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CANADIAN LABOUR BARGAINS MILLERS Ferguson Plans Cheaper Beer in Lifting Restrictions

SYMPATHY IN STRIKE EXTENDED

Executive of Trades and Labor
Congress of Canada
Wires Lewis.

158,000 MEN OUT

Striking Miners of U. S. Anthracite
Fields Losing
\$1,200,000 Daily.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Sept. 1.—The executive of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada were instructed by the national convention here today to send a telegram to John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, extending the sympathy and moral support of the Trades and Labor Congress to the striking anthracite miners in the United States.

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Associated Press Despatch.
Philadelphia, Sept. 1.—A peaceful, but complete, tieup of the hard coal fields was reported today as the result of the suspension instituted by 158,000 mine workers at midnight.

The last of the miners quit the pits on the stroke of twelve, which terminated the late two-year contract with the operators. Work will not be resumed until the contract is renewed. Attempts to negotiate have so far failed. The departure of the last squads of men was businesslike, however, and unmarked by any show of feeling.

The first shift of the 10,000 maintenance men who will police the mines throughout the suspension, by mutual agreement with the owners, took their assigned places without any hitch. In return for continued employment these men are required by the union to contribute \$5 from each of the semi-monthly pay envelope to the union emergency fund. The operation will thus be indirectly contributing about \$100,000 a month to the union's war chest.

All through the night the coal trains rumbled over the mountain grades, while empty, rattling locomotives pulled new loads. The coal mining towns saw holiday activity today. Amusement centers throughout the section had a heavy attendance of miners and their families.

"Miners' Day" was advertised here and there. Many of the men, however, instead of indulging in the amusement intended to spend the time at home putting on patches, patching shoes, attending to improvements long put off for lack of time. The hammer and pick brush for the time being are to replace the pick and shovel.

The closing day of the old contract was marked by a gradual tapering off in the production throughout the fields. Many of the miners failed to return yesterday from the week-end. Various collieries operated short-handed.

John L. Lewis, international president of the union, at the board of the coal diggers to keep the peace. In his announcement he also took occasion to castigate the mine owners for what he called the lack of Continued on Page 6 Column 4.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Lower lakes and Georgian Bay—Light to moderate winds, fair and warm today and Wednesday.
Pressure is now highest over the great lakes and relatively low over the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the western provinces. Light showers have occurred in the maritime provinces, while in other parts of the Dominion the weather has been fine and warm.

TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Victoria..... 64 50
High Low Weather Stations..... 64 50
Calgary..... 52 44
Winnipeg..... 54 56
Port Arthur..... 58 52
Toronto..... 54 56
Kingston..... 54 56
Ottawa..... 54 56
Quebec..... 60 54
Father Point..... 66 48
St. John..... 64 54
Halifax..... 64 50

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were:
Highest, 67; lowest, 65.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Highest, 68; lowest, 62.
Sun rises at 5:41 a.m. and sets at 7:11 p.m. (Standard time).
Barometric Readings.
Today—5 p.m., 29.57.
Monday—8 a.m., 29.42.

Fighting Forest Fires In Muskoka



USING MOON RIVER ROAD AS FIRE BREAK.
Some of the fifty men from Bala under Constable Mason using the Moon river road as a fire break when the bush fire which burnt the Canadian National station at Medora spread across the country, threatening Bala and the cottages along the Muskoka river. A change in the wind has turned the blaze into the west land towards the Georgian Bay.

British Laborites Mostly Loyal to the Monarchy, Says Former Chancellor



Lord Buckmaster, in Brief Interview Here, Declares Republicans Are Few.

LAUDS CANADIAN BAR
Liberal Party Still a Political Force To Be reckoned With in England.

"There is an overwhelming preponderance of the Labor party who are loyal to the throne and to monarchical institutions," declared Lord Buckmaster, former lord chancellor of England and one of the outstanding legal minds of the empire, who, according to a brief interview to an Advertiser reporter this morning at the C. P. station.

