

CONFERENCE ON LABOR DISPUTE

CIVIC COMMITTEE AND EMPLOYERS MEET

Business Has Not Been Interrupted by "Cessation of Work" at Vancouver

Vancouver, June 6.—Demonstrations against non-union men now at work on various buildings throughout the city are the result of the strike of the bricklayers. The police force furnished the new developments in the strike of the building trades in the city to-day. Several attacks and attempts at intimidation were yesterday afternoon made on workmen; and in one case a non-union man was badly battered up before he escaped in an automobile which happened to be passing by.

Aside from these incidents some developments may occur during the day in connection with conferences being held between the civic committee and the union men and officers of the Master Builders Association.

Another business of the city today being ahead almost as if there were no "cessation of labor." The joke appears to be on the non-union men who are to be cut off by the bricklayers. Some Mr. Pettipiece, who said that as secretary of the Trades and Labor Council he was spokesman for the cause, said that he had no objection to the bricklayers being cut off, but that he was not in favor of the bricklayers being cut off by the crown. Mr. Drysdale, who has been two days in Maclean's chair, said that he was not in favor of the bricklayers being cut off by the crown.

They were working on the ground floor to quit.

Foiled in all efforts to dislodge the lofty bricklayers the mob then stampered up Homer street to the new North-western building, and here it was that the Greek met Greek, for although hooted and hissed for an hour the non-union men at work there went quietly on until closing time. Under command of Inspector Mollenman a dozen mounted policemen kept the street open for traffic, but the sidewalk was completely blocked.

The crowd doggedly stood around the building until 5:30, when the men put on their coats and quit. They had to walk across the street and through a crowd of hostile strikers to get to the office, but they went through, receiving nothing worse than insults.

In the meantime another crowd had gathered around the building at the corner of Columbia and Hastings, and it was there, when the men quit work and the crowd dispersed, that the most serious disturbance took place. One of the non-union men was mobbed and had the coat torn off his back. He was hit on the head with a board held estate sign, and another man was struck on the head with a brick. He was backing away and running to escape when he noticed a passing auto which he leaped aboard. The driver took him in the situation and drove off, leaving the crowd to follow him as far as Westminster avenue. He was very badly used up.

Four men who took part in the riot yesterday, which resulted in the tearing down of a fence at the corner of Columbia avenue and Cordova street, were found guilty in the police court this morning of causing wilful damage to property and were sentenced to three months' hard labor in the city hall. One was a union man, one man, Angus McDonald, was a carpenter who was out on strike, but was not a union man. John Gordon, a laborer; Gordon Hatch, a waiter, and R. W. Kochindock, a Russian tailor.

In commenting on this feature of it Magistrate Shaw made known his attitude towards the whole situation. He said: "I have nothing to say regarding the merits of the strike. Strikers are legal if they are conducted properly. Unfortunately in every case there is a band of irresponsible men who are ready to cause all sorts of mischief as soon as a strike is called. That sort of thing is not going to be tolerated in this city if I can help it. You know well enough that it is not one of the principles of unionism to tear down fences and create riots. You are not helping the unions any. You are merely giving vent to your passions for destruction. I sentence you each to the reform school for six months."

The officers caught the men tearing down the fence. According to the estimate of those who gave evidence there must have been a crowd of fifteen hundred men on the streets. In addition to the four men convicted of wilful damage, William McKay and Andrew Scott were charged under the vagrancy act with the crime of creating a disturbance, but their cases were remanded until to-morrow to allow them to procure counsel.

Alex. McDonald, who was at first charged with rioting, had his charge amended to one of rioting with a police officer. Detective MacDonald, in giving evidence against him swore that Alex McDonald followed the arrested men up from Cordova street to the station and attempted to incite the crowd to take the prisoners away.

"I had to keep them off at the point of my revolver," said the detective. At the conference at labor headquarters last night there was a heated discussion, according to the statement of a well-informed source to-day, as to the method of handling strike affairs by R. P. Pettipiece. The latter is said to have left the meeting before it concluded and to-day is taking no part in the direction of affairs.

