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BRITISH MINERS REJECT PEACE OFFER

PROPOSAL FOR WAGE DECREASE IS TURNED DOWN

Delegates Pass Resolution That Slows Up Settlement

OBJECT TO BOARD

See No Reason Why Measures Should Be Reviewed By Committee

LONDON, May 20—The National Conference of miners' delegates today rejected the government's proposals for settlement of the miners' strike.

The delegates adopted a resolution saying: "We are unable to recommend that the mine workers accept Premier Baldwin's proposals for reduction of wages, which do not at present provide for a decent standard of living."

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"We further object to the proposal for a board with an independent chairman empowered to abolish the National minimum wage and to enforce various minimum wages by districts," the resolution said.

"We consider that in making this proposal, the Premier is not honoring the pledge he gave to the country in his message broadcast on May 8, which read, 'I wish to make it clear that I can present the government with no alternative but to continue to fight a lower standard of living of the miner or any other section of workers.'"

The resolution was adopted after A. J. Cook, secretary of the Miners' Federation gave a complete report on the government's proposals, supplemented by full details of Tuesday's conferences between the mining officials and Premier Baldwin.

REJECTS DOLL BOSTON, May 20—A jury in Superior Criminal Court took up a collection to buy a nine-year-old girl witness a doll, but the beneficiary rejected the childish toy. She chose instead a pair of shoes and some candy to take home to her sisters and brothers.

DISCOUNT RATE CUT LONDON, May 20—The rate of discount on the Imperial Bank of India was reduced from six to five per cent. today.

RUSSIAN FUNDS TO AID STRIKE BARRED Home Secretary Stops Check for £100,000, But Cannot Repeat Action

LONDON, May 20—Sir William Johnson-Hicks, the Home Secretary, today, in answer to questions, said that during the general strike he stopped a check for £100,000 which, he said, was sent by the Russian Trades Unions to the Trades Union Congress here for furtherance of the strike.

He admitted, however, that he was powerless to bar further sums now being sent from Russia to the British Miners' Federation. He explained that under the Emergency powers, he could prevent the admission of foreign money for furtherance of the general strike, but "the case of payments in aid of the miners engaged in a genuine trade dispute, clearly stands on a different footing and whatever view may be taken of the motives either of the donors or the recipients, the Government has been unable to intervene."

SPUD MART SLUMPS Shediac District Prices Drop From \$7.50 to \$2 a barrel

SHEIDIAC, May 20—The potato trade in the Shediac district has slumped badly. In fact, prices here are sagging from \$7.50 a barrel last month to \$2 today. Even at the latter price buyers hesitate to purchase, because of the lateness of the season and the demoralization of the trade all over the continent.

There is a limited domestic market for seed potatoes. Many potato producers who held stock when potatoes were selling at \$7.50 a barrel, for still higher prices, sustained heavy losses on paper.

Women And Children Killed In Shelling of Damascus By French

Germany Seeks To Bar Planes, Gases In War

Miners Children Being Fed At Soup Kitchens During Conference To End Strike

FREDERICTON TAX RATE INCREASES

That For Present Year is \$2.64 Per \$100 as Against \$2.60 in 1925

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FREDERICTON, May 20—Announcement is made by the principal assessor, Peter Farrell, that the rate of assessment for the City of Fredericton for 1926 is \$2.64 per \$100 of valuation. The rate in 1925 was \$2.60, so the increase is very slight. The increase in the total assessment was not great, the amount for the present year being \$278,000. For 1925 it was \$276,500.

There has been an increase in total assessment valuation from \$10,820,135 to \$10,782,350. Valuation of real estate was decreased from \$8,808,550 to \$8,856,800, the decrease being a little more than \$40,000. In personal property there has been an increase from \$2,011,585 to \$2,925,550. Income shows a slight decrease from \$1,961,900 to \$1,925,500.

CHANGES NEXT YEAR. The increase in the rate and in valuations will not produce any marked change in the average tax bill. Next year, owing to the operation of a new assessment act, there will be some changes.

In the number of polls there has been a decrease from 2,145 to 2,015. This is accounted for partially by striking off "deadwood" and partly by a slight movement of population.

