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London Is Joyful As Dock Strike Is Brought To End  
NEW BRUNSWICK COAL GIVEN BOOST

INCREASE IS GRANTED TO DOCK MEN

Quick Settlement of Railway and Longshoremen Walk-out Brings Relief.

THE MINERS NEXT

Government Successful in Bringing Both Sides Together.

BY HARRY N. MOORE

(British United Press.) London, Feb. 21.—A wave of relief swept over the country this morning following the announcement that the dockers' strike had been settled. The result was welcomed not merely because it removed a great strain but also because there was considerable sympathy with the dockers and satisfaction that they had obtained an increase in their wages, which are even now tragically low.

The calling off of this strike will give the nation a breathing space to prepare for the next big industrial struggle which is expected about the middle of April. Next time it will be the miners, who have already voted in favor of cancelling their present wage agreement. The new demands, which it is certain the miners will present, have not yet been made public, if indeed they have been formulated.

Success of Strikers

The quick settlement of both the railway and the dockers' strike has been obviously disturbed over the possibility of a general transportation strike which seemed a possibility twenty-four hours ago. Nevertheless the success of the strikers in obtaining their demands may induce other industries to follow the dockers' example.

The dockers' delegates' conference which meets tonight must approve these terms to which their leaders agreed. Leaders are confident that this will be done.

There is possibility that some of the delegates will balk at the proposed delay in payment of the second shilling increase, which is to come into effect early in the summer. One shilling increase is to be paid immediately.

Both Sides Together The Government successfully brought heads of both sides together and thus gains credit for facing and settling the second big industrial crisis it has had to face within a month of assuming office.

If the delegates ratify the settlement, the strikers will permit removal of food stuffs from the quaysides tomorrow but general resumption of work is not likely before Monday.

ARE NEARLY READY FOR WORLD FLIGHT

Aviators to Hop Off on March 15—Arrangements 2 Years in Making.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 21.—One of the most spirited ventures of this century will get under way on March 15 when Squadron Leader A. S. McLaren, Flight Lieutenant Penderleth, and Sergt. Brown, mechanic, of the British Air Force, will hop off from Croydon, London in a Vickers Vulture amphibian aircraft, on the first leg of the round-the-world flight.

Completing arrangements which he began more than two years ago, Col. L. E. Broome, R. A. F., is now here and will sail on Feb. 29 on the C. G. S. Thetis to put down twenty fueling and emergency stations in the Aleutian Islands. He will join the fliers at Yokohama and will be their guide across 6,000 miles of the Pacific. He will accompany the fliers across Canada and his mission will end on the Atlantic coast. Thus Col. Broome has made complete arrangements for nearly half the entire trip.

The air route of the flight totals 24,000 miles. At a speed of 60 miles an hour, the cruising speed of the machine will be used, the actual time in the air will be 12 days and 12 hours. The entire trip will take some months, but the fliers hope to reach the Atlantic stretch of the home journey before the end of August.

Gay Role Too Much For Suicide's Wife

Boston, Feb. 21.—The gay role of a woman in the Walden Casino shop, "Happy Hop," proved too much for Fay Norman, 24 hours widowed by the suicide of her husband, Charles Anderson of Chicago. Anderson drank poison at the Commodore Hotel when the young wife refused to quit her stage career for domesticity.

Miss Norman went to the theatre to do her turn, but she broke down in her dressing room before she could finish dressing in the vivid costume her husband had hated. "I couldn't force myself to sing and dance and smile," she said. "I kept seeing the angry face of my husband. I can't forget how he looked when he put that bottle to his lips."

CHURCHES SCORED BY WAR CHAPLAIN

Rev. G. A. Studdert Kennedy, "Woodbine Willie," Gives Address in Montreal.

Montreal, Feb. 21.—Addressing the Montreal Protestant Ministerial Association here last night, Rev. G. A. Studdert Kennedy, chaplain of the British forces, and rector of St. Edmund's Church, London, England, declared that "the churches are herds of beasts. They are ever snapping, biting and afraid of each other with an animal instinct. The world of today is in desperate need of something to pull it together." "Woodbine Willie," the sobriquet earned by Mr. Kennedy in the trenches, painted a gloomy picture of a world after the war, filled with bitterness and disillusion. He said so far as he was concerned he was finished with patriotism once and for all. The only way out, he insisted, was in placing the Cross of Christ in the middle of the road, although thousands would, he declared, "with contempt think otherwise."