Lord Buckmaster has been attending the sessions of the Canadian bar association in Winnipeg as the guest of honor at their meetings. He gave the principal address of the convention.

His lordship has a legal type of mind, and it was impossible to induce him to commit himself definitely on any specific question, especially those of a controversial nature. He said a fine tribute to the members of the Canadian bar, and declared the body he had attended in Winnipeg was as fine a collection of legal talent as he had seen. Referring again to political conditions in England, he refuted the oft-repeated assertion that the Liberal party was dead in England.

ELMWOOD CHURCH CALLS MINISTER

Rev. F. W. Gilmour of Atwood Invited by London Congregation.

Last night a call was extended to Rev. F. W. Gilmour, B.A., of Atwood, by the members of the Elmwood avenue Presbyterian church. A call was also extended to Rev. James Hagen of Toronto by the congregations of Bethel, Bryanston and Iderton at a meeting last night.

The latter meeting was in charge of Dr. John McNair, clerk of the London presbytery, who announced today that both calls would come under the consideration of the presbytery at its meeting here on Sept. 15.

Rev. T. D. McCullough was in charge of the Elmwood avenue meeting.

CANADIANS ARE BUYING MORE GOODS IN STATES

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Sept. 1.—Canadian purchases in the United States, which have been showing a decline, were totaled \$52,000,000 as against \$49,000,000 in June and \$45,000,000 in July last year, according to returns to the bureau of statistics. Canadian exports to the United States were \$37,000,000, about \$200,000 less than in June and about \$1,500,000 more than in July last year.

ROBERT MIDDLETON DIES.
Associated Press Despatch.
St. Thomas, Sept. 1.—Robert J. Middleton, district freight agent of the Michigan Central Railway, and former alderman of St. Thomas, died at his home here last night. He had been in poor health for some time. He was 56 years of age.

BELCOURT WILL GET U.S. POST

Popular Member of Senate To Act as Canadian Minister at Washington.

AN IDEAL DIPLOMAT

Acceptance of High Honor Will Mean His Resignation From Senate.

By E. C. BUCHANAN.
Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Correspondent.
Ottawa, Sept. 1.—It is now regarded as altogether probable that the appointment of a Canadian minister to Washington will be made within a few days and that the post will go to Senator N. A. Belcourt of Ottawa.

It is understood that Senator Belcourt has already been selected. Although a French Canadian, Senator Belcourt is a native of Toronto. He has been a member of parliament for 29 years and has been speaker of both Commons and Senate. He has been president of the French Canadian congress of Ontario and the French Canadian educational association of Ontario. Many missions in behalf of the dominion have been in his charge. He was a delegate to the imperial conference and the inter-imperial conference last year. He was identified with the entente cordiale of 1906. Urging its extension to include the United States and Japan, he is a man of wide culture.

Senator Belcourt's appointment to Washington will necessitate his resignation from the senate. He is one of the most popular and hard-working members of the Commons.

CIVIL SERVANTS MUST QUIT BANDS

Ruling From Ottawa Affects Fifteen Employees in London.

No longer will civil servants be permitted to play in bands for remuneration after working hours, according to reports in circulation at the local postoffice. A definition of the rule expected from Ottawa on the matter as a result of the musicians' union for the last few weeks. The union ruled that bands could not give their services free on any occasion. The veterans' band is a member of the union, and they were included in the ruling. Many of the bandsmen are civil servants and returned soldiers.

The civil service code has always contained a clause prohibiting employees from engaging in outside occupations for remuneration, but it has been more honored in the breach than observed. As long as such occupations have not interfered with this daily work no action has been taken.

About fifteen employees of the postoffice and customs department will be affected by the enforcing of the regulation. They fail to see why if they do their work satisfactorily, their sidelines outside of business hours should be interfered with. To many of them it will mean a hardship.

GENERAL MOTORS MAY GET CONTROL AUSTIN COMPANY

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Sept. 1.—The directors of Austin Motor Limited, British automobile manufacturers, have accepted, subject to the approval of their stockholders, a proposition for the sale of the company to General Motors corporation. It was announced yesterday.

