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RAIL LEADERSHIP PLANNED FOR WINTER

SUPT. OF BESCO MINE IN N.S. TAKES STAND

Accuses Present Union Heads of Being Extremists

SCORES U. M. W.

Declares Goodwill Prevailed Before International Body Extended to Province

Canadian Press. SYDNEY, N. S., Nov. 28.—Alex. S. MacNeil, general superintendent of coal mines of the British Empire Steel Corporation, took the stand at this morning's session of the Royal Commission investigating the coal industry of Nova Scotia, and related the difficulties under which mining operations were carried on in the province, the improvements that had taken place in the condition of the mine works, and the outstanding incidents in his own career from pit boy to superintendent. The witness told how wages had increased since 1898, while the hours of work had decreased from 10 to eight and spoke of the happiness of the men when the work was fairly continuous for a period, under the management of the Dominion Coal Company.

IMPROVEMENTS TOLD He detailed the improvements that had been effected in the mining machinery, how these had increased production while conducting to the betterment of the conditions under which the miner worked. Continuing, he told of the methods adopted to make the mines safer for the workers, and of the interest of the Corporation in the recreation of the men.

FLAYS LEADERS While paying tribute to the character of the Cape Breton miner, he expressed the opinion that bad leadership had been responsible for his present ill. And referring to the "strike on the job" policy favored one time, said it had decreased earnings while tending to the demoralization of the coal mining organization. He accused present leaders of being extremists and instancing their alleged participation in the May Day parade of this year, as evidence of his contention.

U. M. W. SCORED. Concluding his direct testimony, Mr. MacNeil made the statement that before the United Mine Workers came into being, goodwill prevailed between the men and the company officials. When the United Mine Workers came, he said, there was established a class consciousness, a class hatred. He said it was his opinion that the United Mine Workers had absolutely failed to bring peace and contentment to this district.

He declared that through the strike of 1923, brought on by the United Mine Workers, the company received the severest blow it ever sustained because at that time the corporation was just getting back the St. Lawrence market. The strike cost the St. Lawrence market to the company, he said.

ANSWERS McLURG. His examination by Mr. McLurg followed, and in answer to questions he went into the matter of dirty coal, claiming that it was a practice of some miners to put stone in their coal. He said that he had never heard of J. W. Macleod speaking before a local to urge the miners to refrain from this practice.

Questioned by the chairman, he said that insofar as the coal got through, the consumer paid for the stone in it, but that eventually the company pays the price because the consumer becomes disgruntled. It would be to the advantage of the miners and the company, to co-operate to turn out the very best coal, he declared, to lay off or discharge men who persisted in putting stone in the coal. He admitted that there is a certain amount of small stone which gets into the coal and cannot be prevented, but he had reference to large pieces.

DENIES SPY SYSTEM. He was next questioned by Mr. McLurg as to the alleged spy system connected by the company, and declared that he knew of no such system as referred to by the men in their evidence. He said that even if the company offered him spies, he would not have them. He admitted that he had listened to information given by the men.

The company's policy of laying off old employees was next gone into, and the witness said that in past years a great many men not able to do a day's work were carried on. He said they became a great burden and eventually the company was forced to discontinue with their services.

The foregoing has been designated by the commission as an official report.

Extremists Get No Place In Briand's New Cabinet; French Crisis Ended

QUEEN'S BODY IS REMOVED TO WINDSOR TODAY

Manchester Handicap Is Abandoned For Sixth Time In Fifty Years; Weather Bad

United Press. MANCHESTER, Nov. 28.—For the sixth time in 50 years, the Manchester November handicap, one of the turf's greatest autumn handicaps, has had to be abandoned because of the unfavorable weather. With the track frozen today, it was decided not to proceed with the program, the closing day of the Manchester meeting and the last day's racing of the season, on the flat. The race was abandoned last in 1923. The Derby Cup, another important autumn handicap, had to be abandoned at Derby on November 30, on account of the dense fog. These irregularities lend support to the arguments of those who perennially urge that the flat racing season should be curtailed, perhaps, if necessary, by holding meetings in the south and north of England simultaneously. As it is now, the racing opens with the spring handicaps in March and continues until the last of the autumn handicaps has been run, at the end of November—nine months.

