His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire, Mr. Speaker Rhodes, Deputy Speaker Bovin, Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King, Sir Robert Borden, Hon. T. A. Crerar, and Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux.

The House will not sit on Victoria Day, May 24th.

Budget resolutions were considered in committee of the whole.

The House approved fourteen divorce bills.

In the Senate amendments to bankruptcy act put through committee stage.

Senator Roche moved for copies of all letters, orders in council, memorials, decisions, judgments and appeals arising out of or connected with the action of the federal government in expropriating the property of the Halifax Graving Dock Company, Limited and in afterwards transferring the said property to the Halifax Shipyards, Limited. In supporting his motion he traced the history of the Halifax drydock. It had been constructed by private capital, with the assistance of the Dominion Government, the provincial government and the city of Halifax. The Dominion Government had expropriated the property of the private corporation and handed it over to another private corporation. Such a remarkable transaction demanded a thorough explanation from the government.

Senators Power and Dandurand endorsed the stand of Senator Roche.

It was agreed that the documents should be promised.

TEST CASE

Right of Orientals in the Province of B. C.

Vancouver, B. C., May 21.—Orientals and their rights in the Province of British Columbia will soon be made a legal issue in provincial and federal courts, according to a statement made here by Attorney-General J. W. DeB. Farris. A test case will be made on orders-in-council passed from time to time by the British Columbia government and the validating act passed at recent sessions of the legislature.

Hon. Mr. Farris has been informed by the federal minister of justice that the Japanese consul at Vancouver had protested to Ottawa at the passing of the validating act last March.

N. S. Technical College.

Halifax, N. S., May 21.—Twelve degrees in civil, electrical, mechanical and mining engineering were given yesterday at the annual convocation of the Nova Scotia Technical College here.

PREMIER TO HYTHE FOR THE WEEK END

Not Likely to Meet Briand Till After Tuesday.

Council Meeting Date Doubtful — Meanwhile Neither the Poles Nor the Germans are Taking the Offensive in Silesia.

London, May 21.—Lloyd George has gone to Hythe, near Dover, where he will spend the week-end with Sir Philip Sassoon. A suggestion was made here yesterday that it was possible he would meet Premier Briand of France while at Hythe, but despatches from Paris indicated there was no disposition on the part of the French premier to discuss the Silesian situation with Lloyd George before Tuesday at the very earliest. It is expected that debate on the Silesian and reparations questions will be concluded in the French chamber of deputies by Tuesday, and that Premier Briand will be given a vote of confidence.

Advices received from Silesia would appear to indicate that neither the Poles nor Germans are taking the offensive pending a meeting of the French and British premiers. The proposed meeting of the Supreme Allied Council for the purpose of discussing Silesia appeared today to have been pushed indefinitely into the future.

Berlin, May 21.—It is announced that the foreign minister yesterday had drawn up, without reservations, the government's declaration on the disarmament of Germany as demanded under the terms of the recent ultimatum of the Allies. The ministry of defence on May 15 issued orders for the surrender of guns and other weapons and war material at unauthorized fortresses, and yesterday gave other orders regarding disarmament as demanded by the Allies.

Paris, May 21—The Chamber of Deputies which has been listening to interpellations on the foreign policies of the government adjourned this evening until Tuesday. Premier Briand did not speak. It was declared that he intended to take a rest of a few days in order to compensate him for having foreseaken the Whitsuntide vacation owing to the troublous situation.

RUM RUNNING REPORTED IN THE SOUTH END

According to a resident of Lower Cove this morning, there is considerable rum-running activity from the port of St. John in the still hours of the night. He said that motor boats were in the habit of putting into the ballast wharf and the Lower Cove Slip in the late hours, and would be met at the wharf by automobiles loaded with cargoes of liquor. He said that on Thursday night, three motor boats tied up at the Lower Cove Slip and two automobiles arrived from the direction of Sheffield street and that cases were transferred to the boats. He said that the boats were at the wharf not more than twenty minutes, and then put out to sea. According to this resident this is quite a common occurrence, and boats from Maine ports put in every few nights and sneak out again.

