

LITTLE HOPE OF AVERTING COAL TROUBLE

Lloyd George Approves Stand Taken by Trade Board President.

MINERS NOT LIKELY TO CHANGE PLANS

Government Busy Making Plans to Deal With Strike if it Comes.

London, Sept. 10.—Little hope was held out in official circles today that a solution of the coal crisis would be found in the near future. Sir Robert Horne, President of the Board of Trade, had a conference with Premier Lloyd George this morning, and it is understood that Mr. Lloyd George expressed entire approval of the manner in which Sir Robert has acted.

It is stated that the Government does not intend to deviate from the terms offered by Sir Robert and that these still remain open to the miners.

Meanwhile, from Portsmouth, where the Trades Union Congress is in progress, comes word that the miners are resolute in their intention not to alter their claims. Active preparations are being made by heads of Government departments to deal with a strike situation should it arise.

Public Still Cheerful.

The public still declines to become inglorious over the coal position. None of the newspapers' comment is unduly bitter or pessimistic. Within a few hours of the close of yesterday's conference between the Board of Trade here and the miners' leaders a verbatim report of the conference was issued to the press from the Government, which seems to show that the Government, though it has nothing to lose by the fullest publicity.

What the Miners Say.

Portsmouth, England, Sept. 10.—The conference at London between Sir Robert Horne, president of the Board of Trade, and the miners' leaders held in an effort to end the coal crisis was discussed at length here last night by the Miners' delegates to the Trades Union Congress and by a sub-committee of the "Triple Alliance" of Labor.

James Henry Thomas, as president of the congress, stated that the miners had nothing to add to the statement they made to the Government yesterday to the effect that the Government's offer did not change the situation or afford any hope of settlement. In a speech before the National T. Union, secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, declared that the miners were fighting the battle of the working classes. "Therefore, in what ever way the test may come the wayward will not be found wanting in loyalty to their comrades."

PLEASSED WITH HOSPITALITY OF CANADIANS

Lord Burnham Expresses Gratitude of Press Delegates to Canadian Newspapersmen

Quebec, Sept. 10.—In their recognition of Canada's contribution to Imperial unity and progress, delegates of the Second Imperial Press Conference struck the top note tonight when they expressed their gratitude for Canadian hospitality at the conclusion of a dinner given by the British and Colonial delegations to their confreres in the Chateau Frontenac.

In a lengthy speech, Lord Burnham expressed the gratitude of the British delegates to Canadian newspapersmen for their entertainment of the party in Canada. Chief amongst the presentations of souvenirs to a long list of people connected with the memorable tour came that made to C. F. Crandall, editor of the Montreal Star, who has acted throughout as honorary secretary of the conference. His work of organization and performance in the conduct of the tour was much praised.

G. Fred Pearson, of the Halifax Chronicle, and T. B. Ellis, St. John Globe, were among the names of Canadian newspapersmen which were bracketed as constituting the most active in the aggregation of Canadian publishers, who have contributed to the success of the conference. Lord Burnham, in summing up the feeling of the visitors, hoped that they would be given an opportunity of showing their appreciation of Canadian hospitality when Canadians were visiting other British countries.

The warmest praise was bestowed on the Canadian railways and the Canada steamship lines and their officials for their efficient performances.

JOHN DOUGHTY MAY BE IN EUROPE

Toronto, Sept. 10.—John Doughty, the missing private secretary of Andrew J. Small, the wealthy theatre owner, who disappeared from this city on December 2, last, is believed to be in Europe, and eight thousand circulars, which are now being printed in English, French, Italian and Spanish offering \$15,000 reward for his arrest, state that he was charged with theft as well as kidnaping.

Allies Send Sharp Note To Germans For Action Against Poles

Ships Bound for Danzig Must Not be Detained in the Kiel Canal.

Paris, Sept. 10.—The conference of Ambassadors today decided to send a sharp note to Germany protesting against ships bound for Danzig being stopped in the Kiel Canal.

