

## MINERS VOTE TO STRIKE APRIL 1

U. S. Convention Backs Walk-out To Force Demands For Thirty-Hour Week.

SEEK OVERTIME EXTRAS

Clash During Session Quoted by 92-Year-Old Union Organizer.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 19.—General suspension of work by all union coal miners in the United States on April 1, subject to a referendum vote of the union membership, was ordered late last night by the United Mine Workers of America, unless new wage agreements are readjusted before that date in both the bituminous and anthracite coal fields.

Before going on record in favor of a strike, the convention approved demands for retention of present basic wages for soft coal miners and increases for the hard coal miners.

After protracted debate, the convention adopted the six-hour day and five day week for insertion in the wage scale after rejecting proposals for a six-day week with eight hours of actual work.

The convention also ratified the demands of the anthracite miners for a 20 per cent wage increase for tonnage men and \$1 a day increase for day men.

The convention adopted unanimously demands for pay and one-half for overtime and double time for Sunday and holiday work. Likewise it adopted the demand that wages be paid weekly.

Removal of the automatic penalty clause for firing operators or miners for violation of agreements also was adopted.

The action of the delegates, taken at the start of the framing of the union's wage policy, was an approval of the scale committee report, which also favored increased wages for anthracite workers, with their demands, as were those of the bituminous miners, being backed up with a declaration favoring a continent-wide strike.

Howat Men Beaten.

Work on the scale committee report was begun after a stormy morning session that ended in the convention's refusal to consider the appeal of expelled Kansas miners for reinstatement in the union. Howat's supporters started a disturbance, but the disorder was quieted by Mother Jones, 92-year-old union organizer, who pleaded with the men to get to work on the scale demands.

The disorder over the Howat case having quieted, a vote was taken on Howat's appeal for reinstatement for himself and his followers.

Tabulation of the official vote was not completed, but both sides expected little change in the unofficial majority of 166 supporting President John L. Lewis and other administrative officers in expelling the "rebel" Kansas miners. The final unofficial vote was 2,070 to 1,964.

The disturbance in the convention came when administration votes were cast by men whose names did not appear on the printed report of the credentials committee, supporters of Howat charging the roll had been "padded," but Vice-President, Philip Murray, the presiding officer, answered the only additions were those of "duly elected and accredited delegates," whose credentials had been tardily presented to the committee.

The additions, he said, were in accordance with previous announcements.

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## Young Elgin Farmer Wanders Out On Thin Ice on Lake Erie To Death

WEST LORNE, Feb. 19.—Wandering out on the thin ice coat covering Lake Erie near here Friday, Ernest Robson, 22 years old, resident on the town line between Aldborough and Dunwich, broke through the ice and was drowned in the frigid waters.

For some time past the young man had been in poor health, causing him to refrain from assisting with the work on the farm, but Friday morning he arose and went to the barn to attend to a few chores.

He did not return and his family grew more and more anxious for his welfare, finally instituting a search party. Tracks leading from the barn out onto the thin ice of the lake were discovered by the searchers. Teamsters working not far from the spot reported seeing a man venturing out on the lake who bore a resemblance to Robson, and who is now believed to have been Robson.

Ernest Robson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Robson.

statement, the Howat supporters continued to hoot and howl, finally ceasing when Mother Jones took the platform. She endorsed Howat, but appealed for respectful treatment of the union officers, and urged the men to get to work on the wage scale, the main objective of the convention. Voting was then completed with only minor outbreaks among the delegates.

**"WORKERS" SEE WORLD REVOLT**

TORONTO, Feb. 19.—The first convention of the "Workers' party" concluded tonight with a mass meeting. The delegates were in session all day Saturday and Sunday. A Dominion executive was elected.

That the social and economic upheavals which have recently occurred in Russia and elsewhere have been the curtain-raisers to a world-wide revolution was the claim made at Saturday's session.

In presenting its report, the program committee declared that the duty of fostering a revolution in Canada had fallen on the shoulders of the Workers' party. Complete abolition of capital and the establishment of a federal workers' republic were stated as the ultimate aims of the party.

Methods suggested were the infusion into existing labor unions of a revolutionary spirit.

**TO SPEND BRIDAL MONTH IN ITALY**

LONDON, Feb. 19.—Princess Mary's honeymoon will be spent at the Villa Medicea, Florence, after a comparatively short stay at Weston Park, Shifnal, the home of the Earl and Countess of Bradford, according to the London Times. The bridal couple will visit Paris for a few days on their way to Florence.