STARTS NEXT WEEK.

The contractors on the Douglas avenue paving job, expect to break ground there on Monday. While the work is in operation the street car service will be interrupted for short distances and transfer made over the gaps. It was expected that the contract for the work would be signed today.

FUNERAL TOMORROW.

Owing to a typographical error it appeared that the funeral of George Laird would be held this afternoon. The funeral is to be tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "in the brave days of old, when everybody was getting rich—in their minds—by purchasing western lands, I was persuaded to invest a trifle in a syndicate which secured a block of land supposedly in the line of growth of a town that by this time should have been a near rival to Chicago. The block of land eventually went for taxes. I read now that they have just laid the foundation in that town of a hospital for mental diseases."

"You orto apply fer a room right away," said Hiram. "Any man that 'ud git caught that way aint right in his head. I spent a good part o' one year chasin' fellers off the farm that come around thinkin' I bed a few dollars an' that they could grab 'em fer some western land spekilation. They could talk the hind leg off a mule—yes, sir. But they didn't git me in no trance. An' if they hed they'd still hev to talk things over with Hanner afore they could dispose o' the remains. If I was you I'd try to be the fust patient in that there hospital. If all the nuts in Noo Bruns'ick that got caught in that there boom was to apply, the town 'ud grow all right—an' we'd hev a lot more room fer immigrants. Yes, sir—if I was you I'd send a night letter an' foller it as fast as ever I could—By Hen!"

REQUESTS OF THE POSTMASTERS

Ottawa, May 21—More money and shorter hours were asked for by the Canadian Postmasters Association representatives who put their case before the civil service commission's board of hearing yesterday.

They requested that the minimum salary be raised to $100; that a commission of 75 per cent be paid over the first $1,000 of revenue, this to be given all offices having $7,000 of revenue; that the rent allowance be raised ten per cent; that the official working day be eight hours, with time and a half for overtime, and regular pay for Sunday work; that city postmasters be given increases to make salaries range from $3,000 with allowances, to $5,[illegible] in the highest grades; that city sub-postmasters have an ample rent allowance for the floor space occupied and an allowance to cover light and heat and a three per cent commission on the sale of stamps.

The board promised to consider the postmasters representations, and to make a report to the post office department.

ANOTHER SCHOOL IN PORTLAND, ME., IS DESTROYED

Portland, Maine, May 21—The Deering High School was practically destroyed early today by a fire which city officials said was probably incendiary. It was the sixth public school building burned in the city during the last year. The city's entire fighting force was called out. Captain Kent and several other firemen were injured.

BY-LAW CASES.

Jacob Colweil and Arthur Campbell, two coachmen, have been reported for violating the traffic laws with their coaches in that they were on the wrong side of the street on the nights of May 18 and 19. Jarvis Purdy was also ordered to appear in court today for alleged violating the traffic law. Walter Campbell was reported for operating two auto trucks without licenses. He was reported by license inspector Robert Harris.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Pressure is high over the eastern half of the continent and relatively low over the western half. Rain has fallen over the greater portion of Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Elsewhere the weather has been fair and in Ontario and western Quebec quite warm.

Fine; Moderately Warm.

Maritime—Moderate winds, fair today and on Sunday and moderately warm.

Gulf and North Shore—Moderate winds, fair today and on Sunday.

New England—Fair and continued warm tonight and Sunday; light to moderate Southwest winds.

Toronto, May 21.—Temperatures:

Stations.	8 a. m.	Highest during yesterday	Lowest during night.
Prince Rupert	[illegible]	48	48
Victoria	48	62	54
Kamloops	54	77	46
Calgary	50	76	52
Edmonton	54	54	44
Prince Albert	46	72	54
Winnipeg	58	84	60
White River	70	84	56
Sault Ste. Marie	60	87	56
Toronto	65	80	54
Kingston	58	86	60
Ottawa	70	64	50
Montreal	70	64	60
Quebec	60	52	44
St. John, N. B.	58	68	46
Halifax	64	60	38
St. John's, Nfld.	48	86	64
Detroit	66	70	58
New York	64	76	51

Wife of Millionaire Arrested On Charges of Theft

Chicago Police Say She Robbed Homes Where She Worked as Maid.

