

ENORMOUS CUT IN ESTIMATES

Big Strike of Miners is Scheduled to Take Place on April First

700000 MEN

WILL SOON BE IDLE

A Complete Tie Up of the Coal Mining Industry in the United States is Contemplated—An Appeal to Non Union Workers to Join the Strikers Ranks.

Cleveland, March 24—A complete tie-up of the nation's entire coal industry by 200,000 non-union workers joining the solid ranks of 500,000 union workers was the programme adopted tonight by the general policy committee of the United Mine Workers of America for the nation wide strike set for April 1.

By a unanimous vote of its 116 members the committee affirmed the policy of a general suspension of union workers which prohibited the consummation of single state agreements and followed this by directing district union officials to ask all non-union men to join the strike. The unanimity of action late in the day permitted a final adjournment tonight, although the committee had planned to continue sessions tomorrow.

An Immediate Call.

The resolution for an immediate call to the non-union although provided that the international and district unions exert all their powers and influence to bring about a strike in the non-union coal fields of America. The resolution was adopted without objection and practically without discussion. The endorsement of the policy of a general suspension of the union's convention a month ago, the suspension being ordered purpose of gaining wage increases for anthracite miners and retaining present basic wages for the soft coal workers.

Although taking action, which the union leaders said they hoped would stop the mining of even a pound of coal after April 1, the committee declared itself as not intending to cause any public suffering. In line with this stand the committee authorized the district union officials to permit any mine to be operated whenever necessary to meet an emergency.

Emergency Fuel.

Under the programme, the officials said it would be possible to supply fuel for public utilities and institutions whenever the big stocks now on hand are low. The aim of the strike, it was explained in this connection was to prevent the mining of commercial coal as a means of forcing operators to concede the unions wage demands.

Attended Convention.

Mr. George Bidlake of St. John, formerly of this city was a delegate to the opposition convention here yesterday. Mr. Bidlake is now editor of the St. John Standard, which means that he is chief moulder of public opinion for the Tory party in New Brunswick.

WHISKEY LADEN AUTO SKIDS AND DRIVER BADLY INJURED

Windsor, March 25—Ambrose McLean, 327 Kildare road, Walkerville, is near death at the Hotel Dieu, following the wrecking of his automobile containing 23 cases of whiskey at the junction of Glengarry and Aylmer avenues at 3.45 o'clock Wednesday morning. The automobile skidded into the sidewalk as McLean was rounding the dangerous curve at that point known as the "Horseshoe." A patrolman called an ambulance, and McLean was taken from beneath the running-board with a broken leg, several broken ribs and internal injuries. The whiskey will be confiscated.

VOCATIONAL NIGHT CLASSES HELD CLOSING

Millinery, Plain Sewing and Dress-making Exhibits—One Hundred and Sixty-One Registered.

The closing exercises of three classes of the vocational night work being conducted at the High School for the past ten weeks was held last evening at the High School, the work of these three classes, millinery, plain sewing and dress-making being on exhibition. The other nine classes will have their closing exercises on Thursday evening, March 30th.

Many Visitors.

A fairly large attendance of visitors was present to view the work on display and all were high in their praises of B. B. Barnes who has been supervising the work, the instructors and pupils.

The work showed a very high state of proficiency and speaks well of the efforts made by those taking the course. This week the two classes which Miss Annie Love has been conducting in millinery presented her with a silver sandwich tray.

The Registration.

One hundred and sixty-one pupils were registered in the twelve courses. The following is a list of the courses with the instructors and the number of pupils taking each course.

Dress-making—Miss Blanche Haining, 12 pupils.
Plain sewing—Miss Cecel Gallagher 14 pupils.
Cooking—Miss Myrtle Scott, 7 pupils.
Millinery—Miss Annie Love, 48 pupils.
Industrial Stitching—Miss Hattie Brewer, 3 pupils.
Motor Mechanics—A. H. Booth 28 pupils.
Electricity—Harry C. Moore, 6 pupils.
Book-keeping—H. W. McFee, 11 pupils.
Shorthand—Mrs. Bailey, 4 pupils.
Typewriting—Miss McLellan, 12 pupils.
General Education—Rolph Nevers, 8 pupils.
Salesmanship—G. L. White, 8 pupils.

