

EARTHQUAKE HITS RHINELAND

MINE OWNERS
HOLDING UP
THE DETAILS

This Allegation is Being
Made by the Coal
Miners.

SETTLEMENT
NOT IN SIGHT

A Spokesman for Presi-
dent Lewis Enters
a Protest.

(Special to the Daily Mail by British
United Press)

New York, N. Y., Jan. 6—Coal opera-
tors were blamed by the miners to-
day for alleged withholding from the
public of information as to develop-
ments in the joint conference of min-
ers and mine owners now being held
here in an attempt to settle the an-
thracite coal strike.

"The mine owners are deliberately
withholding detailed information on
the negotiations," a spokesman for
President John L. Lewis of the United
Mine Workers said. Still it is not be-
lieved that there is any immediate
prospect of affecting a settlement.

OLD COMRADES
ASSOCIATION
TO BE FORMED

Ottawa, Jan. 6—Organization of an
Old Comrades' Association of the Roy-
al Canadian Regiment, with branches
throughout the Dominion, is announ-
ced tonight by Colonel C. H. Hill, of
Ottawa, president pro-tem of the or-
ganization.

The headquarters of the association
are temporarily located in Ottawa and
branches have been opened at Halifax,
N. S., Fredericton, N. B., Quebec, Mon-
treal, Ottawa, Kingston, Ont., Toronto,
London, Ont., Winnipeg, Regina and
Calgary. Establishment of branches in
London, Eng. and New York, are un-
der consideration.

MOTHER OF
JUDGE BYRNE
PASSES AWAY

Sussex, Jan. 4—Many throughout
the province will regret to learn of the
death of Mrs. Sarah Byrne, who died
here today. She was the widow of
James Byrne, who predeceased her
some twelve years ago.

Mrs. Byrne was a woman of sterling
character, and though of a retiring dis-
position had many friends. In her
death at the age of eighty-three years,
Sussex loses one of its life-time resi-
dents. She was the mother of the late
Father Byrne, the well-known parish
priest of Norton.

She leaves surviving her the follow-
ing children: Mr. Justice Byrne, of the
Supreme Court of New Brunswick;
Dr. Thomas Ives Byrne, of Dartmouth,
Nova Scotia; Mother Mary Byrne, of
the Sacred Heart Convent, Crosse
Point Farms, Detroit, Michigan; Alice,
wife of Dufferin W. Harper, manager
of the Provincial Bank, Saint John,
and Sarah, Felix and George, residing
at home.

BOSTON SHUT
OUT PITTSBURG

Boston, Jan. 5—Pittsburgh's losing
streak continued tonight and the Yel-
low Jackets were shut out in a Na-
tional Hockey League game by the
Boston Bruins 3 to 0.

PROGRESSIVES
WILL REMAIN
INDEPENDENT

Rival Factions in the
Party Will Pull To-
gether.

SPENCER TO BE
CHIEF WHIP

Robert Forke is Likely
to Continue as
Leader.

Ottawa, Jan. 5—An outstanding
political event of the day was the
reunion of the two factions compris-
ing the Progressive party and the
choice of Henry E. Spencer, of Bat-
tle River, Alta., a member of the
"Ginger" group last session, as chief
whip of the reunited party. This is
the first time in about three years
that the western group has been
able to present a united front in
parliament.

This patching up of differences
and dissensions was made possible
by two meetings of the party today
with the arrival this morning of
Robert Forke, the party House lead-
er. Another conference will be held
tomorrow morning after which it is
expected a statement will be issued
setting forth the position the group
will take in a general way on the
various issues of the session.

Independent Course.

Forke himself stated today that
the party was resolved to steer an
independent course and that "The
Progressive do not intend to fall
into the lap of either of the other
parties." He made it clear that he
and his followers, members from the
west, would hold themselves free to
judge of the Liberal program on its
merits, and to accept or reject it
as they saw fit.

Two or three reasons, according
to comment on the Hill today, can
be given for the reuniting of the
Progressive forces. One is that the
group has come to the fifteenth
parliament greatly reduced in num-
bers and from merely a numerical
standpoint could not afford to be
divided. Again it is argued that
this remaining solid their bargaining
power would be considerably in-
creased and it is this last consideration
which has had much weight.

GARDINER NOT
ASKED TO JOIN

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 4—Denial was
made this morning by Robert Gardi-
ner, Progressive member for Acadia
Alta., that he was slated to enter
Premier Mackenzie's cabinet, as
minister of immigration and coloniza-
tion.

"There is no truth in the report,
so far as I know," declared Mr.
Gardiner. "I have never been ap-
proached in the matter at all, and
do not know anything about it."

Mr. Gardiner further stated that
the first intimation of such a
rumor reached him while he was en
route to Ottawa to attend the com-
ing session of Parliament.

