

SOFT COAL AGAIN EXTREMELY SCARCE

Many Plants Must Close Unless Large Quantity Arrives Shortly.

TO IMPROVE SERVICE

G. T. R. Has Borrowed Locomotives From United States Companies.

Soft coal is again a very scarce article in Toronto owing to the very small quantities having been brought in during the past few days. While no word has been received of other institutions having to close down, many are again in a precarious condition, and should storms occur that would prevent the railways bringing in a much larger quantity of soft coal during the next few days than they have in the past, there are few plants that would be able to commence operations on Monday morning.

J. J. Walsh of the traffic department of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association was advised by Superintendent Whittenberger of the Ontario lines of the G.T.R. that a great improvement of the soft coal situation could be looked for in the next 24 hours, as after he had conferred with the officials of the United States roads their co-operation had been promised and every effort will be made to forward soft coal.

The Grand Trunk announced yesterday that the American roads had loaned them 23 of their most powerful locomotives and crews and they will be put in service between Toronto and the border. It is also announced that eight of the powerful superheater engines of the G. T. R. are now on the way to this division and will be hauling coal before the end of the week.

Bring Coal Rapidly.
For the 24 hours preceding seven a.m. yesterday the Grand Trunk brought 58 cars of hard coal to Toronto and 31 cars of soft coal. The C. P. R. reported 114 cars in and 81 unloaded during the same period. Considerable coal is now coming through the Detroit gateway for Ontario points. Yesterday afternoon one solid train of 36 cars of hard coal arrived in Toronto and another train of about the same number of cars was en route. It was announced yesterday that the D. L. & W. embargo which went into effect the previous midnight did not include coal. The Grand Trunk Railway has not embargoed meat shipments, and the C.P.R. will now accept them to Montreal. Yesterday one solid train of fresh meat was accepted by the Grand Trunk and despatched eastward without delay, while another meat shipment was forwarded within a few hours of loading along with a shipment of horses.

Reports received from Buffalo yesterday were very disquieting. One large shipper reports several manufacturing institutions in that city as having closed down. It is now impossible to trace cars, and the railways have thrown up their hands. As the Grand Trunk Railway has not embargoed meat shipments, and the C.P.R. will now accept them to Montreal. Yesterday one solid train of fresh meat was accepted by the Grand Trunk and despatched eastward without delay, while another meat shipment was forwarded within a few hours of loading along with a shipment of horses.

Proposal Impracticable.
The project of bringing coal to Toronto by water is still hanging fire, and while conferences are being held regarding the opening of the Toronto harbor, it is stated on good authority that the loading wharves at Charlotte and other lake ports on the American side could not be opened for loading coal before the opening of navigation. It appears that there is no tug with the proper equipment for breaking the ice at present in the bay, and that to open a way the ice would have to be sawn, which would be expensive and take a considerable time. The following announcement from Bradstreet's weekly report, shows the growing seriousness of the fuel problem:

"Toronto reports to Bradstreet's declare that restriction of business through the railway situation, and the attendant shortage of coal, is more serious than at any previous time this winter. Extreme measures are being taken to ensure supplies for industrial concerns, as well as for general consumption, but the closing of public buildings, such as the University of Toronto, comes as an indication of the difficulty being experienced in bringing supplies from the Niagara frontier. Shipments of newspaper held up in transit make imminent the temporary suspension of publication by some Toronto journals."

CANADIAN ARMY FILM DRAWS LARGER CROWDS

Is Authentic Picture of the Famous Battle of Courcellette.

Another large attendance, probably the largest in number which has attended any single day since the show was opened, was present yesterday to see the fourth day's presentation of the "Canadian Victory at Courcellette and the Advance of the Tanks." The pictures, which were officially censored and released by the general headquarters staff in France, have attracted city-wide attention.

UNIQUE CONCERT A GREAT SUCCESS

Composer of Various Numbers Plays Accompaniments for Artists.

MERITORIOUS PIECES

Program Proved Mrs. H. A. Beach to Be Splendid Composer.

Exceptional to the point of being unique was the concert given at Forrester's Hall last evening, when a delightful program by the Academy Quartet, Mrs. H. A. Beach and Mrs. John Macdonald, was presented. Not only the pianist, but the composer, this last claim is the one that gives the distinction of uniqueness to the recital, for we know of no other occasion in which a woman has presented a series of songs and solo compositions for the piano, but also the orchestration of a brilliant quartet.

The first group played by Mrs. Beach consisted of "In Autumn," "Phantom," "Scottish Legend," and "Gavotte Pastorale," the numbers presenting variety of mood and at once establishing their originator and exponent as an artist of rare merit.

