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## A General Strike of Coal Miners Has Been Averted in England

The National Conference of the Miners' Federation Decided the Question Today—The Scottish Miners Strike Considered and Proposals For a General Strike Was Rejected.

(By JOHN DEGANDT, British United Press Staff Correspondent.)

LONDON, Dec. 4—A general coal miners' strike appeared to have been averted today by decision of the National conference of the Miners Federation.

Although no official statement was made when the conference recessed at noon, after considering the Scottish coal miners strike and the possibility of a general strike in sympathy, it was understood a proposal for a general strike had been rejected by a vote of 238,000 to 209,000 representing the various groups which have delegates at the conference.

## MISS SPOONER'S AIRPLANE WAS FORCED DOWN

Lady Aviatrix Swam Ashore and Sent Rescuers in Boat to Save Her Companion.

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

Reggio, Calabria, Italy, Dec. 4—Miss Winifred Spooner, British aviatrix attempting a record flight from Croyden to Capetown, swam ashore after she was forced down off the Calabrian coast early today and sent rescuers in fishing boats to save her companion. Flying officer E. C. T. Edwards, Miss Spooner came down during the night in a rainstorm. She and Edwards remained in their plane for two hours vainly shouting for help. Then Miss Spooner swam to Belmonte, reached a railway station and sent railway workers to save Edwards.

### Chancery Case

Court is considering in the Chancery action argued here this week, of Charles V. Armstrong vs. James Wright. Chief Justice Sir Douglas Hazen is the presiding judge. The case was completed yesterday afternoon, following lengthy argument by counsel. The case concerned conflicting deeds to a tract of land on O'Dell river, which was formerly the property of the late Dr. Edward B. Brush, Mount Vernon, New York. The plaintiff, Armstrong, received a deed from this Dr. Brush which is said to have read to cover the entire tract; and the defendant, Wright, secured a deed to a portion of the same tract from the estate after the doctor's death. P. J. Hughes, K. C., and J. B. McNair, were counsel for the plaintiff and W. P. Jones, K. C., of Woodstock was the defendant counsel.

### Water Very Low

The Saint John River froze over this season on the night of December 2nd, with the water at a very low pitch. Unless a spell of soft weather comes soon the ice is likely to remain until the middle of April.

### The Real Thing

The haggis, great chieftain 'o the puddin' race, figured in the St. Andrews' Day Celebration of the Fredericton Society of St. Andrew. It was sent here by a concern in Scotland and was the real thing.

## WINTER PORT BUSINESS IS NOW BOOMING

Special to The Daily Mail

Saint John, N. B. Dec. 4—The west Saint John season is beginning in earnest as far as passenger traffic is concerned this weekend, with the departure of one and the arrival of two Canadian Pacific liners.

The Duchess of York which has been in port since Dec. 1, sails for Belfast, Glasgow, and Liverpool at noon tomorrow. She will carry over 500 passengers, many of whom are Canadians who will spend Christmas in the Old Country. A western Canada special train will arrive with passengers at West St. John at 8 a.m. while a second special from Montreal will arrive at 11 a.m.

On Sunday afternoon the Canadian Pacific liner Montclare will dock from Antwerp, Southampton and Cherbourg. She will be the third Canadian Pacific liner to arrive at West St. John this season. Among her passengers will be Lt. Col. P. S. Rheume.

### W. C. T. U. MEETING

Regular Monthly Meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union Yesterday—Large Number in Attendance—Held at Home of Mrs. E. Robinson, Saunders Street—Reports Received.

The regular monthly meeting of the W. T. C. U. was held at the home of with the president, Mrs. W. B. Wiggins Mrs. E. Robinson, Saunders Street, in the chair. The devotional period was led by Mrs. C. H. McQuarrie with prayers by some of the members, all repeating the Lord's Prayer. Roll call of officers was followed by reading of the minutes of the last meeting which were adopted. Mrs. Leslie reported on were given on visiting the sick. Mrs. advertisements forwarded to be inserted in the Unions' year book. Reports Harvey True gave her monthly report on a very helpful and instructive address on the Cause of Temperance which was much appreciated. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Chown for his address. The meeting closed with the Aaronic benediction.

A stock market victim writes a Southern paper that he is on the point of doing something reckless. Possibly going over Niagara in the barrel he is wearing.

## THE MARITIME BOARD OF TRADE FINISHES WORK

A Survey of the Natural Resources of the Maritime Provinces is Favoured.