Chicago, May 21.—Mrs. Joseph S. Heil, wife of a millionaire banker the investment broker, was arrested at her home last night, charged with robbing half a dozen homes where she had obtained employment as a maid.

A large number of articles found in her possession were identified, police said, by families who had been robbed. Police said Mrs. Heil expressed little surprise when they came to arrest her. The license number of an automobile in which a large quantity of goods was carried away from the home of M. Miller by their newly employed "maid" a few days ago was traced to Mrs. Heil.

Police estimated the value of articles she was alleged to have stolen at $20,000.

Mrs. Heil is thirty-eight years of age, and the mother of four children. Four women identified her as the maid they had employed. To each she had given a different name and high-class references.

THREE HOMERS; A FAIRLY GOOD WEEK

Ruth Now Has Dozen; Kelly Scores Eight.

Rabbit Maranville Climbing, and Cobb Gets Old Pep Into His Batting—White Sox Find is a Slugger.

Chicago, May 21—"Rabbit" Maranville of Pittsburg was on a batting rampage during the last week and went from tenth place to second place to become the runner-up to Rogers Hornsby, St. Louis slugger, who is topping the National League regulars in batting despite the fact that he ran into a slump.

Maranville's average is .368, compared with .356 last week, while the National champion of last year dropped from .371 to .357.

George Kelly of the Giants, who is competing with Babe Ruth of the Yankees in the major league race for home run honors hit only one four base blow, which brought his total to eight, while Ruth has an even dozen. Bohne of Cincinnati stole another base during the week, and leads the base stealers with eight thefts.

Other league batters are:—Schultz, St. Louis, .364; McHenry, St. Louis, .364; Barber, Chicago, .356; Hargraves, Cincinnati, .354; Johnston, Brooklyn, .351; R. Miller, Philadelphia, .346; Carr, Pittsburg, .343; Deal, Chicago, .341; Kelly, New York, .340. The averages are of those players who have taken part in more than fifteen games, and includes games of last Wednesday.

Surprises are in store for the American League batters in the next few days. Cobb is back at his old tricks with the willow and promises to make things interesting for one of his outfielders, Harry Heilman, who is leading the league with an average of .454. Cobb's mark is .395. George Eisler, St. Louis star, is coming along fast and has moved from thirty-seventh to fourth place in the last two weeks. His average now is .380, one point behind Stephenson, who is playing second base for the world's champion Cleveland club.

Bib Falk, Chicago Americans outfielder, who is declared to be the find of the season, is causing considerable attention by his slugging. Falk went from .293 a week ago to .347 and is tied with Williams of St. Louis for tenth place.

Babe Ruth had a fairly good week, bagging three circuit drives. Norris added a brace of bases to his stolen base record and is showing the way with eight.

Other leading batters are:—Speaker, Cleveland, .378; Ruth, New York, .378; Menosky, Boston, .375; Bassler, Detroit, .362; Tobin, St. Louis, .360.

Detroit, May 21.—Chuck Wiggins of Indianapolis won a newspaper decision over Ted Block, Michigan middleweight champion, in ten lively rounds here last night.

Terre Haute, Ind., May 21. — Pal Moore of Memphis and Solly Epstein of Indianapolis, bantams, boxed ten fast rounds here last night. In the opinion of newspaper men present it was a draw.

Pittsburg, May 21. — The open-airs boxing season in Pittsburg will be inaugurated this afternoon, when Johnny Dundee of New York and Johnny Ray of Pittsburg, lightweights, will meet in a ten-round bout at Forbes Field, home of the National League baseball club. Ray and Dundee have met three times and on each occasion sport writers differed as to the winner.

New Orleans, May 21.—Jeff Smith and Harry Greb fought fifteen rounds to a draw here last night. Smith seemed to have landed a majority of the cleaner blows and carried the fight to his opponent most of the time. Greb resorted frequently to holding tactics. Smith weighed 161 and Greb 164.

