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Weather: Decreasing winds, fair and cool tonight and Wednesday.

Frantic Efforts Being Made to Free Entombed Men

Signs of Life Were Seen Yesterday Near Filled in Shaft

Smoke Issuing in Crevices

Wives of the Trapped Men Arrive on the Scene from Toronto

MOOSE RIVER, N.S., April 14—Smoke seen issuing from the crevices in the ground near the filled-in shaft at the Moose River gold mine in Nova Scotia yesterday morning could mean only one thing and that was the men were alive, in the opinion of mine foreman, F. D. Henderson.

He knew of some dynamite boxes on the 141-foot level which could have been used for light and warmth by the imprisoned men. There was only a limited quantity of the wood, he said. The smoke was seen for about two hours yesterday.

The men would have been safe if they were able to reach the tunnel-like level before being trapped by stone falling down the shaft through which they were about to be lifted when the area gave away.

There was little danger of suffocation. The level was large and there appeared to be sufficient seepage of air to the surface because the smoke had been able to escape.

A lift had just been set in motion to bring the men to the surface in response to a three-bell signal when a crash was heard. Nine bells was a pre-arranged signal meaning danger and a fourth ring was sounded just before the crash.

Apparently the trapped men were warned a second time or so before the cave-in and were making the danger signal before their escape was cut off. The cable of the lift was snapped by the fall.

Henderson and J. P. Messervy, chief inspector of mines in Nova Scotia, have been working without rest since the cave-in occurred Sunday night directing the rescue work.

A bleak scene was presented by the grim men frantically digging out the abandoned mine shafts while a damp, sleety snow fell and a chill breeze blew in from the Atlantic 20 miles away. The mine is about 75 miles east of Halifax in a wild, sparsely-settled part of Halifax County.

Ug New Shaft

Nearby, directly over the spot where the men have been trapped, six workers are making a new shaft. It will be days before that reaches the level.

Disappointment was experienced late yesterday afternoon when it was found impossible to reach the level down the old Archibald shaft. It had

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COMMISSIONER EDWARD D. WALSH RE-ELECTED YESTERDAY IN SAINT JOHN BY A LARGE MAJORITY

SAINT JOHN, April 14 — Commissioner Edward D. Walsh, of the department of public safety, yesterday was re-elected by two to one majority over his nearest opponent, George D. Ellis, who also was elected to the Saint John Common Council, defeating Commissioner LeBaron Wilson, of the department of public works, by a margin of 387 votes.

Commissioner Walsh, who first gained office last summer by a by-election which followed the resignation from the council of R. G. McInerney, polled 3,232 votes, and led in every one of the 30 polling stations. His majority over Mr. Ellis who got 1,555 votes, was 1,647.

Commissioner Wilson, who ended in third place among the ten candidates offering for the two commissionerships to be filled, polled a vote of 1,198. This was 211 more votes than the 987 received by J. Harold McLellan, may-

or's secretary, who finished in fourth place.

James A. Whitebone, labor candidate, was fifth with 841; K. D. Spear, a former commissioner was sixth with 784; Ralph J. Broderick seventh with 729; A. T. Ganong eighth with 536; E. Ray Hansen ninth, with 412, and Alice Taylor tenth, with 207.

With D. L. MacLaren, who aimed the mayoralty by acclamation, Commissioner Walsh and Commissioner elect Ellis will be sworn in on May 4. On that date, Commissioner Wilson, with Mayor James W. Brittain who served two terms and did not offer for re-election, will retire from the council. Commissioner Wilson served eight years on the council. Commissioner A. E. Massie and Commissioner Wigmore each have two years of their four-year terms to serve, and will complete the personnel of the new council.

Our Legislators

Our Legislators are starting on the last lap of the session. They are back in the Chamber fresh from their Easter holiday and ready to take up and to conclude their duties for this year. This applies to their duties in so far as the legislation goes. The peoples' representatives have scores of duties and bothers during the recess which must be attended to if the local member is to retain the confidence of the people who elected him to come to Fredericton. One section is highway repairs, another wants a new bridge across a certain place, another wants some matter taken up with the Mines and Lands Department, somebody else has a grievance against the Department of Education, or something which he wants ironed out with the Department of Agriculture or Health as the case may be, and so it goes on between sessions. All these do not include the hundreds of people who are willing to serve their country in a Government job, and who think that all the local member has to do is to write to Fredericton and have him placed. If there are ten applicants for a position and one man lands the job the chances are that the other nine with their cousins and their aunts are sore. In many cases they are sore for only a short time and in other cases the wound does not heal and has sometimes had the effect of not only working injury to the local member in a political way but in a business or a professional way also. These things are especially so when a new party is returned to power as was the case this year. It is safe to say that nearly half of the time of the members-elect was taken up from June until December last year talking to applicants for Government jobs. Of course it would be impossible to place in jobs one quarter of those who applied, even if all the public officials in the Province were fired and all those who applied were qualified to fill the jobs. Many of those applying were willing to take any job provided there was enough money to satisfy him. One man suggested that he would be glad to take either the position of Chief Highway Engineer or Superintendent of Education, or failing either of these he would take the job of Deputy Minister of Health. Of course it is probable that every canvasser on both sides promised jobs right and left and those who were returned to power had to act as the bumpers.