MEXICO AND GREAT BRITAIN TO SETTLE DIFFERENCE

Associated Press Despatch.
Mexico City, Sept. 1.—The foreign office announces that Great Britain has accepted an invitation extended by Mexico to appoint a claims commission to settle the claims of the respective countries. It is also announced that other questions between Great Britain and Mexico will be handled through the usual diplomatic channels.

Sea Serpents In B. C. Lake

Pre-Historic Creatures Alarm Residents, Who Plan To Go On Hunt.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Victoria, B. C., Sept. 1.—Long-necked, rough-skinned creatures who waddled across the surface of the earth long before man, monkeys and evolution were heard of, are living in the depths of Okanagan Lake in the southern interior of British Columbia. It was reported to John P. Babcock, deputy commissioner of fisheries, yesterday, by R. Leckie-Ewing, Mr. Leckie-Ewing is preparing to go forth and do battle with the monsters who live unknown in the lake bottom. Armed with a rifle, he plans to shoot one of the creatures and to tow it ashore.

Mr. Babcock's theory that big sturgeon and not sea serpents, are causing the discussion in the Okanagan district, is treated with silent contempt by the men who claim to have seen the terrifying visitors.

FIRE DESTROYS GODERICH BLOCK

Blaze Originating in Antique Shop Results in Heavy Loss.

Special to The Advertiser.
Goderich, Sept. 1.—About 12:30 this morning a disastrous blaze swept through and completely demolished three Hamilton street business houses. A blaze broke out in the antique shop, where many valuable items of furniture and other articles were stored. The fire spread rapidly to the north, G. Green's antique shop also was completely wiped out as was Bowman's automobile shop, where many valuable items were stored. The fire was caused by a gas leak in the antique shop, which was occupied by Fisher's vulcanizing works and Wheeler's furniture store. So rapid was the progress of the flames that in one hour after the fire was discovered these three two-story buildings were razed completely.

The loss is heaviest in Green's antique shop, where many valuable items were stored. The loss is partially covered by insurance. McKinnon's loss is also insured.

RUMANIA WILL SEND MEN TO TALK DEBT SETTLEMENT

Associated Press Despatch.
Bucharest, Rumania, Sept. 1.—The Rumanian government has officially notified the United States legation that it desires to settle its debt to the United States at an early date, probably the beginning of October, to seek a settlement.

Mr. Vintila Bratiano, returns to Bucharest about September 5.

First Day of September Sees Young London Back at School; Great Adventure For Many

Twelve Thousand Children Enter Classrooms With New Enthusiasm.

1,000 AT TECHNICAL
Twelve thousand young Londoners—there may have been a hundred or so more or less—started back to school this morning. Simple statement that, but there was a world of pent-up enthusiasm for the future in the hearts and minds of those same children.

Holidays are all right, sure, but even holidays drag, and the boys and girls who have been in their hearts not glad to get back to school are few and far between.

First of all school is a great adventure for literally hundreds of little tots who, having attained the age of five or six years, are going to kindergarten, and then there are the hundreds more who have graduated from public school into the collegiate institute or the technical high school. For them, too, a great new adventure is waiting.

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HOTEL BARS NOT TO COME BACK, DECLARES PREMIER

Tables Will Be Dispensed With Only At Races and Fairs.

REVEALS HIS MOTIVES

Would Increase Permits With Object of Bringing About Cheaper Beer.

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Reporter.
Toronto, Sept. 1.—Premier Ferguson's announcement that the government in future would grant a larger number of 4.4 beer permits and intended to remove some of the restrictions connected with the sale has stimulated keen interest as to how far this policy will be extended. There has been already some talk of a surrender to the "wet" by the premier, but he is not being actuated by any outside pressure.

