

SHIRETOWN WILL REMAIN AT DORCHESTER; PUBLIC HEALTH BILL PROPOSED

Only Two Voted for the Change of Westmorland Shiretown to Moncton After Hon. Mr. Robinson Had Explained the Measure—Hon Dr. Roberts Outlines Work of Department of Public Health During the Year.

Fredericton, April 14.—On the House remaining at 3 o'clock today Hon. Mr. Veniot introduced a bill to amend the Municipalities Act. He explained that it had reference to that portion of the act which defined the powers of municipalities in regard to ferries. It was proposed by the bill to exclude from municipal control such ferries as were subsidised by the government. The government had suffered losses in recent years because of the fact that municipal employees in charge of ferries had neglected their duties. Last year a scow had gone adrift owing to carelessness, and had cost the department \$100 to recover it. In 1916, a valuable cable for the ferry service was purchased by the former government and turned over to a ferry man near the Barron and a recent investigation showed that it had been stored away for two years. Things had got into such a state that the government now either had to stop subsidising ferries, or take control of them. A scow lost on the St. John River in 1919, was rebuilt at a cost of \$900 and another was replaced at a cost of \$1,100. The department had to build another scow for use near Hampton.

Public Health Act.

Hon. Mr. Roberts introduced a bill to amend the Public Health Act. The bill made provision for the collection of funds from municipalities which had failed to meet the estimates submitted by district boards of health. He went on to say that during the session hon. members had discussed the conservation of the forests, the construction of roads and bridges, and matters pertaining to the filling of the soil, but little had been said other than criticism of the important question of conserving the public health. Referring to smallpox he said that the department had vaccinated 35,000 children in the province, and that steps were being taken that would make a smallpox epidemic impossible again.

IRISH KNIGHT IS SHOT DEAD

Sir Arthur Edward Vicars Victim of the Sinn Feiners at Listowel.

Dublin, April 14.—Sir Arthur Edward Vicars, former Ulster King-of-Arms, was shot dead this morning at Listowel, and his residence burned. A tag was attached to the body, reading: "Traitors, beware, we never forget. I. R. A." Sir Arthur Vicars was Ulster King-of-Arms at Listowel at the time of the famous robbery there in 1907, when the Irish Crown Jewels, valued at \$250,000, were stolen from the castle. He afterwards won a \$25,000 prize against London newspapers, which had published a fiction on him in connection with the case. In May of last year special despatches from Dublin reported a night raid on Sir Arthur's residence at Kilmormon, near Listowel, by 100 armed men, who made a determined effort to penetrate the strong room of his home in a search for arms. The raid failed, however, to break into the steel-walled chamber. Sir Arthur was a government trustee of the National Library of Ireland, was keenly interested in heraldry and archaeology. He was born in 1864.

Provides Probation For First Offences

Ottawa, Ont., April 14.—First reading was given this afternoon to the statute for the permanent court of international justice. Hon. G. J. Doherty stated that Canada had signed the protocol through her representatives after the assembly of the League of Nations. While the government had power to ratify the statute of its own accord, the signature of the delegates had been subject to ratification, and it was thought better to have ratification by parliament.

Adds Probation Plan

Hon. Mr. Doherty introduced a bill to amend the Criminal Code in regard to probation of offenders. He explained that the criminal code now contains provision for suspended sentence. It was proposed to add to this the principle of probation. An offender sentenced for his first offence would, instead of being placed with hardened criminals, be under the charge of a probation officer. In that way many people might be saved from prison.

Four Thousand Homes Burned in Japan

Hakodate, Japan, April 14.—Fire which broke out here last night destroyed some four thousand houses before it was brought under control. The buildings destroyed included three Christian missions, the British consulate, several banks, hospitals, school houses, theatres and government buildings. The fire in Hakodate was the third great conflagration to occur in Japan in the last three weeks.

OCEAN TRADE MAY BE TIED UP BY STRIKE

Thirty Per Cent. Wage Cut for Seamen and Stewards May Start Trouble.