ORDERS RENEWAL OF HOTEL LICENSE

JUDGMENT GIVEN IN PRINCE RUPERT CASE

Commissioners Are Ordered to Pay the Costs of the Application

Vancouver, June 5.—An important ruling was handed down by the Justice Clement in Supreme court chambers against the board of license commissioners of Prince Rupert. The case in question was the application of J. Prudhomme, proprietor of the Prince Rupert hotel, for an order to force the license commissioners to renew the license for his hotel. The application was heard before Chief Justice Hunter about three weeks ago, and an order was granted returnable within a certain time. When the time elapsed the pressure of business in court gave the applicants a further extension till to-day.

According to the claim put forward by C. M. Woodworth, who appeared in behalf of the application, the refusal had been made on the ground that the hotel was within 300 yards of the Baptist church, and also that when the license was first granted it was given by the license commissioners at a meeting which did not possess a quorum. Mr. Woodworth also stated, however, that on the request of the board the chief of police of Prince Rupert had appeared before that body and had stated that the hotel was being conducted along proper lines, and that he could see no reason why the license should be refused.

In the statements brought out in court it was shown that before he went into the hotel business Mr. Prudhomme was a contractor in Prince Rupert and during the time he was engaged in that line became implicated in a movement by the contractors against a declaration of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America for "the closed shop." As a result of this it was stated by representatives from the union appeared before the license commissioners opposed to granting the license on the ground that Prudhomme obtained the material used in the construction of the hotel from outside points.

C. M. Craig, who appeared against the application, claiming that it had been granted in violation of the law, stated the distance set down by law from the Baptist church and that it was on these grounds that the renewal had been refused.

In giving his decision Mr. Justice Clement said there was no doubt in his mind that the refusal to grant the renewal was for reasons other than those stated in the application. He stated that he believed in the license being renewed and that the costs of the application be paid by the license commissioners.

KING'S MESSAGE TO GOVERNOR-GENERAL

OTTAWA, JUNE 8.—Earl Grey has received from King George the following reply to a message sent by him on occasion of the King's birthday:

"London, England, June 4.
"My sincere thanks for your telegram expressing loyal congratulations of my subjects in Canada.
"(Signed) GEORGE, R. I."

PAY TRIBUTE TO CARDINAL GIBBONS

Civic Demonstration in Honor of His Golden Jubilee as a Priest

Baltimore, Md., June 6.—Distinguished men of this and other nations will gather here to-day to pay tribute to Cardinal Gibbons, a man and a citizen at a popular civic demonstration in honor of the 25th anniversary of his elevation to the cardinalate and his jubilee as a priest.

The affair will be entirely non-sectarian and is in recognition of the influence which the Cardinal has exercised for high ideals of citizenship and patriotism. Addresses will be made by President Taft, Vice-President Sherman, Speaker Cannon, and Senator Preston and the Cardinal.

Members of the president's cabinet, United States senators, congressmen and diplomatic representatives of foreign countries have signified their intention to be present.

G. T. P. PATRONIZES CANADIAN FIRMS

POLICY OF COMPANY, SAYS PRESIDENT HAYS

General Manager Not Aware of Reported Award to Mills Across Line

Vancouver, June 6.—"The fixed and settled policy of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway is to buy all its supplies in Canada from Canadians. If an order is given for material in the United States it will be found to be due to exceptional circumstances. In the matter of patronizing Canadian industry we are not one whit less patriotic than the Canadian Pacific railway."

Today was the statement of C. M. Hays, president of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, yesterday, when shown a statement purporting to emanate from F. J. Palmer, manager of the Chemunus sawmill, complaining that the Grand Trunk Pacific was unduly discriminated against Canadian sawmills by awarding a state of Washington mill an order for \$200,000 feet of lumber for the Pacific division and awarding the same to the alleged policy of the C. P. R. to buy all its supplies in Canada even though prices were a little higher than those of American firms.

"I never heard of the recent award to an American lumber company," said Mr. Hays, turning to E. J. Chamberlain, general manager.

"Oh, I think that must be the lumber for the snowsheds on the first division, but I was not aware that a contract had been awarded," replied Mr. Chamberlain.

