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CRISIS IS PAST

The crisis in the life of the British Labor Government is past. They have been sustained on the second reading of their Coal Mines Bill, but it was so close a vote that the fate of the Government was trembling in the balance. It seems as if the intent was to show the Labor Government that they could go so far and no farther.

It seems as if some of those who could not support the bill, but who did not wish to see the Government defeated just now, must have absented themselves from the House, else with only two Liberals voting with Labor the result would have been different.

BATTLE OF WHEAT

The great battle of wheat is still going on. Sometimes the price goes up and sometimes down, but there has so far been no real break which would indicate that either side had won. As the days pass the situation becomes tense, but there is still time enough for the Pool and other holders of grain to score a win. It seems as if no new wheat can come on the market except that from Australia until early next fall and in the meantime available stocks are being used up and more and more people will be looking to Canada for their supply. In spite of this it looks to us as if the big holders would begin to have sleepless nights pretty soon. Should the Pool lose it will be in a rather parlous situation.

MINERAL RECORD

The record mining gross income made this year is largely the result of the increase of copper and lead and not of any very great increase in general mining. The plant at Anyox has been producing as rapidly as possible to take advantage of the prices offered for their product. Also the amount received even for the same output is higher than last year. Britannia mine has also been very busy.

A lamentable feature of the mining report is the drop of a million dollars in the production of coal. This is having a bad effect on Vancouver Island, where the amount of coal produced has fallen off considerably.

An important feature is that mines of northern and central British Columbia promise to increase their output in the near future. From all the work done throughout the district some real mines are bound to result, else the big companies which are developing them do not know their business.

PATTULLO LAUGHS

The despatch received yesterday says that when T. D. Pattullo, member for Prince Rupert, was asked if he had been offered a federal cabinet position, he laughed.

Mr. Pattullo can afford to laugh. He has a very important position today, the next most important to that of Premier. He receives a fair salary for the work and he has no restrictions on his actions such as that on a cabinet minister.

We know nothing about the plans of the opposition leader, but we do feel that if Premier Mackenzie King wants a member who will bring credit to the administration, he could not do better than invite Mr. Pattullo to take the position. In some respects British Columbia would be the loser. The legislature would undoubtedly miss him, but there are other good men on the opposition side who are quite capable of undertaking the work and it would be a great thing for British Columbia people to have so able a cabinet minister represent them in the federal parliament.

Mistress (to departing cook) "You don't deserve it, but as you have so much luggage I will give you permission to use the telephone to call a taxi."

Cook: "I don't need to, Ma'am. I'm only going next door."
—From London Opinion.

District News

NEW HAZELTON

A successful dance was held last Friday evening by the Hazelton Social Club. A radio set and a gramophone were raffled in connection with the affair, J. Morris winning the former and Miss Jane York of New Hazelton, the latter. A feature of the evening's program was an amusing sketch put on by Allen Bensof and Miss Bertha Rock.

The thermometer stood at or below zero here during the past week, the lowest reading having been fifteen below.

Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Wrinch will return to Hazelton on Sunday morning after having spent several weeks visiting with friends and relatives in Ontario. Dr. Gordon Kirkpatrick, who has been relieving at the local hospital during the absence of Dr. Wrinch, will leave on Sunday for his home in Vancouver where he will spend the Christmas holiday season.

E. A. Goddard, who is teaching school at Ocean Falls, will arrive here at the end of the week to spend the Christmas and New Year holiday season visiting with his parents.

SMITHERS

Interest in the Topley mining area is being revived through gratifying discoveries that have been made recently on the Topley Silver property which is being developed by its owners, David Heenan and Charles Matheson. The latest discovery is a parallel showing of three veins, the most important of which is a quartz vein three feet wide with fourteen inches of high grade ore, assays of which have disclosed over 1100 ounces of silver to the ton in addition to $14.50 in gold and high lead content. This vein is now undergoing development.

R. C. Mutch has been awarded the contract by the postal department to carry the mails between Smithers post-office and the railway station. It is understood that the rate accepted was 90c per trip which is much lower than before.

