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BESCO HEAD BEFORE ROYAL COMMISSION

WOLVIN TELLS OF IMPORTANCE OF COAL TRADE

Continuance of Great Steel Mills of National Moment

MARKETS NEEDED

President Urges Greater Protection for Nova Scotia's Basic Industries

SYDNEY, N. S., Aug. 10.—R. M. Wolvin, president of the British Empire Steel Corporation, appeared before the Royal Commission investigating the claims of the Maritime Provinces this morning, and urged that greater protection be afforded the coal and steel industries of Nova Scotia, that coking plants be established in order to dispose of the quantities of slack coal available, and that the subvention granted by the Dominion government a few years ago to permit of the marketing of Nova Scotia coal in Central Canada be restored.

In elaborating his argument, President Wolvin stressed the importance of a national standpoint of the continuance of a great coal and steel industry within the boundaries of the Dominion, and emphasized the strategic position occupied by the national British Empire Steel Corporation with relation to Great Britain and the trade routes of the world.

NOVA SCOTIA'S RIGHT. He said that Nova Scotia's right to demand tariff protection against imported coal and steel and national aid in overcoming the transportation handicap which now hinders the full entry of Nova Scotia's products into the Canadian markets. Full compensation for expenditures from the national purse which may be required for transportation subventions will be obtained by adequate development of Nova Scotia's coal fields, and by the increased national security given by a prosperous and developing coal and steel industry.

SUBMITTALS BRIEF. President Wolvin submitted a brief setting forth the case for the coal and steel industries of Nova Scotia, and was questioned at some length by the chairman of the commission, Sir Andrew Rae Duncan. Discussing the matter of steel subvention, Mr. Wolvin pointed out that under legislative enactment in Canada, having the effect of excluding the adoption of a like measure in Canada, having the effect of excluding the adoption of a like measure in Canada, having the effect of excluding the adoption of a like measure in Canada.

RIOTING IN CHINA

200 Casualties in Street Fighting Between Radicals and Laborites

HONG KONG, Aug. 10.—Serious street fighting between armed bands of radicals and opposing labor unions has been going on in Canton for more than a week, according to advices received here. Two hundred casualties are reported.

The radicals, groups, it is said, plan to present an ultimatum to the government demanding that leaders of the labor union groups be put to death and threatening a general strike if the government does not comply with the ultimatum.

Lord Dunraven's Estate \$3,600,000

LONDON, Aug. 10.—The late Lord Dunraven, famous British yachtsman whose fight for the America Cup provoked an international incident, left an estate of more than \$3,600,000. He left \$200,000 to his secretary, the bulk of the estate going to his daughter, Lady Arden.

Sir James Boynton, who left \$2,000,000, made a proviso that each time any of his grandsons is a competitor or a spare man at the Henley regatta he is to receive \$75.

Hi-Jackers Wound 2 Upon Schooner

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Aug. 9.—Two members of the crew of the Handel Lee, British run-rigger schooner, were wounded today in a gun battle with hi-jackers about 27 miles east of Anastasia Light.

Captain Bantz, of the schooner, and one of his crew were brought to St. Augustine, but the extent of their injuries is not known.

Chief of Police Manney said he was told the fight started when a ship bearing six men approached the vessel. He has ordered an investigation.

Prospects of Agreement In Mexican Religious Controversy Remote

Big Bear Raid Results In Heavy Slump

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—A sudden bear raid on the high-priced industrial shares brought about a series of sensational declines on the New York stock exchange today. General Motors broke 14 points to 20 1/2; Dupont, 15 1/2 to 25; and U. S. Steel, 18 to 23, while dozens of others fell back two to seven points. Except for the announcement of an early \$27,000,000 in brokers' loans in the week ended July 28 there was nothing in the day's news to explain the sudden selling movement.

MISS E. ARMSTRONG AND SMITH VICTORS

N. B. Tennis Tournay Starts Shortly Before Noon; Courts Wet

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES-STAR. FREDERICTON, Aug. 10.—Glorious weather conditions prevailed here today and matches in the first rounds of the New Brunswick Tennis Championships were commenced shortly before noon. Much progress was made in drying the courts which were completely under water yesterday as the result of Sunday's deluge.

Two matches had been completed at noon and an hourly schedule was run on two courts all day with hopes of playing on all four later in the afternoon.

