

N. S. PREMIER MAY SETTLE THE C.B. STRIKE HAS PLAN OF COOPERATION

The Steel Company Has Promised to Give it Serious Consideration

Sydney, N. S., July 13—Premier E. H. Armstrong, as the net result of two days' negotiations with the British Empire Steel Corporation and representatives of the striking Sydney steel workers, will attempt to introduce into the steel industry here a plan of co-operation between employer and employee similar to the Whitley and other industrial plants in England. This was announced to the Canadian Press here this evening in a statement at the close of the two days' negotiations by Dr. Clarence MacKinnon, principal of Pine Hill Presbyterian College, Halifax, who was associated with Premier Armstrong in the meetings.

The executive of the steel workers told the Premier that they would give his plan the "most serious consideration."

It is considered that the prospects are much brighter for the acceptance of such a plan by the workers if it comes from an independent source, than they were when a co-operative plan was offered them not long ago by General Superintendent Bischoff of the corporation.

The Whitley plan has the prestige of having been endorsed by the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress as a workable scheme. Briefly, it would provide, in the instance of a plant such as the Sydney steel plant, for the appointment from each department of a representative from the men to meet from time to time with the management. All matters of change would be discussed, either for the purpose of improving working conditions or of increasing wages, from the standpoint of the men, or increasing efficiency, from the standpoint of the company.

A trades unionist of many years' standing and for long an office holder said tonight that such plans as the Whitley were not out of harmony with unionism. The men appointed by the workers could be representatives of the union although not so recognized.

The plan which the Premier hopes to work out, in the words of Dr. MacKinnon, would "improve the internal management of the plant, protect the rights of the men and secure more harmony between them and the company, and better service."

POST OFFICE BUSINESS IS INCREASING

Ottawa, July 13—Canada's post office business is increasing with real rapidity, and if the present growth continues the showing at the end of the current year will be highly satisfactory both to Hon. Charles Murphy, the Postmaster General, and to Hon. W. S. Fielding, who will have less money to "find" to balance the nation's books.

In one branch especially progress is being made. From Oct. 1, last to July 1 the revenue fees for c. o. d. parcels mailed was \$23,500. Added to this was \$50,000 in postage, which was all new business found, making a total revenue from c. o. d. parcels for the nine months of \$73,500.

As the cost of doing this business was small, a good credit balance was effected.

LICENSE FEES INCREASED

Ottawa, July 13—With a view to discouraging the growing influx of foreign trappers into the Northwest territories, the Government has increased the license fees which must be paid. Instead of the former \$2 fee bona fide residents of the Northwest territories will pay \$50, non-resident British subjects will pay \$150, as compared with \$75 under the old regulations and non-residents will be called upon to pay \$300, which is an increase of 100 per cent.

BOOTLEGGERS BLUE BOOK WAS SEIZED

New York Raid Nets a List of Dealers, Also Stamps and Labels.

New York, July 14—Secret service operatives under Capt. Joseph A. Palma swept down today upon the store of Paul Kaplan, Inc., at 1545 Broadway, in the heart of the theatre district, seized the bootleggers' "social register", a quantity of counterfeit revenue stamps and whisky labels and arrested three men.

Through the raid, Secret Service men were able, they believe, to learn the name of practically every bootlegger supplying Broadway with liquor. Under arrest are Harry Ehrenfeld, 1164 Vyse avenue, the Bronx; Paul Kaplan of the same address, and Sam Weberman, 300 East 143d street.

The place has been under observation some time as the nucleus of bootleg activities in the heart of New York. The store was supposed to house a general merchandise establishment, but this morning, secret service men say, bootleggers wended their way in and out until the raid was made.

Revenue stamps, certifying that internal tax had been paid on the whisky; labels guaranteeing that all sorts of concoctions, including eye blinders and death dealers were 100 per cent bottled in bond, and forged blanks permitting the removal of liquor from bonded warehouses were seized.

