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THORNTON RATE ON ALBERTA COAL NOT LOW ENOUGH

Western Mine Operators Say U. S. Will Still Command Market

Member of Association Says Chief of C. N. R. Has Apparently Changed Views—Emergency Meeting is Called in Calgary.

(Canadian Press)

Calgary, May 7.—Nine dollars a ton on Alberta coal going to Ontario on the C. N. R., as suggested by President Sir Henry Thornton is too high by \$2 a ton and would be useless, coal operators said here last night.

Jesse George, members of the Western Coal Operators' Association, said: "It is hopeless to expect that we could reach the Ontario market with a rate like that. It is absolutely no good and we could only take advantage of it in case of an extreme coal famine in the East. Some outside influence of which we have no knowledge must have been at work for Sir Henry Thornton has apparently changed his views. Both in Alberta and in Ontario we entertained hope that we would obtain the reduction we required because of the 'wonderful manner in which Sir Henry evidently viewed our case. Then, Sir Henry discussed getting the rate down to a competitive basis, but he knows, and we all know, that \$9 would not form a basis of competition for our prices would be higher than the price U. S. subsidize is being quoted in, especially since their prices have been reduced."

An emergency meeting of the Western Canada Coal Operators' Association will be held in Calgary this afternoon.

Ottawa, May 7.—Unless Alberta coal can arrive in Ottawa to cost in the \$10 a ton on the cars here, it will not compete with the Pennsylvania coal, said a local official here last night.

"Allowing a \$3 spread for profit, delivery, interest, storage, etc., that would make the coal sell at \$13 a ton. American coal would compete with it, but it would be sold at a lower price than the U. S. operators say profit and still still sell at a profit. The coal from Alberta selling here with the \$9 freight rate."

Ottawa, May 7.—The lower rate of \$9 a ton for Alberta coal to Ontario would not be sufficient to permit of the development of market of Alberta coal, was the opinion of the Edmonton Coal Operators' Association. "It would undoubtedly help some," said one prominent operator, "but it is not enough to permit of competition with the summer months. To make a continuous summer market demand we would have to get \$12 rate."

It is pointed out that the price at the pit-head ranges from \$2.50 to \$4 a ton, and the delivery cost and retail profit from \$2 to \$2.50 more. With the \$9 freight added, the Toronto price would be \$14.50 to \$15.50 and this price, the Edmonton operators say, would not be sufficiently attractive to permit of successful competition with the east, unless there is abnormal cause, such as a coal shortage, owing to a strike in eastern mines.

Ottawa, May 7.—Sir Henry Thornton announced that the Canadian Pacific Railway will quote a rate of \$9 a ton on Alberta coal moving in train loads to Ontario during May, June and July. "Similar consideration will be given the maritime provinces."

CUTTING DOWN THE U. S. DEBT

Secretary Mellon Predicts \$1,600,000,000 Reduction by June 30.

Washington, May 7.—Bringing to an end the first phase of refinancing the Government's great war-time debt, Secretary Mellon last night announced a new offering of four hundred million dollars in treasury notes to complete the refinancing and retiring of victory notes which when issued aggregated more than four billion dollars. The new issue will bear four and three-quarters per cent interest and will mature on March 15, 1927.

Secretary Mellon predicted that the gross public debt of the nation would be reduced to about \$22,000,000,000 by June 30, retirement of about \$1,600,000,000 of federal securities since April 30, 1922.

He declared there would be a surplus of \$125,000,000 on June 30, or \$65,000,000 more than estimated by Director Lord of the budget, who on Saturday forecast that Government receipts for the fiscal year would exceed expenditures by \$60,000,000.

MR. VANWART IMPROVING. Latest reports from John W. Vanwart, who is a patient in the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, are that he is improving steadily and will probably be home within the next ten days or two weeks. George T. Polly, his son-in-law, said this afternoon that Mrs. Vanwart was still with Mr. Vanwart but that Mrs. Polly was expected home tonight.

King George and Queen Mary Are In Rome; Are Heartily Greeted

Italian Monarch, Other Dignitaries and Throng of People Give Rousing Welcome to British Monarch and Queen in Italian Capital.