Halifax Is Swept By Fierce Blizzard

Halifax, Feb. 21.—Driven by a south-east gale which at midnight had reached a velocity of sixty miles an hour, a blizzard swept into the city late last night and continued throughout the early hours of the morning.

With the subsiding of the wind, the temperature rose and a drizzling rain was prevalent in the city this morning. All trains are running on schedule time today and traffic in the city is unimpeded.

Buy \$5 Ticket And Wins \$75,000

London, Feb. 21.—About \$75,000 has been won by two Truro men, who have drawn third prize in a Belgian Government lottery. The winning ticket was held jointly by Thomas Nancarrow and Aubrey Frost, 35 in-law, and was purchased for \$5 in London about 12 months ago.

Wire Briefs

Montreal, Feb. 21.—That there is no starvation in the Hebrides and "little ground for alarmist reports," is stated in a special to the Gazette today, contradicting previous reports that the Hebrideans were in a critical condition.

London, Feb. 21.—The Labor government took over Great Britain's responsibilities in Palestine as a going concern, Premier MacDonald told a questioner in the House of Commons yesterday.

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—The probability that the governor-in-council will order the release from Dorchester prison of James MacLachlan, the Cape Breton labor leader, is being freely discussed here.

London, Feb. 21.—Canadian Press) Brig. Gen. J. S. Nicholson, Conservative member of the House of Commons for Westminster Abbey, is dead. In consequence there will be a by-election in that constituency.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Senate opposition to appointment of George B. Christian, secretary of President Harding, as member of the Federal Trade Commission led to withdrawal by President Coolidge yesterday of Mr. Christian's nomination at the request of the nominee.

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—A prophesy that the Hull Electric Railway will be purchased by the city and operated as a municipal undertaking when the franchise expires in 1929 was made by Mayor Louis Cousineau at a banquet of the Hull branch of the Retail Merchants' Association.

C.N.R. TRAINS DELAYED BY SNOWSTORMS

New Brunswick Stations Report Interference With Schedules.

CITY TRAIN LATE

Upper Canadian Cities Report Severest Blizzard for Years.

(By Canadian Press) Moncton, Feb. 21.—While the trains on the Maritime section of the C. N. R. are reported running practically on time today, there is a serious interruption in traffic on the Quebec portion of the railway as a result of the big snow storm.

According to the information received here today, the Maritime express, eastbound was at six o'clock this morning held at Haralax, owing to heavy snow drifts. It was announced that the Ocean Limited, eastbound which was reported four hours late, would arrive at Moncton ahead of the Maritime.

No. 14, the express from St. John this afternoon will be delayed in reaching Moncton owing to the blizzard being late in arriving at St. John. No. 26, the express from Campbellton, was reported running about fifty minutes late.

Death in Boston

Boston, Feb. 21.—One death was reported last night in Boston as a result of the storm which, driven by a strong northeast wind covered the city to a depth of more than eight inches with snow and sleet, followed by rain.

Mrs. Nora Farrell, 65, was found dead last night of heart failure, brought on by exertion of fighting against the storm and the sleet-covered streets.

Employees of seventeen contractors engaged to remove snow from the streets quit work because of the rain, the temperature rose and a drizzling rain was prevalent in the city this morning. Two thousand regular city employees were unable to cope with the situation.

Flood Results. Pittsburgh, Feb. 21.—Rapidly swelling rivers resulting from the abnormal downpour of snow, sleet and rain which has enveloped this section for two days are covering low lying territory in the Allegheny and Ohio river valleys. Portions of Pittsburgh and scores of river towns will be inundated unless the colder weather which set in late yesterday checks the melting snow.

With more than 100 workmen sent into the field, the American Telephone Company expects wire communication with towns in the western part of the state to be partially restored by nightfall today.

New York, Feb. 21.—The weather bureau's forecast of rain turning to snow, and colder, brought little consolation to New York last night as the city's six million wallowed home through the slush and water left by the severest storm of the winter.

IS NEARLY RECORD

Toronto, Feb. 21.—This winter gives promise of rolling up a big snow total locally. Up to date it is sixty-one inches. The average for all winters is 66 inches. The highest on record is that of 1869-70, when the total snowfall was 123.5 inches, and the month of March alone that year supplied 62 inches of snow.

