

BIG LOCKOUT IS THREATENED

NATION WIDE LOCKOUT IS EXPECTED

The Major Industries of England May be Tied Up.

A MILLION MEN CONCERNED

Union Leaders Trying to Get Lockout Order Deferred.

Special cable to the Daily Mail by the British United Press

London, March 18—A nationwide lockout in the engineering trades involving 1,000,000 will become effective tonight unless the leaders of the Unions concerned are successful today in their efforts to persuade the employers to postpone their lockout order.

If the lockout becomes effective it will tie up the major industries of Great Britain, with incalculably disastrous results. The lockout involves seven strong unions which for two years have been trying to obtain an increase in wages amounting to approximately \$5 a week. The unions are: Amalgamated engineering union 125,000 members; United Pattern makers union, 10,000 members; Electrical trades union 15,000 members; Workers union 64,000 members; National union of general and municipal workers 201,000 members; Transport workers union 150,000 members; Brass and metal mechanics 14,700 members.

These unions have almost 500,000 members and there are another 500,000 including foundry workers, boiler makers and steel workers, who, while not locked out would be made idle by closure of the various factories and plants.

WIFE OF M.L.A. PASSES AWAY AT DOAKTOWN

The death of Mrs. Akerley Holmes wife of Akerley Holmes, M. L. A., for Northumberland county, occurred at 7.30 o'clock yesterday morning at her home in Doaktown after an illness of only two weeks. She was 28 years of age, and before her marriage was Miss Elsie Murray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Murray, of Doaktown. Her death is mourned by a wide circle of friends and relatives. Besides her husband and parents she leaves a son, James, aged six years, and a daughter, Grace, three years old; also three sisters, Annie, Grace and Jennie, and one brother, John.

The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the late residence, the services to be conducted by Rev. Mr. Firth, of the United Church.

N. S. ABOLISHES TAX ON PELTS OF BLACK FOXES

Halifax, March 17—A provincial tax of \$2 per pelt on silver black foxes, which has been on the statutes of Nova Scotia for a long time and which was included in the government measure now before the Legislative Assembly, coming the Department of Forests and Game with the Crown Lands, under a new deputy minister, was abolished this afternoon on a motion from Harry T. MacKenzie, Conservative, Annapolis, and George C. Nowlan, Conservative, Kings.

IMPORTANT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED

U. S. Senate Reservations to Permanent Court.

COUNCIL TO EXAMINE THEM

Sir Esme Howard Says State Dept. Will Not Object.

Special cable to the Daily Mail by the British United Press

Geneva, March 18—The League of Nations council is preparing today to examine the United States Senate's reservations to American participation in the permanent court of international justice at the Hague. Sir Austen Chamberlain the British secretary, moved that the reservation be taken up this afternoon. League members are convinced that Sir Austen would not have asked the council to consider the reservation unless the British ambassador in Washington, Sir Esme Howard, had assured him that the state department would not object.

NO RAILWAY MONOPOLY SAYS DUNNING

Regina, Sask., March 17—"There will be no move to form one great railway monopoly in Canada as far as I am concerned until the people of the Dominion give a clear indication that this is their desire," declared Hon. Charles A. Dunning, Minister of Railways, addressing a meeting of his constituents here last night following his election by acclamation as federal member for Regina constituency.

"It is my job to build the Hudson's Bay Railway and I am going to do it," he added a few minutes later. Speaking of amalgamation of the two great Canadian railway systems, Mr. Dunning said there had been some speculation in the east as to his attitude.

WYANDOTTE AIRMEN CAUSED SHORT CIRCUIT

Chatham, March 17—Wyandotte birdmen who put the Hydro System out of commission over large sections of Raleigh Township on Sunday afternoon have gone back to Michigan, taking their balloon behind them in a freight car.

