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## MAY AVERT COAL STRIKE

Conference of Miners' Delegates Has Adjourned until Feb. 1st

Both Sides Anxious for Settlement and Strike Involving 800,000 Men May be Avoided

(Canadian Press.) Birmingham, Eng., Jan. 19.—The conference of delegates of the Miners' Federation has decided to give notice forthwith of a national stoppage of work at the coal mines in Great Britain. The end of February, however, is the first date on which the notices can become effective.

The conference of delegates decided to accompany the notice that the men were going to quit work with an intimation to the employers, that the men are ready to continue negotiations for a settlement.

The conference has adjourned until February 1st.

As both sides appear to be heartily desirous of finding a way out of the deadlock, there is a general feeling that a national strike which would effect about 800,000 men, will be averted.

The opinion, however, is expressed that the conference will make peace easier of attainment. The conference of the Miners' Federation is a private one and the course of its proceedings, even is withheld, but before the conference was convened, Enoch Edwards, member of parliament for Henley, the president, said that he hoped whatever the nature of the proceedings at the conference might be, that a strike would be avoided.

This conciliatory spirit of the leaders of the miners makes the prospects brighter for when it comes to the question of an absolute stoppage of the coal mines of Great Britain, the influence of the leaders will outweigh in all probability, that of the extreme socialists, who believe that unrest among the workers is good for trade unionism and continually encourage the workers to strike.

Switzerland's trade union membership was 150,749 at the end of 1910.

## VERY LITTLE CHANGE TODAY IN STOCK MARKET CONDITION

New York, Jan. 19.—The stock market was dull and listless this morning and the trading was largely professional. Lehigh Valley sold ex-dividend and ex-rights at 165½. Union Pacific and Steel had fractional advances.

Quotations from direct private wires of J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers, St. John, N. B. Members of Montreal Stock Exchange

	Open	Noon
Atchafalaya, .....	105½	105½
Copper, .....	64½	64½
Smelters, .....	71	71½
Brooklyn, .....	78½	78½
C.P.R., .....	231½	231½
Great Northern, .....	126½	126½
Reading, .....	154	154
Pennsylvania, .....	123½	123½
Southern Pacific, .....	109½	109½
Union Pacific, .....	166½	166½
U.S. Steel, .....	66	66½
Virginia, .....	53½	53½
Lehigh Valley, .....	165	166½

## WILL ENGAGE IN FRUIT GROWING

(Special to The Mail)

St. John, Jan. 19.—The Board of Trade was in conference this morning with Mr. A. G. Turney, provincial horticulturist when steps were taken to organize the Board of Trade Fruit Lands Ltd. It is the intention of the Board to establish a fruit farm at some point near the city.

## STEAMER BLEW UP

Portland, Ore., Jan. 19.—The river steamer Sarah Dixon blew up early today at Klama, Washington. The captain, mate and two other men were killed.

## CHURCHILL WILL SPEAK

Will not Abandon Plan to Address the Meeting at Belfast

Hon. Walter Runciman Says if Bloodshed Results the Responsibility Rests with Lord Londonderry

(Canadian Press.) London, Jan. 19.—It has been ascertained in official quarters that Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, declines to modify his plans and will fulfill his engagement to speak at Belfast on the question of home rule, notwithstanding the threats made against him. Preparations for the meeting, which is to be held on February 8th, continue.

John Redmond is to speak at the same meeting and the Unionists promise that steps will be taken to prevent the meeting from being held. The Rt. Hon. Walter Runciman, president of the board of agriculture, speaking at Newcastle last night, said that Lord Londonderry, ex-viceroy of Ireland, was at the head of a conspiracy to prevent free speech at Belfast. If bloodshed resulted, he declared, the responsibility would be Londonderry's.

London, Jan. 18.—The threats by the Orangemen to break up the home rule meeting in Belfast on Feb. 8 have greatly alarmed the London press. The Unionist newspapers today appealed to Chief Secretary Birrell to call off the event and "prevent bloodshed."

The Daily Express seriously suggests the arrest and detention of Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, on the ground that the speech he is to deliver will provoke a breach of the peace.

Mr. Churchill has replied that he will not be intimidated by any threats and that he will speak in support of home rule if the meeting is held.