(Canadian Press)

Rome, May 7.—The train bearing King George and Queen Mary to Rome passed through this city about five o'clock this morning. Several members of the suite were up to receive the monarchs. They also received baskets of fruit intended for the breakfast table of the King and Queen. All the local civil and military authorities were at the station to offer their homage and welcome to the royal guests.

Queen Mary, who is the first of the royal family to visit Italy, and much enjoyed their first glimpse of Italy. On one side of the car they saw the towering Apennines, with the morning sun falling on the great gorges fringed by the famous marble cliffs of Carrara. The train also passed Viareggio, near which the poet Shelley was drowned. The station was decorated with bunting and flowers, and the civil and military authorities were given the honor of the carriage and bowed to the monarchs in a most respectful manner in which Sir Henry Thornton was present.

Rome, May 7.—King George and Queen Mary arrived in Rome at 3 p.m. King Victor Emmanuel, Crown Prince Umberto and the other royal princes and princesses greeted them at the station. Also included in the welcoming party were the members of the cabinet, headed by Premier Mussolini, Gen. Diaz and Admiral De Ravel, representing the army and navy, the presidents of the senate, and chamber, and the members of the Italian embassy staffs, with their wives. The king was profusely decorated. King George was greeted with tremendous enthusiasm. The British and Italian sovereigns warmly embraced. From the station the streets and public squares were crowded with applauding people.

NEW CABLE ACROSS ATLANTIC

New York, May 7.—A new trans-Atlantic cable between New York and London is to be laid at a cost estimated at ten million dollars. It will be the first Atlantic cable laid since the completion of the Atlantic Cable in 1866. The new line, which will be operated by the Cable Corporation, will be a bulk affair, its conductor average about 1,100 pounds of copper wire. It will be the heaviest existing cable. The route will send it up along the coast of Nova Scotia, then across to the Azores, making a total of 2,760 miles of cable to be laid on this stretch.

At the Azores the line will connect with a cable already laid from Ireland to England, which will hook up with the new system. About 200,000 pounds of copper will be used in the conductor. On Guysboro Coast. Halifax, N. S., May 7.—An increase of seventy per cent in trans-Atlantic cable communication will be one of the benefits expected from the new cable, according to Superintendent Hagen of the local cable office. In addition there will be the advantage of facilities for carrying larger bulk of matter. The cable line will land at Dover Bay, Guysboro county and connect with the main line to England.

Girl is Slain in a Detroit Vacant Lot

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ROCKEFELLER RELATIVE AMONG CAPTIVES IN BANDIT RAID

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Rockefeller, "I walked up the street early on Saturday evening and saw a young man very much under the influence of liquor. Two hours later, returning home by another street, I passed another young man, who was in a similar condition. I suppose if I could have seen into all the places where they were, I could have seen a lot more."

"And we are supposed to have private information," said the reporter. "What do you mean?" "I mean," said Hiram, "that there is a law in effect which allows an officer of the law to see what all the rest of us can see. What's the explanation of this open sale of liquor? When will it be stopped?"

"When the folks that talk prohibition show they mean it," said Hiram. "I don't know," said the reporter. "I don't know," said Hiram. "I don't know," said the reporter.

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WATERS CEASE TO CLIMB; FRESHET DANGER OVER

Reports Show St. John River Down Several Feet.

The water in the St. John River and tributaries is receding rapidly and has dropped two and a half feet or more since Saturday, according to reports received today. There was no occurrence out of the ordinary about the river front near Indiantown today. It was a welcome sight to residents in the section to see the water falling off, and a hope was expressed that conditions would be back to normal by the end of the week.

The steamer Hampton was due to reach Indiantown early this afternoon from Wickham, and the Premier was expected back from Grand Lake late this afternoon or early this evening. The steamer will leave tomorrow on her first trip of the season up the Washademoisette conditions were reported satisfactory today. The water there is dropping as rapidly as it rose and is now below the top of the veranda on the R. K. Y. C. club house. It is impossible for the ferry steamer Maggie Miller to operate yet. She is still mired in a core near Red Rock.

APPLAUD FLAG TRADE AT GLACE BAY MEETING

Sydney, N. S., May 7.—Malcolm Bruce of Toronto was applauded at a meeting at Glace Bay on Sunday when he said "I hope to see the day when the Union Jack will be dragged up the flagpole of the Red flag flying over Canada as a standard of freedom for the workers."

