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Mining Commission Proposed As Settlement of Controversy

End of Coal Strike is Forecasted, but up to Last Night no Agreement Had Been Reached; President Wilson's Proposal Being Considered Again Today.

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

INDIANAPOLIS, December 10.—The general Committee of the United Mine Workers of America, meeting to consider President Wilson's proposal for the ending of the strike of coal miners, it was announced last evening, rose without reaching an agreement and is meeting again today.

The President's proposal provides for resumption of work by the miners at fourteen per cent increase of wages, pending a final settlement of the wage question by a commission. This commission would include one practical miner and one active mine worker or operator and it would not only adjust the wages according to the cost of living but would adjust coal prices to meet the advance without allowing too great a burden to be placed upon the public.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 10.—(Noon). A settlement of the bituminous coal miners strike is forecasted by officials of the Mine Workers of America. One man, high in the councils of the organization, stated that conservation was in control and would dominate the final vote.

CAPTAIN SMITH IN AUSTRALIA BY AIR ROUTE

Fled From England by Way of
Egypt and India—Wins
Big Prize.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

PORT DARWIN, Australia, Dec. 10.—Captain Ross Smith, Australian aviator, arrived here from England, winning the prize of £10,000 offered for the first aviator to make the voyage. He left the Hounslow aviation field near London on November 12; reached Cairo on November 18; continued November 19, and was reported as having reached Delhi, India, on November 23.

ADMINISTRATOR FOR UNEMPLOYMENT FUND THROUGHOUT CANADA

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

KINGSTON, Dec. 10.—Brigadier General Ross, M. L. A. for Kingston, has been appointed administrator throughout Canada of the federal unemployment fund for the relief of soldiers out of work. General Ross has gone to Ottawa and will begin the work of organization at once.

PRINCE JOHN HAS COATING OF ICE

Weather so Cold That Seas
Froze on Her Bow.

The Prince John arrived from Vancouver last night via Lower Queen Charlotte Island points. A rough trip was experienced and when the bow plunged in the seas of Hecate Straits, the water splashed on the forward decks and cabins quickly froze with the result that all the forward portion of the sturdy little liner is coated with an inch or more of ice.

The John left this afternoon at 2 o'clock for Stewart with a full cargo of supplies for the mining camp.

NOT A CANDIDATE

LONDON, December 10.—Lady Beaverbrook has declined the invitation to become a candidate for the English constituency of Ashton-under-Lyne.

Toys, blocks, games, dolls, trains, children's books, mechanical toys, at Tite's Santa Claus headquarters.

BIG FIRE AT TULSA, OKLA.

Business District Threatened and
Conflagration Not Yet
Under Control.

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

TULSA, Okla., Dec. 10.—The business district of the city has been threatened with extinction by a fire which spread over an entire block. The fire started at 3 a.m. and is believed to have been due to a sudden increase in the gas pressure which caused the burners to flare up.

The flames are still out of control and no estimate can yet be given of the amount of damage done. Eleven alarms were turned in during the night. One lumber yard with a large stock was burned to the ground, the fire department being unable to divert the fire fighters from the main business district to attend to this section.

ALD. KIRKPATRICK WILL STAND AGAIN

Reports to the Trades and Labor
Council on Work of Council
and Hospital Board.

The Trades and Labor Council held its regular fortnightly meeting last evening. There were fourteen delegates from the different unions present.

Alderman Kirkpatrick was present and reported on the work being done by the Hospital Board and the City Council, of both of which bodies she is a member.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick stated that she considered that the new matron, Miss Atkinson, was a decided acquisition to the hospital management and general improvement was looked for. It is expected that the new 8-hour system will be adopted, thus cutting out the long 7 to 7 shifts.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick will stand again for election as alderman if she receives nomination.

GREY NOT TO RETIRE

(Special via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The report that Lord Grey is about to retire from the position of British Ambassador to the United States at Washington is denied.

Ladysmith Coal. The best. Prince Rupert Coal Company, Phone 15.

Albert & McCaffery, Ltd., have just received a shipment of five hundred doors and windows—the most and varied stock in Northern B. C.

