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MINERS AT TWO N. S. PITS QUIT WORK

GO HOME AFTER NEW WAGE RATE POSTED AT MINE

Majority of Workers, However, Continue Operations

TIE-UP PERSISTS

Company And Employees Are Divided Over Question Of Check-Off

Canadian Press

GLACE BAY, N. S., Feb. 22.—The new wage scale contained in the wage and working agreement recently negotiated by representatives of the British Empire Steel Corporation and the United Mine Workers of America, which was voted down by all the locals because it did not contain a clause involving the check-off of miners' dues to the union, was posted at all the mines operated by the British Empire Steel Corporation in Nova Scotia this morning, and in the majority of cases the men went to work. The matter will probably be discussed at future negotiations.

The Corporation, in negotiating the new contract insisted that the check-off of union dues be abolished. A large majority of the miners, while agreeing to the other parts of the contract, wanted the check-off to continue and were forced to vote against acceptance of the contract.

GOVERNMENT ACTS

T. J. Brown, Deputy Minister of Works and Mines, who was asked to the coal areas last week, when attention of the government was drawn to the situation developing because of the difference of the contracting parties over the check-off, was here today gathering data with which he will prepare an official report for the government. The new schedule of rates, which the miners appeared for work at 7 o'clock this morning. The rates, according to the announcement accompanying the schedules go into effect today.

TWO MINES IDLE

This morning after reading the new schedule of rates posted at the mouth of the Springhill district, returned home. Employees of number two colliery, Springhill, went below as usual.

Though similar notices were posted at the collieries of the Acadia Coal Company, the miners all went below. The Acadia miners expressed themselves as being willing to carry on for a while under the rates provided for in the new schedule.

Notices were found at the surface plants of all the Dominion Coal Company mines this morning, when the maintenance men, who appeared on the job, No. 1 B colliery in the Glace Bay district and mines number 12, 14 and 16 in the New Waterford district were working today.

A delegation consisting of Dan Cameron, Norman Mackenzie and Dr. McIntosh has gone to Halifax and it is generally believed they are interviewing the government with a view to obtaining restoration of the check-off of doctors' fees.

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UNION SUCCESSFUL

Chicago Pastor Speaks of Denominational Fusion in Canadian Churches

3 PRIESTS BANISHED

Mexico Officials Announce 49 Catholic Schools and Convents Closed

Canadian Press

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 22.—Two French priests and one Italian priest were sent to Vera Cruz today for deportation. They were charged with violating the Mexican constitution which forbids the functioning of foreign ministers.

The officials today made public the names of 49 Catholic schools and convents which have been closed recently in and around Mexico City. Ten were in the central and 39 in the suburbs.

Six More Leading Liberals Quit British Party Over Land Policy Move

Geologist In Arctic Asked By Radio To Seek Eskimo Relics

MONTREAL, Feb. 22.—Radio advice archaeologist, "on location" is the latest phase of broadcasting. Taking advantage of a broadcast handled by four stations in the United States on Saturday night to Canadian Mounted Policemen on duty in the Arctic regions, the national museum of Canada Ottawa sent the following message to J. D. Soper, government geologist, who is spending his second year in Baffinland: "The authorities of the National Museum of Canada are anxious to know whether there are any ancient stone-houses around the shores of lakes Net-Til-Ling and Am-Ad-Ju-Ak in the interior of Baffinland. Inquire of Eskimos and if possible without interfering with your biological work, the department would be glad to have you excavate some of them for remains of an early Eskimo civilization. Keep separate the objects of each house. Watch for differences in strata of the houses. Note height of houses above water level and their distances from water. Note any remains of what it is believed these lakes were part of the sea not many centuries ago, and inhabited by tribes of whale hunters."

COUNTESS ENTERS U.S. ON TEN DAYS LEAVE

Released From Ellis Island on \$500 Personal Bond—Thanks Women and Press for Sympathy—Order For Freedom Proves Mystery.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—The Countess of Cathcart, after 12 days' exclusion from the United States, because of her elopement with the Earl of Craven in 1922, was in New York today under a 10-day leave from the department of labor.

She was released from Ellis Island last night under a \$500 personal bond. Tomorrow her attorneys will argue in federal court her plea for admission over the ruling of the department of labor that she be excluded on grounds of "moral turpitude."