QUEEN'S WILL
TRY TO RAISE
A BIG FUND

Kingston, Ont., Jan. 5—The board of
trustees of Queen's University have
decided to launch an extensive endow-
ment campaign for \$2,500,000, part of
the money to be raised will be used to
erect and equip a student union build-
ing, The Alma Mater Society and its
war memorial committee will co-oper-
ate in the campaign. The general cam-
paign headquarters will be at the uni-
versity with district headquarters in
Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton,
London and various other points in
Canada and the United States.

The People Feared
A New Calamity in
Wake of the Floods

Many Quit Homes Clad in Pajamas and Sought
Refuge in Parks and Squares—The Quake
Only Lasted a Few Seconds But Was Felt in
a Number of Towns.

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

COLOGNE, January 6 — An earthquake
shook the Rhineland and Westphalia early today.

Panicky burghers of the Rhine city quit their
homes, some in pajamas and some clothed and
gathered in parks and squares, fearing a new
calamity in the wake of the recent floods.

The quake lasted only a few seconds, but was
felt in many towns, including Coblenz, Aachen
(Aix La Chapelle) Duesseldorf, Elberfeld and
near Dortmund.

Some reports say that it was so sharp that
books were jarred out of book cases and houses
trembled noticeably.

COUN. W. G. BIRD DECLARED
ELECTED IN PARISH OF BRIGHT
BY DECISION OF THE COUNCIL

Special Reported in His Favor on Ground That
Albert T. Jewett Had Agreed to Parish Clerk
Tossing Coin to Decide Tied Vote — Discus-
sion on Withholding of Expense Money by
Collectors—In Future They Must Consult
with Councillor of Various Parishes.

The Municipal Council of York
County this morning decided that
Coun. Wasson G. Bird had been
elected in the Parish of Bright over
Albert T. Jewett. This decision was
reached by adopting the report of
the special committee named on
Tuesday to consider the matter.
That committee was composed of
Coun. Christie, Coun. Manuel, Coun.
Clarkson, Coun. Gaynor and Coun.
Douglass.

The report was presented by Coun.
J. T. Christie who was elected in
Bright at the head of the poll. The
decision of the committee was based
on the opinion that Mr. Jewett
having agreed to the Parish Clerk
tossing a coin to decide for whom
his vote should be cast when the
two candidates tied with 165 each
could not protest later against the
result. The committee also found
that in the case where two ballot
papers were found in one envelope
each bearing a different name, the
vote was nullified, as the two names
should appear on one ballot.

The report was adopted on the mo-
tion of Coun. Christie seconded by
Coun. Gaynor.

Parish Clerk Heard.

Frank Coburn the Parish Clerk of
Bright was heard by the Council on
Tuesday afternoon in regard to the
matter and explained that he had
hesitated to choose between Mr.
Bird and Mr. Jewett both friends
of his. Finally he had tossed a coin
Mr. Jewett consenting to that and
Mr. Bird not being present. The
coin had fallen in favor of Mr.
Bird.

Devon Matter.

On motion it was decided to hear
a delegation from the Town Council
of Devon with regard to changes in
valuation made by the County
Valuators.

Coun. Dobie of Devon stated that
difference of opinion had arisen and
a conference was desired.

G. L. Pugh of Nashwaaksis chair-
man of the Board of Valuators was
heard in connection with the mat-

ter. There was considerable dis-
cussion on the matter.

Sec. Treasurer's Accounts.

Coun. Christie submitted a report
of the committee on the Secretary
Treasurer's accounts. The report was
to the effect that the accounts had
been found in order. The motion
was adopted.

Committees Named.

Warden Cowperthwaite named
committees as follows:—Administra-
tion of Justice, Seymour, chairman,
Grant, Whipple, Gilman, Clarkson,
Fisher, W. G. Bird.

Public Accounts, Tilley Bird chair-
man, Smith, Lister, C. W. Pond,
Douglass.

Bylaws, Ebbett, chairman, Saun-
ders, McIntosh, McMullen, Wetmore,
Gaynor, Marsten.

Sheep Claims, Gilman, chairman,
Saunders, Buckingham, Clarkson,
Tilley Bird, Kirk, Gaynor, Hinchey,
Manuel, Dobie, Sanford Pond, W.
G. Bird, Morrison, Dorcas, Liston,
Grant.

To Confer With City.

The Administration of Justice
Committee was instructed to confer
with the like committee of the City
of Fredericton for the purpose of
hearing the views of its members
on alleged over-payment by the city
in 1921-22 on Justice Account.

On motion Coun. Whipple and Coun.
Ebbett were elected to vacancies on
the York Subdistrict Board of Health
created by expiration of terms.

Collector's Expenses

Coun. W. G. Bird brought up the
matter of collectors holding back a
portion of taxes collected to meet ex-
penses. County Auditor Carter had
referred to the matter in his report.

After a long and involved discussion
the council decided that the expense
accounts of collectors must be referred
to the councillors of the various pa-
rishes for approval.

Council then adjourned for com-
mittee meetings.

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

MEANEST THIEF
HAS TURNED UP
IN NEW YORK

Stole From Chaplain
Who Saved Man from
Drowning.

