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600,000 MEN TO QUIT WORK

Coal Strike Means Tie-Up of
Mines in Twenty States
of American Union.

CANADA ALSO AFFECTED

Indications Point To Cessa-
tion of Work in British
Columbia and Alberta.

BULLETIN.—The first actual stoppage of work in the Southern Illinois coal fields occurred shortly before noon today, when 800 miners packed their tools and went home.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 31.—The last day of work under present contracts was completed today by the country's half million union coal miners. Officially their suspension of work was set to begin tonight at midnight, but virtually it was to start six hours ahead of schedule for most miners and their shift in the mines at that hour. The cessation of the suspension, however, will not be an exact certainty until tomorrow, the first day of the shutdown.

A complete tieup of union fields in twenty states was predicted today by officials of the United Mine Workers of America at the union headquarters here, and they also asserted that 100,000 non-union workers would lay down their picks. President John L. Lewis said at least 600,000 men would join the walkout, his estimate including the non-union participants. No final instructions to district leaders were planned to be issued today from union headquarters, and officials declared any move avoiding the suspension was now impossible.

The only union men expected to continue producing coal are five thousand workers in Southwestern Kentucky, whose contract with the operators does not expire until April 1, 1923. In addition, forces of union men will be left in the mines to protect the property from damage.

MAY STRIKE IN CANADA.—Calgary, Alta., March 31.—Representatives of the miners and operators in District No. 18, United Mine Workers of America, have been unable to agree upon a chairman for the board of conciliation under the Dominion government under the industrial disputes investigation act, and the department of labor will likely be called upon to name the third man. R. G. Drinnan represents the operators, and H. Ostlund, K.C., the miners.

John James Murdoch, minister of labor, has sent a telegram to the miners advising them in the interest of peace to submit to something lower than the present wage scale pending the report of the arbitration board. The miners declined the suggestion.

Indications this morning pointed to a cessation of work in the mines of Alberta and Eastern British Columbia at midnight tonight.

STOCKS FOR 43 DAYS.—Indianapolis, March 31.—The duration of the suspension in the union fields, as also the strike at the non-union mines, is a matter of conjecture. The shut-down begins with warm weather approaching and work on hand in the United States the largest at any time for the last several years. Government reports placed the stock at \$2,000,000 tons, a quantity as large as that which had been accumulated at the end of the war armistice day, Nov. 11, 1918. This supply, government officials estimate, will meet every demand for 43 days, and the depletion of this reserve is regarded by union officials as necessary before they expect the bituminous operators to indicate any willingness to confer with the union on new wage contracts.

Anarchist operators, however, are already conducting wage negotiations with the union, and an earlier settlement in those fields is promised than for the principal soft coal districts. Not all of the latter fields,

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Flush your kidneys occasionally if you eat meat regularly.

No man or woman who eats meat regularly can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which clogs the kidney pores, so they sluggishly filter or strain only part of the waste and poisons from the blood, then you get sick. Nearly all rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, constipation, dizziness, sleeplessness, bladder disorders come from sluggish kidneys. The moment you feel a dull ache in the kidneys or your back hurts, or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any reliable pharmacy and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia and has been used for generations to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to activity, also to neutralize the acids in urine, so it is no longer causes irritation, thus ending bladder disorders. Jad Salts is inexpensive and cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which all regular meat-eaters should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and the blood pure, thereby avoiding serious kidney complications.—Advt.

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however, are thought to be able to withstand a long strike, and in a drawn-out struggle the fight may center in the strongly-organized central competitive field comprising Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, and the southwest interstate district, including Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

Briefly, the miners' demands are that present basic wages be retained on the soft coal fields and that the anthracite tonnage workers receive a 20 per cent increase, with \$1 a day advance being given to the anthracite day workers. The basic rates for the soft coal workers range from \$1.08 to \$1.11 a ton for pick mining, and the day men receive \$7.50 a day. Exact tonnage rates in the anthracite fields are said by the union to be lower than in the soft coal district, and the \$4.20 to \$5.50 a day.

SLEET STORM CRIPPLES POWER

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to clear sidewalks of branches, etc., and to ward citizens continually of the danger from live wires directly power is turned on again. Manager Buchanan is pleased to compliment the citizens generally for their co-operation since the storm commenced. He commends those who placed lanterns at dangerous points, and explains that it has been reported to him that certain residents even remained for hours during the night, warning others of extremely dangerous spots. He places \$10,000 as a rough estimate of damage rendered hydro poles, wires and other equipment.

Line Superintendent Charles W. Alford and O. A. Hunt, assistant general manager of the public utilities commission, whose electrical experience has been practically all gained in this city, state that the present storm has been the worst here in 30 years or more.

It is fully expected that two or three days must elapse before all repairs will be accomplished and light again furnished to every household.

Up until noon today it was impossible to form any estimate of the amount of damage done to the Bell Telephone lines in and surrounding London. It is thought by the officials of the company that the storm caused more damage than that of a few weeks ago.

Cost Half Million.—It is known that more than one thousand telephone services are out of order in the city, while it is impossible for them to connect with any place outside of the city in any direction.

