

COAL SUPPLY RUNS SHORT

In the Sydney, N.S., District Owing to Strike.

CONFERENCE IN PROGRESS

But What the Outcome Will Be Can Only Be Conjectured.

Sydney, N.S., Jan. 28.—The coal shortage in Sydney is becoming acute although there is no actual suffering in evidence yet.

Negotiations in Progress.

Gloucester, N.S., Jan. 28.—Tomorrow afternoon will likely see the end of negotiations of the wage agreement between representatives of the Dominion Coal Company and the United Mine workers.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS BLUNDER?

Robert J. McKee Deprived of Competing for a Penitentiary Position.

Robert J. McKee, 14 Plum street, has appealed to the Whig in regard to an application he made to the Civil Service Commission for the position of chief industrial officer of the Portsmouth penitentiary.

Joint Governing Body For Two Universities

Winnipeg, Jan. 28.—The government of Manitoba has decided to accept the recommendation of the Murray commission for the amalgamation of the University of Manitoba and the agricultural college.

Burning Coal on the Wharf Set Fire to an Oil Shed

Burning coal at the wharf at the locomotive works set fire to an oil shed belonging to the company about 4 o'clock on Monday morning.

Has No Authority.

At noon on Saturday, a deputation of ladies, representing the Local Council of Women waited on Chief of Police Robinson asking that he take action to ban the picture "The Flaming Youth" billed for the Capitol theatre this week.

Italian Princess Bears Daughter.

Rome, Jan. 28.—Princess Yolanda, eldest daughter of King Victor Emmanuel, who on April 9th of last year, married Count Calvi de Bergolo, yesterday gave birth to a daughter.

Released from "Pen" is in Trouble Again

Harold Godard is held at Toronto on two serious charges.

"You Said It, Marceline!"

By MARCELINE DALROY On "Fast Workers!" Men are so QUEER! THE WAY many of them. Talk to MOST WOMEN Makes it seem clear That A MAN is willing To spend his TIME And his MONEY On a GIRL. He may even be PREPARED TO WASTE His time and money ON HER. But NONE of them Seem prepared

MILLION DOLLAR FIRE AT LITTLETON, N.H.

Littleton, N. H., Jan. 28.—Fire swept the north side of the main street here today causing damage estimated at one million dollars. Two hotels, a theatre and two bus-blocks were destroyed.

News off the Wires In Condensed Form

Finland won the speed skating honors at Chamonix, France.

Major J. A. Livingston, Grimby, resigns in view of move to unsettle him.

A coal famine and zero weather have the Sydney, N.S., district in their grip.

Healthy increase in Canada's trade with favorable balance of \$124,788,609 for year.

Inspector Frank Elliott, Stratford, takes over work of A. T. Paxton of O.T.A. staff.

Canadian National Railways proposes new street railway agreement at Niagara Falls.

Motorists going forty miles an hour may land in jail, says Hon. George H. Henry.

Half a million people were in line at the funeral of Lenin in Moscow on Saturday.

Forty men lost their lives in the explosion Saturday at the coal mine at Shanktown, Pa.

James Thornton, Dundas, cut his finger and later died of lockjaw, aged twenty-three years.

Decisive defeat ended attempt of insurgents to have the deposed officials of the Nova Scotia miners restored to power.

Charles Carroll, Catham, barber, is in a critical condition from injuries sustained in a fall down the steep stairs leading to the basement of his shop.

The Toronto police are confident they are on the trail of the slayer of Mrs. Martha Crooks. Harold Godard, under arrest, was subjected to rigorous examination.

At Aurora, Ill., Warren Lincoln confessed to the police that he shot and killed his wife and her brother, Byron Shoup, Jan. 10th, 1923, and buried the bodies after dismembering them.

At Brandon, Man., Sir Clifford Sifton criticized the management of the Canadian Merchant Marine, which he declared belonged to a combine and did its utmost to keep the rates up.

Texas, which has a law prohibiting the teaching of evolution "as a fact," now has a further regulation which bars from employment in its state university any person who does not believe in God.

THE SEARCH CONTINUES FOR MISS ADA STRACHAN

Thought to be Buried in Snow Between Railway Track and City.

The search party, which has been looking for Miss Ada Strachan, who left her home on Tuesday afternoon last, has almost given up hopes of finding the body of the missing lady until the snow is reduced considerably.