The lord chamberlain has announced that owing to the serious illness of one of the occupants of St. James' Palace, the king has commanded that the afternoon and evening parties arranged for Feb. 21 and 23 shall take place at Buckingham Palace. Only a portion of the wedding presents will be transferred before then for public view.

**GRANT MONTREAL STILLMAN PROBE**

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Feb. 19.—A commission to take testimony at Montreal, beginning March 13, in the divorce suit of James A. Stillman, New York banker, against Mrs. Anne U. Stillman, was granted by Supreme Court Justice Morschauser on application of defence counsel.

Justice Morschauser held in abeyance a motion by Mrs. Stillman's lawyers for an additional allowance of \$6,960. Counsel for the banker would not say whether an appeal would be sought to prevent hearings at Montreal.

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## WOULD MODIFY LIQUOR RULING

"Wet" Advocates Declare Every Family Head Should Get One Quart a Year.

MANY OBJECTIONS LOOM

Officials Point Out Abuse of Privilege Would Speedily Develop.

BULLETIN.

FERNIE, B. C., Feb. 19.—East Kootenay Liberals Saturday night nominated Hon. J. H. King, minister of public works in the Dominion cabinet their candidate in the forthcoming by-election made necessary by the resignation of R. E. Beattie.

TORONTO, Feb. 19.—The extension to every household of the right to secure a quart of liquor once or twice a year for medicinal use without a doctor's prescription, is one of the suggestions, it is said, which will probably be considered by the Ontario license board in dealing with the admittedly unsatisfactory condition of affairs in respect to the dispensing of liquor through the government shops.

The suggestion reached Queen's Park yesterday, and is said to be regarded as one with a good deal to commend it, though practical objections may prevent the plan being put into effect.

It is recognized, to begin with, that there is reason in the demand that

the head of a family should be permitted to secure a quantity of liquor yearly or semi-yearly for household medicinal use, without having to go to a physician.

Under the act, as it stands at present, a doctor, unless he winks at the law, cannot give a prescription for liquor unless the person for whom it is intended is actually ill. As a result, unless the householder has liquor in his house as a result of previous illness of a member of his family, he has none available to use in case of colds, chills or other minor illness, to treat which a doctor is not called.

**Abuses Are Feared.**

Admitting the reasonableness of some such extension, the officials, however, doubt the possibility of putting such a scheme into effect without throwing the doors open to all sorts of abuses. It might be possible to prevent a householder "repeating" by issuing a registration card, but it would be exceedingly difficult to prevent a traffic in cards. Persons who do not intend to use their right to secure liquor would, in many cases, be induced to turn over their right for a small consideration or actually buy the liquor and dispose of it to bootleggers.

One reform which is now being put into effect with the object of discouraging the idea that the government dispensaries are operated for the benefit of the thirsty, is the elimination of fancy brands.

As these are disposed of the stock will be trimmed down to a few lines which doctors, respecting the act, are likely to prescribe for medicinal purposes.

The authorities, it is said, are not favorable to the elimination of all potable liquors, as advocated by the temperance people, and the sale only of pure grain alcohol for medicinal purposes.

It is doubted whether doctors in general would agree that pure alcohol would be as efficacious a medicine as whiskey, brandy, or other liquors, the psychological effect, probably having to be considered.

## DIES FROM GAS IN OWN GARAGE

Samuel Haines, Chatham War Veteran, Suffocated While Warming Engine.

FOUND LYING BESIDE CAR

Wife Discovers Tragedy Upon Investigating Husband's Absence From House.

Special to London Advertiser.

CHATHAM, Feb. 19.—Samuel Haines, a war veteran, was suffocated to death by gasoline fumes in the garage attached to his residence at 260 Inches avenue last night. He was found lying beside the car in the garage by a member of his family at 3 o'clock this morning. Medical aid was immediately summoned, but life had been extinct for some time.

About 10 o'clock last evening Haines had a short conversation with his wife, and then went to the garage to "warm up the engine." Walking up in the early hours, Mrs. Haines discovered that her husband had not returned to the house, and upon visiting the garage, discovered the tragedy.

Coroner Dr. T. L. McRitchie was summoned, and after viewing the body and a consultation with Col. H. D. Smith, city crown attorney, decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

Mr. Haines is survived by his widow and two daughters, Gwen-dolyn and Winifred. He was an employee of the Chatham customs office, and a member of the Kent Regiment band, G. W. V. A., Oddfellows and Wellington Chapter, A. F. and A. M. The funeral will take place at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

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## Await Verdict of Voters In Two By-Elections.