The lowest fall for any winter is 30.2 and that mark was reached by both 1877-78 and 1905-06.

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—Street car traffic was disorganized and the radial services were completely tied up by the storm yesterday. Motor cars were stalled in the snow drifts and merchants have to call upon the surrounding farmers to loan them horses and cutters to deliver the merchandise. The old horse cutters were much in demand as taxicabs were unable to travel off the main thoroughfares without being stalled.

Widows' Pensions Heard In Commons London, Feb. 21.—The proposed establishment of pensions to all widows with children or mothers whose bread winners are incapacitated received a remarkable unanimous reception in the House of Commons.

It was brought forward last evening on a private motion by Charles Dukes, a Labor member, who was given a very attentive hearing and not a hostile word was uttered by any party.

Make Journey of 650 Miles on Skis Berlin, Feb. 21.—A Moscow message states that a party on skis has arrived from Archangel (N. W. Russia), the journey, of about 650 miles, having taken 27 days, which is a record.

Spurns Husband; Won Her by Mail

Springfield, Mass., Feb. 21.—Rosalia Molinaro, under arrest and facing deportation because she refuses to live with Antonio Molinaro, aged 69 years, who wooed and won her by correspondence, spurned Molinaro's advances at Police Headquarters, although he brought her flowers and besought her to share his lot.

Molinaro says he sent \$985 to the girl in Italy after obtaining her consent to marry him.

Though disappointed on arrival at Ellis Island, the girl consented to be married and accompanied her husband here three days ago, but forsook him and was picked up in the street, penniless and with no knowledge of the English language.

STOLEN MONEY AND STOCKS RESTORED

Return by Police to Divorced Wife of Financier—Alleged Canadian Veteran Arrested

New York, Feb. 21.—Police last night restored to Mrs. Olive S. Waite, a Canadian financier, \$100,000 in stocks which, with \$7,000 in jewelry, had been stolen from her apartment in a local hotel on February 9.

Mrs. Waite was widely known at one time as a prima donna of the Bostonians, an opera company.

McGILL PROFESSOR SUES HIS CONFRERE

Slander Alleged in Case Being Argued Before Supreme Court of Canada.

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—(Canadian Press.)—Argument in the case of John V. Walter is being continued before the Supreme Court of Canada. Both appellant and respondent are professors in the department of modern languages of McGill University, Montreal. The appellant being the immediate superior of the respondent. Mr. Morin is taking action for \$10,000 damages for alleged slander.

Both parties involved in the case had summer homes in the County of L'Islet, and in 1920 the respondent's house and premises were burned, his orchard injured, and two of his dogs died. In the same year he received an anonymous threatening letter. In August, 1921 the respondent found that poison had been put in his well. Then the appellant learned that the respondent was accusing him to various persons as having been the author of all these crimes and that the respondent (Mr. Walter) had written to the Attorney-General stating that the appellant (Mr. Morin) should be arrested and he should be refused bail as a criminal lunatic.

SEEKS "C. N." RADIO CALL FOR RAILWAY

Canadian Line Would Add Initial for Each Station—Morocco Must Be Consulted.

(Special to The Times) Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 21.—If the proposals of the Canadian National Railway radio department are agreed to by Morocco the radio calls of the main Canadian stations will sometime in the future be "C. N." or branch stations will have added the initials of the place where they are situated, such as "C. N. O." for Ottawa and "C. N. C." for Calgary.

Under the ruling of the board of international wireless control, the letters "C. N." were assigned to Morocco. Representations are being made to Morocco by the department of Marine asking for the initials.

IS ON WORLD TOUR

General Booth of Salvation Army Will Arrive in Canada in May.

London, Feb. 21.—(Canadian Press) of the Salvation Army will arrive in Canada towards the end of May. He left England on a world tour. He stopped in New Zealand, arriving there on April 27, and leaving on May 18. He will return via Canada and is expected to reach London about the middle of June.

N. S. MINERS SAY PLIGHT IS SERIOUS

Two Collieries Claim to be Worse Off Than Before Settlement.

TWO THOUSAND OUT

Appeal is Made to the Government to Donate \$50,000.

