

District Convention Will Be Called To Determine Policy Of Miner's Union

Five Collieries Operated In Cape Breton Tuesday at Reduced Wage Rates--D. W. Morrison, President of U. M. W. Requests Men to Continue Operations at Conclusion of District Board Meeting--Sub-District Convention at Dominion No. 11 Finishes Work.

GLACE BAY, March 15—At the concluding sitting of the executive board of the United Mine Workers of America which has been in session here for several days, it was announced by President D. W. Morrison that the miners employed by the Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation will be requested to remain at their posts until such time as a general convention can be held, and the policy of the union regarding the wage reduction determined.

Today, five collieries operated in the Cape Breton area, and the workmen in these collieries will be paid under the new wage schedule as announced by the Company last night. President Morrison declared tonight that the convention will be held sometime late in the month of April, probably in the town of Truro.

The following are the mines which were operated yesterday: Number two; Caledonia; Number eleven; and Number 24, while at Sydney Mines Princess colliery was operating with the regular working force on the job.

The sub-district convention which convened in Dominion No. 11 Saturday last, met again today, and at the conclusion of nearly four hours discussion it was decided to demand of the district officers that a general convention be called immediately to deal with the situation created yesterday, when the miners of the district rejected the wage reductions as recommended in the report of the Duncan Commission.

Despite the heated remarks of some of the delegates at the No. 11 meeting today, it is generally felt throughout the colliery districts that the mine workers will heed the plea of their executive officers and remain at work.

Strong condemnation of the union international in the attitude adopted by headquarters in dealing with trouble in this district was heard at today's session. Alex J. McNeil, Phalen delegate, declared that at the last convention of the international not a word was mentioned regarding conditions in District 26, and at no time, said the speaker, did the Nova Scotia collieries receive aid from headquarters. In 1909, when the U. M. W. was organized in this country, some assistance was received, and again during the 1925 strike, but with these two exceptions, he went on, District 26 has been practically ignored.

At the conclusion of the meeting of the general executive, the various out of town officers left for their homes.

The Sub-District Convention reconvened this morning at ten o'clock in the No. 11 Local hall, and decided to demand of the District Executive that a District Convention of the U. M. W. of A. for District 26, be called immediately to deal with the situation now existing in the district over the result of the wage referendum held yesterday. Sub-District Board Member Petrie occupied the chair and William Pilling, of No. 11 Local was secretary.

At the outset a dispute arose over what was to come before the meeting. Several delegates maintained that the convention should resume where it left off on Saturday. Chairman Petrie took the stand that on account of the result of yesterday's vote, a new complexion was put on the affairs of the District and today's proceedings should be along lines as to what was best to be done now under the new turn of affairs.

After the minutes of the Saturday convention were read, Reserve delegates took exception to a report claimed to have been made in the No. 11 Local that some of the Reserve delegates voted more than once on some of the divisions of the convention on Saturday. The matter was explained and the Reserve delegates completely exonerated from the alleged charge.

In the two hours that followed, the District Officers came in for some severe criticism from a number of delegates who also assailed the U. M. W. and its International President, John L. Lewis.

Delegate Joe Nearing, (Reserve) was the first to suggest that a District Convention should be immediately called.

This was followed by a long discussion in which various suggestions were offered whereby a District Convention could be called. Delegate Alex J. McNeil, (Phalen) in a lengthy address, outlined the steps leading up to the present situation in District 26. He criticized the policy of John L. Lewis in regard to District 26, claiming that at the last International Convention, which sat for eleven days not one syllable was uttered about District 26. The International, he claimed had given this district little or no support from 1909 to date, with the exception of a little in 1925. "When we had to carry the bag," "We have been retreating," stated the speaker, "talking reductions, accepting worse and worse conditions, longer hours, less pay and it is time we called a halt."

of the country. There had never been an Executive in District 26 that had been able to secure for the rank and file the policy laid down at conventions. Referring to his own case, he said that he was one of the first to join the U. M. W. in Cape Breton and as a result had to leave this country and go to another to make his living and today some of the same men who were responsible for driving him out of this country were the loudest in their condemnation of the District Officers.

Angus McDonald, (No. 24) started to assail the previous speaker when he was called to order on account of using personalities. Delegate Fortune, (Phalen) stated that when he voted yesterday he also voted against the District Officers.

Delegate McNeil, (No. 2 Mechanic) claimed that some of the delegates were trying to bring in outside influences. "We must settle our own troubles."

When the convention sat in the afternoon, A. B. Farrell took the chair. Sub District Board Member Petrie, who presided in the forenoon was unable to be present and a vote taken as between Leo Cann, (No. 11), and A. B. Farrell, (No. 11), the latter being appointed.

The discussion during the afternoon session was largely along the same lines as the morning session, some of the delegates supporting the motion to have outside representatives attend the proposed District Convention while other took the stand that it would be useless to present such a resolution to the District Officers as they would not entertain it.