LEFT GLASSES
IN HIS CARE

The Fellow Sneaked
Away While Rescue
Was Going On.

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

New York, Jan. 6—Another "mean-
est thief" has appeared here. Rev.
Father Joseph J. McGowan, Wel-
fare Island chaplain, leaped into the
East River and rescued a man from
drowning. Before he jumped into
the water he handed his glasses
valued at \$12 to a bystander.

When he reached shore, Father
McGowan could find neither by-
stander nor glasses, the fellow hav-
ing sneaked off.

SIR OLIVER
HAS HOPEFUL
MESSAGE FOR ALL.

(Special to the Daily Mail
by United Press.)

London, Jan. 6—The human
race have millions of years
before it on this planet, ac-
cording to Sir Oliver Lodge,
scientist and spiritualist, "we
are still in the morning of
the times," he observed.

SNAKE DOCTOR
PERFORMED
ONCE TOO OFTEN

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

Tokio, Jan. 6—To show his control
over the snakes used in his medicine-
making, Kokuma Chuv, a Nagoya
snake doctor, did a snake-charming
act in his show window.

Suddenly as he put the snake into
his mouth, it bit his tongue. Kokuma
bit the snake's head off, killing it im-
mediately, but Kokuma lasted only
until the next morning.

Snakes figure largely in the popu-
lar Japanese pharmacopoeia and there
are restaurants where snakes are serv-
ed.

ENGLISH POET
OFF TO CAIRO

London, Jan. 6—Robert Graves En-
glish poet, is on his way to Egypt to
take the chair of professor of English
literature in the University of Cairo.
Curious as it may seem, this is strik-
ingly in line with well-established British
literary policy. Two well-known con-
temporary poets have done similar
service—Robert Nichols in Tokyo and
Ralph Hodgson in Peking. Young Mr.
Graves thus goes to Cairo with a lit-
erary imperialist to maintain. Under
30 years of age, he made his reputa-
tion along with Siegfried Sassoon as
a war poet, and thus far has published
seven books of verse.

Rome, Jan. 6—At Premier Musso-
lini's express order the wooden cross
that once stood in the Roman colos-
seum as a tribute to the hundreds of
Christian martyrs who perished there
and which was removed in 1874 by the
anticlerical zeal of the Italian govern-
ment, has been replaced with much
ceremony. Upon the antique founda-
tion stone and just beneath the cross
were placed a piece of olive wood
from Gethsemane and a stone from
Golgotha, the gifts of Mgr. Barlassina
Latin patriarch of Jerusalem.

SOLUTION OF
ECONOMIC
PROBLEMS

Would be brought about
by St. Lawrence De-
velopment.

WOULD CAUSE
A BIG BOOM

Matter Discussed at the
Conference at St.
Paul, Minn.

(Special to the Daily Mail by British
United Press)

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 6—Myriad eco-
nomic problems in the heart of Amer-
ica would be solved by completion of
the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Water
Power development was decided at
the Northwest Tidewater Conference
called by Governor Theodore Christ-
ianson.

Agricultural and industrial develop-
ment in the Central United States and
Canadian provinces would be unlim-
ited the delegates contended.

Central Canada's transportation prob-
lem is more serious than that of the
United States, according to Fark P.
Keefer of Ontario. Power was also
seriously needed in Ontario he said.
"In all Ontario we have no coal, noth-
ing from which power can be generat-
ed except water power and our water
power is already in use. Unless this
deep waterway of the St. Lawrence is
developed we in Ontario face the ne-
cessity of erecting steam power
plants" Keefer said.

NINE CHILDREN
CARED FOR BY THE
CHILDREN'S AID

Improvements at the
Home are Suggested
— Seven Youngsters
are Attending Public
Schools.

The regular monthly meeting of the
Executive Committee of the Children's
Aid Society was held yesterday after-
noon in the Council Chamber, City
Hall. The report of the Agent showed
that there were nine children in the
Home of whom seven were attending
school. A boy had recently been plac-
ed in a home and another child had
been returned to its mother.

A committee appointed at a pre-
vious meeting to investigate the con-
ditions at the Home with a view to
making some improvements, and re-
port thereon, presented its report, on
which there was considerable discus-
sion.

The Agent reported on the Christ-
mas entertainment provided for the
Children in the Home as well as for a
considerable number outside of the
Home, the latter of whom would not
have been cared for in this way. A
vote of thanks expressing the appre-
ciation of the executive to the kind
friends who provided most of the pre-
sents, etc., for the children, was passed.
Arrangement was made for holding
the annual meeting of the Society on
the evening of January the 28th, inst.

FADS HIT THE
FACTORIES

Belfast, Ireland, Jan. 6—London-
derry's pyjama industry is booming
but the nightgown manufacturers
are in despair, because of woman's
growing fondness for the bifurcated
sleeping garment.

Another effect of fashion's fick-
leness is seen in the closing of a
Londonderry corset factory, throw-
ing 200 girls out of employment.