Moncton, N. B. Dec. 3—A survey of the natural resources of the Maritime Provinces and the opportunities for their utilization is favored by the Maritime Board of Trade.

At the closing session of their annual meeting today members of the Board unanimously endorsed a resolution sponsored by Saint John, calling for a conference of members of the Development Boards of the two great railway systems and the Federal Government, with a committee of Board members to arrange for the undertaking of such a survey.

"We must understand wherein our power lies," said L. W. Simms, Saint John, in moving the resolution. Declaring that Hoover would go down in history as a great President because he was "a fact finding man," Mr. Simms suggested that the Maritimes make use of the existing facilities for fact finding and act on the results achieved.

### St. Lawrence Plan

Sharp debate developed today on the St. Lawrence waterways project with the Maritime organization finally dividing, 14 boards to three, in favor of a resolution which set forth that if the bulk of Canada's people, after mature consideration favored the proposal, the Maritime Board would not oppose it on condition that "quid pro suo" be provided for sections of the country deriving no benefit.

Senator Hance J. Logan, of Amherst, saw in the deep waterway the possibility of moving Nova Scotia coal to Central Canada at a vastly reduced rate, and Senator W. E. Foster, Saint John, pointed out that the development must necessarily come in stages, and that the Board's resolution need not be considered as a final opinion on the proposal.

"The St. Lawrence waterways is the tragedy of Canadian transportation," declared A. P. Paterson, Saint John, in opposing the resolution. He said the Confederation pack had guaranteed a rate on the Intercolonial that would keep the road working the year round. F. A. Dykeman, Saint John, who yesterday read a paper declaring that the St. Lawrence proposition was uneconomical, took no emphatic objection to the resolution, although maintaining his original stand.

The possibilities of immigration in Maritime Canada came in for review when a resolution favoring shifting of the emphasis from Western to Eastern Canada in immigration matters was adopted.

## PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONALS PASSES AWAY

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

Montreal, Dec. 4—William F. Baker, President of the Philadelphia Nationals, died in his suite at the Ritz Carleton Hotel here this morning, from a heart attack. He was in Montreal attending the convention of the association of professional baseball leagues.

Sinclair Lewis, born in Minnesota, is brushing up his Swedish to say Thanks for the Nobel Prize.

## MRS. MILLER WILL CONTINUE ON TO PITTSBURG

Australian Aviator Now in Bahamas, Issues Statement.

## WILL REPAIR MONOPLANE

Was Forced Down Last Week on a Flight From Havana.

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

Nashou, Bahama Islands, Dec. 4—Mrs. J. M. Keith-Miller, Australian flier forced down in the Bahama Islands last week on a flight from Savana to Miami, Fla., issued a statement yesterday in which she declared it was her intention to complete her return flight to Pittsburgh Pa., as quickly as possible.

"I have to repair rents in the wind of my monoplane," she said, before taking off from the sandy beach where I landed on the Island of Andres.

## THIRTY KILLED IN EXPLOSION

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, Dec. 4—Thirty persons were reported killed today in an explosion of munitions stored at Porto Novo De Cunha, State of Minas Geraes. Many others were reported wounded.

### DIED IN MONTREAL

Miss Hilda Somers, well known in this city, Passed Away At Montreal Hospital—Was Ill Three Weeks—Popular With Large Number Of Young Friends Here—Burial At Newcastle.

Friends here were deeply shocked to learn of the death at the Montreal Hospital, of Miss Hilda Somers, 21, following an illness of only three weeks. The young lady who is a native of Newcastle, N. B., attended the Fredericton Business College last winter, and left last spring for Montreal, where she accepted a position in a business house there. She was taken ill three weeks ago and was removed to the Hospital in Montreal. She lapsed into unconsciousness soon after the entry and never rallied, despite the most careful attention. Tubercular meningitis was the cause of death. Mrs. Emerson Edgcombe, a sister of this city was at her sister's bedside, when she passed quietly away last night at six o'clock. Another sister of Montreal also was present.

A host of friends, young and old, were grieved to learn of the death of the young lady, and will join in sympathy to the bereaved family.

While in this city, Miss Somers attracted many friends by her warm personality and kindness. She radiated a spirit of unselfishness, and devotion to the welfare of others. Her cheery smile and graciousness will be missed all who knew her.

