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## STRIKING MINERS REJECT GOVERNMENT SETTLEMENT

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(Special to The Guardian)  
LONDON, June 3.—The executive body of the striking coal miners today finally rejected the Government proposals for a settlement of the coal strike.

LONDON, June 3.—With more than 2,000,000 workers already idle as a result of the coal strike the addition of 500,000 cotton workers to the unemployed list was threatened today. Cotton mill owners served notice that if proposed wage reductions are not accepted the factories will be closed until the operatives are willing to accept the cut. The threatened action of the

owners comes just before the opening of the Worked Cotton Conference here. At this session cotton growers and manufacturers from all parts of the world are to discuss ways of bettering the industry. The question of wages is to receive much attention.

British officials view the prospects of additions to the list of unemployed with great concern. Despite hopes which were aroused last week by re-opening of conferences in the coal strikes a settlement still seems far off and there is little hope that the industrial situation will improve immediately.

## Premiers Will Attend Empire Conference

LONDON, June 3.—The following ministers will attend the conference of Empire Premiers in London on June 15 and succeeding days: Canada Hon. Arthur Meighen; Australia, W. M. Hughes; New Zealand, W. F. Massey; South Africa, General Smuts; Sir Thomas Smartt, Minister of Agriculture, and Col. Meath, Minister of Defence; Newfoundland, Sir Edgar Bowring; India, Maharajah of Cochin, and Mr. Brihasva Sastri; Great Britain, David Lloyd George and Winston Churchill.

## Hard Times In Montreal

(Special to The Guardian)  
MONTREAL, June 3.—That actual starvation is being experienced in Montreal to an extent which the public little dreams, was the statement issued today by the Family Welfare Association, formerly the Charity Organization Society.

"Men come to us starving," said one official, "and it is impossible for us to help them. Men who were out of work during the winter months were struggling against debt, since the relief by the City consisted only of food and clothes, and other necessities had to be obtained. Cases of children being unable to attend school for lack of clothing are common." Malnutrition is becoming terribly frequent," said another official.

## Disastrous Fire Yesterday

MR. J. S. WEDLOCK'S GARAGE DESTROYED, TOGETHER WITH NINE CARS. LOSS ESTIMATED AT \$23,000.

Damage to the extent of \$23,000 was caused early yesterday morning when one of the most destructive fires which has occurred in Charlottetown for some time broke out in Mr. J. Stanley Wedlock's garage in the rear of his residence, Upper Prince Street. By about 4:30 o'clock the fire was under control, but the fire had destroyed a garage and nine cars, together with other contents of the building.

The noise of an explosion about 2 a. m. awoke Dr. S. N. Robertson and Mr. John Wonnacot, who both live nearby, and these gentlemen awoke Mr. Wedlock and sent in the alarm. When the firemen arrived the flames were coming out through the cracks of the door at the north east end of the building and when the other door was opened the whole garage burst in flames. Before the cars could be taken out they were in a badly damaged condition and will be almost a total loss. Fortunately there was little wind, or otherwise the residence, which is only a few yards from the garage, might also have suffered.

Mr. Wedlock's loss is as follows:—Sedan, K-7, of almost new \$4,400; K-83, new \$2,800; Essex used, \$1,200; B-35, practically new, \$9,000. All the above were MacLaughlin cars. In addition Mr. Wedlock lost two bicycles, all his double windows, fifteen fox house valued at \$225, the counters taken from the Rogers building, a new tent, three sets of racing harness, \$300 worth of horses boots, hats worth \$150, tools and other articles. The value of the building is about \$2,000. It was recently remodelled and rebuilt, the carpenters just having finished their work.

Mr. Wedlock carried \$6,000 insurance on the cars, \$1,000 on miscellaneous contents.

W. B. Prowse and Sons lost in the fire one Ford truck, (no insurance), two light Six Specials, (covered), and one Master Six Special (\$600 insurance); all the insurance was covered by Mr. W. K. Rogers.

The firemen are to be commended for their splendid work in confining the fire to the one building.

## THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE TIDE, MOON, ETC

TORONTO, June 3.—Moderate Southwesterly, to Westerly winds, shifting to Northwesterly. Fair and cool.

High tide this morning at 7.12 and tonight at 9.04.

