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**PREDICT U. S. COAL STRIKE SETTLEMENT**

**Within Next 24 Hours - New Effort to Reach Agreement.**

(Special to the Guardian)  
PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 11.—With the reports that new efforts to settle the anthracite coal strike are at hand, significant developments came rapidly today.

Major W. W. Inglis, chief of the mine owners negotiations committee arrived in Philadelphia last night and word came from Scranton that he had transferred his headquarters to this city. This was followed by reports from Wilkes-Barre that John L. Lewis and the miners scale committee planned to visit Philadelphia today.

One source of information in the mine strike today said "there will be a peace move that will probably succeed within the next 24 hours." Others did not confirm this.

**Canadian Fish Catch Shows Big Increase**

(Canadian Press)  
OTTAWA, Feb. 11.—The total catch of sea fish on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts during the month of December was 54,832,600 pounds valued at \$92,017. During the same period in 1924 there were 32,427,100 pounds landed with a value of \$71,424. The increase in the catch is due to a large increase of herring landed on the Pacific coast.

**350 Will Attend Wheat Pool Conference**

(Special to the Guardian)  
REGINA, Sask., Feb. 11.—About 350 delegates are expected to be in attendance at the international wheat pool conference representing the principal English-speaking wheat-exporting countries of the world, in St. Paul, Minnesota, commencing next Tuesday.

While delegates to represent the Saskatchewan wheat pool have not yet been selected all three Prairie pools will be represented at the gathering, some eight or ten Canadian wheat pools are expected to attend. Four or five Australians will be there, and some twenty delegates from the United States.

The purpose of the conference is to ascertain whether or not some working arrangement can be reached between the pools for a greater degree of stabilization in the marketing of wheat crops of the respective countries than could be achieved by acting independently. An initial step might be for instance to lay plans for securing and exchanging reliable market information which might later develop into a co-ordinated effort to stabilize the actual marketing of wheat.

The St. Paul conference is the first gathering of international scope to deal with the question and may lead to other conferences of even wider aspect.

**Famous Scottish Scientist Found Drowned**

(Canadian Press)  
DUNDEE, Scotland, Feb. 11.—Doctor James F. Gommall, distinguished Scottish scientist was found drowned in the Firth of Tay near Tay Bridge Tuesday.

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**CHIEF JUSTICE MATHIESON LECTURES**

**On the Part Played by Scotland in the Development of Canada.**

"Scotland's Part in the Development of Canada," was the subject of a most interesting and informing lecture given by Chief Justice Mathieson at the Caledonian Club last evening, and heard by a very large audience.

At the outset His Lordship said that the first place as pioneers in Canada must be accorded to the French, who were first as discoverers, explorers and settlers and first as the founders of Christian civilization among the savage tribes who inhabited the wilderness. The first permanent settlement of white men in what is now the Dominion of Canada, was made by Champlain and DeMonte at Port Royal in 1605. Exploration and missionary work were the chief interests of these men, and the fur trade was only of value as it helped them to accomplish these purposes. The history of the French occupation was rich in deeds of daring, of resourcefulness, and self-sacrifice and it merited the careful and sympathetic study of every one who desired to be a good Canadian. The English also might claim that especially in early days they furnished the bulwark of Canada who were skilled in the science of government according to British standards; the Irish, that they had contributed their proportion of talent and vigor to the general fund; and the United Empire Loyalists that they had always been true to name.

But the activities of the pioneers of these races, said the speaker were confined largely to the territory embraced in Lower and Upper Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island. The vast regions lying to the west and north of the ancient boundary of Quebec, out of which had been carved the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia, came to the British Crown and thence to Canada, through the agency of the Hudson Bay Company.

The lecturer then recounted the history of this territory from the time it was first discovered in 1610 to its linking up with the East by the transcontinental railway. He showed how this was accomplished through successive steps that started posts by the Hudson Bay Company, and ended with settlement. The final test of title by possession, said the speaker was settlement. The Company which was given the right to trade in these territories was chartered in 1670, but for many years there was practically no new settlement because of the discouragement of this and other trading companies who thought that such settlement would ruin their business.

Early in its history, said the speaker, the Hudson Bay Company discovered the merits of the men of North Britain, bred in a rugged country where nature had few gifts to make to the idler or the coward. In process of time one Scotch officer after another until length the day arrived when not only were the principal trading posts manned by Scottish factors, but the controlling interest in the stock of the Company itself passed

**\$150,000 BLAZE IN ST. JOHN**

**Large Brick Storehouse Gutted—Snow Hinders Firemen.**

(Canadian Press)  
SAINT JOHN, N. B., Feb. 11.—For the third time within two weeks the business section of this city suffered early this morning from a serious fire which was first seen in a brick building owned by F. W. Daniel and Company, Limited at the corner of King and Charlotte Streets about 3.30 o'clock this morning.