COLLAPSE OF MACSWINEY IS NEAR AT HAND

Prisoner Entering on Last Stage of His Self-Imposed Food Strike.

London, Sept. 10.—Mayor MacSwiney is entering the danger stage of his fast, one of the physicians in Guy's Hospital, a recognized authority on metabolism said. "Observation of previous cases of the same nature has taught that at the end of four weeks abstinence of food, a man begins to draw on his latent reserve of potential energy, so that unless the Lord Mayor resumes eating, any day may bring collapse and the end."

The physicians declared he thought it is extremely unlikely that nourishment in the form of soluble protein was being placed in the prisoner's drinking water, as except in an almost negligible quantity its presence would easily be detected. "The fact that the prisoner is taking water," added the physician, "fortifies him to a considerable degree."

Much Weaker Is Report

London, Sept. 10.—The Gaelic League's bulletin issued last night this evening says:

"Lord Mayor MacSwiney grows weaker. He suffers much pain, but his spirit is perfectly 'cool' and 'firm' and the 29th day of the Lord Mayor's hunger strike. Mary MacSwiney, sister of the prisoner, when leaving the prison this afternoon told the newspaper that her brother was able to speak to her this morning."

MAJ.-GEN. BENSON, HALIFAX OFFICER, DIES IN VICTORIA

General in Charge of Military District During War and the Explosion.

Victoria, B. C., Sept. 10.—Major General Thomas Benson, M. C., who settled in Victoria in 1913, passed away this morning at his home here. The General had a distinguished military career, retiring from the army as General Officer Commanding Military District No. 6, Halifax.

The burden of the war, problems on the Atlantic seaboard and the Halifax explosion were on him considerably, and he came to be held here, where he had been twice seriously on garrison duty. His health was never good, and he had been slowly sinking for some time.

ANTIMONY MINES SUSPEND WORK

Operations at the antimony mines at Lake George, York county, which have been carried on by the North America Antimony and Smelting Company, have been suspended and a number of workmen came here yesterday and placed their claims for wages in the hands of lawyers.

Representatives of the company, Frederickson declared this morning that the suspension of operations at Lake George was of a very temporary character, it having been decided to suspend work until certain important measures could be decided. It was further stated that a meeting of the directors has been called for St. John for next Tuesday, and the belief was expressed that immediately after meeting operations would be resumed upon a much more extensive scale.

CEMETERIES PLACES OF EXTRAVAGANCE

Hamilton, Ont., Sept. 10.—Declaring that cemeteries have evolved from simple resting-places to extravagant shows, and that instead of being places of restfulness and beauty, they were usually places of vulgar and ugly display of monuments, H. B. Dunnington-Grubb, of Toronto, in an address before the International Association of Superintendents of Cemeteries, at the association's conference here yesterday dealt with "landscape gardening in cemeteries."

EVERY HARD COAL MINER WILL STRIKE

Vacation Movement; Leader Says Holidays Will be General in Three Days.

DRASTIC ANSWER TO PRES. WILSON

Biggest Battle in Mine History of America Ready for Launching is View.

Scranton, Pa., Sept. 10.—Within three days' time every anthracite miner working will be on vacation, according to leaders of the vacation movement. This action, they say, will be the miners' answer to President Wilson's refusal to reopen the award of the anthracite commission, which failed to satisfy the workers.

Enoch Williams, chairman of the joint grievance committee of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Coal Company, and also leader of the insurgents in the Scranton district, said that the refusal of President Wilson to reopen the case will result in one of the hardest fought industrial struggles ever waged in the United States.

NEW YORK MAN DROWNED IN ORWELL BAY

Son of Ex-Governor Rogers Now Chief Sup't of Education for P. E. I.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Sept. 10.—Henry B. MacLeod, son of Rev. M. J. MacLeod, of Collegiate church, of St. Nicholas, N. Y., was drowned Wednesday in Orwell Bay. He had been spending the summer with his father's relatives in Orwell. The body was recovered and buried in Belfast cemetery.

