

NOVA SCOTIA PREMIER ACTS

Will Try And Settle the Coal Strike.

Great Damage Is Done to the Coal Mines Through Flooding.

Sydney, N.S., Aug. 18.—Hon. H. G. Murray, premier of Nova Scotia, this morning arrived and went into conference with Colonel Jordan Harrington, legal advisor of the United Mine Workers, President Dan Livingstone, Secretary P. B. McLachlan and others of the United Mine Workers executive in an effort to secure a settlement of the miners strike.

Big Damage By Flooding.

Sydney, N.S., Aug. 18.—So far as could be learned at an early hour today, no untoward happenings were recorded during the night and all is quiet at the collieries. While this is true as regards physical violence or ill-will between strikers and their so-called enemies, it is certain that the past twelve hours have seen damage to the flooding mines that will require months to repair.

Toronto Detachment Called.

Toronto, Aug. 18.—It was announced that a detachment of Royal Canadian Mounted Police will leave Toronto tonight for the disturbed mining district in Nova Scotia. It will be under command of Major G. Barton.

CUPID'S COURT BLOWS UP WITH A BANG

And the Lovers Will Have to Go Out in the Open Market.

Hammondton, N.J., Aug. 18.—Hammondton's "cupid's court" blew up with a bang today and the 2,000 persons who applied to the Co-operative Lovers Union for matches will have to go out in the open market. The wholesale attempt at small order matrimony failed when Mrs. Helen Long Rogers, the judge, announced she was through, or her husband made the announcement for her, and the jury went fishing. Thomas Dekler, secretary of the union, and originator of the movement, frankly didn't know how it was all going to come out. Furthermore he would probably have to hold his sessions in a tent, for Henry J. Culshaw, manager of the Palace theatre, where "Cupid's Court" was held for two days stated, "there will be no more Cupid's Court dam foolishness in my theatre except over my dead body."

DISLIKES POLITICALLY APPOINTED JUDGES

Vancouver, B.C., Aug. 18.—The majority report of the committee on administration of justice, presented to the bar association yesterday, expressed regrets that the "vicious system of making judicial nominations as rewards for political services rather than professional qualifications, shows no signs of disappearing." It added that until this "danger" is removed, it would be inadvisable to restrict appeal to the privy council.

REGARD WITH SKEPTICISM EFFORTS OF COMMISSION

To Find a Solution of the Franco-German Reparations Trouble.

Paris, Aug. 18.—The reparations commission today continued its task of seeking a solution of the Franco-German angle, but a final decision is not expected for a week at least. A large section of French opinion criticizes what is termed the utility of the commission's methods, or instance the suggestion to send a delegation to Berlin to hear what Germany has to say. It is remarked that Germany explained her position when she applied for a moratorium, consequently the efforts of the commission are regarded with skepticism.

LONDON SOLDIERS GO TO NOVA SCOTIA

London, Ont., Aug. 18.—A company of the Royal Canadian Regiment, received orders last night to leave for Sydney, N.S., almost immediately to aid in guarding the coal mines.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Engaged on Farm During an Electrical Storm.

Alexandria, Ont. Aug. 18.—While out stooking grain on his farm, Archie MacDonald, aged forty-four years, a prominent farmer of Lancaster township, was killed by lightning during the electrical storm which raged in this district Wednesday afternoon. The storm was accompanied by a high wind, and heavy hail. Apart, however, from the fatality, no other damage was reported.

Mr. MacDonald was alone at the time. He was working on his farm, which is situated about seven miles north of Lancaster village. His death was not discovered until after the storm by Mederic Gareau, a neighbor of his.

He was unmarried, and is survived by his mother, Mrs. J. J. MacDonald, one sister, Mrs. McGillis, and two brothers, Messrs. D. J. MacDonald and J. A. MacDonald.

He was a native of Lancaster township, where he had lived all his life. He was very well known here and was an active member of the Knights of Columbus.

DEAD OR MISSING.

As a Result of a Forest Fire in Minnesota.

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 18.—Seven known dead and four missing is the toll of a forest fire sweeping Northern Minnesota, according to reports here today. Governor Pease ordered out two companies of National Guardsmen from his temporary offices at Duluth. Four additional companies here are ready to leave on a moment's notice for the fire area.