Sun sets this evening at 7.46 and rises tomorrow morning at 4.10.

New moon Monday June 6th 2.15 a. m.

## German Troops Attack French In Silesia

OFFEN, June 3.—French soldiers, forming the garrison of Beuthen, a city in south eastern Silesia, near the old Polish frontier, have been attacked by forces organized by German inhabitants of the town. Reports state that Germans in fighting numbered 3000 the French used tanks in charging on the Germans and are said to have gained the upper hand.

The attack by the Germans on the French is said to have been well planned. Telegraph and telephone wires were cut, sentries were driven back and headquarters detachment were surrounded. Tanks were rushed to the scene and Germans armed with pistols, attempted to capture the machine guns, but were repulsed. They were driven into adjacent buildings. The tanks charged on the building firing through doors and windows.

Members of the Black Watch, constituting a part of the British forces sent into Silesia, have reached Stubendorf, six miles north west of Gross Strehlitz, and Polish sentries are on duty only a short distance away. It is said in German circles here that reports have been received to effect that orders have been issued by the Poles to destroy everything as they retreat, should the British advance.

## Polish Conference Will Decide Entente Question

(Special to The Guardian)  
HELSINGFORD, June 3.—Poland will shortly invite representatives of Finland, Lethia, Estonia and Lithuania to a conference in Warsaw to discuss the question of an Entente of all the states which formerly belonged to the Russian Empire, according to information obtained here today. Preparations for the conference have already been made here.

## Soviets' Secret Despatch

NEW YORK, June 3.—Professor Paul N. Milnkoff, former Minister Provisional Government today cabled to the Russian Information Bureau here the text of the very "confidential document" declared to have been issued by the Bolshevik commissary to Foreign Affairs, M. Tchitcherin, which he claimed show the secret aims behind the latest foreign policy of the Lenin government. This document, which is addressed to representatives of the Bolshevik Government abroad, came into the possession of Professor Milnkoff in Paris, calls the attention of alliances of the various world powers which would be regarded as most beneficial to Soviet Russian ambitions, viz: British-Japanese as a threat to America; Austria-Hungary-Germany as a threat to France; Italian-Greek as a counter balance to the policies of England and France in the near east; Polish-French as a direct threat to Germany; Czech-Romanian as a threat to Hungary, etc.

Observing that through defeating Kolchak, Denikin and Wrangel, Soviet Russia came face to face with forces of imperialistic capitalism, the instructions proceed to declare "the whole future of Soviet Russia depends upon the skillful utilization of the present political situation of Europe. If economic conditions in Europe become helplessly bad, Tchitcherin asserts, neither individual countries nor the whole of Europe will be able to emerge through peaceful means. His instructions refer to "the idea of the League of Nations as having suffered utter defeat." "We are approaching the moment," his instructions read, "when by force of logic capitalist diplomats will find themselves compelled to commit folly and it is our task not to interfere with the commission of that folly. Germany is in need of moral support. We shall furnish that. Germany needs security for her eastern border. That shall be promised her. France wants to see us helpless. Let us show her our helplessness. England wants to exploit us. We shall grant her every opportunity to do so."

## C. G. M. STEAMER ASHORE IN THE ST. LAWRENCE

MONTREAL, June 2.—The stranded Canadian Government Merchant Marine freighter Canadian Selaigner which ran ashore last night in the river channel here opposite Paris Pier, shortly after leaving her dock for London and continental ports, was still aground tonight and probabilities are that she will not be refloated until tomorrow night at the earliest.

R. B. Teakle, general manager for the C. G. M., states that the vessel's steering gear jammed which was the cause of the grounding. She is resting in soft mud and it is not thought that she had experienced any material damage.

## General Assembly Increase Salaries

TORONTO, June 2.—The recommendation of the Board of Home Missions and Social Service that ministers' salaries be increased about \$300 a year was approved, with only one dissenting vote, by the Assembly this afternoon. The new scale approved is as follows: Ministers in self-sustaining charges to have \$1,800 a year and a house; class A, married men \$1,800 and house, unmarried men \$1,600 without a house; class B married men, \$1,700 and house, unmarried men, \$1,500; students \$15 per week and board. Further provision is made for increase of \$50 to \$100 over this scale for ministers remaining more than one year in the same charge. In the case of class A, augmented charges, the congregations calling ministers shall provide at least \$1,200 towards his salary and in the case of class B, \$900, with a house in each case if the minister is a married man.