R. Heber Rogers, of Alberton, son of ex-Governor Rogers, has been appointed Chief Superintendent of education for this province, vice St. H. Campbell, who resigned to go to Wilkes, Sask., to teach school.

Mr. Rogers is a B. A. and M. A. of McGill University, and also a B. C. L., and was formerly chairman of the Board of School Commissioners in Vernon, B. C.

MACKENZIE KING IN VICTORIA SEPT. 28

Liberal Leader Plans Extensive Tour in Western Canada.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 10.—Hon. Mackenzie King and party will arrive here from Victoria on Tuesday, September 28, and a public meeting will be held on the following evening. After leaving Vancouver, the leader of the Liberal party will visit Prince Rupert and will then go on to Alberta, afterwards turning back again into British Columbia through the Crow's Nest district, holding meetings at Cranbrook, Nelson, and possibly Kamloops.

Touring With the Leader

Ottawa, Sept. 10.—Plans for the Western tour of Hon. Mackenzie King have been completed. Mr. King will be accompanied by Ernest Lapointe, M. P.; W. C. Kennedy, M. P. for North Essex, Ont.; Wm. Duff, M. P., representing the constituency of Lunenburg, N. S., in the Federal House; Hon. H. S. Belland will join the party in British Columbia. Others in the party will be L. Giguere, private secretary to Mr. King and Andrew Hayden, National Organizer and General Secretary.

CHEMICAL MERGER IS NOW COMPLETE

New York, Sept. 10.—Details of the merger of the General Chemical Company, Solvay Process Company, Semet-Solvay Company, Barrett Company and National Aniline and Chemical Company, Inc., under the title of the Allied Chemical and Dye Corporation were announced today.

The authorized capital stock of the consolidated companies will not exceed \$65,000,000 of seven per cent cumulative preferred stock, par value \$100, and 3,000,000 shares of common stock without par value.

N. Y. POLICEMEN WANT MORE MONEY

Four Thousand Guardians of Public Safety Asking Substantial Increases in Wages.

New York, Sept. 10.—Four thousand and New York policemen and policewomen today asked for salaries of \$2500 a year, beginning January 1. At present they receive from \$1,450 to \$1,950 a year.

A petition filed with the Board of Estimates, read:

"We do not believe it necessary to present any facts or figures on the issue here yesterday dealt with 'landscape gardening in cemeteries' scales."

WORLD NEWS TODAY

ST. JOHN

The attendance at the Exhibition yesterday was 16,221 making 71,000 who have been present during the week.

EUROPE

An avalanche followed an earthquake in the Alps and more deaths are reported—Rescuers killed by falling walls in Italian quake.

General Wrangel in desperate battle in the Crimea at present. Poles capture six villages from the Soviets and scatter seven battalions.

CANADA

Major General Benson, formerly officer commanding the Halifax district, dies in British Columbia.

The Railway Commission orders vessel at Port Hastings, loaded with Inverness coal, to furnish bond and is not for Europe.

UNITED STATES

Thirty five persons were seriously injured in a collision between a street car and a motor bus in New York.

Every anthracite miner in the United States will be out in three days as "vacation" leaders threat.

THE BRITISH ISLES

The condition of Lord Mayor MacSwiney is much more critical. British miners refuse to modify demands while Lloyd George approves of Board of Trade plans for fight.

MONEY BOND COAL IS NOT FOR EUROPE

Railway Board Demands \$10,000 Security Before Releasing Inverness Cargo.

Ottawa, Sept. 10.—An important case was argued today by the Board of Railway Commissioners, when it released a cargo of 4,500 tons of Inverness coal in the steamship "Lydia" at Port Hastings, N. S., which has been there since August 27.

"On August 27th," says an official statement issued tonight, "the Chairman because of the fact that this cargo was destined for Europe, insisted that the United States port should get around the coal embargo, which does not prohibit the export of coal to the United States. He thereupon wired the collector of customs at Port Hastings to withhold clearance until further orders."

Admits Purchase for Europe

"Finally the owner of the ship came to Ottawa and admitted that the chairman's suspicions were correct and signed a document admitting that when they purchased the cargo it was intended to go to Europe."

