

Estevan Strike

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Mineworkers Union Scores Efforts To Break Coal Strike

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CALGARY, Alta., Sept. 16.—Condemnation of the Canadian Defenders' decision to attempt "breaking" the coal miners' strike at Estevan, Sask., was contained in a resolution brought down at the annual meeting of the Mine Workers' union of Canada today.

James Sloan, president of the mine workers, criticized the action of the Defenders' league, which proposes to recruit 600 men and send them to Estevan to work the mines left idle by the miners' strike a week ago. Lewis Macdonald, president of the Defenders' league, organized to stem the tide of Communism and protect British subjects, is forming the battalion of 600 which he hopes to land at Estevan Saturday.

All British Subjects

The men will be gathered from Calgary and district and their work will be to carry on the mine operations until the strike is ended. Mr. Macdonald said the men would be cared for by his organization when their work was completed at Estevan, but he hoped that a number of them would remain in the coal fields. Mr. Macdonald emphasized that the men destined for Estevan were all British subjects. He reiterated his organization did not aim at lowering wages or instigating "scabbing," but only wished to end the onward march of the communism which was causing discontent among workers.

Members of the Mine Workers' union, however, greatly resent the Defenders' league action. The union has been supporting the striking miners, but the mine operators refuse to recognize the body or discuss conciliation efforts with it. Mr. Sloan has maintained that the strike would not end until the operators were willing to join in a round table conference with union officials and miners.

MINE STRIKERS AT WAYNE ASK AID

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CALGARY, Alta., Sept. 16.—Coal miners at Wayne, Alta., on strike for several weeks, have appealed to the Mine Workers' Union of Canada, in convention here, for assistance. The striking miners seek wages allegedly in arrears. They pleaded for aid and the union decided to despatch a man to the scene to investigate conditions.