BALLOT AGAINST TRIPLE ALLIANCE

So Far Union is Dividing About Walk-out on Sympathetic Ground.

London, April 14.—A serious phase of the threatened strike of the Triple Alliance is that of the British seamen and stewards, whose wages, it was learned today, have been announced will be reduced approximately thirty per cent. The reduction, however, will not be effective pending a meeting on April 22 of the shipowners and representatives of the seamen and stewards union, to which the seamen and stewards belong. At this meeting the whole question will be discussed.

INCOME TAX IS ALREADY DOUBLE 1920 RETURNS

Thirty-Eight Million Dollars Paid in to Date and More to Come.

INTERIM SUPPLY GIVEN THIRD READING

Premier Claims Cost of Living Has Declined Fifteen Per Cent.

Ottawa, April 14.—The House today wrote the final chapter of the interim supply bill, by giving the bill third reading. From there the House went on to deal with amendments to the Judges' Act and the Post Office Act, and finally, late in the evening, settling down to a discussion of the new trade treaty between France and Canada.

Moncton Labor To Discuss Layoff

Moncton, April 14.—Much interest is taken in the mass meeting of the C. N. R. Labor Union men to be held in their hall tomorrow night to discuss and protest against the proposed reduction of employees in the C. N. R. shops. It is estimated that about six hundred men will be thrown out of work by the end of this week. There is some talk among some of the employees not affected by the reduction of accepting the management's three days a week alternative if by so doing the men laid off can be retained in the service. Some definite proposition may be forthcoming at tomorrow night's meeting.

FRANCE TO OCCUPY RUHR DISTRICT IF GERMANS DELAY MORE

Paris, April 14.—Germany's obligation to the Allies will be fixed at between 130,000,000,000 and 160,000,000,000 gold marks, the Allied reparations commission says the Echo de Paris.

PEACH CROP IS SAFE

St. Catharines, Ont., April 14.—The peach crop is not injured in the recent cold spell, so far as learned, but some varieties of apples, notably the Duchess, may be scarcer this year as a result of the cold snap.

Try to Settle Strike

Edmonton, Alta., April 14.—With the High school teachers' strike four days old and no signs of mediation visible anywhere, the Trades and Labor Council are taking a hand in affairs and seeking to bring the warring parties together.

Awakes From Long Sleep

Winchendon, Mass., April 14.—Miss Eva Lashua, 22, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lashua, of Winchendon, awoke today after sleeping continuously for five weeks. Her physician says she believes she will recover.

New Coal Regulations

Liverpool, April 14.—There are 216 vessels laid up in the River Tyne, the largest coal port in England. These include sixty-five government vessels. The department of mines today issued an order under which domestic consumers of coal will be unable to obtain supplies without an order from the local authorities.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA

House of Commons gives third reading to the Interim Supply Bill.

UNITED STATES

Bourke Cochran tells Congress that hardest times United States has ever known are at hand.

THE BRITISH ISLES

In spite of more favorable prospects for a settlement of the mine trouble Britain takes over three London parks and stores huge stocks of food.

EUROPE

France threatens to occupy the Ruhr Basin on May 1st if her war bills are not paid by Germany.

AMERICA

Over four thousand homes are burned in third great fire in Japan within the last three weeks.

STANDARD'S BIG CONTEST ENDS MONDAY

Midnight, April 18th, is the Closing Hour—\$15,000 in Prizes Awaiting Owners.

ACTIVE WORKING NON-WINNERS REWARDED

Ten Per Cent. Commission to Each Contestant Who Works Actively to the End.

Only today, tomorrow and Monday remains in which to secure subscriptions for the Standard's free automobiles, Movie Star prizes and other free awards.

Contestants are wishing they could stretch minutes into hours. Every moment during these closing days is precious.

AT THE IMPERIAL TODAY

"Desert Gold" (featuring an all-star cast).

AT THE GREEN SQUARE TODAY

"Tom Mix in 'Three Coins'"

AT THE UNIQUE—Wesley Barry in "Dinky"

OPERA HOUSE TODAY—Vaudeville and feature picture.

