

COAL MINES ARE FLOODED

British Houses of Parliament to Meet Monday Over Coal Strike.

London, April 2.—Six British coal mines, left to the mercy of inrushing waters by the strike of miners and pump men, have already been flooded and some of them are said to be in such a condition that they may be permanently wrecked.

Parliament Called. London, April 2.—A minor sequel to the coal miners' dispute is that the House of Lords will reassemble eight days before the time stipulated for them to do so.

COMMENT ON LEGISLATURE

Premier Drury Turns Down Labor Leaders Twice This Week.

(Special to the Whig.) Toronto, April 2.—It will take more than the fire from a defective wired cigarette to smoke out those U.F.O. members before they have "earned" that \$600 bonus.

Fortunately the \$100 coal scuttle was never in danger, nor was the historic bedroom where Minister Biggs bought his trucks while he ate breakfast.

Twice this week we have had the premier turning down the labor incident and then Rollo's employment agencies. The legislature will have to come back to the old-fashioned plan of the government thrashing things out at the council table or caucus, and then standing or falling upon the issue in the house.

Professor Kills Dean Of a College, And Then Suicides

Syracuse, N.Y., April 2.—J. Herman, Wharton, dean of the college of business administration, Syracuse University, was shot and killed by Holmes Beckwith, professor of financial and insurance subjects, in college this morning.

Offer Government Steamers.

Glouce Bay, N. S., April 2.—The department of marine will put Canadian government merchant marine steamers at the disposal of the Cape Breton coal trade if they are required, according to word received here today from J. C. Douglas, M.P.

HON. N. W. ROWELL OPPOSES PROHIBITION Toronto, April 2.—Hon. New- ton Wesley Rowell made public announcement yesterday that he would vote and work against a bone-dry verdict in the approaching referendum.

10 PER CENT. INCREASE IN TELEPHONE RATES

Granted the Bell Company—Not Granted the Measured Rate System.

Ottawa, April 2.—The board of railway commissioners, in their judgment on the application of the Bell Telephone Company for increased rates, refused the measured rate system to the company.

REFUSED TO ACCEPT SANDWICH CONVICT

The Necessary Recommitment Papers Could Not Be Produced.

When a constable of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police arrived in the city from Sandwich on Friday afternoon with a young man, who had served a term in the Portsmouth penitentiary, but had been released on parole and was being returned to complete his sentence, it was discovered that there were no recommitment papers, so he was not accepted.

According to information received the young man served ten months in penitentiary but was released on parole, when he had about a year more time to serve. He was arrested at Sandwich, and appeared before the police magistrate on five occasions and was remanded on each.

CHILDREN MOURN FOR OLD FRIEND

John Burroughs' Death Ends Yearly Feat For His Birthday.

Poughkeepsie, N.Y., April 2.—All the little school children in the hamlet of West Park, where John Burroughs lived and studied nature for almost half a century, marched to his funeral Saturday, each bearing flowers plucked in the schoolyard nearby.

For years the boys and girls of the neighborhood have gathered together on each anniversary of Mr. Burroughs' birth to hang garlands of flowers about his photograph in the village school, and then visit his home to learn more of the birds and beasts, rocks and rivers, flowers and weeds.

This year the likeness of the renowned lover of the outdoors is draped with the black cloth of sorrow. The flowers will be placed on his bier, and on his birthday they will rest upon his grave at Roxbury in the Catskill Mountains.

WEDDED AT SYRACUSE, N.Y.

Bride Was Miss Loretta McConnell, Formerly of Harrowsmith. In Syracuse, N.Y., Monday, March 28th, Rev. Raymond Lawrence, St. Anthony's Roman Catholic church, united in marriage Clifford W., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howe, Rome, N.Y., and Loretta (Laura), eldest daughter of Mrs. and the late Edward McConnell, of Watertown, formerly of Harrowsmith, Ont.

The bride is a trained nurse and graduated from a Kingston hospital four years ago. The groom served as a sergeant in the 78th division and spent eighteen months overseas.

