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Coal Strike May Last 6 Weeks Industrial Paralysis Grows

Keir Hardie Looks for Triumph of Men Within 10 Days, But Advises Preparation for Long Siege—200,000 Factory Workers Idle.

LONDON, March 4.—(Can. Press.)—It is quite impossible to hazard a guess as to the probable duration of the coal strike. James Keir Hardie, the independent labor member of parliament, expresses the opinion that the strike will end in a triumph for the miners within ten days, but that the men must be prepared to remain on strike for six weeks.

Premier Asquith's statement in the house of commons today gave no new information and was only interesting as showing that the government had not lost hope of bringing the disputants together.

A report was received from Derbyshire of a movement on the part of the miners in the midland counties to bring about an amicable arrangement with the mine owners. Such a partial settlement is hardly probable, but if it really came about, it would do much towards effecting a general settlement.

Like a Creeping Paralysis
The coal strike is now affecting every class of the community. Tens of thousands of workers have been dismissed, and the railway service is dislocated and disorganized. Like creeping paralysis, the stoppage of the coal supply is threatening the whole life of the nation. The miners are making holiday. The are, as they put it, "having their fling" while the nation suffers, the poor go cold and hungry, and their fellow-workers are turned into the streets.

Factory after factory is closing down all over the United Kingdom as a result of the national coal strike, and those responsible for the trouble are simply marking time for the present, although it is expected that negotiations will soon be resumed.

Besides the miners, considerably over a million of whom have ceased work, it is now estimated that there are upwards of 200,000 workers in other industries idle owing to the strike, and this number is being added to hourly.

The crews of coal-carrying vessels lying in the coaling ports are now being discharged, as the ships are unable to get cargoes, and the railroad employees are suffering in a similar way because of curtailment by the various companies of their train services. One short railroad line in Yorkshire has discontinued working entirely.

Fell in French Ports
PARIS, March 4.—(Can. Press.)—The effects of the British coal strike are beginning to be felt at the French channel ports. The transportation companies announce that they will not guarantee the arrival of freight and from England. Passenger service is partially suspended by way of Boulogne and Folkestone, and will also be restricted by way of Dieppe and Newhaven. In the event of the strike continuing all freight and passenger services between Saint Malo and Southampton will be suspended. As a consequence most of the dock workers at Saint Malo and Saint Servan will be out of employment.

The price of coal at Cherbourg has risen \$1 a ton.
CANADA A BARGAIN COUNTER:
MONTREAL, March 4.—(Special.)—The big European financial houses of Lazare Brothers, with offices in London and Paris, will open up here shortly. In the meantime their Canadian representative, Mr. Frederick Perry, left this evening for Winnipeg, via Toronto to spy out the western land. Mr. Perry says that Canada is the best bargain counter of the world.

People's Vote to Decide Naval Policy.

OTTAWA, March 4.—(Special.)—In answer to a question by A. A. Mondou (Yamaska), Right Hon. R. L. Borden this afternoon replied: "After such consideration and enquiry as may be necessary, the government will present its naval policy to parliament and to the people. That policy will undoubtedly require legislation which will involve the repeal of the present Naval Service Act. In the meantime, that act will remain on the statute book for purposes in connection with the fishery protection service and otherwise. Before any permanent naval policy is put into force, the people will be given an opportunity to pronounce upon it."

The house, he told P. E. Lamarche (Nicolet), would not be given an opportunity to discuss or declare itself on the resolution of Albert Sevigny (Dorchester) in favor of the repeal of the Laurier naval bill, because there were so many applications for the consideration of resolutions on public bills and orders that it would unduly delay the work of the house to accede to such a request.

MORE RAILWAY LINES ARE NEEDED

G. T. Somers, President of Toronto Board of Trade, Says West is Growing so Fast That Railways Cannot Keep Up With Development, and More Outlets Are Needed.

"Every day a few more miles are added to Canada's railway system in the west. Despite this enormous development the railways cannot cope with the problem of handling the immense growth of grain. What is needed most of all by the prairie farmers is an outlet in the east and west for their wheat. More railway lines north of Lake Superior is the main essential."

Returned from a four weeks' visit in the west, George T. Somers, president of the Toronto Board of Trade, spoke to The World yesterday regarding the knotty problem of transportation facilities.

Mr. Somers stated that the west was growing and becoming populated too rapidly for the railways. They could not keep up with the pace. More Americans from the south were flooding the Canadian west this year than ever before, and they were taking up land. Easterners were flocking to the country west of the Red River in greater numbers. And all this expansion meant greater need of more transportation lines.

More Outlets.
"The network of lines on the prairies themselves is a great help," said Mr. Somers. "But what is needed principally are outlets for the grain. The prevalence of present conditions means delay and loss of money to the farmers."

