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THE COAL SITUATION

The strike in the anthracite region in Pennsylvania is due to begin next week. A last hour effort is being made to bring the owners and miners together, but apparently with little hope of success. Neither is there any indication as to the policy of the Government if the strike occurs. It has been intimated that President Coolidge will be prepared to take some action, but its nature is not disclosed. The third party to the dispute, which is the general public, is a voiceless so far as effecting a settlement is concerned, but in the present case, strangely enough, public opinion appears to be almost apathetic. Perhaps it is believed that neither the mine owners nor operators contemplate a prolonged struggle, but that the chief purpose is to get a little more out of the consumer. The bituminous coal operators have been working their mines more extensively than usual, and it is announced that they have very large stocks on hand; and that in the event of a strike a drive will be made to induce the people to turn from anthracite to bituminous coal, not only for the present, but for the future. The anthracite mines have also been operated to the limit, and the owners have a larger quantity than usual available for the market. There would, nevertheless, be very grave anxiety in the country if the public did not believe that the strike, if it occurs, will be short-lived. So far as Canadian users of anthracite are concerned, they have not laid in a supply they may be able to depend on a considerable extent upon Welsh coal, since to-day's cable announce that 30,000 anthracite miners in Wales, who struck two months ago, have resumed work. The press of the United States is unanimous in calling for a showdown, and such action as would prevent a prolonged strike in the mining regions; but whether Congress when it meets will take the grip with the situation is a matter of doubt. Since the public interest is paramount, there should be no hesitation in going to the root of the matter, but the interests of the politicians enter in, and the unorganized public too often suffers.

Among the political rumors is the interesting one that Hon. P. J. Veniot may turn his attention to federal politics. If he chose to adopt that course and were elected, he would at once take rank as one of the effective debaters in Parliament.

For two years a great development work has been in progress at a place called Corner Brook in Newfoundland. This work a paper mill operated by hydro electric energy, and with a capacity to produce 400 tons of newspaper daily, was set in operation. Newfoundland is rich in timber as well as in minerals, and development of her resources is attracting British and foreign capital. The Ancient Colony does not live by fish alone.

The cereal crop of France, it is now estimated, will not yield over 82,000,000 quintals, instead of the 95,000,000 quintals previously estimated. The August rains have made the difference. If this has happened in France, it would seem probable that the crops in neighboring countries would also be affected. All reports had indicated large crops in Europe this year, and it had been thought France would have grain to export. When the most rosy reports were coming from Europe the state of the world's wheat supply was such that high prices were predicted for the Canadian crop. Any damage, therefore, to the crops in Europe strengthens the position of Canadian wheat.

Hon. Mr. Meighen has replied to Premier King regarding the federal elections, and renewed his challenge to the Premier to go to the country. He says the usual term of Parliament in Canada is four sessions and there should be no further delay in appealing to the people. According to a special despatch from Ottawa to The Telegram-Journal on Monday night the statement issued by the Premier has not changed the feeling that the elections will come soon. The despatch said there is no room for doubt that the date will be in 1925. Until the Premier makes his promised speech to his constituents in North York, however, it is extremely unlikely that any authoritative announcement will be made.

Interesting rumors come from London regarding the progress of the discussion between Mr. Winston Churchill and M. Caillaux regarding the settlement of France's debt to Great Britain. It is said there is a wide divergence between the annual amount Britain asks France to pay and that which M. Caillaux says France is able to pay. One report puts the British demand at \$21,000,000 and the French offer at \$9,000,000. If the difference is really so great, a good deal of negotiation would seem to be necessary to bring about a settlement. Other problems, however, arising between Britain and France during the last two or three years, and which appeared to have assumed much gravity, have been amicably solved by the new diplomacy.

trying to find the Eskimo camp. "Give me half an hour more." And almost to the minute he shot the boat through the fog to the shore, and there was Chief William's camp. The Eskimo party were taken into the chief's big canvas tent, Lord Byng being placed on a walrus-hide couch with Eskimo men, women and children crowded in, each graving shaking hands with the Governor.

Chief William ordered breakfast served. One of the women placed great slabs of fish on the open fire of driftwood burning in the center of the tent, while boiled tea simmered in a huge kettle.

