

MEXICANS IN A FIERCE BATTLE

World Conference on Reconstruction

LID OF TOOMB LIKELY TO BE LIFTED TODAY

Archaeologists Likely to be Disappointed—Only Carter and Government Dignitaries to be Allowed a Peep Inside.

CEREMONIES TO BE HELD LATER

(Special to the Daily Mail) Luxor, Feb. 12—Disappointed archaeologists gathered gloomily around King Tut's tomb in readiness for the trial lid lifting which many of them will not see. Officials announced that only director Howard Carter and his staff and a small group of government dignitaries will witness the removal of the lid from King Tutankhamen's tomb today. The removal will be without ceremony and its sole purpose, officials said, will be to ascertain the condition of the mummy and contents of the tomb. If the preliminary operation indicates a "good find."

Ceremonies will be conducted later at which the Egyptologists and archaeologists who have gathered here from many places will be admitted. The lid of the coffin, a huge stone affair of great weight, was lifted a few inches yesterday, with block and tackle as a test of the apparatus. The coffin is supposed to contain three mummy cases with the actual remains of the long dead Pharaoh enclosed within the last one. These coverings are fragile and several days will be required to strip them away, the excavators said.

SCIENCE CLUB MEETING.

W. H. Allen, Lectured Upon New Brunswick—Remarks illustrated by Moving Pictures.

The regular monthly meeting of the Fredericton Science Club was held at the University Monday night. The chief feature of the meeting was the showing of four reels of motion pictures taken in the big game and fishing districts of the Province. W. Harry Allen of Penniac was the lecturer giving a most interesting address upon the various districts shown in the pictures. One of the films illustrated the experiences of "Miss Canada" (Miss Winnifred Blair) on Cain's River with Mr. Allen as the guide of her party.

"The Great Outdoors" written by Dr. Osler was read by Mr. Allen in most impressive style while reels were being changed. The verses fitted admirably well with the theme of the lecture.

Mrs. John Stephens and Mrs. E. L. Harvey were hostesses to the members of the club.

Married This Morning.

At the Brunswick St. Baptist Parsonage this morning Rev. G. C. Warren united in marriage Maurice Elliott Phillips and Dowty Eugene Golding, both of Tracey. They were unattended and will reside at Tracey, where the groom is engaged in farming.

THREE YEARS FOR THOSE WHO TRY TO DEPRESS FRANC

(Special to the Daily Mail) Paris, Feb. 12—The chamber of deputies has adopted a bill already passed by the Senate providing three years imprisonment with heavy fine to persons trying to depress the franc. Foreigners co-operating are subject to expulsion from France.

COAL STRIKE IN NOVA SCOTIA COMES TO END

AN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED

Besco Grants the Miners in N. S. a Substantial Increase in Their Wages.

Montreal, Feb. 11—Instructions were wired tonight to the coal miners of Nova Scotia to return to work, by their representatives here, who today signed a one year agreement with the British Empire Steel Corporation the terms of which are retroactive to Jan. 15 of this year. The agreement will expire Jan. 15, 1925. It provides for the following increases over the rates in effect of Jan. 15 of this year: Datal men underground, 30 cents a day; datal surface men, 25 cents a day; shooters and loaders and contract men, including helpers, seven cents per ton; hand pick miners, eight cents per ton; local contracts, six per cent.

The Agreement

It is estimated that the increases will involve an addition to the payroll of the 10,000 miners of the corporation of more than \$1,000,000 a year.

"The price of coal to the miners, under the agreement, is increased from \$2.25 a ton to \$3.60 a ton."

The existing practice with regard to explosives and price will remain unchanged.

The Longwall mining rates in the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company mines are subject to adjustment to be later mutually agreed upon.

The agreement is a long document and deals in detail with practically all the relations which are likely to arise between the corporation and the miners, and in this respect is said to be the first agreement of its kind in Nova Scotia. For instance although the "check-off" system of company collecting of union dues through the payroll had long been in force in Nova Scotia coal fields, today's agreement is the first to provide for it in writing.

Better Conditions

Previously it has been in force only through verbal agreement it is stated. Improved provisions are made for the settling of disputes and President Roy Wolvin of the corporation and the miner representatives stated tonight they were confident that the agreement would result in better working relations and conditions.