Mr. Churchill has promised to outline at the meeting the home rule measure which will be introduced into parliament when it reassembles next month.

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## Session of Municipal Council Nearing its Close

New Lighting System to be Installed at County Jail--Legislation Empowering Council to Fix Pedlars' License Fees to be Sought--Matter of Readjustment of Payment of Cost of Administration of Justice Remains as Before--New Member Appointed to Board of Health

The Municipal Council is nearing the close of the present session and business today is being hurried through as rapidly as possible. Yesterday afternoon on account of committee meetings the session was necessarily short. The question of changing the schedule of fees for pedlars' licenses received much attention. Council proposed a schedule of increased fees but at this morning's session it was decided to ask the legislation to make the Pedlars' License Act apply to York County as it does at present to Northumberland, giving the Municipal Council the power of fixing the amount of license fees.

The report of the Administration of Justice Committee was received also. Council, McMullin reporting that the City of Fredericton had declined to consider a proposal to pay a larger share of the cost of administration of justice and that the matter stood where it was before. With regard to the lighting of the county jail the council adopted the recommendation of the Buildings Committee that Tungsten lamps be installed and a year's flat rate contract with the Fredericton Gas Light Company be entered into. Mr. James F. Gardner of McAdam was appointed to the County Board of Health, and much routine business was disposed of.

**BUILDINGS COMMITTEE**  
When business was resumed yesterday afternoon Warden Skene appointed the following as members of the Buildings Committee—Coun. Haining, Coun. Walker, Coun. Harry Smith and Coun. Everett.

## G.R.R. COCKBURN WAS ONE OF THE NOBLE 13

Former Member of Parliament for Toronto Succumbs after Long Illness--Life Shortened by Bank Failure

Toronto, Jan. 19.—Cable from London England announces the death of Mr. G. R. R. Cockburn, consequent upon three serious surgical operations which he has undergone since leaving Toronto 11 months ago. The failure of the Ontario Bank of which Mr. Cockburn was president, and the largest shareholder was a severe blow to him financially and although he was wholly exonerated of any responsibility of the bank's collapse, the worry is believed to have undermined his once rugged constitution. George Ralph Richardson Cockburn was a publican of considerable eminence. In 1887 he redeemed the riding of Centre Toronto from the Liberal party and held it until 1896. He was one of the "Noble 13" who voted against the principle of the Jesuit Estate Act in 1889. He represented Canada at the World's Fair in Chicago in 1893 as chief commissioner.

## NEW P. E. I. HOUSE HAS TWO LIBERALS

Charlottetown, Jan. 18.—Declaration is now complete for the provincial elections. Official returns show that twenty-eight Conservatives and two Liberals were elected on Jan. 2nd. The only close district was St. Peter's, in Kings County, where the special votes elect Simpson, Conservative, over R. N. Cox, Liberal, by a majority of six.

## WRECKED BY DYNAMITE

Pueblo, Colo., Jan. 19.—A terrific dynamite explosion early today partly wrecked the Colorado Laundry in the heart of the business district of this city and damaged the office of the Globe Express Company. City detectives immediately began an investigation.

## UNITED STATES IS FACING A POTATO FAMINE

Shortage of the Crop in Many States has Sent the Price up--Farmers are now Asking \$1 per Bushel

Boston, Jan. 19.—Everyone might as well eat his fill of potatoes now while there are a few left in the market, for there is a possibility that before long the potato will take its place on the daily bill-of-fare along with hothouse strawberries, Louisiana cherries, midwinter peaches and January eggs.

To put it another way, there is danger of a potato famine. The dealers have felt a slackening in the supply and have attributed it to the cold weather, which has, of course, made it almost impossible to ship potatoes. The consumers have also felt it to a certain extent as a result of the price soaring to 45 cents a peck—and attributed it to the potato trust.

The consumers were wholly mistaken; the dealers partly so. The fact is there is a scarcity of potatoes, due to the failure of the potato crop in several agricultural States.

Frank Smith of Wyoming avenue, Malden, a potato merchant, who receives hundreds of carloads from Maine and other points in New England in the course of a year, said the only State that has raised its quota of potatoes this year is Maine.