"They had deposited \$10,000 cash in the Royal Bank of Canada at Ottawa, to be returned to them if they prove to the satisfaction of the board that the coal was sold and delivered to a Canadian port, or to a Newfoundland port, or discharged and consumed in a United States port. Otherwise the \$10,000 is to be confiscated by the Government of Canada. This will, it is hoped be the last attempt to export coal by the underground route."

Vessel Now Ashore

Sydney, N. S., Sept. 10.—The American steamer Lydia, released from Port Hastings, where she was laden with 4,500 tons of coal, is now ashore in the Strait of Canso, at Bear Head. The steamer was bound for American ports, where the cargo was to be disposed of. The steamer will have to be lightened before it can be refloated. The shipping department in Sydney tonight was unable to give any definite particulars concerning the vessel grounding. No assistance will be given until some time late in the morning.

CLAIM FOUR STOLE CIGARETTES VALUED \$46,000 FROM C. P. R.

Montreal, Sept. 10.—Charged with the theft of \$45,000 worth of cigarettes, cigars and tobacco from freight cars of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Alphonse Dubois, Amedee Pilon, Roch Labelle and Albert Laforeux who gave no addresses, were arraigned this afternoon before Judge Cusson in the police court and the quartette were remanded until September 17 for enquiry.

The accused, who pleaded not guilty, were employed by the company in the Sorten yards, near Montreal West.

PICKS UP CREW OF GREEK STEAMER

London, Sept. 10.—A wireless dispatch received here tonight from the British tank steamer Tuscarora says that the vessel has on board the captain and 26 men from the small Greek steamer, the Ithaca, which had been abandoned.

The Elias Issaias sailed from Baltimore, August 17, for Piraeus. The Tuscarora was last reported on a voyage from Halifax for London.

DENIES FRICTION REPORT

Paris, Sept. 10.—Reports that the resignation of the Earl of Derby as British ambassador to France was caused by a disagreement with the British Government over the policy to be followed in Russia, were denied by the retiring ambassador last night.

JUDGE MCINTYRE DEAD

Whitby, Ont., Sept. 10.—Duncan McIntyre, a former Judge of the county of Ontario died here last evening. He was 70 years of age.

MORE QUAKE START PANIC IN N. ITALY

People Fear Disaster Like That of 1915 is Coming to Nation.

FALLING WALLS TAKE MORE LIVES

Shocks Felt as Far South as Naples But No Serious Damage Done.

Rome, Sept. 10.—Earthquake shocks continued causing more victims among the rescuers owing to the falling masonry. Today there were shocks as far south as Cassino, near Naples. Apparently there was no serious damage or victims, but the shocks produced great panic among the population, which recalled its experience in the earthquakes of 1915.

CANNOT SEE HOW N. S. MINERS CAN HAVE HIGHER WAGE

Experience in Past, Says R. M. Wolvin, Has Been Less Production With Pay up.

Montreal, Sept. 10.—Roy M. Wolvin, president of the Dominion Steel Corporation on his return today from a trip to the Maritime Provinces and in reference to the Royal Commission now investigating conditions in Nova Scotia, expressed the view that owing to the conditions now existing in Canada at present, with the cost of living on the decline and the prospect of considerable unemployment in the coming winter, the commission could not with any consistency recommend an increase in miners' wages. The investigation of the commission would, undoubtedly show that the increased wages granted during the past three years had generally resulted in a decrease in the output of coal at the mines.

NEW LEADER IN EAST ELGIN

Cattleman Selected to Head Nat'l Party's Ticket in By-Election.

Aylmer, Ont., Sept. 10.—John L. Stansell, a cattleman and formerly of Bayham township, was selected this afternoon to lead the National Liberal-Conservative forces in the East Elgin by-election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of David Marshall, M. P. A resolution approved of the selection of Hon. Arthur Meighen as party leader, and declared allegiance to the principles of conservatism actuating the Government, which the "strenuous times" demanded, he maintained.