## Two M.P.'s Have Resigned

HON. N. W. ROWELL AND J. A. MAHARG RETIRE FROM COMMONS.

OTTAWA, June 3.—Hon. N. W. Rowell, member for Durham and J. A. Maharg, member for Maple Creek, have both resigned their seats in the House of Commons.

The resignations will necessitate a bye-election in each case. The two resignations were not unexpected. Hon. Mr. Rowell announced some time ago that he would resign his seat, while Mr. Maharg has quit to become a member of the Martin government in Saskatchewan.

## Officers Of The Navy League

HALIFAX, June 2.—The local council of the Navy League entertained the visiting delegates of the Dominion Convention at a dinner last evening at the Halifax Club. K. W. Harris presided and many short and witty speeches were listened to by the assembled guests for over two hours. All the speakers emphasized the need of such an institution as the Navy League in the country and the benefits that would accrue to Halifax from having in its midst such a building as that which was formally opened last night by Commodore Jarvis. Lieut. Governor Grant was present and spoke in his usual happy manner. Other speakers included Chief Justice Matheson, of Prince Edward Island; S. M. Brookfield, who has taken such a deep interest in the Navy League and who was largely responsible for the new institute; Secretary Jackson of Toronto; Vice-President Allison, of the Local Branch; and D. MacGillivray, a member of the local executive.

## Sinn Feiners Attempt On British Destroyer

CORK, June 3.—Sinn Feiners attempted last night to blow up the British destroyer which is undergoing repairs in the Haul Boline dockyard. The destroyer was slightly damaged. In consequence of the outrage all the dockyard employees were paid off today on a twenty minutes notice.

## NEWFOUNDLAND PREMIER IN KING'S BIRTHDAY HONORS

LONDON, June 3.—The colonial office's list of King's birthday honors contains nearly a score of Knights, including Premier Squires, of Newfoundland. They are mainly public men and officials in Australia and New Zealand.

## Local Firm Installs Handsome Show Case

MESSRS W. W. WELLNER, LTD., ADD ANOTHER SPLENDID FEATURE TO THEIR ESTABLISHMENT.

Messrs W. W. Wellner, Ltd., Jewellers, have recently installed in the rear of their jewellery store one of the finest show cases to be found in the city.

This case is 15 1/2 feet long by 8 feet high, has a mirror back and zinc shelves and doors. It contains a large and well assorted stock of cut glass, and when lighted at night gives a splendid effect, the cut glass making a most beautiful display.

The addition of this splendid fixture to the store completes the future to which this enterprising firm have been gradually carrying out, until now they possess a modern and up to date establishment second to none in this part of Canada.

The stock which is always kept to its high standard, is most complete in every detail, being equalled by few other jewelry stores in the Eastern provinces.

This year Messrs W. W. Wellner Ltd., have made special preparations for the June weddings and anniversary of cut glass, china and silverware.

This firm has enjoyed the confidence of the people since 1868 and this new improvement is just another step in a forward direction.

## The Big Question For Nova Scotia

HALIFAX, June 3.—That he considered taking over the Grand Trunk Railway a mistake that the question as to when the C.P.R. would link up directly with Halifax was not a live issue of the moment, that a strong vigorous policy of immigration and colonization, such as he understood was contemplated by the Nova Scotia government, would greatly develop this province, were the interesting statements made by E. W. Beatty, President of the Canadian Pacific railway to newspaper men here last night.

## Sixteen Liberals By Acclamation

REGINA, June 2.—Nominations for the Provincial elections in Saskatchewan closed today with Government candidates returned by acclamation in sixteen of the sixty-three seats. This may be increased later as the results of the nominations in nine constituencies are still to come. The acclamations include three Ministers of the Government; Hon. C. A. Dunning, Provincial Treasurer; Hon. S. J. Latta, Minister of Highways, and J. A. Maharg, whose portfolio is yet unknown.