"The shipping season in Maine is not half over yet, and more than three-quarters of the crop has been shipped out to supply States that in other years have drawn their supply from Maine."

## ITALIAN WARSHIPS WON A VICTORY

Tripoli, Jan. 19.—An aeroplane sent out from the Italian quarter dropped a manifesto into the Arab camp, announcing the Italian victory in the Red Sea near the Bay of Kundha, when Italian warships sank several Turkish gunboats.

dents of the county who might engage in peddling.

Coun. Grant stated that he was willing to embrace Coun. Morrison's amendment in his motion.

Coun. Hunter moved that the matter be laid over until Friday to give Coun. Grant and Coun. Morrison an opportunity to confer and reach an agreement concerning this matter. Carried.

On the motion of Coun. Hunter the council adjourned to give the Administration of Justice Committee of city and Municipality an opportunity to meet. Parish officers for McAdam were appointed and the following parish assessments passed:—

SOUTHAMPTON	
Support of poor .....	\$500.00
Support patients in asylum .....	65.00
Parish Clerk .....	4.00
District Clerks .....	6.50
Assessors—Same as last year.	
MCADAM	
Support of poor .....	\$75.00
Support patients in asylum .....	75.00
Parish Clerk .....	5.00
Assessors .....	5 per cent
BRIGHT	
Support of poor .....	\$200.00
Parish Indebtedness .....	150.00
Parish .....	4.00
District Clerk .....	12.00
Assessors .....	3½ per cent

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## TURKEY WILL CHOOSE A NEW PARLIAMENT

Imperial Decree Dissolving Chamber of Deputies Read Last Night--General Pessimism in Regard to Future

Constantinople, Jan. 19.—The dissolution of the chamber of deputies last night when the minister of justice, in the presence of all the deputies read an imperial decree dissolving the assembly, has closed a brief and profitless session, which was chiefly taken up in quarreling. Proposals concerning the composition of the next parliament which is to be elected and to assemble within three months, are founded on mere surmise. While the committee of union and progress has lost ground, the opposition has gained support only in Albania and the Asiatic provinces.

General pessimism reigns in regard to the future. Opinion is divided on the question of Said Pasha, the grand vizier, remaining in office, but the committee of union and progress will endeavor to strengthen the cabinet by the inclusion of Talat Bey, as minister of the interior, a post he held formerly, and Djavid Bey, as minister of public works.

## HARTLAND BOY WON RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

(Special to The Mail)

Wolfville, N. S., Jan. 19.—The Nova Scotia Rhodes' Scholarship for 1912 has been awarded to Harry Todd Reid, of the senior class at Acadia. He is a son of Mr. John H. Reid of Hartland, N. B. and was born there in 1891. He stands high in his classes and is prominent in athletic circles.

Mr. E. A. Smith of St. John arrived in the city last night.

Mr. O. M. Melanson, ex-M. P. P. of Shubenacadie is at the Barker House.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Homes and Mrs. A. McCarthy arrived here from Portland, Me., last night.

Mr. E. L. Palmer of Amherst arrived in the city this morning. He is at the Queen.

## PUGSLEY AND EMMERSON GET AFTER FLAG FLAPPERS

Mr. Bradbury Introduces Bill to Prevent the Use of the Union Jack for Advertising Purposes--Liberal Members Take Advantage of the Opportunity to Tell how it was Defiled by Tory Politicians at the Recent Elections--Opposition Scores a Point

Ottawa, Jan. 18.—It is a dull day indeed that Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his followers do not take a round out of the well-filled government benches in the house of commons.

Today it was over the flag. Mr. Bradbury introduced a measure "Respecting the use of flags," and availed himself of the opportunity to rally plaudits from his fellow Conservatives by vigorously arraigning the commercial and advertising uses to which the Union Jack was not infrequently put. He proposes to prohibit its use at auction sales and the like, and to prevent its reproduction as an advertising medium on varied brands of merchandise and bill posting.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson gravely concurred, but he was disappointed that the member for Selkirk had not gone further. The old Union Jack had been put to uses baser than any he had mentioned. He suggested that the bill go further and prohibit "the defilement of the flag in political contests."

