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## REJECTION OR ACCEPTANCE OF MCKINNON SCALE TO BE DECIDED BY MINERS' VOTE

Miners Hear Sec. McLaughlan Discuss and Explain Various Clauses in the Agreement Reached With Dom. Coal Co.

**SYDNEY WORKERS FARING WELL**

Phalen Local Told That Many of Their Fellows Throughout the Province Were Not Faring So Well.

Sydney, N. S., Feb. 1.—(By The Canadian Press)—The acceptance or rejection of the McKinnon wage schedule by the mine workers of the Dominion Coal Company will be decided by a referendum vote by all the United Mine Workers' locals. This was the opinion expressed to the Post, by an official of the U. M. W. at the conclusion of Secretary McLaughlan's meeting in the Savoy Theatre, Glace Bay. The meeting was not called for the purpose of deciding whether the new schedule should be adopted or not, but to hear Secretary McLaughlan discuss and explain various clauses in the agreement, and his resolution why the men should adopt the same. There was a very large attendance of mine workers and interested citizens, every available seat in the building being occupied.

Norman Roberts, president of the Phalen local, presided as chairman, and in a short speech outlined the object of the meeting and asked that Mr. McLaughlan be given an attentive hearing. When the secretary arose to speak he was given a great reception, showing that he still retains the confidence of the big majority of the workers. He spoke for nearly an hour, and a half and gave a very plain explanation of the various clauses in the agreement. At the conclusion of his remarks he answered numerous questions asked by members.

The contract miners of the Dominion Coal Company, declared Secretary McLaughlan, have had the biggest increase of any contract miners in Nova Scotia, and the same in force as high as that of any other mine. When the last wage increases were secured, Sydney miners received a forty per cent. increase, Dominion Coal Company a fifty per cent. and the miners at the Allan shaft only thirty per cent. This agreement is only a leveling up of the various rates paid in the mines throughout the province and was not made for the purpose of securing a general increase at this particular time.

The reason your executive consented to the four months' period was in order to show the general public that the mine workers wanted to do something to help in stabilizing the coal industry.

Many of your fellow workers throughout the province are not being paid as high as you, and if you are imbued with the real spirit of unionism, you will assist the under man to get something on a par with yourselves, said Mr. McLaughlan.

Mr. McLaughlan declared that the wage schedule as signed by the U. M. W. executive officials offered the best increases ever obtained from the operators and were actually more than the miners' officials expected.

He pointed out to the meeting that the agreement called for a contract that could be changed every four months if the miners believed that conditions warranted such changes. The speaker dwelt at some length on the clause in the agreement that gave the U. M. W. this power and declared that an increase in the cost of living could be used as a basis for a complaint that would lead to further negotiations between the company and the men. He compared the rates paid the miners in the United States with those paid in Nova Scotia under the new agreement, showing clearly that the Nova Scotia miners profited far better than their American friends.

**Manitoba To Ask Royalty On Fur-Bearing Animals**

Winnipeg, Feb. 1.—Provision for the collection of a royalty on all fur-bearing animals caught in Manitoba is contained in a bill amending the game protection act which will come up for second reading and debate in the legislature early next week.

## Trend of Events May Necessitate the Acquiring of More Ry. Systems

Montreal, Feb. 1.—(Canadian Press)—Speaking at the 17th annual dinner of the Canadian Railway Club here on Saturday, Hon. Arthur Meighen, Minister of the Interior, said, in reference to nationalization of railways, "I believe that after the lapse of years the railways running today under various ownerships and always becoming fewer, may mature into one great organization more or less the property and responsibility of the state."

The Minister disclaimed any intention of bringing another single mile of road under the ownership and operation of the Government, but stated that "we had reached a stage where the march of events and the stern hand of necessity compelled us to take the position and responsibility we have assumed, and the same march of events in the future might lead to further assumption of responsibility."

## England To Demand Von Tirpitz And Von Sheer of Germany For Trial

Paris, Feb. 1.—(Havas)—In addition to already published lists of those who will be demanded from Germany by the Allies on charges of violations of the laws of war, the Matin says Belgium will ask for Dr. Theobald Von Bethmann-Hollweg, former Imperial German Chancellor, while England will demand Admiral Von Tirpitz, former German Secretary of Marine; Admiral Reinhardt Von Scheer, former chief of the German Admiralty Staff and commander of the German Fleet in the Battle of Jutland, and Prince Oscar of Prussia, fifth son of former Emperor William.

