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## Radical Changes Urged In Workmen's Compensation Act

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Employers' Representatives Confer With the Compensation Board.

WIDOWS' PENSIONS Some Reduction of Aid to the Orphans is Also Sought.

Radical changes, particularly those affecting classification of industries, payment of medical aid and pensions, it is understood, are being urged this afternoon by representatives of the employers of New Brunswick at a conference with representatives of the Provincial Government, the Workmen's Compensation Board and the workmen who are affected by the provisions of the act. Indications this morning were that the employers' delegates would ask that the provisions of the act be changed to practically what they were when the original act was enforced in the Province.

Briefly, this change would mean that the medical aid would be cancelled and only first aid given in case of accidents; that unlimited liability as at present in force would be changed to limit it to about \$3,500 in any case; and the pensions for widows and orphans would be reduced from \$30 a month for the mother and \$7.50 for each child under 16 years, to \$20 for the mother and \$5 for the child.

### Operation of Act.

In the event of the Government not being disposed to cancel the clause respecting the continuation of medical attendance, it is understood that the employers will ask that a provision be made for contribution by the workmen of a proportion of the cost of operation of the act. It is said that the employers are unanimously in favor of the principle of the act but they claim that some of the provisions work a hardship on some of the industries. For instance, it is claimed by the lumber interests that the matter of medical aid in the sparsely settled country districts is extremely expensive and under the same conditions it is difficult to keep in touch with the men who have been injured until they return to work. They say that the lumber industry is one of the largest interests in the province, but that the Compensation Act bears disproportionately heavier on it than on any of the other industries.

### Must Bear Sins—

This is particularly claimed on behalf of the permanently established operators, who contend that they are forced to bear a share of the expense of compensation for injuries suffered by men engaged in portable mills, where the hazards, they allege, are much greater and the safety precautions in many cases practically nil. In connection with the matter of reclassification of industries it is understood that the employers will urge that the Workmen's Compensation Board confer with the officials of the employers' associations to see if some redistribution of the industries in the several classes under the act cannot be reached so as to provide for the payment of rates more nearly in accordance with the amount of compensation paid by the industries affected.

### To Present Case.

Further meetings of the committee appointed to represent the employers were held this morning to prepare the case to be presented this afternoon. The representatives of the lumber interests were also in session again today. It is said that the proposed constitution for an employers' association, which was authorized at a meeting of delegates from all over the province some time ago, had been presented to the Workmen's Compensation Board as a practically ratified by that body, but that the lumber interests were not satisfied with their representation in the association. Consequently, a meeting of the employers was held (Continued on page 2, seventh column)

### Says Wife Left Him In 3 Hours

Boston, Jan. 10.—Douglas Mann, a World War veteran, sought a divorce in the Suffolk Superior Court from Agnes E. Mann, who he declared, had left him three hours after the ceremony had been performed. Between the time they were married and her departure, Mann said, he had transferred his \$10,000 insurance from his mother to his new wife. Soon afterwards he went to France, he said, and while writing some 50 letters to his wife, he received but one from her to inform him that in her opinion their marriage was a mistake and that she would never see him again, not even if they should meet upon the street. He said he had known her nine weeks when he suggested matrimony to her. Her whereabouts are not known.

### EDWARD WHITE OF SUSSEX IS DEAD

Prominent Former C. N. R. Employee Dies After Only Few Days' Illness.

(Special to The Times.)  
Sussex, Jan. 10.—At an early hour this morning Edward White, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Sussex, passed away. He was in his ninety-fourth year. His death came as a great shock to the community, as he had been ill only a few days. He was born in Halifax, Feb. 28, 1830. His early years were spent in St. John, but for the past 50 years he has been a resident of Sussex.

He was the last surviving member of the old volunteer fire department of St. John Company, No. 1. He was for several years in the employ of the Intercolonial Railway, but retired 25 years ago.

He leaves two sons, Herbert J. of Rochester, N. Y., and Harry W. of Pittsburgh, Pa., and three daughters, Mrs. H. A. White of Sussex, Miss Edna White of Jersey City, N. J., and Miss E. Louise White, at home.

### WOODSTOCK EDITOR IS BEREAVED TODAY

Mrs. S. L. Lynott Passes Away After Operation for Appendicitis.

(Special to The Times.)  
Woodstock, N. B., Jan. 10.—The death of Mrs. Margaret Lynott, wife of S. L. Lynott, managing editor of the Carleton Sentinel, occurred this morning. Mrs. Lynott had been ill for several weeks following an operation for appendicitis. General regret was heard on all sides when the news of her death became known this morning. She had been a member of the Methodist church, which she attended.