## Parliament Will Prorogue Today

(Special to The Guardian)  
OTTAWA, June 3.—It is expected that Parliament will prorogue on Saturday. Intimation to this effect was given by Premier Meighen in the House of Commons this afternoon. Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux asked when prorogation would take place.

"I understand," replied the Premier, "that the leader of the Opposition expects it on Saturday. I agree with him."

A resolution was passed unanimously providing that the House would sit mornings, commencing tomorrow. The morning session will be from 11 to 1 and the afternoon session will commence at 2:30 o'clock. There will be usual adjournment for dinner from six to eight o'clock. Committees were given authority to sit while the House is in session.



HON. N. W. ROWELL.

## Baker Fortune Is Old Story

BATH, June 3.—If your name is Baker or ever was Baker, don't spend the fortune you expect from the estate of Jacob Baker, late of Philadelphia, for the coin does not exist. The story was exposed by Mrs. David L. Wilson, 898 Middle Street, to whom the Baker fortune is an old story. It is declared by Mrs. Wilson to be a fake similar to the notorious Spanish fortune which has been offered thousands if they would send various amounts of money to some city in Spain to get out of prison the men who have a hidden fortune, only this Baker fortune is rated larger.

Mrs. Wilson's great-grandfather was a John Baker of Revolutionary fame and her father, Frank Burns, often used to have communications regarding this alleged fortune from Bakers and "was Bakers" all over the United States and Canada. That is how she knew the story which offered so many opportunities for fraud that the mayor of Philadelphia asked the bureau of legal aid to look up the "estate" and the facts were made public.

Through hundreds of letters asking information the mayor learned that widespread publicity had been given to a report that heirs of a man named Baker had a claim to \$800,000,000 in Philadelphia real estate, including the site of the city hall.

The investigation

The mayor's chief counsel for the bureau of legal aid made an investigation and he found there was an estate of Jacob Baker, a revolutionary veteran which was handled in the ophan's court of Philadelphia. The records of the court show it was disposed of about 1847 and the estate valued at about \$6000 or \$7000, as set forth in the account which was filed.

The fake Baker estate which has been used as a bait throughout the entire country, was supposed to consist of a 99 year lease on certain real estate in the city of Philadelphia, part of which is now occupied by city hall and additional real estate situated in the city of Chillicothe, Ohio.

Persons named Baker or related to persons named Baker, throughout the country, have been receiving letters asking for subscriptions to create a fund for the hundreds of millions lying loose, awaiting Baker claimants.

The persons who use this nebulous estate as a means of obtaining money declare that the 99-year lease

## Charge Against Life-Savers Re The Esperanto

OTTAWA, June 2.—In the House of Commons this afternoon William Duff, (Lunenburg), called the attention of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, to the founding of the schooner "Esperanto." He asked whether steps would be taken to remove both the wreck of the Esperanto and the submerged wreck upon which the Esperanto struck in order to remove the danger to navigation caused thereby. He further asked whether the Minister was aware that the Captain of the Esperanto had complained that no attempt was made to give the fishermen assistance by the life-savers, although the wreck occurred in daylight.

Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, said that the matter was already receiving attention of the Department. He would enquire regarding the complaint against the life saving station and give a reply tomorrow.

## Parliament Bids Farewell TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

(Special to The Guardian)  
OTTAWA, June 3.—The House of Commons bade farewell to His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire and family this morning. There was nothing formal about the farewell. On the contrary, the speeches made were marked by a sincere regret at the departure of the Governor General who since 1916, has endeared himself to the Canadian people by the enthusiasm and interest which he and his distinguished family have taken in every phase of social, political and industrial Canadian life.

His Excellency takes his departure on June 18 and even so it is possible that his successor has been appointed. When Hon. Dr. Beaudry, of Beauce, enquired whether the Prime Minister had any public announcement to make regarding the report that Lord Byng of Vimy had been selected, Mr. Meighen regretted that he was not in a position to say. It is however fairly taken for granted here that the report is trustworthy and that the

## Excise Bill Up For Third Reading

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OTTAWA, June 3.—Customs Excise was put through the committee stage in the House shortly after four o'clock this morning after an all night discussion, and now stands for third reading. The clause providing for valuation for duty in no case lower than the wholesale price of products caused considerable opposition. The clause regarding profits and valuation was attacked as insane legislation. At three o'clock this morning there was still considerable opposition to the clause of the bill, but Sir George Foster informed the House that the Government intended putting it through all stages before adjournment.