They were members of the Detroit Aero Club, and they came to Canada in a balloon on a bet. The bet was that they would reach London, but they hadn't enough ballast to carry them to their intended destination, so they drifted at a low altitude over Raleigh Township, letting their cable drag over the Hydro lines, causing a short-circuit, and finally came down to earth on McTaggart's farm, in Dover Township.

SPUD PRICES HAVE SAGGED

Fort Fairfield, Me., March 17—The Aroostook potato market is somewhat unsteady today. The price sagged slightly under \$4 per hundred weight. Considerable "crazy buying" is reported in the country, mostly on small lots bid up by buyers as high as \$6.50 a barrel and some lots reported as high as \$6.75 but the prevailing price to growers is \$6.25 a barrel, cash for Green Mountain number ones.

The Italian Press Skeptical in Regard To League of Nations

One Paper Bluntly Refers to It as a Colossal Falsehood of a Machine Which Will Make Wars—German Papers Lay Blame for Failure on Part of League to Premier Mussolini.

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY MAIL)

ROME, March 18—The Italian press is almost unanimous in reiterating its skepticism regarding the usefulness of the League of Nations.

One section goes so far as to suggest bluntly that the League be disbanded because it is nothing but a "colossal falsehood of a machine which will make wars."

The conclusion invariably drawn is that the spirit of Locarno is dead. It is emphasized that while Italy signed the Locarno treaty she was never completely convinced of the soundness of these pacts.

Germans Blame Mussolini

Berlin, March 18—Demands for the resignation of Chancellor Luther, along with the suggestion that Premier Mussolini of Italy may be blamed in part for the failure of the League of Nations meeting hold the attention of the press here.

The Berlin Taglenblatte says it is impossible that Brazil alone is responsible for what happened at Geneva. Her insistence upon a seat in the council and the insistence of other and smaller nations is undoubtedly due to certain promises made by the Great Powers in advance of the League meeting. The Vorwaerts accuses Mussolini of underhand activities.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE STARTS ON REPORT OF THE COMPTROLLER-GENERAL

Chief Health Officer, Dr. G. G. Melvin, Explained Some Public Health Items—Comptroller-General Loudoun Also Present—Medical Inspection of Schools Criticized—Slaughter of Game in Albert and Westmorland Since First of Year.

The Public Accounts Committee of the Legislature, the committee urge upon the present government the necessity of confining itself within the authorized amounts. He moved the resolution which was adopted.

The committee proceeded to take up consideration of the items of expenditure in excess of Legislative appropriation. Mr. Taylor to an item of \$300 for Canadian Forestry Association said he believed three officials were sent to the convention. That was too many from one department.

Game Protection.

On the item of Game Wardens there was discussion. Mr. Oulton said that in Westmorland County there had been a tremendous slaughter of game since January. There would be little game left if it kept up.

Mr. Taylor said the Chief Warden was doubtful of the size of the appropriation and had reduced the number of game wardens in order to keep within appropriation.

Messrs. Peck, Oulton and Niles were appointed a special committee to prepare a resolution on game protection.

The committee will confer with Chief Game Warden L. A. Gagnon.

For Fox Feed.

Mr. Peck said that in Albert County (Continued on page 5.)

PREMIER BAXTER MEETS LABOR MEN

Finances of the Province Must Govern Many of Suggestions.

REPLY GIVEN BY LEADER OF GOVT.

Some Points in Resolutions Are or Will be Investigated.

The New Brunswick Federation of Labor which is meeting here in annual convention this week, waited upon the Provincial Government this morning and presented the resolutions which had been adopted by the Federation. These resolutions have appeared in the press from time to time.

Premier Baxter after hearing the resolutions made a reply in which he expressed the views of the cabinet upon the various matters emphasizing the handicap which the financial position of the Province imposed upon the executive council.

President J. E. Tighe of the Federation said that the reception given the delegation by the Government had been pleasing. He assured the Premier that the seriousness of the financial situation in New Brunswick was appreciated and also the difficulties which it entailed on the Government.