He said there was more optimism this year regarding the possibilities of better crops in the spring and autumn than in all his experience with western conditions. The spring crops looked especially good and the yield will be greatly in excess, if weather conditions are favorable, over those of previous years. He thought that the majority were making money, and few farmers were suffering financially to any extent. The extension of the C. N. R. and G. T. P. meant a great boon to the country.

Fake Real Estate.
He was very outspoken in denunciation of the tactics of real estate "sharks" in advertising alleged good property in cities and towns, which are located far from the hives of business activity and away out in the suburbs. "One great harm that is being done to the west is the wild-cattling schemes of some real estate men," he said. He considered that their methods were far worse and more deteriorating to the country than any crookedness that ever had been perpetrated in Cobalt.

LAURIER'S BOMB JUST MERE SOUB

In Debate on Manitoba Boundary Settlement, the Burning School Issue Was Studiously Avoided—Sir Wilfrid Kept Aloof, and is Apparently Playing Waiting Game.

OTTAWA, March 4.—(Special.)—The Manitoba boundaries bill was introduced by Premier Borden today for a second reading, and the debate which was expected to set off a series of fireworks was almost as tame and as dull as the discussion on the grain act. There was not a breath in regard to the school question by either side.

That the opposition to the measure is petering out is shown by the very evident lack of enthusiasm displayed by the Liberals and the very perfunctory line of argument which was followed. The attack was surprisingly weak and that there was dissension in the Liberal ranks over the measure, was stated by your correspondent, was shown by the small opposition attendance and general lack of interest.

Critics Were at Odds.
Entirely different lines of argument were followed by the Liberal critics. Hon. William Pugsley complained that Manitoba was getting too much and submitted that there should be a conference of the provincial premiers before the matter was finally settled. Hon. Frank Oliver, on the other hand, thought that Manitoba was getting the worst of it in handing back her provincial swamp lands, the he finally wound up by accusing the Dominion

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BOY WAS SEEN AT ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL WITH HEAVY IRON AROUND HIS LEG

MRS. DAVIDGE ON DEATHBED SAID HUSBAND SENT HER TO DR. HAWKE FOR OPERATION

Coroner's Jury Returned a Verdict Holding the Fugitive Medical Man Responsible for the Woman's Death—Anti-Mortem Statement Read, in Which Dying Woman Told of Paying \$25 for Operation Which Cost Her Life.

Dr. B. E. Hawke, a fugitive from justice, was held responsible for the death of Mrs. Esther Davidge at the inquest conducted by Coroner Dr. W. A. Young in the morgue last night. Several witnesses were heard touching upon the circumstances connected with the death of the 22-year-old wife of William Davidge, who died in the Western Hospital on Sunday afternoon after an illness of two weeks.

The verdict returned by the jury was: "That Mrs. Esther Davidge came to her death on or about Sunday, March 3, as a result of blood-poisoning, caused by an illegal operation by Dr. B. E. Hawke of 21 Wellesley-street."

William Smith, member of the board of education, was foreman of the jury. Five physicians were called and gave corroborative testimony regarding the circumstances, and woman's ante-mortem statement, incriminating Dr. Hawke was produced. William Davidge, the husband, who is now in custody, was not called, but was represented by J. R. H. Starr, K.C.

Addressing the jury before its retirement, Coroner Young said: "The chain of evidence is complete. It is shown that this woman went to Dr. Hawke and paid him \$25 for an operation, which was performed. He used instruments. A day or two after she had a miscarriage and died as a result."

Commenting on Davidge's connection with the case, if any, the coroner said: "According to the law, if he is an accomplice to an illegal act, he is in the same position as the principal in the case."

Ante-mortem Statement.
George Angus, the official stenographer, who took the ante-mortem statement from the woman, then testified. He said the statement was made in the hearing of Jacob Cohen, J.P., Dr. W. Charlton and Miss Laura Burton, a nurse, in the Western Hospital two days before her death. Dr. Harrington asked the questions.

Mrs. Davidge knew she was dying. Asked why she was dying, she answered: "For murdering my baby and the act committed by Dr. Hawke." She said Dr. Hawke had used an instrument and committed a criminal operation. She did not see the instrument, but heard it. "Will sent me there," she said, and "Will gave her the money, \$25. After the operation, the pains never ceased. Asked if she got a receipt, she answered in the negative, and also that she had never seen Hawke afterwards. She said: "Will had sent her to Dr. Hawke's house. Asked for the identity of "Will," she said it was her husband. She couldn't remember what night she had gone to the house, but it was after seven o'clock. Her husband and herself had agreed that

she should see Hawke after seeing his address in a newspaper.
Dr. Hannah Emily Reid of 830 West Bloor-street said she first attended Mrs. Davidge at her home, 55 Hilton-avenue, on Friday, Feb. 23. The patient was fully dressed and lying on a bed. Mrs. Davidge said she had caught a cold and had fallen on the ice. She was suffering abdominal pain, was nauseated and sick in the stomach. Her temperature was 104 degrees, and the physician thought she had contracted influenza, as she detected no suspicious circumstances in connection with the case. The doctor saw her again the following day, and the woman was suffering intense agony. During the days following she became worse and rallied several times and the temperature varied. A miscarriage had taken place.

