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ARBITRATION MATTER HALTS COAL PARLEY

MINERS OBJECT TO NEW PLAN OF SETTLEMENT

Says It's Unfair to Arbitrate Wages and Not Prices

2 PLANS DEBATED

One Provides Citizens' Committee; Other For Five Year Agreement

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The question of arbitration appeared today to be the chief obstacle in the way of a settlement of the anthracite strike.

After battling for nine hours, up to midnight, miners and the operators, forming the joint wage conference meeting here, were prepared today to continue their efforts to find a way to break the long deadlock.

OPERATORS FAVOR PLAN

A new plan, the latest to be submitted to the contending sides, came in for long consideration. While the operators made no formal announcement of its acceptance, it is known that it is looked upon with favor by them.

A plan was presented by Alvan Markle, chairman of the joint conference. Mr. Markle, who is a minority stockholder in a large independent company near Hazleton, Pa., has no vote in the conference.

TWO SUGGESTIONS

Two main plans have come before the conference thus far. One, the Markle plan, which calls for a board of three impartial citizens to represent the public.

FASCIST MINISTER OPPOSES DIVORCE

Declares Marriage Not a Contract Which Common Consent Can Dissolve

ROME, Dec. 30.—Alfredo Rocco, Minister of Justice, in a statement concerning additional Fascist reforms, declares there is no intention on the part of the government to alter the present law prohibiting divorce.

SCHOONER WRECKED

Crew Marooned on South Pacific Island Until They Are Picked Up

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—The four-masted schooner Huiagon, returning between San Francisco and Honolulu for the sugar trade, was wrecked on Washington Island, in the South Pacific, a few days ago, and the crew was marooned there until picked up by the power schooner Doris Crane, which is taking the survivors to Honolulu.

French Court Rejects Plea That Nun's Life Valueless

ST. QUENTIN, France, Dec. 30.—The plea that a nun's life and safety have no value in law because she has taken the vow of poverty and cannot properly claim monetary damages for injury, has been vigorously thrown out of court here.

TWO DIE IN AVALANCHE

VIENNA, Dec. 30.—A man and a girl were killed yesterday while skiing in the Styrian Alps. They were members of a party of four which was overwhelmed by an avalanche.

More Than 200 Perish In Floods In Europe; Situation Grows Alarming

Rats Attack Patients In Paris Wards

PARIS, Dec. 30.—Certain Paris hospitals are in such a sorry condition that the patients are actually obliged to defend themselves from the rats, it is the startling statement made in the course of a discussion in the Municipal Council Tuesday. The director of the Public Charity Department said the hospitals were overcrowded, that tents must soon have to be used, despite 2,000 supplementary beds which have been put in. It has been suggested that empty barracks and dismantled forts be taken over as hospitals for foreigners, who cost the city \$400,000 a year.

THREATENS TO BAR CANADIAN TRUCKS

Michigan Wants Complete Reciprocity in Matter of Auto Traffic

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 30.—Complete reciprocity in the matter of commercial automobiles entering the United States and Canada, was demanded in a telegram sent to Premier King by Charles J. Deland, Secretary of State, today.

INSTITUTE TO MEET AT CAPITAL IN 1926

Teachers' Executive in Session at Fredericton Today—Easter Session Barred

FREDERICTON, Dec. 30.—The executive of the Teachers Institute of New Brunswick met here this morning, and sat again this afternoon.

LONDON, ONT., BODY SPURNS 'RED' PLEA

Trustees Call Communist Party Menace to This Country

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 29.—Declaring the Communist Party to be a menace to Canada, members of the Board of Education, this afternoon, refused to consider a communication from the local branch of that organization asking for a reduction in the time devoted to religious study, cadet training and the complete elimination of home work in the city's schools.

DR. WADE HONORED

Retiring Medical Health Officer Gets Address and Cane at Capital

FREDERICTON, Dec. 30.—The Fredericton Sub-District Board of Health at its final meeting for the year 1925, repaid the appropriation for 1925 was placed at \$3,000, the same as last year. Officials were reappointed.