The fire had a strong hold, and all was not right in the public service. The fearful, seething mass of corruption, filth, blackmail, wholesale bribery, lewd women and murder, involving men in public life in both parties, was not revealed.

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**Much Splendor Marks Ontario House Opening**

(Special to the Guardian)  
TORONTO, Feb. 11.—For the first time since the war the state of the function of opening the provincial legislature yesterday marked the almost complete recovery of the country from war and post-war results.

Society brought out its costliest jewels and raiment presenting a spectacle not unequalled in the twelve years which have transpired since the declaration of war. Society thus testified to the truth of the claim in the speech from the Throne which noted "signs of returning prosperity in these provinces."

Certainly there was little evidence of sartorial restraint among the guests whether upon the floor of the House or in the galleries. Pastel shades were dominant entirely in keeping with the tonal effect of the speech from the Throne the formal reading of which by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor is the specific act which signified the opening. It was also noted by the pressmen who will report the balance of the session that close collars and absence of the formerly beloved bandeau were passing features which obtruded. However politics is to be written into the story of the opening the "gallery" professed to discover in these items an analogy with the government's lack of pronouncement upon a liquor policy. Whatever it is "it is still inside the head, and nothing superficial is allowed to appear," as a gallery member put it.

The floor of the Chamber was a dazzling spectacle. Colors of amazing variety in shade and tint ran together in confusing array, but separately the pleasing tones of red, rose, green, heliotrope, blue, Scotch and the full gamut of the pastel jewels sparkling here and there, profusion of flowers held in society's arms, all demanded attention and contributed to a screen of splendor not seen for years in Queen's Park.

**Telephone Rate Battle Continues in Ottawa**

(Special to the Guardian)  
OTTAWA, Feb. 11.—The telephone rates battle was renewed before the Board of Railway Commissioners here this afternoon, following the boards ruling that the Bell Company's application for a new schedule should take precedence over the municipalities demand for a reduction in the present rates.

R. A. Reid, Counsel for the province of Ontario, expressed the opinion that "this application is not made from St. John Street, Montreal. It is made from Broadway, New York."

"Under the proposed tariff, it was estimated on behalf of the company, an increase in revenue of \$2,700,000 annually would accrue."

**FOUR CHILDREN PERISHED**

(Canadian Press)  
COATESVILLE, Penn., Feb. 11.—Four children were burned to death yesterday when fire destroyed the home of Benjamin Eiders at Coatesville, near here.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. Eiders alone in the house with her six children. She saved two of them but was unable to re-enter the house to reach the other children.

**OUR GREATEST POLITICAL SCANDAL IS NOW BEING UNVEILED IN OTTAWA**

The Financial Post published in Toronto politically independent and although with strong Liberal leanings publishes the following in its issue of Feb 6th under the heading "Our Greatest Political Scandal":

The lid on the greatest and most far-reaching scandal in our national history was not lifted off this week in the House of Commons by Hon. Mr. Stevens. It was raised gently, just enough to show that all was not right in the public service. The fearful, seething mass of corruption, filth, blackmail, wholesale bribery, lewd women and murder, involving men in public life in both parties, was not revealed.

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**Does Not Despair of Coal Agreement**

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**Baldwin's House Speech Anticipates Finding of Royal Commission.**

LONDON, February 11.—As the time draws near for presentation of the report of the Royal Commission appointed to try to find a way out of the troubles, economic and sociological with which the British coal mining industry is faced, public anxiety increases. The subsidy given to the industry five months ago to tide it over its difficulties, pending the Commission's report, has already cost the nation twelve million pounds. In the face of this expenditure which is expected will be almost doubled before it ceases in May, Premier Baldwin was able to hold out in Commons tonight no more rosy promise of final settlement than that he "hopes yet from his information that very shortly an agreement might be come to."

The Archbishop of Canterbury discussing the possibility of failure to achieve a settlement, declared at a meeting of the Church Assembly today he would be an unworthy witness of a Christian country who could regard with indifference the possibility of an industrial catastrophe so grave to the well-being of the English people, and that they ought to remember it before God.

A definite forecast of the report of the Coal Commission has been given by the Daily Express. Its recommendations are understood to include state ownership of mining royalties, grouping the pits for better organization of the industry and wages to be placed on a national basis with local adjustments in piece work rates. It is understood the Commission considers no case has been made out for longer working hours underground or wage reductions. Unprofitable pits, it is suggested, should be closed, and a modified subsidy given to pits on the border line between economic and uneconomic.

submitting it for censorship. It adds that infringement of this order will result in severe punishment and expulsion.