NEW USES FOUND FOR CHINESE DRUG Wisconsin University Says "Ephedrine" More Powerful Than Adrenalin

MADISON, Wis., May 20—New uses have been found for an ancient Chinese drug, ephedrine, which indicate it will be a "powerful aid in the hands of modern physicians in raising the blood pressure, treatment of pneumonia and colds, and as an anesthetic," the University of Wisconsin announced today. Research conducted by Dr. Ko Kuei Chen, the University pharmacologist, with the drug, indicates, he said, that it is superior to adrenalin in its ability to raise blood pressure over long periods. Experiments are being conducted to determine whether it is also useful in the treatment of hay fever.

Dr. Chen has found a new method for isolating ephedrine, which has been used for medicinal purposes in China for more than five thousand years.

TO PICK AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR McMillan Arctic Expedition Sails From Wisconsin on June 10

CHICAGO, May 20—One amateur radio operator of Canada or the United States will be chosen from all who apply for the job as radio operator of the MacMillan-Lawson sub-Arctic expedition of the Field Museum.

Commander Donald B. MacMillan, whose expedition last year gave the world its first successful test of two way radio transmission from the Arctic circle, favors the amateurs for the work. They have done and H. C. Forbes of the Zenith Radio Laboratories, Chicago, will choose the lucky amateur.

The expedition sails June 10, from Wisconsin, Maine, to be gone four months. That three qualifications are set forth, first, personality, second, physique and third is ability.

THEIR CHILD DEAD Friends of Mr. and Mrs. William Duplisse, McKiel street, Fairville, will bury their infant daughter, Mary (Joy), aged seven months, who died yesterday. The funeral will be tomorrow morning.

SNOW STILL VISIBLE IN WESTMORLAND CO. Although First Summer Month Near, Traces of Grim Winter Remain

MONCTON, May 20—Although only 11 days remain before the first summer month is ushered in, there are visible reminders of winter to be seen through the counties of Westmorland and Kent. In the woods in many districts there is still considerable snow, and remnants of high drifts are yet on the roads.

At Upper Sackville this week there were drifts three feet deep, and snow is still to be seen in the Cape Horn district. Some of the back roads in Moncton and Shediac parishes are still impassable, particularly highways shaded by woods. Drift ice is observed occasionally in the Strait of Northumberland, fishermen say.

PORTIA IN COURT WEARS BOB HAIR Miss Olive Maddin of Sydney Makes First Appearance as Counsel

HALIFAX, May 20—Hon. H. E. Harris, Chief Justice of Nova Scotia, paid high tribute to Miss Olive Maddin, of Sydney, at the conclusion of her argument before the full bench this morning in the appeal of Musgrave et al from a conviction for theft.

IRISH RAILWAY MEN MAY REMAIN ON JOBS DUBLIN, May 20—Hopes are now entertained that the strike of 17,000 Irish railwaymen scheduled for June 1 to protest against a reduction of wages, will be avoided.

Off For English Channel!

DEATH TOLL IS PLACED AT 602, LONDON HEARS

Three Hundred Houses Destroyed, Says Belated Despatch

REPORT OF MAY 9

French Announced Bombardment of May 11 as Only Small Affair

LONDON, May 20—More than 500 civilians, including women and children, and about 100 rebels and 20 French, have been killed and 300 houses destroyed in a bombardment by the French forces of the Mideq quarter of the city of Damascus, says a despatch to the Daily Express.

While there has been no confirmation of the report from Damascus which was dated May 9, it has occasioned considerable surprise, it having been thought that the troubles in the ancient city between the French and the Druse tribesmen, had calmed down under the civilian administration headed by M. Journein, the French High Commissioner, for Syria.

The latest bombardment is said to have been announced on May 11 as a comparatively minor affair, and the deaths of about fifty Druse rebels. The belated despatch printed today, however, gives the action a much more serious aspect.

SERIOUS INCIDENT. The shelling of Mideq constituted the most modern incident in French Syria since the French general Sarraill's bombardment of the French city last October. At that time it was reported some thousands of persons were killed in the 48 hours of shelling.

There is no report that the latest incident had one of the shocking features of the October terror, namely the massacre of many Christians and Armenians by the infuriated Moslem populace and sympathizers with the Druses.

URGES BAPTISTS TO STEM MODERNISM Dr. T. T. Shields Speaks at Opening in Toronto of Union Conference

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 20—"Stem the tide of modernism," was the appeal of Dr. T. T. Shields, of Toronto, president of the Baptist Bible Union of North America, at the opening of its six-day convention here last night.