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CONSERVATIVES MAY MOVE WANT OF CONFIDENCE

Ottawa Caucus Planned Before Parliament Opens

SEVERAL RUMORS

Opposition Attitude in House To Be Determined at Party Gathering

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 30.—Conservative members will hold a caucus as soon as the members-elect forget their here to attend the opening of the 15th Parliament. As yet, a definite date for the meeting has not been determined, but, in all probability, it will be held on the date Parliament convenes, or on the following day.

The general caucus, it is understood, will likely be preceded by a conference between Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Conservative leader, and other leading members of the party. The date for this conference has been tentatively set for Wednesday of next week.

QUESTION OF ATTITUDE

Conjecture respecting the program of the Conservative party in the next house has given rise to several rumors. One is to the effect that a vote of want of confidence may be moved by the Conservatives. Whether this will be done, or an amendment moved to the speech from the throne, will not be decided in any definite manner, it is understood, however, until the caucus is held.

BRITISH BOWLERS BEATEN

ROTO RUA, N. Z., Dec. 30.—The Roto Rua bowling club today defeated the touring British bowlers by 169 to 143.

REDUCTION OF RHINE OCCUPATION SOON

Berlin Correspondent Hears Only Two Corps to Remain After April

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—The Frankfurt correspondent of the Vossische Zeitung says he hears that an agreement in principle has been reached between London and Paris to reduce the Rhine-land occupation. The allied military authorities, he declares, have evolved a plan by which after April only two French army corps, namely, the 82nd and the 83rd, will remain on the Rhine; the 80th French corps will be disbanded, and return to France. Negotiations are also proceeding for British evacuation of the Wiesbaden district next summer.

Report of Vessel Sinking Unverified

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 30.—No report has been obtained of reports that the United States Shipping Board steamer Jeff Davis sank in the Atlantic Ocean, which Mrs. J. Vulevich announced she received from a friend, Alno Brown, owner of a radio receiving set, on Monday.

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Rumors of Plot On Baldwin Not Credited

LONDON, Dec. 30.—It is noteworthy that the Liberal newspapers refrain from attaching too much weight to the statement made in the Glasgow Herald, by its London editor, that there is a plot among some of the Conservative members of the House of Commons to depose Premier Baldwin from the party leadership, break up the government and split the Conservative party. Stories to the same effect were broadcast some months ago, and are now being revived. The Herald, however, says that leading Conservatives are not connected with the movement, which has originated in an entirely different quarter. The Manchester Guardian, Liberal, while conjecturing that there may be fire behind this smoke, hastens to add its own doubt as to whether it is much of a fire.

World News In Short Metre

PASSIAC, N. J.—Benny Cross of Newark and Cowboy Eddie Doran, Casper, Wyo., staged a draw here last night.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y.—An aged woman yesterday paid a bill of \$1 which she had owed to D. Lynch Sons, shoe dealers, for 50 years.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska.—Smoke from a steamship from Japan which Kinley, 100 miles north of here, have been observed for the last few days. An earthquake was felt here Tuesday.

CHICAGO.—Wreckers have started demolishing the famous old residence here, where Eugene Field wrote most of his poems. A \$1,500,000 apartment building is to be erected.

READING, Pa.—Claude Millard, 18, died here as the result of a practical joke played on him by fellow-workmen at the Allentown Local shipping men's club. He was drowned in a scuffle, and Millard, drenched, walked toward a stove.

NEW YORK.—Having pursued her husband across the Atlantic Ocean, Mrs. Henry Harris Thomas has caught him and is suing for separation. He owns movie patents and real estate in Florida, she says.

SEATTLE.—The liner Africa Mearns arrived from Japan with 10,124 bales of raw silk, and 60 tons of manufactured silk goods. Local shippers estimate it is the largest silk cargo ever dispatched in one vessel.