Most interesting of all to the Secret Service men are the books. They contain the names of all the best bootleggers doing business in New York, at least all those who have bottled their liquor in bond from the store of Paul Kaplan, Inc. Whether there are more than 400, Capt. Palma would not say.

What is to be done with these records has not been determined, but it is likely that they will furnish additional clues for Izzy Einstein—provided, of course, he doesn't give up disguises for literature, as he threatens.

Arraigned before United States Commissioner Hitchcock, the three men were held for further examination, at the request of Capt. Palma, who explained that he wanted additional time to collect evidence.

WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE THIS MONTH

Ottawa, July 13—Trade between Canada and France under much more favorable conditions will begin before the end of this month if present prospects are reliable. The convention of commerce between the two countries which was negotiated last fall for Canada by Hon. W. S. Fielding and Hon. Ernest Lapointe received the final ratification of Canada's Parliament on June 13, last and of France's Parliament this week.

The treaty will become effective according to a statement this evening by Hon. Mr. Fielding immediately upon an exchange of ratifications between the French Foreign Office and the British Foreign Office.

This may take place any day within the next two weeks so that Canadians may be doing business with France under the provisions of treaty by Aug. 1.

The treaty is not padded as some Conservative members of the Canadian House of Commons contended last April when the document was before them is shown by the number of keen inquiries being made by Canadian business firms as to the time when the treaty comes into effect.

NEW RULES FOR CHINKS

Ottawa, July 13—Changes in regulations affecting Chinese immigrants have been announced by the Government. Applicants for substitution of certificates must pay \$25 in future. The fee for endorsing passports will be \$10.

Owners, agents or masters of vessels upon which Chinese are employed, upon entering Canadian ports, must place cash bonds of \$1,000 for every Chinese employee.

While in port, Chinese members of the crew will not be allowed to land.

Will be Opposition to Imperial Preference At Coming Conference

Free Traders are Preparing to Put Up Fight—Look Upon Preference as a Plausible Trap for the Receiving of Shallow Minds to Protection—The Movement Originated at Manchester.

(Special Cable to the Mail)

London, July 14—When the question of imperial preference is raised at the coming imperial economic conference those in favor of preference are likely to meet with determined opposition. The free traders are convening immediately for the fight. They regard "imperial preference as a most plausible trap for the receiving of shallow minds to protection."

A MANCHESTER MOVEMENT

The movement originates at the home of free trade, Manchester. The proctors claiming that trade is not prosperous because of heavy exports. Some political fiscal tendencies are ominously directing a policy towards narrowing the fields of foreign trade. The conveners include representatives Lord Parmoor with Lords Beauchamp and Emmott. The Liberal member Mr. Pringle the National Liberal Sir Alfred Mond, and the Labour member Philip Snowden, the Protectionists are planning a giant counter meeting.

WILL SUPPLANT FOREIGNERS

Tokio, July 14—Christian Japanese are preparing to take charge of Protestant Church organizations hitherto conducted by foreign missionaries. Native Episcopal bishops have supplanted the American and English bishops who formerly were in charge of the districts of Tokio and Osaka the largest church districts of the empire. This is believed here to be only the beginning and it is expected that Japanese members will soon be at the head of many other religious enterprises formerly conducted by foreigners. Foreign missions and missionaries will continue to operate but more and more control will be placed in the hands of the natives.

CHAUTAUQUA WILL CLOSE ON SUNDAY

The Swarthmore Chautauqua, which has conducted an excellent course here during the week will close on Sunday with special service 8.15. There will be musical features and an address by Miss Clements, Friday night the play Crosse Wires especially written for the course was presented. Upwards of one thousand attended and were delighted by the pleasing little play.

A travelogue will be the item of entertainment tonight the subject being Hawaii. Singers and instrumentalists from those islands will take part.