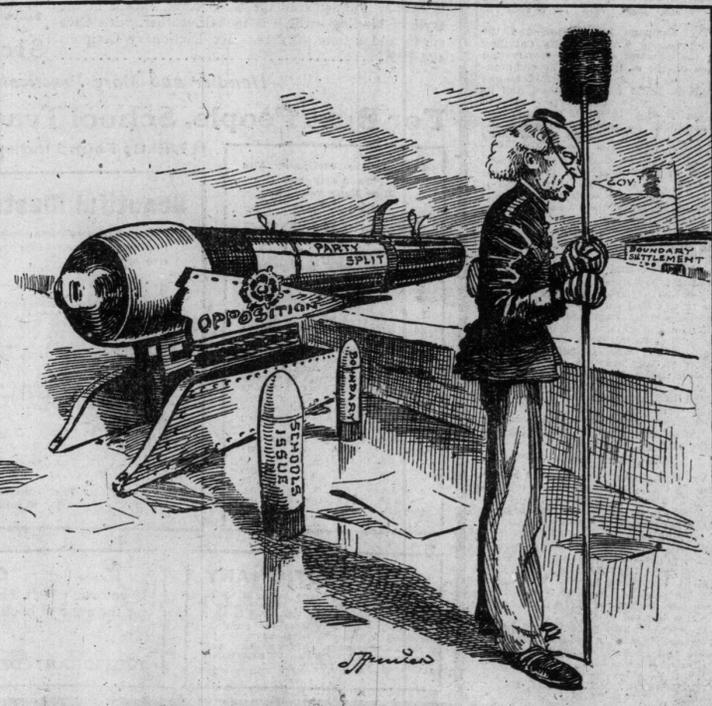
"Did she make a statement wherein any other party was mentioned?" asked Coroner Young.
"I trusted the girl, having attended her during two of her confinements," said Dr. Reid. "In this case, I never suspected anything. On Wednesday morning last week she seemed a little better. I questioned her and asked her if she had taken anything about which she had not informed me. She called me to her bedside and said that Dr. Hawke had caused an abortion. That was all she said."
Dr. Reid said she had informed the husband, William Davidge, regarding the seriousness of his wife's illness and suggested calling in a consultant. Davidge mentioned the name of Dr. Hawke. Dr. Reid, not knowing Dr. Hawke, called in Dr. H. T. Mitchell.
Dr. S. M. Hay of Palmerston-boulevard was called in on Wednesday, Feb. 28, by the woman's father, A. Cunningham. When he made a diagnosis of the case he realized that Mrs. Davidge could have no chance of recovery. He questioned her as to what brought on the poisoning.
"When I asked her she refused to answer for a moment because she didn't wish to get anyone into trouble," said Dr. Hay. "Later she said Dr. Hawke had performed an operation. So as to make certain of her facts, I asked her if she had anything which she again replied 'Dr. Hawke.' 'How much did you pay him?' I asked.
"I gave him \$25," she said. She said her husband had persuaded her to do this. He would come home at night and she would see him. He said he was afraid. Then he would sneer at her.
Dr. Oliver R. Mabey, who conducted the post-mortem, stated that the primary cause of death was acute septic inflammation. Whipped Sometimes.
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JUDGE CHISHOLM VERY ILL
BERLIN, March 4.—(Special.)—His honor Duncan Chisholm, county judge of Waterloo, is lying critically ill at his home on South Queen-st. having suffered a severe attack of pneumonia. His honor was appointed to the judgeship here in 1884, coming here from Port Hope.
W. C. Chisholm, former city solicitor of Toronto, is a son.

The Reign of the Wee Yorkies.

The Wee Yorkies have Toronto by the throat, and they are going to make the city gasp. The city council was as reactionary as possible yesterday, killing all the big measures and passing only a few little ones. There is no intention of annexing North Toronto, and it is reported that Mayor Geary will oppose the attempt of the northern municipality to get pure water. Commissioner Forman declares that there is a boom on, and that it must be stopped for three years. How long will the people stand by the rule of the Wee Yorkies?

