

**Amundsen Party Safe; Shortage of Fuel Forces a Return.**

**Premier Armstrong Claims Appeals for Aid in Glace Bay a Hoax—China is Warned by Britain Against Molesting Her Subjects—175 Warrants Issued at Sydney Mines Charging Looting and rioting.**

**AMUNDSEN BACK IN SPITZBERGEN.**  
NEW YORK, June 18.—It was reported here this afternoon a message had been received at Amundsen from Amundsen, the missing explorer, saying, "Am all right." Mrs. S. Prentice, brother-in-law of Amundsen, said he had received word that all six members of the expedition returned safely to Spitzbergen.

**SHORT OF FUEL FORCES RETURN.**  
STOCKHOLM, June 18.—A despatch received here says Amundsen was unable to continue and after remaining in latitude 87.10 was forced to return to Spitzbergen. The despatch indicates that a new attempt to reach the pole will be made shortly.

**AMUNDSEN'S RETURN CONFIRMED.**  
NEW YORK, June 18.—The North American Newspaper Alliance announces to-day that Amundsen has returned to Spitzbergen from the North Pole flight.

**PREMIER ARMSTRONG'S ASTONISHING LETTER.**  
TORONTO, Ont., June 18.—(C.P.)—The afternoon of June 10, last, the Canadian Press carried a despatch from Saskatoon, textually as follows: "Replying to a request from a Saskatchewan Methodist Church as to whether they should raise funds for striking Nova Scotia miners, a letter bearing the signature of Premier Armstrong says: 'This is a matter which you will have to decide for yourselves. I can only say that the medical officer of the Glace Bay told me last week.'"

The letter continues that so far as personally knew up to the time of speaking, there had not been a case of actual distress in the town of Glace Bay. "In my opinion, there has been nothing in the history of this country so grossly exaggerated for the purposes as the situation in the mining districts of Cape Breton. I think practically every person in Nova Scotia has now agreed that the best pronounced hoax ever put upon a sympathetic people was that launched a few weeks ago by some over-excited people in connection with this unfortunate matter. I do not believe that any one dollar could be raised in the Province of Nova Scotia for this purpose further than that. I do not think it is needed. You have asked me plain question and I can do no better than give you a plain answer. To those who are tormenting this people see fit to accept money from the Red International, and to parade under the Red Flag, in preference to the British Flag, it is time the people took notice, much more so the Quarry Board of a Methodist Church, were sincerely, E. H. Armstrong, Premier."

The above despatch was promptly picked up by the Canadian Press wires, and filled on the Halifax representatives of the Canadian Press being informed by Premier Armstrong that the letter as reproduced was inaccurate. Premier Armstrong was at that time on a campaign in his constituency of Shelburne, and was out of touch with his office files in Halifax, but he has promised a statement to the Canadian Press as soon as he returns. The Canadian Press desired to await this statement before publishing this letter, but as it has been already published by a number of the daily press and has been picked up editorially, it does not seem proper to further withhold it from the News Service, subject, of course, to such comment as Premier Armstrong may later see fit to make.

**ARMSTRONG LETTER LEADS TO ENQUIRIES.**  
HALIFAX, N.S., June 18.—Publication of the Armstrong letter in Saskatoon resulted in a number of enquiries being addressed to the Glace Bay Relief Committee and the Nova Scotia Executive of the United Mine Workers of America. Thus, on June 18, Gerald Deatry, Secretary of the Saskatoon Trades Council, wired for details for publication. A. A. McKay, District Secretary of the United Mine Workers, replied that need for outside assistance was most urgent. Rev. Fr. MacAvoy, of the Relief Committee, in reply to an enquiry wired that hundreds were hungry in Glace Bay. Dr. M. T. Sullivan, Health Officer, denied having had any interview with the Premier and stated distress was still acute among the miners and their families. Later, Rev. M. A. MacAdam and Rev. A. M. McLeod, Chairman and Secretary of the Glace Bay Relief Committee, issued a statement in part as follows:—"When on the sixth of March the already impoverished mining folk were denied any further provisions at the Company's stores, a general Relief Committee was organized that had direct and personal knowledge of the poverty and need of Glace Bay. This fact was communicated to the people of Canada who came to our aid with a splendid response. If this is a hoax, we are at a loss to understand the meaning of the English language. At no time or at no instance was any political bias appealed to by us, and we cannot be held responsible for such use made of our countrymen's misfortune."