ALL EUROPE IS HIT BY A HEAT WAVE

(Special to the Daily Mail)

Paris, July 14—The France celebrates the "Day of Glory" of the Marseillaise being celebrated temporarily today because of the terrific heat. The great parade that ordinarily features Bastille Day was cancelled. Unveiling of a monument, work of the Belgian sculptor Ruder Blue. Symbolic of Franco-Belgian friendship, was the feature of the celebration, popular subscriptions in Brussels raised the price of the monument, which depicts two granite figures hand in hand on a pedestal, France and Belgium, with the inscription "Friends Forever."

Big Market Today

A large country market filled Phoenix Square today and there was a great variety in produce. Strawberries were offered in large quantities but the price remained firm. Eleven cents by the crate and thirteen and fourteen cents by the box were quoted. Other lines of produce showed little change in price.

ST. SWITHIN'S DAY ON SUNDAY, THE PROPHECY

Sunday July 15th will be St. Swithin's Day and again the opportunity will be presented of trying out the old adage concerning the forty days' rain. The belief handed down from the day of the burial of the Saint is that if rain fell upon July 15th rain in greater or less quantity will fall each of the next forty days. On the other hand if the day be fair the weather for the next forty days will be the same.

Rain is needed by both farming and lumbering in this province and two more important occupations do not exist. The forest fires checked by timely rains after great damage had been done, again is threatening. Many crops need rain. There is little danger that there will be too much so the lumbermen and farmers are hoping for rain on Sunday.

WESTERN TOWN WIPED OUT BY FLAMES

(Special to the Daily Mail)

Wallace, Idaho, July 14—A hundred persons are homeless and property worth \$1,000,000 is in ruins today as a result of a fire which destroyed the town of Burke seven miles east of here last Friday, the entire business section and practically all the residential districts were wiped out. Surface property of the Hecla Mining Company, one of the foremost lead and silver properties in the United States was completely destroyed and six hundred men rendered jobless. One woman was burned severely while attempting to remove furniture from her home.

Recovery Not Expected

It is reported today that the condition of George W. Upham, ex-M. P. P., is much worse and that his recovery is not expected. Mr. Upham has been ill for some time. An attack of pneumonia was so severe that complete recovery did not follow.

QUINCY DROPS OUT OF TWO-I BALL LEAGUE

Rouillard comes to Fredericton—Meeting of League Monday.

St. John, July 14—Quincy has dropped out of the Two-I League and the team was disbanded here last evening. Although rumors that this team would probably drop out of the league have been current for some time these have been denied but the final decision was made yesterday and Quincy will not finish the season. A mad scramble has already begun for the star players on this club and four of them are reported to have already signed up. The other members of the team will leave for their homes this evening unless a contract is offered them with a provincial club.

The Quincy team has been handicapped practically all season by the lack of efficient pitching. Manager "Lefty" Ford built up a snappy aggregation but the scarcity of twirlers kept the team in the cellar. Manager Ford left about two weeks ago for Boston on account of private business and he expected to secure two new pitchers and bring them down with him. However, he was unable to get away so soon as he expected and Gillfillan, who has been acting as manager, finally decided that the team would have to disband.

The club played in Moncton in two exhibition games on Thursday and arrived in the city and were paid off last evening. Each player thus became a free agent to dicker with any club he desired. Manager Coughlin, of the Vets, and Manager McCormick, of St. Peter's were both on hand last evening and each manager, it is understood, secured one of the Quincy team.

Gillfillan, considered one of the best catchers in the league and a dangerous hitter, has been secured by the Vets and he will make the trip to Moncton with the team today. Mauro, the crack outfielder of Quincy, may appear this afternoon in St. Peter's uniform, although he refused to give a definite answer until this morning as he has received offers from both Fredericton and a team in the St. Croix League. Rouillard will line up with Fredericton. Nolan, the star pitcher of the club, has left for Milltown to play in the St. Croix League. It was said that tentative offers have also been made to Mulvey, the hard hitting outfielder, and Trumbull, the Quincy shortstop.

