

British Railway Strike Has Begun.

An Amicable Settlement in Sydney Mines Dispute is Probable—Venizelos Favours a Republic—U.S. Squadron Ordered to Vera Cruz.

FRENCH ARMY REDUCED. PARIS, Jan. 20. The reduction of the French Army, under the terms of the eighteen months' service bill now being applied, will soon be terminated. The army will then number some 220,000 men less than were under colors in 1914 on August 1st. That year the army totalled 884,000 men as against 660,000 at present.

VENIZELOS FAVORS A REPUBLIC. ATHENS, Jan. 20. Venizelos Saturday announced that in the coming referendum to determine the future regime of the country he would vote in favor of a republic.

THE RAILWAY STRIKE. LONDON, Jan. 19. The Press Association this afternoon says it understands that the railway managers agreed to-day to defer putting into operation the new scale of wages fixed by the railway wages board, and the strike of locomotive men ordered to become effective at midnight, Sunday, will be postponed. The strike was called by the engineers because of the reduction in wages fixed by the Board. Other classes of railway employees are not involved in the big movement.

RAILWAY STRIKE ON. LONDON, Jan. 20. The strike of railway engineers and firemen started at midnight, according to an announcement sent out from the headquarters of their organization.

HOPES OF AMICABLE SETTLEMENT IN CAPE BRETON. SYDNEY, Jan. 20. A feeling of optimism prevailed over the week end in the coal mine districts of Cape Breton that the strike would be settled early in the week although no instructions had yet been received from International President Lewis. His advice is expected to-morrow afternoon and it is believed that a truce will be arranged as suggested by the Nova Scotia Premier while further wage negotiations take place.

ALL QUIET IN STRIKE AREA.

An Executive Board meeting is being held at the United Mine Workers Headquarters, Glace Bay, this afternoon for the purpose of securing the opinions of the entire Board on Premier Armstrong's proposal that the men return to work for fifteen days pending the drawing up of a new wage agreement. No reply will be sent to the Premier until after the meeting. Maintenance men quit work at New Waterford this morning because of an alleged breach of an agreement reached on Friday between the Coal Company and the U.M.W.A. All is quiet in the strike area.

YANKTON ARRIVES IN DAMAGED CONDITION.

BOSTON, Jan. 20. The Yankton, a week behind schedule, arrived Saturday from St. John's Nfld. Heavy weather forced her to put into Trepassey and Louisburg. Deck fittings and a lifeboat had been washed away by the waves and a pin in the steering gear worked loose outside of Boston, causing further delay.

TO EXPLORE THE ARCTIC.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20. The prime purpose of the proposed Polar flight of the American dirigible Shenandoah, is exploration of the Arctic regions. It was pointed out in the House Naval Committee on Saturday by Secretary Denby. "The mere fact that there are a million square miles of unexplored country adjacent to the United States," said Mr. Denby, "constitutes a constant challenge to us. We cannot permit that vast territory to fall into the hands of another power. If we don't make the trip, the

entire Arctic region will be photographed by another power within a year. We are not trying to discover the Pole. We don't doubt the feat of Peary. We want to explore and the Shenandoah is absolutely suited to the task." The project will cost about \$183,000 and entail no particular hardship or danger to the crew.

CONSIDERABLE FIGHTING IN MEXICO.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 19. The last three days have seen considerable fighting at different points within the quadrilateral formed by the railway lines extending from Puebla to Tehuacan, thence to Esperanza to San Marcos to Puebla. The main Federal column under General Martinez is still holding Tehuacan although cut off from Puebla. The road has been cleared of Rebels by General Urbalejo, who at present is at Tecamachalco, midway between Puebla and Tehuacan.

SCHMIDT AND CARGO RETURNED.

RALEIGH, N.C., Jan. 19. The British schooner Kwamina, and her cargo of 2,218 cases of liquor, which entered Oak Island Harbor in distress on December 2, will be returned to her master, Capt. Thomas Popham, and it is understood escorted to the three mile limit by a coast guard boat to resume her voyage to Halifax.

LIQUOR SHIPMENT AGREEMENT.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 19. Liquor from Vancouver, destined to Yukon territory, will be allowed to cross Alaska under the terms of an agreement which will be reached at a conference in Ottawa between representatives of the Canadian and United States Governments. As a return favor it was said the Canadian Customs officials will be instructed to refuse clearance papers to small craft loaded with liquor which pretend they are going abroad though known to be headed for the United States.

MOTHER AND THREE CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH.

EMPORIUM, Pa., Jan. 19. The farmhouse of Jacob Smith, 25 miles from Emporium, was destroyed by fire to-day. Mrs. Smith and three children were burned to death. Smith was taken to hospital in a critical condition.

STEAMER IN DISTRESS.

LONDON, Jan. 19. The British steamer Lime Branch, 5,300 tons gross, from Antwerp, London and Cardiff to Valparaiso, sent a wireless appeal for help to-day from

Big Double Bill at the MAJESTIC

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a point about 200 miles southwest of Cape Clear Island. The Lime Branch reported her propeller gone and that her rudder had become unshipped with the strong westerly gales blowing.

Tremendous Drama at the Nickel To-Night

MEANING OF THE TITLE, "THE STRANGERS' BANQUET."