Surviving are several sisters: Mrs. Harry Johnson, of Portland, Maine; Mrs. Clyde McLaggan, Montreal and Mrs. Emerson Edgcombe of this city, and Miss Hazel Somers, of Halcombe, N. B., home of the deceased; three brothers, Normal, of Montreal; James of Winnipeg, and Douglas, of Campbellton.

The remains will be taken to Newcastle and to the late home at Halcombe, where the funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon. Interment will be made at the Red Bank cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Smith are in the city today.

Mr. James Coburn of Boston, Mass. is in the city.

## Unemployment is On the Increase In United States

The American Federation of Labor Reports That 4,860,000 Wage Earners are Without Jobs — President Green Looks for a Fifty Per Cent Increase Before February.

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 4—Unemployment increased generally throughout the country during November, the American Federation of Labor reported today in estimating that 4,860,000 wage earners were without jobs.

If the usual winter increases in unemployment are maintained, the number of jobless will be increased fifty per cent by February, for a total then of 6,290,000 it was estimated by William Green, President of the Federation. Relief measures for the jobless are being carried out in all of the large cities of the country.

## D. L. MACLAREN IS GIVEN A PROMOTION

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

Saint John, N. B. Dec. 4—D. L. McLaren, assistant transportation assistant of the Canadian Pacific Railway here, has been appointed acting transportation assistant for an indefinite period, it was announced today by J. M. Woodman, General Superintendent for the N. B. district. He takes the place of J. Hunter Todd, who passed away unexpectedly last week. Mr. McLaren joined the C. P. R. service in 1911.

## SEVEN PATIENTS ESCAPE FROM MATTEWAN

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

Fishkill, N. Y. Dec. 4—State troopers hurriedly were dispatched in a motor car from the police barracks today after nine men seven of them inmates, overpowered guards at Mattewan State Hospital for the criminally insane and escaped.

The troopers experienced difficulty learning the direction the escaped men had fled in their car. Police forces in Peekskill, Newburgh, Poughkeepsie and Beacon were asked to send out searching parties.

### Officers Elected

Fredericton lodge, No. 6, Knights of Pythias held last night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

C. C. Harold Bamford; V. C. Harry Merrithew; P. Duncan MacDougald; K. of R. and S. G. R. Foster; M. of F. A. B. Belyea; M. of E. Gordon Todd; M. of W. Oliver Coates; M. at A. Borden Trites; I. G. Frank VanStone; O. G. Walter Howell; Trustee for three years, W. B. Burden. The remainder of the meeting was purely routine.

### Players Return

The Millionaire hockey squad, are expected home tonight, after real hard pre season workouts on the sheet of artificial ice at the Moncton Forum the past few days. The team underwent a stiff practice this morning, in charge of Coach Louis Berlinquette. The ice at the local Arctic Rink is coming along in fine style, and it is expected by the management that it will be good enough within a few days for practice.

## BRITONS FLEECE OF MILLIONS BY STOCK SCHEMES

London, Dec. 4—Driven from American cities by prosecution and lapse of interest in the stock market, a group of high-pressure stock salesmen has descended upon England and taken, authorities say, upward of \$5,000,000 from British investors within six months.

The invaders used the same systems as the "binder Benny" boys of the Florida boom times and the telephone salesman of the American bull market era, retaining even the tip sheets.

From disgruntled employees of reputable financial houses the sharpers obtained lists of people who had invested in substantial securities. By trading spurious paper for the legitimate, the tipsters defrauded their victims, just as they went after Liberty bond holders in America.

Another business arrangement, reminiscent of the "reorganization" practices in the heyday of Texas oil booms was used in inveigle persons who had already been bilked, to put up money in a second spurious enterprise. The tipsters represented themselves as reorganizing the companies which had collapsed, taking the old stock and cash for stock in a new company, generally just as spurious.

As fast as evidence is obtained against the sharpers, the Home Office revokes their permit and deports them.

## POLICEMAN LEARNS TO BE AERIAL COP

That aerial cops will be needed soon, Jack Eker, San Francisco policeman has learned to fly and now holds a commercial pilots license. "Aviation is the future mode of travel," he said. "Police departments must recognize it."

### Plays Pleased

Three plays, taken from a selection of the greatest modern one-act plays were put on last night by the University of New Brunswick Dramatic Society of which J. Dudley Kingsley is the president. The plays were given in the Arts building at the University, and there was a very large attendance. Prof. R. E. D. Catley, directed the productions and the fine acting and directing were shown in the result obtained and the appreciation of the audience.