FREHOLD, N. J.—Efforts are being made to locate relatives of Alfred Hanquet, aged 40, and his mother, Christina, aged 73, who were found living in a cave near here during the cold wave. They were clothed in rags, used a pile of straw for a bed and lived on apples and wild fruits.

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The funeral will take place from Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at which Rev. Canon Shewen will officiate, assisted by Rev. A. V. Morash. Interment will be made in Kirk Hill Cemetery.

DELAY CONSULTATION BRUSSELS, Dec. 30.—The physicians attending Cardinal Mercier, aged 87, who underwent an operation for a lesion of the stomach yesterday, found his condition so good this morning that they delayed their scheduled consultation until the afternoon, meanwhile issuing no bulletin.

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Operators Let Strikers Mine Coal For Own Homes



Miners at Shamokin, Pa., are on strike, but they are not idle. Many of them are at work daily digging out of the hills of waste enough fuel for their own use. Companies know they are doing it and though technically it is theft, the operators are winking at it provided the men retain the coal for their own use. Photo shows strikers 'mining' a waste pile near Shamokin.

NEW FREIGHT RATE STRUCTURE NEEDED, WINNIPEG M. P'S TOLD

CARGO RELOADED ON DAMAGED VESSEL

New Halifax Grain Elevator Put into Operation For First Time

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 30.—The new Halifax grain elevator was operated yesterday for the first time, when 40,000 bushels of grain were shot through to the steamer Eldorado. It was stated that the elevator met the test satisfactorily.

PROMINENT SUSSEX BUSINESS MAN DEAD

Andrew Miller Passes Away, Aged 60 Years—Daughter and Sister Reside Here

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Wiesbaden Handed Over To British

WIESBADEN, Rhineland, Germany, Dec. 30.—The occupational authority in the Wiesbaden zone, following the evacuation of Cologne, was turned over by the French to the British today at a simple military ceremony on the Schlossplatz, outside the French general headquarters.

FRANCE WILL HONOR ARMISTICE BUGLER PARIS, Dec. 30.—Bugler Seller, who sounded the order "Cesse Feu" on Armistice Day, November 11, 1918, has been named for the Cross of Chevalier of the Legion of Honor. Seller, now a reserve bugler in the 88th Infantry, is quietly working at the job he quit in 1918, to join the colors.

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DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WEST IS CHARGED AT TRADE BOARD BANQUET

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 30.—Members-elect of the new Federal Parliament and vicinity were the guests of the Winnipeg Board of Trade at a banquet last night, at which speakers discussed the freight rates situation. J. S. Woodworth, Labor, North Centre, and A. A. Heaps, Labor, North Winnipeg member, and H. M. Harrison, Conservative member for Selkirk, spoke.

J. F. Newson, chairman of the shippers' bureau, presided and in his remarks said there was necessity for a general readjustment of freight rates and the establishment of a rate structure, as permanent as possible, to meet the needs of shippers generally.

BANK OF COMMERCE INCREASES PROFITS

Assets Are \$15,000,000 More Than Last Year—\$1,234,574 Carried Forward

TORONTO, Dec. 30.—The annual financial statement of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, for the year ending November 30, shows assets increased by over \$15,000,000 and now stands at \$228,912,446. The net profits for the year, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts, are shown at \$3,487,218, which compares with \$3,424,722 for the preceding 12 months. Appropriations in the profit and loss account include: Dividends \$2,400,000; bonus \$200,000; Dominion and Provincial Government taxes \$800,000.

The balance brought forward in profit and loss account from last year, amounted to \$1,234,574. This was increased as a result of the year's operations to \$1,234,574, which is carried forward into this year.