"Some time ago I instructed Mr. McNichol, superintendent at Prince Rupert, to ask for bids for a supply for that purpose. If he placed the order across the line, I would have been aware of the much more favorable price quoted, as I understand the lumber trade there is demoralized. However, it is certain that the Canadian mill was given an opportunity to bid. We tried to get the same lumber for the same purpose last fall, but none of the Canadian mills could undertake delivery in the time required as we wanted to rush the building of the snowsheds. In the present instance it may be that the millmen in British Columbia, busy at orders in the prairies, could not fill the order in time.

"Our policy is to buy everything we can in Canada and I am certain that 99 per cent. of our purchases are so made and the money expended with Canadian firms."

"Mr. Chamberlain is right. Wherever possible we will continue to favor Canadian business men in placing orders," added the president.

INCREASE IN GRAIN ACREAGE IN MANITOBA

Spring Reports Show Crops Are in Splendid Condition—Flax Growing

Winnipeg, June 6.—First spring crop report of Manitoba government to-day shows splendid conditions. The striking features in the bulletin are:

1. That every item in the bulletin, with the exception of timothy, shows an increase over that of a year ago.
2. Flax has more than doubled, due to the prevailing high price for this cereal.
3. Three years ago there was not enough clover or alfalfa to make mention of. This year the total under this product is \$302 acres.
4. This spring there is an increase of a quarter of a million acres in the land under crop over that of a year ago, which area was an increase of 478,000 acres over any previous year.
5. The total increase in the area under crop last year was \$18,851 acres over any previous year, yet this year shows an increase over that of last year of 455,976 acres, of which 424,480 is sown in cereals.

MORALS OF CITIES.

Galt, Ont., June 6.—Speaking before the Hamilton conference yesterday Rev. Dr. T. Albert Moore, secretary of the department of temperance and moral reform of the Methodist church, stated that he has a man secretly inquiring into the moral conditions of several cities in the Dominion. The investigator is now in Hamilton and will shortly go to Toronto, after which he will prosecute his inquiries in all the larger cities as far as the Pacific coast.

PREPARING TO MOVE.

Yorkton, Sask., June 6.—That the Doukhobors intend to trek to British Columbia was given an opportunity to an advertisement asking for bids for the purchase of their brickyards here. The brickmaking plant is a large one with a capacity of 50,000 bricks per day.

WILL RELEASE AMERICANS.

El Paso, June 6.—Governor Gonzalez, who is now in Juarez, received information yesterday that the 17 American prisoners captured in the battle of Casas Grandes on March 6 have not yet been released from prison in Chihuahua. He says they will be released upon his arrival in that city, within the next few days, paid off and sent back to the United States.

SENATE WILL PASS RECIPROcity BILL

NO AMENDMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Pol. Shows Change of Sentiment—Majority of Thirty for Measure Probable

Washington, D. C., June 6.—The Canadian reciprocity agreement will be passed by the senate without amendment and with more than thirty votes to spare.

This prediction is based on a careful poll of the senate. This poll shows a remarkable change in sentiment, due in a large measure to the gallant fight of President Taft for the legislation and to the overwhelming public sentiment in favor of the proposed treaty which was shown by the Chicago Tribune's poll of editors in twenty-two different sections of the Union.

In view of the overwhelming majority in the agreement, the impression prevails that it will prove impossible to amend the bill. If this be the case there are several senators, now opposed to the measure, who may find it expedient to vote for it.

President Taft is strongly against amendments of any kind.

Executive consideration of the bill was begun to-day by the senate finance committee, although no effort will be made to reach a vote on it before to-morrow, the date fixed last week by the committee as the time when the bill and proposed amendments thereto will be voted on.

GRANTED LEAVE TO APPEAL

Officers of United Wireless Will Carry Case to Higher Court

New York, June 6.—Judge Lacombe of the United States circuit court, yesterday granted writs of error to the officers of the United Wireless, who were sentenced for using the mails to defraud. These writs allow the defendants to carry the case to the United States circuit court of appeals. Counsel for Parker and others will to-day apply to the circuit court of appeals for release of the defendants on bail pending appeal.

KILLED BY TRAIN.

