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## THE COAL STRIKE ADJUSTED.

The strike of British coal miners has finally been, as a contemporary puts it, adjusted by compromise after having lasted ten days and involved a cost of close upon two hundred million dollars to that and allied industries. The miners are to receive a wage increase, the mine owners are to improve facilities, and the men are expected to speed up production, a matter of more importance than the rate of pay. Britain needs the coal, not only for domestic and ship bunkers, but for foreign trade, of which it constitutes no mean part. The sorry aspect of the case is the irreparable loss already incurred.

The settlement is tentative, the miners having yet to vote upon acceptance of the terms, but there is reasonable expectation that the offer of an immediate two shilling increase of pay will be taken and work at the mines resumed next week. A wage adjustment board is to be set up, and from it the miners hope to secure still higher pay. Whether they realize the hope depends chiefly on production. If more coal is mined by the same number of men, their earnings may fairly be increased, in accordance with the rule that pay is regulated by production.

There is fear, however, that the issue may be raised again in a comparatively short time. The readiness and the unanimity with which, after the recent ballot, the miners quit work and stopped operation of the mines, shows that they understand that union means strength and that they are ready to use it without regard to the consequences to others. They do not perceive that there may be a limit to what even a large section of the people may inflict on the whole; and this may yet be the cause of their undoing. Already the cost of coal is affecting the competitive power of British industry and shipping, and the after-the-war activity in trade is lapsing into slowness, which, if a change does not come, will reduce the demand for coal, as for other staples. The "settlement" just announced may aggravate the general situation at a critical time.

In the not distant future, coal will take a secondary place in the economy of nations, as other sources of heat and power will be commandeered from above and below the earth, as science confidently predicts; but at the moment coal is the mainstay of modern civilization, and the threat of a protracted coal strike in England created a natural alarm. Every industrial activity depends upon coal. It moves and animates the life of the nation. It is so ramified in its service that to close the pits means that a great and powerful nation, pre-eminent in manufacture, comes to a standstill with the "downing of tools."

## FRENCH FINANCE SOUND.

M. Francois-Marsal, French Minister of Finance, is exceedingly well advised in his decision to abandon the contemplated issue of new notes with which to pay interest on outstanding loans. This measure would meet the present emergency, no doubt, but at a serious cost to French credit and French prosperity. The country has already suffered from the inflation made necessary by the war by soaring prices, by disruption of business, by dislocation of values, by the fall in foreign exchange.

At this moment, when matters are slowly righting themselves and the franc enjoying a marked appreciation, it would be unfortunate to issue a new flood of paper money. Such a hand to mouth expedient in so far as it resulted in a depreciation of the currency would have been a partial repudiation of the national obligation, to some extent a most unequal and harmful form of taxation.

The determination to meet the interest on the Government loans with the new 5 per cent. issue which has just been opened is in every way a better and sounder expedient. That the appeal to the public will meet with a hearty response seems assured, for the country has already made notable progress in its recovery from the devastating effects of war, its wasted fields are again under cultivation, its railways have been repaired, its canals reopened and its factory wheels speeded up, its foreign trade partly revived. And all this will assuredly be reflected in the zeal with which

the people come to the support of the Government in its emergency.

Nor is there anything inherently unsound in the expedient of incurring new debts with which to meet either the interest or principal of the old. France has been severely criticized for not emulating the British in "taxing to the bone," but it is at least open to question whether her own plan is not wiser.

What the nation needs above all else is capital, capital to buy new machinery, to secure raw stuffs, to restore her devastated areas. To institute a new drain, by means of heavy taxes, upon what capital is now available would exert a paralyzing influence upon all industry. Perhaps after all France is right in avoiding this resort until the nation is in a better position to stand it. In short, the new loan asked for by M. Francois-Marsal is by no means indicative of any fundamental weakness in French finance but of a determination to avoid both injurious taxation and still more injurious inflation until the old industrial vigor once more fully asserts itself.

## THAT STABBING AFFAIR.

A singular item bearing on the stabbing affair—if not an attempted murder—in this city on the night of the 19th of last month appeared in the press of Saturday. The item says, in effect, that the location of the driver of the automobile which came along at the time of the affair "is admitted by the police to be an important link in the chain of evidence that will be produced," that every effort to locate the driver has proved futile, and "the Chief asked that the driver of the car come voluntarily, in justice to every body connected with the case."