### Wire Briefs

Lumsden, Sask., Jan. 10.—Damage estimated at \$30,000 was done by fire here last night when the Dwyer Flour Mill and elevator were destroyed.

London, Jan. 10.—An Admiralty message says the British submarine L-23 has been lost off Portland in a collision. It is feared the entire crew perished.

Quebec, Jan. 10.—Hon. Narcisse Perceud was sworn in at noon today as Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Quebec. Chief Justice Sir Francis Lemieux administered the oath.

Ottawa, Jan. 10.—Premier Dunnington of Saskatchewan and Hon. T. A. Cregar arrived here today and during the day they will be in conference with Premier King at Laurier House.

Amherst, Jan. 10.—Fire this morning completely gutted the home of Fred Hamilton, a colored resident on Pleasant street. The fire broke out suddenly, and Mr. Hamilton who was in bed at the time, had some difficulty in escaping from the flames.

### ADVANCE ON REBELS IS UNDERWAY

Federal Troops in State of Vera Cruz Prepare for Battle.

12 THOUSAND MEN

### Era of Anarchy Reported to Exist in Mexico.

(By Canadian Press.)  
Mexico City, Jan. 10.—The federal advance on rebel troops in the state of Vera Cruz has begun, according to unofficial information obtained at the War Department. The main offensive is under the command of General Martines and involves more than 12,000 troops, according to this information, advancing from San Marcos in the state of Vera Cruz, along the Mexican and Inter-Oceanic Railway. Another column is advancing toward Tehuacan, in the state of Puebla, under command of General Almazan and Topete. A column of federal troops under Gen. Peres, chief of military operations in the state of Oahuila, defeated two hundred rebels under Vicente Davila, near Allende, Coahuila, yesterday, according to a report he made to the War Department. "The rebels' list of dead, wounded and prisoners, while Gen. Peres suffered only four wounded.

### ARREST BOY IN N. Y. BOND THEFT CASE

Police Hold Youth of Seventeen and Recover The Securities.

New York, Jan. 10.—Detectives Fay and Fitzpatrick, of the Old Slip station, arrested Charles Hallak, 147 West Sixty-sixth street at Albany and Greenwich streets, and recovered \$14,700 worth of bonds which the boy, who is 17, is alleged to have stolen from George B. Gibbons & Co., bond brokers, of 40 Wall street. The boy was locked up, charged with grand larceny.

### CARDINAL SPEAKS OF CONTROVERSY

Boston Prelate Counsels Modernists and Fundamentalists to Refrain from Bitterness.

New York, Jan. 10.—Passing through New York on his way to the Holy Land, Cardinal Wm. F. O'Connell, senior prelate of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in the U. S., yesterday counseled modernists and fundamentalists to refrain from bitterness in their present controversy.

### DANCED WITH THE PRINCE; WEDS COUNT

Millicent Rogers, 20, Married to Austrian, 40, and Society is Surprised.

New York, Jan. 10.—Miss Millicent Rogers, favorite dancing partner of the Prince of Wales when he last visited Washington, was married last Tuesday to Count Ludwig Salm von Hooststraten, an Austrian nobleman, according to a report from the city. The bride, who is 20 years old, was married to the count, who is 40 years of age, and received with surprise in New York and Washington social circles. Countess Ludwig Salm von Hooststraten is the heiress of her grandfather, the late H. H. Rogers, who was one of the organizers of Standard Oil.

### More Births In France Reported

Paris, Jan. 10.—While the franc goes down, the birth rate goes up, according to official statistics for the first three months of the year 1923. In the 90 departments there were 854,428 births in that period, against 80,607 deaths, or an excess of 76,841 births.

### Volcano In New Zealand Is Active

Auckland, N. Z., Jan. 10.—Nagaurhoe Volcano, one of the peaks of the "Volcanic Line," North Island, in a state of eruption and belching forth dense smoke. The eruption is described as the greatest outbreak in five years.

### M. P.'s Who Went to Jail Dine Together

London, Jan. 10.—(British United Press)—Eighteen members of parliament, all of whom have served terms of imprisonment for political offences, got together in a dinner at the House of Commons on Wednesday evening, to recall the happy old days in jail. The menu carried a design of fetters overgrown with roses, and a picture of a prison cell with the star of hope shining through the bars. Among offences for which the members of parliament had served time were participation in militant suffrage disorders, passive resistance, conscientious objection to the war, and anti vaccination propaganda. Both Susan Lawrence and Mrs. Patrick Lawrence, who were among the diners, had been jailed as suffragists.