Upon their return from their honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. Howe will be at home to their friends at 223 Bloomfield street east, Rome, N.Y.

At Manila, P. I., fifteen thousand persons were rendered homeless by a fire on Friday night the most destructive in more than twenty years. It destroyed 3,000 homes in the northern section of the city, a native quarter known as the San Lazaro district. Two bodies were found in the ruins on Saturday.

THE GERMANS MUST ACCEPT

U.S. Attitude Is That the Huns Must Pay Obligations.

Washington, D.C., April 2.—Rumors, via London, of conversations between Germany and United States as to reparations payments brought an authoritative statement from administration officials yesterday that the attitude of the United States toward Germany is that she must accept her responsibility for the war and pay her obligations to the fullest extent she is able.

Standing Committee on Railways and Shipping

Ottawa, April 2.—Premier Meighen announced in the commons yesterday that the government proposed to move for the appointment of a standing committee of the commons on national railways and merchant shipping.

Disorders in Londonderry; A Constable Shot Dead

Belfast, April 2.—Serious disorders occurred in Londonderry last evening. Constable Higgins was shot and killed by assailants who escaped; two bombs were thrown at an electric light station and two soldiers were wounded, and in the rifle firing that followed the attack two civilians were injured.

Feels Strongly For Prohibition.

Toronto, April 2.—Father L. Minehan, pastor of the St. Vincent de Paul Roman Catholic church, feels very strongly for prohibition. "In making this statement I am only performing my duty. I would deplore it if there are any bishops or clergymen who think they would not be preached the prohibition gospel," said Father Minehan.

Great Britain advises the United States state department that George Harvey, the New York editor, is acceptable as the United States ambassador to the court foedport.

MAY BE FOUGHT OUT ON FLOOR OF HOUSE

A Hornet's Nest Stirred Up Over Catholic Labor Unions.

Ottawa, April 2.—The intimation by Ernest Lapointe, M.P., that he intends to bring on the labor department estimates the question of the strikers of the minister of labor upon the Federation of Catholic Labor Unions of Quebec and the rather embittered controversy on the subject between the Minister of Labor and a Montreal morning newspaper, threaten to stir up a hornet's nest when the subject comes before the house.

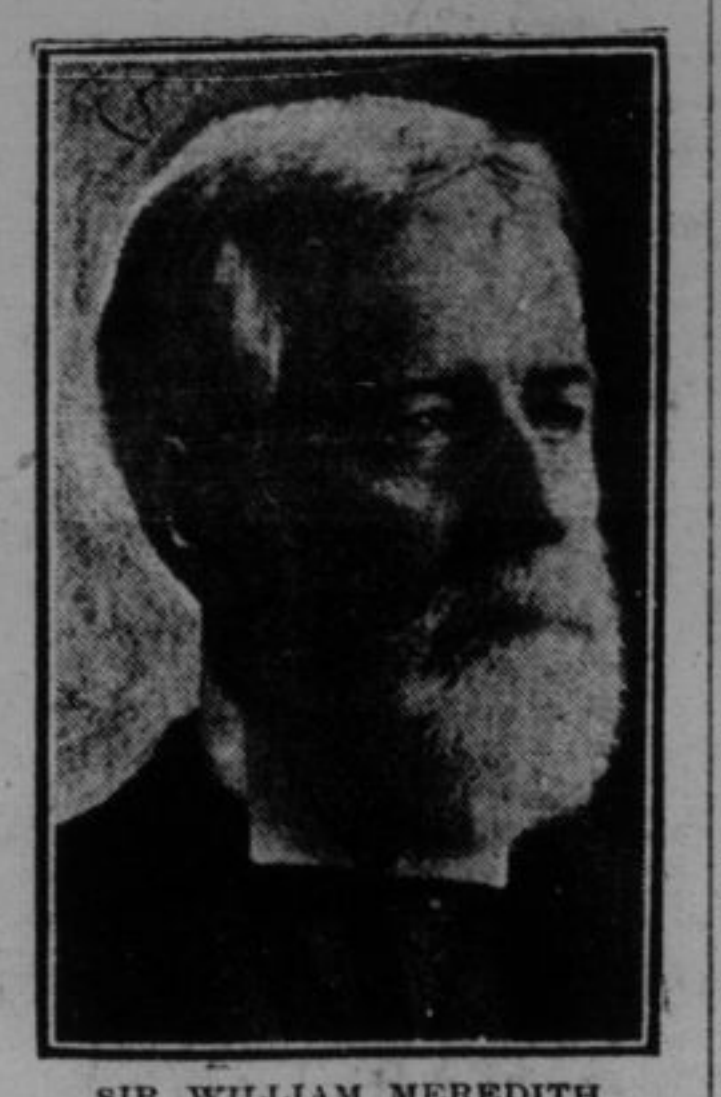
The minister intimated that his stand has the endorsement of the great volume of Roman Catholics in the international unions.