Delegate Mick McKenzie, (No. 1-B) then moved a motion to the effect that the Sub District Convention ask the District Executive to immediately call a District Convention and that a committee composed of one man from each Local be selected to get in touch with outside organizations to have them attend the proposed convention.

Delegate Mickey F. McNeil, (Reserve) then withdrew his motion and the McKenzie motion carried with only four voting against it. The committee was then appointed as follows: Joe Nearing, (Reserve); Mick McKenzie, (No. 1-B); Peter McNeil, (No. 2 Mechanic); Dan J. McDonald, (Phalen); Tom Shanahan, (Mechanics); Silby Barrett, (No. 24); and John R. McDonald, (No. 11).

The next question was the policy to be adopted at the District Convention and after some discussion on motion of John R. McDonald, (No. 11) it was decided that the policy be the same as that adopted at the Sydney Convention last June.

The relocation scheme was brought up by Delegate McNeil, (No. 2 Mechanic) who read a resolution of protest from his Local. After some discussion in which it was shown that apparently every-

thing possible had been done to check the proposal to close down mines, it was decided that the resolution be tabled.

Neil R. McDonald, (Phalen) referred to the heavy cost of holding a District Convention and thought the same policy adopted in the first June Convention should stand. He maintained that the vote yesterday was a vote of no-confidence in the District Executive and the latter should now resign.

Delegate Howley (Reserve) stated that one of the reasons why conditions are as they are in District 26, is that altogether too much politics has been injected into the District machinery.

Delegate Mickey F. McNeil, (Reserve) after several delegates had spoken briefly, moved that the District Executive officers be asked to call a District Convention at once and that representatives from organizations all over Canada be invited to attend the convention.

Chairman Petrie would not consider the motion claiming that delegates from other organizations would have no business at a U. M. W. convention. This was the signal for an attack on the Executive Officers by several delegates who claimed that the Corporation had voluntarily given the men more than the District Officers were able to secure, citing as their argument the paragraph in the wage notices posted wherein it is stated that the Corporation has taken ten per cent off domestic coal for employees and off the prices of explosives supplied to the men.

Chairman Petrie held to his determination not to recognize the McNeil motion and addressing delegate Howley (Reserve) stated that there were no strings on him, Liberal, Tory or company.

Angus McDonald, (No. 24), moving that a committee of one from each Local at the convention retire and draft a resolution calling on the District Executive to call a District convention and have the local endorse this action also.

Social And Personal

By Bey Barrington

SOMETHING TO DO

Possible Solution for Unemployment for Both Men and Women

The following article, from the Toronto Mail and Empire was an incentive to those who are interested in making some form of employment for those in need, during this time of stress. It would be such a simple thing to start in Sydney and would certainly fill a long felt want here where there is no place available where one can get odd jobs done at a reasonable rate. It only means collecting waste materials that have been discarded by householders and setting people, otherwise unemployed, to work at re-making and repairing.

Just think too, what quantities of material, for the purpose, could be gathered, by any enterprising person, at our noted "City Dump." Do somebody start the thing going. The Scouts would help in the beginning, getting ready, et cetera, and think of the steady employment that could be given. The thing would pay for itself in no time and would be of untold benefit to the public.

Following is what The Mail and Empire has to say about it: "A beehive of industry where men are transforming cast-off materials into useful articles, is the new industrial plant of the Poppy Fund, Wiltshire Avenue, which was officially opened by Mayor W. J. Stewart yesterday afternoon. Anything nobody else wants and would ordinarily throw out, this department snaps up and for remodelling or repairs, and then distributes it to needy families.

"The plant has a floor space of a little over 42,500 feet. Everything collected is utilized. Old cars are stripped, the parts cleaned and sold. Waste paper baled, old furniture repaired, shoes re-soled, hundreds of cords of lumber cut into uniform lengths. On the top floor there are two weaving machines made from salvage lumber by men on these rugs are woven from waste materials.

"At present there are about 45 men working each day. They are working on five-day shifts. Each man is a returned soldier with dependents, but without pension. They are all paid on a 40-cent-an-hour basis. As the plant grows it is hoped to employ more men, and include many more lines of work. None of the salvage materials is sold. All donations are handled 24 hours after the plant is notified."

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A Goblet of Pure Gold



I love little children and it is not a slight thing when they, who are fresh from God, love us.—Dickens.

A room hung with pictures is a room hung with thoughts.—Sir Joshua Reynolds.

The ornaments of a house are the friends who visit it.—Emerson.

Nothing bursts forth all at once. The lightning may dart out of a black cloud; but the day sends his bright heralds before him to prepare the world for his coming.—Harte.

For it is certain to the vulgar eye, few things are wonderful that are not distant.—Carlyle.

Be sure of the foundation of your life. Know why you live as you do. Be ready to give a reason for it. Do not, in such a matter as life, build an opinion on custom, or what you guess is true. Make it a matter of certainty and science.—Thomas Starr King.

And I know that the Solar System Must somewhere keep in space A prize for that spent runner Who barely lost the race; For the plan would be imperfect Unless it held some sphere That paid for the toll and talent And love that are wasted here.—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

CANIS MAJOR. The great Overdog. That heavenly beast With a star in one eye. Gives a leap in the east.