He recalled to the embarrassment of the government benches, that during the late election contest there had been sent out under the auspices of a certain political party, posters and handbills with an unwarranted portraiture of the Union Jack and the flag of the United States, the political exploitation of the emblem being completed by the words: "Under which flag?"

Mr. Emmerson characterized such political advertising as an unworthy

defilement of the flag. "No political party," said he "has an exclusive monopoly of the Union Jack. It is the flag of all parties."

**DR. PUGSLEY'S HOT SHOT**

Then came Hon. Dr. Pugsley to further add to the discomfiture of the government forces. He had rejoiced in hearing the members of the administration approving the proposal to take steps to secure respect and loyalty to the Union Jack. Particularly was this the case owing to the fact that during the election campaign certain of the government supporters had declared that in order to breathe the air of freedom it had been necessary to "bone holes in the British flag," and that for resenting this insult both to the flag and to the empire one public official had been promptly dismissed from the civil service as soon as the new government took office.

Nothing was forthcoming from the government benches and the bill was given its first reading amid Liberal plaudits.

The battle of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Dr. Pugsley for amendments in the government's bill defining the lines of the Morine inquiry into the various departments of administration has borne fruit. The minister of justice announced when the house again went into committee on the bill he would insert a clause giving any official against whom a charge was being investigated the right of being represented by counsel.

## STRONG ULTIMATUM FORWARDED TO CHINESE PREMIER AT PEKING

Nanking, Jan. 19.—A most important step was taken by the Republican government today when it telegraphed an ultimatum to Premier Yuan Shi Kai at Peking. The terms of the document are very drastic and are substantially as follows:

"In the first place the abdication of the throne and the surrender of the sovereign powers are demanded. In the second place Manchuria may participate in the provisional government of China. In the third place the capital of the provincial government can be established at Peking. In the fourth place Premier Yuan Shi Kai cannot participate in the provisional government of China, until the republic has been recognized by the foreign powers and the country has been restored to peace and harmony. Today's decided action by the

republican government is due to Premier Yuan Shi Kai's demand that Dr. Sun Yat Sen resign the presidency permitting Yuan Shi Kai exercise sovereign powers until the national convention which is to be called to decide on the form of government China shall have reached a conclusion. In the meantime Premier Yuan Shi Kai desires the court to retire temporarily transferring its powers to him. The court, however, objected to leaving Peking until the national convention had reached a decision.

Nanking, Jan. 19.—It appears now to be absolutely certain that fighting between the revolutionists and the imperialists will be resumed on the morning of January 28, unless, premier Yuan Shi Kai concedes the demands of the republican government.

## ARABS AND ITALIANS IN FIERCE BATTLE

(Canadian Press)

Tripoli, Jan. 19.—A terrible attack was made by a large number of troops and Arabs, on an Italian column which was on the march about ten miles from the town of Tripoli.

Tripoli, Jan. 19.—The Italian troops which consisted of detachments of all arms left Tripoli early in the morning and on the way to Ghirgish, a small town situated about ten or eleven miles along the coast to the west of the town and surrounded by a number of mud forts which had hitherto given shelter to Arab irregulars. Suddenly as the soldiers were marching along the road which runs parallel to the coast they were attacked in a series of onslaughts by a large force of Turks and Arabs. The Italians took up position and threw up field entrenchments. The enemy continued its attack throughout the day, but finally retired. Details of the losses have not yet been reported.

## SHAKEUP LIKELY IN THE WANDERERS

Montreal, Jan. 19.—Consequent upon a listless practice of the Wanderer Hockey Team last night, it was announced by the management that unless improvement was shown at once, there would be a general shake-up in the team. The workout was spiritless, and after it was over, manager Dickie Boone, gave the players a straight talk. He said that unless the team as at present constituted, played with a good deal more vim, the club would find itself at the bottom of the heap instead of at the top, where it stands now by virtue of its three straight wins at the first of the season, and he added that unless certain of the players showed marked improvement very shortly, there would be some new faces on the lineup.

Mr. W. R. Mathers of St. John is in the city.

Messrs D. A. MacDonald and A. K. MacDonald of Antigonish is at the Barker House.