The course in millinery has been very popular, Miss Love conducting two different classes of twenty-four each. That in Motor Mechanics has also been well attended. A. H. Booth being compelled to conduct two different classes in this subject in order to obtain the best results.

Now at Wolfville.

Rev. M. L. Orchard, M. A., assistant secretary of the Canadian Baptist foreign mission board of Toronto is spending a week at Wolfville, N. S., among the student body of Acadia University. Next week he will be in St. John and vicinity.

Mr. Fielding Springs A Big Surprise on Federal Parliament

The Huge Sum of \$138,452,291 is Slashed from the Estimated Expenditure of the Country for the Coming Year—Big Saving in the Railway Department --- Pre-Election Promises Carried Out.

Ottawa, March 24—The following statement shows a comparison of the main estimates for the financial year 1922-23, presented to parliament today by the minister of finance with the total estimates voted for the previous year:

	1922-23	1921-22
Interest and chief expenditures resulting from the war; interest on public debt	\$138223,470.42	\$140613,163.62
Pensions	33071,000.00	31583,359.38
Soldiers' Land settlement	12000,000.00	35017,000.00
Soldiers' civil re-establishment	15148,500.00	20105,000.00
Total	\$198442,970.42	\$227318,523.00
Railways (not including capital)	96210,720.00	173687,633.39
Housing loans (revote)	9550,080.00	12000,000.00
Total	\$304203,770.42	\$413006,156.39
Leaving for general government purposes	136534,733.59	155658,732.56
Capital (including railway capital)	17833,055.00	28245,881.99
Adjustment of war claims	\$411,800.00	\$524,880.00
Grand total	\$466983,359.01	\$605435,650.94

The Liberal administration showed its hand as a government of economy this afternoon. Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, placed the estimates on the table of the commons. The net decrease of the estimates from the total appropriations for the preceding year is \$138,452,291.93. Such is the amount this government thinks it can save for the country during the fiscal year which begins on April 1 next. There was no discussion and no comment in the house on these estimates this afternoon. Likely something will be heard on this subject on Monday. Members have two days in which to peruse the little blue book which contains so much that is important to the business of running the country. The opinion around the lobbies this afternoon and tonight is that Hon. Mr. Fielding has cut things to the bone. Much surprise is manifested that the amount of the reduction is so large, and perhaps because Mr. Fielding has charge of the figures, there is a feeling of confidence that the expenditures planned will be spent sanely and wisely.

More than half the reduction is made up in the department of railways and canals. Hon. W. C. Kennedy, the minister in charge of this department, estimates the expenditure this year, not including capital, at \$87,476,913 less than the preceeding year.

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ABEGWEITS WON MARITIME HOCKEY TITLE

Charlottetown, P. E. I., March 24—The Abegweits, undefeated champions of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island amateur hockey league won the Maritime hockey championship tonight by defeating the Windsor team, the Nova Scotia champion, a five to three goal victory. It was a desperate and heartbreaking battle on soft and heavy ice, and one of the closest contests ever witnessed here with see saw scoring to within seven minutes of the finish when the result was then three all. A minute later the Abbies overturned the scale, making the result 4 to 3, though Windsor disputed the goal and had the goal judge charged. Scarcely half a minute before the bell rang the Abbies clinched the championship beyond all doubts by scoring again. The thousand fans were treated to an excellent exhibition of hockey, considering ice conditions and the Windsors are regarded as

GEO. RIDEOUT CHIEF OF POLICE AT NEW GLASGOW

New Glasgow, N. S., March 24—The town council decided to appoint George R. Rideout, of Moncton, chief of police and inspector under the Nova Scotia temperance act at a salary of \$2,400.

Mr. Rideout has been stationed at various times in Fredericton, Moncton and Sydney. He was a patrolman on the Fredericton Police Force some fourteen years ago.

On Trip to States.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Chestnut left this week for New York. They will be absent ten days. On their return they will visit Hamilton, Ont., where Mrs. A. H. Tweedie, daughter of Mrs. Chestnut is living.

the most formidable opponents who crossed the straits this season.

