

## MINERS REFUSE PROPOSALS

COAL MINERS  
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PROPOSALSGeneral Strike on May  
1st May be the  
Result.TO MEET  
THE PREMIERWill Not Submit to a  
Wage Cut or Longer  
Hours.Special cable to The Daily Mail by the  
British United Press.

London, April 9—Representatives of Great Britain's hundreds of thousand coal miners today rejected the proposals of the mine operators for settlement of the wages and hours of labor dispute which may result in a general strike on May 1.

The Miners federation national conference which acted today merely approved the recommendations of the union executive that the operators proposals be rejected and that the miners adhere to the principle that wages shall not be reduced nor hours of labor lengthened.

The conference also rejected the proposal that district wage agreements be substituted for the existing national agreement.

The delegates said they expected to confer with Premier Baldwin tonight.

LOOKING FOR  
RELATIVES  
IN ST. JOHN

St. John, April 9—Among the arrivals on the C. P. R. express last night bringing passengers from McAdam and other points, was Louis Vogel, a man aged about 70 years, who came from Woodstock, N. B., and, according to his statement, is looking for his wife, two sons and a daughter, whom he says has been residing in Saint John, but he is unaware of their address and further he has not been in communication with them for some time. The man brought a letter with him signed by Chief of Police Kelly, of Woodstock, requesting Chief of Police Kelly, of Woodstock, requesting Chief Smith to assist him in the search.

Mr. Vogel is ill, and when found alone in the Union Depot he was taken care of by the police and taken to police headquarters. Being late at night, and the names of his wife, sons or daughter not being found in the city directory, the officers at headquarters took him to the Salvation Army Hostel in St. James street where he is at present being looked after in a comfortable manner, and it is possible that members of his family will learn today of his arrival and will take care of him.

Mr. Vogel informed the police that he was born in Germany, but was naturalized in Saint John 50 years ago, and for years was engaged as a lumber scaler and also taught German in the schools many years ago. He states that his wife is still in Saint John, also his oldest son Carl, a younger son Allen, and a daughter Beatrice further that he has not seen the members of his family for some years.

(Vogel was recently an inmate of the Municipal Home in this city).

## TO TAKE HIS SEAT.

Ottawa, April 8—Hon. J. C. Elliott, newly appointed Minister of Labor, will probably take his seat in the House on Monday next.

H. M. Stevens of Moncton is in the city today.

R. L. Sinnot of Sussex is in the city today.

SUSPECTED OF  
REVOLUTIONARY  
ACTIVITIESDetectives Search the  
Home of Count  
Plunkett.HIS TWO SONS  
ARRESTEDThe Count Protested  
Very Strongly Against  
the Arrest.(Special to the Daily Mail by British  
United Press)

Dublin, April 9—Detectives today searched the home of Count Plunkett, a former Irish Free State Minister of Foreign Affairs, and arrested the Count's two sons despite their father's protests. The house was subjected to a very exhaustive search. It is believed that the arrested men are suspected of revolutionary activities.

PULLED CORK  
TOO SOON; IT  
COST HIM \$55

Moncton, April 8—Friends and others are having some fun at the expense of a former prohibitory law sub-inspector who until recently did duty in one of the parishes of Westmorland Co. The ex-inspector suffering from a slight cold and having read about the flu, the grip, pneumonia and various other diseases at home and abroad, purchased a bottle of Scotch whiskey legally from a vendor. A friend accompanied him in his sleigh on the way home. The friend had a cough or a wheeze and before the former inspector reached his place of domicile he pulled the cork to relieve his companion.

Unfortunately for the ex-enforcement official, his act was observed by a resident of the neighborhood, who apparently remembered the zeal of the former officer when that gentleman was on the job. The latter was summoned before a magistrate, who decided that the cork had been pulled too soon. The legally purchased heather dew cost the defendant about \$55.

WOODSTOCK  
OUTCLASSED

Moncton, April 8—By overcoming a 36 point lead, forging ahead some seven points and copping the New Brunswick intermediate basketball championship is exactly what the local Pawnees did here tonight when they outclassed and outplayed the Woodstock Sheiks. When Referee Harry Huteon sounded the final whistle the count stood 56 to 13.