**Places Ban on Press News**

(Canadian Press)  
VIENNA, Feb. 11.—The Herzeg Press Agency says that the Prefect of Bolzano Southern Tyrol has forbidden newspapermen to send any news from that region without

**LAST STORM TOOK TOLL OF 16 LIVES**

**And Held Northeastern States Snow-bound for 24 Hours.**

(Canadian Press)  
NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Bitter cold today followed on the heels of the second blizzard in the week that buried north eastern United States under two feet of snow, took sixteen lives and held the section virtually snow bound for twenty-four hours.

Adding to the heavy snow fall of late last week which took 32 lives in the East yesterday's storm choked roads everywhere, delayed railroad traffic particularly in suburban districts and heaped up drifts ten and twelve feet high in many sections of New England. Snow was general from South Western Pennsylvania and North Western West Virginia northeastward to the Atlantic coast.

The storm in Chicago already spent, took three lives. While the East struggled through the snow drifts today Colorado, Montana and Wyoming were basking in warm sunshine.

(Canadian Press)  
DIOBY, N. S., Feb. 11.—Men and boys numbering approximately four thousand will start tomorrow to dig Digby County out from under the blanket of snow that has blocked its roads and generally suspended its business. Snow has been falling continuously for three days, with the result that all roads in the rural districts are completely blocked. No mail could be delivered in the isolated section of the county today and there was little hope that service would be resumed before next week.

In some parts of Digby County snow drifts were reported as being as high and in some instances higher than two storied houses. The local foghorn tonight has been sounding the warning along the coast continuously for the past hundred hours. The buoy at the entrance to Digby Gut was blown by the gales to the center of the basin.

**Declaration Day in Georgetown**

Tuesday, Feb. 9th was declaration day in Georgetown for the recent bye-elections of the local government. Result as follows:

Cardigan District	
McPhee	Power
Baldwins Road 34	32
Viclock Cross 35	45
18 Mile Brook 23	36
Cardigan 55	24
Rose Valley 62	38
Reneath 44	28
Montague North 73	35
Dundas 79	63
Glenfanning 30	25
435 326	
Majority for McPhee 109.	
Michael Murphy, R. O.	
Murray Harbour	
McLeod	Butler
Whim Road Cross 30	33
Montague South 50	18
High Bank 38	15
Murray Harbour S. 64	41
St. Mary's Road 50	30
Glen William 48	37
Lower Montague 33	42
Murray Harbour East 38	39
Murray Harbour North 31	20
Murray Harbour South 31	38
413 348	
Majority for McLeod, 70.	
Michael Murphy, R. O.	

**Huge Radio Station Planned By League**

(Canadian Press)  
NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Sir Eric Drummond, secretary of the League of Nations, intends to submit plans to the League for the erection at Geneva of a million dollar broadcasting station which will be the most powerful in the world, according to Eric Palmer, American representative in charge of recent broadcasting tests.

**Ford Mapping Out System of Airways**

(Canadian Press)  
DETROIT, Feb. 11.—A system of air ways connecting Detroit, Boston, New York, Buffalo and New Haven is being mapped out by Henry Ford, automobile manufacturer, W. M. Mayo, chief engineer of the Ford Company, told the Michigan Engineering Association.

**WOMAN FAINTS ON STAND**

**Declared Accused Had Promised Marriage After Wife's Death.**

(Canadian Press)  
MONTREAL, Feb. 11.—That Napoleon Decourcelle, charged with the attempted murder of his wife and two children, had asked her to marry him as soon as his wife was dead, was the statement made today by Miss Aurori Therrien at the trial in the court of Kings Bench. Decourcelle, is charged with having attempted to asphyxiate his family by opening the cock of a gas meter in his home while the family slept.

Miss Therrien said the accused first started coming to see her last July. At that time he represented himself to be single. Some time afterwards he said he was a widower and gave her a ring which was to be their engagement ring. This was November 25th. Later he told her he was married but that his wife had been in the hospital for long time suffering from a serious illness and was on the point of death. He told her he would marry her as soon as his wife died.

The witness collapsed and had to be assisted from the court.

**Reduction in Expense to Dominion**

(Canadian Press)  
OTTAWA, Feb. 11.—Canada's share of the expense of the League of Nations during 1925 was \$165,271. This is a reduction of about \$3,000 from the previous fiscal year.

The report of Canada's delegation as stated in the House of Commons shows that the general budget of the League of Nations special organizations, the international labor organization and of the permanent court of international justice for the current fiscal year is 22,930,633 gold francs. Canada is assessed this year on a basis of 35 units out of 937. Great Britain's share has been raised from 88 to 105 units.

