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THE MEN WILL NOT STOP WORK

President Sherman Does not Anticipate Any Trouble at Lethbridge

Calgary, May 15.—President Sherman, of the United Mine Workers of America, District No. 18, was in the city yesterday.

As soon as he returns from Bankhead and Camrose he states that the district board will confer with the operators and the miners at Lethbridge, who have expressed their willingness to enter into a new agreement with the miners without the intervention of a conciliation board.

"I do not look for any trouble," said President Sherman, "although there may be some differences of opinion between the operators and the miners, owing to the desire of the company to ignore the union as such, and deal with the miners as individuals."

President Sherman stated that this was the only element of trouble they anticipated in connection with the obtaining of a new agreement at Lethbridge.

"In that event, however, the men will appeal, as a union, for a conciliation board, according to the terms of the new act. In any event there will be no cessation of work, which will proceed as usual in either event."

This is President Sherman's official statement of their plans for Lethbridge.

British Association Coming.

The president announced that during a recent visit to Winnipeg he was outlined by the president, and a definite share was undertaken by each. The immediate work of the society will consist in securing the story of the early west from some of the aged and interesting survivors of the earliest days, and preserving several historical relics.

200 Will Tour the West.

This distinguished body of scientists, historians and writers, 200 in number, will come to Winnipeg, after participating in the ten-tercentenary celebration at Quebec and the Hudson tercentenary at New York.

Of these 200 will be invited to tour the west as the guests of the federal and provincial governments, and brilliant receptions being tendered them at each point of importance.

INVESTIGATED HOSKER'S DEATH.

And Gustave Bouchard Arrested on Charge of Malicious Mischief.

Roseland, B. C., May 15.—A special to the Miner from Trail says, about 10.30 last night David Hosker, a machinist employed at the smelter, was found dead with his neck broken and bleeding profusely from wounds about the face and head, at the foot of a stairs in the St. James hotel.

Gustave Bouchard is in jail charged with having caused his death. From the autopsy the provincial government has concluded that the cause of death was a blow on the head, where it is alleged, Bouchard beat and then dragged the body down to the foot of the stairs, which was found by one of the boarders in the house. Bouchard after the facts were on his shift at the hotel, was arrested a couple of hours later by Chief of Police Devitt and Constable Chapman. Coronor in charge of Roseland, was notified and sworn in.

The jury, after viewing the remains and taking the evidence of several witnesses, adjourned until 9.30 a.m. tomorrow night to await the result of a post mortem.

Wheat Shortage in Dakotas.

Winnipeg, May 15.—Only fifty per cent of wheat has been sown in the Dakotas. The shortage will be 25 per cent.

ESTIMATED COST OF THE BIG CANAL CONSTRUCTION AT SASKATOON

From Georgian Bay to Montreal. Would Cost About \$1,000,000,000

Ottawa, May 5.—The Georgian Bay canal commission has practically completed a survey of the proposed 21 foot waterway from Georgian bay to Montreal, via the French river, Lake Nipissing and the Ottawa river. The detailed report of the commission giving full and reliable details as to the whole cost of the completed canal, the location and character of the structural work required, the water powers available, etc., is now in course of preparation, and will be presented to parliament early next session.

For the first time the country will then have reliable and adequate information as to the cost and feasibility of this great project which has been before the public for half a century.

Probable Cost.

The engineers of the commission have not yet compiled a final estimate as to the whole cost of the canal, but from the information now available it is safe to say that the total expenditure required for a continuous and fully navigable waterway with a minimum depth of 21 feet from Georgian bay to tide water will be close to \$100,000,000. The report, when presented, will also show that from an engineering standpoint the enterprise is entirely feasible with no very great engineering difficulties to surmount.

The question for parliament to consider will be whether the benefits which will accrue to the Dominion through the construction of a waterway, making Fort William practically an ocean port, and shortening the present time for water from Fort William to Montreal by over 400 miles will justify an expenditure larger by \$15,000,000 than has been spent altogether on the great lake and St. Lawrence waterways system.

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THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S WORK

Program to Secure Record of Early Days. Visit of English Historians.

At the meeting of the executive council of the Historical Society of Alberta, held last night in the council chamber an interesting program of work for this year was mapped out.

Almost all the members of the executive resident in Edmonton were in attendance, together with Mr. Fletcher Bredin, M.P.P., who returns to the north shortly and will devote some time to gathering material for the society.

Members Enthusiastic.

The members of the executive entered with enthusiasm into the work outlined by the president, and a definite share was undertaken by each. The immediate work of the society will consist in securing the story of the early west from some of the aged and interesting survivors of the earliest days, and preserving several historical relics.

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THE SOCIETY'S WORK.

The entire plan of work includes research into data, the early explorations of Simpson and McKenzie and Franklin; into Indian folk-lore and the history of live missions and pioneer settlers; the history-making achievements of the two great rival fur companies, and the free traders.

Particular stress was laid by the president upon the importance of getting the life story of all the old prospectors who are left in this district, for these daring men were frequently the first white men who reached remote spots in the west of Alberta, preceding even the trader.

