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Miners' Delegates Reject Government's Proposals for Settlement

UNABLE TO RECOMMEND THAT THE MINERS SHOULD ACCEPT REDUCTION OF THEIR WAGES

The Delegates Claim That the Present Wages Do Not Provide for a Decent Standard of Living--Thousands of Children of Miners Are Being Fed in Soup Kitchens.

London, May 20.—The national conference of miners delegates to-day rejected the Government's proposals for a settlement of the miners strike.



HERBERT SMITH One of the biggest figures in the British strike, chief of the first union to strike, is Herbert Smith, acting president of the British Miners' Federation.

The miners still maintain that reorganization of the whole coal industry should precede any wage cut, whereas Baldwin's plan envisages wage reduction simultaneously with the commencement of reorganization.

Mr. Baldwin has indicated to the miners' executive that the reduction in the men's wages which he had in mind in drafting his scheme is 10 per cent. as suggested by the Coal Commission.

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WOMAN EVANGELIST BELIEVED DROWNED

While Swimming at Los Angeles—Formerly of Oxford County, Ontario.

Los Angeles, Calif., May 20.—Scores of volunteer workers, who have combed Santa Monica bay beaches, have failed to produce any trace of Mrs. Alma Semple McPherson, widely known evangelist, who is believed to have been drowned Tuesday while swimming.

Newspaper Boy Saves London Family From Death

London, Ont., May 20.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Edwards and their small daughter Francis, aged seven were saved from death as flames swept through their home early this morning, through the opportunistic arrival of Alfred Grant, a newspaper boy, who had sufficient presence of mind to force his way into the burning house and awaken the occupants before turning in an alarm.

Seven Injured in Fire. Montreal, May 20.—Seven men were slightly injured when fire of so far undetermined cause destroyed the factory of the Colonial Piano Co., Ltd., at Ste. Therese, Que., on the Laurentian Division of the Canadian Pacific Railway, yesterday afternoon, causing a loss of \$175,000, partly covered by insurance.

A huge hardwood industry to employ a thousand men will be located east of Sault Ste. Marie.

The Royal Military College Cadets Are Centre of Attraction at Toronto Show

Toronto, May 20.—With an appeal as varied as it was irresistible, the Toronto garrison military tournament of color and movement was launched at the Coliseum last night. The well-organized, well-directed and well-staged tournament promises to outstrip anything of the kind held in the past.

A Madoc Merchant Was Attacked by Thieves

Belleville, May 20.—Clayton Rooks, manager of the McIntosh Bros. Store, Madoc, was badly beaten up Tuesday night by thugs who had gained an entrance into the store for the purpose of pilaging. Three ribs were broken and Mr. Rooks also sustained a bad crack on the head.

TWO ITALIANS KILLED

While Working on the Railway East of Windham. St. Thomas, May 20.—Seiaggi Wusabi and Frank Sutor, Italians working on an extra gang on the Michigan Central railway tracks, were instantly killed two miles east of Windham when they were struck by a Pere Marquette freight train.

Died Aged Ninety-One

Iroquois, May 20.—There passed away yesterday at his home, Point Iroquois, the oldest resident of the place in the person of John Johnston in his ninety-first year. Until a few weeks ago, when overcome with a stroke, he enjoyed comparatively good health, but since then had been confined to his bed.

HARDWOOD TIMBER AREA

Near Sault Ste. Marie Sold to American Firm. Toronto, May 20.—Premier G. Howard Ferguson today confirmed the report that a large area of hardwood timber between Sault Ste. Marie and Thessalon, has been sold by the Provincial Government to an American firm, which is to build a large plant for the manufacture of hardwood products.

Germany Would Suppress Its Former War Instruments

Geneva, Switzerland, May 20.—Concrete proposals to forbid the use of aeroplanes and poison gas in warfare and suppress heavy artillery and tanks were put forward by Germany today at a session of the preparatory disarmament commission.