That group of songs followed in which Mrs. John Macdonald displayed both brilliancy and grace, and the accompaniments by Mrs. Beach were in themselves a treat to the ear. These numbers, like the preceding ones, were songs, like the composition of Mrs. Beach, and included "June," "Love," "But," "The Year's at the Close," "Mrs. Macdonald received several recalls and flowers.

The program established Mrs. Beach as a player of distinction, and as a composer with a vital message, one who gets to her audience, and who is able to tell us whether these be of strength or tenderness. She will be welcome to Toronto on any future occasion.

Beethoven's quartet in F minor, op. 95, was the only other number given, and was played with all the intellectual interpretation for which the composition of Ludwig von Kunitz is principal, as well known in Toronto.

MANY SUBS. CAPTURED.

Rumor in England Says Deutschland Is Only One of Many Submarines Now in British Keeping.

Dr. Temple, who acted as chairman at the dinner given on Wednesday evening to Dr. Col. Bruce by members of the medical profession, stated that the guest of the evening was misquoted in reference to his remarks about the capture of the Deutschland. Dr. Bruce said: "There need be no apprehension about Germany's threat to sweep the seas with her subs. They are being effectually dealt with by the British navy. Some anxiety has been felt in Germany regarding the penetration of the Deutschland at her destination, and rumor is current that she is safe in British keeping." Dr. Bruce also stated it was understood the navy had captured many other enemy submarines.

CHARGE OF THEFT.

Margaret Brynston, 127 Avenue Street, was arrested last night on a charge of stealing a quantity of silverware from the Toronto Silver Co., where she was employed. Plainclothesmen Dunn and Forbes made the arrest.

LABOR PROTESTS AGAINST ACTION

Says Mayor Should Have Passed Coal Resolution on to Ottawa.

POLITICAL EXPEDIENCY

His Action in Refusing Was Influenced by Party Considerations.

A motion embodying the protest of organized labor against the action of Mayor T. L. Church in declining to forward to Ottawa the resolution recommending government ownership of Canada's railway system, was adopted by a unanimous vote at last night's meeting of the Toronto Trades and Labor Council in the Labor Temple, Church street. The resolution favoring government control was proposed by W. F. Maclean, M.P., and adopted at the conference in the city hall last Monday relative to the coal situation. The resolution of objection to the mayor's refusal will be made public.

Another resolution, proposed by James Simpson, authorized the secretary to communicate with Dominion officials at Ottawa, dealing with the matter of last Monday's conference and advising them of the mayor's refusal to forward the resolution.

"It's time the bluff of the mayor was called," declared Delegate T. Woods in proposing the resolution of protest. "He's been bluffing for three years now. He's been riding the backs of the soldiers and of labor men, and the sooner we get him off the better."

Delegate Simpson, who attended Monday's conference, said the mayor, after voting in favor of Mr. Maclean's resolution, declined to forward it to Ottawa because of political expediency.

Blamed Grand Trunk.
Delegate Simpson condemned the Grand Trunk Railway, declaring that its failure to pay employees reasonable wages and the fact that its engines were tied up in the coal situation, was responsible for the coal shortage to a large extent. He explained that the majority of those who attended the conference decided that nationalization of Canada's railways was the only practical solution of the coal shortage and coal congestion problems.

When information was sought by some of the delegates, as to under just what conditions organized labor was represented at the conference, Secretary T. L. Stevenson quoted the following letter, written by Mayor Church, to the council's secretary:

"I would like to have your council attend a conference in this office, at 8 o'clock next Monday, regarding the coal situation. I am anxious to secure the support of your council, so that we may approach the government and the railway commission with a view to getting adequate relief from the present intolerable situation. Will you kindly have one or three of your officers present on this occasion and inform me of the result of the conference. I am sure that the resolution favoring government control of the railways and the support of that resolution will be in perfect order."

A resolution endorsing the action of the board of control in recommending to the city council that a vote be submitted to the people next January on the question of the purchase of the Toronto street railway was tabled until the next meeting for further information.

Another resolution unanimously declared in favor of an amendment to the Street Sales Act, providing heavier penalties for violation. The delegate explained that some bakers find it profitable to sell lightweight bread and pay a fine in court when convicted under the law. The recommendation provided a fine of \$50 for the first offence, \$100 for the second offence and imprisonment for the third. Thirty-two proposals for violation of the act were made during 1916, the delegate said.

President Walter Brown, Secretary T. A. Stevenson and Delegates R. J. Stephenson, Simpson and Richards will compose a delegation which will accompany the delegation representing the Ontario Franchise League, which goes before parliament March 6 to support the petition asking for equal suffrage for women in Ontario.

LITTLE BOY DISAPPEARS.

Four-Year-Old Johnnie Dobson Is Searched for by Anxious Parents.