Stories of Old Timers.

A list of names of these old timers was prepared, and Mr. Burch put it to the members of the society to secure their stories. An active campaign to secure membership and correspondence work in outlying points will be inaugurated, the executive deciding that no opportunity should be lost to reach all of these old timers who are fast disappearing, and are already fast advanced in years. The society now has about 60 members.

Three Railways are Assembling Forces to Carry on Work. Extending Lines

Saskatoon, Sask., May 5.—Railway construction is moving briskly out east and west of town, once more. The McArthur struck town with a big special in two sections, loaded with men and teams for the C.P.R. grade out west. This company have practically the whole work from Asquith to the Battle river, a distance in the neighborhood of 150 miles. The track was laid last fall from Saskatoon to Asquith, about 30 miles. The McArthur outfit was transferred from the C.N.R. to the C.P.R. here and taken on through Asquith, where scrapers and other machinery remained all winter. In the outfit were about 300 teams men and stores. The trains came through from Winnipeg crews. The prairie from Battle river to Round Valley is dotted by C.P.R. engineers tents and this week other detachments will set out to cover the line from Asquith to those already on the ground. The bridge over the battle river will be finished by the end of June.

MANITOBA GOVERNMENT WORST OFF ALL.

Present Government Arraigned by President of W. C. T. U.

Winnipeg, May 15.—At the annual W. C. T. U. convention which opened in Winnipeg today the president, Mrs. Chisholm, in speaking of the liquor laws in Manitoba said the proportion of drunkards to population was greater than in any other province. Great evil was being fostered and encouraged by the party in power. Never before were so many youths on the downward path, never so many young girls being wronged. One step after another was being taken to frustrate the attempt to keep things right. Manitoba had unfortunately declared herself when she returned the present government to power at the last election. The W. C. T. U. was not a political organization but it was in politics because it wanted to help from the laws of the country.

INCREASE IN COAL PRICES.

Calgary, May 15.—The coal offices here announce an increase of 15 per cent in the price of coal. This is a result of the recent tie-up in the coal mines.

CRITICISM FOR THE PRESIDENT

For Writing Long Distance Letters in Haywood Case—Trial Still Held up.

Boise, Idaho, May 15.—The unexpected discovery of prejudice against Harry Orchard during the further examination of witnesses today in the trial of Wm. D. Haywood, for complicity in the murder of ex-Governor Frank Steiensen, led to the sharp wrangle between counsel and involved the name of President Roosevelt.

Samuel Whigate, the eleventh witness, was under examination in chief by the defence.

Questioning had proceeded but a short time when it developed that he was biased against Orchard and unwilling to accept the testimony which it is expected he will give against Haywood. The defence tried to show that Whigate's view of the matter was not such as would warrant his removal from the box, but when the tale was questioned by the state, Senator Borch quickly drew from him the flat-footed statement that he could not under any circumstances give credence to Orchard's testimony. On this Whigate was excused, the defence accepting the court's ruling and from thence forward the state was particular to test all witnesses on this point.

THE QUESTION RECALLED.

The question recalled at the afternoon session when Senator Borch put it to Talsman William A. McGuffey.

Clarence S. Darrow, of the defence, objected to the question and Senator Borch sharply replied: "After the immense latitude the defence has taken in regard to McPartland, Taft and Roosevelt, I do not think they should object on any technicality at this late day."

"If Roosevelt is to be brought here to testify, we might have something more to say," said Mr. Richardson, of the counsel for the defence.

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"Well, I don't know about that."

Judge Wood directed counsel to proceed, but Mr. Darrow took formal objection to the remarks of Senator Borch.

"I will be glad to eliminate Roosevelt if you will," replied Borch. "He was brought into the case by the defence."

"He came in himself," said Richardson. "He is a thousand miles away and he writes letters."

"He was brought in by his own 'letting in,'" added Mr. Darrow.

The judge overruled the objection to the question, the taleman saying that he did not have any bias or opinion in the matter. The defence noted exception and the incident closed. The jury box was finally filled this afternoon with twelve talemen temporarily passed by both sides. The court then announced that it was in order for each side to exercise peremptory challenge. The state exercised its right first and excused W. Vandorsdale, who has occupied a seat in the box since the opening day of the trial. G. F. Maw was then called to the vacant place. The state passed him and he was still being questioned by the defence when adjournment was reached.

ABRAHAM RUEF PLEADS GUILTY

Man who Controlled 'Frisco's Municipal Affairs Admits Conning at Corruption

San Francisco, Cal., May 15.—Abraham Ruef, acknowledged adviser of Mayor Schmitz and once recognized dictator of municipal affairs in San Francisco, pleaded guilty today to the charge of extortion in Judge Dunne's department of the superior court. Sentence will be pronounced on him two weeks hence.

