

MURDOCK TAKES HAND IN DISPUTE

Debate on the Address in the House is not Likely to be Prolonged

THE PREMIER

BEREAVED

Called to Denver, Col., by the Death of His Brother, Dr. King—Hon. Mr. Fielding is Acting Premier — House Expected to Get Down to Business This Week.

Ottawa, March 19—With the prime minister called to Denver by the death of his brother, Dr. Macdougall King, there is some conjecture as to the course which will be followed by the government during his absence. Hon. Mackenzie King will be absent from Ottawa for a week. It is expected that this week would see the conclusion of the debate on the address. There are, it is said, some half dozen members, most of them belonging to the Progressive party, who have announced their intention of participating in the debate. There is also a possibility that one or more of the cabinet ministers may have something to say, but the rank and file of the Liberals and Conservatives seem to be about finished. If the government should desire to protract the debate in view of the premier's absence, it might go on until the end of the week but indications point to its conclusion by Tuesday or Wednesday evening.

It seems unlikely that the absence of the prime minister will cause delay in introducing the next number on the sessional programme. Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, who will be acting premier while Mr. King is away, is one of the most experienced parliamentarians in the house, and quite able to carry on proceedings. The end of the fiscal year is approaching rapidly, and estimates must be brought down if the work of the government is to go on. With but a little more than a week left in March an interim supply bill, providing for one-sixth of the total amount of the estimates, seems a foregone conclusion.

As soon as the debate on the address is concluded, the personnel of parliamentary committees will be announced and committee work will start. Some important matters are to come before the committees for consideration. As the prime minister told a delegation recently, the question of the re-establishment of the Canada Wheat Board will be taken up by the committee of agriculture, probably immediately after it is constituted.

Further re-establishment measures for returned men will come before the committee on pensions and re-establishment. A committee may be formed to look into the unemployment situation and suggest steps for its relief.

HIS BROTHER DEAD

Ottawa, March 19—The prime minister, Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, has been notified of the death at Denver Col. of his brother, Dr. Macdougall King, and left here last night to bring the body to Toronto for burial. Premier King will be absent from Ottawa for a week.

SEIN FEINERS HAVE MASSED TROOPS ALONG THE MONAGHAN BORDER

Belfast, March 20—There is grave tension along the Tyrone and Monaghan border, and the Irish Republican army has sent 50 fresh troops to the Monaghan frontier, commandeering houses and buildings, including the Orange Hall.

Sir Henry Wilson tomorrow confers with General Macready and other military representatives on the suppression of crime.

ST. JOHN HIGH WON LEAGUE AND BEAT NORMAL

St. John, March 20—The St. John High School's strong team clinched the 1922 Interscholastic basketball title on the Y. M. C. A. floor on Saturday afternoon when they entertained the Provincial Normal School, handing them a 54 to 30 licking. One more game remains on High School's schedule—that with Rothesay—and if they win, they will have completed the season without a single defeat.

Rothesay Game Protested.

The following letter has been received by J. M. Wilson, president of the League.

"J. M. Wilson, President Interscholastic Basketball League, St. John N. B.

"Dear Sir:—We, the members of the Provincial Normal School basketball team wish to protest the game played between the Provincial Normal School and Rothesay Collegiate School March 17, 1922 in the Rothesay gym on the following grounds:

"1st—Presence of students around the gym obstructing play around the baskets.

"2nd—Referee—(a) Contrary to law that a coach, or person officially connected with the team can referee. (b) Failing to enforce rules laid down by I. B. L., that is holding, charging, and running with the ball.

"(Signed)

"ERNEST BRADLEY, Captain.

"ALFRED J. GILLIS, Manager."

TOASTED THE FREE STATE

London, March 20—A new toast, "The King and the Irish Free State," was given at the St. Patrick's night dinner of the Irish Club in London, and honored with enthusiasm. Winston Churchill said: "The Irish Free State, long may it prosper and flourish. The sky is clearer than it was; it is still overcast; there are hurrying clouds, dark storms and lightning flashes on the horizon; still we see a growing, brightening sunlight."

Last Day for Payments

Today is the last day allowed to delinquents to pay up arrears owing to the Housing Board. According to a resolution passed at a meeting of the City Council on March 7th, the City Clerk has been given power to proceed against all those who still have their arrears in rent and interest unpaid by March 20th and foreclose their mortgages. The City Clerk stated this morning that the delinquents had been properly aroused and that in all likelihood there would be no foreclosure proceedings all the arrears in rent and interest being probably paid up before tonight.