The local churches have appointed a committee consisting of Mrs. G. W. Smith, Mrs. Edgar Woodward and Mrs. James P. Downey to assist the Canadian Legion in carrying out Christmas Cheer work here this year.

The Humming Bird group adjoining the Henderson claims has been acquired by the Duthie Mines Ltd. and it is understood that, in the near future, the company's operations will be considerably extended. The original owners of the Humming Bird group were George Charlton, William Hanna and G. R. Holbrook.

The bridge over the Bulkley River near here was endangered by broken ice and high water for a few days recently, traffic between Smithers and Telkwa being diverted from the structure over which the water was actually flowing for some time. The water has now receded and further trouble is not anticipated.

Misses Alice Gazeley and Agnes Erickson entertained about eighty friends last Friday evening with a highly enjoyable dance in the Anglican Parish Hall. Music was supplied by Sandy Gazeley's orchestra and delicious refreshments were served.

PRINCE GEORGE

With Mayor A. M. Patterson expected to be returned by acclamation for another term, indications point to a lively contest for the four vacancies on the aldermanic board here next month. Ald. Fraser and Reid, whose terms are expiring, will seek re-election, and Ex-Mayor J. H. Johnson and Ex-Mayor F. D. Taylor as well as George Kennedy, Jacob Leith and F. C. Saunders are also expected to be in the field.

Sub-zero weather has continued here during the past week, the lowest thermometer reading for the week having been twenty below zero.

The city council has decided to submit a $30,000 money bylaw at the municipal election next month to finance the cost of a new unit in the city power house.

The junior branch of St. Michael's Anglican Women's Auxiliary here has elected officers as follows for the year: Superintendents, Mrs. H. Douglas and Mrs. J. Campbell; secretary, Frances Saunders; treasurer, Dorothy Saunders.

The St Michael's Church Women's Auxiliary has elected officers as follows: President, Mrs. H. Wilson; vice-presidents, Mrs. Newman and Mrs. G. C. Perkins; secretary, Mrs. H. Douglas; treasurer, Mrs. F. A. MacCallum; Dorcas secretary, Mrs. Van Somers; Thanksgiving secretary, Mrs. G. C. Perkins; Living Message secretary, Mrs. Little; visiting committee, Mrs. H. Brawn, Mrs. G. Oliver and Mrs. L. Blair.

Mrs. Arthur Leith left on Sunday for Calgary, where she will spend three months visiting with her parents.

The ballroom of the Prince George Hotel has been secured by Postmaster Wimbles to be used as additional accomodation for delivery of mail during the expected forthcoming Christmas rush.

LEAGUE IS STILL TIED

High School and Big Four to Play-Off For Intermediate Hoop Title

Two Intermediate League basketball games were played last evening in the Exhibition Hall, High School easily beating Naval Reserve 70 to 14 in one, while Big Four won 21 to 29 over Bankers in the second which was a tight contest. Only a small crowd of fans was in attendance because of the inclement weather. R. B. Skinner refereed one game and George Mitchell the other.

As a result of the playing of these games, High School and Big Four are still tied in the standing and will meet again to decide the leadership of the first half of the season.

Individual scoring in the Bankers-Big Four game was as follows:

Bankers—E. Barlow, 8; Joe Scott, 6; F. Burdette; C. Donaldson, 2; J. Underwood, 8; H. Macdonald, 5; total, 29.

Big Four—D. Stalker, 6; R. Stalker, 4; E. Smith, 10; J. McNulty, 6; A. Cross, 3; F. Dingwell, 2; total, 31.

The record of scoring in the High School-Navy game was not kept.

League standings for the first half of the season so far are as follows:

Senior

	W.	L.	P.
Players' Club	6	2	12
Three Two Taxi	3	4	6
Elks	2	5	4

Intermediate

	W.	L.	P.
Big Four	5	2	10
High School	5	2	10
Bankers	4	3	8
Naval Reserve	2	6	4
C. N. R.	1	4	2

Ladies

	W.	L.	P.
Maple Leafs	5	1	10
Toilers	1	5	2

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

English League, First Division

Birmingham 3, Sunderland 1.
Blackburn Rovers 1, Manchester City 3.
Brimsby Town-Sheffield Wednesday, postponed.
Huddersfield Town 0, Bolton Wanderers 2.
Leicester City 4, Burnley 3.
Liverpool 3, Arsenal 0.
Manchester United 3, Leeds United 1.
Middlesborough 2, Portsmouth 0.
Newcastle United 2, Derby County 3.
Sheffield United 2, Everton 0.
Westham United 5, Astonvilla 2.