When the agreement is voted upon at an early date it will have the recommendation of the four representatives who signed it today. These were Provisional President Barrett; Robert Baxter, field officer; Andrew Steele and William Dalrymple, international representatives of the U. M. M.

President Roy Wilvin and Sir Newton Moore, director, signed the agreement for the corporation and F. W. Gray signed as a witness.

Back Bone of Mexican Revolution is Broken; Rebels Are Routed

Lost Three Thousand Men in Strenuous Combat with Loyal Troops at Ocotlan—Battle Raged for Eleven Hours—Mexican Losses Were Comparatively Light

By Alfred G. B. Hart, British United Press Staff Correspondent MEXICO CITY, February 12—"We broke the backbone of the revolution at Ocotlan," General Obregon wired the British United Press here today from the front. "The rebels lost 3,000 in casualties in eleven hours and have already begun to evacuate Guadalajara in addition to Vera Cruz. With a graphic description of Ocotlan battle Obregon designated it as "a strenuous combat, unprecedented in my experience. It stands alone in Mexican military history." Describing the battle itself Obregon wired, "the enemy had built modern entrenchments carefully camouflaged and it was only with difficulty that our airplane scouts ferreted out their position. In spite of their losses after a heavy bombardment, our loyal Indian troops, for whom I have the greatest praise, crossed the Lorma River under a terrific fire from machine guns and rifles. For eleven hours the battle raged. The enemy lost 3,000 casualties to perhaps 350 on our side although it is impossible yet to make accurate estimates. The final splitting up of rebel activity will come no later than a few days more. This rebellion will end revolution in Mexico."

APPEAL COURT OPENED TODAY HEAVY DOCKET

Twelve Cases Entered and Another Added This Morning—Motion in No Mark Log Case.

The Appeal Division, Supreme Court, met this morning in regular session with a heavy docket. Twelve cases were on the docket, two on the Crown Paper, three from the county courts and seven from the Court of King's Bench. On Motion another was entered this morning.

Cases were disposed of as follows: Durost vs. Home Mixed Fertilizers, Limited, at the request of J. J. F. Winsow, K. C., C. D. Richards, consenting, was placed at the foot of the docket.

Maritime United Farmers' Co. vs. Dickie, the like, E. Allison MacKay Consenting.

Iva Lucas & Co. vs. The Moncton Supply Co., Ltd., on the motion of P. J. Hughes, K. C., was entered and time for filing factum extended to next session.

No Mark Log Case.

Ex parte, Smith Lumber Co. Ltd., R. P. Hartley, moved for a rule absolute to bring up proceedings before Judge Carleton. Court considers.

Mr. Hartley argued that the claim of the Smith Lumber Co. vs. St. John River Log Driving Co. was brought before Judge Carleton as persona designata and not as a judge of the County Court. The Smith Company had 600,000 feet of no mark logs carried away in the St. John River and 300,000 feet is claimed to have (Continued on Page 5.)

TWO SUSPECTS ARRESTED FOR CARDIGAN BREAK

C. P. R. Investigator Caught Two Young Men at Station This Morning—Give Boston Residence.

T. T. Wilson of the C. P. R. Investigating Department, about noon today arrested two young men at the C. P. R. station here as suspected of committing the robbery of the C. P. R. station at Cardigan last night. That station on the Gibson Branch was broken into and five pairs of shoes and a number of railway tickets were taken. The Fredericton police were notified and the C. P. R. sent Mr. Wilson here.

The names given by the two young men are William Smith, aged 22 years residence Boston, and Albert Sargent aged 18 years, residence the same.

In The Lumber Woods.

The past month has been very favorable for work in the lumber woods and good progress has been made with the work. Most operators finished cutting operations some days ago and their crews are now busily engaged in hauling the logs to the brows. It is expected that the work will be pretty well advanced before the end of the present month. It is generally conceded that the present winter has been one of the most favorable for lumbering in a number of years.

Chief Warden at Bathurst.

L. A. Gagnon, Chief Game Warden, left last night for Bathurst where he has some game act violation cases.

PENN. MINERS HAVE ISSUED ULTIMATUM

(Special to the Daily Mail) Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 12—An ultimatum was delivered to officers of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company today that unless they adjusted all existing grievances by Monday night all of the 10,000 miners at their collieries would strike. The strike order was decided on at a meeting of the Union's General Grievance Committee here last night.