Trade Through Home Ports Favored by Oshawa People

OSHAWA, Ont., Nov. 27.—This city, with a population of over fifteen thousand, and a little over an hour's run by C. P. R. or C. N. R. from Toronto, is the location of the great Canadian plant of General Motors Limited. When the plant is running at normal capacity it employs about three thousand people. Other large industries together employ nearly or quite as many more; so that Oshawa, like most Ontario towns and cities, has an important industrial life such as is not paralleled in urban centres in the Maritimes.

General Motors Limited have a large export trade. Some of it goes through Canadian ports, but a good deal is routed from headquarters in New York, and it was not that to affect any change in the position of the New York manager, whose address was given me. The local management favors Canadian ports.

CHARLES ROBSON of the Robson Leather Co., Ltd., informed me that they utilize Canadian ports, and he conversed for some time in a most sympathetic way regarding the Maritimes and their problems. He recognized their disabilities and favored remedial measures. They people, he said, were of the same stock as those of Ontario, and there should be close sympathy between the two.

The Oriental Textile Co. Ltd. and the Schofield Woolen Mills, Ltd., also use Canadian ports, as do W. E. Phillips Co., Ltd., and Pedlar People Limited, who have large plants in Oshawa. There are other large plants, but they have no import or export business.

Everywhere, however, I received a most cordial reception, and the assurance that the principle of Canadian trade through Canadian ports has the sympathy of Oshawa people.

It is worthy of note that in the sixth of a series of articles in the Toronto Star, on the Canadian grain trade, very strong emphasis is again placed on the importance of using Maritime ports in winter, and utilizing the National Transcontinental to Quebec and our ports for the purpose for which it was built. Ontario is growing more and more concerned over the challenge of Buffalo as the coming grain and milling centre of America, the more so because we have the railways and the ports to transact our own business. The Oshawa Daily Reformer printed an interview with me on the Maritime situation for the benefit of its readers.

STOCKING FUND DOUBLE OVER NIGHT; REACHES TOTAL OF \$82

Collection at Court House Nets \$16.50 — Suggestion for Business Houses — More Pathetic Appeals From Kiddies.

THE Times-Star Empty Stocking Fund was more than doubled over night. That is encouraging and shows that the appeal of the little ones of the poor is not falling on deaf ears. The fund now stands at \$82.50. Yesterday it was \$35. There came in \$47.50 this morning. Part of this, \$16.50, was made up by a group of employees at the Court House and men working on the old Cantlewell Bridge at the Falls.

From this there comes a suggestion that groups of employees in many factories and business houses might like to assist, and, even if the contributions were individually small, in the aggregate there would be quite a sum from each place. This plan also would serve to make the giving to the fund more general, and therefore the satisfaction in the good it does will be shared by the larger number.

STANDING OF FUND. The fund now stands as follows: Previously acknowledged.....\$35.00 A few friends.....30.00 Boys in Court House and some men who were working on bridge, per deputy sheriff.....16.50 A friend.....1.00 \$82.50

Prisoner Weds State Witness; Gets Freedom

DETROIT, Nov. 28.—The case of Frank Belmont, 25 years old accused of shooting and killing Howard McDonald on May 31, was dismissed here yesterday when it was found that he had married the state's witness, Irene Baker, two weeks ago. She was said by police to have been an eye-witness to the shooting. As the law provides a wife cannot testify against her husband, the court sustained a defence motion that the woman's testimony given at the preliminary examination was not competent.

World News In Short Metre

ANDOVER, Mass.—Patrolman Robert Black was shot and killed by a man who had up a store in Lawrence and escaped.

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—Charles Ray, motion picture actor, has filed a petition for bankruptcy, listing liabilities as \$306,509, and assets as \$130,550.

PHILADELPHIA.—A plea of not guilty has been entered by Helen Schufft, 37-year-old mother, who is charged with slaying Edward Lister after he refused to give their baby his name.

LARAMIE, Wyo.—Mary Agnew Banner Garret, 61, Wyoming's first woman justice of the peace, is dead. She came to Wyoming from England at the age of 20.

ATTICA, N. Y.—Bursting of the partially completed power dam at Tonawanda Creek flooded the flats on both sides of this village and threatened the village itself for a time.

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—Temporarily blinded when a glass of alleged whiskey exploded in his hand, Marvin Hart was badly burned by the fire which followed the contact of his cigarette with the potent beverage.

NEW YORK.—The estate of Charles F. Murphy, late Tammany chieftain, was estimated at \$450,000, actually amounted to \$2,170,761, according to a transfer tax commissioner's report.

ALBEMARLE, N. C.—O. Crawford, superintendent of a convict camp, has been named in three indictments charging murder of two negro convicts and assault with a deadly weapon on a third.