After conference with his four attorneys in Judge Dunne's private chambers this afternoon, and after they had withdrawn from his case because of his resolve to change his plea and avoid trial, Ruef, to the utter astonishment of the prosecution, arose in court and announced in a dramatic address that after long and earnest consideration he had determined to withdraw his plea of not guilty and enter a plea of guilty. He then asked that the jury be dismissed and the trial abandoned.

Ruef read his statement from a manuscript which he had prepared in the presence of his attorneys a few moments before Judge Dunne's chambers opened. He showed by his voice, by his expression, by his gestureless attitude and by the tears that again and again flowed down his cheeks, the great sorrow and utter humiliation that he suffered.

Why He Pleaded Guilty.

"Last night I gathered my family about me in this prison house of mine, and prepared for the next day determined upon. That would mean one day of uneasiness, one day of sorrow. To go on would have meant months of agony and death.

"I don't know what my sentence will be. For myself I do not greatly care. I say now that no man possesses physical nerve more than I do. I could face a crowd of 5,000 or 10,000 men, everyone with a rope in his hand and calling for my life. I could face them calmly and meet my end without flinching, but the suffering of those I love I could endure no longer.

"I believe that with my personality, leaving out of consideration the feelings of those who love and have stood by me, I could spend five years in San Quentin prison almost as comfortably as in a hotel at a summer resort. But if the step I took this morning had meant five years or ten years, the fear of that would not have deterred me.

Will Protect the Innocent.

"I have made no confession, I know much. Some things I shall tell, some things I shall not. Whenever an innocent man has been forced into corruption against his will, that man I shall protect. Whenever a man, be he high or low, has entered into corruption with his eyes open, that man I shall expose.

"I shall not say at the present time that Mayor Schmitz is guilty of the charge that has been brought against him, or that he is innocent. I will say this, that I wanted to break away from Schmitz before the election a year ago last November, and said to him: 'I am sick of the whole thing, and I want to get out of it. I can't stand for all these union bums you have gathered around you and will appoint. They would eat the heart out of me.'

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LOST IN THE LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN EIGHT DAYS

Arrest of Charlie Bunn, at Athabasca Landing Recalls Story of the Terrible Experiences Through Which He Passed ten Years ago in the far Northland. Was Lost in the Woods in Winter for Eight Days and Nights.

Charlie Bunn, who is in custody at Athabasca Landing awaiting the result of the injuries to a man named Prudhomme, sustained in mix-up on Wednesday night, and which Bunn is alleged to have inflicted in self-defence, brings into the limelight again the man who ten years ago was lost for over a week in the far north country, and whose experiences make a story of intense interest, showing how a man may be sprained and crawled over rocks and through forest for eight days and nights without food, until he finally reached an Indian encampment.

The story of these trying experiences was put in print by J. K. MacDonald, who, in collaboration with A. Bridle, of this city, wrote for McClure's Magazine the story "Lost in the Land of the Midnight Sun," and which was published in the 1901 Christmas number of that magazine.

His Earlier Days.

"Charlie" Bunn's earlier days were spent as a jockey on the race tracks of the United States. On coming to manhood he came west to Montana, where he spent some years a cowboy, then as deputy sheriff and sub-Indian agent for the state. During the Klondike gold rush Bunn came to Edmonton on his way north, arriving here the summer of 1898. Pushing on toward the Klondike Bunn came to the Great Slave Lake and was so impressed with the country that he decided to remain. He remained at the Great Slave about a year, but the spirit of adventure was strong within him and when the opportunity to join the Bell exploration party presented, he gladly accepted and the sequel was one of the most interesting tales ever brought from the great north.

Party Divided.

The Bell exploration party was sent out by the geological department of the Ottawa government to discover the source of the Copper Mine River away up near the mouth of the Mackenzie. Indian legends and traders' tales told of a mountain of almost pure copper from which the river had its source.

The party, consisting of Bell, Bunn and two other men, went down the Mackenzie, up the Bear river, across the Great Bear Lake, up the

him, his aged father and mother, his maiden sister and a niece.

In the course of a long conversation with a representative of the Associated Press in the house at 2848 Ellimore street, which for the last month or two has been his prison, Ruef said: "I shall not mislead anyone. Never, never in the wide world could I have been convicted of this charge. No one knows as well as myself. Then why, one might ask, did I plead guilty? I pleaded guilty to save the lives of those who are nearest and dearest to me on earth." Ruef's eyes filled with tears when he said this. He turned and gazed out of the window. When he had mastered himself he went on:

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Struck Deserted Indian Camp.

The agony of that time can never be painted in words, but towards the end he became delirious and in this condition reached a deserted Indian camp on the Great Bear. He put out some nets found in the deserted tents and secured some fish. The food gave him life until the Indians returned from a hunting trip.

Bunn Is Not Quarrelsome.

Since that time Bunn has been a horseman and hotel man in Lethbridge and Prince Albert.

Good-natured and well liked he is anything but a quarrelsome man, and his many friends cannot believe that he would strike to kill unless his own life was at stake.

He joined the Hislop & Nagle party a few days ago, but for the last party trading posts up north, to bring down the winter's catch.