Governor Had a Fork.
The plates were produced for the visitors. Lord Byng was signally used their fingers.

Chief William held up his hand, and in the instant hush that fell, said grace. Everyone, including the women, lit up fine amber pipes after the banquet, and the speaking began, an eerie scene with the Eskimo's brown faces gleaming in the semi-darkness, lit by the flickering flames, while the white visitors' eyes streamed from the double dose of smoke.

When Lord Byng announced he would write to the King and tell him he had seen the Eskimos, the first signs of excitement broke out. It developed the Eskimos regarded the King as a sort of God and doubted very much if he could be reached by post.

Cross-word Entertainment.
"And what did you do on the long over stretches between stops?" "Crossword puzzles," was the prompt reply.

"They kept us busy for days." Mrs. R. M. Forsyth, a wonderful old lady of 82 from Aurora, Illinois, with her daughter, Miss Aring, and a friend, Miss Bennett, of Chicago, who with other tourists made the trip to Alavik and return, were of the opinion that the books of "terrible cross-words," as Major Macdonald, the Governor's secretary, described them.

Statistics.
The muscular energy expended by a woman who tries to swim the English Channel would earn 450,000 shillings, or sew on 62,820 buttons, or patch the bottoms of 83,211 pairs of trousers.

How Many Immediate Ones These Are!
Modesty is the quality that tempts a man to walk in slippers when first he does knockers.

Perfection a Long, Long Way Off.
(Springfield, Mo., Republicans).
The world will still be imperfect as long as people think they can change human nature by passing a law about it.

IN LIGHTER VEIN
To a Publisher:
London Opinion has a great interest in syndicate writers as follows:
On every page, dear Dr. Crane, One can tell your attitude. Your readers in the evening train. One you a dash of platitude.

Forget Something.
"Who is that young woman over there in the seasonally scanty costume?" "That is Professor Blank's daughter—you know that very absent-minded professor."

"I should judge that she inherits her father's absent-mindedness." Playing it on the Dog.
Rhode Island exchange—after chewing up flags over the soldiers' graves in Stamford, Conn., Warden Kurt was laid a dog and a red-headed.

Correspondent wants to know why, after chewing up the flags, the warden, who is a dog and a red-headed, does not do it to the dog and the red-headed.

Would Have To Go It Alone.
Yachtman—"It's a small boat, but I shall have to leave it." His passenger (grimacing)—"Toot! Why, I haven't yet!"

Called Him a Steep.
"What is it little Elsiebert feeling so badly about?" "Ella playmates have shortened his name." "To Bert?" "That's nothing." "But they've shortened it to Ethel."

The Protecting Clouds.
Country deacon—"What, fishing instead of attending Sunday school? Don't you know the Lord looks down and sees everything you do?" Boy—"Yep, but he can't see nothing today—it's too cloudy."

MEIGHEN SAYS THAT TIME FOR WEST E. POTATO AN APPEAL TO PEOPLE IS NOW SHED BIDS SOON

Declares Usual Term of Parliament in Canada Has Been Four Regular Sessions and These Are Completed

OTTAWA, Aug. 24.—The usual and accepted term of parliament in Canada has been four regular sessions. "The four sessions are completed and what the country wants to know is—has this government the courage to go to the people, or has it not?"

So states Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, Conservative leader, in a statement to the Canadian Press tonight, replying to Premier Mackenzie King's recent declaration that the Government will not be stamped into any dissolution of parliament.

"The time for an appeal to the people came, not while the session was on, but after the session's work was done—the time is now," declared Mr. Meighen later on in his statement.

DENIES STATEMENTS.
The Conservative leader characterized as "untrue" statements by Premier King that the members of his government had been exceedingly busy, and the other that the Conservative leader had changed his mind as to his desire for an election. Mr. Meighen declares that he made no such prophecy, and, furthermore, that he did not express an opinion against an election in 1925.

MAKES CAUSTIC QUERY.
Commenting on Premier King's declaration that the members of his government have been exceedingly busy, the Conservative leader inquires what the members of the government have been doing. He states in regard to immigration is diminishing, while the exodus of citizens from the country continues. "Is another Petersen contract coming?" asks Mr. Meighen.

