

CALLS MINERS' STRIKE APRIL 1

Executive of United Mine Workers Directs Production to Cease.

N. S. MEN NOT AFFECTED

Secretary of Maritime District Declares Walkout Not Considered.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 21.—A formal call for a suspension of work by all union coal miners, issued today from the headquarters here, of the United Mine Workers of America, "directs all members of the organization employed in and around the anthracite and bituminous coal producing districts to discontinue work and cease production of coal at midnight on Friday, March 24, 1922."

Copies of the call were placed in the mails for delivery to officials of all of the union's 3,000 local organizations. The text of the call was not made public here in the absence of all officials of the union.

Six hundred thousand men will be directly affected by the order, it was estimated officially.

NOVA SCOTIA NOT AFFECTED.

SYDNEY, N. S., March 21.—No strike ballots were issued to the miners of Nova Scotia when the recent vote was taken by the United Mine Workers of America on the question of a proposed walk-out on April 1.

J. B. McLachlan, secretary of the Nova Scotia district, states that the district has complete autonomy, and will not be affected by an international walk-out should it occur.

That the provincial government does not appear to contemplate any immediate direct action in the Nova Scotia coal situation was the statement of President Baxter, of district No. 26, of the United Mine Workers of America, who arrived here today from Halifax, where he was called into consultation by Hon. E. H. Armstrong, minister of mines. Mr. Baxter said that Mr. Armstrong was interested only in the exact situation in the Cape Breton, and that no other matters were discussed at length.

HAVE ASKED FOR BOARD.

Calgary, March 21.—Owing to the fact that District No. 18 United Mine Workers of America, comprising Alberta and Eastern British Columbia, has made application to the department of labor for appointment of a conciliation board under the industrial disputes and investigation act, it is not likely that the cessation of work order issued by the M. W. officials at Indianapolis will affect district No. 18.

The act provides there shall be no cessation of operations or change of wages or working conditions until the board's findings are announced, explained Robert Livitt, international board member, when interviewed by the Canadian Press here last night.

CREDITORS HOLD MEETING

Discuss Affairs of Howard Graham Company, Mining Brokers, Who Recently Assigned.

TORONTO, March 21.—Creditors of Howard Graham and Company, mining brokers, who assigned recently, held their first meeting this afternoon and the discussion was characterized by a good deal of heat, Mr. Graham was not present.

"What chance would he have here among a pack of wolves?" asked his counsel, J. H. Haveron, K.C.

It was disclosed that previous to the assignment \$2,500 had been paid to Graham's mother. His house, worth \$20,000, is held in his wife's name. The meeting authorized the official trustee, J. P. Longley and Company, to follow Graham up, examine all payments made by him, and prosecute if necessary, the expense to be taken from the dividend.

The meeting appointed E. A. Harris, G. S. Stevens, W. S. Morden and J. E. Day as inspectors. They were granted power to have Graham declared a bankrupt and to have the assignment continue as receiver in bankruptcy.

The firm shows liabilities of \$140,000 and assets of \$7,000.

SETTLEMENT IS APPROVED.

TORONTO, March 21.—Justice Latchford at Osgoode Hall today approved a settlement whereby the Grand Trunk Railway pays the family of Theodore McCann, a laborer of the company, \$850. He was killed by one of the company's freight trains some months ago.

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URGES CONSTRUCTION OF GEORGIAN BAY CANAL

Quebec Deputation at Ottawa Opposes St. Lawrence Deep Waterway.

OTTAWA, March 21.—(Canadian Press).—Urging the Georgian Bay Canal scheme instead of the proposed St. Lawrence River deep waterway, a deputation representing the Montreal Board of Trade, the shipping federation and members of the city councils of Montreal, Quebec, Hull and Aylmer interviewed Hon. W. S. Fielding, acting prime minister, and Hon. W. R. Motherwell today.

Colonel Gear, representing the Montreal Shipping Federation, said the St. Lawrence deep water project would do incalculable damage to Canadian shipping, and would result in delay in navigation through holding back the flow of the ice each spring. He instanced the cost as another objection and intimated that the power development would benefit the United States more than it would Canada. He urged that the government study the report of the shipping federation made to the international waterways commission.

Stanley Cook, Montreal Board of Trade, and C. H. Catell, Chambre de Commerce, Montreal, supported Colonel Gear.

Mr. Fielding regretted the absence of the prime minister. There would be no millions appropriated for the St. Lawrence River project this year, he said. The cabinet had not seriously considered the project as yet.

There would be ample time for all bodies to present their arguments. If the United States wanted it, Canada, as a good neighbor, would have to consider it, but only with consideration for the best interests of the Dominion.

URGES INSPECTION OF INSTITUTIONS

TORONTO, March 21.—The "passing of stringent laws making compulsory the inspection of all religious institutions" is advocated in the latest issue of the Sentinel, official organ of the Orange Order.

In a front page article, headed "Abduction of Grace Link Should Result in Convict Inspection," the Sentinel deals at length with the Grace Link case, which has recently excited so much attention.

"This case shows the necessity of a law to provide government inspection of convents," the article declares. "No matter what excuse is given, the fact remains that the sisters of St. Joseph's Orphanage, in defiance of an order from the supreme court, unlawfully detained this girl, leaving her father in ignorance as to her fate. Roman Catholic nuns have no more right to be beyond the law than any other Canadian citizen. All should be equal in the eyes of the law. If they are not, the sooner they are made so the better for Canada."

MANITOBA GROUPS TO PASS SUPPLIES

WINNIPEG, March 21.—(By Canadian Press).—A decision to pass necessary supplies, both for capital and current expenditures, and also necessary legislation affecting municipalities and farm credits as well as provisions of the housing loan, was reached at the conference of group leaders of the Manitoba Legislature, it was announced in the house this afternoon by Premier T. C. Norris.

All political speeches will be eliminated and the session likely will be brought to a close next week, the premier said. Resolutions on the order sheet will be eliminated.

The conference agreed that a resolution should be introduced urging transfer of natural resources to provincial control and settlement for resources already alienated.

All business will be conducted in committee of the whole.

VETERANS HUNT HOUSES.

LONDON, March 21.—(Canadian Press Cable).—A statement from the war office shows that the present house shortage is having a direct effect on the army as well as on the civilian population. Many hundreds of ex-soldiers with families have been allowed to remain in the married men's quarters under the home command, thus depriving married soldiers of required accommodation, but the army council is now compelled to obtain possession of these quarters.

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