TWELVE BURNED IN FOREST FIRE

Small Towns in Minnesota Destroyed—The Fatalities May Increase.

Duluth, Minn., Aug. 18.—Fears that the death toll in the forest fire would go beyond the reported total of twelve, when additional advices were received today from the flame-swept areas, were expressed by scores of refugees who were arriving hourly from all sections of the north woods. National Guardsmen are scouring refugees and more than two thousand forest rangers, settlers and others are redoubling their efforts in fighting the flames which have already destroyed small towns of Cotton, Central Lakes and White Face.

THE STUMBLING BLOCK IN NEGOTIATIONS

It is Just Possible That a Compromise May Be Reached.

New York, Aug. 18.—With peace apparently nearer to-day than any time since the 400,000 shopenmen walked out.

July 1st the conference of railroad executives and brotherhood chiefs went into its second session. The committee of executives, headed by T. Dewitt Cuyler, and brotherhood chiefs, led by Warren S. Stone, chief of the engineers, were optimistic as they gathered at the offices of the American Association of railway executives. Admitting that no definite agreement had yet been reached, the leaders indicated that the very fact that they were meeting again today after the four-hour session yesterday was indicative that the conference may produce the desired result—peace.

The brotherhood chiefs who are acting in the role of mediators, conferred far into the night with Bert M. Jewel, head of the striking shopenmen, and representatives of non-striking unions. Thus far the seniority question which has balked other attempts at peace, has proved the stumbling block. The brotherhood chiefs were reported holding out for restoration of seniority of the shopenmen in event they return to work while the executives were firm in demanding that loyal employees and new men be given precedence over the strikers. It was hoped that a compromise plan, acceptance of which would be honorable to both sides, would be found.

Government Candidate To Win.

Piquetteville, Que., Aug. 18.—In Labelle County the election of Desider Lahlo, government candidate in the provincial by-election, by a majority, probably in the neighborhood of 600 votes, is now accepted as practically certain.

The governor of Michigan won't allow a prize fight between Dempsey and Brennan at Michigan City. Business men will attempt to show the governor that the match will be strictly a 10-round boxing exhibition and not a prize fight.

Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion pugilist, has been invited to referee athletic contests at the state fair at Syracuse.

COAL PEACE BY MONDAY

Anthracite Miners Expected Back in Pits.

Dispute on Verge of Solution—Consider Duration of New Contracts.

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 18.—Peace by Monday in the anthracite war was predicted today with the miners back in the pits at the old wage scale. The final agreement may be signed at this afternoon's joint meeting. As the miners and operators, who met here yesterday and brought the resumption of the conference, Thomas Kennedy, district president of No. 7, made these optimistic announcements, John L. Lewis, miners' chief, expects a settlement today or tomorrow, he let it be known.

The matter of wages has been settled. The biggest stumbling block is passed. Questions of arbitration of the matter in dispute and on the length of the contracts to be signed, still impede peace. The miners at yesterday's conference refused to consider a contract of less than a year's duration, and some officials held out for one of two or three years. Presidents who have agreed to let the men go back to work at the old wage scale effective before April 1st this year still insist upon the matter being taken to a tribunal immediately for adjudication.

Much was accomplished at the opening session, Kennedy declared. "We may strike a stumbling block," the union president said, "but up to now we've been going along at great speed. Everything looks bright for early peace."

Lewis was known to hope the men might go back to the mines by the first of next week.

Railway Men Hopeful.

New York, Aug. 18.—Brotherhood leaders and carrier executives entered the conference at 10.30 a.m. today hopeful of wresting a rail peace from the long drawn out shop crafts dispute before they next adjourned. Warren S. Stone, spokesman for the workers, declared he was particularly optimistic of settlement as the parley started.

THE U.F.O. VICTORS CLAIM THE "SPOILS"

And Will Appoint One of Their Own Registrar of Oxford County.