## The Appeal Court.

There will be a small docket for the Appeal Division, Supreme Court, when it meets for April session on Tuesday the 13th inst. Four cases comprise the docket, two in the Crown paper and two in the King's Bench Division Appeal Paper. In the Crown paper the cases are, The King vs Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, (ex parte City of Saint John, F. R. Taylor, K. C., to show cause; The King vs Frank Braydon, H. W. Robertson for defendant to support appeal from convictions under Criminal Code. In the King's Bench Appeal Paper, the cases are Palatine Insurance Co., vs Begin et al, J. H. A. L. Fairweather and F. R. Taylor, K. C., for plaintiff, appellant; Munro et al vs Pinder Lumber & Milling Co., Ltd., et al, J. J. F. Winslow, K. C., for defendants, appellants. The latter is a York County case concerning land damage in the Parish of Southampton.

France and Spain to  
Discuss Peace Terms  
With Riffian ChiefAn Effort Will be Made to End the War Which  
Has Been Raging in Morocco for Twenty  
Years—Plenipotentiaries Will Meet in Paris  
—Spanish and French Delegates Already  
Selected.

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

PARIS, April 9—France and Spain today agreed to discuss peace terms with Abd-el-krim in a formal conference.

Negotiations between the European allies been in progress for some time in an effort to find terms which would be mutually accepted.

The Franco-Spanish agreement on terms of peace to end the war which has raged in Morocco for twenty years was announced today by Paul Painleve, Minister of War, following a cabinet meeting.

The French and Spanish plenipotentiaries will meet in Paris and thence will proceed to Oudja Morocco where they will begin negotiations with representatives of the Riffian leader.

France's delegates already have been selected and it is understood that General Primo de Rivera the Spanish dictator, has named the men to represent Spain.

FAIRVILLE ROAD MATTERS  
STIRRED UP BY COMMITTEE  
ON THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTSDifference of Opinion Concerning Amount For  
Which Province is Responsible — Letter  
Which County Authorities Say Was Written  
is Non-existent—Maritime Construction Co.  
Involved.

The Maritime Construction Company was the centre of attraction this morning before the Committee of Public Accounts when the expenditures on the Parish of Lancaster highways near the Reversing Falls Bridge were investigated further. The Chief Road Engineer, Byron H. Kinghorn, was before the committee and read his report made on the matter at the request of the Government.

The final result of the proceedings was the naming of A. D. Taylor of Sunbury and Dr. M. A. Oulton of Westmorland as a sub-committee to prepare a report on the entire matter with a view to ascertaining the responsibility of the Province.

Hon. P. J. Veniot ex-Premier and Minister of Public Works in the later administration was before the committee on Thursday in connection with the same matter. Differences of opinion between the former minister and the representatives of the Municipality of the City and County of Saint John appeared, Hon. Mr. Veniot claiming that there was no agreement verbal or otherwise that the Province meet the expense of all the items claimed by the County.

## Letter Non-Existent.

Mr. Kinghorn in the course of his report stated that he had been informed by County Secretary J. King Kelley of Saint John, that in September last a short time before the defeated Government left office, he and Conn. O'Brien came to Fredericton to see Hon. Mr. Veniot and Hon. B. M. Hill the latter having been Chief Road Engineer, for the purpose of having the matter settled before the Government resigned. They said that Hon. Mr. Hill prepared a letter which he dictated to Hon. Mr. Veniot over the telephone at Bathurst Hon. Mr. Veniot

agreeing to the terms stated and ordering the letter to be forwarded for his signature. Mr. Kinghorn stated further that Hon. Mr. Hill said that he had written no such letter and Hon. Mr. Veniot said he never had seen it or signed it. The letter was not in the files of the Department.

"The most ridiculous business transaction I ever met in my experience," was the remark of Hon. B. F. Smith the chairman.

## The Company.

Mr. Kinghorn was asked who belonged to the company and was told that the chief members were Joseph O'Brien brother of the councillor who was a member of the Lancaster Highway Board, Murray Long and Harry Tippet.

Mr. Kinghorn stated further that G. G. Murdock the engineer of the Lancaster Highway Board was not blameworthy in regard to the transaction as it had been carried on apart from his official duties.

Mr. Kinghorn said that the original contract called for an expenditure of \$26,000 the work being done by the Maritime Construction Co., but that by successive additions the amount had been increased to \$300,000.

His report showed that the Province was liable for \$88,000 of which \$26,000 had been paid for a retaining wall in front of the Simms brush factory. A balance of \$62,000 was left. There also was the approach to the bridge to be completed and the share to be charged to the Province could not yet be calculated. Interest charges on the balance of \$62,000 also were to be met.