NEWARK, N. J.—Legally dead for 14 years, Samuel Winterbaume is continuing his wife's will, in which she left \$25,000, in the care of her second husband, Mrs. Winterbaume's death is attributed by her children to shock on Winterbaume's appearance after his supposed death.

LABOR LOSES IN WINNIPEG VOTING Majorities Reduced in Many Sections—Col. Webb Returned as Mayor

WINNIPEG, Man., Nov. 28.—Col. H. Webb was re-elected Mayor of Winnipeg yesterday by an overwhelming majority over his only opponent, F. Tipping, Labor. The complete vote was, Webb 23,781; Tipping, 12,927.

By the vote the city decided for the second time in two years against a candidate of the Independent Labor party. Last year F. J. Farmer, running for election for a second time as Mayor, under the party standard, was defeated by Colonel Webb, who gained a majority of over 4,000. The total vote was under that of last year, when 40,000 voters cast their ballots at the close of a heated campaign. A feature of yesterday's voting was the small majorities recorded for the Labor candidate in sections of the city which previously have given candidates of the party large votes.

SNOW IN BRUSSELS. BRUSSELS, Nov. 28.—Three inches of snow fell during the night. This is the heaviest fall experienced here since 1900.

PELEVE DENIES CHARGES MADE BY TASCHEREAU

Say No Promise Made of Gift to Quebec Church

TWO AFFIDAVITS

Montreal Man Swears He Was Paid \$1 to Applaud Premier

OTTAWA, Nov. 28.—Shown an article in a Montreal paper, quoting Premier Taschereau at a Lachine political meeting Thursday evening in connection with the Argenteuil election, Sir George Peleu, in a statement, emphatically denies the charges made by the Premier.

His statement reads in part: "Premier Taschereau is reported to have made a statement to the effect that some one told him I had promised to give \$1,000 to the Catholic church at Brownsburg, Que. There is absolutely no foundation for the statement. I have promised nothing to the church, nor has anyone suggested that I should do so."

DENIES PROMISE MADE. MONTREAL, Nov. 28.—In an affidavit, Hector Parizeau, merchant, of Brownsburg, Que., denies Premier Taschereau's reported statement at Lachine, that John T. Ayers had told him (Mr. Parizeau) that if he would work for the Conservatives, he would get a \$1,000 for himself and \$2,000 would be given to the Catholic church at Brownsburg.

In his affidavit, Mr. Parizeau swears that the only money he received from Mr. Ayers was \$90, in payment for the use of his hall during the election campaign, and that Mr. Ayers "made him no promises whatsoever."

SAYS PAID TO APPLAUD. MONTREAL, Nov. 28.—An affidavit signed by Deudonne Filion, in which he declares he was given \$1 on the night of the election, that he applauded Premier Taschereau, when the Premier spoke at Lachine last Wednesday afternoon, was read at a meeting last night at St. Anne De Bellevue, by Alfred Duranleau, M.L.A., for Laurier division, who spoke in that town in favor of Anatole Carignan, Conservative candidate in Jacques Cartier division.

Mr. Duranleau read the affidavit as a reply to the charges made by Premier Taschereau, that he applied for Conservative money to "buy the electors."

HIGH WATER PACKS DRIFT RIVER ICE Game Season Ends Monday—Estimate of License Receipts Not Likely Reached

Special to The Times-Star. FREDERICTON, Nov. 28.—The ice ran steadily last night and today but was not heavy. At Middle Island, near Oromocto, ice a foot thick has been formed, during 1925. Each of these is only extreme cold weather will completely close the river. Snow last night was followed by rain.

GAME SEASON NEAR END. The big game season in New Brunswick will close on Monday. Light snow which fell over the southern part of the province on Friday will cause an eleventh hour spurt in hunting during the week-end.

Although the season has been an excellent one and many non-resident sportsmen hunted here, the estimate of receipts from game licenses is hardly expected to be reached. A total as great as that of last season will be reached.

G. A. Davis, taxidermist at Fredericton and Vancouver, reports the largest number of game heads he ever has had. Babe Ruth's deer and Bob Shawkey's moose both are to have the heads mounted by him. They were shot by the party of big league baseball players who hunted on the Tobique. It is reported that poaching of deer for their hides has been prevalent.