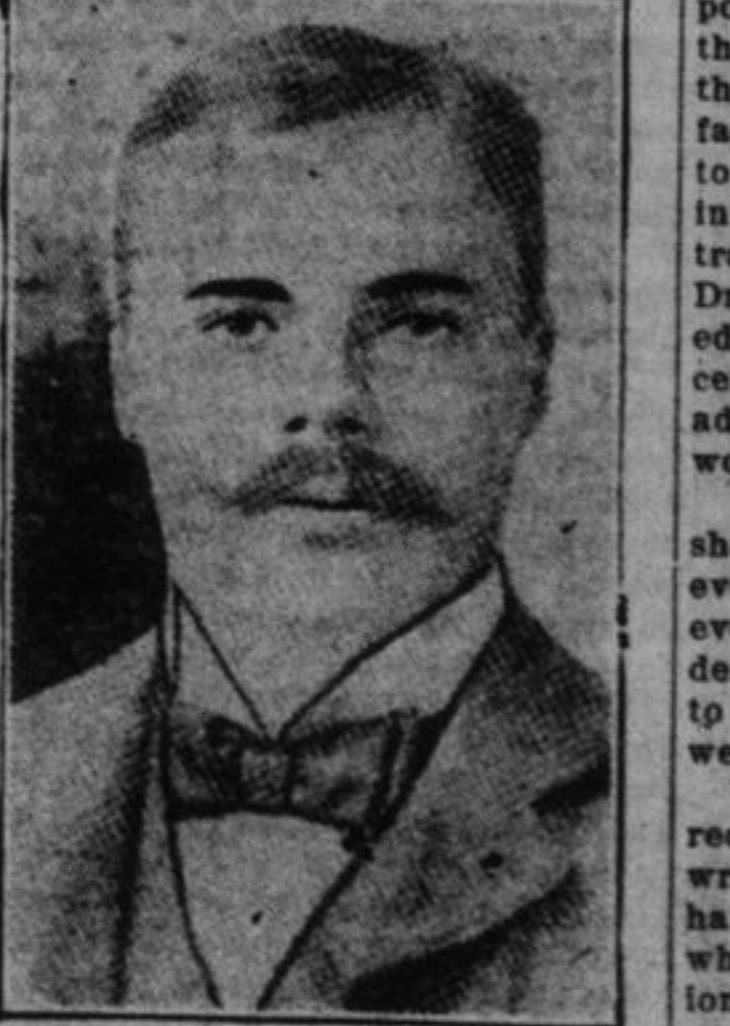
Woodstock, Aug. 18.—The merchants of Woodstock and the citizens generally are up in arms regarding the unofficial announcement that Leonard Sifton, a young farmer from near Thamesford, is to be appointed to the position of registrar of Oxford County to succeed the late George R. Pattullo. In view of the fact that Wallace McWhinnie, the present deputy registrar, has held the position for the past fifteen years, and was acting registrar for the past year and a half, during the illness of the late holder of the office, the merchants feel that if ever promotion in public service was deserved it is in this case, but in spite of the record of Mr. McWhinnie, the U.F.O. executive of the riding have recommended that the position be given to Sifton and their recommendation is likely to be accepted.

Banff Wins Over Toronto.

Winnipeg, Aug. 18.—W. T. Canton, Vancouver, B.C., was elected grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks here yesterday. Banff was chosen as the next convention centre, following a spirited tussle with Toronto.

Cleared of Insurgents.

Belfast, Aug. 18.—Reports received here today state that the Carlingford and Omagh, in county Louth, have been cleared of insurgents by national troops.



WILLIAM COSGRAVE
Minister of local government in Dublin, is acting president of the Daily Express, following the death of Arthur Griffith.

CARGO BECAME STONE.

Cement Ship Sprang Leak After Grounding.

Detroit, Aug. 18.—When the steamer Samuel Mitchell, laden with bulk cement, went on the rocks at the entrance to St. Mary's River, during a fog on July 2nd, a chain of events started. The Mitchell, which is the only steamer on the Great Lakes equipped to carry bulk cement, punctured its hold and considerable damage resulted. Water got into the cement and turned it into stone a foot in thickness in the hoppers. Repairs could not be made until the cargo was removed. It was easy enough to unload cement that the water had not penetrated, but much of the cargo of 3,000 tons had become stone, and workmen have been chipping and drilling this out for a month at the yards of the Great Lakes Engineering Works here.

Explosion and Fire Destroy Farmers' Elevator

Leamington, Aug. 18.—A fire of undetermined origin which followed an explosion of gasoline, totally destroyed the elevator of the United Farmers Co-operative Society here yesterday. The manager, Alfred Sedgwick, was burned about the head and arms in fighting the flames. The damage is estimated at twenty-five thousand dollars.