SUES FOR HALF PREMIER MINE

Los Angeles Man Claims He
"Grubstaked" R. K.
Neill.

SPOKANE, Dec. 9.—Claiming that he had "grub-staked" R. K. Neill in June, 1916, Maurice D. W. Bacon, of Los Angeles, has entered suit against Neill for a half interest in the Premier mine. It is alleged that Neill deceived Bacon as to the value of the mine and thus obtained control fraudulently.

DEMobilIZATION OF THE BRITISH NAVY PROCEEDING APACE

MONTREAL, Dec. 10.—Admiral Jellicoe, speaking at a banquet, said in 1914 the British navy had 500 vessels of all classes and a personnel of 220,000. At the time of the armistice the navy consisted of 5,000 ships and a personnel of 400,000. The grand fleet rose from 100 to 300 vessels, the personnel from 47,000 to 100,000.

Ask for Atkins' Sausages. If

C. Undertakers. Phone 41.

Irish Question Expected to be Settled Soon to the Satisfaction of All

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

LONDON, Dec. 10.—For the first time in history there is every prospect of the Irish question being settled satisfactorily, according to a statement made in a speech by Walter Hume Long, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

Premier Lloyd George will introduce the Irish Home Rule bill in Parliament on Monday, according to the Daily Mail. The bill provides for two legislatures. The powers allotted to the Senate have not yet been defined.

United States to Build Number of War Vessels; Navy to Equal Any Other

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

WASHINGTON, December 10.—Recommendations of the Government board in regard to a naval construction program for 1921 include two battleships, one battle cruiser and scout cruisers, five destroyers, flotilla leaders and six submarines.

The navy of the United States should ultimately be equal to the most powerful maintained by any other nation of the world not later than 1925, the report adds.

For development and construction of air craft during the year, the board recommends approximately \$27,000,000 with \$6,000,000 to be used on experimental construction.

Benefit Concert Tomorrow At Westholme Theatre Aid of Widow and Her Children

Mrs. Herbert Wood, who sang at the Choral Society concert Monday night, will give a short program of popular and semi-popular songs at the Westholme Theatre tomorrow night between the first and second shows. There will be no extra charge for this, but a collection will be taken for Mrs. Wells, whose husband died at Anyox recently.

Mrs. Wood is one of the finest soprano singers on the coast. Those who heard her on Monday were delighted and doubtless they will be out again to hear her tomorrow night.

INCREASE IN HANDLING COST OF FREIGHTS

Shippers will be Called on to Pay
60c. a Ton, G. A. McNicholl
Announces, Following
Conference in Van-
couver.

G. A. McNicholl, assistant general passenger agent for the G. T. P., returned home this morning after a tour of inspection of the G. T. P. offices and agencies in the south as far as Portland. While in Vancouver he met W. P. Hinton, vice-president and general manager; W. E. Duperow and Mr. Rosevear. It is possible that Mr. Hinton may return this way.

The chief business of the trip was a conference held at Vancouver to discuss the matter of freight charges on the steamships. For some time the cost of operation of the boats has been advancing, and it is possible that the costs will continue to increase. In order to meet this to a small extent it was decided to increase the handling charges on freight between the steamer and the wharf. Formerly the charge for this was 25c. a ton and this charge will be increased to 60c. a ton on December 15.

The question of passenger rates was discussed but no change has been made so far.

Mr. McNicholl says that the weather in the south was much like it has been here, except that they have more snow. There was a fall of snow last week and some of it is still on the ground.

Issue New Coinage After End of Year

So Much Silver in Present Dollar That Coins are Being
Smelted Down for Bullion and Money
Becomes Scarce.

(Special to The News via G. T. P. Telegraphs.)

OTTAWA, December 10.—The high prices which Canadian bar silver is commanding in the metal markets of the world may result in a reduction in the amount of alloy in the metal from which the Canadian silver coins are struck. With bullion prices at their present level there is a great tendency to withdraw coins from circulation and melt them for commercial uses.

So great is the demand for silver coinage that the belief is strong amongst officials of the finance department that a considerable quantity is being converted into bullion.

