

Both Sides in Sydney Dispute Yield Ground But no Settlement Yet

Disaster Narrowly Averted at Quebec When Ice Bridge Breaks Up—Hender- son will be Opposed by a Conservative— Gandhi is not Grateful to His Liberators.

BOTH SIDES GIVE GROUND BUT FAIL TO AGREE.
MONTREAL, Feb. 8.—The Minister of Labor, had a conference this morning with BECO officials and U. M. W. representatives, who Wednesday agreed to abandon the conference over the Cape Breton mine situation because no agreement over the wage situation could be reached. Mr. Quirk interviewed the parties separately. He would make no statement, but it is expected that another effort to settle the Cape Breton problem will be made. It is understood the Minister of Labor is convinced a settlement is possible in view of the fact that the Cape Breton mine receded from their original stand and that a marked spirit of conciliation was shown by both sides. It is understood the company not only withdrew the 20 per cent. reduction which sent the miners out on strike, but offered to maintain the 1923 rates which the men quit work and in addition offered an increase over the 1923 rates. William Delroy, International Field Worker of the U. M. W., said both sides have headed quite a bit from their original stand. We have gone down the mine quite a lot. He refused to say just how much the miners would have been contented with to get back to work.

GANDHI'S PEGRETS.
BOMBAY, Feb. 8.—The Indian Nationalist leader, Mahatma Mohandas Gandhi, has written to the President of the National Congress, Mohamad Ali, expressing regret that the Bombay Government released him from prison, owing to illness, because he goes not regard his illness as a prisoner and affording grounds for liberty. Moreover, Gandhi says, his release has not brought him relief, because he is overwhelmed with a sense of responsibility which he is now not fit to discharge. He declares the national problems are more perplexing to-day than when he was in prison owing to the deplorable condition of the Hindus and Mussulmans and he appeals for a cessation of mutual distrust and the promotion of unity. He is convinced of the need of a constructive programme. He urges his followers to refrain from quarrelling with the Moderates and writes "The Englishmen are also friends, don't treat them as enemies."

AGREES TO CONFERENCE.
LONDON, Feb. 8.—A note from Russia, replying to the British notification that recognition of the Soviet Government was handed Premier MacDonald to-day by M. Rakovskiy, who has been acting as Russian Trade Commissioner here and is now named Charge d'Affaires. The note states that the Soviet Government agrees to a conference at an early date in London to take up pending questions between the two Governments.

HENDERSON TO BE OPPOSED IN BURNLEY.
LONDON, Feb. 8.—Arthur Henderson, Secretary for Home Affairs in the Labor Government, who was defeated in the last general election and is at present without a seat in the House of Commons, will have a straight fight in the Burnley constituency with H. E. J. Chamberlain, Conservative, and the Liberals having decided not to contest the seat. The late member, Dan Irvine, who died recently, was a Labor member and the Government hope to have in his successor the new Home Secretary.

PONCARE CARRIES THE DAY.
PARIS, Feb. 8.—Premier Poincare, with all the Cabinet Ministers, exasperated by Opposition attacks, walked out of the Chamber of Deputies to-day. The session was immediately suspended. The suspension was in order to prevent the Cabinet's departure being interpreted as meaning the Government would resign. This session was soon resumed and immediately voted the amendment of Article 1, empowering the Government to effect economic measures by a vote of 252 against 127.

QUEBECERS NARROWLY ESCAPE DEATH OF DRIFTING ICE.
QUEBEC, Feb. 8.—Three were lost in the breaking of the ice bridge which formed in the lower Lawrence from Quebec to the shore yesterday. While hundreds had narrow escapes and five drifted upstream on a cake of ice and were given up as lost, this morning's check up by the author-

M.C.L.I.
"Resolved: That France is justified and well advised in her occupation of the Ruhr."
With a question of such international importance it is not to be wondered at that a good gathering assembled to hear the debate at the M.C.L.I. Thursday night, and that keen interest was manifested all through. The debate proper was entrusted to the following gentlemen, viz: For the Affirmative, Messrs. Heister, Garland and Hayward; and for the Negative, Messrs. Barbour, Ayre and Leslie. In opening for the Affirmative, the leader declared that Germany was responsible for the War, and that the present occupation of the Ruhr district was a result of the war, and that France had seized it as a last resource as indemnification. She had waited long and patiently, and respected her allies, and kept the treaties made, and as a last resource she availed herself of her rights, which she claimed, and justly so, under the Treaty of Versailles. He then read sections of the Treaty, and quoted different authors and statesmen, and adjudged incontrovertible data as to the occupation. France's move was an honorable action, and she was well advised and fully justified in it. The affirmative claimed that there was need of leniency among all the nations, but that France had suffered very materially. Her homesteads had been destroyed, her peasantry killed by the thousands, and her towns had been simply obliterated and that Germany was falling in her endeavour to make reparation. Germany was practising financial deception, and had sent her gold out of her country to other parts. No German cities were destroyed, nor were the industrial works of Germany demoralized. Germany was only waiting for a chance to get revenge, especially as she had called for vengeance. In her future to make amends Germany was securing her own interests, and in the meantime endeavouring to divide England and America. The affirmative put up a good case, and received warmest congratulations from all sides.

