

THE DOCK STRIKE IS SETTLED

Small Nations Are an Obstacle to Progress

MILLERAND WOULD BAR FOREIGNERS

President of France Signs a Decree Forbidding Them from Entering Paris Stock Exchange Without Permission.

DEBATE IN THE REICHSTAG

(Special to the Daily Mail)
Paris, Feb. 21—President Millerand today signed a decree forbidding foreigners to enter the stock exchange unless authorized to do so by the Ministry of Finance. The purpose of the decree is presumably to check promiscuous trading in securities and exchanges by speculators who would take advantage of the weakness of the franc.

Want 8 Hour Day.

(Special to the Daily Mail)
Berlin, Feb. 21—Debate on the Palatinat situation was continued this afternoon in the Reichstag. The Socialists are trying to induce the Government to adopt the Washington eight-hour day agreement, claiming that the setting aside of the eight hour system can only have a bad effect upon economic conditions.

TO HUNT FOR DINOSAUR EGGS IN CENT. AFRICA

Paris, Feb. 21—Fossil remains of dinosaur and other giant reptiles such as recently were found by Americans in other quarters of the globe will be sought in Africa by an expedition sent out by the British Museum of Natural History, which left today.

W. E. Cutler of the University of Manitoba, who has made several expeditions, is heading the party, accompanied by L. S. B. Leakey, a Cambridge student.

"The expedition was planned two years ago, but only recently financed," Dr. Herbert Smith, secretary of the museum, told the Sun correspondent today. "The Germans found many fossils before the war in Northwest Land, where we hope to duplicate the American find of million-year-old dinosaur eggs."

WILL TAKE A REFERENDUM

Toronto, Feb. 20—Hon. W. F. Nickle, Attorney-General, introduced a bill in the House this afternoon to provide the machinery for taking a vote of the people on the liquor question.

"The bill implements the promise made to provide a vote, if and when the Government decides to submit such questions to the people," said the Attorney-General in explaining his bill.

Mr. Raney: "Does the bill say how or when?"

Mr. Nickle: "No, it simply provides the machinery."

Mr. Raney: "It leaves everything else, time and form of questioning to the Government?"

Mr. Nickle: "Yes."

The bill received first reading.

To Speak at Moncton.

Mr. Roscoe Fillmore at one time manager of the St. John Valley Nurseries but now an agricultural inspector in Russia is to speak in Moncton tomorrow evening on "Conditions in Russia under Soviet Rule."

BRANCH LINE BILL TO COME UP AGAIN

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MINISTER

The Government Will Adhere to the Plan Proposed Last Session

Montreal, Feb. 21—An Ottawa Special to the Star says: The three-year program of branch line construction for the Canadian National Railways will be adhered to this year when the legislation rejected last session by the Senate is reintroduced. The Minister of Railways so announced today. It will be recalled that when the bill was thrown out one of the great objections was that it provided for one bulk appropriation of \$20,000,000 covering the works, over the three years estimated for the construction. Instead of this the Opposition and Senate (apart from objection to the principle) demanded yearly votes by Parliament and described the other scheme as giving the C. N. R. "a blank check."

The original plan however is to be tried again despite the Senate action last year. "By annual estimates" declared the Minister of Railways today: it would take ten instead of three years to build the lines. Labor on small contracts depending on yearly votes, could not be secured with any assurance of staying on the job. We would be unable to start in any year before June then the harvest season would break us up and soon after the work would have to be shut down because of frost. In consequence the three year program will be followed again and a complete job made of it. The lines will be practically the same as those proposed last year.

Superannuation Plans.

A new superannuation plan for employees of the Canadian National Railway is being worked out today at a conference here with Government officials. Heretofore there has been no uniformity. The Canadian Northern system had no superannuation plan but the Grand Trunk and I. C. R. had their plans. A uniform plan is being considered and when a decision is reached it will be provided for in legislation. A contributing system is proposed and also one operated through a Board. Any new plan evolved will, it is said, be not prejudicial to contributors under the old system in force in parts of the line.

IRENE CASTLE SUES JEWELER

New York, Feb. 21—Irene Castle dancer has asked Dist. Atty. Banton to press a charge of grand larceny against James R. Cooper a jeweler of Sea Cliff, N. Y. who, she averred, pawned a \$7000 pearl necklace she asked him to have appraised for her. She wanted case disposed of quickly, she said because her husband Frederick McLaughlin was anxious for her to return to Chicago.

Mrs. McLaughlin said the necklace still was in a Manhattan pawn shop, where Cooper was alleged to have deposited it for \$1432.22, keeping the money. When Cooper was arraigned several months ago she explained he agreed to return the necklace and for that reason she had not previously pressed the charge.