Red Flag at a Calgary Meeting

Women Labor Leader Advocates Doing Away With the National Anthem.

Calgary, May 7.—The red flag was hoisted and the Internationale sung at a meeting of the members of the Calgary branch of the I. O. O. F. held here yesterday under the chairmanship of Fred J. Macdonald, president of the I. O. O. F. of Alberta. Four hundred people attended.

GOVERNOR DINES LABOR LEADERS

Ontario's Crown Representative Peace and Good Will.

Toronto, May 7.—Canadian and local labor leaders to the number of 120 lunched on Saturday with Lieutenant-Governor McMillan at the Hotel Ontario. It was the first time that a representative of the crown had invited the recognized leaders of organized labor to the gubernatorial table.

WEATHER REPORT

Forecast:—A shallow depression is passing eastward across the Great Lakes. The weather is fair and rather cool in the western provinces, showery in Northwestern Ontario and fine and moderately warm from Lake Huron to the Bay of Fundy.

LOST IN WOODS?

Word has been received at the Central Police Station regarding a man thought to be lost in the vicinity of Hoyt Station. The report from Hoyt is that the man arrived there on Tuesday, May 1, and said he had walked from St. John, where he had been employed at the winter port, and was on his way to Montreal. He bought some tobacco and bread and went into the woods on Tuesday evening. As he did not reappear and nothing was heard of him searching party.

FLOODS CAUSE POSTPONEMENT

First aid classes, which were to have been started today for employees of the C. P. R. on the New Brunswick district, have been indefinitely postponed as a result of the difficulties arising from the recent floods.

MANY TIES IN BIG LEAGUES

Third Week Sees Baseball Competition Very Keen.

Only Four Places in American League—Foul Claimed Against Jack Johnson in Bout in Havana.

(Canadian Press)

New York, May 7.—Nearing the finish of three weeks of play the races in the American League have disclosed keen competition all down the line. In most seasons, there were only four places in the American League when play started today, one team was in first, two in second, one in third and four tied for fourth, and three were tied for third in the National.

Though they lost to the Athletics, the Senators have not disclosed their intention to start a road trip in first place as both Detroit and Cleveland led. By defeating Boston 4 to 1 Washington became level with the Red Sox and enabled Chicago, which team won a ninth inning thriller, from Cleveland, 5 to 4, to go into a four-way tie for fourth place.

Chicago and Pittsburgh both lost ground in the National League by losing to the Yankees and Boston were tied. Trough victory over the Cubs, 10 to 4, St. Louis went into the tie for third place with Pittsburgh, which lost to Cincinnati 7 to 7. Brooklyn made a motion toward getting out of the cellar by defeating Philadelphia 7 to 4. Horsey, leading major league home run hitter last year, made two homers, being as successful as he has been in his fifteen games played this season.

Havana, May 7.—The bout between the Cuban champion, holder of the world's heavyweight title, and Walter (Farmer) Lodge, the Minnesota fighter, was terminated at the end of the fourth round early today after Lodge had been felled by a blow which he said was foul. Johnson led in the first three rounds of a rather tight fight.

ST. JOHN TO KEEP ON SHIPPING OF CATTLE MAY

Due to the efforts of Nagle & Wigmore, some 1,500 head of cattle will be shipped from this port to Europe during May, which other months have been closed by the epidemic of foot and mouth disease.

ALLIANCE HEARS HEALTH MINISTER

Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts, Minister of Health, addressed the meeting of the Evangelical Alliance held this morning in the Y. M. C. A., on the work of the health department.

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KICK OR FALL, BUT DEATH ANYWAY

Montreal, May 7.—Ernest Desjardins, thirty-eight, is dead, and two men are held as material witnesses for the coroner's court as the result of an incident in a house in Rivard street on Saturday night.

GAS EXPLODES; 10 DIE IN MINE

Trinidad, Colo., May 7.—Ten men lost their lives when gas in the north slope of the south-west mine of the Rocky Mountain Fuel Co. exploded on Saturday.

POISON TABLETS NEARBY

Toronto, May 7.—Miss F. Agar, a stenographer in the employ of the city tax department was found dead in her room yesterday. Poison tablets near the body suggested the cause of her death. The young woman came to Toronto from Owen Sound.