English League, Second Division

Barnsley 2, Bradford City 1.
Blackpool 3, Swansea Town 0.
Bradford 0, Wolverhampton Wanderers 0.
Bury 4, Cardiff City 2.
Chelsea 5, Preston Northend 0.
Millwall 3, Reading 1.
Nottingham Forest 5, Bristol City 2.
Oldham Athletics 2, Notts County 2.
Southampton 2, Chariton Athletics 0.
Tottenham Hotspurs 2, Hull City 2.
West Bromwich Albion 2, Stoke City 3.

Scottish League, First Division

Aberdeen 1, Falkirk 0.
Airdionians 3, Hibernians 0.
Ayr United 4, St. Johnstone 0.
Clyde 3, Dundee United 2.
Dundee 2, Partick Thistles 4.
Hamilton Academy 1, Kilmarnock 1.
Hearts 1, Celtics 3.
Morton 3, Cowdenbeath 4.
ueen's Park 1, St. Mirren 6.
Rangers 4, Motherwell 2.

Scottish League, Second Division

Alloa 0, Brechin City 2.
Boness 2, King's Park 2.
Clydebank 4, Arbroath 1.
Dunfermline Athletics 3, St. Bernards 2.
East Stirlingshire 0, Queen of South 2.
Forfar Athletics 4, Albion Rovers 0.
Leith Athletics 6, Dumbarton 2.
Montrose 1, East Fife 1.
Raith Rovers 1, Third Lanark 1.
Stenhousemuir 1, Armadale 2.

Sport Chat

Billy Munroe, Prince George fight promoter, is making arrangements to stage in the interior town on New Year's Day the biggest boxing card ever presented there. In the main event Oliver Krog of Giscome and Piere Rivers of Hutton, two husky district loggers, will display their wares in a ten round battle. Keen interest is being taken in this affair and a good deal of money is being wagered on the outcome, it is said. Rivers comes from Luxemberg, France, and did considerable boxing in the Old Country. They are still talking in Prince George about matching Jim Jacobsen of Giscome with Benny Wendle of Prince Rupert.

Arrangements are being made for the opening hockey game of the season at Prince George on Christmas Day. Work-outs are being held regularly three times a week and the players are reported to be showing up well, assuring a good fast game for the opener. The teams for this encounter will be chosen tomorrow. Hockey is rather late in getting started in Prince George this year owing to the long spell of mild weather before winter conditions set in about two weeks ago.

Vandals are leading the men's senior basketball league at Smithers with seven wins and two losses while High School is in second place with six wins and two defeats. Telkwa and Boku have won but twice, the former having been beaten six times and the latter seven. Telkwa, however, is making a much better showing in the ladies' league in which that town is leading with six wins and two losses. Pirates are second with six and three. High School is third with five wins and four defeats while the Whoopee team has failed to win once and has been beaten eight times.

The ballyhoo drums are booming for Baby Face Jimmy McLarnin, that venomous little Vancouver fighter with the smile of an Irish cherub. The clouting Celt from the Pacific Coast seems certain now to head the sparkling card of attractions building for the great outdoor "shots" of next summer. Jimmy has been assured a belt at Jack Fields' welterweight title in one of the big ball parks in New York, if he can dispose of one more headliner with the ferocity and deadly punching power that swept Ruby Goldstein out of the ring in two rounds last week.

Al Foreman is seeking a return bout with Billy Townsend. The defeated champion puts it this way: "I think my showing was good enough to warrant a return match. I risked my title and lost it. If Townsend proposes to be a fighting champion he can hardly ignore my claims for a chance to redeem myself. I will fight him under any reasonable circumstances. I want a chance to prove to my friends that I am better than I seemed last Friday night. I do not care for alibis. Townsend won and that's alright with me. I wasn't at my best. I was worried, too, about my left eye and that made me cautious in using my left hand which is probably my best offensive weapon. I will welcome a chance to fight Townsend again at any time. If Townsend wants to go south I'll take the fight at any date he names. Twenty-four hours notice is good enough for me if they object to delay. I know I can beat him when I'm at my best."