T. G. Risley, acting secretary of labor, who issued the order for her release, left Washington last night for New York presumably to take up the case here.

POSITIONS REVERSED

When the Countess first was held at Ellis Island, the Earl of Craven was in New York. Now that the Countess is here, even under a temporary leave, the Earl is in Ottawa, having left New York more than a week ago when a warrant for his arrest in the case, was issued, especially so late at night.

Everyone concerned with the case, including immigration officials, expressed ignorance of how the order came to be issued, especially so late at night. The Countess after being photographed for several newspapers, went to the Hotel Ambassador.

The Countess said she wanted to thank the women of the United States for their sympathy and the spirit of the press toward her.

WILL ARGUE CASE

Arthur Garfield Hays, of her counsel, will argue that her admission of elopement with the Earl of Craven, does not constitute admission of a crime or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude under the laws of the United States, Great Britain, France, or South Africa.

Consequently, he says, the Countess' exclusion cannot come under the law involving moral turpitude.

A. J. BROOKS TO MOVE ADDRESS IN HOUSE

Lavoie, Northumberland, to Be Second, Premier Baxter Announces Today

A. J. Brooks, member of the provincial legislature for King county, and Frank Lavoie, member from Northumberland county, are to be the mover and seconder, respectively, of the address in reply to the speech from the throne at the coming session of the N. B. Legislature, opening on March 11 next, Premier J. B. M. Baxter announced here this morning. Both are new men in the legislature, having been elected at the provincial elections last August.

Mr. Brooks was formerly school inspector for Kings county, and later became organizer for the Conservative party, making way for A. D. Holyoke at the elections last summer. Mr. Lavoie is a graduate of the U. N. B. Law School, Saint John. Mr. Lavoie is a newcomer to politics, standing third in the last provincial elections for Northumberland.

The premier said he had not set a date yet for the next meeting of the Provincial Government to complete final plans for the opening.

C. P. To Build Regina Hotel

REGINA, Feb. 22.—An announcement that the Canadian Pacific Railway will construct a hotel on a downtown site in Regina, to be in operation early in the summer of 1927, was made Saturday by D. C. Coleman, of Winnipeg, vice-president and general manager of C. P. R. western lines.

The hotel is to consist of 200 guest rooms. The company has agreed to use as much as possible of the material assembled on the Wascana Park site for the G. T. P. Several six sites are under consideration.

LESS THAN THIRD PRESBYTERIANS SPURNED UNION

Voting On Fusion Is Analyzed By Officials

8 INDEPENDENT

3,728 Congregations Entered New Organization, While 784 Remain As Before

Canadian Press

TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 22.—Statistical officers of the United Church of Canada have completed their compilation and analysis of the voting by the members of the former Presbyterian Church in Canada on the question of uniting with the Methodist and Congregational Churches and which union was consummated on June 6, 1926. An official statement issued on the basis of these compilations, which include the most accurate returns obtainable, according to the statement, indicate that the percentage of the former Presbyterian Church membership which voted out of union, including eight which voted to remain independent, was 784.

The total number of congregations now in the United Church of Canada is 8,496, of which 3,728 were former Presbyterian self-sustaining or aid-receiving charges. The total number of Presbyterian congregations which voted out of union, including eight which voted to remain independent, was 784.

STATEMENT EXPLAINED

Rev. Dr. G. C. Pidgeon, moderator of the general council of the United Church of Canada, accompanied the statement with the following explanation: "In giving any statement of the exact situation of the congregations of the former Presbyterian church in Canada, one has to bear in mind the pastoral charges between congregations and the United Church of Canada Act, a congregation means a worshipping unit, or single preaching station, which may be composed of one, or a number of such congregations. Under the provision of the act, the vote on the question of union was taken by congregations and not charges.

In this statement, therefore, the figure deal with congregations rather than charges, because a great number of charges divided on the question of union, part entering union and part voting non-concurrence. No account is taken of new congregations which have been formed either by unionist or by anti-unionist minorities."