FREDERICTON YOUNG PEOPLE TO MARRY

Engagement of Eleanor Muriel VanBuskirk and Donald A. Fraser Announced

Special to The Times-Star. FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 30.—Announcement is made of the engagement of Eleanor Muriel VanBuskirk, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James F. VanBuskirk, of Fredericton, and Donald Alexander Fraser, son of Archibald Fraser, of Fraser Companies, Ltd., also of Fredericton. The wedding is to take place in the near future.

MARRIED IN MARYSVILLE Frank Saunders, of Penniac, and Miss Jean Montgomery, of Marysville, were united in marriage Tuesday night at the Main street Baptist parsonage in Marysville. Rev. Dr. McNeill performed the ceremony. They will make their home in Penniac.

Rev. Wilfred Eastland Fuller, of Saint John Church of England, has been registered to solemnize marriage in the Province of New Brunswick.

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MELTING SNOW WELLS RIVERS; STOCKS IS LOST

Thousands of Horses Are Drowned; Property Loss Heavy

PARIS TREMBLES

Rhine 23 Feet Above Normal; Martial Law in Rumania to Stop Looting

PARIS, Dec. 30.—The floods, particularly in Central Europe, are increasing their ravages. Every hour brings news of additional rivers overflowing their banks.

Transylvania, Western Rumania and Eastern Hungary, are being disastrously affected. The governments of Rumania and Hungary are hurriedly adopting measures to cope with the situation. All available sappers, as well as other troops, are being rushed to affected areas, and a call has been made for volunteer help.

DEATHS EXCEED 200. Pillaging has begun and the Rumanian government has proclaimed martial law, so that thieves may be summarily dealt with. It is impossible, from reports thus far received, to estimate more than approximately the loss of life, but it undoubtedly exceeds 200. The material loss is extremely heavy. In addition to damages to houses and other buildings, thousands of horses and other stock have been drowned.

Belgrade is now threatened by the water from the melting snow in the Carpathians, which is swelling the Danube. The water is beginning to creep into lower parts of the city, and many villages in the environs are under water.

In Poland, the Vistula is rising. There already is a flood near Cracow and Warsaw seems to be in danger.

PARIS THREATENED. The French rivers continue to rise slowly. The officials are optimistic as regards the Paris district, but when the mass of water accumulating in the tributaries of the Seine, comes down about January 6, Paris and its suburbs apparently are bound to suffer.

LIFE LOSS HEAVY. VIENNA, Dec. 30.—The water in the Danube at Vienna has risen six and one-half feet. It is feared that there will be a flood if further heavy rainfalls occur.

Despatches from Bucharest, Rumania, say that large numbers of refugees are arriving there. Their accounts give the first idea of the magnitude of the disaster in the valley of the Szeamus river, where the loss of life is declared as extremely heavy. Bodies of the dead, intermingled with debris, are floating through the town of Ibrida.

RHINE WATER HIGH. COLOGNE, Dec. 30.—The rise of the Rhine has necessitated the evacuation of the lower districts of the city. In the dwellings adjoining the river, the flood is mounting to the upper stories. The present mark of the Rhine is 7.1 metres (about 23 1/2 feet) above the normal level, and it is entirely stopped. The flooded upper Danube and tributaries also menace the Bavarian districts. Continuation of the rainfall is expected to prove disastrous.

BRITAIN AFFECTED. LONDON, Dec. 30.—Rapid thawing of the snow and continued heavy rains.

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The Weather

SYNOPSIS — Pressure remains quite high over the greater part of the United States and relatively low to the northward of Canada. The weather is fair and mostly cold throughout the Dominion.

FORECASTS: Fair and Cold. MARITIME — Fresh north to northwest and west winds, fair and moderately cold today and Thursday.

NEW ENGLAND — Fair tonight and Thursday, warmer Thursday, moderate westerly winds.

Temperatures TORONTO, Dec. 30.— Highest — Lowest 8 a.m. Yesterday night

Table with 3 columns: Location, Highest, Lowest. Rows include Victoria, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, Saint John, Halifax, New York.

* Below zero.