Total of 551 Divorces in Canada in 1925

Ottawa, May 20.—Canada established a record during 1925 in the number of divorces granted in any year since Confederation. A total of 551 final decrees were issued, 134 by the federal Parliament to Ontario and Quebec residents, and 417 by the courts to citizens of other provinces.

WARD OFF CANCER.

By Preventing Chronic Irritations Which Lead To It. Atlantic City, N. J., May 20.—More than forty thousand persons, most of them at a period of their greatest usefulness, die needlessly of cancer in the United States annually.

BUD THOMAS WILL SETTLE IN MONTREAL

Harry Batstone Offered Post at Western University, London.

BUT MAY JOIN THOMAS

Tabman Will Likely Remain With the Champion Ottawa Rugby Team for Next Season.

Montreal, May 20.—Uncertainty regarding the teams with which a number of the Canadian rugby stars would play for next season has been considerably clarified in the past two days and the field is beginning to narrow down after great conjecture.

Aviator Lands at Gananoque, Having No More Gasoline

Gananoque, May 20.—An aviator bound for Syracuse, N.Y., got mixed up in his course in the mist yesterday and landed in Gananoque, down on the Bulloch-Conner farm.

MARRIED MEN CHARGED.

Four on Trial for Assault—Public Feeling Runs High. St. Catharines, Ont., May 20.—The preliminary hearing of the four married men held in connection with a criminal attack upon a 20-year-old stenographer, a mile north of the city on a lonely road Saturday night, was yesterday morning postponed for one week because of the inability of the young woman to appear, according to a statement by her doctor.

BOMBARD DAMASCUS; OVER 500 ARE KILLED

300 Houses Are Destroyed—Despatch Causes Surprise in London. London, May 20.—More than 500 civilians, including women and children, and about 100 rebels and twenty French have been killed and 300 houses destroyed in the bombardment by French forces of the Midan quarter of the city of Damascus, says a despatch to the Daily Express.

FELL SEVENTY FEET IN SLEEP.

Woman Landed on Automobile, Escaping Serious Injury. Boston, May 20.—Mrs. Ella Dahlen, believed to have been walking in her sleep, plunged 70 feet from a fourth storey window yesterday, but escaped serious injury when she landed on the top of an automobile parked under her window.

SHORTAGE OF FARM HELP IN ONTARIO

Provincial Authorities Seek Federal Aid in Remedying the Situation. Toronto, May 20.—So serious has the shortage of farm help become in this province that the Ontario Government has sought the aid of the federal authorities in remedying the situation.

Manitoba Election Plans.

Winnipeg, May 20.—Ostensibly to prepare a political platform upon which the Bracken administration will make its appeal to the electorate next year, executive members of the United Farmers of Manitoba and representatives of the Provincial Government met in conference here today. It is understood that an agenda will also be drafted for the convention of the Government forces to be held during the summer.

Budget Is Popular With All Tillers Of the Soil, Says the U.F.O. President

Toronto, May 20.—"I haven't met a farmer yet, of any shade of politics, who knocks the budget," declared H. A. Gilroy, of Alvinston, president of the United Farmers' Co-operative Company, discussing the vote on the budget in the House of Commons.

VOTE CONSTRUED AS COOLIDGE SETBACK

Senator Pepper's Defeat May Affect the President's Renomination. Washington, May 20.—The defeat of Senator George Wharton Pepper in Pennsylvania, despite the fact that he had the backing of Andrew Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, and the Coolidge administration, and the nomination of Representative William S. Vare, a pronounced "wet", as Republican nominee for the Senate, have caused a profound impression in political circles.

ULSTER HAS GOOD SURPLUS.

No Necessity Yet for Betting Tax or Tax on Motors. Belfast, May 20.—Ulster's budget introduced yesterday intimates that there will be no change in taxation and that there will be no betting tax for the present anyway, though the Hon. Mr. Pollock, Minister of Finance, in speaking to the budget, said the demands on the public purse were so heavy that such a step might become a necessity.