Bar silver has recently sold as high as \$1.39 an ounce on the metal market. Within the past few days it sold at \$1.32½ an ounce in New York. In former years the value of silver coins as bullion was half that amount.

At the present rate of exchange between Canada and the United States the situation finds Canadian funds at a discount of five per cent. or thereabouts. Canadian coins can be purchased for about 92 cents in the United States. This tends to make it profitable to withdraw Canadian coins from circulation for sale in the United States as bullion.

Canadian coins are struck from a metal which is 92½ pure silver, whereas the coinage of the United States is only 90 per cent. pure silver. Silver coins of Scandinavian countries and the Straits Settlements contain 80 per cent. pure silver.

In order to lessen the temptation to withdraw Canadian coins from circulation to be melted down and sold for bullion it is now proposed to reduce the percentage of pure silver in them. The change, however, cannot be made before the end of the year, because the Dominion could not issue coins of different standards of value in the same year.

ELECTION CANDIDATES NAMED IN TWO WEEKS

Committee Appointed to Report
on Suitable Names for
Consideration.

At last night's meeting of the Trades and Labor Council a committee was appointed to name four candidates for the consideration of the Council as candidates for municipal honors at the forthcoming city elections next month.

This committee will report back to the council at the next meeting on December 23, when nominations will be formally made.

SIX BIG HORSES ARE SHIPPED TO STEWART

Will be Used in Operations of
Premier Gold Mining
Company.

Six fine big horses were loaded on the Prince John this morning for the Premier Gold Mining Co. at Stewart. These animals are of heavy draught and will be used for sleighing ore out from the mine and taking supplies in. They arrived on the last freight from Reno where they have been used by the Kitsumkalum Lumber Co. which has closed down operations for the winter.

Besides the ones going to Stewart, Jack Lindsay, of this city, bought four of the horses. The rest of the thirteen were bought by people in the vicinity of the mill up the line.

NOTICE

I have bought the Palace Cafe, Sixth Street, Prince Rupert, B. C. Any accounts against the said cafe should be collected before December 13 at 5 p. m., after which time I will not be responsible.

L. K. MAIN.

THE SIMPSON P. O. ROBBERY

Indian Charged with Crime and is
Being Brought to Rupert
Today for Trial.

MOST OF THE MISSING
MONEY IS RECOVERED

PORT SIMPSON, B. C., Dec. 10.—Charged with breaking and entering the Port Simpson Post Office, Alonzo Tait, an Indian, left here today under the care of Constable Logan of the provincial police department, for Prince Rupert, where arrangements will be made for the preliminary trial.

It is understood that all the money stolen from the post office has been recovered, with the exception of some \$40. The total amount missing was \$764. It is also expected that the cheques which were rifled from the mail bags will be forthcoming as well.

FARMER LEADER HAS CLOSE RUN

Elected Yesterday in Ontario by
Majority of 130 With One
Place to Hear From.

CANNINGTON, Dec. 10.—President Robert Henry Halbert of the United Farmers of Ontario was elected in North Ontario yesterday after a hard fight against Neil D. McKinnon, Unionist.

Halbert's majority with one polling subdivision to hear from was 130. His election is conceded by the supporters of McKinnon.

PASSENGERS AND SILK FROM ORIENT

VICTORIA, Dec. 10.—With 130 saloon passengers and 55 in the steerage and a valuable cargo of raw silks, the S. S. Empress of Japan docked from the Orient.

ARRANMORE FLOATED BY STEAMER MONTCALM

QUEBEC, Dec. 10.—The Canadian Government steamer Montcalm succeeded in floating the stranded steamer, Arranmore, which went ashore near Harington on the north shore of the St. Lawrence River.

POLICY DECIDED

Government Agrees on Policy for
Distribution of Large Sum.

OTTAWA, Dec. 10.—After a long series of conflicts, the Government has decided on a policy in regard to the distribution of the \$40,000,000 voted by Parliament for the help of returned men. The main problem, that of unemployment, will be handled by an organization based on the original of the Canadian Patriotic fund.

Skates ground at Akerberg, Thomson's Machine Shop on the Wharf.