RELEASED FROM "PEN" IS IN TROUBLE AGAIN

Harold Godard is held at Toronto on two serious charges.

Harold Godard, aged twenty-five years, of 32 Ridley Gardens, Toronto, was placed under arrest for assaulting Miss Mary Duncan, on January 8th, beating her over the head with an iron bar.

He is also being examined regarding the slaying of Mrs. Martha Crooks, aged fifty-five, who was beaten to death with a hammer; The Globe of Monday has the following:

"Detective Sergeant William Nicholls had arrested Godard in 1920 for robbery and housebreaking. He knew Godard has been released from Portsmouth penitentiary at Christmas time, after serving a term."

At Montreal, in his forty-fourth year, W. A. Cunningham, general manager of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine, is dead. He had been ill about three weeks.

Ex-premier Baldwin is to issue a new honors list this week.

Eleven People Killed By Explosion of Gas When Woman Lit Lamp in Tenement House

Pawtucket, R.I., Jan. 28.—Eleven persons were killed by an explosion of gas in a tenement house at Menville early to-day. The house was totally destroyed. Awakened by an odor of gas, Mrs. Michael Conway lit a lamp and the explosion followed. Mrs. Conway, her two sons and daughter escaped, but the husband was killed.

THE PLACES OF HONOR

At Olympic Banquet Given Canadian And Britisher.

ROCKEY RULES TO STAND

The American Team Wanted Just Two Periods of Fifteen Minutes Each.

Chamonix, France, Jan. 28.—At the banquet here last night, P. J. Malqueen, Toronto, chairman of the Canadian Olympic committee, sat on the right of Gaston Vidal, under-secretary of state for physical education, who presided, and general Reginald Kentish, of the British Olympic council, sat on M. Vidal's right.

This was taken as an indication that the French desire to co-operate with the British Empire and the speeches bear out this friendly sentiment.

Miss Cecil Eustace Smith, fifteen year old Toronto girl, who is entered for figure skating competitions at the Olympiad, was astounded this morning to hear that the figure skating events are to be held immediately without preparation.

The contention of the American hockey team that hockey contests should be of two periods of fifteen minutes each, has been definitely rejected by the Olympic officials, and the original rules stand.

Canada defeated Czechoslovakia, 3 to 0 in their Olympic hockey game to-day. United States scored an easy victory over the Belgium team, winning by a score of 19 to 0.

BATTLING TO REACH ENTOMBED MINERS

But There is Little Hope That Any of Them Survive.

Shanktown, Pa., Jan. 28.—Rescue crews which have been working in relays since Saturday night, were early to-day battling to reach a small group of miners still entombed in the Lancashire mine here of the Barnes and Tucker Coal Company. Little hope was held that any survive.

The bodies of thirty-one men, who died as the result of an explosion of gas in the mine late Saturday afternoon, were removed from the workings yesterday and last night. The bodies of five other men have been located. Four others, it is believed, are yet to be found.

Ontario Cheese Oversalted For Old Country Markets

Brookville, Jan. 28.—At a demonstration arranged for cheese-makers here Saturday Chief Inspector G. G. Publow, of Kingston, said the common complaint lodged against Ontario cheese in the old country is that the goods are not right in flavor.

Over-salting of curd aids defects and he advised makers to size up the moisture in the cheese. The commendable record was made last year, when eighty per cent. of the cheese was first grade, in a season which was the most difficult in eighteen years, owing to drought. Mr. Publow advocated a general cleaning up in all factories before spring.

STARTS OUT TO WALK DISTANCE OF 115 MILES

Woman Labor M.P. Would Not Ride on Train Run by Strike Breakers.

London, Jan. 28.—Miss Dorothy Jewson, Labor M.P. for Norwich, started yesterday with a woman friend to walk from London to Norwich, a distance of 115 miles, to fulfill an engagement to address her constituents. Several trains were available, but Miss Jewson refused to use one, saying that she regarded the men working them as strike-breakers.

The public this morning was encouraged to hope for an early end of the railway strike as the result of yesterday's negotiations in which an emergency committee of the Trades Union Congress, the railway managers and the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers, had a part. It was the first time since the break a week ago that representatives of the companies had met the men.

QUEBEC HOLDS RECORD.

It Was 56 Below Zero at Doucet on Sunday.

