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BESIDE HEAD PROSSES CHEAPER COAL

WOLVIN GOES ON STAND IN N. S. INQUIRY

Denies that Nova Scotia Price Higher Than In Quebec IS BETTER GRADE Price Will Be Cut if Commission Will Accept Wage Scale Submitted

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 23.—The argument presented by the City of Halifax before the Royal Commission investigating the Nova Scotia coal industry, concerning the alleged higher prices paid for Nova Scotia coal by Halifax consumers as compared with the price paid in Quebec, was answered this morning by Roy M. Wolvin, general manager of British Empire Steel Corporation, who said there was no comparison between the prices at Quebec and Halifax, and promised a lower rate for local coal if the recommendations were carried out.

GRADE IS BETTER Halifax and Nova Scotia consumers bought a superior grade of coal and were specially catered to by the coal companies, Mr. Wolvin said. In Quebec, he said, there was no such thing as special brands of coal. It is known in Halifax, such as Acadia, Old Sydney, Inverness, and all the familiar names by which local consumers choose their market. In addition, he said, the Dominion Coal Company sold only 20 per cent. of the household coal used in Halifax. As for bunker coal, the price in Halifax compared favorably with the prices in Montreal, he declared.

WOULD CUT PRICE Mr. Wolvin said he would like to reduce the price of coal to Halifax consumers and that if the commission adopted recommendations he would make it, it would be possible to do so. "Just what have you in mind when you say that?" asked the chairman. "I mean if the commission approves of the wage scale I will submit, we will be able to reduce the price of coal."

FOUR FIREMEN DIE, 5 HURT AT BLAZE Million Dollar Loss as Several Buildings in Waynesburg, Pa., Burn

Waynesburg, Pa., Dec. 23.—Four volunteer firemen were killed and five others injured, two seriously, during a fire which swept the business district of Waynesburg early today. Several buildings were destroyed and a number of others damaged, the total loss being estimated at one million dollars. The firemen were crushed under a falling wall.

Turkeys 50 to 70 Cents at Fredericton Special to The Times-Star. Fredericton, Dec. 23.—The mid-week country market today was not as large as it otherwise would have been, because of heavy roads due to snow. Turkey was in demand and sold as high as 70 cents a pound. Some sold as low as 50 cents a pound, but the general tendency was upward. Geese sold for 30 cents a pound, chickens for 35 and 40 cents, fowl for 25 cents.

Police Stop Children Raid on Moscow Shops Moscow, Dec. 23.—A hundred homeless children, part of that vast horde which has roved in bands since the war, today organized a Christmas raid on shops in the heart of Moscow. Police intervened and repulsed the ragged archbishops, arresting four 13-year-old leaders. The homeless children of Russia have grown to be a serious problem of late.

Several More Provincial Officials Lose Offices; Others Are Appointed

Beauty Parlor For Dogs New Fad in London

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Beauty parlors for dogs constitute the latest of London's innumerable fads. The first of the parlors has opened in fashionable Bond street, and here Milady can take her pet pekinese, chow or pomeranian to be shingled or shampooed, pedicured or perfumed, massaged or massaged. Above the beauty parlor is a canine restaurant, where a dog can be parked for the day or evening.

U. S. TO CARE FOR CANADIAN GRAVES Authority of Congress Asked For Looking After Plots at Fort Worth

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Authority to undertake perpetual care of the graves of 12 Canadian flying cadets near Fort Worth, Texas, is to be asked of Congress by the War Department. During the last year of the war, Canadian cadets were stationed at Fort Worth flying field, and met their deaths there.

OFFER ACCEPTED When the Canadian agency discussed this matter with the United States War Department, Washington authorities expressed a desire to take over responsibility for the care of the graves of the Canadian dead in a national cemetery as a mark of appreciation for services extended by the British in connection with burial of United States soldiers in British territory. The Canadian agency accepted the suggestion, which was contingent upon obtaining authority from Congress.