Pendleton, Ore., June 6.—The body of a man severed in two places was found yesterday on the tracks of the Oregon-Washington Railroad, a few miles east of Pendleton. Letters on the body lead to the belief that Victor Pohl, at one time of Wilsall, Mont., is the name of the dead man. Baggage checks and money order receipts from Eugene and Springfield, Ore., were found on the body.

CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES AGAINST ALBERTA

More Complications in the Alberta and Great Waterways Case

Edmonton, June 6.—Claims for damages aggregating more than \$2,500,000 are being prepared to be filed against the province of Alberta in connection with the Alberta and Great Waterways case. The whole matter gets more and more complicated.

At present the province is suing the Royal Bank for the \$6,000,000 of Alberta and Great Waterways money deposited with it. It has also taken action to get possession of the remaining \$1,400,000 deposited with other banks. The struggle will probably be a long one, especially as there are added complications.

So far as can be readily learned other claims for damages are in course of preparation. Those now to be filed by the railway company are being prepared mainly under the direction of John H. Moss, K.C., the eminent Toronto counsel and member of the firm of Aylesworth, Wright, Moss & Thompson.

THREE KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Indianapolis, June 6.—Three persons were killed by lightning in a storm that was general in southern Indiana yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. O. C. Kelley of Linton, was struck while she was feeding chickens, and John Gant was killed while he was mowing the lawn at his home near Rushville.

James Parsons, a coal miner, climbing through a barbed wire fence near Hymera, was electrocuted when lightning struck the fence.

BAXLEY, GA., JUNE 6.—Six persons were injured and considerable property damage done by a severe wind and rain storm which swept this section yesterday afternoon. Mrs. H. J. Parker was shocked by a bolt of lightning. The others injured were young men, who were caught in a garage which was demolished by the storm.

WORK OF TRAIN WRECKERS.

St. Thomas, Ont., June 6.—Despite the reports that last week's railway wreck at Ridgeway when two men were killed, was after all an accident, it can be stated positively that the railway authorities have absolute proof that the wreck was deliberate.

AVIATOR ABANDONS FLIGHT

Buc, France, June 6.—Pierre Vedrine, the winner of the Paris-to-Madrid flight last month, crossed the starting line at the aerodrome here at 8:31 o'clock this morning, bound for Nice, the end of the first stage of the Paris-Rome-Turin air race. The distance between Buc and Nice is 337 miles. Four of the contestants in the race, Beaumont, Garros, Frey and Vidart, already have reached Rome and are prepared to resume their flight to Turin, the concluding stage of the 1300 mile event. Vedrine reached Dijon, 160 miles from Paris, at 7:25 o'clock this morning, and after taking on fuel re-ascended at 8:05 o'clock, sailing away in the direction of Lyons, 106 miles further away from the starting point.

The present contest was begun on May 21, but the aviator has not yet had time to accomplish the distance of 2,055 kilometers (1300 miles) from Paris to Turin by way of Rome. The pilots are at liberty to start when they please and land as often as they desire, providing they report at certain fixed points. The race was organized by the Paris Petit Parisien and has attracted more than \$100,000.

Vedrine, after passing over Chalons-Sur-Saone and flying at an altitude of 3,000 feet, encountered a violent wind which rocked his machine dangerously and compelled him to make a rough landing at Saint Laurent Les Macon, just outside Macon. Vedrine was uninjured, but his machine was damaged.

The accident appears to have caused him to fly from Buc to Nice in one day and he abandoned the race. He will return to Paris.

JOHN DILLON INJURED.

Thrown From Automobile When Car Dashes Into a Culvert.

Dublin, June 6.—John Dillon, Nationalist member of parliament, was dangerously injured about the head and back in an automobile accident which occurred near Dundalk. It was at first thought Mr. Dillon was dying, and a priest administered the last sacraments. The injured man rallied, however, and was removed to a Dundalk hospital, where he is in a serious condition.

The automobile dashed into a culvert and Mr. Dillon was thrown through the glass screen. Although his condition is serious, Mr. Dillon's own doctor, who was summoned from here, hopes for his complete recovery, but will not permit removal of the patient from Dundalk for several days.