DIVORCE JUDGMENTS EXPECTED TUESDAY

Judge Crockett to Deliver Decisions in Several Cases at Fredericton

Special to The Times-Star. FREDERICTON, Feb. 22.—The New Brunswick Divorce Court, Mr. Justice Crockett presiding, is to meet here on Tuesday. The case of McIntosh vs. McIntosh, a Hartland case, is not to be heard, as the commission under which the evidence in the plaintiff is being taken in England has not yet been returned. Adjournment was made twice in this case previously distinguished. Several divorce suits are ready for judgment, and Mr. Justice Crockett is to announce his decisions.

Opposition Is Expected For Prem. Dunning

WINNIPEG, Man., Feb. 22.—A special despatch to the Free Press from Regina says: Conservative opposition to Hon. Charles Dunning, Premier of Saskatchewan, when he seeks election here, March 23, in order to take up the Federal portfolio of Minister of Railways, is practically certain.

The names of several Conservatives are being mentioned, and a convention will probably be called within a week.

A provincial convention of supporters of the Liberal Government will be held in Regina Thursday to select a new Premier. Two men are being mentioned for the post, Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of the Duke as Governor-General of one of the dominions has long been the subject of speculation.

6 MISSING, 26 HURT AS HOME DESTROYED

Five Bodies Recovered; Many of Those Burned Likely to Die

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Feb. 22.—Six persons are missing and 26 others are in a hospital at Monticello suffering from injuries received in a fire which swept Shindler's prairie house at Hurleyville, 23 miles north of here today. Four bodies have been recovered. Several of those taken to hospital are believed to be fatally burned.

Where Utah Snowslide Killed Many



An aerial view of Bingham canyon, Utah, where more than 60 were killed and scores injured when a snow slide buried the Highland Boy mining settlement. Bingham, situated at the very bottom of the canyon is the largest and narrowest "town" in the world. At the left is shown the steep mountain-side with drifted snow that slipped down into the gorge.

Mexican Nuns See Autos For First Time

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 22.—Some of the nuns from isolated convents closed by the government have appeared in the streets for the first time in 40 years. They literally entered a new world and appeared amazed and mystified at the changes they saw. Never before had they seen automobiles or street cars.

They also were confused over the changes in the style of frocks and bonnets during their 40 years of seclusion, and it was only with the assistance of lay friends that they were able to purchase wearing apparel.

FREDERICTON TRADE BOARD IS MENACED

Civic Grant Cut, Question of Continuing Body to Be Debated

Special to The Times-Star. FREDERICTON, Feb. 22.—On Wednesday the Fredericton Board of Trade will meet in special session to consider the future of the board. The grant of \$1,500 received some years past by the board from the city has been reduced to \$750 and without the larger grant the difference must be made up if the board is to continue. The city suggested the use of the City Hall by the Board of Trade and a civic official to take over the secretarial duties. The board is not willing to accept that.

No Confirmation of Duke Coming Here

LONDON, Feb. 22.—No official confirmation of a rumor indicating that the Duke of York would be appointed Governor-General of Canada, in succession to Baron Byng of Vimy, was obtainable here this morning. The appointment of the Duke as Governor-General of one of the dominions has long been the subject of speculation.

MIDDLETON MAYOR LOSES RESIDENCE

He and Family Escape With Few Clothes—Loss About \$10,000

Canadian Press. MIDDLETON, N. S., Feb. 22.—The residence of Mayor W. C. Feindel was destroyed by fire at three o'clock this morning, the family escaping with only a few clothes snatched up when Mrs. Feindel was awakened by smoke. The loss was estimated at \$10,000. Mayor Feindel was the third mayor of Middleton to be burned out in five years.

Feindel started in the walls, it was believed.

SAYS BRITAIN AND U. S. LAG IN FLYING

English Official Predicts Rapid Progress in Commercial Field Soon

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Major General S. W. Branker, director of civil aviation in the British air ministry who made a flight of 17,000 miles from London to Rangoon and return last spring, arrived on the Holland American liner Yolanda yesterday to spend five weeks in this country studying the progress of commercial aviation. Both Britain and the United States, he said, lag behind the countries of continental Europe in commercial flying, but he predicted that rapid progress will be made in the future. He said the unified air service in England had proved a great success.

Jazz Orchestra Replaces Choir In Los Angeles Church

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Feb. 22.—"Before we resume our regular services," the pastor said "we will hear 'Roses of Picardy' by the Church Jazz Orchestra."