Another resolution declared approval of the political platform of the National Liberal-Conservative party and credited the "comparative absence of economic unrest" in Canada as largely due to the tariff policy laid down by Sir John A. Macdonald.

SPECTATORITIS IS THREATENING BOYS

National Life in Danger Declares Leader in Work Among Boys.

Toronto, Sept. 10.—"Our national life is being affected by a disease which I would designate as spectatoritis. Too many of our Canadian boys are standing on the side lines." So declared Taylor Station, Canadian National Council, Y. M. C. A. boys' work general secretary, who, with C. J. Atkinson, Secretary of the International Boys' Club Federation, at the King Edward Hotel today at noon on boys' work. Mr. Statten emphasized the necessity of a concerted action on the part of Canadian boy leaders to amalgamate and bring about a Canadian boy life movement. Already the Protestant churches and the Y. M. C. A. have linked up in the work. "Athletics should be organized so that every boy plays."

MONTREAL TIME CHANGES OCT. 3RD

Montreal, Sept. 10.—According to La Presse, Ernest Decarie, Chairman of the City Administrative Commission, announced today that Montreal would return to standard time on Sunday, October 3, at two o'clock in the morning. Recently it was stated by a Montreal morning paper that the change would be made Sunday, October 24. This would appear to have been announced in error.

Heavy Snowfalls in Alps Follow Quake; Isolated Villages

Four Persons Reported Killed in Avalanches That Came Down Hills.

Geneva, Sept. 10.—A severe earthquake shook the southern slopes of the Swiss and Italian Alps yesterday from Monte Rosa to Bernina Pass, causing avalanches. The shock was accompanied by heavy snowfalls and several Alpine villages are isolated. Four persons are reported to have been killed and many injured.

Slighter shocks also were reported in the Swiss Alps around Zermatt and Posztina, but there were no casualties.

BUS AND CAR IN SMASH; 35 ARE INJURED

Friday, the Thirteenth Day of Brooklyn Strike, Serious for Many.

New York, Sept. 10.—Today—Friday, and the thirteenth day of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit walkout was marked by the first serious accident since the strike began. Approximately 35 persons were injured, fifteen seriously, when a Coney Island light-rail bus with seventy men, women and children aboard, was in collision with a trolley car at Fifth Avenue and 68th street, Brooklyn. Police reserves and ambulances were called and first aid was rendered accident victims in a vacant lot nearby.

A crowd of nearly four thousand collected. The driver of the car as well as the driver of the bus, were held on technical charges.

TORONTO HAS FINE CROP OF DIVORCE APPLICANTS READY

Over 30 Cases Already Entered With Majority from Queen City.

Ottawa, Sept. 10.—The divorce crop at the next session of Parliament again promises to be heavy. There are thirty new applications so far and twelve left over from last session. All but a few are from Ontario, many from Toronto. In any province where the courts have divorce jurisdiction they are now availed of instead of coming to Parliament.

KAISER GOING TO CUT OFF HEADS WHEN IN BERLIN

Berlin, Sept. 10.—An extraordinary declaration by former Emperor Wilhelm, made on the grounds of his residence at Doorn, is reported by Vorwarts in a story purporting to emanate from a Prussian junker, who recently visited him.

It is stated that the former Emperor was chopping a tree when he suddenly exclaimed, as he struck furious blows with his axe: "This is the way heads will fly to the right and left when I return to Germany."

Commenting on the remark Vorwarts says: "It shows Wilhelm in all his greatness as a politician."

OPEN BREACH IN TEL. RATE FIGHT

Montreal, Sept. 10.—An open breach is apparent in the fight led by the Union of Canadian Municipalities against the proposed increase of rates applied for by the Bell Telephone Company.

At a meeting of the delegates of the Union here today, Chairman E. R. Decarie, of the Montreal Administrative Commission, who presided, declared that Toronto and Hamilton were acting independently of Montreal, this fact being emphasized by a communication from Hon. F. B. Carvell, chairman of the Dominion Railway Commission, stating that as there was apparently lack of co-operation of the interests opposing the Telephone Company's proposed tariff it might be well to wait for the sitting of the board on September 21 before ordering an inspection of the company's books.