TORONTO STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

B. C. Silver, 90, 1.20.
Big Missouri, 56, 63.
Cork Province, 4, 5.
Cotton Belt, Nil, 32.
Duthie Mines, 35, 40.
George Copper, 2.30, 2.55.
Georgia River, 12½, 15.
Golconda, 73, 75.
Grandview, 12, 12½.
Independence, 3, Nil.
Indian Mines, 3, 5.
Intern. Coal & Coke, 28, 29.
Kootenay Florence, 7, 7½.
Kootenay King, 4½, 5.
Lucky Jim, 5, 9.
Mohawk, 2, Nil.
Morton Woolsey, 8, 9.
Marmot River Gold, Nil, 20.
Marmot Metals, 1½, Nil.
National Silver, 6½, 7.
Noble Five, 39½, 40.
Oregon Copper, 10, 11.
Pend Oreille, 2.15, 2.25.
Pioneer Gold, 80, 1.00.
Premier, 1.62, 1.65.
Porter-Idaho, 24, Nil.
Rufus-Argenta, 7, 8½.
Ruth-Hope, 20, Nil.
Silver Crest, 5, 5¼.
Silverado, 29, 40.
Slocan King, 3, Nil.
Slocan Rambler, 5, 7.
Snowflake, 11, 12.
Sunloch, 60, 85.
Topley Richfield, 2½, Nil.
Toric, Nil, 1.00.
Woodbine, 2, 2½.

Oils

A. P. Con., 1.60, 1.61.
Dalhousie, 1.35, 1.36.
Devenish, 12, 14.
Fabyan Pete, 6, 6½.
Home, 8.10, 8.15.
McLeod, 2.05, 2.10.
Hargal, 85, 1.00.
Merland, 95, 89.
Sterling Pacific, 1.07, 1.09.
Mercury, 54, 55.

Locomotives For the West

MONTREAL, Dec. 21:—Western Canada will benefit materially by the locomotive construction program just announced by the Canadian National Railways. Orders have been placed for thirty new locomotives for passenger and freight service, and of these, twenty-eight will go into use in the western region of the system. In addition to this, five switching engines are now in the course of construction at the Canadian National shops in Winnipeg, for service in the west.

Presbyterian Xmas Tree Entertainment

Large Audience at Affair Last Night; Program and Visit of Santa Claus

Under the direction of John E. Davey, superintendent, and the teachers, the annual Christmas Tree entertainment of the Sunday School of First Presbyterian Church took place last evening, a large audience being present. Santa Claus, of course, paid his visit to the delight of all and gifts and sweets were distributed from his lavish hand.

Prior to this however, there was a very enjoyable program which included the following numbers by the children:

Recitation, "Sing a Song of Stockings," Primary Class.
Recitation, Betty Bremner.
Recitation, Betty Brown.
Violin Solo, "Star of the East," Malta Stepp.
Vocal solo, Helen Fuller, accompanied by Katherine McMeekin.
Recitation, Donald Eby.
Piano solo, Hugh McKenzie.
Recitation, Dorothy O'Neill.

Rev. Thomas McConnell, the pastor, presided.

On With the Dance the Latest Cattish Crawl

(Vancouver Star)

On with the dance, let joy be unconfined! Certainly something is needed to unconfine the joy of the dance, for anything more lugubrious than the gyrations of the present generation would be hard to find.

However, relief is at hand. One of the ladies of the chorus in a Broadway show has invented the "Cat Burglar Crawl," which is said to be "bright, vigorous and full of pep."

True, the name of the new dance does not suggest anything rollicking. The stealthy crawl of the cat burglar transmuted into dance steps, however, may be something else yet again.

Possibly it is, but people who think real dancing went out of fashion about 1903 will need to be convinced ocularly that the "Crawl" is any improvement on the present methods of conveying one's partner over a waxed floor.

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