TEXT OF STATEMENT.
The text of Mr. Meighen's statement follows: "What the purpose of this long session can be, it is hard to conjecture. The usual and accepted term of parliament in Canada has been four regular sessions. These four sessions are completed, and what the country wants to know is—has this government the courage to go to the people, or has it not? Mr. King has given us 2,000 subjects the country continues."

SAYS THERE IS NOW.
There are two statements regarding myself—one that I proposed four years ago the present administration would have been exceedingly busy, and I have changed my mind as to the desire for an election. These are hard to subjects on which a Prime Minister would be expected to launch a controversy. But his statements on both subjects are untrue. I made no such prophecy, nor did I ever express an opinion against an election in 1925. The time for an appeal to the people came, not while the session was on, but after the session's work was done. The time is now.

PRESTON BUSY, TOO.
The members of his government have been exceedingly busy, says Mr. King. Perhaps so, but what have they been busy too, to have time to say that they are busy, too, is another Petersen contract coming? Meighen's exclamation, Immigration diminishes, is over a year since that famous announcement to reform our Senate was made and nothing yet accomplished. Even the provincial conference for that purpose has not been called. It is one of the badges of incompetence to be exceedingly busy and getting nothing done.

"CURIOUS CONTRIBUTION."
The remainder of this curious contribution of Mr. King's is divided between the convention went on record as favoring an attempt to find out the prevalence of tuberculosis in milk cattle, believing that milk should be sanitary and properly collected and sold, and that all milk should be pasteurized. Another statement stated that all general hospitals should have affiliation with a tuberculosis hospital for training nurses and where such affiliation existed all general hospitals should be limited to a number of beds for tuberculosis cases in order that a certain class of patients who are not receiving treatment may be cured for.

Dr. Farris said that those attending the convention had visited the sanatorium at Kentville which is a 400-bed institution and is like a well kept small town in itself.

Tenders Close on August 28; Official Going to Cuba

A. E. Fortington to Watch Markets—T. W. Caldwell Talks of Business.

T. W. Caldwell, M. P. for Carleton Place, was in the city yesterday and announced that the plans for an addition to the potato warehouse in West Saint John had been completed and tenders would be called on August 28. This was the third addition to the warehouse since it was first built.

Mr. Caldwell also announced that A. E. Fortington, of the Trade and Commerce Department, Ottawa, had at his suggestion, been appointed to go to Cuba, keep in touch with market conditions there, and the price of potatoes in countries from which Cuba draws her supplies, and report to the department any irregularities in the marketing methods of Canadian firms doing business in Cuba which would be detrimental to the producers or exporters of Canada.

LIVED IN MARITIMES.
Mr. Fortington has been for three years in the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Department of Trade and Commerce, which deals with foreign trade conditions. He lived in the Maritime Provinces for six years and had seven years experience in a bank looking after foreign exchange. His appointment is a result of the potato investigation, and Mr. Caldwell believes Mr. Fortington is admirably fitted for the duties of his new position.

NEW HATCHERY.
Mr. Caldwell also announced that a 3,000,000-egg fish hatchery was to be established on the Miramichi at Simpson's Brook, near the forks of the river, where there has hitherto been a small sub-hatchery. He had been laboring to this end for two years. The new hatchery will be one of the largest in Canada. Plans are now being prepared at Ottawa for the hatchery and residence.

WIRE KILLS ELECTRICIAN.
MONTREAL, Aug. 24.—Eugene Lapointe, electrician of the town of Terrebonne, was electrocuted at a pumping station when, while working on the roof, he touched a live wire.

More than 900 million dollars annually is sent by immigrants in the United States to countries abroad.

NEW C. B. COLLIERY PRAISED.
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20,000 End Strike in Welsh Coal Mines
LONDON, Aug. 24.—The strike of 20,000 anthracite miners which has been in effect the last two months in Wales has been settled and work is being resumed tonight.

The dispute arose over the alleged victimization of one man at an Ammanford colliery. The settlement terms were unanimously accepted today by the miners' delegates in conference at Swansea.

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