FEAR 18 ARE LOST IN MIDDLE ATLANTIC Later News Awaited From British Steamship Marins, Abandoned at Sea

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 23.—No further information was available this morning concerning the loss of the British steamship Marins, which was reported last night by an unknown craft abandoned in latitude 37.51 north and 62.15 west, with the possible loss of 18 lives. The meagre information reaching the department of Marine and Fisheries here failed to show what steamer had reported the loss, but it was stated that all but 18 of the crew had been picked up.

WITH 3,500 KIDDIES ON LIST, STOCKING FUND NEARS \$3,000 TOTAL Stands Today at \$2,879.15, With But One More Day to Contribute—Many More Group Contributions Swell Amount Received.

WITH Christmas eve coming tomorrow and 3,500 children on THE Times-Star Empty Stocking Fund list, the money received up to noon today was within \$120.85 of \$3,000. The total at noon was \$2,879.15. So many more children than last year are to share, that the generous giving has been most timely. It is still hoped that more contributions will come in by tomorrow. The donations today totalled \$106.75. They included several more group gifts.

THE FUND TODAY. The fund now stands: Previously acknowledged \$2,772.40 Employees Robinson's, Ltd. 1.00 Rodman Logan, aged three years 2.00 Workmen Vocational School 8.00

DESTRUCTION AND DEATH IN FRENCH STORM

Nine Men Perish; Ferry Capsizes on Seine MANY INJURED More Than Score Hurt in Paris; Communications Are Crippled

PARIS, Dec. 23.—The tempest continues to howl in France, leaving death and destruction in its trail. Nine passengers were drowned in the Seine last night above Rouen, when a ferry boat capsized. All the victims were workmen. The ferryman was the only person aboard the boat to be saved.

MANY WIRES DOWN As all wires except one with Havre and Brest are down, the cable dispatches between North America and Europe are being cut off. As far as Paris is concerned, more than a score of persons have been seriously hurt by pieces of flying copings, bricks and falling telegraph poles, fences and signs. The railroad to Dieppe was put out of commission, when a dozen telegraph poles fell across the track.

400 HOMELESS IN SPAIN LISBON, Dec. 23.—The President of the Republic has gone to the village of Espinho, a popular sea bathing resort near Oporto, which was partly destroyed by the recent great storm. More than 400 persons are homeless in the terrific gale which with cyclonic fury almost levelled the place in a few minutes. So great was the force of the wind a vessel of four tons was lifted to an incredible height and hurled more than 200 yards on to a house which it wrecked.

3 NEW COMPANIES ARE INCORPORATED Saint John Men Interested in New Lumbering Firm at Lepreaux

Special to The Times-Star. Fredericton, Dec. 23.—Lepreaux Lumber Co. Ltd., is incorporated with head office at Lepreaux and capital stock of \$10,000. Those incorporated are Wm. E. Golding, Arthur J. O'Connor and Kenneth L. Golding, all of Saint John, and George Patterson of St. George. The company is authorized to engage in lumbering.

BRIDGE CONTRACT LET. Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 23.—Hon. D. A. Stewart, Minister of Public Works, has awarded the contract for the Bennett (Nehalem) bridge, County of Westmorland, to A. & R. Forbes of Fredericton. The price is about \$8,600. Eighteen tenders were submitted.

U. S. MAY DROP BAN ON CANADIAN STOCK Large Corn Crop Likely to Remove Barrier on Feeder Cattle

WINNIPEG, Dec. 23.—Indications are for a lowering, or even complete removal of the tariff barrier against Canadian feeder cattle going into the United States to winter. J. B. McGregor, prominent cattle breeder of Brandon, Man., announced upon his return from the south. The large corn crop and the lack of feeder stock to absorb the supply, according to Mr. McGregor, has brought about quite a change of front among farmers of the middle western states.

5 KIDDIES SAVED Ottawa Man Awakes to Find His Home in Flames; All Escape

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—Five children, all under six years of age, were carried to safety by their father, Lorenzo Martin, when their home was destroyed by fire, early this morning. Mr. Martin awoke to find the house filled with flames and smoke, and he rushed his wife and two children out of the building, then returned and carried the other three children from their beds to safety.



Queen Margherita of Italy is seriously ill with pleurisy, according to dispatches from Rome. Because of her advanced age it is feared she may not recover.