R. D. Haines of St. John is in the city today.

MAKING GOOD  
PROGRESS IN  
FUNDING DEBTAmbassador to the U. S.  
Reports to French  
Government.WILL VISIT  
LONDON SOONFinance Minister to Dis-  
cuss Funding of the  
Debt to G. B.Special cable to the Daily Mail by the  
British United Press)

Paris, April 9—Henry Berenger, French ambassador to the United States is making good progress in his negotiations to fund the French debt. Finance Minister Peret told the United Press following a cabinet meeting at which he reported Berenger's progress to his colleague.

Peret now is receiving reports from Berenger before going to London toward the latter part of April or in the first week of May to discuss funding of the debt to Great Britain.

NOT ENOUGH  
GOOD PLAYS TO  
FILL THEATRES

New York, Feb. 9—Crosby Gaige the producer believes there are too many theatres in New York because there are not enough good plays to fill them.

"Nothing hurts the theater more than a sorry production," he said. "People spend their money expecting to see something good and the disappointment is so keen many stay away for some time."

"If we could fill our 60 theatres with 60 good plays it would be a wonderful accomplishment, but the fact is we seldom have over a dozen good productions a season."

PROHIBITION HITS  
AT THE TOURISTS

Oslo, April 9—Forty thousand tourists from abroad visited Oslo in 1925. It is estimated that the average tourist expended \$12 or \$14 a day during his stay here. The total income in Oslo from tourists was about \$200,000 last year. Many tourists are expected this summer, mostly in the floating hotels that tour the fjords on the west coast and north of the arctic circle. The tourist trade is heavily hampered by the prohibition law. According to the laws for municipal self-government each municipality has the right to deny to any hotel the right to sell wines and ales. Some of the greatest tourist hotels have already been made dry for the coming season. One of them is the famous Stalheim, between Voss and Gudvangen. Being deprived of the right to sell alcohol the hotel at once closed.

N. B. FIDDLER  
FOUND LONG  
LOST SISTER

Lewiston, Me., April 8—James Beaulieu, 79 years old, who came from Edmundston, N. B., for the world-wide fiddlers' contest and played Monday night, didn't win a place in the finals but he discovered a sister living here that he had not seen for 44 years. He is spending the week with her and feels more than repaid for the trip.

Mr. W. E. Anderson of St. John, tourist manager for New Brunswick, is in the city.

FASCISTI IN  
CLASH WITH  
POPULACEThree Person Were Kil-  
led and Many  
Wounded.20 HOMES  
WERE WRECKEDA Reprisal for Attempt  
to Assassinate Mus-  
solini.(Special to the Daily Mail by British  
United Press)

London, April 9—A dispatch from Chiasso, Italy, to the Daily Herald, today reports three persons killed and many wounded in Marcedusa Calabria, during a clash between fascist police and the population. Twenty homes of anti fascists in Milan have been wrecked and burned and their occupants beaten, the dispatch said in reprisals for Wednesday's attempt of a demented British woman to assassinate the premier.

LADY POKER  
PLAYERS ROBBED  
BY GUNMEN

New York April 9—Fourteen women playing poker were eld up and robbed by three gunmen in a Bronx apartment early this morning. The robbers vanished in an automobile with more than \$1000 in cash and gems. Children were asleep in a room adjoining that in which two games were in progress.

The robbers gained entrance to the apartment by pretending to be seeking one of the players. The women true to the traditions of "poker faces," made no outcry and gave up their money and jewelry at the point of revolvers quietly.

When the robbers discovered the sleeping children they issued their orders in whispers to avoid waking them.

JAP POTATO  
KING LEAVES  
BIG FORTUNE

Oakland, Calif., April 9—A fortune of \$5,000,000 has been left by George Shima, Japanese "potato king."

Shima was one of the most picturesque characters California has known. He died in Hollywood March 27, after toiling through to riches in the face of obstacles that meant ruin for men of less persistence.

The full extent of Shima's wealth was shown when his will was filed for probate in the Alameda county court. The bulk of the state was left to three children.

CHICAGO WILL  
BUILD STREETS  
CONCAVED

Chicago, April 9—Street pavement constructed hereafter in Chicago will have a concave surface instead of convex, the board of local improvements has decided. This means that the centre of the roadway will be lower than the surface at the curbs.

John Sloan, board president, said that the entire draining is more sanitary over all conditions of weather, more desirable from a traffic standpoint, and costs less than the convex type.