Chairman Decarie also told the meeting that there had been an active propaganda carried on in Toronto newspapers against Montreal and Montreal experts, and that efforts at conciliation on the part of Montreal had decided to light their own battles.

Toronto opinion is that Montreal more are responsible for the loss in earnings for the week ending September 7, were \$3,991,000, an increase of \$332,000.

POLE FORCE BREAKS DOWN SEVEN CORPS

Six Towns Taken from the Russians in Smash South of Grodno.

GENERAL WRANGLER IN GREAT BATTLE

Lets Refuse Pole Order to Withdraw to the Foch Line Now.

London, Sept. 10.—Stubborn fighting is proceeding between Russian Soviet forces and the troops of General Wrangel in the Oriskov region of the Crimean sector, says the official statement issued in Moscow, Thursday, and received here today, by wireless. On the other sections of the front the statement claims successes for the Soviet army.

Poles Advance Lines.

Warsaw, Sept. 9.—The Polish troops have advanced their lines, occupying Koszka, just to the south of Grodno, and five other towns.

A Bolshevik counter-attack was repulsed, and the Poles again advanced, dispersing seven Soviet infantry regiments.

The communique from Polish headquarters in which these operations are reported says there was no change in the Smolki sector.

Lets Refuse to Withdraw.

A note has been received by the Polish foreign office from Lithuania refusing to withdraw the Lithuanian forces to the Foch line, but asking that a conference be held in Mariampol, situated on the demarcation line. At the close of Thursday night's conference of the council of ministers, the secretary of Foreign Minister Sapieha announced that the Poles had replied, demanding withdrawal of the Lithuanians without further discussion. Providing the withdrawal should be effected, the secretary said, a conference would be held with the Lithuanians concerning boundaries, but not otherwise. The Lithuanians, he added, must also guarantee not to be friendly with Germany and Soviet Russia at the expense of Poland.

The Council of Ministers also considered the Ukrainian question Thursday, but no decision was reached.

"BALTIC" NEVER SENT MESSAGES ON MANNIX RUN

So New York Lawyer is Much Annoyed and Will Ask An Explanation.

New York, Sept. 10.—Assistant District Attorney Alexander I. Roke, who returned from Europe today on the steamer "Adriatic," said he intended to take up with Secretary of State Coby the refusal of the British Government to permit him to go to Ireland Mr. Roke called on the Baltic at the same time as Archbishop Mannix, and said he had planned to go to Ireland to meet his wife and mother in law prior to a tour of Ireland, Belgium and France with them.

A number of citizens of the United States, he said, were put to much inconvenience because the liner was diverted to Liverpool and not permitted to touch Queenstown, the port to which they had booked.

Messages Not Sent

When he learned of this, Mr. Roke said he filed and paid for two wireless messages, one to the representative of a New York newspaper at London, and the other to Mr. Davis, United States Ambassador to Great Britain. The next day the money was returned, he said, and he was told the messages could not be sent. A message to his wife, however, was sent. The messages refused told of the inconvenience to which he and other citizens of the United States were put, he explained.

BRITISH COLUMBIA'S DRY VOTE ON OCT. 20

Victoria, B. C., Sept. 10.—October 20 has been officially fixed as the date for the provincial referendum on the question of the best method to deal with liquor in British Columbia for the future. The voters will be called upon to decide whether the present prohibition act shall be continued in force or provision made for Government control and sale in sealed packages, of spirituous and malt liquors.

QUEBEC TRIBUTE TO EX-PREMIER PARENT

Quebec, Sept. 10.—The Province of Quebec and the ancient capital this morning paid a tribute to the remains of Hon. S. N. Parent. Not only had the distinguished gentleman seen the whole city paying him their respects, but this morning the province and the Dominion of Canada by its representatives attended his funeral which was his most magnificent hood in the City of Quebec for years.

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