Much discussion has been aroused by the title of Marshall Neilan's latest production "The Strangers' Banquet," based on Donn Byrne's novel of the same name, which comes to the Nickel Theatre for three days, beginning to-day. The significance of the name is found in these words of the Preacher, the son of David, King in Jerusalem: "There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is common man. A man to whom God hath given riches, wealth and honor, so that he wanteth for nothing for his soul of all that he desireth—but a stranger eateth it; this is vanity and it is an evil disease." This latest Neilan production, made in association with Goldwyn, deals with the life of Shane Butler Keogh, mighty shipbuilder, who had accumulated great wealth by his own efforts. When he dies this enormous fortune goes to a son and daughter unskilled in the handling of big affairs. All eyes are centered upon them, and now for the "strangers' banquet" the banquet is set.

To-night's Musical by Misses Hazel Drury and Inez Harrison will be something that will appeal to your musical taste, and is really too great a treat to resist.

U.S. WARSHIPS ORDERED TO VERA CRUZ.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19. The cruiser Omaha and half a dozen destroyers have been ordered from Panama waters to Vera Cruz. It is presumed to give every protection possible to United States citizens or their interests where fighting is in progress. Various Mexican ports are being mined, according to naval bulletins.

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Will Unveil Memorial Plaque

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It opens at the Star Movie Friday.

Ladies' Sewing Circle

TOPSAIL ROAD.

At a meeting of the Ladies' Sewing Circle, Brookfield, Topsail Road, held on Thursday last, the following officers were elected:—

President—Mrs. E. Lester, re-elected.

Secretary—Mrs. E. Chaytor.

Treasurer and Buyer—Mrs. A. Glendon, re-elected.

The election was conducted by Mrs. Macpherson in a most satisfactory manner. The Ladies' Sewing Circle was organized some time ago, for the purpose of raising funds to repair the old school of the neighbourhood. The ladies undertook to do sewing and knitting, and in addition held a social gathering once a week. They met with much success and the result is that the old school house has been replaced by a new and substantial building. There is a debt, however, remaining, and the ladies are making every effort possible to have it paid off without delay.

HINARD'S LINIMENT FOR DAN-RUFF.

PEPYS BEHIND THE SCENES.

Jan. 19th.—The weather grows cold again, so I abroad in my warm topcoat, and yet, chilled to the marrow almost. To the office, where infinity of business to do, which makes my head full; and indeed, for these two or three days, what with my accounts and the inconsideration of my wife. I have not been without a great many cares. Anon to my barber, to be trimmed, and he tries a new physick which will, he says, do much to make my hair grow. This I hope it will do, for I am grown mighty bald of late. Comes Mr. Taylor, and carries me to McMurdo's, there to drink with him; but his great mastiff which he calls Sailor, coming also, to rummage behind the candy counter and brings it crashing down about his ears. At this, I did laugh so, that I had like to choke, and the more so that the dog did put his head into a barrel of sweetmeats and did eat many of them. At night, to the Club, where to play at Bridge, which is the first time of my going so for a fortnight.

Jan. 20. (Lord's Day).—Lay long.

In the afternoon, up and to wait on J. D. Henry at the Balsam House. Much discourse with him of old and divers publick matters, which did interest me mightily. Povey tells me how Hon. Sir W. Coaker is returning, as I did write in my journal two se'entights since; and the reason for his coming, says Povey, is the fear of political intrigue which may put him in opposition. Povey tells me also how he hears Mr. Walker, the Commissioner, has such a liking for chocolates, that he buys them in boxes by the dozen. Sad news to-day, from Norris' Arm, of three children, they burned also, and their mother burned also, and is dangerous case. The cause of it, I think, an oil lamp which did explode and fire the house. To read awhile in the Essays of my Lord Verulam, and so, to bed.

Digby Arrives From Liverpool

S.S. Digby, 3 days from Liverpool, arrived in port yesterday shortly after noon hour. The ship brought a large cargo and the following passengers:—Messrs. R. E. Bearn, J. H. Delgado, C. M. Hourston, U. L. Ivany, A. J. Stacey, H. Tuck, Miss M. I. Loder, Mrs. McDermott.

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Personal.

Messrs. R. E. Bearn and J. A. Delgado returned from Spain by the Digby yesterday.

Magistrate Fitzgerald of Grand Falls, left for the Paper City by yesterday's express.

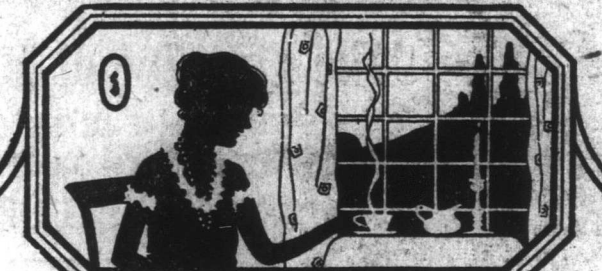
Rev. J. W. Winsor, of the Methodist Church at Twillingate, has received an invitation to become pastor of the church at Twillingate. It is understood that the Rev. gentleman has accepted the call, subject to the conference approval.

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Shipping

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Schr. Corsair, 4 days from Halifax, arrived in port Saturday afternoon with a cargo oil to the Imperial Oil Company.

S.S. Miranda, 15 days from Swansea, arrived Saturday afternoon with a cargo of coal.

Kosy Felt Footwear for ladies' and gentlemen at SMALL WOODS.—dec24

PAINFUL ACCIDENT.—Miss Lush, operator at the Telephone Exchange, met with a painful accident on Saturday night, by running a knitting needle through her hand. Dr. Fallon was called and rendered treatment. Miss Lush is much improved to-day.

Evening Footwear! Ladies we are now showing the Creighton line in many different colors of Suede Leathers, at SMALL WOODS.—dec24

Shoe Buckles—Rhinstone Shoe Buckles at SMALL WOODS.—dec24