The patronage system must return is a statement made by Sir Sam Hughes, in Toronto in the course of an interview.

CHILD FINDS BOMB, AND THREE ARE KILLED

Policeman Threw It in Dublin Street With Terrible Results.

Dublin, April 2.—A child found a bomb yesterday in the ruins of the Rossacreeby police barracks, the scene recently of a Sinn Fein attack, and handed it to a policeman, who, seeing the pin was missing, threw it into the street. It exploded, killing two persons and seriously wounding three others. Several persons suffered injuries.



SIR WILLIAM MEREDITH, Chief Justice of Ontario, who was eighty-one years young on Thursday. His brother judges congratulated him at luncheon.

NOTHING BUT BRIGANDS

"If Community Submits-Ruin," Says Chronicle. London, April 2.—The Chronicle declares the miners are attempting to enforce their demand by putting a pistol at the community's head, and this despite the fact that even with their reduced wages, they will be one of the best paid bodies of workers in the country.

ADDITIONAL CHANGES BY BRITISH CABINET

Capt. Frederick Guest, A.D.C. to Lord French, Becomes Air Secretary.

London, April 2.—Among the cabinet changes and new appointments are: Dr. Christopher Addison, minister of health, is made minister without portfolio; Captain Frederick Guest, aide-de-camp to Field Marshal French becomes air secretary; Sir Alfred Mond, first commissioner of works, becomes minister of health; Viscount Peel, under-secretary for war, becomes chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster; the Earl of Crawford, chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, becomes first commissioner of works; Right Hon. Frederick G. Kellaway, head of the overseas trade department, becomes postmaster-general; Charles A. McCurdy, food controller, becomes joint parliamentary secretary to the treasury; Major Sir Philip Lloyd Graeme, parliamentary secretary to the board of trade, becomes director of overseas trade.

NEW GOVERNOR FOR IRELAND

Lord Edmund Bernard Talbot, a Roman Catholic, Succeeds Lord French.

London, April 2.—Field Marshal French of Ypres will be succeeded as lord-lieutenant and governor-general of Ireland by Lord Edmund Bernard Talbot, a Roman Catholic, who has held the post of joint parliamentary secretary for the treasury.

Viscount French was appointed lord-lieutenant of Ireland in 1918. One of his great achievements was in the famous battle of Ypres, the winning of which barred the channel ports from German occupation, and saved England from invasion. His rule in Ireland never proved a happy one, because of his strong stand against radicals, and his declaration that a Sinn Fein republic would never be established there.

After marrying Kiyoko Hosokawa, a Japanese, for love, an American girl committed suicide at 107 West 109th street, New York, because she could not stand the stares and sneers of friends.

ASSERT THAT QUEBEC PORT SUFFERS NEGLECT

Charge the Government With Nonfulfillment of N.T.R. Terminal Promises.

Ottawa, April 2.—The export trade of the port of Quebec was discussed in the Senate. Complaint was made by Senators Tessier and Chapais that much trade had been diverted from that port to the United States.

SAYS BIGGS WAS SILENT

When Proposition Made That He Should Receive \$3,000 Graft.