## All Eyes Turned On Paisley

Asquith Advocates Revision of League of Nations, and Immediate Granting of Self Gov't to Ireland in Full Extent.

London, Feb. 1.—(Canadian Press)—The advice to "keep your eye on Paisley" is being just now followed, and interest in ex-Premier Asquith's contest grows every day. The speaking campaign is engaging both sexes this week. Lady Astor, the only woman member of parliament, so far will be on the coalitionists' platform and the labor candidate has secured the assistance of the revision by the league of nations of the peace treaty's territorial provisions; an international economic conference on peace and trade with Russia and an immediate granting of self-government to Ireland in the fullest sense.

## MURDER CHARGE AGAINST GRAND MANAN SAILOR

Alleged Responsible for An Illegal Operation Performed Upon a Woman With Whom He Was Intimate.

Special to The Standard. Lisbon Falls, Maine, Feb. 1.—Rufus Penley, a sailor of Grand Manan, N. B., will be given a hearing in the Municipal Court at Auburn, Me., tomorrow, on a charge of murdering Mrs. Samuel French, 40 years of age, of Lisbon Falls, through an alleged illegal operation. Penley, who is 60 years of age, was arrested at the home of his sister this afternoon. Mrs. French died suddenly at the home of a neighbor on January 15. The result of an autopsy, performed by Medical Examiner W. L. Haskell, has not been made public.

## C.N.R. ROUND-HOUSE AT MONCTON HAS FIRE DAMAGE

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 1.—Fire in the C. N. R. roundhouse, Saturday night, did some damage to a new locomotive and also damaged a small portion of the roof of the roundhouse. The fire started in the cab of the engine in some mysterious manner.

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## U. S. SPEAKERS AT BANQUET OF CANADIAN CLUB

Tell Boston Audience of Great Things to Be Done to Better Highways in This Province.

**ST. JOHN MAN ONE OF SPEAKERS**

Hon. P. J. Veniot Promises That Rule of Road Will be Changed to Conform With New England Rule.

Special to The Standard. Boston, Feb. 1.—Canada is no longer what she was a few short years ago. Changes have taken place "never dreamed of in the wildest dreams of the Dominion five years ago."

It is a new country, and now Canada proposes to win back more than a million and a half of her emigrated New England population. She contemplates spending millions upon millions in the coming years, in spending it now, to lay down new roads and bridges, reconstruct the old and build up new centers and develop facilities for travel. She is ready even to change her traffic regulations to correspond with those of New England.

There were more changes told of a luncheon in the City Club yesterday, before a large gathering of American citizens, members of the Canadian Club of Boston, by P. J. Veniot, minister of public works for New Brunswick.

T. P. Regan, president of the New Brunswick Automobile Association, told of the newly established governmental control over highways. He spoke of medical depots in hundreds of highway administration in Canada and also of a "old home summer" planned for 1924 of which Mr. Crowell is secretary, to bring Canadians from over the world back to Canada for a vacation, and, where possible, for settlement. He told of changes in the new government itself to boost the automobile industry, to give Americanized Canadian highways to Canada, and the getting of a stock of America's tourist trade. Provincial government and the Canadian Federal government, the whole Dominion is back of the plan.

Before the session closed resolutions were passed under the chairmanship of St. Stephen in New Brunswick, president of the club, endorsing a suggestion by Minister of Public Works Veniot for the erection of a triumphal arch between Calais, Maine, and St. Stephen in New Brunswick, on the St. Croix River, the border line between the two countries, to commemorate the activities of both nations in the war. The suggestion is to be acted upon at the next meeting of the executive board of the club. It was accepted with great enthusiasm.

## MONCTON HAD ITS SHARE OF COLD WEATHER

January Proved the Coldest on Record for Over a Quarter of a Century.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, N. B., Feb. 1.—The weather record in Moncton, as kept by the City Engineer, shows that the month of January was the coldest for more than a quarter of a century. The thermometer was below zero during the last fourteen days, and below zero weather prevailed for twenty-one days out of the thirty-one. So far this winter, the thermometer has been below zero on thirty days, which is also a record. The lowest marking was Saturday morning, when mercury registered 22. Sunday morning the glass showed 21. Tonight is somewhat milder.