Mr. Dillon suffered a severe concussion of the spine, which deprived him temporarily of his power over his limbs. He also received a severe cut on his forehead which required several stitches.

SEARCH FOR CASTRO.

Former President of Venezuela Is Now Reported to Be at Gibraltar.

Washington, D. C., June 6.—Cipriano Castro, the exiled president of Venezuela, who is said to be planning a return to his native country, is now reported to be at Gibraltar.

This information reached the state department yesterday from Lisbon and dispelled the security which officials have felt that they had the Venezuelan definitely located in the Portuguese colony. The consul at Gibraltar has been instructed to investigate the report and endeavor to clear up the mystery surrounding the whereabouts of Castro. The state department, it is said, will continue its efforts, with the co-operation of European governments, to prevent his return to Venezuela.

LAWYER DIES SUDDENLY.

St. Thomas, Ont., June 6.—Daniel Coughlin, a leading lawyer, died suddenly yesterday from apoplexy, aged 62.

FAVOR TREATY OF ARBITRATION

Taft's Negotiations with Britain Endorsed

Boston, June 6.—The headquarters of the world peace foundation here announced to-day the receipt of resolutions endorsing President Taft's negotiations of arbitration with Great Britain from 138 of the leading boards of trade and chambers of commerce in the United States. These bodies, it is stated, represent the almost unanimous sentiment of the leading business men of their several cities, and the cities thus heard from have a combined population of 19,000,000. The resolutions will be forwarded to the foreign relations committee of the senate.

Paris, June 6.—The American chamber of commerce in Paris which transmitted the resolutions adopted by the New York chamber of commerce favoring unrestricted arbitration between the United States and France, to the Paris chamber of commerce, in an enthusiastic reply. The chambers endorsing the project include those of Bordeaux, Rouen, Dunkerque and Troyes.

FILMS DESTROYED.

New York, June 6.—One hundred and forty miles of moving pictures melted into the air yesterday, leaving no ashes behind, when flames swept through the two-story building of the Powers Company, film makers, in the Bronx. Several heroes and heroines who were rehearsing a play were driven when the fire was discovered fled for their lives. They for an hour stood in their stage clothes on the sidewalk and watched the flames battle with the breeze. The damage is estimated at \$175,000.

BOY DROWNED.

Bremerton, Wash., June 6.—Each struggling to maintain his position on a raft floating in a stagnant pond, Gerhard Meiser, 7 years old, and Chester Thurman, aged 6, wrestled each other into the water yesterday. The Meiser boy was drowned and his companion was rescued only through the timely aid of a passerby who heard the screams and was attracted to the spot. The dead boy was the son of Frank Meiser, superintendent of the city streets.

NOT CASE OF CHOLERA.

Berlin, June 6.—A woman who was removed to a hospital here yesterday exhibiting symptoms that suggested cholera, had to-day recovered her normal state, making it practically certain that the suspicion of the health authorities was groundless. Nevertheless, the patient is detained at the hospital pending the completion of a bacteriological examination.

STRATHCONA'S GIFT.

Montreal, June 6.—At the annual convocation of McGill yesterday an announcement was made that Lord Strathcona had donated another \$100,000 for the completion of the equipment in the new million dollar medical building. Doctor James Douglas has also donated \$25,000 for research work.

ALLEN CASE WENT TO JURY AT NOON

COUNSEL'S ADDRESSES HEARD THIS MORNING

Defence Was One of Temporary Insanity as the Result of Drink

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Gunner Allen's defence consisted in the evidence of Dr. E. A. Hall, who gave testimony on insanity caused by drink and was briefly cross-examined by the crown counsel. The prisoner was not placed on the witness stand, as at the former trial, his counsel apparently resisting because of Allen's request yesterday that the trial should go on.

In addressing the jury Mr. Davie dwelt upon the jury's responsibility, suggesting insanity and claiming not to be compelled to prove insanity on the prisoner's part.

Mr. Davis placed the blame for the death of Capt. Elliston upon society. He drew a picture of the weary and tired-of-life prisoner in the box, the former trial, the scaffold which had been prepared and the man's appeal to the judge to stop the trial. He claimed for the prisoner the mercy and pity of the jurymen.

