

## Lockout in Ruhr Throws 300,000 Men Out of Work

### Employment of Chinese Labor in Besco Ships Protested--Russia Severs Com- mercial Relations with Germany--French Election Campaign in Full Swing.

**LOCKOUTS IN RUHR.**  
BERLIN, May 7. A lockout, declared against miners in the Ruhr Valley yesterday, which is estimated to have thrown 300,000 men out of work, was extended to-day to Saxony, where owners were moved to declare the lockout because of the refusal of workers in the Chemnitz and Zwickau Districts to work more than eight hours. Refusal of the Ruhr Valley miners to accept a work-  
ing day of more than seven hours

underground and eight hours on the surface was the cause of the lockout in that area. It is predicted that 200,000 metal workers in the Ruhr region will be involved in the labour troubles by to-morrow. Occupation authorities have promised strict neutrality.

**BESCO AND CHINESE LABOUR.**  
OTTAWA, May 7. Premier King has received an emphatic protest from Tom Moors, Pres-  
dent of the Trades and Labor Con-  
gress, as to displacement of Canadian  
seamen by Chinese on boats of the  
British Empire Steel Corporation in  
the coastal trade. Attention was called  
to the admission of Hon. Mr. Robb,  
in replying to a question in the House  
of Commons on April 28th, that on  
April 3 Besco had wired that it had  
difficulty in getting a Canadian crew  
to stay on after steaming, and that it  
had been arranged for a number of  
Chinese to sail from Liverpool on  
April 5, only two days after the com-  
plaint is made by President Moore  
that apparently no efforts were made  
to verify the statements of the Com-  
pany as to its inability to secure sat-  
isfactory labor in Canada. Protest  
is made that apparently employment  
in the service of Canada is to be ig-  
nored.

**RUSSIA SEVERES RELATIONS WITH  
GERMANY.**  
BERLIN, May 7. Satisfaction not having yet been  
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the police raid on the quarters of the

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office in Berlin. Five of those ar-  
rested by police in Saturday's raid  
are still in jail.

**EXECUTIONER COMMITS SUICIDE.**  
BRESLAU, Germany, May 7. Executioner Schweske, who had cut off the heads of 123 criminals, killed himself here yesterday with a revolver, making the second public executioner to commit suicide in Breslau within three months. Schweske was 78 years of age and was retired on a small pension, having executed his last victim in Cologne late in 1923.

**THE IRISH BOUNDARY QUESTION.**  
LONDON, May 7. In view of the Ulster Government's refusal to appoint a boundary commissioner, the British Government, according to political writers, is considering whether the difficulty may be met by asking the Duke of Abercorn, Governor of Northern Ireland, to nominate a representative. Whether this can be done, they say, turns upon the interpretation of the Anglo-Irish Treaty. The parliamentary correspondent of the Daily Express says it is pointed out that Ulster is neither a Dominion nor a Free State, but an integral part of the United Kingdom.

**N.J. DIOCESE FIRMS IN THE FAITH.**  
RAHWAY, N.J., May 7. A resolution asserting, "without reservation or equivocation, its belief in the virgin birth and bodily Resurrection of Our Lord," was unanimously adopted by the 153rd annual convention of the New Jersey Diocese of the Episcopal Church to-day.

**MINE FIELDS IN BALTIC.**  
LUBECK, Germany, May 7. Mine fields, covering 230 square miles, have been discovered in the eastern Baltic off Finland. The mines are said to be of Russian origin dating from the World War. This is taken here as confirming the findings of the Sietin Marine Office that the recent sinking of a German ship in the Baltic was due to mine explosion.

**ONTARIO'S SCANDALS.**  
TORONTO, May 7. Hon. Peter Smith, former Provincial Treasurer, who faces charges involving conspiracy to defraud the Ontario Government, of certain motives, appeared in the police court this afternoon and was remanded for one week on application of the Crown Attorney. The Telegram states that many surprises will be brought at the trial, and that evidence, documentary and otherwise, of a startling nature, will be introduced.