The church orchestra, with a few preliminary flourishes, swings into lively action with a blare of saxophones, trumpets and kettledrums and every-one in the fashionable Wilshire congregation at church is happy.

New Song Star Getting Into Big Company

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Marion Talley, 19-year-old prima donna of the Metropolitan Opera House, will make her second appearance today in a matinee performance for which all seats were sold before her debut last Wednesday night.

She will also sing part of the nightingale in Le Rossignol, a novelty to be offered March 6. At a benefit matinee March 12, Miss Talley will sing in "The Tales of Hoffman," with Mary Lewis, the Arkansas girl who made her debut recently, and with Lucretia Bori. Today she will sing the title role in "Lock Di Lammernoor."

SHUN SWITZERLAND

Due to Envoy's Murder, Soviet Stays Out of Radio Conference

GENEVA, Feb. 22.—Soviet Russia has declined to participate in the international radio conference to be held under the auspices of the League of Nations March 25. Russia's reply to the invitation reads: "We are much interested in the conference, but cannot participate unless it is held outside of Switzerland because Switzerland has been boycotted by the Soviet Government since the murder of M. Vorovsky."

M. Vorovsky was assassinated in 1923 at Lausanne where he was acting as envoy for the Russian Government.

Brisk Fire Burning On 100-Mile Front

SYDNEY, Australia, Feb. 22.—Reports from Wages Wages state that five bush fires have linked up and are now burning along a 100 mile front in the Tumbarumba Mountain district, about 200 miles southwest of Sydney. The fires are threatening a large area of mountain timber and numbers of sheep and cattle.

The Weather

SYNOPSIS—A pronounced area of high pressure is almost stationary over northern Ontario and Hudson's Bay, while east, west and south the pressure is comparatively low. The weather is cold from the Great Lakes eastward, and more moderate in the western provinces.

Fair and Colder.

FORECASTS: MARITIME—Fresh northwesterly winds, fair and colder tonight and Tuesday.

NEW ENGLAND—Cloudy; probably snow tonight and Tuesday. Not much change in temperature. Fresh north and north-east winds.

Temperatures. TORONTO, Feb. 22.—

GAIN IN VOTING STRENGTH SEEN IN RURAL AREAS

Increase in Power For Lloyd George Is Visioned

FACTIONS UNITE

Asquith Denies Socialistic Basis To Plan, But Rather The Opposite

By HERBERT DAILEY

LONDON, Feb. 22.—Six more leading Liberals, five of them from Liverpool, have formally seceded from their party following the action of the recent land convention endorsing Lloyd George's land policy. However, the Liberal camp is now obviously possessed by a common spirit for the first time since the dissolution of the coalition.

The new policy which calls for practical nationalization of agricultural lands for the benefit of the small farmers and laborers will increase the party strength throughout the rural constituencies and will provide them with a common ground for a general appeal.

CONSERVATIVES AROUSED.

T. L. Garvin, writing in the Observer, Conservative organ, sounds a warning that Lloyd George has laid a trap which won't flare suddenly but will grow to a great movement which may thrust him again into the forefront of political life.

In an interview in the Daily News today, Lloyd George is quoted as saying he is enthusiastically satisfied with the situation.

Sir Herbert Asquith, in a letter to Hilton Young, one of the seceding Liberals, denies a Socialistic basis for the new policy and agrees that Liberalism should be the antithesis of Socialism, but he adds, "we shouldn't be content with a mere antithesis but must also provide an antidote."

PLAN REPARATION OF 50,000 FAMILIES

Bulgaria to Discuss Proposed Loan With League of Nations Secretariat

Canadian Press. SOFIA, Feb. 22.—The Bulgarian foreign minister has been invited by the secretariat of the League of Nations to proceed to Geneva to discuss a proposed loan which will be utilized for repatriating more than 50,000 families now refugees in Bulgaria.

The Bulgarian government thinks that \$500,000 will be necessary for this purpose.

The foreign minister will proceed to Geneva and possibly will visit London and Paris.

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Highest yesterday night

Victoria ..... 40 48 40

Calgary ..... 18 42 18

Edmonton ..... 6 24 6

Winnipeg ..... 8 10 4

Toronto ..... 16 22 16

Montreal ..... 6 8 4

Saint John ..... 8 10 4

Halifax ..... 14 12 10

New York ..... 28 32 28