Toronto, Jan. 28.—Old Man Ontario is to-day thawing out after the extremely cold week-end. Eastern Canada is still in the grip of the frost king. The thermometer at Doucet, Que., almost midway between Cochrane and Quebec City, slipped down to fifty-six degrees below the zero mark on Sunday, beating out, for the day at least, Ontario's best performer, White River, which could do no better than fifty below.

INVESTIGATING DEATH OF BARNARDO HOME BOY

Farmer's Wife Says Lad Called Her a Liar and She Slapped Him.

Omamee, Jan. 28.—Inspector Storey of the provincial police arrived here Saturday from Lindsay with orders from Crown Attorney Anderson to make a thorough investigation into the death of fifteen-year-old John Page, the Barnardo home boy, who ended his life by drinking Paris green. Inspector John Stammers of the Barnardo Home, Toronto, is also here making investigations.

Mrs. William Fee, wife of the farmer at South Emily with whom the lad was placed by the home authorities, told of a slight altercation which occurred at the breakfast table Thursday morning before the boy took the poison. She said that the boy called her a liar on being rebuked for some poorly-done work. This angered her, she said, and she reached across the table and slapped him lightly on the cheek.

Scores of Persons Frozen By Cold Wave in Greece

Athens, Jan. 28.—Scores of persons have been frozen to death in the exceptional cold wave that is sweeping over Greece. One message from Saloniki states that three soldiers and 156 civilians living under canvas shelters had died of exposure.

ORDERS RAIL STRIKE PROBE

New British Premier Takes Action Towards Settlement.

STRIKERS' FUNDS LOW?

Railwaymen Said To Be Uneasy Owing to Desertions From the Cause.

London, Jan. 28.—Premier MacDonald's first step in dealing with the railway strike has been to order an investigation into the situation by Tom Shaw, Minister of Labor and the latter's under secretary, Margaret Bondfield. They are instructed to report their findings to the full cabinet as soon as possible.

It is admitted that the ministry is in a position to dictate terms to the men, if they consider them recalcitrant but this has not been done because the situation for the government is a delicate one. The investigation will not occupy much time, as all the members of the new government are familiar with the details of the present situation already.

It is considered likely that the Labor government will bring all possible pressure to bear to break the deadlock and endeavor to persuade the strikers to accept some form of compromise and return to work. The latter, though persisting in the statement that all is going well and that the strike will continue until their grievances are redressed, are said in a well-informed quarter to be near the end of their funds and to be growing desperate at the outlook, particularly on account of the desertion of the large majority of the rank and file of the National Union men, who walked out in sympathy with the strikers. Many of the association's own men are also going back.

MONKEY GLANDS GIVE PEP, NOT LONGEVITY

Scientist Says That the Increased Vitality Will Last Until Death.

London, Jan. 28.—Monkey glands may give people more pep, but their use will not result in a world where men can live to be three or four hundred years old.

This is the conclusion of Professor Winifred Cullis, expert on eugenics, who discussed monkey glands in a lecture at the Scientific Novelties Exhibition at King's College here.

"If change can be produced (by monkey glands), do not think it means increase in longevity," she said. "All that it means is that the powers with which we are gifted will be utilized right up to the end. We are not going to increase the span of life."

"If you want to live long, chose long-lived parents," she said. She declared that the study of glands formed one of the real romances of the past twenty or thirty years.

JAPANESE MAY BE BARRED BY THE UNITED STATES

Tokio Sends a Protest Over the Violation of Gentlemen's Agreement.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Japan has made another protest to the American government on discrimination against Japanese in the United States, it was learned.

Ambassador Hanbara, Japanese envoy here, has presented to the state department a communication making representations against the clause in the immigration bill introduced in the house by Representative Johnson, Washington, and in the senate by Senator Lodge, which would bar all Japanese from the United States.

Should this bill become law it will supersede the gentlemen's agreement between the American and Japanese governments, which was negotiated years ago to restrict Japanese immigration.

The United States supreme court has held that Japanese cannot be naturalized as American citizens, the enactment into law of the Johnson-Lodge bill would have the effect of declaring Japanese inadmissible to the United States.

FIRE AT PORT ARTHUR.

Port Arthur, Jan. 28.—The plant of the Central Manufacturing Company was destroyed by fire early Saturday. In a temperature of 40 below zero the firemen fought the blaze until five o'clock when a fresh crew relieved them. A rough estimate of the damage places it at about \$10,000, partially covered by insurance.