Former N. S. Resident Dead in Montreal

Canadian Press. MONTREAL, Nov. 28.—The death occurred here at the residence of his son last evening, of John Lomaine, aged 78, for 21 years a resident of Whitney Pier, N. S. The late Mr. Lomaine had been an employe of the Dominion Coal Company, retiring two years ago.

SOICALISTS AND COMMUNISTS ARE EXCLUDED

Louis Loucheur Accepts Post As Minister of Finance

HOLD 269 VOTES

Combination Felt to Be Safest One Obtainable in Parliament

Canadian Press. PARIS, Nov. 28.—France's ministerial crisis is ended. Leaving the Elysee Palace after a conference with President Doumergue today, Aristide Briand, the Premier-designate, continued the following as the cabinet which he would present to the President in the course of the afternoon: Premier—Aristide Briand, Minister of Justice—René Rostaux, Interior—Camille Chautemps, Finance—Louis Loucheur, War—Paul Painlevé, Navy—Georges Leygues, Public Instruction—Edouard Daladier, Commerce—Daniel Vignat, Public Works—Anatole De Monzie, Hygiene—Antoine Durrain, Agriculture—Jean Durand, Colonies—Léon Perrier.

PARIS, Nov. 28.—M. Briand qualified the list only by saying that M. Jourdain had not yet accepted the portfolio of pensions and that he might be switched to the ministry of hygiene, M. Durrain taking the pensions post. M. Jourdain had not yet accepted the portfolio of pensions and that he might be switched to the ministry of hygiene, M. Durrain taking the pensions post.

ALSACE REPRESENTED At any rate M. Jourdain is certain to be in the cabinet. This will be the first time that Alsace-Lorraine has been so represented in the ministry since the premiership of Poincaré. Briand's new cabinet, while falling short of the great concentration of all parties hoped for in many quarters, is composed of the safest elements in Parliament, and is the most moderate body of ministers assembled since the elections of May, 1924.

INTEREST IN LOUCHEUR The complete elimination of extremists, both of the Communists and Socialists of the left and the Nationalists of the right, is one of the features. Acceptance of the finance portfolio by Louis Loucheur has aroused intense interest in financial circles. Loucheur is known to be a man of daring financial and economic conceptions, and his activities as France's cashier will be watched with great attention.

The groups represented in the cabinet by the various ministers commanded 269 votes in the chamber of deputies out of the total membership of 597. It is expected that the more moderate elements of the right and centre will vote with the government on the ministerial declaration of policy next Thursday. The new cabinet is composed of four senators and nine deputies.

FORMER M. L. A. JAILED MONTREAL, Nov. 28.—Lorenzo Robitaille, former M. L. A. for Quebec county, yesterday pleaded guilty to illegally selling liquor and was sentenced to serve a month in jail and costs or three additional months.

250,000 CARS ENTER QUEBEC IN YEAR

Automobile Club Estimates \$200,000 Spent in Province by Tourists

QUEBEC, Que., Nov. 28.—During the touring season of 1925, 250,000 automobiles entered the Province of Quebec, and the Automobile Club, which draws its information from official and semi-official sources, has estimated that 250,000 automobiles entered the Province of Quebec by automobile during 1925. Each of these is estimated to have spent at least \$20. Quebec therefore benefited to the extent of \$5,000,000, and of this amount it is estimated nearly \$4,000,000 came to the city of Quebec.

Of the 1,000,000 people who entered the province at least 800,000 came to Quebec.

FRENCH JUMPERS WIN NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—France triumphed over entries from Canada, Belgium and the United States in the International military jumping competition, held at the Longmeadow program at the Fortieth annual National Horse Show. The Belgians finished second while the United States gained a slight margin over the Canadians for third place.

The Weather SYNOPSIS — The disturbance which was over Lake Erie yesterday has moved eastward to the Bay of Fundy, causing rain or snow from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces. The weather has been mostly fair and cold from Lake Superior to Alberta.

SNOW FLURRIES. FORECASTS: MARITIME—Fresh winds with showers today, turning somewhat colder with snow flurries tonight. Sunday—West to northwest winds, mostly fair and colder, local snow flurries. NEW ENGLAND—Fair and colder tonight. Sunday, fair, cold in interior, fresh northwest winds. TEMPERATURES TORONTO, Nov. 28.—Highest during 8 a.m. Yesterday night 38 40 36 Calgary 39 39 35 Edmonton 4 20 2 2 Winnipeg 2 8 8 6 Toronto 28 37 26 Montreal 30 32 28 Saint John 42 30 30 Halifax 40 34 30 New York 40 — 38 Below zero.