ELECTION IN ALBERTA

Will Probably Be Held at Early Date in July. Edmonton, May 20.—The Alberta provincial election will be held at the earliest possible date in July, the time being Monday, July 5, if the views prevail of private member supporters of the Government, who are in an all-day caucus at the Parliament buildings today.

Milk Dealers Opposing Statute.

Montreal, May 20.—A delegation of 50 milk dealers accompanied by several members of the Provincial Legislature petitioned Premier Taschereau here yesterday for the cancellation or postponement of Montreal's new pure milk by-law. The delegation said the law bade fair to ruin them through the slaughter of cattle which reacted to the tuberculin test imposed under the new Act.

TWO CONSERVATIVES SUPPORT GOVERNMENT

In Vote on Special Committee to Consider Railway and Marine Estimates. Ottawa, May 20.—Protests from the Conservative opposition against what was regarded as unfair and improper representation on the special committee which will consider the estimates of the National Railways and the Canadian Government Merchant Marine and other matters connected with these transportation systems were made in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.

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BENNETT HAS POLITE BOUT WITH EDITOR

C. A. Bowman, of Ottawa Citizen, Before Customs Committee.

HONORS WERE EVEN

Bell for Division in House Held Examination--Fierce Encounter Was Expected.

Ottawa, May 20.—Summoned before the customs committee at the instance of the Hon. R. B. Bennett, who took exception to some editorials published last month, Charles A. Bowman, editor of the independent newspaper, the Ottawa Citizen and the Ottawa Evening Citizen, appeared yesterday afternoon for grilling by the Conservative member for Calgary West.

From the fury exhibited by the Hon. Mr. Bennett some two or three weeks ago, when he moved for the appearance of the editor, a knock-down-and-drag-out encounter had been anticipated. Not at all. Question and answer mainly floated in honeyed tones between "Doctor" Bennett and "Mr. Public Opinion" across an atmosphere crammed with "After you, my dear Alphonse" politeness. Ottawa turned out to see who would win. Both won. Ottawa was disappointed. It got perhaps most enjoyment out of the concluding remark of Paul Mercier, the chairman, that "We are all afraid of two things; death and the press."

A division bell calling members to the House of Commons division at 5.30 cut short the session. Prior to that, almost an hour had been spent by the Hon. Mr. Bennett trying to get from Mr. Bowman names of witnesses whom the Conservatives could call to offset intimations, which the M.P. saw in the editorials, that the Conservative committee men had been shielding political associates, using the probe for political purposes, and showing keenness for baring Liberals, but protecting those of the Tory faith. Senator Bureau and the Hon. George Bolvin, Minister of Customs, were suggested by the editor, who leaned mainly on the argument that his editorials expressed public opinion and revealed the dissatisfaction rife from time to time as a result of omissions and commissions by the committee.

It was a short day. The budget debate Tuesday night was so strenuous that most of the members were not abed until late, and there was no morning session. Pile of Citizians. The Hon. Mr. Bennett had a pile of copies of the Ottawa Citizen and of the Ottawa Evening Citizen before him when Mr. Bowman was called. The witness stated that he was editor of both papers, and responsible for the editorial columns in each. At once the Hon. Mr. Bennett took up the edition of April 19th last, and handed it to Mr. Bowman. Then the M.P. read out part of an editorial in which reference was made to "shielding higher placed parties."

"Now Mr. Bowman," said the Hon. Mr. Bennett, "can you give us any instance that would assist us in being able to meet that observation? Can you give us the names of any witnesses you might call?" "Well, that was just my opinion, Dr. Bennett," said the editor. "Have you any evidence you could give us that would assist us in discharging the public duty laid upon us?" "At that time I had, yes."

"What was it?" "Well, I should say one would be the delay in the publication of the Duncan report." "That is all of your answer in respect of that?" "I should say there is one answer."

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