ONE DEAD, 5 HURT IN BALTIMORE FIRE

Firemen Buried When Wall of Blazing Grain Warehouse Collapses

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 23.—Five last night destroyed the 100,000 bushel grain warehouse of E. Steen & Bros., took the life of one fireman, and was known to have injured five others. The dead, Captain Harry C. Jones, 31, fatally crushed under falling walls. The injured: Acting battalion chief, Valentine Engelhardt; cuts and abrasions; Pipeman William Schale, diaphragm fractured skull; Fireman George C. Holder, wrenched back and possible internal injuries; Pipeman W. Weber, cuts about head; Fireman Theodore Murphy, stunned.

BOOSTING OF GRAIN PRICES IS DENIED Canadian Press Bureau Replies to Statement Made by Sir Herbert Robson

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Canadian government, through its official press bureau, has taken prompt action in replying to a statement made by Sir Herbert Robson to the food commission that "in Canada wheat is largely in the hands of the farmers' co-operative society whose object is to raise the price of wheat."

VENDORS ARE NAMED Six More Appointed in Province on Chief Inspector's Recommendation

Special to The Times-Star. Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 23.—On the recommendation of W. L. McFarlane, chief inspector under the intoxicating liquor act, the following persons are appointed retail vendors: Fred S. Maher, Chatham; James D. Johnson, Chatham; The Depot Drug Co., Druggists, Moncton; Alonzo Stutz, Druggists, Fredericton; John Culligan, farmer, Parish of Durham, Restigouche county; Alvre J. Maillet, Buctouche.

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SOVIET-TURK NEUTRALITY TREATY SIGNED

Will Mean Protection if War Follows Mosul Award FOR THREE YEARS Signatures of Tchitcherin and Tewfik Rashedi Bey Appended

MOSCOW, Dec. 23.—Under the neutrality treaty just concluded between Russia and Turkey, the latter country, in event of hostilities over the Mosul award to Britain, would have a certain measure of protection by a Black Sea attack, since Russia would close her ports to hostile ships. The treaty, which is for a three-year term, stipulates:

TREATY TERMS. First—Neither country shall attack the other. Second—In the event of military or naval action against either party by one or several countries, the other party agrees to remain neutral.

SIGNED AT PARIS. The agreement, which was signed at Paris, December 17, by M. Tchitcherin, the Soviet Foreign Minister, and Tewfik Rashedi Bey, the Turkish Foreign Minister, becomes effective immediately upon its ratification by the legislative bodies of the two countries.

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MAGISTRATES AMONG THOSE TO BE DISMISSED

Practically Every County Represented In List SAINT JOHN ALSO Naming of William C. Cross as School Trustee Here is Gazetted

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PORTLAND SUES GRAND TRUNK IN GRAIN ISSUE

Breach of Contract Alleged in That Railway Refuses to Handle Grain Other Than That Carried On Own Lines.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 23.—The State of Maine, through the directors of the Port of Portland, has filed a bill in equity against the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada in the Supreme judicial court here. Breach of contract is alleged. Purported refusal of the Grand Trunk to handle any grain other than that delivered over its own road has resulted in this situation, according to the complaint.

World News In Short Metre

PHILADELPHIA—Responsibility for continuing the anthracite strike through "the Yuletide season" is placed on the operators by John L. Lewis, head of the miners' union.

CONSTANTINOPLE—The Exchange Telegraph says Ismet Pasha, Turkish Premier, announces the signing in Paris on December 17 of a new agreement between Turkey and Russia pledging mutual neutrality if either country is attacked.

RAILWAY SITUATION IN B. C. EXPLAINED Lands Set Apart by Government For Road's Use Liable to Taxation

Special to The Times-Star. Victoria, B. C., Dec. 23.—Misunderstanding of the provincial government's railway policy, is cleared up in a written statement issued by Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of Lands, to explain details of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway land grant scheme approved by the legislature last week.

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MARITIME—Strong winds and gales from north and north-west, with local snow falls and furies. NB WENGLAND—Fair and continuing cold tonight. Thursday, increasing cloudiness with rising temperature, diminishing northwest winds, becoming southerly Thursday.

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