San Diego, Calif., May 21—Ora C. Morningstar lost the fourth block of his 2,400 points match at 18.2 balk line billiards last night to E. Horemans, Belgian champion, 400 to 411. It was Horeman's first win of the match. The match total at the end of the block was: Morningstar, 1,600; Horemans, 1,420.

Toronto, May 21.—(Canadian Press.)—All indications today point to a bumper opening for the spring meeting of the Ontario Jockey Club, at the Woodbine, and the inauguration for the year of the Canadian Association circuit. The prospects are for perfect weather, with a summer temperature.

Socially and from a sporting standpoint, the programme this afternoon is a big one. Their Excellencies the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire will attend the races this afternoon, and their visit to the city is in the nature of a farewell of the duke's term as governor-general.

The feature race of the afternoon, appropriately enough, is the classic King's Plate, which is acclaimed as the "oldest turf fixture run continuously on this continent."

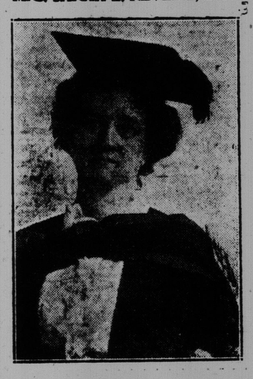
Winnipeg, May 21.—David W. Roy, secretary of the Dominion Football Association, in a letter addressed to Dr. Bruce MacDonald, president of the Amateur A. U. of Canada, with respect to the controversial point of playing amateur footballers against the touring Scottish professional team, suggests that the athletic body grant the necessary privileges to its members who would be affected and pointing out that the final process of adjustment lies between the Amateur Athletic Union and its members.

It is expected that the crowds today will break all records. The track is in excellent condition. It is expected that nine horses will contest for the King's Plate, the fourth race on the card, which carries with it King George's prize of fifty guineas, to which the Ontario Jockey Club adds a further prize of $7,500. The race is for three-year-olds bred in Ontario and non-winners except in two-year-old races. The course is for a mile and a quarter. Herendsy, entry of the Dymont stable, is the public favorite. In addition to the King's Plate, there is a well-balanced card of races, including a six furlong handicap and the Minto steeplechase.

Washington, May 21—In the golf tourney at Chevychase yesterday, G. S. Lyon of Toronto won three and two over Slandifer of Columbia, Lyon went around in 74. Frank Thompson of the Mississauga Club won over Woodward of Columbia yesterday morning. Coulson of the Lambton Club, playing in the second sixteen, was beaten on the nineteenth green.

In the first sixteen on Thursday afternoon, Lyon was 82 to Slandifer's 80 Thompson had a 75 to Woodward's 79 In the second sixteen Coulson was [illegible] to an 86 by Lewis of Chevychase.

MRS. SARAH E. REVELIE, B. A.



Of Kingston, Ontario, who entered Queen's University while her husband and two sons were fighting with the Canadian army. She has just completed her course and received a B. A. degree.

AGAINST IRISH MEET IN HALIFAX

British Empire Alliance Seeks to Prevent Self-Determination Convention.

Halifax, N. S., May 21.—A meeting of the British Empire Alliance here last night put itself on record as strongly opposed to permission being given the Self-Determination League of Ireland to hold a convention in Halifax in June. A committee was appointed to take action against the holding of the convention. Representatives of St. George's Society, Royal British Veterans, British Empire League, Loyal True Blues, the Orange Lodge and other bodies spoke in opposition to the proposed convention.

MAN AND WOMAN ARE KILLED WHEN AIRPLANE FALLS

Patterson, N. J., May 21—Lieut. William Coates and Mrs. John Brady were killed yesterday when an airplane in which they were riding fell 2,000 feet to the ground at the Peakness flying field near here.

Spectators told the police that the machine had just come out of a loop and was making a bank when the wings crumbled and the plane fell.

THREE DEAD IN ITALIAN FIGHT

Rome, May 21—Three persons are dead, two are dying and many are suffering from wounds as a result of a pitched battle between Communists and Extremists at Chiusi, Tuscany, where post-election disorders continues.