There has been no doubt all along that Hon. Mr. Ferguson has not regarded many of the restrictions imposed as necessary and he has stated that so far as he was personally concerned he would have had more widespread distribution of permits, but in deference to public sentiment and the fact that it would be easier to control the sale it was decided to grant permits on a certain restrictive basis.

May Mean Cheaper Beer.
He considers it has been now proven that the beverage is not all intoxicating and does not require all the safeguards which were put into the safekeeping of General Nickle is at force. Also, General Nickle is a direct return to the open bar. Allow the sale of this beer over the bar and the next step will be the sale of liquors over the same bar. It is utterly against the principles of prohibition.

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J. M. Donahue, while not claiming to understand exactly what the premier is driving at, thinks it is a move to reduce the price of beer to the public by cutting out the overhead entailed in selling it at tables instead of over the bar. He added that while the public opinion concerning the quality of the beer was divided, there is no doubt in any one's mind that the price of the much-discussed beer is twice too high.

"In any case," stated Mr. Donahue, "a mild beer is not the answer to the liquor question. If the sale of Canadian native wine were allowed by the glass in licensed premises, it would replace both the sale of beer and of hard liquor."

Questioned as to whether he did not think native wine a hard drink when aged sufficiently, Mr. Donahue replied: "Yes, perhaps it is, but remember that we will always have the hard drinker with us."

Inspector G. H. G. questioned concerning the new regulations forecasted in the premier's announcement, stated that he had received no official instructions concerning his work. He added that persons who applied for permission to sell 4.4 beer are now allowed to do so unless considered not fit to handle it, and he stated that he could see little difference in extending the permit privilege further.

"More Soft Soap."
Hotelmen interviewed on the subject stated emphatically that the idea of cutting the restrictions was "more soft soap." They state that the continual doing out of permits has made the sale of the beer by hotels unprofitable.

Concerning the sale otherwise than at tables as a means of reducing the price to five cents per glass, they say it is impossible. With a tax on every gallon, the beer now costs hotelmen exactly five cents per glass, and they add that if Premier Ferguson wishes to reduce the price of the beverage to increase the sale, as should start at the right end and remove the tax.

Extended Tour Is Planned By King

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Sept. 1.—Premier King is planning an extended tour following his speech at Richmond Hill, although final arrangements have not been made. The first week, it is proposed, will be spent in Ontario speaking at different points. After that, tentative plans call for a tour of the maritime provinces.

NO PRAISE FOR NEW BEER MOVE

Wets and Drys Alike See Little Advantage in Ferguson Proposal.

Premier Ferguson's announcement stating that the sale of 4.4 beer will be less restricted in the future, and that the necessity of selling it only at tables may be removed, finds little favor with local moderates. Several members of the "wet" fraternity, questioned this morning, stated that this latest move on the part of Premier Ferguson is beyond their understanding.

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PASSENGER TRAFFIC TAKES BIG JUMP

Best Summer in Many Years Laid to Improved Trade Conditions.

Passenger traffic on the Canadian National London division took an unexpected jump last week as a climax to the best summer in many years, according to Charles Forrester, superintendent. General improvement in business conditions and hence the ability of people to travel were the reason given. On trains No. 14, 15, 16 and 17, which run between Montreal, Chicago and Detroit, the improvement has been particularly noticeable.

The number going to the National exhibition at Toronto is also greatly in excess of last year, according to railroad officials.

14,000 Belong To Wheat Pool

Canadian Press Despatch.
Winnipeg, Sept. 1.—Colin H. Burnell, president of the Manitoba Co-operative Wheat Producers' Limited, announced last night that there are now nearly 14,000 members of the Manitoba wheat pool and that contracts for 1925-26 have been acquired in nine elevators and the purchase of elevators at other points is under consideration.

ing the local school system each year. The boys and girls who go to school here are thus provided with buildings and equipment that in the large are excelled in few cities in the province.

This morning 8,590 children crowded the public schools, 1,000 more flocked to the separate schools, 1,000 swooped down on the technical school, and 1,000 more flocked to the collegiate institute or the technical high school. For them, too, a great new adventure is waiting.

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