The last sleet storm caused damage to the amount of half a million dollars to the company, and the gangs are still working repairing the line of the damage done then.

Most of the damage was caused by falling branches of trees that had become incumbered with over half an inch of ice, falling across the wires and those leading into the buildings.

In some places large boughs were hanging across the wires, threatening to bring the whole span down at any time.

The amount of damage outside city is not known, but it is thought that it will be extensive.

Although the sleet storm broke down the telephone wires between London and Hamilton at Paris on Thursday afternoon on the Grand Trunk Railway, the trains were still running on time Friday morning, and the line repaired to the extent that it was possible to dispatch the trains by telephone in the London division.

The London and Port Stanley Railroad, which has been completely tied up ever since the power went off, borrowed a Grand Trunk engine and left London with a train at 10:15 a.m., so that anyone who had to travel to St. Thomas or Port Stanley could go.

Although some difficulty was experienced in getting in touch with local fruit growers, all had the same tale to tell, a story of destruction and devastation, which will mean losses of hundreds of dollars to men engaged in this branch of farming.

In the district around Springbank, growers report that many cherry trees have been split down the middle, while apples, plums and pears have also suffered considerably, broken branches being strewn around the orchards.

The last storm of a similar nature did not do one-tenth as much damage as was done Thursday night, the growers state.

Essex Asks Light.—Amateur wireless operators in the city received frantic messages from Windsor and vicinity at intervals on Thursday night imploring the London hydro power station to aid the hydro consumers in Essex county who were without light. Manager Buchanan explained that his men were well aware of the fact, but were unable to alleviate the local situation, let alone border points.

A rather interesting picture was presented in front of the Hale home, Waterloo and Piccadilly streets. A tremendous tree in front of the home split in two, one half falling. A fair-sized but smaller tree lay in its path. Friday the smaller one looks like a flagpole sticking up in the air.

The house had a close call from being hit by a heavy limb which landed on the large veranda. There it hung suspended, but caused no damage.

The lawn of T. Loveless on the opposite corner and that of Dr. Arkell, 217 Piccadilly street, look like a forest after amateur lumbermen had passed through. It was a rather beautiful sight for these men, particularly the Arkell family. Thursday an immense, beautiful maple towered above their home. Its crashing limbs landed against the house and veranda. The morning revealed the tree a sorry wreck and

the veranda buried under an avalanche of broken limbs and branches. A strange picture was presented at the Wellington street and Central avenue entrance to Victoria Park. A pulp limb which had just been torn through by a gang of axemen never looked more neglected.

Park Trees Escape.—In the park proper, the amount of damage caused to the beautiful trees is negligible considering the damage on the various streets and remembering that the park is a wide open space and that the wind had a free sweep on the park. The pathways presented a most wonderful view where they were overhung with trees. The heavy ice bowed the limbs till they were touching the ground and a walk through them was like a stroll through passage ways in an ice palace.

Between 50 and 60 per cent of the trees in every block were more or less damaged. And in every block numerous wires were down.

Oxford car, No. 130, going north on Richmond street Thursday afternoon had a narrow escape from serious damage. It was wedged with people, and when near Dr. Bateson's residence, just past Central avenue, an extra large limb fell. It was just clear of the track, but limbs caught on the wheels of the car and swung the large limb around behind the car. The cross wires of the trolley line were smashed and windows in the back of the car were wrecked. A couple of youths, standing on the back platform were showered with broken glass.

Hours before the hydro power gave up the fight the London Street Railway Company was compelled to discontinue its service points. As early as 5 o'clock the north and south-bound cars were blocked, the Richmond line being first curtailed, to be shortly followed by the Oxford and Normal lines.

Pushing a disabled car ahead, one of the Oxfords staged a game fight back from the northeast side of the city, only to collapse with a final gasp near the C. P. R. station, one at Dundas and Richmond streets and the remainder scattered widely throughout the city.

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ASK MORE DRASTIC LAWS AGAINST DRUG TRAFFIC

Ottawa, March 30.—(By Canadian Press.)—Urging that the laws prohibiting the illicit sale of narcotic drugs be made more drastic in order that the present traffic in opium and other habit-forming drugs may be stamped out, a delegation comprising all the British Columbia members of Parliament waited on Hon. H. S. Bland, minister of health, today.

The delegation stated that the illicit drug traffic in British Columbia had reached alarming proportions. More drastic punishment for those convicted of peddling the drugs was urged to check the operations of "dope rings."

Henry Ward Beecher's Pocketbook

Henry Ward Beecher, the eminent American divine, is said to have carried in his pocket-book a number of unfastenable, upon these he would feast his eyes, simply because of his love of the beautiful. This fascination is universal, especially with perfect blue white diamonds, said by John A. Nash, jeweler, 182 Dundas street, "where you will eventually buy."

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Peter Pan Blouses, \$1.39

These are made of fine white voile; front, cuffs and collar are finished with dainty cheek voile, pearl buttons; close front with bow tie at neck. Choice of helio or rose trimming. Special \$1.39

Saturday Specials In Linen Section

17-INCH ALL-LINEN TOWELING, 33c
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