The results of this morning's play: Roy A. Smith defeated E. R. Jones, 6-1, 6-4, 6-1. Miss E. Armstrong defeated Mrs. G. Coy, 6-1, 6-1.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS SPENT LARGE SUM

Referendum Campaign Expenses Amounted to Half Million Dollars

BERLIN, Aug. 10.—The referendum on the question of consenting the property of former rulers without indemnification, which was without result, cost the Socialist party \$600,000, expense returns show. The party's finances are reported to have been crippled by what is regarded in Germany as a huge campaign outlay, although it has 8,000,000 dues-paying members. Total expenses, including other parties and the government's election costs, are estimated at \$2,500,000.

Young Delinquents Up At Fredericton

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES-STAR. FREDERICTON, Aug. 10.—Five juvenile delinquents appeared before sitting Police Magistrate Mackay this morning. They were charged with breaking into a lunch wagon and stealing a valuable copper coffee pot. The property was recovered and the boys let go with a caution.

The Farm Laborers' Excursion leaving today for the West did not take any unusually large number of young men. It was over C. N. R. That over the C. P. R. will leave this afternoon.

EDITOR HUNT IN CRASH

OWEN SOUND, Ont., Aug. 10.—J. S. Crate, managing editor of the Ottawa Journal Daily, and Mrs. Crate, both of whom were severely shaken up in an automobile crash near Chateaufort, are able to be about. Their car piled into a ditch when another automobile turned out from a side road and crashed into it.

Tory "Die Hards" Enemies of Peace, Says Lloyd George

LONDON, Aug. 10. (Bulletin)—The church leaders' proposals for settlement of the British coal strike have been rejected. Announcement to this effect was made today after a meeting of the National Executive of the Miners Federation, called to consider the returns from the mine districts voting on the question.

It is also asserted that the Premier's health is causing his friends very grave anxiety, and that they are trying to persuade him to take a short trip abroad. Baldwin, however, desires to keep in the closest touch with the situation and to take advantage of the first opportunity for peace that shows itself. When that opportunity will arrive no one can say with any degree of assurance, but the churches are still active in a move for peace, and their plan is generally favored by the miners.

SPECIAL TRAIN CARRIES 500 TO GRAND FALLS

Large Delegations Are Picked at Towns En Route

275 GO FROM HERE

Premier Greets President of Int. Paper Company; Band Accompanies Party

By Staff Correspondent. McADAM, N. B., Aug. 10.—The special train bearing five hundred guests of the Saint John River Power Company, Ltd., subsidiary of the International Paper Company, developing a power project, passed through here this morning en route to Grand Falls, where formal start of the work will be made today. About 275 guests are from Saint John and the remainder were picked up here and at Fredericton coming from the capital.

The train carried long streamers on the sides of the cars. Charles Cameron, of the C. P. R., was in charge of the train, assisted by D. H. Ryan and other C. P. R. officers on board. Col. H. V. Hollanbeck is supervising arrangements for the Power Company.

AMERICANS JOIN PARTY

At McAdam A. R. Graustein, president of the International, joined the party, being greeted by Premier J. B. M. Baxter, Hon. George B. Jones, Hon. Antoine J. Lévesque, Hon. L. P. D. Tully, James G. Harrison, director of the Power Company, and others.

A large body of representative men, many of whom were accompanied by their wives and members of their families, made the trip. St. Mary's Band of Saint John, also is on board. The train is due at Grand Falls at 1 o'clock and returning, will leave there at 5 o'clock, arriving back in Saint John shortly after midnight tonight.

LEADERS CONFER

Premier Baxter and Mr. Graustein went into conference shortly after the special train left McAdam. The International president is accompanied by Neil C. Head, Open Shopper, treasurer of the company, and Fred Auferman, his private secretary. Mr. Graustein and party plan to return to New York tonight.

Eleven Children Die, Then Triplets Arrive

British United Press. FLORENCE, Aug. 10.—Theresa Tierbelli, who had given birth to eleven children, all of whom died, has announced the arrival of triplets. All three of the children are sons and they are in perfect health.

SWIMMERS FAIL

Michel and Helmy Quit After 13 Hours in Channel Attempt

DOVER, Eng., Aug. 10.—George Michel of France and Ishak Helmy, of Egypt, today abandoned their attempt to cross the English Channel after swimming for 13 hours. They started from Cape Gris Nez, France, last night.

Nova Scotia Tennis Tournament Opens

TRURO, N. S., Aug. 10.—Play in the Nova Scotia tournament, postponed yesterday because of rain, opened this morning, under excellent conditions. Following are the results at noon.

Men's singles—E. McMinn, Liverpool defeated C. Ryan, Truro, 6-1, 6-3.