## SIR GEO. PAISLEY TALKS AID FOR THE GERMANS

Declares Conditions of Peace Treaty Should be Modified to Make it Practicable for Germany to Pay Indemnities.

Toronto, Feb. 1.—Sir George Paish, the eminent British financial authority who had been in this city several days addressed the Open Forum here this afternoon. He said he had recently visited Germany, and the people there were on the verge of starvation. Credit should be given to Germany, he said, to prevent anarchy, as there was great misery in Germany and her people were on the verge of starvation.

Sir George intimated that in his opinion the Peace Treaty should be modified in order to make it practicable for Germany to pay her indemnities, the size of which has taken all hope out of that country. "If you ask her to pay more than she is able to pay," Sir George asserted, "you will get nothing."

## BRITISH GOV'T POSITIVELY ASSERTS IT IS NOT SEEKING FURTHER LOANS IN U. S.

Hon. Peter Veniot Promises Boston Folks Trunk Line in New Brunswick

Boston, Mass., Feb. 1.—The progress being made in furthering a good roads programme in the Maritime Provinces of Canada was described in addresses before the Intercolonial Club last night by Hon. P. J. Veniot, Minister of Public Works of New Brunswick, and H. H. Witkiewitz, Minister of Highways for Nova Scotia. They told of plans to establish a continuous trunk line highway from the Maine border, near Calais, through the two provinces. Horatio C. Crowell, Secretary of the Old Home Exposition at Halifax, outlined the arrangements under way for the exposition in that city in 1924.

## Many Disastrous Fires Occured Sat. Night In New York

Desperate Efforts to Keep Warm During the Most Severe Cold of the Season Given as the Cause of So Many Fires—All New England States, as Well as New York, in Grip of the Coldest Weather of Season—Several Frozen to Death.

New York, Feb. 1.—Desperate efforts of New Yorkers to keep warm during the most severe cold of the winter were responsible for most of the sixty-eight fire alarms which were turned in between last midnight and eight o'clock tonight. Overheated stoves and furnaces and attempts to thaw out frozen water pipes caused the fires which rendered more than three hundred families homeless, or drove them into the streets. (Scores of thrilling rescues by firemen and policemen were reported.)

All New England as well as New York were Saturday night in the grip of the coldest weather of the winter. New low temperature records were reported from many points, the sharpest being recorded at New York City, where the thermometer fell to 14 below zero at midnight. N. Y. fourteen miles north of Rome, 42 degrees below was marked at midnight.

Greenwich, Maine, held the record for New England, with 23 below. The lowest mark reached in New York city was two below zero but at that the suffering was intense.

A woman of 70 was found frozen to death in the cellar of the building at 332 West Thirty Eighth street Saturday night. Today the weather moderated considerably.

**Burned To Death.**  
A widow, her four children and two

## ROYAL GAZETTE AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT LOST

Comptroller General Advised They Had Been Sent to Public Saturday—Printer Refuses One to Standard Correspondent.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 1.—Hon. Robert Murray, Provincial Treasurer, left here on Saturday evening for his home at Chatham, but the Royal Gazette extra with the Provincial Statement has not yet made its public appearance here, although it is said copies of the statement have been available for some newspapers friendly to the Government. The Standard correspondent was denied a copy of the statement today, but the Comptroller-General said he had been advised by the printer that copies had been posted on Saturday night to out-of-town names on the mailing list of the Royal Gazette. This information, however, so far as could be learned tonight, was inaccurate, and the person who gave it to the Comptroller-General evidently deliberately misrepresented.

## PEACE TIME NAVAL STRENGTH OF U. S. 940 WARSHIPS

This Will be Three Times the Number in Commission When United States Declared War on Germany.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Approximately 940 warships, including sixteen dreadnaughts, sixteen pre-dreadnaughts, eight armored cruisers and seventeen light cruisers will be the peace time strength of the American navy after next July 1, the House Naval Committee was told Saturday by Rear Admiral Taylor, chief of the Bureau of Construction and Repair. This will be three times the number in commission when the United States declared war on Germany, but the comparative tonnage will only be about one and one half times as great. A number of improvements, based on the lessons learned in the war, are to be made on the dreadnaughts and other craft.