Ottawa Citizen: Miss Katherine Lynch who has been visiting Mrs. A. H. McKee for a few weeks, left on Friday to return to her home in Fredrickton.

Minister of Labor Asks J. B. MacLachlan Re that "Class War" Manifesto

Hon. James Murdock Expresses Disapproval of Dishonest and Underhand Methods --- His Enquiry Based of Newspaper Reports Published on Monday--Cape Breton Coal Miners' Trouble Attracting Great Attention

Ottawa, March 19—In a telegram sent to J. B. MacLachlan, secretary of District No. 26, United Mine Workers of America, Glace Bay, N. S., Hon. James Murdock, minister of Labor expressed strong disapproval of the underhanded and dishonest methods of "undercutting" and asks for assurance from Mr. MacLachlan that he has not called upon the miners of Nova Scotia to cut the output in order to bring the British Empire Steel Corporation to terms. Mr. Murdock's telegram was prompted by a news report which said that Mr. MacLachlan had called on 12,000 miners of Nova Scotia to join him in a policy of cutting the output as the most effective method of waging war against the corporation. The telegram follows:

"My attention has been called to a dispatch appearing in today's Ottawa Journal dated from Sydney and reading in part as follows: 'The war is on, class war. In these words of a manifesto issued tonight, J. B. MacLachlan, secretary of District No. 26, United Mine Workers, calls on the twelve thousand miners in Nova Scotia to join him in a policy of cutting the output as the most effective method of waging a labor war against the British Empire Steel Corporation.'

"I have thought it well to bring the above statement to your attention and should be obliged if you would let me have word immediately if any such document as is here outlined has been issued with your approval. I trust the published statement may prove to be without foundation and take this opportunity in any event of expressing the hope that yourself and other officers and members of your organization will cast your influence definitely against any such policy as is indicated in the statement above quoted. You will, I think, on reflection agree with me that any strength which organized labor possesses at the present time is the result, not of the underhanded and dishonest methods of undercutting, or, as it is sometimes called cabotage, but of straight and honest dealings in which each worker is giving the best that is in him for the wages agreed upon. Any union or trade practice which is not in absolute agreement with this principle will inevitably bring disaster and workmen who unwisely allow themselves to be misled into the adoption of such methods will ultimately repudiate the leadership of those who have betrayed them. I trust I may receive from you an assurance that you are in sympathy with the view expressed in this message, and, since the dispatch from which I have quoted and which has credited you with action on contrary lines has received much publicity, I shall gladly do my best to see that any reply received from you by way of disavowal or otherwise receives equal prominence. I am handing this message to the press."

WESTMINSTERS WON U.S. TITLE

Boston, March 19—The Westminsters the new United States amateur hockey champions, completed their successes of the title series by defeating St. Paul in last night's game, two goals to nothing.

In the aggregate the result was three victories for Westminster; a tie which counted one-half a game for each team; seven goals for Westminster and one goal for St. Paul.

International.

Boston, March 19—President W. R. Haddock, of the United States Amateur Hockey Association, announced last night the final arrangements for the international championship series between the hockey title teams of the United States and Canada. The series will start with the games at Toronto on March 26 and 27 and will be continued with games here on March 30 and April 1. The Canadian representative will be the winner of the Allen Cup yet to be decided and the United States team will be the Westminster Club, of this city, winners of the United States championship.

WAS KILLED WHILE ASLEEP

New York, March 18—Miss Lillian Bossert 21 years old, who lives with her mother at 219 East Twenty-ninth street, was mysteriously shot while asleep early this morning.

A bullet which struck her in the right forearm was fired from the street. It pierced a drawn window blind and a corner of the pillow on which the girls head was resting.

Miss Bossert returned from a dance escorted by Walter Worth, whose home is in Brooklyn, shortly before 2 o'clock. She, her mother and Worth sat talking in the dining room of the apartment which is on the ground floor. They had been chatting for several minutes, when Miss Bossert said she was sleepy and excused herself. She went to her room which is in the front of the apartment her bed being in a direct line with the window.

About ten minutes later, as Worth, who had remained to talk with Mrs. Bossert, was preparing to leave, the girl's mother and Worth were startled by a scream. A moment later Miss Bossert ran into the dining room holding her right arm and exclaiming that she had been shot.

Thousands of Miners in the United States May Strike in April

MOCK TRIAL AT U.N.B. DREW LARGE CROWD

The annual Mock Trial of the students of the University of New Brunswick was held Saturday evening in the University library. The trial drew an unusually large attendance.

The prisoner was a member of the faculty who was charged with leading the undergraduates especially the co-eds—astray by his late plunge into the matrimonial sea. Needless to say he was convicted and a suitable sentence was imposed.