Four-year-old Johnnie Dobson, 87 Fern avenue, disappeared from his home yesterday noon and has not since been seen. The little boy is of dark complexion and wears a grey overcoat, red sweater, black lace boots, grey woolen toque with red band. His father is a member of the 25th Battalion.

As soon as the parents missed the boy they got in touch with the police, telephoned the morgue, and tried other means in the effort to locate him.

WHEN ON LEAVE IN U.S. OFFICERS MUST REPORT

Ottawa Hears Complaints of Men Masquerading as British Officers.

Ottawa sent word to Toronto that complaints have been received of people masquerading in the United States as British officers, and issued these instructions:

"Any officer proceeding to or thru New York, for any purpose, is to report himself on arrival to the British naval attaché at that place. No officer is to proceed to the United States of America on leave in uniform. Every officer proceeding to the United States of America, either on leave or on duty, is to call upon the British consul on arrival at his destination and establish his identity."

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Members of Insurance Institute At Dinner in Royal Bank Bldg.

Upwards of two hundred members of the Insurance Institute gathered at dinner in the Board of Trade dining hall last night and heard an address on making returns to the government in all branches of insurance. It was delivered by W. G. Gilliland, of the insurance department, Ottawa, and the subject was treated in a comprehensive manner.

J. B. Laidlaw, of the Military Hospitals Commission, told how the organization was looking after the returned soldiers and how it planned to place them in a position to take their place in society after the war. Everything possible was being done, he said, to train and equip them to earn their own living, no matter how incapacitated some of them might be. The organization also kept in touch with the families of those who fall in the war and in many cases have given relief where destitution existed.

Mr. Laidlaw declared that the number of men who had returned blinded or minus an arm or a leg was comparatively small. The reason we saw so many men crippled in the streets of Toronto was because all those in Ontario who had lost a limb were sent to the city to be fitted with an artificial substitute.

ARNOLD RUTHERFORD MADE SUPREME SACRIFICE

Had Been Thru Entire Campaign at the Somme Without Being Wounded.

A message received yesterday by Walter R. Rutherford of 124 Westmoreland avenue, telegraph editor of the Globe, Ontario, that his son, Pte. Arnold W. Rutherford, had been killed in action. Pte. Rutherford was at first in the infantry, but on his own request was transferred to the work of stretcher-bearer duty in picking up the wounded and giving first aid. He had gone thru all of the battle of the Somme without being wounded. He was a graduate of the Ontario College of Education, and active in Sunday school work. He was 19 years of age and went overseas with the 80th Battalion.

Soldier Died of Pneumonia at Base Hospital Yesterday

Pte. John Brown of the 198th Canadian Buffs Battalion died yesterday morning from pneumonia in the Military Base Hospital, Gerrard street. He enlisted in the Buffs on Jan. 3, and was admitted to the hospital on Jan. 21. He was born in Montreal, 28 years ago, and had lived for the last few years in Toronto. His sister, Mrs. Francis, resides at 63 Highfield road. Full military honors will be accorded to Pte. Brown at the funeral by the Buffs Battalion.

SEVERELY WOUNDED MEN BACK FROM BATTLEFRONT

Heroes of Ypres and Somme Arrive in Toronto for Medical Treatment.

Seven soldiers of the C.E.F. who had been severely wounded while in action on the western battlefield arrived in Toronto yesterday for treatment at the Spadina Military Hospital. All are out-of-town men. Corp. Ernest Carr, the most seriously wounded, has both legs amputated above the knee. This was necessary because at the second battle of Ypres, in 1916, both legs were practically blown off by a high explosive shell. In the first battle of Ypres, 1915, he received a rifle bullet wound in the head. He went to the front when he was 20 years old. His father lives in Moscow, Ont., and his grandmother, Mrs. Samuel Carr, at 12 Belmont street, Toronto.

Sgt. G. W. Annis of Schumacher, Ont., had both feet badly maimed at Ypres by a bomb.

Pte. A. H. Johnston of Weyburn, Sask., during the Somme engagement was severely wounded by a bullet, which penetrated to his spine.

Pte. G. B. M. Griffiths of Edmonton also was at the battle of the Somme. He had an eye shot out and one arm disabled.