The men who are elected to our Legislature do not come to Fredericton and have a fat holiday. They give one hundred per cent hard work during the session. Many of them are at their desks in the Parliament Buildings at nine o'clock in the morning attending to their correspondence and answering all kinds of enquiries from their constituents back home. At ten o'clock each morning one, and sometimes two or three, of the various committees of the Legislature meet for the consideration of bills, public accounts, agricultural or other matters. These include the Public Accounts, Corporations, Agriculture, Laws, and other Committees. Many morning sessions of these committees extend until after one o'clock. The members then go to their hotels, grab a lunch, and barely have time for a smoke when they have to be back for the afternoon session. In the meantime it often happens that someone from home with an axe to grind is waiting at the hotel to see the local member. In addition to having to take the home voter in to lunch and buying a cigar, the member has to listen to his tale of woe, whether it be reasonable or unreasonable. Back at the House for the afternoon session the local member seems to be having a snap sitting in his revolving seat apparently half asleep. He is probably thinking about the business he is losing back home and wondering how things are going at the office, farm or the shop without him. He is probably wishing that the honourable member who is making a speech would stop congratulating the mover and seconder of the address and the Speaker on his elevation to the Chair. This has already been done for the twentieth time since the House opened. Every man who spoke had to have a whack at it. The afternoon proceeding drag along until six o'clock. Often, as will probably happen from now on, there is a night session starting at 7.30 o'clock and lasting until eleven, twelve, or later, away into the night. While the voters back home are sleeping the member is "toiling up and onward in the night."

Most men lose money by being members of the Legislature. The Cabinet Ministers, especially, are very poorly paid for the time, worry, energy and attention which they put into their work, not only throughout the session but during the entire year. Many cabinet meetings open at ten o'clock, continue all day and extend away into the night. This has gone on most of the time weekly since the present government came in. The man who said that he would not take Premier Dymally's job for \$15,000 per year knew what he was talking about. The job is worth the money but the Province is too poor to pay it. So that is the Premier's hard luck. The same applies to other cabinet ministers.

This year's new crop of members are a bright lot. There are more new members in the Legislature than for some years. They are picking up the routine like old stagers. Men like Hon. Francis Bridges, Mr. Foster of Kings and Mr. Doane of Charlotte have watched the proceedings from the galleries during their school and college years and the routine and decorum observed on the floors of the House are familiar to them. Others are watching the older members and are "catching on". Mr. Foster has been in the chair several times this session and has handled himself well.

From the time that the province was organized down to the present the members have been jealous of the dignity of the House and rightly so, as it is supposed to be the highest court in the land. If a member should take a notion to rush in and bawl out some of the officials or semi-officials, in an angry tone, or utter undignified language at them or to a fellow member, he would probably be looked upon with astonishment as one who was out of place in the Legislature.

We remember some few instances in our quarter of a century or more connection with the Legislature which rather upset the dignity of the sedate House. On one occasion some one in the gallery threw a small dog down on a communication which Hon. Geo. F. Hill was presenting to the House. The galleries were cleared immediately. On another occasion during the progress of the speech

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EXPLOSION RESULTS IN LOSS OF HER HAND

Chatham Child Injured
By Dynamite
Cap

CHATHAM, April 14—Playing with a dynamite cap in the kitchen of her home here proved disastrous to Jean Joudry, six-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Joudry, West End, when she had her left hand horribly mutilated in an explosion of the cap. She was rushed to Hotel Dieu Hospital, where amputation of the hand from the wrist was found necessary.

The accident victim had been playing with her brothers and had received the dangerous "plaything" from a seven year old brother, who it is said, had found a number of them on a shelf at the foundry across the street from his home. Unaware of the hazardous properties of his find, he distributed them among his playmates. The cap exploded before the others were found in the hands of the other children.

CANADIAN NURSES LEAVE FOR AFRICA

MONTREAL, April 14—Departure of three Canadian nurses for South Africa recently marked the inauguration of a Nursing Exchange between the two countries, Miss Jean Browne, co-convenor of the Exchange Committee of the Canadian Nurses' Association, said. Four nurses from South Africa will be sent to Canada, she said.

The Canadians are Miss Margarita Reed, Edmonton, a member of the nursing staff of the Hospital of University of Alberta; Miss Clara Hiscock and Miss Jennie Budden, both of the staff of the Western Division, Montreal General Hospital.