Two of the prizes to be given away in the Standard's big contest are opportunities to become Movie Stars with the Universal Film Company, Filmworld's largest and most important Moving Picture Company.

ANGUS SHOPS ON THREE-DAY WEEK

About 3,000 Men Concerned in Cut in Working Hours Made by C. P. R.

Montreal, April 14.—All workers in the Angus shops of the Canadian Pacific Railway received notice this morning that the plant would be shut from tonight until Monday morning and that thereafter the shops will be open only four days a week, equivalent to 23 hours weekly until further notice. Wages will remain as before but in proportion to the amount of time worked. About 3,000 men are affected.

THINK ALLIES HARD

Rotterdam, April 14.—A Cologne despatch to the Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant says that a cabinet council at Berlin has decided upon steps to induce the Allies to repeal their coercive measures. These, it is declared, are proving a catastrophe to German trade.

THREE ARE ACQUITTED

Hamilton, Ont., April 14.—The action brought against Stanley Mariner, Edgar Haslam, Oliver Fry and Arvin Semino, on a charge that they were members of an unlawful assembly, and that they conspired to obstruct the proposed reduction of their wages, was today returned a verdict of not guilty.

CIVIL SERVANTS PROTEST

Halifax, N. S., April 14.—Civil servants representing all branches of the federal service met here tonight and passed a resolution of protest against the proposed reduction of their wages by the federal government. Copies of the resolution were ordered to be sent to Premier Meighen, Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King and Hon. T. A. Crerar.

TEACHERS' UNION RECOGNIZED BY THE MOOSE JAW TRUSTEES

Moose Jaw, Sask., April 14.—The Collegiate Institute and the School Board were signed by both parties last evening. The School Board grants the teachers' recognition of their alliance and agrees to deal with the teachers through that organization. No increase has been granted to the principles and collegiate teachers. It is understood and the board has taken them all back without prejudice.

To Tax Judges' Salary
Ottawa, April 14.—Second reading was given the bill today to amend the Judges' Act, which seeks to tax the \$5,000 which is allowed chief justices as administrators.

PREMIER PHONES FROM OTTAWA TO CUBA

Ottawa, April 14.—The first long distance telephone conversation between Canada and Cuba took place this afternoon at 4:30 when Mr. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Hon. W. B. Fielding, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux spoke in turn from the Parliament buildings to President Mario J. Menocal who had called up from the president's palace at Havana, Cuba to extend the greetings of the Republic of Cuba to the Dominion of Canada. Telephone conversations between Ottawa and Havana will probably be somewhat limited, the regular charge being \$7.55 for three minutes.

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BOURKE COCHRAN PREDICTS TIMES OF MUCH DANGER

Conditions as Bad as Those That Brought Down Roman Empire.

WORLD WILL NOT BE SILENT NOW

Grave Danger to Civilization in Conditions Prevailing He Says.

Washington, April 14.—Several changes in the line-up in the House on emergency tariff legislation since the Fordney measure was passed in the last session, only to be vetoed by the president, were revealed today during general debate on the Young emergency bill, which includes anti-dumping and foreign exchange provisions.

For five and a half hours the debate proceeded today and was marked by a dramatic contribution on the part of Bourke Cochran, Democrat, New York, a veteran of other years, who is again in congress. Asserting that danger lies ahead in a policy of attempting to cure all the country's ills by legislation, Mr. Cochran predicted long lines of famishing men and women in front of soup houses are present conditions pass.

FORGESS BAD TIME

"I apprehend," Mr. Cochran said, "that when those lines do form, as they surely will, they will not stand in silent submission, as they have done before. I apprehend something more menacing, something more dangerous to civilization, to our government and to us."

"I doubt even if the fall of the Roman Empire was more disastrous to the world at large than the conditions we now face threaten to be."

Mr. Cochran's speech followed on the heels of pleas by Chairman Fordney, Representative Young of North Dakota, R. C. Vaughan, vice-president of the C. N. R., told the committee, providing the Nova Scotian operators will sell at a price which will compare favorably with the quotations of American operators.