OTTAWA, Feb. 19.—By Canadian Press)—Events in two federal ridings where by-elections are shortly to be held are being watched with great interest here.

Nomination day in both instances does not come till Tuesday, Feb. 28, with polling two weeks later, as provided by the act, and it is said that the next few days will indicate pretty clearly whether or not the ministers seeking seats will secure them by acclamation.

It is believed here that in East Kootenay Hon. Dr. J. H. King will be unopposed, while it is expected that the name of Hon. Charles Stewart, minister of the interior, will come before a Liberal nominating convention in Argenteuil, Que., on Tuesday.

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## DENY GASPARRI WILL QUIT POST

Vatican Officials Declare Papal Secretary of State Will Retain Office.

SUBMITS PLEA TO POPE

Cardinal Begin and U. S. Prelates Desire Time To Attend Conclave.

ROME, Feb. 19.—With reference to a report recently circulated here that Cardinal Gasparri was to be replaced as papal secretary of state by Mr. Gerretti, now papal nuncio at Paris, a semi-official Vatican statement on Saturday said: "It is superfluous to say such a report is absolutely unfounded. Cardinal Gasparri has not displayed any intention of leaving his high office, and he enjoys the complete confidence of Pope Pius as he in the past enjoyed that of Pope Benedict."

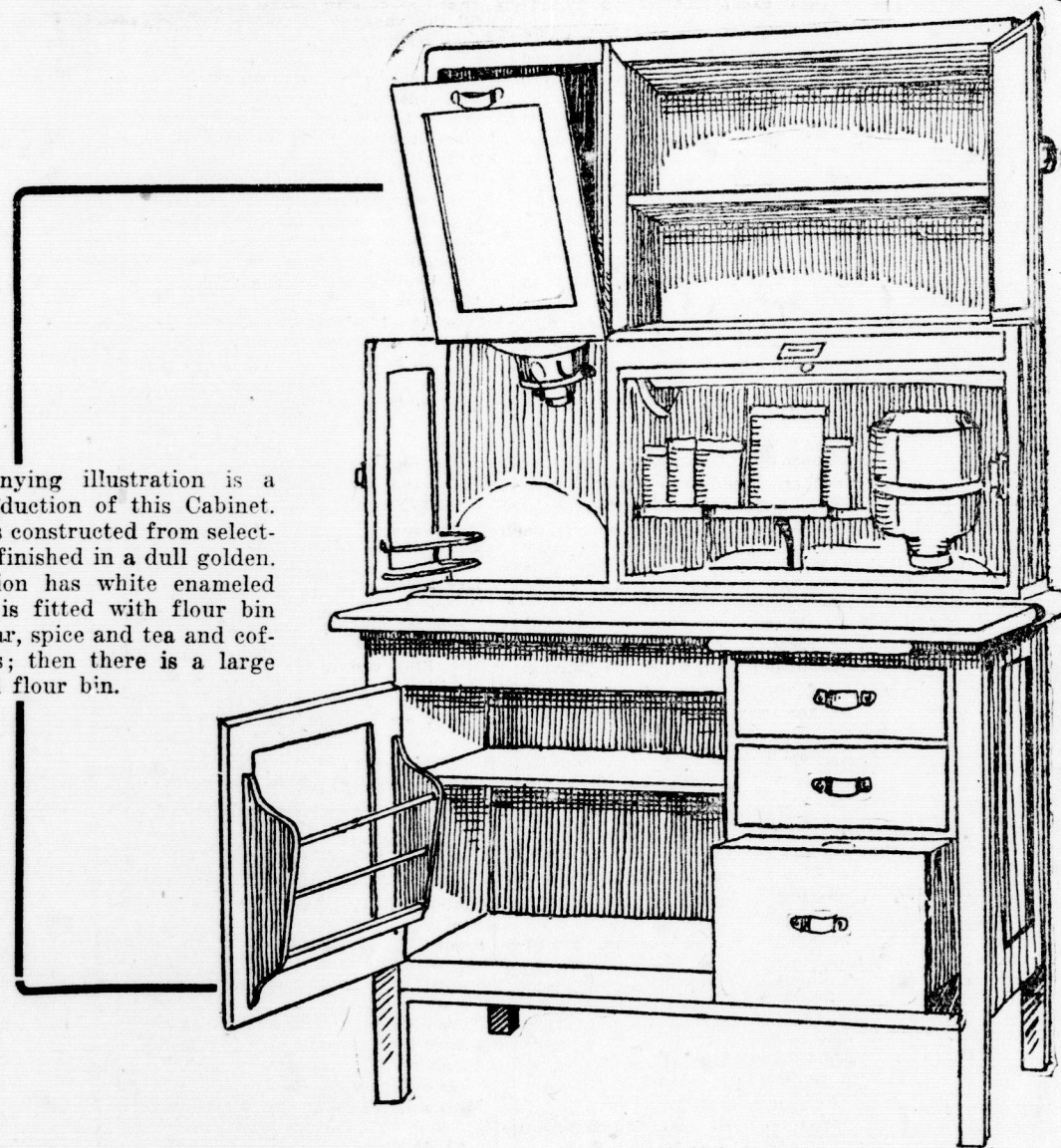
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## WOULD KEEP HAY ONTARIO LEADER