Miss Cicely Nixon and Miss L. C. Eamp, South African representatives, will replace the Montreal nurses, while Miss J. Lansdown will be received at the Alberta hospital. Miss A. C. Holtman, the fourth South African Exchange Nurse will take up duty at Vancouver General Hospital.

The exchange system would pave the way to other and more far-reaching plans for bringing together nurses of the British Commonwealth of Nations, Miss Browne hoped. It was a step forward, she said, which would unquestionably lead to results of the greatest importance to the countries concerned.

Removal Mexican Radio Interference One Of Many Improvements by Commission

IMPROVEMENT IN TRAIN SERVICE IN NOVA SCOTIA

(Special to The Daily Mail)
BRIDGEWATER, N. S., April 14—A faster and improved train service serving the south shore of the province was announced by M. F. Tompkins, regional traffic manager, Canadian National Railways, at the meeting of the newly formed South Shore Tourist Association here. It is the intention of the railway, Mr. Tompkins said, to operate this train during the tourist season, between Yarmouth and Halifax, making connections at Halifax with the Sydney Express in both directions. Improved equipment will be provided on this train, which will give the South Shore a modern fast train service.

ILL AT HIS HOME
Friends will regret to learn of the illness at his home this week of Ald. H. R. Pettigrove of Marysville. Ald. Pettigrove's illness is not serious.

Prospects of Crisis In Mediterranean Worrying Paris

Uneasy Lest British Efforts to Get League to Use Force Put France in Compromising Position

May Have to Choose Italy or Great Britain

Faces Prospect of Opposing Germany's Rhineland Fortification Alone

Woman Farmer Banks a Profit In Two Years

GREENVILLE, Ga., April 14—"A lot of hard work, planning and much worrying." That's how Edna Peavy, in two years as a "head man" on a 250-acre farm, says she has managed to pay off a stack of bills and put money in the bank.

Without any training for farm work, Miss Peavy took charge of the farm in 1934, after her father's death. She lives there with her mother, and a hired man assists in the work.

Arising at dawn, she milks six cows before breakfast—then jumps into her automobile and is off to town to dispose of a load of milk, vegetables, butter and eggs to regular customers. Then she hurries home to take up the managerial reins.

Miss Peavy is a believer in diversified farming and last year had 60 acres in cultivation—40 in corn, 10 in peas, nine in cotton and one in sweet potatoes. She keeps between 50 and 75 hens and says her eggs and surplus chickens usually bring good prices.

"In summer the gardens and the peach, apple and fig trees add to my income," she continued. "Some of the fruit and vegetables are sold to my milk and butter customers."

RETAIL COMMITTEE MEETS

The Retail committee of the Fredericton Board of Trade will hold a meeting tomorrow morning at which time several matters of interest will be taken up, including plans for a prospective Dollar Day.

PARIS, France, April 14—Apprehension was expressed in French quarters yesterday at the prospect of a new crisis in the Mediterranean leaving France alone in opposing Germany's fortification of the Rhineland.

Officials indicated that British efforts to get the League of Nations to use force against Italy might force France either to break with Italy or to be cool toward Britain, both circumstances which the government is anxious to avoid.

France's plan of action against Reichsfuehrer Hitler's fortification of the Rhineland, coupled with an effort to win back Premier Benito Mussolini to France's defence, will be considered by Premier Sarraut, Foreign Minister Flandin and Joseph Paul-Boncour, minister without portfolio, in a conference Wednesday.

Important Move Likely

Officials said that their meeting may result in the most important move since Hitler put troops into the demilitarized border area.

French fears that a possible naval blockade against Italy or the closing of the Suez Canal would lead to war were widely expressed. France, consequently, opposed further sanctions against Italy.

Some moderate newspapers have even suggested that France abandon the present sanctions.

Scant satisfaction was expressed over the fact that general staff conversations will open April 15 in London since definite "defensive" military alliances against Germany have been postponed.

Officials indicated that much depends on whether Hitler agrees to Great Britain's request to "delay" fortifying the Rhineland while the Locarno Treaty powers discuss peace plans.

Snub From Italy

ROME, April 14 — Italy yesterday was believed determined to snub the meetings of the French, British, and

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ACCOUNTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION

At a meeting of the Public Accounts committee of the Legislature this morning with J. A. Doucet of Gloucester, in the chair, a letter from Peter Hughes, secretary of the Department of Public Works, was read which stated that ordinary road and bridge payrolls, for the five months preceding October 31st, have been and are available for inspection to the members of the Public Accounts committee.

The letter stated also that capital accounts are different and unless the checks are issued for capital expenditure before October 31, they are not available until next year. At a previous meeting of this committee there had been a misunderstanding regarding the availability of these accounts for inspection. A number of other items were considered at the meeting this morning.

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