(By Canadian Press) Sydney, N. S., Feb. 21.—With no official assurance that coal banking will be resumed at an early date, and left to their own limited resources to provide food for their families, miners employed in the Princess and Florence collieries are in a serious predicament. They are much worse off than before their wage contract was negotiated between the British Empire Steel Corporation and the United Mine Workers' executive.

A committee was appointed at a meeting yesterday afternoon, held on the return of delegates from an interview with the U. M. W. officers regarding relief and employment, to draft a message and have it wired to Premier King, Ottawa, Hon. E. H. Armstrong, Halifax, and Forman Waye, M. P. P., Halifax. The telegram was sent last night, reading as follows:— "Two thousand Scotch workmen employed at Florence and Princess collieries locked out by British Empire Steel Corporation. Joint meeting, held today, advised that your Government take immediate action. Company refuses to bank coal, and men anxious to return to work. Would ask Government to make an allotment of \$50,000 to meet emergency of present serious situation. All sources of relief cut off."

ARRANGING BEER SALE IN ALBERTA

Legislature Committee Approves Hotels, Clubs and Other Places in "Exceptional Cases"

Edmonton, Feb. 21.—Outside of certain clubs, licensed premises for the sale of beer will be limited to hotels of the province, save in "exceptional cases" where the commissioner may deem it advisable to grant a license to premises other than hotels. It was decided yesterday by a committee of the legislature discussing the liquor control act.

In the legislature strenuous objection was taken by some of the U. F. A. members to the sale of beer on railway dining cars. The matter was left over for final decision.

Attorney-General Brodie will confer with railway officials on the matter. He said the railway companies were not pressing for the privilege.

Tax Deputation To Go To Ottawa

Toronto, Feb. 21.—One more deputation will go to Ottawa to present the case against the sales tax, as a result of action to be taken by the convention of the Ontario Bottlers Association, which opens its doors tomorrow.

Over two hundred bottlers—manufacturers of aerated beverages—will attend the convention today, coming from practically all of the larger centres of the province. Yesterday, coming from the disorganization of the train service, only 100 were present, delaying the opening of the convention until the afternoon.

Never Chewed Gum Or Ate Ice Cream

Liberty, Mo., Feb. 21.—Gus Bishop reached the age of 70 this week and claimed fame for the things he hadn't done. Bishop has never chewed gum, eaten ice cream, seen a motion picture, ridden on a railroad train or in an automobile, worn a collar or a necktie, talked over a telephone, seen a building more than four stories high, or moved. He lives in the house in which he was born.

Prohibitionists Did Not Nominate

London, Feb. 21.—(Canadian Press Cable) Prohibitionists have refrained from executing their threat to nominate a candidate in Burnley, where there is a bye-election owing to the death of Dan Irving, Labor member. At the official nominations yesterday the field was left to Arthur Henderson, the Home Secretary, and H. E. J. Camps, Conservative candidate.

She's Mother to 33



Mrs. Anne Jane Powell of Rocky Mount, N. C., raised 31 of her own children and adopted 22 others whose parents had died in the cotton mill village where she lives.

Architect Will Be Here in Few Days To Call For Tenders For New Hotel

In a few days a member of the firm of architects who have prepared the plans and specifications for the Admiral Beatty Hotel here will arrive in the city to make final arrangements for the advertising for construction tenders. Full details of the erection of the big house and its modern outfitting will probably be made known at that time.

Following the acceptance of tenders, soon afterwards, the old Durbin corner will enter a still stranger phase. At present the site is a source of much bewilderment to even the oldest of citizens—a sharp reminder of frontier Belgium during the war. The next step will find the cellars and rock formation in the grip of modern excavating machinery, deep caverns shaping where now it is level or humped up with earth and rock.

It is expected the first flush of spring will find the job well advanced and that May 1 will see hundreds of excavators at work, scores of teams emptying the site and foundations going in. The determination to serve New Year's dinner, 1925, in the Admiral Beatty is more than a hopeful phrase. The experience of building the Mount Royal Hotel, Montreal, gives strength to this announcement. On this, the Empire's biggest hotel, work was continued day and night.

Meanwhile the wide ramifications of the United Hotels Co. are co-ordinating their efforts on the St. John branch of their system along with the Roosevelt, New York; Olympic, Seattle; and other houses under construction. Financial men of note on both sides of the boundary and in England are interested and if St. John people could only see the vast machinery at work back of this international industry they would get a glimpse of their city at an entirely new angle.

