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Weather: Milder with snow and rain

SPANISH GOVT. CLAIMS ARMY NOW BRIGADED ON MILITARY MODEL

Mine Operators Refuse to Recognize Conciliation Board

Point Out That They Have Already Agreed To Accept Fair Wage Board

THINK ONE BOARD SUFFICIENT

Striking Miners Have Refused to Assist the Fair Wage Board In Efforts To Help Them

(Special to The Daily Mail) MINTO, Dec. 22—The Minto coal operators have declined to nominate a member to represent them on the Conciliation Board as requested by Federal Minister of Labor Hon. Norman McL. Rogers.

CHEAP RATES TO TORONTO DRILLON HOCKEY NIGHT

Presentation to Former Moncton Boy By Mayor McMonagle

MONCTON, Dec. 22—The Maritimes will be prominently before the hockey world on Saturday night, January 8th, when a delegation from the Maritimes will be present at the Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto, to make a presentation to Gordon Drillon of the Toronto Maple Leafs, the Maritimes' outstanding hockey player.

"When it became apparent that the Fair Wage Board was being given every opportunity by the operators to get a true picture of the industry, Morrison and Barrett adopted typical John L. Lewis tactics, had themselves appointed representatives of the men without going through the proper procedure, and then called the men out on strike to enforce check-off of union dues and consolidate Morrison's position as dictator of the industry in New Brunswick.

"These men were called out on strike illegally and contrary to the regulations of the Canadian Industrial Disputes Act, and never at any time since the strike started has Morrison or his organization been in a lawful position to invoke this Act. When it became apparent that a large group of the men were willing to accept the ruling of the Fair Wage Board and that the industry would survive the attack of the Nova Scotia propaganda, he in a last minute

RUSSIA AGREES TO LET JAP FISHING RIGHT CONTINUE

MOSCOW, Dec. 22—An issue which threatened to provoke sales trouble between Russia and Japan has been settled, namely, the Japanese fishing rights in Russian waters.

The Soviet press told Japan signing of a new agreement had been delayed by Japan's signature of an anti-Communist pact with Germany. The original rights were awarded Japan by the Treaty of Portsmouth of 1905, part of the fruits of her victory over Russia in war.

Get the Facts

A SPECIAL correspondent of one of the Saint John newspapers is publishing a series of articles in which he pictures harrowing conditions amongst the strikers in the Minto coal fields.

If the Fair Wage Board had been given a chance to go ahead unimpeded and continue its investigation into the conditions the truth would have been brought out. There have been a good many statements made by both the operators and by the Union officials and also by the mine workers.

We believe that the Fair Wage Board is in position to carry on a fair and impartial investigation and to complete the work along this line which it has already begun. In the meantime until such an investigation can be carried out and fairly completed the public would do well to withhold judgment in regard to any statements which may be made in connection with the strike, or in connection with the economic conditions surrounding the Minto coal mining area.

THE LABOR UNION OFFICIALS REFUSED TO ALLOW THE MINERS TO STATE THEIR CASE TO THE FAIR WAGE BOARD OFFICIALS.

The Labor Unions involved in this strike are asking that the mine operators recognize the Union, and also that they open the pay envelopes of the workers each week and deduct therefrom an amount, for dues, fifty per cent. of which goes to Washington, thirty per cent. to Nova Scotia and twenty per cent. to the local workers at Minto.

The Fair Wage Board and the public who believe in British fair play want something more than statements from either side. Give the Fair Wage Board a change to complete its investigation. Let the press and the public attend this investigation. Put the witnesses on the stand and get at the facts.

IT MUST BE REMEMBERED THAT WHEN THE FAIR WAGE BOARD WAS BEING GIVEN EVERY OPPORTUNITY BY THE OPERATORS TO GET A TRUE PICTURE OF THE CASE THE UNION OFFICIALS ISSUED ORDERS THAT NONE OF THE MEN WERE TO APPEAR AND PRESENT THEIR CASES BEFORE THE BOARD.

When these men come out and make statements to the press the Fair Wage Board should be able to make them prove these statements or retract them. We believe that the Fair Wage Board has power under the law to make people who make such statements give evidence under oath and to produce their proofs.

What is the reason that when the coal miners at Waterford, N. S., struck yesterday they went back to work at the request of U. M. W. officials until such time as their complaints were investigated by the Nova Scotia Mines Department, whilst in the case of Minto the same Nova Scotia officials refused to deal with our New Brunswick Board and insist a Federal Board.

William Robichaud Detained by Police In Cohen Case

Will Appear Tonight As A "Material Witness" At The Inquest

MURDER INVESTIGATION CONTINUES

Police Are Beginning to Bring Out New Facts - Inspectors Hint At Developments

BEST CANADIAN BUNCH THAT EVER ENTERED OLYMPICS

(Special to The Daily Mail)

VANCOUVER, Dec. 22 - Twenty-five men and women set sail today from Vancouver for Australia to participate in the British Empire Olympic Games to be held early in January.

MERCHANT SHOT TO DEATH BY GUNMEN

(Special to The Daily Mail)

MONTREAL, Dec. 22—Two gunmen held up the store of Joe Benoit, a Montreal tobacconist in the Jacques Cartier Square last night. Benoit, instead of throwing up his hands, tried to throw a cigar box at the intruders and was shot dead.