The alterations, together with the repairs necessary to the 940 vessels, will cost about \$27,500,000, Admiral Taylor says.

## Bill Proposed To Repeal Duty on Newsprint and Pulp

Washington, Feb. 1.—Repeal of all tariff duties on print paper, wood pulp and rag pulp was proposed by a bill introduced Saturday by Representative Connelly, Democrat, Texas, and referred to the House Ways and Means Committee.

Gov't Expenditures Since June 1919 in United States Have Been Financed Without Fresh Borrowing on Part of Parliament.

**NOV. LOAN FOR MATURING DEBTS**

In a Statement to U. S. Treasurer British Gov't Gives Emphatic Denial to Press Reports Relative to Future Loans.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Positive as a assertion that the British Government does not plan to seek further loans in the United States, but, on the contrary, is desirous of reducing the obligations it already has incurred here is included in a statement from London, transmitted to Secretary of the Treasury, Glavin, through R. C. Lind, chief British charge d'affaires, and made public tonight. The statement also denies emphatically "repeated allegations in the press that the British Government desires to borrow large sums in the United States."

The statement follows: "In view of repeated allegations in the press that the British Government desires to borrow large sums in the United States, His Majesty's Government states that it has been expressly pressed more than once in the British Parliament, it is entirely contrary to the policy of the British Government to incur a fresh indebtedness in the United States since June 1914, the whole expenditure of the British Government in the United States was financed without fresh borrowing, and the first step has been taken to reduce outstanding indebtedness. The loan issued in the market in November 1919, by the British Government was issued solely for the purpose of meeting maturing indebtedness."

"Some confusion seems to have arisen out of the fact announced in the press, both in Great Britain and the United States, that the British Government has invited the cooperation of the Government of other countries, and particularly the United States, with a view to joint action for further measures of relief and reconstruction in the suffering parts of Europe. Any such measure, if finally agreed upon, must, obviously, involve no further borrowing by the people of the United Kingdom from the United States, but further advances by the United Kingdom, as well as by the United States and such other countries as take part in the joint action contemplated by the countries requiring assistance."

## ST. JOHN NATIVE DIES SUDDENLY AT CHARLESTON

Prominent Boston Business Man, Frequent Visitor to Loyalist City, Succumbs to Pneumonia.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 1.—Local relatives are holding the remains of John Harrington, 85, for more than 50 years a well known Boston business man, who died Friday evening of pneumonia at his home in Charleston, until the arrival of his children who are in the far west, Louis J. Harrington, of Dallas, Texas, and Prof. Walter L. Harrington, who is teaching in Pasadena, Calif. Mr. Harrington is survived by two daughters, Mrs. John Duff, of Dexter Row, Charleston, and Alice May, in the order of the Sacred Heart, Detroit, and by two other sons, Arthur and C. Frank Harrington, both of Charlestown.

Mr. Harrington came to Boston from St. John, N. B., the place of his birth, in early youth, and where, in 1856, he was married to Miss Mary A. Noonan, since which time he has always resided in St. Mary's Parish, Charlestown, a period of more than 63 years. He learned the trade of hatter at which he worked many years. He established himself in business, first at the corner of Elms and Hanover street, subsequently at the junction of Avery and Washington streets, and later at 685 Washington street in this city. He retired from business about ten years ago.

## Engineers in Hotels And Apartment Houses of New York Postpone Strike

New York, Feb. 1.—Two thousand engineers, firemen and others employed in hotels, apartment houses, office buildings, hospitals and public institutions voted tonight to "have a heart" and not leave the city homeless in the midst of an influenza epidemic. A strike had been called for tomorrow but the union decided to heed the appeal of the city health commissioner and postponed action forty-eight hours. Dr. Copeland, health commissioner, is pleading the men's case with the employers.

There has been a decided decrease in deaths and new cases of influenza and pneumonia in the last twenty-four hours. Since the epidemic broke out there have been 38,887 cases of influenza reported with 772 deaths, and 7,507 pneumonia cases with 1,933 deaths.