## Mine Owners Ready To Meet Men

LONDON, June 3.—Premier Lloyd George's emphatic denial that compulsion had been hinted at in connection with the miners' strike was accepted today by Frank Hodges, the leader of the miners, who however, declares that such was the impression gained. If the impression was wrong he said he was glad to have it corrected.

Good temper is therefore once more in the ascendant, but the miners' district councils continue to record declarations against the Government's plans. Nevertheless, indications are increasing of a possible approach between the miners and the mine owners.

Sir Robert Horne, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has made an important statement drawing attention to the fact that wages are so right that even with the proposed cuts they would be quite equal to the present cost of living. Increased output, says the Chancellor, is the crux of the whole situation.

Especially important is the withdrawal by Railway and Transport workers of the ban on imported coal. The embargo has never been really effective and was still less popular with those expected to work it and yesterday's withdrawal of similar prohibition by the locomotive workers cut the feet from under the other unions.

Lord Gainford, a prominent owner, declares that the owners are all ways ready to meet the men and discuss wages. They would also meet them to discuss general principles of a national character, but as to the application of such principles they would prefer to meet by districts.

lease has just expired and that this enormous estate is to be distributed. The records disclose no lease, or any such property right. The ophan's court reports the whole matter to be a fraud and the register of wills office in Philadelphia county has gone so far as to print a postal card to this effect for distribution to all inquires.

Mrs. Wilson says this fake is at least 20 years old and crops up in different communities every few years.

## His Excellency Departs June 18 and Will Probably be Succeeded by Lord Byng of Vimy.

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## Maritime Provinces Telegraphic News

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LOST HIS LIQUOR.

SYDNEY, N. S., June 3.—The cellar of a prominent citizen was raided by thieves last night who got away with fourteen cases of whiskey, three cases of wine, and several cases of gin. Part of the liquor has since been found hidden away in a small wood. Breaks for liquor have been occurring for the past two weeks and several cellars have been tapped by what the police believe is an organized band of light fingered temperance workers.

MILK PRICE REDUCTION.

ST. JOHN, N. B., June 3.—Milk dealers in the city have brought down the price of milk to twelve cents a quart. It is believed that this price will be the ruling one for the summer months.

MORE MILK TROUBLE.

HALIFAX, June 3.—The milk war between producers and dealers that was waged in John last year, has broken out here with the innocent consumers in the direct line of fire. But one eighth of the city's usual supply of milk was delivered in the city today. The retailers wish the farmers to take a 50 per cent reduction, recently introduced, from sixteen to fourteen cents a quart. The farmers have revolted and declared a strike.

LIQUOR REGULATIONS AGREED ON.

FREDERICTON, N. B., June 3.—The regulations under which the Provincial Liquor Commission will operate were agreed upon at a sitting of the executive here last night. As a result of the Government conference, the Commission will immediately take over their duties.

## Decline in Sugar Prices

(Special to The Guardian)  
VANCOUVER, June 3.—Sugar dropped 76 cents a hundred pounds on all lines here yesterday. Granulated is now quoted at \$10.75 a hundred.

NEW YORK, June 2.—The raw sugar market was weak again early today and prices declined to 4.77 for centrifugal on sales of 30,000 bags of Porto Rico. Raw sugar futures were weak with prices touching the lowest level recorded since war times, new crop options sold below the three cent level, December declining to 2.90. Values at mid-day were 4 to 12 points lower. The refined market was also easier, reflecting the lower ruling of the spot market with list prices unchanged to 25 points net lower, at 6.30 to 6.35 for the granulated.

Refined futures were fifteen points lower, September selling at 6.50 though the volume of business was light.

## Announcements Coming Events Meetings, etc.

\*\*THE FLORIDA HOTEL. The Tourist resort will open 5th. June for the summer season. W. Brown, Proprietor, Pownal.

\*\*BOYS FOLLOW THE CROWD to the Florida Hotel. Saturday night and have some ice cream made of pure cream and no starch or egg powder put in it. There will be five ice cream parlors for the boys and their girls.