NOT BIGGER THAN U.F.O.

Premier Drury Cannot Dictate, Declares J. J. Morrison At Delta.

Delta, Aug. 18.—Speaking at the U. F. O. picnic here yesterday J. J. Morrison, secretary of the U. F. O., in referring to the political controversy between himself and Premier Drury declared, "You will have to find out where you stand in the near future." He reviewed the principles upon which the United Farmers organization was formed and stated that he was advancing ideas of organization, not his own. He could not change them. Neither could Mr. Drury. Should another convention decide to make a change in policy, there would be only one thing for him to do, swallow it or get out.

"Premier Drury is undoubtedly a big man," continued Mr. Morrison, "but he must not think that he is bigger than the U.F.O. That man does not live. It cannot be dictated to by any man. It is the consensus of opinion of many men and until they change it, there can be no change in policy."

Though there was nothing of an acrimonious nature in Mr. Morrison's remarks, he took the premier severely to task for statements recently made at Grand Bend. He challenged Mr. Drury to refer to one single instance of dictation on his part. "Mr. Drury is trying to dictate at the present time while we are merely standing by," he added. He read a paragraph from the premier's speech at Grand Bend in which it was intimated that class government might result in a condition similar to that prevailing in Russia today. "What do you think of that?" he asked his audience. "It sounds like Arthur Meighen. I really think it must be a mistake. Surely Premier Drury has a better opinion of Ontario farmers than that."

No Progressive Party.

He took a fling at the name "Progressive." There was no Progressive party in Canada, he declared. "You have seen in some papers that the Progressives chose John Bracken, premier of Manitoba. There are no Progressives in the west. All that talk of United Farmers of Manitoba linking up with the Progressive organization is nothing. Mr. Morrison repeated the statement he has made on many platforms, that, instead of being narrow, the farmers were the broadest class in existence. When it came to politics there was nothing to prevent the farmers supporting any man they chose, doctor, lawyer or manufacturer. It was for the local riding to decide what steps should be taken in choosing their candidate, the central office had nothing to say. If a Drury Progressive party were formed the power would once more be centralized and thus one of the great advantages of the U.F.O. system would be destroyed.

"It has been said our organization should broaden out and take in everybody. Old parties took in everybody. Where did you get under that system? You had nothing to do only vote which ever way you were told."

Very briefly Mr. Morrison referred to the attempt "on foot now to wrest the Farmers' Sun from the hands of farmers and put it some where else." He expressed the opinion that this move would not succeed.

Will signs to fight Dempsey in New York on October 12th.

COAL SHORT 50 PER CENT.

This Is the Situation Now in Canada.

Statement by the Federal Fuel Advisor At Ontario Conference.

Toronto, Aug. 18.—The coal situation is none too rosy at the present time said C. A. Magrath, of the federal fuel advisory board, to the meeting of provincial coal men and municipal representatives at the parliament buildings yesterday afternoon. He pointed to the strikes in the states, in Nova Scotia and in the west. "But," he added, "we are a hopeful people."

Mr. Magrath averred that from investigation of all facts there is a real crisis, the responsibility for meeting which should not be placed entirely on the shoulders of the coal dealers. He said several American authorities state the anthracite shortage will be fully to the extent of 50 per cent.

"But," he added, "if we have a mild winter, American producers will overcome the shortage, although this is too cold a country to take chances."

Canada's anthracite shortage today is one and one-half million tons. There is also a 50 per cent. bituminous shortage. The rail strike makes supplies from the States doubtful, so the only thing to do is to look for emergency supplies from wherever possible. If that is done we will get through the winter all right, but it will not be as pleasant as in former years.

Stillman Divorce Report May Be Filed Sept. 9th

White Plains, N.Y., Aug. 18.—The report is current in the courthouse that Referee Gleason would file his report in the divorce proceedings instituted by James A. Stillman, New York banker, when Supreme Court Justice Morchauser convenes the special term of court at Poughkeepsie, September 9th. Mr. Gleason had been allowed until October 1st to pass on the question of granting a decree to Mr. Stillman and the paternity of little Guy.