Mr. Alkman told the jury there was no denial of the shooting, insanity had not been proved and there was not even evidence of drunkenness, except a mug of beer the night before the commission of the crime. He relied upon the fact that had not been disproved to warrant the crown in demanding a verdict of guilty.

Mr. Justice Murphy told the jury that he and its members were sworn to carry out their duty.

"It is according to law and if we are not satisfied," he said, "we can adjudge for a change. This man is charged with murder and it is for you, on your oaths, to say whether he is guilty or not."

The judge defined murder, saying there was no doubt that a homicide had been committed, and distinguished between culpable and non-culpable homicide, saying culpable homicide is murder, unless the jury know to the offender to be likely to cause death is done.

"You, gentlemen, must take the law from me," he said, "but you are the judges of the facts. Capt. Elliston is dead, but in the appeal for mercy to you there was nothing said of him. He was unlawfully killed. The evidence is that the prisoner fired the fatal shot. The onus is on the prisoner to take the charge out of the category of murder and to justify his action. The defence is insanity, but the code does not justify murder because the jury may have seen hallucinations. Reasonable doubt is insanity does not lie. The accused must show his insanity. Accused is not held to be insane now. If you find he was insane I will have to commit him to Westminster Asylum. The next would be to obtain a writ of Habeas Corpus and he would be shown to be sane. Then he would go scot free. It is a scintilla of evidence to show he was laboring under insanity? Can you say he was incapable of appreciating the nature and quality of what he was doing when he fired that shot?"

"You are not to grope around for an excuse to find him insane. You can only judge his mind by his acts. He was capable of appreciating he had done something wrong. His statement to the police, if you believe them, is conclusive. You must decide from his acts if he was in a state of mind to make a lucid statement. It is not the duty of the crown to show motive. Was the man killed? If so, was he killed illegally? What evidence have you of any nature that the prisoner was under delusions, and if so, what were they. Again, were they of sufficient character to warrant him committing a murder. Is there any suggestion of that here? Of course you are the judges of it gentlemen."

"If you find him guilty of insanity say so, because a man must commit him to the asylum. Drunkenness is not an excuse for crime. If it was that would be an end of society. If an element to be considered in the crime but every man is presumed to intend the consequences of his act."

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CHARGED WITH BRYDSON

It Hears a Known Back

Daily.)

Sears, captain of the ship, was charged with the murder of John Brydson. The ship was on the coast of the state. He broke into the cabin with any arms and Brydson part of the ship to the deck and moved away. Brydson was on the boat, which eventually sank. Maclean the witness was twenty he wharf that

CHICAGO MERCHANT COMMITS SUICIDE

IMPLICATED IN BURNING OF PLACE OF BUSINESS

Shoots Himself After Making Confession to Police—Band of Incendiaries in City

Chicago, June 6.—Leopold Dreyfus, of the firm of Dreyfus & Company, committed suicide yesterday after he had confessed to the police that he was a party to the burning of his place of business on Market street last Saturday afternoon.

The confession, according to the police, may throw light on other fires in the downtown district and is regarded by the officials as evidence of the existence of an organized band of incendiaries, who, for a stipulated price, offer to set fire to business houses.

Suspicion of fire, including the burning of several cases which had apparently contained gasoline in rooms occupied by L. Dreyfus & Co., clothiers, caused a careful investigation to be made and Dreyfus was questioned by the police. Stripped of its details the confession, in substance the police say, was that two men approached Dreyfus and his brother about a week ago and offered to burn the building for \$5,000 as their price. Dreyfus is declared to have agreed to \$2,000 by the time it arrived with two police officers the crowd had left the man at work, and had gone up to the corner of Pender and Abbott a few men were working in the basement of a large new building, but they were pulled through the Bank of Ottawa building, yellow and red, and up the street they met with a still larger crowd of curious men and boys following. At the new building, on the corner of Seymour and Hastings, they met with a crowd for the bricklayers were too high to fear the mob, and they went on working. Here, however, the strikers succeeded in inducing several men who

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TAKES RAT POISON.

Winnipeg, June 6.—Peter Bumber, 591 Redwood avenue, took rat poison and died shortly afterwards. He was 52 years of age.