(Special to The Daily Mail)

SAINT JOHN, December 22 - The first definite move in the matter of the Cohen murder at Saint John was made early this morning, when the chief of the detective force announced that William Robichaud, aged 24, had been detained as a material witness. Robichaud will be a witness at the inquest which takes place tonight and his evidence may result in important developments.

Robichaud was one of two young men who underwent a questioning by the force during the fourteen hours, which ended at one thirty o'clock this morning and which saw a lineup of six men and two women examined by police during yesterday and far into the night. The first pair were brought into the Central Police Station at 1.30 a.m. Tuesday shortly after the Chief of Police had issued the statement that a course of action had been decided on.

Inspector Biddiscombe also announced that, as a result of yesterday's examination of these individuals that two arrests for robbery with violence had also been made. William C. Frost, 27, originally from Nova Scotia, and Edmund Cameron were placed under arrest charged that they did "at the City of Saint John on the 22nd day of February, 1937, rob one, Peter Dolan, of \$9 in money with violence to the person of the said Peter Dolan while acting with others, contrary to Section 447 of the Criminal Code."



W. M. RYAN, K.C., M.P. for Saint John-Albert, who underwent an emergency operation last night

Sable Islanders Watch Weather, Yule Cheer Depends on Fine Day

HALIFAX, N. S. Dec. 22—Anxious residents of Sable Island watched the weather tonight, looking for a break in storms that have kept heavy seas running, so the Canadian Government steamship Lady Laurier could land Christmas supplies.

The vessel has been standing off the lonely island 108 miles off the Nova Scotia coast for a week, unable to get close enough to the shore to have supplies conveyed by tenders.

Ships are unable to go close to the shore because of treacherous reefs spreading out in every direction. They have earned the island the name the "Graveyard of the Atlantic" and few vessels running around every escape again.

The Lady Laurier has a cargo of special tobacco rations and Christmas favors aboard for the few residents of the island. Inhabitants of the barren spot are mostly connected with wireless stations, lighthouses and lifeboat stations there.

Following is a description of one of the men: Short and very stocky, black bushy hair, full cheeks, low square forehead, swarthy skinned, scar at back of left eye, scar on lip, tattooed on left wrist, husky voice, wearing a brown suit, faded blue turtle neck sweater and black shoes.

Police made no comment before taking the men away for questioning. A new angle was given to the case as it was found that the Cohen family was disturbed on Friday night following the removal of Mr. Cohen's body from the murder scene.

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Most Brilliant Victory by Loyalists Since Outbreak Spanish Civil War

Key City to Gov't. Coastal Communication Falls To Loyalists

SPAIN, Dec. 22—In the midst of heavy snow and beneath the artificial light of military searchlights playing over the bloody scene with a light as bright as day, the Loyalist troops last night fought their way from house to house into the centre of the city of Tereul.

The Insurgent defenders rallied for a last stand in the centre of the town and for a half hour held up the Government forces with a withering fire which inflicted many casualties. But it was to no avail and at last the last of the defenders laid down their arms.

The Spanish Government claims that they have at last got sufficient rifles to arm all their executive manpower and that their army is at last brigaded on a genuine military model with co-ordination between the central command and all units seems to be borne out by the brilliant strategic exploit of the capture of Tereul. In a swift surprise attack, encircling Government forces threw columns around the city to execute an encircling movement which isolated the city and its defenders.

Desperate efforts were made by the Insurgents to relieve the city. It is reported that Franco took the risk of seriously weakening vital lines of communications in a determined attempt to throw reinforcements into the city.

STREAMLINE-MODEL GIRL EATS MORE THAN HALF-TON OF FOOD IN ONE YEAR

New York Survey Shows Work Must Have Much Energy Control

NEW YORK, Dec. 22—The average working girl, 1937-1938 streamline model, may appear frail and sylph-like, but look at the amount of food she should consume in a year: 184 pounds of flour, bread and cereals;

Desperate Insurgent counter-attacks on the iron ring of Government troops were beaten back with tremendous loss. As Franco's reinforcements were held immobilized, Government troops took the suburbs in a series of fierce attacks which culminated in a fierce barrage which blasted the defenders from their entrenchments in a cemetery on the outskirts of the city. Last night the last of the Insurgent troops within Tereul laid down their arms.

The expected Insurgent offensive to break through to the Mediterranean and separate Valencia and Barcelona has failed before it was even started. It is unlikely that any further major operations will be undertaken this winter in this section in view of the loss of Tereul.

What the victory meant, at the outset of a winter which is likely to be a hard one.

182 quarts of milk, 137 pounds of potatoes, 72 pounds of tomatoes and citrus fruit, 111 pounds of leafy green and yellow vegetables; 176 pounds of other vegetables and fruits, including dried ones; 44 pounds of fats; 42 pounds of sugar; 78 pounds of lean meat, poultry and fish; 208 eggs. Those foods, or their equivalent, plus tea or coffee "for pleasure if not for nourishment."

Miss Miller, Director of the Division of Women in Industry of the New York State Department of Labor, compiled the list as part of a seven-month survey made to find a standard for industries to work toward under the State's new minimum wage law. The law affects 900,000 women.

In the face of that list, Miss Miller said, it isn't surprising that the working girl in the States must spend at least \$7.28 a week to eat if she lives alone, and at least \$5.70 a week if she lives with her family and pays her proportionate share for the food and its preparation.

A working girl living alone in New York or other large cities can spend a little less for food than if she lived in some of the smaller cities, the survey showed.

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