DIFFERENCE IN COSTS

The Nova Scotia operators, he said, have demanded seven dollars per ton for their coal, loaded in the government boats at the company wharves. The American mines deliver coal on Lake Erie, a haul of approximately one thousand miles, for four dollars and ninety-one cents per ton. With duty and exchange considered, the price of coal from the United States delivered to Port Arthur is about \$5.75 per ton, or twenty-five cents less than the Nova Scotians want at the mine.

EUGENE BROUSSEAU WINS

Montreal, April 14.—After a long absence of six months, Eugene Brousseau former Canadian middleweight champion, knocked out Otto Hughes of New York in the second round of their scheduled ten round bout here tonight.

EXTENSION OF CREDIT

New York, April 13.—Extension of six months' open credit to the Sugar Financing and Export Company of Cuba, drafted under which are to be secured by sugar stored in independent warehouses in Cuba, or in process of exportation, was announced today for a banking syndicate, headed by the Guaranty Trust Company, the National

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May Reopen Negotiations. Determined efforts are being made to reopen the negotiations between the miners and mine owners for a settlement of the coal strike. A deputation from the House of Commons visited Mr. Lloyd George about midnight after Frank Hodges, secretary of the miners' union, had addressed members of the House and explained the miners' points. The mine owners have also decided to invite the miners' leaders to continue the discussion.

Extend Another Invitation. Ewan Williams, president of the mining association, announced at a late hour that the mine owners would extend another invitation to the representatives of the miners to deliberate both nationally and in the various districts with the object of ascertaining what was feasible to improve the lot of the lower paid miners. The owners then again visited Downing Street in response to a summons from the Prime Minister.

New hopes of a resumption of the negotiations, therefore, have arisen through this offer of the mine owners to meet the miners' leaders under a new conference table and also the offer made by Mr. Hodges in his speech to a meeting of the members of Parliament. Prepared to Treat.

In this the secretary of the miners' union said among other things: "We are prepared to consider the question of wages provided they are not regarded as permanently on a district basis, but only of a temporary change."

Mr. Hodges had a friendly reception, according to the Press Association. The large committee room of the House was filled with Unionists, Coalitionists and Laborites. The Conservative member, John A. R. Marriot, presided. Mr. Hodges exhaustively reviewed the situation, and on some points gained the sympathy of his audience.

Regarding his offer, the Press Association says that it is not without promise of a peaceful agreement and will be conveyed to the Prime Minister by Mr. Marriot.

READY FOR STRIKE

The whole labor movement is aligning itself solidly with the miners against the Government. The workers seem to believe that the hour has struck for a final struggle against what they, rightly or wrongly suspect to be an organized plan on the part of the employers to force down wages. Both sides are engaged in preparations for coming events, and the Government took possession of Hyde Park and Regents' Park, as well as Kensington Gardens. These three breathing spots of London will be utilized as military depots and devoted to insuring London's food and milk supply.

PARKS ARE CLOSED

They have been completely closed to the public, and a small army of workmen invaded them yesterday, erecting tents and buildings, while convoys and lorries made their appearance. The Ministry of transport issued an order for the requisitioning of all vehicles and horses which may be required. The Government has at its command an enormous fleet of motor lorries and is confident of its ability to maintain road service. It has also substantial stocks of food, which it is estimated, will last through the strike and a reasonable length of time thereafter, and at present no food rationing to consumers is contemplated, but the retailer may be restricted.

ENDORSE THE STRIKE

London, April 14.—Resolutions expressing solidarity with the miners and the triple alliance in their present movement were passed tonight at a meeting of the parliamentary committee of the Trades Union Congress, the national executive of the labor party and the parliamentary labor party, held at the House of Commons.

STEWARDS TO QUIT

New York, April 14.—Bert Hawton, a delegate of the National Union of Stewards, Cooks, Bakers and Butchers, which is affiliated with the triple alliance, announced here today he had received notice that members of his union would walk out tomorrow on all ships in English ports.