Premier's Statement

Premier Baxter with regard to the inspection and licensing of motion picture operators said that precautions would be taken to improve conditions in regard to fire protection in motion picture theatres but except in regard to fire he did not see the need of increasing the licensed class of operators. The owners of theatres themselves would be desirous of securing the most expert operators possible.

Mail Order Sales Tax

On the resolution opposing the sales tax on mail order business the Premier said the Government was not introducing the objectionable legislation. Those interested would introduce the bill on Tuesday next and anyone could then oppose it.

Compensation Act

On the Compensation Act the Premier said that the Government at the present time had not prepared any amendment and if such were prepared Organized Labor would be consulted.

He said that the resolution on Free School Books had been forwarded to the Chief Supt. of Education.

With regard to the Factories Act the Premier said that an endeavor would be made to have the Commission of Revision of the Statutes revise the measure. He was glad to have the suggestion made by the Federation.

Public Boards

With regard to representation of Labor on Public Boards the statement of the Premier was that Labor would be given representation whenever it was considered advisable or necessary that there should be such representation.

The suggestion with regard to the preparation of a Mining Act was referred to the Minister of Lands and Mines and to the Minister of Health.

An enabling act in regard to Industrial Disputes Act had been introduced by Government before the resolution had been received.

On the question of ownership of public utilities the position of the Government already had been made known.

A Minimum Wage Act, Old Age Pensions and Mothers' Allowances were being considered by a member of the Government who would investigate the report prepared last year by a commission on the subjects.

Amusement Tax.

Premier Baxter discussing the resolution against the rumored increase in Amusement Tax, said he could hold out no hope of reduction in taxation in this or any other department.

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CHINA WILL COMPLY WITH ULTIMATUM

The Peiho River to be Open to Navigation.

DEMANDED BY FOREIGN GOVTS.

The Crisis Over the Incident is Now Passed.

Special cable to the Daily Mail by the British United Press

[Peking] March 18—China has agreed to comply with the foreign powers ultimatum demanding opening of the Peiho river to navigation, the American legation announced today.

Nationalist commanders of the Taku forts agreed to the terms and the foreign office sent a note to the powers acquiescing to the principle that free communication between Peking and the sea must be maintained. The crisis it was announced at the legation is past and therefore it is not likely that there will be a display of foreign naval force.

SAYS TITLE MEANS EXTRA HOTEL BILLS

London, March 17—Remarks recently made by J. S. McKinnon, Toronto, who was the director of the industrial exhibits in the Canadian building at British Empire Exhibition at Wembley, to the effect that the lack of title among Canadians was handicapping Canadian business in Great Britain has aroused some small interest among the newspapers here. This interest is not unmixed with amusement, however.

The London editor of the Glasgow Herald has discovered a titled Canadian in the metropolis who confesses that the chief effect of his title is to cause his hotel bills to be larger than they might be if he were plain Mister. "Canadians in London," the editor adds, "see little likelihood of the parliament at Ottawa registering a change of mind in the matter of titles."

PULPWOOD WAS SEIZED

Frenchville, Me., March 17—A carload of peeled pulpwood about 15 cords, has been seized at Robbins siding, six miles from here, brought here and unloaded and will be sold for failure to report and make entry. The seizure was made by Customs Patrol R. F. Goodere. According to Deputy Collector Leon R. Moore, the wood crossed the boundary at Baker Brook belonged to the D'Autheil Lumber Company, of Blue River P. Q., and was billed to the International Paper Company, Livermore Falls, Me.

Address Moncton Rotary.

The speaker this week before the Moncton Rotary Club was G. F. Gregory Bridges formerly of Fredericton. He took as his subject "Germany After the War". Mr. Bridges spent some time in Germany while a student at Oxford.

Removing to Moncton.

Alex. Gulliver who has been located in Fredericton for some time as a drug clerk leaves today for Moncton where he has accepted a position.