**MURDOCK TAKES OPTIMISTIC VIEW.**  
SYDNEY, June 18.—(Can. Press)—My personal view is that a settlement can and should be brought about within the next ten days; is the concluding paragraph and most cheerful portion of a statement issued to-night by Hon. James Murdock, Minister of Labor, at the conclusion of his conversations here with District 26 United Mine Workers Executive, and with J. E. McLurg, Vice-President of the British Empire Steel Co. Mr. Murdock had been attempting since Tuesday to conciliate the differences between the two which for three months and a half have caused a tie-up in the coal fields of the Province. The District Board of the Miners, Mr. Murdock states, have asked for a few days' time to canvas certain questions contained in the company's proposals for a settlement as submitted to Mr. Murdock, by Mr. McLurg, and to prepare the question at issue for submission to a referendum vote. The statement says that the District Board to-day, when presented with the Corporation's proposals, found therein two or three things which appeared almost if not entirely impossible of acceptance. Mr. Murdock also tells of an offer to the miners to return all maintenance men pending settlement, and the Corporation's refusal on the grounds that they were unable to use all maintenance men because of the present condition of the mines. Mr. Murdock is returning to Ottawa probably to-morrow morning, but either he or E. M. Quirk of the Labor Department, will come to Cape Breton whenever their services may be helpful.

**SEARCH WARRANTS SWORN OUT.**  
SYDNEY, June 18.—Hon. James Murdock, Minister of Labor, was still in Sydney to-night, indicating that he had finished his attempts at conciliation between the British Empire Steel Corporation and the coal miners. He was expected to soon break the silence he has maintained since the beginning of his conversation with the opposing parties on Tuesday. In the meantime the miners' executive and J. E. McLurg, Vice-President of the Corporation, decline to make any statement, wishing, they say, to leave that to the minister and to avoid prejudicing his efforts. A development to-day was the swearing out of a large number of search warrants at Sydney mines in connection with the recent taking of the \$60,000 stock of the Corporation by Whalen and Walsh. They will appear in the Stipendiary Court to-morrow for a preliminary hearing. Goods alleged to be from the store were found in a number of houses. Apparently one man had gone to the trouble of carrying home a heavy brass bedstead, while another was not so selfish in his efforts but had addressed a parcel of goods to his mother in another part of Nova Scotia. Operation of the fans in a number of cellars from the power house at number two mine continued to-day and some pumping was started in one of two mines. Maintenance work is expected to make steady progress. With the addition of four hundred Royal Canadian artillery and Royal Canadian horse artillery forces to-day, troops are distributed over the mining area, including the Corporation general offices at Glace Bay, number two, and the New Waterford power house, reserve, Sydney Mines, the Sydney steel plant, and at other points. Forty of the artillery forces were sent to Sydney Mines this evening to join the thirty-five dragoons already there. Everything remains quiet in the dis-

trict and it is not expected that there will be further disturbances of any moment for the present at least. The town of New Waterford continues without any electric lighting and water supply except that from wells and springs. The water scarcity is causing concern to insurance companies. There is no announcement as to how long it will take to put the power house back into operation.

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**175 ARRESTS TO BE MADE.**  
SYDNEY, N.S., June 18.—One hundred and seventy-five warrants have been issued at Sydney Mines for the arrest of persons wanted on various charges of rioting and looting in connection with recent industrial disturbances.

**UNITED CHURCH AND PRESBYTERIANS.**  
TORONTO, Ont., June 18.—Upon the advice of Counsel and of its legal Committee, the General Council of the United Church of Canada, at its session this morning, instructed the Executive Council to register a formal protest with the Secretary of State for Canada and with the Provincial Secretaries of all the Provinces against the use by any religious body of titles of any of the Churches

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**NEW CHURCH WILL HAVE ELEVEN CONFERENCES.**  
TORONTO, June 18.—The United Church of Canada will contain eleven conferences divided into 109 Presbyteries, as follows: Newfoundland Conference, seven Presbyteries; Maritime, 15; Montreal and Ottawa, 5; Bay of Quinte, 5; Toronto, 12; Hamilton, 9; London, 8; Manitoba, 9; Saskatchewan, 16; Alberta, 15; British Columbia, 88. The Presbyteries shall convene not later than September 30, 1925, and Conferences

many's proposal for a Western European Security Pact, was published simultaneously this afternoon in London and Paris.

**SENATOR LAFOLLETTE DEAD.**  
WASHINGTON, June 18.—Senator Robert M. LaFollette, for many years the stormy petrel of the politicians of the United States, died here to-day. Death resulted at 1:52 from heart failure induced by a general breakdown and an attack of bronchial asthma.

**ITALY READY TO PAY DEBTS.**  
ROME, June 18.—Premier Mussolini to-day officially notified Great Britain that the United States that Italy is ready to open war debt negotiations.

**NOTE PUBLISHED.**  
LONDON, June 18.—The French note replying to Ger-

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