Publicity of this kind is an extraordinary development in police tactics; and the suggestion of weakness in the chain, where there is apparently no weakness for present duty, is also a suggestion to the friends of the men now under arrest who own the car to handle a car that they can be of service if shrewdly tutored. Chief Pinley may have been misinterpreted; if not, he has evidently been very easily misled. Where the car is reported to have eased up is a place approaching the railway crossing, where all drivers prudently drive close up for the purposes of safety and comfort; and unless there are other substantial grounds than the mere easing up of the car for the belief that the occupants witnessed the stabbing and recognized the assailants, why the fuss, why the anxiety? not to speak of the publicity.

The men who are now prisoners awaiting preliminary examination were seen by Chief Pinley himself within a few yards of the place about twenty minutes before the stabbing took place. The victim, Arthur Estey, clearly identified one of his assailants before arrest, and afterwards identified the other. They are the very men whom the Chief saw waiting near the spot where Estey was held up and stabbed twenty minutes later. And the proceedings at present are preliminary, to determine whether or not the evidence is sufficient to send these men up for trial.

## THE GRAND FALLS POWER.

The Electric Power-Grand Falls—announcement which appears in the advertising columns of this paper today has suggestions which may occasion some surprise to people who felt that development of Grand Falls power on an extensive scale, for big service and for the benefit of the province, was near at hand. Whatever may be the purpose of the International Paper Company, whatever its plans, it is the duty of the Government to see to it that development of the Grand Falls, for the service of industry in this province and for the benefit of the people of the province, is not further delayed. There has already been vastly too much temporizing with Grand Falls; too much of the political manipulation. The present move of the International Paper Company, which is a foreign corporation now in control, may be absolutely within its right as things now stand after the manoeuvring in the various stages; yet there is a suggestion that the Company in control is paving the way to do pretty much as it pleases, regardless of the public interests. The Government has wide authority under recent legislation. If it is interested, we should hear from it promptly. It is now called upon to take definite action.

## FRANCE PROHIBITS EXPORT ART WORKS

Paris, Oct. 22.—The law prohibiting the export of works of art from France just promulgated provides that objects of "national interest" from a historical or artistic point of view can only leave the country after permission has been granted by the Minister of Public Instruction. Articles of furniture dating back to 1830, the works of artists, sculptors and decorators who have been dead more than 20 years at the date of exportation and objects obtained by excavation in France are affected by the law.

## All Saints Day.

Today is All Saints Day and a holy day of obligation in the Roman Catholic and Anglican Churches.

Ancient Egyptians venerated owls and at times emblazoned them.

PRINCE COLLECTED  
VARIED MENAGERIE

Canary Birds, Parrots, Laughing Jackasses and Kangaroo—With Him

[Associated Press by Leased Wire.] Hamilton, Bermuda, Oct. 31.—The Prince of Wales collected a varied menagerie in the course of his trip to the United States and British Dominions. The pride of his collection when he reached Bermuda on his way back to London was an ugly little customer about eight inches long, part lizard and part toad and called "Horace."

Other components of the royal menagerie were about 500 canary birds, an equal number of parrots, four laughing jackasses and a small kangaroo. Most of them were destined to become residents of the London Zoological Gardens.

TEACH ENGLISH IN  
SERBIAN SCHOOLS

Heretofore the Dominating Language Outside Their Own—Has Been German

[Associated Press by Leased Wire.] Belgrade, Serbia, Oct. 30.—English is being introduced throughout the schools of Serbia. It is now made a compulsory subject in the normal schools. The first courses in English, which were inaugurated in Belgrade a year ago under an American teacher, Dr. James Wild, of Chicago, have yielded such excellent results that the government has decided to make the language a part of the curricula of all schools.

Heretofore the dominating language of the Serbians, apart from their native tongue, has been German. The Germans were quick to see the advantages of introducing their language as a means of acquainting the school children with the ways and customs of the German people. The pupils were given little chance of acquiring the things that go to make up the life and culture of Anglo-Saxon civilization.

A very large proportion of Serbia's school teachers were killed in war. 500 teachers died during the Bulgarian occupation. Scores of school buildings were destroyed, and most of the school books printed in the Serbian language were deliberately confiscated and burned by the Bulgars. Even Bibles were carried off, the object of the Bulgarians being to displace all books in the Serbian language with publications in their own tongue. Notwithstanding these disasters, out of 2,100 schools in Serbia, nearly 2,000 have reopened. So great is the thirst for education in Serbia that it is common for children in the country districts to leave their homes before day-break and walk for several hours to reach school, not returning home until late in the evening. The school buildings, owing to the ravages of war, often are without windows, pipes, heating desks, books and even writing material.