**Reject Proposal to Allow Women to Preach**

(Canadian Press)  
GLASGOW, Feb. 11.—A proposal to admit women to the ministry of the United Free Church of Scotland is being considered in discussion in the ecclesiastical court of Glasgow. The Presbytery of Hamilton, Lanarkshire has approved the proposal by a vote 36 to 32. The mover of the amendment to the resolution in question said he was "quite willing to allow women to teach but not preach or dictate to the men whose prerogative for preaching and dictating came from the Third Chapter of Genesis."

The Presbytery of Glasgow has rejected the proposal to admit women to the ministry after a close vote.

**SHIP FOUNDERS CREW SAVED**

(Canadian Press)  
HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 11.—The steamer Harold Casper, bound from an English port to New York grounded on the south side of Sable Island, near East Light during the night and was this morning breaking in two and rapidly filling.

Captain Harkins and his crew of 27 men reached shore safely in the ship's boats before the life boat from the island left the beach.

News of the wreck was received by radio by C. H. Harvey, local agent for the Marine and Fisheries department from Superintendent Henry of the Island life saving station.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 11.—Instructions from Ottawa were asked tonight by C. H. Harvey, local agent of the Marine and Fisheries Department regarding the removal from Sable Island of the crew of the wrecked steamer Harold Casper which grounded near East Light last night.

It is believed here that Ottawa will instruct a vessel to proceed to bring the ill-fated ship's crew to the mainland.

**THE CUSTOMS PROBE AT OTTAWA**

(Canadian Press)  
OTTAWA, Feb. 11.—Interest in the proceedings of the common committee investigating the conduct of the Customs Department centred today in the question of inspection of the port of Montreal.

R. P. Farrow, Deputy Minister of Customs admitted that in 1922 he conveyed to Chief Inspector of Customs Busby the decision of the then Minister of Customs that Mr. Busby should not inspect the port of Montreal. No reason was given for the removal of Montreal from Mr. Busby's jurisdiction.

When the appointment of R. P. Clark, the present head of the Montreal district, came up Hon. H. H. Stevens sharply questioned the Deputy Minister as to Mr. Clark's qualifications for the post. A dramatic moment came when Mr. Stevens asked Mr. Farrow's private opinion of the wisdom of Mr. Clark's appointment. After some hesitation Mr. Farrow replied that he did not care to answer.

The appointment of Mr. Clark had been made by the Civil Service Commission on recommendation of the Department and Mr. Clark at that time was the best candidate available for the post, considering the expense of bilingual qualifications. Mr. Barrow denied that he had been told that Mr. Clark had been offered a bribe of \$100, a week by J. E. Bissillon, dismissed special inspector of the district of Montreal, for the job.

Mr. Stevens tried to "refresh Mr. Barrow's memory on the point," but the Deputy Minister said that while he had heard something about offered bribes it was not in that connection.

**Will Cover Greater Part of South America**

(Canadian Press)  
BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 11.—Having flown from Pajos, Spain to Buenos Aires, Commander Franco said today that he would shortly send to King Alfonso a proposal to continue the flight from Buenos Aires to New York. He added that his plane the Plus Ultra was in splendid condition. Franco desires to fly home by way of South America west coast crossing the southern Andes and visiting Chili, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Cuba and United States. He has been privately informed that his plans will be approved.

**Announcements, Coming Events, Meetings, Etc.**

\*\*Valentine tea Zion Church hall, Friday afternoon 4 to 7.

\*\*St. Peters Church Cake Sale for Hospital Saturday 3 p. m. at Rogers Hardware Store. 7673

\*\*Come to the Valentine Supper at the home of Mr and Mrs Pope Bagnall on Monday evening, Feb. 15th. If not fine come first fine night. Hazel Grove Women's Institute. 7646-2-12-31

\*\*NOTICE—Annual meeting of the Hope River Egg Circle will be held in Hope River Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 16th at 2 p. m. Members having eggs to ship kindly bring them to the Hall on above date.—J. L. Murphy, Sec. 7645

\*\*The concert at North River is postponed until further notice. 7654-12-11

\*\*Whist and Dance in St. Mary's Hall, Souris Monday, Feb. 15th at 8 o'clock. Admission 50 cents a couple. Everybody welcome. 21

\*\*Mt. Stewart Hall Monday extra special show. 7639-2-11-21

\*\*Moving Pictures, Souris on Tuesday instead of on Monday. 7639-2-11-21

\*\*Tyronne Dramatic Club will present their four act drama "Our Jim" in Tyronne Hall, Friday, 12th. If not fine, on Monday following. 7636-2-10-31

\*\*Wives are not so ready to keep you as they used to be," declared a Stratford husband, mournfully, at Bow Country Court.

**THE WEATHER, ETC.**

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