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TRAIN SERVICE CUT ORDERED IN NEW ENGLAND

In Effect Tuesday Whether Coal Strike Off or Not

As Yet no Curtailment of Freight Service—Railroads Eating Into Reserves—Month to Recover After Miners Return

Boston, Dec. 8.—The most wide sweeping cut in train service that ever befallen New England will begin a minute after midnight on Tuesday as a fuel conservation measure. In all nearly 300 trains are to be "side tracked."

It was believed by railroad men that because of the coal strike the coal strike the train cut would be postponed, but it was decided to carry out the original plan of fuel saving.

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Allies Modify Some Terms; Expect The Huns to Sign Soon

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As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter, to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "I am going out of town for a day. If with you would stick around and see that nothing happens."

"What was you afraid of?" mildly queried Hiram.

"For one thing," said the reporter, "the city council might raise the limit for its street programme to half a million and cause the death of several earnest taxpayers from anxiety or fear of the 'house'."

"I'll want me to send a wreath," suggested Hiram.

"If you please," said the reporter, "then the Commercial Club might decide to have a banquet. Have it postponed until it can be held in the banquet hall of the new municipal building."

"I'll do that," said Hiram. "That'll give me time to raise the turkeys. They'll be ready by Thanksgiving."

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Hope To See Coal Trouble Settled By Tuesday Afternoon

Washington, Dec. 8.—Hope for the settlement of the controversy of the miners, the operators and the government tomorrow afternoon was expressed in a formal statement issued today at the White House.

The statement follows: "It is hoped that there will be a settlement on Tuesday afternoon of the controversy between the miners, the operators and the government through the acceptance by the miners of the plan for a definite settlement proposed by the president, which proposal was submitted to acting President Lewis of the miners by Attorney-General Palmer on Saturday night."

The government proposals for settling the strike are cloaked in a veil of mystery.

DEVON FIRE IN THE EARLY MORN

Women Injured While Escaping And Man is Knocked Unconscious

Fredericton, Dec. 8.—The house and furniture of C. A. Banks, Union street, South Devon, were a total loss in a fire which broke out there about one o'clock this morning.

Nothing but a few articles of clothing were saved. What furniture was not burned was destroyed by water.

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BRINGING IN A LOT OF LIQUOR

Importations Into Canada Large—Another Theft at Moncton is Reported

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NOSKE SAYS HE WILL NOT SIGN; "LIMIT REACHED"

German Defense Minister Makes Accusations Against Allies

Tells Britain And France to Inevitably Country if They Want to—Says They Are Deliberately Planning Destruction of Nation

London, Dec. 8.—Gustav Noske, German minister of defence, is absolutely determined not to sign the peace protocol handed Germany by the Entente, and is resolved to resist to the uttermost.

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MUST BE OF FIRST CLASS, SAYS JELlicoe

Whatever Canada Does in Matter of Navy

Personnel the All-Important Thing—Declares Men of Sea Saw War Coming—Lesson to be Learned From "Old Contemptibles."

Toronto, Dec. 8.—"You can buy ships, you can build ships, but ships do not make a navy, indeed, mercantile marine is the personnel. You cannot get a navy without the expenditure of a great deal of time and a great deal of work," said Lord Jellicoe, at a banquet tendered him on Saturday evening by the Navy League.

Continuing, he said: "One of the strongest things about the British navy is its system of long service. It was that system of long training which enabled the navy to stand up to the German navy, because we had the highly trained nucleus of a much bigger fleet than the Germans had."

Speaking of pre-war days, he said: "We in the navy, I think, realized what was coming, but in regard to it we did not prepare for it. We knew how hard the Germans were working for efficiency, and officers and men strove to the occasion."

He spoke of the nine years of training required to turn out a first class navy officer, and went on: "Now I want to get the people of Canada to realize that nothing but the first-class article is of any good. It is of no use to have a second-class navy. I am not speaking in regard to numbers, but in regard to its efficiency. Whatever Canada decides to do in the future, I only hope and pray it will be of the first class."

As an example of a really first-class article, he held up the record of the "old" submarines, from the heroic work of that army he thought Britain had an important lesson to learn.

"That old contemptible army," he said, "by means of its splendid efficiency and its splendid courage and its splendid self-sacrifice saved civilization, and it saved civilization only because it was of the very first class."

THE CUTTY SARK IS SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED

The new four masted schooner "Cutty Sark," was successfully launched at 11:35 o'clock this morning from Grant & Horne's shipbuilding yards, Marsh bridge. Everything worked smoothly, and when all was ready and the vessel released she slid down the ways and gracefully plunged into Courtenay Bay amid the cheers of the men who had built her and stood with pride looking at the result of their endeavors.

Following the launching the new vessel was taken in tow and brought around from Courtenay Bay to Market Slip, where she is now made fast.

THE BASSA AFOAT

Montreal, Dec. 8.—The cargo steamer "Bassa," of the Elder Dempster Line, stranded on a shoal in the river, was hauled free on Saturday, undamaged.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stuart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—A marked depression is centered this morning in the middle Pacific states, while a severe cold wave covers the western provinces. The weather over the Dominion is fair generally, and from the lower lake region to the maritime provinces for the most part quite mild.

Generally Fair. Maritime—Moderate winds, generally fair today and on Tuesday, with stationary or slightly lower temperature. Ottawa and St. Lawrence Valley, Gulf and North Shore—Moderately fair today and on Tuesday, with moderate temperature.

New England—Cloudy with snow or rain late tonight or Tuesday. Colder, fresh shifting winds, becoming north-easterly.

EXCHANGE AT NEW LOW POINT

New York, Dec. 8.—Foreign exchange rates which have been making new low records daily for the last few months, added another today when franc checks were quoted at the rate of 10.82 for the American dollar or less than half Mrs. Fred. Zollert's value. Live checks also dropped to a new low level, being quoted at 12.88 for the dollar. Demand bills, for the pound sterling brought \$243.8-4, as compared with \$4.86 in normal times.

COAL SETTLEMENT PROSPECT AND MEXICAN SITUATION IMPROVEMENT MAKE WALL STREET ACTIVE

Wall Street, Dec. 8.—Changes in the coal situation and Mexican affairs contributed largely to the active and strong opening of today's stock market. Oils, motors, shipings and sugars added one to five points to last week's final quotations and several of the steels and equipments were higher, though making less extensive gains. Changes among rails were moderate on small dealings. Advances became more general within the first half hour.

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