HELP PAY DEBT Put Fist Through Plate Glass Window

Toronto, Feb. 21.—William Leslie, one of the leaders of the stranded harvesters, was arrested here yesterday charged with doing malicious injury to property, the complaint being that he put his fist through the plate glass window of the Dominion Immigration Office.

Weather Report

Toronto, Feb. 21.—The disturbance which was centered near Lake Erie yesterday now covers Quebec and the Maritime Provinces and heavy snow has occurred from the Great Lakes eastward. In the western provinces the weather has been for the most part fair and cold.

Forecasts: Fair and Colder. Maritime—Fresh to strong west winds, fair and colder tonight and tomorrow. Gulf and North Shore—Gales with snow today. Friday westerly winds, fair and cold. New England—Fair tonight and Friday, colder tonight, fresh west and northwest winds, possibly strong on the southeast coast.

Toronto, Feb. 21.—Temperatures: Highest during Stations 8 a.m. Yesterday night Victoria ... 42 46 40 Kamloops ... 36 40 34 Calgary ... 18 36 6 Edmonton ... 2 10 0 Winnipeg ... 19 10 16 Montreal ... 16 18 14 St. John ... 34 20 18 Halifax ... 36 20 20 New York ... 29 48 26 \* Below zero.

MINTO COAL PASSES TEST OF EXPERTS

Proof Given New Brunswick Product is Suitable for Domestic Use.

ANALYZE SAMPLES

Opinion That Maritime Coal May Compete With Anthracite.

(By Canadian Press) Ottawa, Feb. 21.—Experiments at the Hamilton Bye-Products Coke Oven plant have shown that the bituminous coals of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are suitable for domestic coking purposes, according to a statement issued by the Dominion Fuel Board today.

"The structure of the coke produced at Hamilton in these tests is said to be very dense and heavy," the statement continues, "thereby becoming a very excellent domestic fuel and one which should have no difficulty in successfully competing with anthracite coal."

Bituminous coal from the Sydney, Stellarton and Springhill areas in Nova Scotia, and from the Minto area in New Brunswick, were first coked separately, after which various mixtures of these coals were coked.

Mixtures of Coal Mixture of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and other coals were then used and the results obtained are stated to be of considerable commercial importance. Numerous samples of the gas recovered in the process of coking these coals were collected for determining the bye-product yields. Tests are also being made of the gas reactivity and efficiency of the coke in standard house furnaces.

Sixty samples of coke made from various mixtures of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick coals are now being analyzed by Government chemists to determine their relative merits.

N. B. TELEPHONE CO. MAKES GAIN

Material Growth of Company is Maintained Despite Depression in Business.

Fredericton, Feb. 21.—The president's report of the New Brunswick Telephone Company, Limited, shareholders' annual meeting here today for the year ending December 31st, 1923, follows: To the shareholders:

It will please your directors present the 34th annual report of the company. Notwithstanding the fact that 1923 was the third successive year of business depression, the material growth of the company has been satisfactorily maintained. The number of phones in use on December 31st last was 25,800, a gain of 781 for the year. The number of completed long distance calls was 762,746, a gain of 70,000 for the year, wire mileage has been increased by 625 miles and there has been invested in new buildings and land \$24,676.

Two Thousand Shareholders. There are now two thousand shareholders resident in all parts of the province.

During the year mutually satisfactory agreement was made with the Farmers Telephone Company of Carleton county resulting in the amalgamation of the two companies and consequent benefit to the service.

You will note by the financial report here with that, while the cost of operating and material has kept pace with the increased earning, we have been able to set aside the necessary amount for depreciation, pay dividends and leave a small surplus for the year. It should be. The aim and object of the company is to conduct its affairs on sound business principles, earning a reasonable dividend for its shareholders, a sufficient reserve to insure both shareholder and subscriber against disaster and to give the best possible service to its patrons.

Budget Out Soon. The budget for 1924 is not yet in form to submit for your consideration. We may say, however, that considerable new development is contemplated.

Your directors again desire to express their appreciation of the loyalty of the staff and employees and to commend their earnest efforts to maintain the enviable reputation your company has earned in the telephone world.