He dances upright All the way to the west And never once drops On his forehead to rest.

I'm a poor underdog, But tonight I will bark With the great Overdog That romps through the dark.—Robert Frost.

ILL AT HER HOME. Mrs. H. W. Dodwell, Argyle street, is confined to the house with a severe attack of influenza.

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Breast fed is Best fed—drink

OVALTINE

TONIC FOOD BEVERAGE

WHITNEY PIER NEWS

IMPROVING IN HEALTH

WHITNEY PIER, March 16—The many friends in this city and surrounding districts of Mrs. Patrick O'Reilly, Connaught St., will be pleased to know that she is improving in health. Mr. O'Reilly has been confined to St. Rita's Hospital for the past few weeks, and all hope to soon see her around again.

SALVATION ARMY SERVICES

Large attendances were noted at the services held at the Salvation Army Citadel, on Sunday. At the morning service a large number were present, and Adjutant Hiscott delivered an address on Holiness.

GOLDEN LINK CIRCLE

At the regular weekly meeting of the Golden Link Circle at the United Mission on Friday, the refreshments were kindly supplied by the Ladies of First United Church, under the co-operation of Mrs. C. H. White, Misses Dorothy Seal and E. Sargeant served the lunch to the members present.

ATTENDS MEETING

Rev. Dr. John Macintosh, pastor of St. James' United Church, left on Tuesday evening's express for Truro, to attend a meeting of the Home Mission Committee of the United Church.

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CLUB

An interesting meeting of the Women's Community Club was held on Monday evening in the Community House. There were thirty six members present and the meeting opened with the regular devotional exercises.

UNITED BAPTIST.

The Young People's Society of the United Baptist Church met in regular session in the Church Hall on Tuesday evening, with the president, Mr. Roy Harris, in the chair.

Red Cross Seeks Funds To Supply Milk For Babies

The Red Cross have undertaken to supply milk to delicate mothers' children and babies, and already is giving 140 quarts daily, costing over \$400.00 monthly. A large waiting list is on hand, but owing to lack of funds the society is unable to supply any more.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Another carload New Brunswick Green Mountain potatoes landing today. Only 70 cents for a 1 1/2 bushel bag. Miles' Grocery, Phone 90 or 91. Free delivery.

SHAMROCK TEA

Thursday, 17th March, from 3 P. M. to 6 P. M., in George Street Hall.

The Ladies of the First United Church will hold their annual Easter Sale and Tea. They have combined to please the individual taste, be it novelties, handicrafts, knitting, sewing, candy or cooking. Clear away depression over the cup that cheers. Patronize the various booths, not forgetting young or old when you near the wonderful candy booth, or the family's supper when the home cooking table blooms in sight.

Miles' Grocery closes at 12 o'clock today. Order early.

Sweet, juicy, seedless navel oranges 29, 40, 50 and 60c dozen at Miles' Grocery.

Nice onions, carrots, parsnips, turnips and beets at Miles' Grocery.

ROME, Italy, March 15—An Italian-Spanish trade convention was signed here today by Dino Grandi, the Italian Foreign Minister, and the Spanish Ambassador.

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

HOW TO PLAY and HOW TO WIN

By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON
"Without Exception, World's Greatest Player and Teacher," Says Ely Culbertson

REOPENING THE BID
To reopen the bidding when a pass would permit playing the hand at a 1 or 2 conclusion contract, requires the assurance that the player taking this course can afford to end a game contract or is certain to be overthrown by his opponents either by defeating it or by accepting a small penalty loss. It is not always easy to draw the distinction between hands justifying aggressive action and an attempt to push the opponents beyond their trick-taking power or permit them to make a part-score, which more aggressive tactics would have prevented.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED
Mrs. Culbertson will be glad to answer questions on bidding and play of hands sent in by mail. Write in care of this newspaper, enclosing a two-cent stamped, self-addressed envelope.

1) My husband properly selected the takeout double rather than the jump over call, as he was well prepared for a heart response from me.
2) A jump bid in spades would now be dangerous, as my hand may be a complete blank.
3) Even with my partner's strong bidding, my hand holds little prospect of game, as it is difficult to find more than two playing tricks in it, upon which he has already counted.
4) A close decision, but probably justified in view of his partner's voluntary bid after my husband's takeout double.
5) A doubtful raise, but justified on partner's bidding and the fact that the hand does contain 1 honor-trick, whereas partner may anticipate that it is entirely blank.

To-day's Questions:
North-South and East-West vulnerable.
North West East
Pass Pass Pass
What should East lead, holding:
A 4 3 2
K 9 8 7 6 5
Q 10
J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
Answer: King of clubs. Holding your trump. East should open his long suit rich in honors rather than his partner's suit, in which he holds a singleton.

Mr. Culbertson
K 10 9 8 7 6 5
Q 10 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
A Q

Mr. Jacoby
A 4 3 2
K 9 8 7 6 5
Q 10
J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2

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