R. McMinn, Liverpool, defeated W. Phinney, Yarmouth 6-2; 6-0.

A. C. Wiswell, South End, Halifax, defeated Harvey Hault, Sydney, 6-2; 6-0.

Fear Schooner And Crew of 26 Lost In Storm

HALIFAX, N. S., Aug. 10.—In-formation that another sea tragedy may be marked up against the hurricane that swept the North Atlantic Saturday night were contained in a wireless message from Sable Island this morning, stating that the Lunenburg schooner Sylvia Hester was a total wreck on the outer bar, north side of Sable Island, near number 4 station, with no sign of the crew.

Grave fears are expressed among local mariners that the crew of 26 men have been lost. The Sylvia Hester was a handliner, built at Mahoe Bay a year ago, and was in command of Captain John Mosher, with a crew of Lunenburg county men.

PROVINCES IN WEST FOUND VERY SECTIONAL

Kierstead Says Views Similar to Those of Maritimes

BIG GRAIN PROFITS

Special to The Times-Star. FREDERICTON, Aug. 10.—Dr. W. C. Kierstead, of this city, professor of economics at the University of New Brunswick, has returned to Fredericton after a tour of Ontario and the Western Provinces under the auspices of the Canadian Clubs Association of Canada. He delivered thirty lectures before Canadian clubs and in some cases other bodies, during his tour, his subjects being "Canadian National Ideals" and "The Value and Dangers of Sectionalism."

Dr. Kierstead wishes to correct an impression prevalent to some extent in this province that he was instructed to investigate systems of equalization of assessment in force in the western provinces, on behalf of the Government of New Brunswick. Dr. Kierstead says that he had no instructions in the matter, but for his own private information visited the provincial departments of the Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Alberta, and obtained information concerning the methods of taxation, also concerning the same.

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PORTLAND GRAIN PLANT DESTROYED

Fire Razes Warehouse and Damages Ship; Loss Totals \$100,000

Portland, Me., Aug. 10.—Breaking out in the New England Grain Company's plant at the end of Brown's wharf, early this morning, flames swept through the large three-story frame structure, jumped across the wharf to another wooden building, and also set fire to the steamer Bacarat, a shipping vessel.

The fire, the most spectacular and disastrous in the history of the waterfront in years, is believed to have done damage totalling \$100,000.

So intense was the heat that the fire jumped across the dock and ignited the Portland Yacht Clubhouse, this historic old structure was destroyed.

No Decision As Yet On Schooner Race

HALIFAX, N. S., Aug. 10.—No definite decision can be made by the Halifax authorities, regarding an international schooner race off Gloucester, until the vessel returns from their present season on the fishing grounds, according to H. R. Silver, chairman of the Board of Trustees, when questioned last night.

SCENT ATTEMPT TO KILL JACKIE COOGAN

Special Watchman is Shot and Wounded at Boy Actor's Home

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 10.—What police believe may have been an attempt to seek revenge against Jackie Coogan for a fancied wrong, was frustrated here early today, but resulted in the serious wounding of Joe Block, a special watchman.

Block was shot three times, when he stumbled over a man hidden in a shrubbery lining the driveway of the Coogan residence in the Wilshire residential district.

McCree, police say, was discharged by the Coogans on several occasions but re-employed.

2 SEAMEN INJURED

Hurt During Storm and Landed at Halifax For Medical Treatment

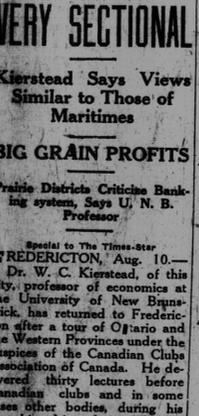
HALIFAX, N. S., Aug. 10.—Two seamen were injured on the British steamer Baluchistan while the latter was weathering the hurricane off the Nova Scotia coast Saturday night, and landed here yesterday, for hospital treatment. Abraham Van Es was struck against the railing by a big wave that very nearly washed him overboard. He suffered serious bruises, and carried over the edge of the forward deck, suffering a fractured thigh. The Baluchistan, which is from an European port for the United States, suffered considerable damage and will undergo repairs.

FISH QUOTATIONS

BOSTON, Aug. 10.—Fish quotations on the Boston market today were as follows: Large cod, 4; market cod, 2 1/2; haddock, 2 1/2 to 3; pollock, 3; Eastern halibut, 17 to 22; mackerel, 8; swordfish, 12 to 15.

WAR HERO AND KING MEET

AN ECHO OF THE GREAT WAR—Ten years after General Gouraud, French general and one of the outstanding figures of the world war, is shaking hands with King Ferdinand of Roumania.