HAMS STOPPED ST. PATS.

Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 20—St. Patrick's hopes of getting into second place in the National Hockey League race for the right to meet Ottawa for group honors were slightly blighted here tonight when the lowly Hamiltons handed them a three to one lacing, and at that the score was no indication of play.

Premier MacDonald is Given the Credit For Settling Labor Dispute

People of the Old Country Heave a Sigh of Relief—Employers Agree to Meet Demand of the Men for an Increase of Pay—The Government Brought the Rival Leaders Together.

(British United Press by Lloya Allen, Staff Correspondent)

London, February 21—The British dock strike was settled today. Settlement was hailed as due to the generalship of Premier MacDonald. The general public heaved a sigh of relief when the morning papers announced that the strike of dockers which started Saturday noon was practically at an end.

After secret conference Wednesday the employers agreed to the men's demand for a two shilling a day increase. They stipulated that the increase should come in two equal installments and agreed to inquire into questions of maintenance and steady employment.

CONFERENCE MUST APPROVE

The dock workers delegates conference which meets tonight must approve these terms to which their leaders agreed. Leaders are confident this will be done. There is possibility that some of the delegates will balk at the proposed delay in payment of the second shilling increase which is to come some time early in the summer. One shilling increase is to be paid immediately. Acceptance of the employers terms by the dockers leaders came early today at a meeting at the ministry of labor.

The Government successfully brought heads of both sides together and thus gains credit for facing and settling the second big industrial crisis it has to face within a month of assuming office.

LATE DR. MORRIS WAS A NOTED SURGEON

(St. John Globe.)

Word that Dr. M. A. Morris had died very suddenly on Monday at his residence, Main street, Charlestown, Mass., was received on Tuesday by T. P. Regan, K. C. Deceased was born in Lancaster and was 72 years old. He spent practically his whole professional career for the past 40 years in Massachusetts and specialized in surgery, in which he became eminently successful. Dr. Morris was an ardent hunter and fisherman and enjoyed many vacation trips to Cains River. He was a frequent visitor to St. John and was well known here. He is survived by three sisters and two brothers. The sisters are Misses Alice and Jean Morris, who resided with the deceased, and Mrs. Morris, wife of Dr. Richard H. Morris, Everett, Mass. The brothers are Arthur Morris, druggist, Everett, Mass., and Dr. Frank X. Morris of Fairville. Miss Teresa Ferguson of South Boston, who has many friends in this city, is a niece. The funeral took place in Boston today.

(A sister of the deceased was at one time matron of Victoria Public Hospital of this city.)

MUST HAVE A MEDICAL TEST

London, Feb. 21—Regulations have been issued in the province of Constantinople, according to the Daily Mail correspondent, making a medical examination compulsory in the cases of all persons intending to marry. The doctor's report must be accepted by the municipal authorities before marriage will be allowed.

ANOTHER WAR PLAY CAUSES FLURRY IN PARIS

Paris, Feb. 21—Another war evoked theatrical scandal similar to that at the Comedie Francaise over "The Tomb Under the Arch of Triumph" is due to break out this afternoon at the Vieux Colombine, where troupes have played in New York within recent years. At a private performance on Friday night of Rene Benjamin's "Every One Must Be in His Place" the spectators protested violently at the presence of the German character, Heinrich Adam Blumenkopf, on the stage and to several lines.

Some of the audience laughed at the lines, thereby redoubling the rage of the protestors, and the scene terminated with the expulsion of the loudest protesters.

ARE DOUBTFUL OF THE KICK

Paris, Feb. 21—With the winter influx of American tourists to Nice and other Riviera resorts marked by a rush for cocktails, the bars have decided to abolish the familiar sign: "American Cocktails." It is said transatlantic visitors are inclined to doubt the genuineness of the drinks offered them and "American" indicating to them that it was either something soft without a kick or some substitute for the pre-war varieties.

SUSSEX BEAT BATHURST.

Sussex, Feb. 20—The Bathurst team's chain of seven straight victories was broken here tonight when Sussex won 2 to 0. The fans were treated to one of the best games of hockey, if not the best, ever played on local ice.

N. B. TELEPHONE COMPANY IS MEETING TODAY

A GOOD YEAR'S BUSINESS

Text of Annual Report as Submitted by the Board of Directors.

The annual meeting of the New Brunswick Telephone Co. Ltd. is being held this afternoon at the Telephone Building, Carleton street. The directors were in session this morning and this afternoon at 2.30 the shareholders' meeting was held at which the annual report of Hon. F. B. Black, president, was received and also the financial statement. Directors and officers were also elected.