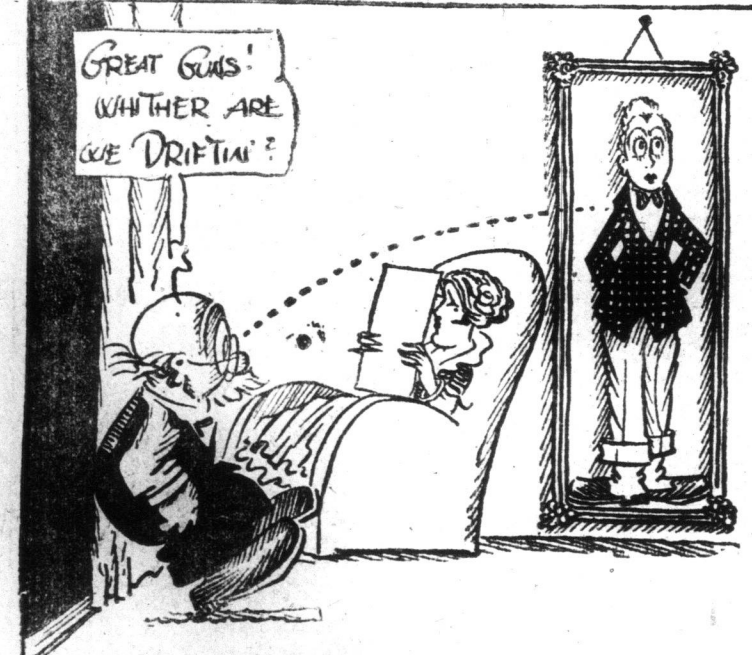
The others who returned included Pte. R. B. Wilson of the 188th Battalion, Fort Hope, and Corporal Roscoe, 168th Battalion, Drumbo.

Pseudo Magazine Agents Offer Books at Extremely Low Prices

One of a gang of con subscription men is known to have worked successfully in the west lately and to have gathered in a lot of subscriptions for popular magazines at greatly reduced prices with liberal cash first payments, purporting to represent the Canadian Subscription Company. The most active agent known is R. H. Reede, but he escaped to the States before the police could take action. Postmaster Rogers has secured further evidence of this fraud, and in order that the public may not be induced to part with its money it is suggested that it be very careful when dealing with agents, especially when they offer subscriptions at prices well below the regular sums asked. Many other agents of this fictitious company are known to have been active and may still be operating in certain districts.

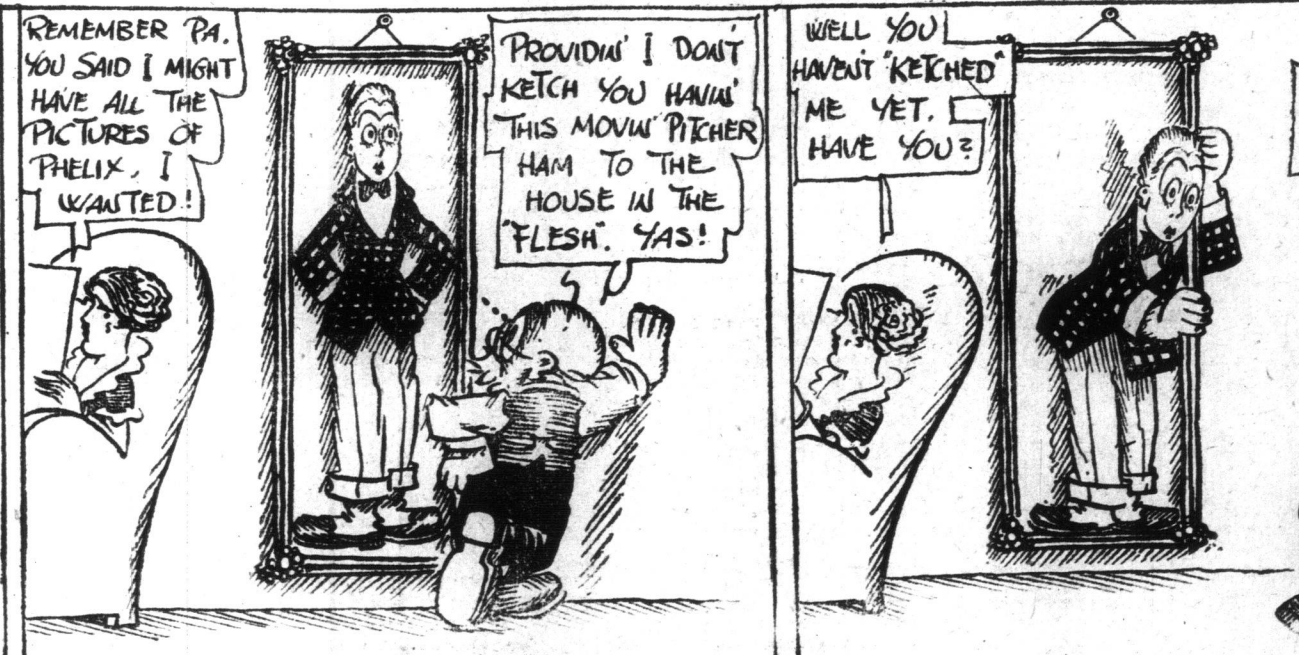
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