**THE FRENCH ELECTIONS.**  
PARIS, May 7. The campaign for the election of a new Chamber of Deputies, will close on Saturday night, has practically emptied the Governmental Departmental Departments of Ministers and leading functionaries. Premier Poincare is practically alone in remaining to attend to the affairs in the country, while his colleagues with the exception of those who are members of the Senate, are making a final appeal to their constituents.

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**OPENING ENGAGEMENT AT THE  
NICKEL TO-MORROW.**  
May Jackson, Lyric Soprano and Ernest Miller, Dramatic Baritone coming direct from Operatic successes in the United States are due to arrive in St. John's to-day. These noted singers have been booked by Mr. J. F. Kieley to appear for a limited engagement at the Nickel Theatre. In securing such a rare and distinguished vocal treat, Mr. Kieley has indeed filled a long felt want as high class singers, such as Jackson and Miller is the attraction the music-lovers of our city have been clamouring for. Jackson and Miller have scored notably with The Boston English Opera Company appearing in leading roles throughout Canada and U.S.A. Miss Jackson has a beautifully attractive Lyric Soprano voice of rare sweetness and diction, whilst Mr. Miller is a Baritone of extraordinary range, possessing a rich voice of great volume and clarity of expression. They sing everything from Grand Opera to Jazz in a manner that has given them an enviable reputation in the world of music. The opening programme is one of particular interest and is as follows—Duets, Schubert's "Serenade" and "Medley of Irish Airs." Solos, "On the Road to Mandalay" and "Gianna Mia."

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## Newfoundland Veterans' Conference

The Great War Veterans' Association will be holding a Dominion Conference of Newfoundland ex-Service men within the next fortnight. The primary purpose of this Conference will be the approaching visit of Field Marshal Earl Haig, for the purpose of unveiling the National War Memorial and the participation in the celebrations contingent thereto, by ex-Service men from all over the Dominion. As free transportation has been offered, it is stated that in cases where no branch is functioning, but where twenty or more ex-Service men are domiciled, that such a body may appoint a delegate who should write to Headquarters immediately for further particulars. Free transportation to and from St. John's will be provided. Also accommodation for one week.

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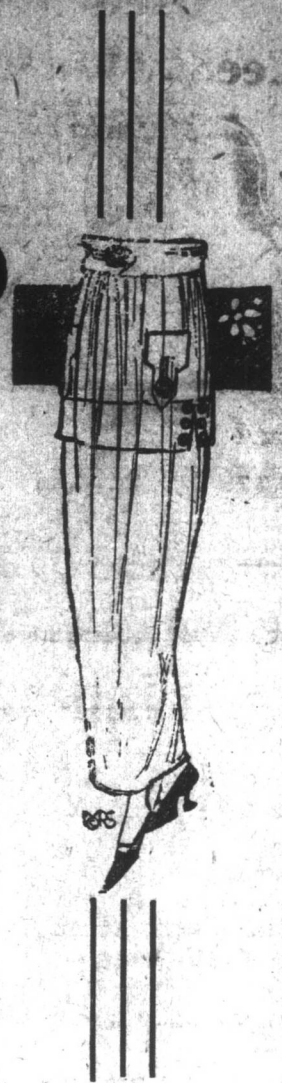
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## MUTT RAISES A PIECE OF CHANGE AT HAVRE DE GRACE.

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## War Veterans' Colonization Scheme Proves Success

SEATTLE, May 1.—(A.P.)—The state of Washington, having successfully developed and colonized an original unit of 50 twenty-acre tracts of land in the White Bluffs-Hanford soldier settlement project in the Priest Rapids Valley, is seeking 50 additional settlers. This project is being settled entirely by war veterans, those from other states being accepted. The valley, 175 miles southeast of here, is in a horse-shoe bend of the Columbia River, with nearly 60,000 acres of irrigable land. Wells have been dug for irrigation, machinery installed, and buildings erected. The soil, a decomposed volcanic ash ranging in depth from 2 to 10 feet, produces alfalfa, clover, fruits and vegetables when water is applied. The tracts are sold on terms and for every dollar invested by the veteran the state lends him \$3 on long time.