The report states that a small surplus was shown after the usual amounts were provided for reserve, depreciation and dividends. For 1924 new development is contemplated.

Those in attendance today are Hon. F. B. Black, Hon. I. R. Todd, Angus McLean, Col. J. L. McAvity, W. B. Snowball, E. W. Mair, J. M. Robinson, W. C. Allison, F. R. Sumner and R. B. Hanson, M. P., directors, also A. W. Mackin, Secretary and O. J. Fraser, General Supt.

Annual Report.

The annual report for the year ending December 31, 1923, was presented as follows:

To the shareholders:

It is with pleasure your Directors present the 34th annual report of the Company. Notwithstanding the fact that 1923 was the third successive year of business depression the material depression of the Company has been satisfactorily maintained. The number of phones in use on Dec. 31st last was 25,900, a gain of 781 for the year. The number of completed long distance calls was 762,748, a gain of 70,000 for the year. Wire mileage has been increased by 625 miles and there has been invested in New Buildings and Land \$24,676.

There are now two thousand shareholders resident in all parts of the province.

During the year a mutually satisfactory agreement was made with the Farmers' Telephone Co., of Carleton Co., resulting in the amalgamation of the companies and consequent benefit to the service.

You will not by the financial report herewith, that, while the cost of operation and material has kept pace with the increased earnings, we have been able to set aside the necessary amount for depreciation, pay dividends and leave a small surplus. This is as it should be. The aim and object of the Company is to conduct its affairs on sound business principles, earning a reasonable dividend for its shareholders, a sufficient reserve to insure both shareholder and subscriber against disaster and to give the best possible service to its patrons.

The budget for 1924 is not yet in form to submit for your consideration. We may say however that considerable new development is contemplated.

Your directors again desire to express their appreciation of the staff and employees and to commend their earnest efforts to maintain the enviable reputation your company has earned in the telephone world.

A certified copy of the accounts as audited is submitted herewith.

F. B. BLACK,

President.

The New Brunswick Telephone Co. Ltd., Statement of Assets and Liabilities, December 31, 1923.

Assets

Plant	\$3,129,280.33
Supplies	156,909.36
Cash and Deposits	108,360.11
Accounts Receivable	157,002.00

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LITTLE DONE AT NAVAL CONFERENCE

Small Nations Backed by Russia Prove an Obstacle to Progress—Russia Wants an Allotment of 400,000 Tons.

DELEGATES WERE STAGGERED

By CAMILLO CIANFARRA

British United Press Correspondent.

Rome, Feb. 21—The attitude of delegates of Russia and of the smaller nations party to the international naval conference under the auspices of the League of Nations today proved the biggest obstacle to progress.

Concrete results conforming to the spirit and letter of the Washington conventions were in sight, but now the conference secretaries say they will not even issue a communiqué until something definite can be announced.

Argentina, Brazil, and Chile had expressed their intention of settling the question of naval tonnage in a way satisfactory to all parties, when Vice Admiral Berens, Soviet delegate unexpectedly demanded for Russia an allotment of four hundred thousand tons. This staggered a majority of the delegates and undid what little good the conference had accomplished to date.

SIR WILLIAM MCKENZIE LEFT LARGE ESTATE

Toronto, Feb. 21—The will of late Sir William Mackenzie who died on December 5 last, disposes of an estate inventoried (as far as executors Sir Edmund Walker, R. J. Fleming, J. M. Mackenzie and Frank McCarthy are able to ascertain) at \$1,775,577. It will be several months yet before the net amount can be ascertained owing to the immensity of Sir Wm. Mackenzie's holdings. Properties real and personal extend from coast to coast and in many other countries.

BANK CLERKS GO ON STRIKE

Vienna, Feb. 21—Managers and clerks of the four most important Vienna banks struck today for higher wages. About 6,500 men are involved. The Bankers' Association has decided to lock out the staffs of all Austrian banks involving 40,000 employees on Wednesday unless the strikers return to work.

MOTOR AMBULANCE.

Proposals Concerning Its Housing and Operation Not Definite Yet.

The motor ambulance for which funds are being secured by the Ladies' Aid of Victoria Hospital presents a problem in regard to housing and operation. It is not wanted at the hospital and no one is there to operate it. One proposal is that it be placed in the Fire Station, an employee of one of the nearby garages operating it. The Fire Dept. is of the opinion that there is no room there.

Another proposal is that it be placed in the City Hall basement using the rear door and that garage employees operate it.

Col. J. L. McAvity of St. John is a guest at the Queen.

A. W. Mackin of St. John is registered at the Barker House.