AN INDIAN NATIONAL COALITION DELHI, Feb. 8.
The Nationalist Party bloc consisting of 45 Swarajists Home Rulers and 27 Independents has been formed and will have a majority in the Legislative Assembly which has 143 members. The members of the Party are pledged to support a demand for a round table conference to discuss measures for an establishment in the Assembly to-day.

BRITAIN WILL HAVE NO SURPLUS IN 1924.
Financial returns indicate that Great Britain will have no surplus in her Budget this financial year and probably a deficit, according to reports from Harrison Watson, Canadian Trade Commissioner in London. No abatement in taxation is therefore in sight, Mr. Watson adds.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT BY NOVEL METHOD.
CARSON CITY, Nev., Feb. 8.—Geo. Jon, Chinese Tong slayer, faced death to-day in the first execution by lethal gas in the history of the United States. Persons witnessing the execution said death occurred thirty seconds after the gas was turned into the death chamber.

EXPLOSION ON STEAMER.
PANAMA, Feb. 8.—Reports from Admiralty state that three engine hands were killed and four seriously injured when a condenser exploded aboard the steamer Parusina on Tuesday. The steamer is now enroute to New Orleans.

SENTENCED FOR FORGERY.
NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Wm. H. Anderson, State Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, was to-day sentenced to from one to two years in the State prison for third degree forgery.

THE DANCE OF THE SEASON—On Tuesday night next, February 12th, (eve of whole holiday) at "The Gaiety" (formerly C. C. Hall), the best Dance Hall in St. John's. Everybody knows it without advertising the fact; and now we will go further by stating you are going to get the best Dance Music on Monday night. Wait and see.—Feb. 11

In the Realms of Sport

FELDIANS DEFEAT ST. BON'S BY 4 TO 2.
By their victory last night the Feldians turned the tables on St. Bon's who in the first round handed them their only defeat so far.

1st PERIOD.
There was no stopping to think matters out after Referee Churchill dropped the rubber, and both teams got right down to grips. First the subject of a bombardment. So it went on for 7 minutes, when Reid sent a quick shot to Halley which landed in the twines. The puck being centred, Ewing with one of his lightning dashes, came straight through and shot. Halley beat it out to Ewing, who promptly banged it back again. Number 3 went up for the Feldians. St. Bon's took a look in "round" the Feldians goal, but in a minute their opponents swung into line and swept down on Halley. He was ready and waiting and the attack was repulsed. Back went the St. Bon's into Feldian territory, but Nix's big stick was used to good effect, his pads were bullet proof, and St. Bon's goal again became in danger. Every effort was made by St. Bon's to recover, but the Feldians defence was strong, and the attack a feature of which was the combination of Withers and Lloyd, never slackened. For St. Bon's, Halley and Phelan in particular gave excellent stick handling and their runs and shooting were most spectacular. Just before the period ended, Winter and Halley, who were showing too great a desire to become closer acquainted were both sent to the box to talk it over. The score sounded with the score.

2nd PERIOD.
St. Bon's started matters with a rush and a fusillade of shots rattled off Nick's pads and stick which effectively protected his goal. Then the Feldians decided to live matters up, and within two minutes of the start Ewing planted one of his "sure things" behind Halley. With three goals against them St. Bon's seemed to slacken somewhat, and confined their attention to a great extent to defence. For about fifteen minutes the game consisted of give and take, and there were frequent stops for off-side infractions. Then Phelan saw an opening and skimming through his opponents, sent a hot shot to Hunt who saved. Phelan caught the rebound however, and scored first blood for his side.