Leaders Discuss Railways During Campaign Speeches In Western Constituencies

Hon. Mr. King

ST. JEAN, Man., Aug. 10.—"I have been pointed too often," said Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, speaking here last night, "as one who has no sympathy for the French-speaking citizens of our country—I have repeatedly challenged our adversaries to point to one word or deed of mine, which showed the slightest semblance of enmity or anything but friendship for those of the French tongue of this Dominion. Never has the challenge been accepted. Never has even an attempt been made to quote from any word of mine ever uttered in support of that villainous campaign."

WANTS PEACE

Mr. Meighen pressed home the point that his policy aimed at the preservation of peace. "Don't ever think," he said, "that by severing ourselves from the great empire, of which we are a part, we would thereby take the path of peace and safety. Thereby, we should be taking the path of danger and peril. But what we should do so to use our counsel, so to use our influence in world affairs—so far as we have any influence—to make certain that the causes of war are removed, that the future of mankind is placed certain along the paths of peace."

AGAINST MERGER

Mr. Meighen again warmly denied that he proposed to amalgamate the Canadian National with the Canadian Pacific Railway. "We propose to be fair between our own system and the Canadian Pacific Railway," he said, "to give both of them a chance and to see to it that both of them give the service to the country for which the country expended its credit so generously, and for which the country supports them now."

"They raised the constitutional question as 'argument of nonsense,' 'cloud and dust,' 'artificial thunder and lightning.'"

Railway, just as rapidly as that work can be properly done, I believe that what many prophesy is a liability, will turn out to be a great asset, just as the Canadian National Railway is intended to complete the Hudson Bay turning out to be," declared Mr. King.

CHALLENGES MEIGHEN

"I would like Mr. Meighen to say now, publicly whether or not he intends to keep Mr. Black as Minister of Railways for the next two or three years," Mr. Meighen let the people understand that the minister was permanent, while elsewhere, his supporters were whispering that it was only temporary, the former premier charged.

"If the Liberal party is returned, we intend to complete the Hudson Bay"

FOOD BOYCOTT BY CATHOLICS ALARMS GOVT

Finance Minister Appoints Experts to Study Situation

PANIC IN THEATRE

U. S. Mission Declares President Calles' Programme Essential for Mexico

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 10.—With the religious controversy between the government and Roman Catholic church still deadlocked, more gloom has developed in Mexico City over the economic boycott through which Catholics, by limiting their purchases to bare necessities, are expressing their opposition to the new religious regulations. The slump in exchange yesterday, while bankers said it was attributable to the boycott, caused much uneasiness in the business world. The prices of some foodstuffs increased, causing alarm among some of the people.

The government's first admission of concern regarding the situation—although not constituting an acknowledgment that it was due to the boycott—came last night, when Finance Minister Pineda appointed a committee of experts to study and recommend methods for a solution of the economic situation.

GLOOMY OUTLOOK.

An appraisal of the present conditions must include recognition of the fact that business in Mexico has been depressed for months. Long before the development of the religious controversy many business men were gloomy over the outlook. The boycott, Continued on Page 13, column 5.

KING OPENS TOUR OF N. S. AUGUST 25

Liberal Leader Will Address First Meeting at Annapolis Royal

United Press. HALIFAX, N. S., Aug. 10.—Liberal headquarters here announced this morning that Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King would open his Nova Scotia tour on August 25. On that date the Liberal leader will speak in Annapolis Royal. On August 26, he will be at Armdale and on August 27 in Bridgewater. He may come to Halifax, according to the announcement, but other dates are still to be determined. Hon. J. A. Robb, former Minister of Finance, and Hon. C. W. Francis, former Minister of Railways, will begin their Nova Scotia tour in Halifax August 18.

14 HURT IN PRISON FIRE

HAVANA, Cuba, Aug. 10.—Fourteen prisoners and several officers were injured when fire broke out last night in the Havana City Jail. Two prisoners escaped while the fire was in progress.

THE WEATHER

TORONTO, Aug. 10.—Pressure continues high from Alaska to the Northwest States, with a shallow trough of low extending from James Bay to the Southwest States. The weather has been partly cloudy with a few light scattered showers in all provinces except Quebec. It continues quite cool in the west.

FORECASTS:

Light Winds, Fair

MARITIME—Light winds, fair, Wednesday, moderate west to southwest winds, partly cloudy.

NEW ENGLAND—Fair tonight, Wednesday local showers and thunder storms, not much change in temperature. Moderate to fresh southeast and south winds.

Temperatures

Highest during 8 a.m. yesterday night

Victoria . . . . . 52 64 60

Winnipeg . . . . . 54 66 46

Toronto . . . . . 54 66 50

Montreal . . . . . 68 80 50

Quebec . . . . . 64 80 58

Saint John . . . . . 58 68 58

Halifax . . . . . 62 68 58

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