### WOULD ABOLISH LABOR PORTFOLIO

Alberta Committee Blames Labor for Many Problems Being Faced.

Calgary, Jan. 10.—That labor is at the bottom of many of the country's economic problems and that labor unions are one of the fundamental causes of the high cost of production in Alberta, was the consensus of opinion expressed by yesterday's meeting of the Alberta committee of commerce and agriculture.

### STORMS HIT EUROPE AND BRITAIN

Winter Unusually Severe, Intense Cold, Heavy Snowfall.

MANY DIE IN ALPS

Tidal Wave Sweeps Coast of France—British Sufferers in Less Degree.

(Canadian Press.)  
London, Jan. 10.—Unusually severe storms, accompanied by intense cold and heavy snow, are sweeping Europe this winter. Off the coasts of Spain and France the gales have proved a serious menace to shipping, while in the North Sea and in Scandinavia where the ice floes are so heavy that navigation in many places is difficult.

Not in many years have there been so many casualties from avalanches in the Swiss and French Alps. Heavy rains in the lower passes and foothills of the latter mountains have contributed largely to the Marne and Seine floods in France.

Great Britain is also suffering, although in a lesser degree. The cold in this country is severe, and there is much snow, especially in the midlands and in the north. The fall in southern England has been great.

Whirl, snow and rain over all of western Europe have seriously delayed telegraphic communication. Until 8 o'clock this morning no press despatches had reached England from Spain in more than 24 hours.

Main From Over.  
Cologne, Jan. 10.—The River Main is completely frozen over the bridge at Mayence, and the ice is of such thickness that traffic can cross it, a circumstance never before known in the lifetime of the proverbial oldest inhabitant.

Paris, Jan. 10.—The tidal wave and storms of yesterday wrought havoc along the French Atlantic coast from Biarritz to the Basque country. Several lives were lost and immense material damage resulted.

Madrid, Jan. 10.—Severe storms are raging off the northwest coast. The loss of an unnamed steamer with her crew of 9 men is reported from San Sebastian, while several other vessels are in danger.

Snow is Foot Deep  
Bergamo, Italy, Jan. 10.—Snow a foot deep covers this city, blocking the tram lines, some villages in the province of Bergamo being reported entirely buried as a result of the heavy storms.

Alzano, Italy, Jan. 10.—In consequence of the torrential rains many houses in the village of Mondolfo are becoming unsafe, while frequent earth shocks add to the distress of the population and increase the damage to property. Even the hospital is in danger of collapse. The Government is sending assistance.

### FOUR BABES COME TO YORKSHIRE HOME

Two Boys and Two Girls, and They are All Reported Thriving.

London, Jan. 10.—Mrs. Mathews, the wife of an unemployed bricklayer's laborer of Grangetown, Yorkshire, has just given birth to four babies, two boys and two girls. All are doing well, but the mother confessed, "I don't know how to find names for them all." Mr. and Mrs. Mathews, who are bordering on middle age, had already six children, the eldest of whom is eight years old. The husband's brother was recently presented with twins.

Friends and neighbors of the couple are helping them with gifts or clothing.

### Cupid Wins at Race Track

For a long time, so runs the story, Miss Allyn King, shown above, former Follies star, and noted musical comedy actress, was engaged to Carl Weideman, millionaire and owner of the famous horse in Memoriam. Weideman wanted his fiancée to give up the stage, something Miss King refused to do. And so matters stood until the famous race between Memoriam, Zev and My Own. In Memoriam won, and the telegram of congratulation from Miss King to Weideman gave in. Now, it is reported, they will wed soon. And Miss King will follow her career!

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### Soviet Police Officers Stumble Across Love Story of Russian Dictator

(British United Press.)

Moscow, Jan. 10.—Soviet police officers curiously searching the dusty criminal records of the long defunct Czarist regime, have stumbled upon the love story of Nikolai Lenine, dictator of Russia.

Told in the brief notes of court sentences and prison records was the romantic story of how Lenine, a political exile in Siberia, married the woman radical, Kruppskaia, an exile.

Lenine was in love with Kruppskaia when he was arrested and exiled to Minushtek in Siberia. His sweetheart was also arrested and exiled but was sentenced to live in the city of Astrakhan.

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