OIL SCANDAL MAY CAUSE LEASES TO BE ANNULLED

President Coolidge Will Demand Administration Orders a Full Enquiry.

Washington, Jan. 28.—President Coolidge, Saturday, took a further step in his investigation of the Teapot Dome scandal, by ordering Secretary of the Interior Work to search the records of leasing of naval oil reserves to discover whether the leases should be annulled.

Naval oil reserves are under jurisdiction of the interior department. Mr. Coolidge's order to work followed closely a statement at the White House, Saturday, that the president feared there had been criminal action and that he was determined that if the leases had been illegally granted, they would be annulled.

The president had previously ordered the department of justice to investigate and to send a man to listen to the evidence presented at the senate inquiry.

Mr. Coolidge, it was stated on his behalf, will gather all the facts concerning the oil leases as rapidly as possible and when he has them will announce to the country his position in a statement.

"NO MAN'S LAND" FOR RUM RUNNERS.

Quebec, Jan. 28.—A "no man's land," a hundred and twenty feet wide, will be established on the United States-Quebec border to stop the operations in contraband liquor in premises which are built across the border line. The Canadian end of the legislation necessary is provided for in a bill to be introduced at this session of the Quebec Legislature. The banned area will be sixty feet of Canadian territory and sixty feet of United States terrain. It will be illegal for anybody to have liquor in this neutral zone.

LABOR WILL NOT ACCEPT

The Imperial Preference Policy of Baldwin Government.

CONFERENCE HELD IN VAIN

Closer Trade Between Dominions And Mother Country May Be Fostered.

London, Jan. 28.—The Imperial Conference was held in vain. All the time devoted by Canadian statesmen to the conference and all the money spent by the Canadian taxpayers on the conference is wasted. It is definitely announced that Labor refuses to accept the Imperial preference proposals reached at that conference and does not consider itself in any way bound by the pledges made at that time by its predecessors in office.

For some days the rumor has been circulated that Premier MacDonald would withhold his hand from the guillotine at least temporarily in view of the definite desire of the Dominions and especially of Australia and New Zealand to see the preferential clauses agreed upon at the conference put into effect.

The election, however, which has rung the death knell of preference, at least for the time being, has strengthened the hand of Mr. MacDonald, and the support given to him by Liberals which has secured his accession to office is to be rewarded by the premier in this fashion. The method chosen for the killing of the findings of the conference is to submit them to a free vote of the House of Commons which, in view of the composition of the Commons on the lines of free trade or preference, means certain defeat.

Mr. MacDonald points out that not only the Dominion governments but the home governments also expressly reserve the right to reject these proposals.

It is believed, however, that the department of overseas trade is already laying its plans to create machinery for fostering a closer trade relationship between the dominions and colonies and the mother country.

MUST NOT ADVERTISE LIQUOR IN ALBERTA

To Allow Consumption in Hotels for Only Bona Fide Guests.

Edmonton, Alta., Jan. 28.—There will be no liquor advertising of any sort permitted in Alberta according to the new liquor bill, the official text of which has just been sent to the government printer. Not only that, but there will be no signs of any sort permitted on premises licensed to sell beer. The only stores that may display a liquor sign are those of the government vendors.

A board to be known as the Alberta Liquor Control Board is to administer the act, with the general control, management and supervision of all government liquor stores under its care; not more than three members are to be on this board, and provision is made for its being a one-man body, if found advisable. The chairman of the board is to give his whole time and attention to its work and shall follow no other occupation whatsoever.

Vendors appointed by the commissioner may sell spirituous liquors to any person who is the holder of a permit. Such permit states the kind of liquor its holder is entitled to purchase and the purpose for which it is required.

No sales or deliveries are to be made during a longer period than eight hours in any twenty-four, or after 8 p.m. on any holiday, or any election day.

There is to be no consumption of liquor in hotels except in private guest rooms and no person is to have, keep or consume liquor in such guest rooms unless he is a bona fide guest of the hotel, is registered as such at the hotel office and has personal baggage with him in the hotel.

The net profits from the operation of the act shall be divided between the public revenue of the province and the municipalities.

Not a lake seaman lost his life in a ship-wreck during the 1923 navigation season.

FRESH DEFENCES FOR AUSTRALIA

Sydney, Australia, Jan. 28.—When Premier Bruce reaches here from London he will summon a special session of the defence council to consider new measures of defence, but increased taxation for this purpose is not contemplated.