Tonight's victory makes the seventh which the Abbies won consecutively this season.

Premiers Craig and Collins Have Been Summoned to London

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST GEO. E. JORDAN

Arrested on Complaint for Indecent Assault Upon Domestic—Making for Station When Arrested.

In the Police Court this morning George E. Jordan, a resident of Aberdeen street was charged with having committed an indecent assault upon a domestic employed in his wife's boarding house. He was remanded until next Wednesday, March, 29th, when his case will be heard.

Upon information which was laid yesterday by the domestic a warrant was issued for the arrest of Jordan. He was apprehended just as he was about to depart from this city on a train, future destination unknown.

Acquaintances of the accused are skeptical respecting the authenticity of the information that has been laid. However it has been disclosed that Jordan has been connected with several other unsavoury occurrences of a nature similar to the present one with which he is charged.

GETTING AFTER BANK OFFICIALS

Montreal, March 24—Judge Cusson announced today that he had "allowed" warrants to be issued for Sir Montagu Allan and D. C. Macarow." The former was president of the defunct Merchants' Bank and the latter general manager.

The Annunciation.

Today is the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a holy day in the Anglican churches.

Condition Unchanged.

The condition of Charles Marsh, Westmorland street, who has been ill with pneumonia, shows no change for the better.

Peter Keenan Wins Auto.

At the dance held last evening in the Old Gaiety by the Red Cross and Labor Council as a conclusion to the Fair of All Good Neighbors, the drawing for the Overland automobile was conducted by Dr. W. H. Irvine, Charles Hachey and Charles MacDonald. This resulted in ticket No. 681 being declared the lucky one and the automobile thus goes to Conductor Peter Keenan of the C. N. R. who is the holder of this ticket. His many friends today are congratulating him on his good fortune.

CALLED BY THE COLONIAL OFFICE

Conditions in Ireland are Described as Perilous—British Regiments Have Arrived in Belfast—Civil War is Liable to Break Out in the Near Future.

London, March 24—The colonial office announced this evening that, owing to the gravity of events in Ireland, the government had formally requested Premier Craig, of Ulster, and Michael Collins, head of the Irish provisional government, to come to London with any colleagues they might choose in order that the government examine with them every aspect of the situation.

The temper of all sections of the Irish Republican army is rising, says a Dublin despatch to the London Times, and there is talk that at the meeting of the standing committee of the Sinn Fein organization called by Eammon De Valera, efforts on a formidable scale to protect the lives and property of Catholics in Belfast will be discussed. The standing committee includes Michael Collins, head of the provincial government, Arthur Griffiths, president of the Dail Eireann cabinet, and Charles Burgess.

The Times correspondent describes the position as exceedingly perilous adding: "If matters get much worse in Belfast the peace of the frontier is not likely to be worth a moment's purchase."

Belfast, March 24—The Y. M. C. A. hall was commandeered today for occupancy by a British regiment. Another British regiment which has just arrived is stationed at Claude boye, near Belfast. At a Unionist meeting here last evening Lady Craig wife of the premier, announced that she had received a letter from a friend in London stating that in Greater London there were already 15,000 men waiting to take up arms in defense of Ulster.

TROJANS BEAT WOODSTOCK

Woodstock, March 24—After a season of twelve games played and eleven won the Woodstock basketball team was taken into camp tonight by the Trojans of St. John, by a score of 49 to 22.

WHEN THE JURORS ARE HUNGRY THEIR JUDGMENT IS SWIFT

Kalamazoo, March 25—John Duval Dodge, Detroit millionaire was found not guilty of driving an automobile while drunk by a jury in the Police Court this afternoon. The jurors went to lunch at the Ryckman Hotel early in the afternoon. On their return the constable who escorted them announced that the bill was \$5.20 and a Blantburg declared there were no funds to pay it and that the six men would have to settle it. After the verdict Dodge announced he would pay for the luncheon. Dodge went out about the time the jurors did, and outside the court met a blind beggar. Taking a handful of silver from his pocket Dodge poured it into the beggar's hat. Giving money to a blind beggar is supposed to bring good luck. Previously it had been reported that the jury stood 5 to 1 for conviction.