The dropping of this team from the league places the league standing again in jeopardy and the question of whether or not the games won and lost with Quincy will be thrown out will be decided at a meeting of the league executive on Monday night. The prevailing opinion is that the games will have to be cancelled as this was the system decided on in connection with the games played with the defunct Boston club. Meanwhile the standing will remain as it is at present until after the meeting.

Manager "Lefty" Ford will still retain his franchise in the league, it was announced by an official of the league last evening. This official said that teams in the St. Croix League had also caused trouble by endeavoring to get members of the Quincy team to jump from that club to teams in the border league. Efforts will be made next season, he declared, if both leagues are operating, to have some sort of an agreement to leave players in each league strictly alone.

THE POTATO CROP SHORT IN JERSEY

Daretown, N. J., July 13—With a yield little more than half as large as the record breaking crop of white potatoes in 1922 growers in the South Jersey belt for the most part will miss their opportunity to profit by the present high market. The drought is largely to blame.

Early white potatoes at the end of the week were quoted at more than \$3 to 100 pounds as against scarcely \$1 a year ago.

Indications are that the market for early potatoes will remain firm. The shipping season will start in about a week. The crop last year ran in excess of 5000 carloads or 1,000,000 barrels.

BROKERAGE FIRM FAILED FOR MILLIONS

FURNITURE SOLD CHEAP

N. Y. Firm Had Swell Offices but Nothing for Creditors.

New York, July 14—When bubbles burst, as has been observed, they go "all together and nothing first." But brokerage houses behave differently. They leave sediment in the form of the material and substantial commitments of their moments of glory—furniture, desks, chairs, adding machines and, as Kanney & Eisenberg said in the circular which announced their auction sale today of office furniture formerly used by Jones & Baker, "other articles too numerous to mention."

When the brokerage firm failed recently for \$5,000,000 one of the details most mentioned was the solid majesty of its offices. Mahogany chairs and desks set behind gleaming brass rails—all that sort of thing. No doubt it aided the firm in getting \$5,000,000 to fail with.

Today in a little room at 119 Broad street the sediment settled. Mahogany chairs were piled on mahogany desks—some of which, for some reason not apparent, looking as if they had been kicked the five or six blocks from the firms former offices at 50 Bond street. Mahogany trays and mahogany filing cases and the other articles, which were too numerous to mention, were piled atop each other and ticketed with numbers.

The auctioneers, it is said, circularized the surviving brokers assiduously accompanying their circulars with letters pointing out the opportunity to get furniture peculiarly adapted to the brokerage business at extremely low prices. Members of the Consolidated Stock Exchange particularly were recipients.

But the men who went around pulling out drawers in which had been, perhaps the secrets which enabled Jones & Baker to become a financial power were not moved to philosophical reflections by the fact that the drawers contained nothing but dust. They scratched the surface of the desks with an inquiring finger nail to see if by chance the solid mahogany were veneer. Which was a low and apparently unjustified suspicion—considering the amount the firm failed for.

WILL GIVE PRESIDENT A WELCOME

Ottawa, July 13—Colonel E. J. Chambers gentleman usher of the Black Rod, left tonight for Vancouver to assume on behalf of the Dominion Government direction of arrangements made for the reception of President Harding. Mrs. Harding and party upon the occasion of their approaching visit to Canada.

The President of the United States having been invited to visit the principal Canadian cities on the Pacific coast, as a guest of the Dominion no pains are being spared to impart a thoroughly national character to the reception. The address of welcome to the President signed on behalf of the Government and people of Canada by the Prime Minister the Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King has been handsomely engrossed and will be read by the Hon. J. H. King, Minister of Public Works, representing the Prime Minister.

WET MAJORITY WAS LARGE

Winnipeg, July 13—The referendum on the Moderation League bill for government sale of liquor for beverage purposes was approved of by a majority of exactly 40,000 electors of Manitoba, according to the final official returns issued here today. The vote polled totalled 176,488, one of the largest of the province, with 108,244 electors in favor of the measure and 68,244 against it.

Mrs. A. K. Gunner of Montreal is visiting her mother, Mrs. G. N. Babbitt.