The trial had its usual comedy features, the faculty and the students in particular being the butt of all the jokes. The witnesses were dressed rather ridiculously in various costumes suitable to the characters which they portrayed. Miss Littlefast a present day flapper, brought the house down when she was placed on the witness stand and was seen to be wearing the loosely fastened galoshes—popular in her class.

L. G. Slipp of Woodstock was judge and filled the role to perfection. M. V. Cain of this city was clerk of the court. The counsel for the prosecution were H. F. G. Bridges and R. S. Hawkins both of this city. The defence was conducted by D. R. Bishop of Riv. de Chute who had associated with him C. M. Burpee of Edmundston.

Next Saturday night the annual Mock Parliament opens with the Liberal party in power. There will be four sessions at which both provincial and federal matters will be discussed.

HARTT CO. WON LEAGUE

Score Against Palmer-McLellan Co. Was 6 to 1.

The Hartt Shoe Co. hockey team won the championship in the Fredericton Commercial League by defeating the Palmer & McLellan Shoeback Co. sextette Saturday night by a score of 6 to 1. The game was played on fairly good ice and was fast throughout. The first period ended one each, the second 2 to 1, and the third 6 to 1. The Hartt Co. playing Eddie Colwell in their line-up had a slight edge on their opponents. This victory gives the Hartt Co. possession of the Chestnut trophy.

Death at South Devon.

Ernest H. Harvey son of Mr. and Mrs. David L. Harvey died early Sunday morning at his home in South Devon after a lingering illness. He aged seventeen years. Besides his sorrowing parents, there survive one brother, Robinson and one sister, Jessie, both at home. The funeral took place this afternoon, services being conducted at the house at 2.30 by Rev. H. H. Ferguson. The Boy Scout troop of Devon attended in a body and six members of the Baptist Sunday School acted as pall-bearers. Interment was made at Sunny Bank Cemetery.

CAME TO CANADA IN SEARCH OF A FARM AND ALSO A BRIDE

Sarnia, March 20—Dirty, ragged and unshaven Louis Dispich of Missouri came to Canada for a farm and a bride. Several sprightly young ladies who saw him land looked him over and turned away. They didn't know that \$640 was tucked away in his faded blue jeans; that he had come to choose a bride, and set himself up on a Canadian farm.

Immigration officials, however, were also "from Missouri", and deemed this insufficient to launch his enterprise, so Lewis was forced to return and find farm and bride elsewhere.

LEWIS SAYS THAT

WORK WILL STOP

Unforeseen Solution of the Wage Controversy Must be Offered in the Meantime if Trouble is to Be Avoided—Order to Suspend Work Already Issued.

New York, March 19—Six hundred thousand union miners in the anthracite and bituminous fields will quit work on April 1 unless some unforeseen solution of the wage controversy is offered in the meantime, John H. Lewis, president of the international organization of United Mine Workers, announced yesterday.

Plans for evacuation of the mines already are underway, Mr. Lewis said. In the event of a walkout crews of pumpmen, engineers, firemen, watchmen and helpers will remain at their posts to prevent flooding of the mines and maintain the properties, he said. He estimated that 1,000 men would remain on duty in the anthracite, and 3,000 in the bituminous mines for such purposes.

Final orders for withdrawal of the men will be issued by the general policies committee of the union at Cleveland or Chicago, probably next week, it was said, effective in case operators and miners fail to arrange a new working contract before April 1.

The order to suspend operations in the anthracite field on April 1 already has been issued by the miners' general wage council in session at Shamokin, Pa. An arbitration committee of eight, composed of operators and miners, will meet here on Tuesday to discuss a new wage scale for this field.

Work in bituminous mines will automatically cease on April 1, Mr. Lewis asserted, because of the operators' refusal to meet with the miners in accordance with the terms of their last contract.

Cost Must Come Down.

The sweeping declaration of the anthracite operators for a reduction in wages submitted to representatives of the mine workers in joint conference at the Hotel Pennsylvania, practically made certain a general suspension of mining operations throughout the United States on April 1.

Replying to the 19 demands of the miners for wage increases and improved working conditions, the operators said that deflation in the cost of production was imperative, and that readjustment of wage rates was the first necessary step in reducing the cost to the consumer and insuring continued stability of the industry.

"It is obvious then that prosperity and steady work in the anthracite fields," it was added, "must cease unless the price of anthracite coal can be reduced to a figure which the consumer can pay."

Ottawa, March 19—Notice of another 80 assignments under the Bankruptcy Act is given in the current issue of Canada Gazette.