Mathilde and Osser May Be Married Soon

Lucerne, Switzerland, Aug. 18.—Max Osser is reported to have gone to Basle, his native town, where he must take the first legal steps in obtaining the necessary papers for his marriage to Miss Mathilde McCormick, the youthful granddaughter of John D. Rockefeller.

The engaged couple, during their brief sojourn here, have been successful in remaining incognito. It is generally believed that their wedding will take place soon.

WILL BACK VAN ALLEN.

Believes His Candidacy Strong With All Classes.

Watertown, N.Y., Aug. 18.—Mrs. Jennie McMillan, of Glen Park, Justice of peace and second to announce her candidacy for Republican nomination to state senate to succeed Fred B. Pitcher, when it became known that Mr. Pitcher would not become a candidate again, has issued to the press a formal withdrawal from the race for nomination and will heartily support and endeavor to secure the nomination of Willard B. Van Allen, of Carthage.

Funeral Convention "Depressing."

Toronto, Aug. 18.—"Such conventions have a depressing effect," said Controller Hiltz at the board of control meeting yesterday, when it was suggested that the city make a grant of \$500 to the Ontario Funeral Association's convention here in September. The board declined to make the grant.



LORD ROTHERMERE
Who will probably administer the estate of his brother, the late Lord Northcliffe.

REPORT NOT ALTERED.

Regarding C. W. Knight's Examination of Sudbury Coal Find.

Toronto, Aug. 18.—Hon. Harry Mills, minister of mines, denied absolutely that there had been any alteration in the report of C. W. Knight on the Sudbury coal find as it was handed out for publication. It was given out in toto, he said, just as Mr. Knight presented it, but the newspaper to which it was given did not publish it in full. Hon. Mr. Mills declared that there was nothing he would like better to see than a bona fide coal find in Ontario, and personally he would do everything possible to assist in research work to this end. The province lacked but two things, he said: coal and tin—and of the two it would much rather find the coal. In connection with the Sudbury field, A. F. H. Coyne, the discoverer of the seam, alleged in a letter to the premier that the government report had been altered before presenting it to the public.

A NEW RAILROAD CAR.

Brakes Must Be Kept Applied Least Wind Start It Off.

London, Aug. 18.—A railroad car so easily moved that its brakes must be kept applied least the wind start it off, is to be tried out on the Great Eastern Railway. It has its wheels fitted with a new ball-bearing device and it is to have tests for some months on a branch line where it will not be very important if it breaks down. Railroad engineers have no doubt of the saving in power it will effect if it passes its trials, but they are not certain it can stand the wear and tear of actual use. It can stand actual use, its inventors claim. It is constructed of steel specially hardened by a method discovered in the war, which will be able to meet the strain of regular railroad service.

TRAIN RUNS INTO AN EXCAVATION

And Nine Persons Are Injured Three Miles North of Buffalo.

Buffalo, N.Y., Aug. 18.—Nine persons were injured last night when a three car train on the Niagara Falls high speed line ran into an excavation caused by a dynamite explosion three miles north of the city. The injured are Mrs. Anna Smith, Philadelphia; William H. Lockard, Philadelphia; Mrs. W. H. Lockard, Philadelphia; Mrs. Irene Smith, Philadelphia; Samuel Spry, Philadelphia; Mrs. Julia Crowden, Beverly, Mass.; Mrs. Bertha Start, Baltimore; J. S. Start, Baltimore; Mrs. Laura Mack, Wilkesbarre. The condition of none is considered serious. About thirty other passengers on the train were shaken up. The first car of the train skidded 100 feet across the tracks after the accident, blocking both tracks. The second car crashed into the first and the third hit the hole and turned on its side. The passengers were thrown into a panic.

Prompt Action by Father Saved Hastings Boy's Life

Belleville, Ont., Aug. 18.—Presence of mind of Arnold Hanna, Murray Township farmer, probably saved the life of his five-year-old son Elmer, yesterday afternoon, when the boy had his arm almost severed above the elbow. He lies in Belleville Hospital where doctors are endeavoring to save the arm. Elmer Hanna was lying in the long grass in a field, where his father had been mowing. Just as the machine was going over the boy, the father caught a glimpse of him and was able to stop the horses. Mr. Hanna, who had had experience in first aid work on the railroad, placed his finger over the main artery and held it there for an hour and a quarter until they had got the lad to Trenton to a doctor.