So great is the shortage of teachers and the influx of pupils that the former have to work from dawn until night, taking their classes in "relays."

## HAD MANY PASSENGERS

Quebec, Nov. 1.—The steamship Scotian arrived here yesterday afternoon from London and Havre, carrying 1,500 passengers.

## Vocational Classes for Devon.

All those desiring to attend the vocational classes which it is proposed to start at Devon in the near future should register at once with Fred E. Mawer, South Devon, or F. E. McDiarmid, North Devon.

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## The Stock Market

[Associated Press by Leased Wire.] New York, Wall Street, Nov. 1.—Although the Federal Reserve and clearing house statements of last Saturday indicated a strengthening of local monetary conditions, prices again were irregular and uncertain at the opening of today's stock market. Ralls, steels, coppers and equipments were moderately high under lead of Spaulding Air Line preferred Southern Pacific, Union Pacific, B. & O. Southern Railway, Bethlehem and Midvale Steel. Others were preliminary quotations for exchange on London because of a holiday in that centre.

## The Quotations.

(By private wire to J. M. Robinson & Sons.)

New York, Nov. 1.—The stock market quotations today:	
American Beet Sugar	73 1/2
American Smelting	39 1/2
American Sugar	39 1/2
American Wool	39 1/2
Anacosta	39 1/2
Atchafalaya	39 1/2
Bethel Steel	39 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	113 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	45 1/2
Canadian Pacific	125 1/2
Crucible	125 1/2
Central Leather	20 1/2
China Copper	20 1/2
Dutch	17 1/2
Erie	17 1/2
General Motors	17 1/2
Great Northern preferred	17 1/2
Industrial Alcohol	17 1/2
International Paper	44 1/2
International Nickel	22 1/2
Lehigh Valley	57 1/2
Lackawanna	101 1/2
Maxwell Petroleum	101 1/2
Maxwell common	20 1/2
Miss. Pacific	30 1/2
New York Central	80 1/2
Norfolk & Western	96 1/2
Reading	72 1/2
Republic Iron & Steel	72 1/2
Rubber	72 1/2
Rock Island	27 1/2
Schenectady	85 1/2
Studebaker	85 1/2
Union Pacific	51 1/2
United States Steel	35 1/2
Vanadium	125 1/2
Westinghouse	46 1/2
Windsor	10 1/2
Famous Players	67 1/2
St. Louis & San Francisco	10 1/2
Pan American Oil	89 1/2

## The Montreal Market.

[Canadian Press by Leased Wire.] Montreal, Nov. 1.—The local stock exchange this morning showed no inclination to begin the new month by displaying any undue activity, and the trading during the early session was characterized of last month, viz., dull and uninteresting. Most of the issues remained unchanged at Saturday's closing levels and very few week-end moves, either backward or forward, were registered. Atlantic Sugar this morning showed no signs of strengthening from its week-end position, but at 75, a point lower than its close on Saturday. Abitibi, however, went up 1 1/2 points to 68. National breweries was steady at its closing figure of 61 1/2. Dominion Steel lost a half point to 51 and Wayagamack dropped 2 1/2 to 127. Brompton, Barran, Laurent, Spanish and others did not put in an appearance during the early trading at all.

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Brompton Pulp	69 1/2
Dominion Iron & Steel	52 1/2
Laurent Pulp	109 1/2
International Breweries	61 1/2
Ship common	57 1/2
Ship preferred	72 1/2
Sugar	75 1/2
Wayagamack common	60 1/2
Victory Bond 1937	93 1/2
Victory Bond 1938	93 1/2
Victory Bond 1939	96 1/2
Victory Bond 1940	97 1/2
Victory Bond 1941	98 1/2
Victory Bond 1942	98 1/2
Victory Bond 1943	98 1/2
Victory Bond 1944	98 1/2

DIRE PUNISHMENT  
FOR DYNAMITERS

Johannesburg, South Africa, Oct. 28.—The authorities of Lorenzo Marquez, Portuguese East Africa, have given warning to striking railwaymen in that province that if they attempt to dynamite trains, as threatened, the ringleaders will be bound with ropes and put on a truck in front of locomotives, says the Central News.

Lorenzo Marquez has been almost cut off from communication with the hinterland for several days, owing to the strike. Martial law has been proclaimed and the railway brigade, which is composed of ordinary railway workers, has been ordered out for service. It is reported, however, that the majority of the men ignored this order. Work at the port has been at a standstill.

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