Signor Platania, leader of the Extreme Nationalists, at Rimni, was shot and killed last night, his assassin escaping.

NEW DIRECTORATE FOR GRAND TRUNK

Canadian Board for the First Time in Its History.

Prelude to the Taking Over of the Road — Some Idea That Sir Joseph Flavelle will be Chairman of Whole System.

(Special to Times)

Ottawa, May 21—With the government's new move in nominating and cabling to London the names of the new Grand Trunk Railway directors this pioneer railroad for the first time in its history gets a Canadian directorate as a prelude to being taken over by the Canadian people for whose benefit it will be run hereafter entirely.

Even though the appointed directors are said to be temporary while arrangements are made for bringing the system into co-ordination with the Canadian National Railways System, some of the appointment are expected to be permanent. The directors appointed by the government are: Sir Joseph Flavell, Bart., Toronto; Howard G. Kelley, Montreal, present president of the Grand Trunk Railway Company; A. J. Mitchell, vice president of the Canadian National Railways, Toronto; E. L. Newcombe, deputy minister of justice, Ottawa and J. N. Dupuis, drygoods merchant, Montreal.

It is expected that Sir Joseph Flavelle will be chairman and may be chairman of the united board of directors when all the government roads are brought under one management.

That he is not a railroad man is urged by some railroad men who object to the appointment but the retort made is that he was not a munitions man before he took hold of the Imperial Munitions Board and managed it so successfully in the interests of the imperial government. It will surprise nobody if he still remains with the permanent board of directors which eventually must be named by the government.

Mr. Kelley's name in the list of directors does not necessarily mean that he will be one of the permanent board. It is necessary to have on the board one closely associated with the management of the Grand Trunk Railway Company and one like Mr. Mitchell closely associated with the management of the Canadian Railways so that the process of co ordination can proceed more quickly, aided as it will be by expert knowledge of both sides of the problem.

Mr. Newcombe's presence on the board will enable him to get a good grip of the safeguards necessary to put into the legislative framework of the country in order to see that the country's interest are kept foremost. Whether Mr. Kelley remains on the permanent board of management or not it is expected that he will hold a high managerial post in the dominion system if he cares to accept.

SERIOUS TIME IN CAIRO RIOT

Police Unable to Handle Mob — Cavalry Called Out — Many Casualties.

Cairo, May 21—Rioting, more severe than which took place here Thursday, broke out yesterday, after the funeral of a student, who was killed in Thursday's disorders. The police fought the mob for three hours and, unable to disperse it, called for help of cavalry forces. There were numerous casualties.

LABOR TROUBLE AFFECTS BUENOS AIRES SHIPPING

Buenos Aires, May 21.—Failure of the Argentine government to accede to demands of union leaders to "officialize" work in the port zone here may result in a general strike. The time limit given the government by the unions in their virtual ultimatum expired at four o'clock yesterday, and an hour later union delegates met the minister of finance to learn the government' decision.

The result of the interview was not made public, but general meetings of cartmen and stevedores were called for today for the consideration of measures that the two unions may adopt. The situation seems to be deadlocked and the date when port work will be resumed is uncertain. Other ships destined for this city are being held at Montevideo.

FARMER LEADERS TO STUMP ONTARIO

Toronto, May 21.—The Globe today says:

"The three outstanding men in the Canadian farmers' movement — Crerar, Drury and Morrison—are to stump the Province of Ontario together this summer. It was learned yesterday that the tour will begin early in July and last at least two weeks. Word of the new departure reached Toronto from Ottawa.

"The fact that Premier Drury and J. J. Morrison will appear together on the same platform is taken as a sure sign that the breach between the government and the U. F. O. organization has become a thing of history."

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET.

Montreal, May 21.—Trading on the local stock market continued to be very dull during the first half hour this morning. Abitibi was unchanged at 36. Atlantic Sugar was stronger by half a point at 30½, as also was Brazilian at 32. Breweries went down a half to 54. Riordon was unchanged at 15½. Other leaders were quiet.