Toronto, April 2.—It developed at the conclusion of Rev. A. Reynolds' testimony before the public accounts committee yesterday, that Hon. F. C. Biggs had listened without saying a word to a suggestion that he should "get something" out of the big motor truck deal of December, 1919.

Shortly afterward a Dundas lawyer tried to settle Reynolds' demand from L. C. Parkin, the motor dealer who had sold the twelve motor trucks to the government with Reynolds' aid by asking Parkin for \$3,000 cash, but was unable to do so.

Reynolds also told the committee that Parkin had charged the government \$59 apiece for driving the 12 trucks from Toronto to Dundas.

"No," answered Reynolds, but within a minute he reversed his statement by telling of his conversation with the minister of highways at the latter's home, when the minister received the suggestion in silence.

WAS WRITTEN IN 1838.

Letter by Colonel Vankoughnet Found in Attic.

Cornwall, April 2.—In looking over some old papers in the attic of the house on the Butler farm, just east of the town, formerly the French family homestead, A. D. Loyalachan, who is boarding there while engaged on the provincial highway, found a letter written by Colonel Vankoughnet in 1838.

NEWS OFF THE WIRES IN CONDENSED FORM

Tidings From Places Far and Near Are Briefly Re-Counted.

The house of bishops and the Anglican provincial synod, after four sessions at Winnipeg, failed to reach a decision as to the next bishop of Keewatin diocese and adjourned.

Deaths from tuberculosis in England and Wales are decreasing rapidly. The figures as given by the ministry of health are 46,312 in 1919 against 58,973 in 1918, and 59,924 in 1917.

The degree to which Uncle Sam's revenues from the income tax this year will fall below those of a year ago is indicated by figures compiled for the Boston district. The total this year is \$37,593,008.

CALLS HIS BROTHER MINISTER A "PRUNE"

London, Ont., April 2.—Rev. J. A. Leichter, pastor of the Adelaide Street Baptist church here, scathingly condemned the action of Rev. L. S. Hughes, of Stratford, who resigned his pastorate recently on doctrinal grounds. At the annual gathering of the Men's Brotherhood of the church today, Rev. Mr. Leichter referred to Dr. Hughson as "that poor prune" and said it was a reflection on the Presbyterian church to which he was going.

MAY GIVE GRANTS TO URBAN SCHOOLS

Education Minister Intimates Deserving Cases May Receive Help.

Toronto, April 2.—During discussion of supplementary estimates in the legislature Thursday night, the minister of education announced the possibility of enabling legislation whereby he might, in certain deserving cases, place small urban schools upon the same basis as rural schools in respect of financial grants.

THEY WERE ACCEPTED

As Approved Settlers and Receive Free Passage.

London, April 2.—Up to January 31st, the number of ex-service men and women and their dependents who have been accepted as approved settlers under the Overseas Settlement Scheme, and had received free passage vouchers, was as follows:—Canada, 16,776; Australia, 12,912; New Zealand, 7,889; South Africa, 3,277; Newfoundland, 43; Rhodesia, 376; Kenya Colony and Protectorate, 526; and other parts of the Empire, 731.

AN UNFORTUNATE REPORT

Not Likely To Make Improvements To Port.

Washington, April 2.—The chief of engineers of the army announced that, following a survey conducted by his office of the proposed improvement of Clayton harbor, an unfavorable report would be made to congress.

C. F. FARWELL, K.C., COMMITS SUICIDE

Ex-Member of the Legislature Shoots Himself at Oshawa.

Oshawa, April 2.—Charles Franklin Farwell, K.C., 64 years old, of Harmony, committed suicide here Wednesday. He had been playing cards with some friends in the club during the morning. After lunch, he was found lying on the floor of the lavatory with a bullet through his brain.

FAVOR A TURNOVER TAX

Bulk of Members of Montreal Board of Trade Assent.

Montreal, April 2.—At the meeting of the Board of Trade, William M. Birks announced the result of the questionnaire which was sent to all members in order to get their views on taxation questions.