BRITAIN NOT PLEASED; WILL NOTIFY BERLIN

Urging Germany to Do Better in Reparations Offer

London Newspapers Criticize France and Belgium for Going Ahead Without British Co-operation and Refusing the Proposal of Germany.

(Canadian Press)

London, May 7.—Great Britain will despatch a note to Germany within 86 hours expressing disappointment in the latest German reparations proposals and urging Germany to present a more practical and liberal solution of the problems.

London, May 7.—The cabinet, it is understood, will discuss today the situation created by the action of France and Belgium in replying independently to the German reparations note without consulting their allies, to whom, as well as to themselves, the note was addressed. The situation is generally regarded by the press as extremely awkward, and there is some rather sharp criticism of the conduct of the Ruhr allies.

The diplomatic correspondent of the Daily Telegraph writes: "What passes British comprehension is that the two allies, in taking upon themselves the acceptance or rejection of the German offer relating to common credit and common guarantees, should imagine that they are acting in conformity with the peace treaties or with the principle of common solidarity in their execution."

Editorially the newspaper stresses the fact that reparations are owed to the Allies and not to France and Belgium only. The British public, the Daily Telegraph believes, finds it very hard to appreciate the French reasons for the step taken. The editorial further expresses a desire that France should have rejected Germany's appeal for concerted action as rejected by Lord Curzon on Friday.

The Times likewise condemns unilaterally the French-Belgian proposition that those two nations are the sole arbiters of the Ruhr situation, and says they have made the maintenance of a so-called unity unnecessarily difficult. The newspaper reiterates the view that although the German note was well intentioned and inadequate it might have been the stepping stone for a settlement.

The Times argues for such a tribunal as U. S. Secretary Hughes suggested, and would like to see the U. S. participating as an associated power in the deliberation of such a body. "But with the attitude of the U. S.," the newspaper adds, "the situation looks for common action, not separation."

As the U. S. newspapers have not necessarily replied to the German note, it is thought possible that they may join Germany in such a communication. The belief prevails here that the Government of Rome fully endorses the British view so far as making the German offer a starting point for discussions and collective action.

The attitude of Italy, it is felt, if any opinion is available from that quarter, of the U. S., will doubtless be among the factors to be reckoned with by the cabinet in its review of the position.

CLOSE CALL FOR BOY

A small boy, said to be named McDonald, had a narrow escape from death as a result of an injury from which he was rescued by a street car.

The boy was riding on a street car when it struck a horse and rider. The horse was killed and the rider was injured. The boy was thrown from the car and was lying on the ground. A street car was passing by and the driver stopped to help the boy. The boy was taken to the hospital and is now recovering.

LAST SAILINGS OF C. P. SHIPS FOR SEASON

Preparations were being made today for the last two Canadian Pacific steamship sailings for the season. The Montclair is due to leave for Liverpool this afternoon and the Metagama for Glasgow tomorrow morning.

The Montclair had booked approximately 485 cabin and 300 third class passengers. Among the cabin passengers on the Montclair will be conducting a party of tourists from the Orient around the world. They recently landed in Vancouver and came across the continent on the C. P. R. There are twelve in the party.

Other prominent passengers will be Lord Duncan of Perth, Scotland; Prof. J. H. Michael of Toronto, who is accompanied by his wife and son; Hon. Charles and Mrs. St. John, of Montreal; Prof. John Weir of Edmonton and Rev. M. Nagatkyo, who is en route to England to resume his studies at Oxford at the completion of which he will return to Japan.

Among the passengers on the Metagama will be James Colquhoun Irvine, C.B.E., L.L.D., F.R.S., of St. Andrews, Scotland.

ASSINBOINE DRIVES PEOPLE FROM HOMES

Brandon, Man., May 7.—Having risen nearly two feet since Saturday evening, the Assiniboine River has easily outdistanced its efforts of a year ago. Residents on the flats who stayed in their partly submerged homes have now been compelled to leave.

LIBERALS LEAVE CHOICE OF CANDIDATE TO COMMITTEE

Toronto, May 7.—A convention of the Liberals of East York to choose a candidate for the provincial election was held Saturday, but it was left to a committee to recommend a candidate. The feeling of the committee being that the party should have a candidate acceptable to the U. F. O. and Labor.