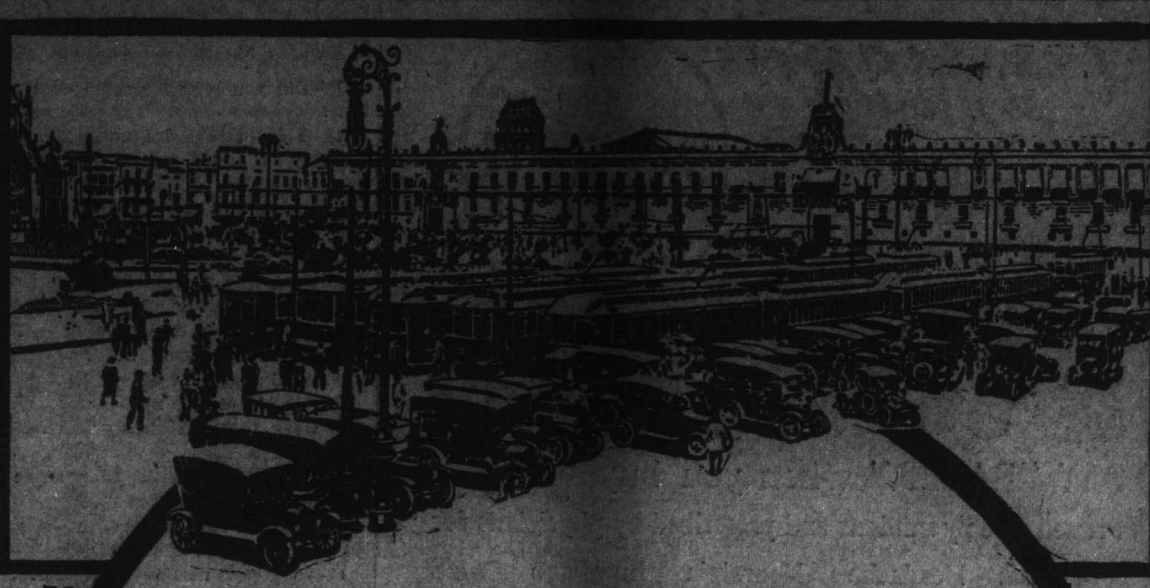
3rd PERIOD.
Fourteen minutes of the last period had elapsed before Reid, who was playing his best game for the season, got an opening from the centre. St. Bon's goalie was unable to follow the passage of the puck through the defence men and it was in the net before he was aware of what had happened. Having a lead of three goals, the Feldians eased up a bit. This their opponents were not slow to take advantage of, and within a few minutes of the finish brought their score up by two more goals. With one minute to full time, excitement was at fever heat and St. Bon's supporters urged their team in every way to make the supreme effort. It cannot be denied that they did, and even veteran Jack Higgins, who was among the reliefes put in an appearance and worked as hard as the youngest of them to make it a tie. The light and dark blues had their teeth set however, and held the game down until the gong went and relieved the strain.

Referee Churchill held the game well in hand but we don't like stops for infractions for which no penalty is given. Considerable off-side play caused unnecessary stoppages. The Feldian defence was admirable, and although they failed to score, Winter and Rendell succeeded again, and again in raising the blockade and carrying the puck into their opponents' territory. St. Bon's defence was also very effective, and there was little to choose between goalkeepers Hunt and Halley.

COMBINATION BOWLING LEAGUE—LAST NIGHT'S GAMES.
Baird's vs. Customs
Baird's 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 Ttl.
C.C. Quick 102 120 90 323
S. McNeill 137 96 112 345
H. Pike 148 94 120 372
J. Emsley 172 94 98 364
569 413 482 1464

STANDING OF TEAMS.
Goals
P. W. L. F. A. Pts.
Guards 4 3 1 23 21 6
Feldians 4 3 1 23 18 6
St. Bon's 4 2 3 21 17 4
Terra Nova 4 0 4 17 30 0

CANADIAN OLYMPIC SEXTETTE BLANKS CZECHOSLOVAKIA.
HARRY WATSON SCORES ELEVEN GOALS.
Knowing's vs. Winter's
Knowing's 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 Ttl.
E. Carlwell 110 91 111 312
H. Johns 125 122 129 376
H. Carter 113 127 92 332
J. O'Brien 110 103 90 303
478 452 424 1464



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STEER BROTHERS

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S.S. Digby sailed at 5:30 o'clock last night for Liverpool.
S.S. Sabie I. is due here to-morrow from Halifax via St. Pierre.
Sche. Humbert, which was chartered to make Barbados owing to damage received whilst on the passage from the other side, is now on dock having repairs effected. The vessel will be ready to sail for here in about a week.
MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR HEAD-ACHE.

Commercial Bowling League Standing To Week Ending Feb. 8th, 1924.
All teams have played eleven matches with the exception of Avalon Telephone Co. and Post Office, who have one postponed match to play.

TEAM POINTS
Harvey's 25
Ayre's 4