North Perth Liberal Association Chooses Delegates For Parley.

Stratford, Feb. 19.—At a meeting of the North Perth Liberal Association Friday afternoon the following delegates were appointed to the provincial convention to be held in Toronto: Dr. P. F. Quinlan, Mrs. R. J. Easson of Stratford; Dr. Foster, Lis-towel, and Robt. Armstrong, Ellice. The following alternates were appointed in case the delegates couldn't go: Aid. Tom Brown, Mrs. J. P. King, Andrew Stevenson of Elma, and J. D. Fisher of North Easthope. The executive were given power to make any changes necessary. The meeting was addressed by Dr. J. P. Rankin, M. P. General feeling seemed to be that it would be wise to have Mr. F. W. Hay, M. P., continue as leader of the party for this session if at all possible, as an election is likely after the close of this session.

## FREE BIGLAND IN CASE BROUGHT BY BOTTOMLEY

Shropshire Jury Arrives at Decision After But 'Two Minutes' Deliberation.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—(Canadian Press Cable).—The jury, after two minutes' deliberation yesterday at the Shropshire assizes, found Reuben Bigland not guilty of the charge brought against him by Horatio Bottomley, M.P., of inciting three persons to blackmail during a by-election in 1920.

Bottomley failed to enter the witness-box to support his case, and this fact was used against him in the summing up by the judge.

Bigland, under examination in the box, declared he had helped Bottomley to launch a bogus lawsuit, in which Bottomley obtained a verdict before Justice Darling, who heard the case, of £500. Bottomley afterwards paid Bigland £100.

## NOTE FEBRUARY THUNDERSTORMS

TORONTO, Feb. 19.—A February thunderstorm was the unusual phenomenon experienced in many parts of Southern Ontario this evening. Flashes of lightning and roars of thunder were accompanied by a downpour of rain which was heavy though of short duration. One-fifth of an inch of rain fell in less than half an hour.

According to the weather bureau the rainstorm came from British Columbia. The warm wave produced merely spring-like weather in the West but became almost summer-like on reaching Ontario. In some Ontario points the temperature reached 45 degrees. The wind grew colder again as the evening progressed, and much lower temperature with snow flurries is promised for tomorrow.

## 5 ARE WOUNDED IN JAMAICA RIOT

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Feb. 19.—A serious clash occurred last night between the police and West Indian negro soldiers, five of the soldiers being wounded.

Representations have been made to the British authorities for the disbandment of the regiment on the charge of periodic misbehavior.

## STANDARD BANK REPORT SHOWS RESERVE BOOST

TORONTO, Feb. 19.—The forty-seventh annual report of the Standard Bank of Canada for the year ending Jan. 31, 1922, shows an increase of \$200,000 in the reserve fund, bringing the total reserve up to \$5,000,000, as against paid-up capital of \$4,000,000.

The bank's profits for the year were \$225,014, which was slightly less than the previous year's record. Adding revenue from premium on new stock \$148,499, and the previous balance brought forward, \$278,643, the amount left for various appropriations was \$1,252,157, as against \$1,371,407 a year ago. Dividends at the rate of 14 per cent per annum were paid.

## MAJOR GENERAL BIGGAR, MILITIA PIONEER, DIES

MONTREAL, Feb. 19.—Major-General J. Lyons Biggar, V.D., C.M.C., one of the oldest of the distinguished Canadian militia officers of the last few decades, died here Saturday at his residence, Bishop's Court Apartment, following the breaking of a blood vessel in the brain. He had been in excellent health, but complained in the morning of a violent headache. A few minutes later he fell unconscious and died half an hour later without regaining consciousness. He was born in Belleville, Ont., July 15, 1856.

The body was taken to Toronto tonight, accompanied by his widow and two children.