RUM CRAFT WAS SHELLED BY A CUTTER

TWENTY ONE SHELLS FIRED

Fleeing Boat Captured When Hole Was Torn in Hull Near Water Line.

New York, Feb. 12—Rum Row learned yesterday, when the guns of the Coast Guard cutter Seminole spoke in their most convincing fashion, that a command to halt hereafter is not to be regarded lightly. Failure to heed a megaphoned order from the Seminole to wait until she could draw alongside almost cost the lives of two men in the motor speedboat K-13509. Twenty-one six pound shells were fired at the fleeing boat before it was overtaken and captured in a badly damaged condition.

The first shot was a direct hit, landing a foot and a half above the water line and tearing through the cabin, where one of the men was drinking coffee. Still trembling when taken aboard the Seminole, he said he was missed by inches.

The earlier capture of a rum boat with 100 cases of liquor and five men on board made it a big day for the Seminole. Then the subsequent boom of its little gun added an ominous tone to the warning of a water war to be waged in earnest against the rum fleet.

No liquor was found on the K-13509 but Capt. Scott of the Seminole reported by wireless he had obtained evidence in writing of the two prisoners' plans to make purchases in Rum Row. The names of his prisoners or of the first boat captured were not given in Capt. Scott's report.

The seven men taken in custody were transferred at sea from the Seminole to the Coast Guard cutter Manhattan, which also is towing in the captured boats.

A power launch attached to the Seminole, which had been missing eleven hours after putting out Friday midnight to chase a rum runner, was found yesterday morning, with her crew of five safe, a radio message from the Seminole informed Capt. Byron L. Reed, commandant of the Coast Guard here.

Lincoln's Birthday.

Today is the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, the martyred president of the United States and the New York stock market is closed in honor of the event. Lincoln was elected president of the Republic in 1860, and was re-elected in 1864. He was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth, an actor while attending a performance at Ford's Theatre, Washington, in April 1865.

IMPORTANT PROPOSAL BY GOV'T

Will Ask for a World Conference on Reconstruction—Details of Memorial Being Considered.

PROSPECTS SAID TO BE BRIGHT

(Special to the Daily Mail) London, Feb. 12—Premier Ramsay MacDonald announced in the House of Commons today that one of the first important proposals of the new Labor government would be a world conference on reconstruction. In response to a question, the premier said that details of a memorial appealing for such a conference were now being considered by the cabinet, "and" he added, "I am glad to report that the prospects are bright."

German Competition.

(Special to the Daily Mail) London, Feb. 12—There is considerable feeling in industrial circles because the Indian State Railways with a part of the proceeds of a British loan have ordered locomotives from a German firm, whose bid was 23 per cent lower than ten English firms. It is announced that the Indian High Commissioner has instructed that future state purchases be made in the lowest market consistent with service and value.

A Skilled Golfer.

(Special to the Daily Mail) London, Feb. 12—J. S. Martin of the Indian Hill Golf Club, near Chicago, a one-armed player, did the seventh hole of the difficult Stokes Boges course in one during play here yesterday.

U. N. B. Alumni Bulletin.

The second number of the Alumni Bulletin published by the Associated Alumni of the University of New Brunswick has been issued. It is smaller than the first number which covered encaenia and the cornerstone laying by Lord Byng. The publication of the Year Book which will be the beginning of a "Who's Who" for the University of N. B. at an early date is forecasted. Another name for the publication is to be secured. Favorable comment upon the first number of the Bulletin by G. W. Fenwick an old graduate living in San Francisco, is mentioned. Reference also is made to the addition of J. J. F. Winslow, K. C., to the university faculty as lecturer in Procedure in the Law Course. Brief accounts of undergraduate, graduate and club activities are given.

Welcomed Bride and Groom.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wheaten, Barker's Point was the scene last evening of a very enjoyable reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hay who were recently married. About sixty of their friends assembled to celebrate the occasion, and extended congratulations to the happy young couple. The house was tastefully and beautifully decorated with red and white paper, the effect being very attractive. The young bride received many useful and handsome wedding gifts. Cards and dancing were heartily indulged in and an enjoyable time spent by all. At midnight refreshments were served and the happy function came to a close shortly afterward.