Dr. Shields urged strict adherence to the "historic Baptist position" of fundamentalism. He declared recent action by the Southern Baptist Convention in passing a strong anti-evolution resolution was a "great victory," and added that if the Northern convention, which meets next week, fails to take a similar stand, "it would open the doors to that which would be destructive of the things for which Baptists distinctively stand."

REV. W. J. DOWER DIES PITTSFIELD, Mass., May 20—Rev. William J. Dower, aged 68, pastor of St. Charles Roman Catholic church of Pittsfield for 23 years, died this morning. He studied theology at Montreal.

FINANCE BILL O. K'D British Commons Passes Measure By Vote of 324 to 117

LONDON, May 20—The government finance bill was passed by the House of Commons on its second reading today.

A motion by W. Graham, Laborite, for rejection of the bill was defeated by a vote of 324 to 117.

General Burnside's Whiskers Prominent In Court Action NEW YORK, May 20—The cheek-whiskers of the late General Ambrose E. Burnside, civil war hero credited with having created the particular style of hirsute adornment which bears his name, have gotten into a court tangle.

Mrs. Ella C. Patterson, of Milwaukee, Wis., is suing a large manufacturing company for \$150,000 for using her husband's famous features as a "sort of springboard from which to jeerously and humorously launch a sales argument in its advertisements."

Miss Patterson complains that the company advanced its sales of shaving soap at the expense of her distinguished husband's name and honor. She claims that she has a photograph of her husband's face which she says "when Burnside was in uniform" and which she says "was a sort of

LARGE INDUSTRY FOR ONTARIO CITY

This Magistrate Would Slow Up Fast Hollywood

DANGER OF FIRE IN N. B. FORESTS

Victoria Day Expected to Involve Extra Hazard—Rain Greatly Needed

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FREDERICTON, May 20—Showers have fallen in various parts of the province and improved the situation with regard to forest fire hazard. The country is drying rapidly however and caution must be exercised.

There has been little growth so far in the woods and Victoria Day will be extra hazardous because of fishing and outing parties going to the woods. Little slash burning has been done so far. Rain is needed generally.

EXPERTS NEEDED English Economist Says Politicians Can Solve France's Problems

CHICAGO, May 20—Expert minds, not those of politicians, must solve the financial problems of France, Sir Josiah Stamp, English railroad president and economist, declared in an address before the Chicago Association of Commerce. Inflation, he said, must be followed by reaction.

More satisfactory conditions with underlying strength were noted by the speaker in England and in Germany.

"In England, despite appearances to the contrary, the underlying condition is satisfactory," he said. "Most of the industries are now past the worst effects of deflation and are ready to go ahead. Until the real situation is put upon a provisional or interim basis to secure working of the mines, there is bound to be hesitation."

ABBIE MITCHELL TAKES 74 ST. ANDREWS, Scotland, May 20—Abbie Mitchell, British star, took 74 in the third round of the Daily Mail's £2,200 golf tournament this morning, giving him an aggregate of 224.

STERLING EXCHANGE NEW YORK, May 20—Sterling exchange steady. Great Britain, 48 1/2; France, 298 1/2; Italy, 390; Germany, 23.00. Canadian dollars par.

TRUNK ROADS GOOD Motor Traffic Resumed in Westmorland and Kent Counties

SHEIDIAC, May 20—The condition of the trunk highways in this part of the county and in southern Kent is considered to be satisfactory, although the back roads are still soft, snow remaining in shaded spots.

The main trunk road between Moncton and Shediac, one of the most traveled highways in the province, is in mid-summer shape. Road Engineer McLennan has been in Shediac parish, making inspections of bridges and places where crossings were washed out. All roads were opened for motor travel today.

EVOLUTION THEORY AGAIN SUPPORTED Dr. Parks of University of Toronto Finds Circumstantial Evidence

OTTAWA, May 20—"Life was created by an Infinite Power and endowed with the property of progressing to higher expression, and evolution has proceeded in obedience to His will for the working out of His purposes."

Dr. W. A. Parks, professor of geology in the University of Toronto, sum up his convictions of the much discussed question of evolution, in his presidential address before the Royal Society of Canada here last night.

"The evidence for evolution is circumstantial, but it is so overwhelming that scarcely a scientific man holds other opinion," he said.

TEMPERATURES TORONTO, May 20—Lowest Highest during 8 a.m. Yesterday night

Table with 4 columns: Location, Highest, Lowest, and Yesterday night. Rows include Victoria, Winnipeg, Toronto, Quebec, Saint John, Halifax, and Montreal.