DOG ATTACKED MISTRESS.

Policeman Saved Children From Bull Terrier.

Toronto, Aug. 18.—Jack, the pet bull terrier of Mrs. John Dunn, 1 Earl Grey road, viciously attacked his mistress in the back garden, biting her over forty times on the ankles. At the time Mrs. Dunn was carrying her seven-month-old baby in her arms and her four other small children were beside her. The timely arrival of Patrol Sergeant William Walsh, of Dundas street east police station, who choked the dog into submission, saved Mrs. Dunn and protected the little ones from serious injury.

A Locomotive Order.

New York, Aug. 18.—An order for thirty locomotives of the Mikado type was placed yesterday by the Erie Railroad Company with the Baldwin Locomotive Works. Since July 1st, according to a report from the locomotive company, domestic orders have been received totalling \$6,000,000. In the meantime, foreign business has fallen off.

FOOD SHORT AT GLACE BAY

Trains Cannot Be Handled At Strike Points.

The Mine Pits Abandoned And Are Filling With Water.

Sydney, N.S., Aug. 18.—There is prospect of an immediate food shortage at Glace Bay and the colliery districts owing to the fact that the Dominion Coal Company has been compelled to cancel all freight trains leaving the city for points south. The reason for this is that the shopenmen, freight handlers, etc., are members of the U. M. W. and refuse to unload or in any way handle goods shipped over the S. & L. Towns in the strike zones are already dependent on daily supplies received from wholesalers in the city and when these are cut off for any lengthy period a famine is almost certain to follow.

All sorts of stories are drifting in from the strike zones, last night, telling of petty vandalism, but all of these are overshadowed by the great crime that the pits are abandoned and allowed to fill with water; on all sides is heard condemnation for this wanton act.

At Dominion no. 1 yard a switch was dismantled and spiked endangering traffic and lives. An engine was stopped by a number of ties being placed across the track, fortunately, however, without damage to the train hauls.

The strikers have issued notice to the coal company that should they bring in scabs they are courting trouble of the gravest nature. An automobile tire was found on the Red Bridge track at Dominion, placed there with the evident intention of wrecking a train. These and a host of other reports, more or less serious, reached the city about midnight but they all pale into significance when the disaster to the mines through flooding is considered.

While there is a great deal of talk around the collieries that "law and order" is being preserved and that there have been, to date, no disturbances or violence by the miners who are on strike in Cape Breton the mines are being destroyed and any attempt to save them is meeting opposition by the pickets stationed at every colliery.

A neutral said, "the situation is more serious than if the town of Glace Bay was on fire but the people do not, or will not realize the gravity and danger of this conduct. This is the amazing state of affairs."

REAL EXCUSE FOUND FOR THE TROMBONE

Used to Ward Off Hysterics While Children Have Hair Cut.

New York, Aug. 18.—Some real excuse for the trombone has been found at last. For years and years the universe has been wondering just what trombones were really invented for, and now along comes Joseph Mastronardi, a progressive sort of barber over at No. 417 Second street, Jersey City, and answers the question. For some time Mastronardi has specialized in the bobbing and of children's hair. But he noticed his lost many customers when the little ones would become frightened at his sniping shears, and would spoil all his efforts by jumping into fits of hysterics.

And now, instead of cajoling his young customers into looking at the mythical bird, a photographer, all Mastronardi, Senior, finds it necessary to do in order to stave off a fit of hysteria on the part of his customers is to call for his 12-year-old son to play long, loud and lustily on his trusty trombone.

So far the youthful trombonist has been battling 1,000 in the anti-hysterics league.

Wife of a Clergyman Drowns While Swimming

Olean, Aug. 18.—Mrs. George Caylor, wife of Rev. George Caylor, pastor of First Baptist church, Pittsburgh, Pa., met death yesterday afternoon while swimming with her little son in Cuba lake, near here. Heart failure caused death. There was no water in her lungs. The Caylors with their two sons were spending the summer at Cuba lake.

THE GERMAN MARK AT LOWEST PRICE

London, Aug. 18.—In a sharp decline to the lowest point on record, German marks were quoted today at 5,100 to the pound sterling, or approximately 1,140 to the dollar.