A CRIPPLED GUN



GUNNER LAURIER: If I was only sure she wouldn't bust.

What the City Council Did Yesterday

Passed two readings of a bylaw providing for the council to meet every Monday.
Ordered a special committee to recommend at next meeting a new head for the waterworks department.
Passed a resolution of sympathy to the family and relatives of the late Hon. Edward Blake.
Referred back Controller's Church's motion to enlarge the scope of the civic hydro-electric commission.
Abandoned the Victoria-street extension.
Approved of the exhibition bill.
Decided to ask for power to borrow \$832,696 on debentures for capital expenditures.
Defeated Controller Hocken's motion to let householders vote on money bylaws.
Struck out the proposal to spend \$100,000 for water meters.
Decided to call for tenders for the sale of Brockton Hall.
Recommended a \$25,000 firehall for Earlscourt.
Passed bylaw prohibiting stores on Queen-street east, between Beech and Maclean-avenues.
Granted \$1000 to Captain Midford for his services in connection with the intake pipe.
Referred back the proposal to sell city's land at corner of Carlaw-avenue and Queen-street to the G. T. R.
Referred back proposal to establish a bus line in Rosedale.
Adopted the new ballot paper.
Voted \$100 for the entertainment of the Ancient Order of United Workmen's Convention here.
Talked eight hours.

One man will swear that on more than one occasion he has seen a boy in the yard of St. John's Industrial School at Kingston-road and Blandford-avenue with an iron around his leg and carrying under his arm a brass cylinder about a foot long and loaded with lead. This was attached to the leg iron by a chain. The school authorities do not deny this, but say that it is hard to keep boys from running away from an institution when they are allowed the freedom of open fields. Occasional whippings are admitted, as is the existence of confinement cells and the bread and water diet.

Authorities Do Not Deny It, But Say It Is Hard to Keep Boys From Running Away When So Many Fields Are Near—Boys Will Be Brought From Brockville for Mimico School Inquiry, and Man Volunteers to Testify.

When The World was informed that this boy had been seen so manacled, two members of the staff visited the school, which is a Roman Catholic institution, corresponding to the Mimico Industrial School, where non-Catholics are committed and confined. It is in charge of the Order of Christian Brothers, who have sole control of the discipline of the school. Bro. Abria is the superintendent, but is at present in St. Michael's Hospital, recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

The brother who is filling his place was exceedingly courteous. He said that he did not wish to say anything about iron while the superintendent was away. He vouchsafed that it was hard to keep boys in open fields, and declared that the management of the school were ready and anxious to adopt modern and improved methods at all times.

There are about 30 boys in this institution, which is fed from the juvenile court to-day and from the old children's branch of the police court previously. There are also inmates from outside the city, as reported by the province, as in the case of the Milton institution.

He offered to show The World over his building and showed two dormitories where the boys sleep with a broom sleeping in an ante-room. He showed also three cells, which were more like ordinary schoolrooms, one of which he used as a reading room. He showed also a very pretty room reported by the province, as in the case of the Milton institution.

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Witness From Brockville.
Property Commissioner R. C. Harris, who sits on the commission of enquiry into the Mimico School with Dr. Bruce Smith, has been furnished with the address of Cecil Rathwell in Church-st., Brockville, who declares that his abdomen was cut by a strap in the hands of Supt. Ferrier of the Mimico School, when he was being whipped for smoking a cigarette, and who declares that he saw another boy knocked down and kicked by a guard because he allowed a cow to get out of a field. He will lay the matter before Dr. Bruce Smith and himself to-day. Mr. Harris said that there would be no difficulty about the authority of the commission to bring witnesses from out of town points.

Beaten at Mimico.
The World was told by another boy who was in the Mimico School 15 years ago, and who has since grown up and is living with his wife in the city, that he ran away twice, and on each occasion was beaten by Supt. Ferrier, who laid him over a chair, put his knee on the small of his back and beat him with a strap.

He says he is prepared to swear to his story before the commission if his name is withheld from publication, as he does not wish it known, on account of his wife and mother, that he was in the school.

Saw Boys Beaten.
He declares that "The Walk" was in existence even in his day, and that he frequently saw boys beaten in their beds before all the other boys in the dormitory where they slept. He remembers having seen an officer named Black kick a boy who had dropped out of line in a fit, and that this same officer kicked and punched him when he was not more than 10 years old, because he had told the mother of a boy named Willie Pilgrim that Mr. Black had beaten her son, who was also an inmate.

He was in the school three years.

Soft Hats.
For the spring there will be a big demand for soft felt hats. Soft felt hats are absolutely proper for morning wear in the coming season. The Dinsen Company is showing some particularly fine lines by the best of English makers, including Henry Heath of London, England.

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