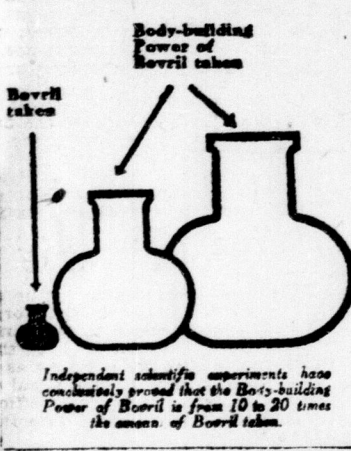


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MUCH DISTRESS CAUSED BY THE MINERS' STRIKE

Wednesday Was Marked by More Shut-Downs and Restrictions.

PRODUCTION IS SMALL Several States Relying on Volunteers and Soldiers to Work Mines.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—More strenuous efforts were put forth today by state and municipal officials and representatives of industry over the country to conserve the remaining supply of bituminous coal and in the producing states to replenish this supply.

The day was marked by more shut-downs and restrictions and added reports of distress, especially in the west and southwest. There were almost no reports of increased production.

Summarized, the fuel situation tonight stood as follows:

Federal troops were ordered to Oklahoma tonight to protect volunteer miners.

Governor Gardner of Missouri announced that his state would take over the surface mines in Barton County or operation by volunteers unless the miners resumed work by tomorrow night at the 14 per cent increase in wages. State troops are on the ground for emergency purposes.

Trouble Encountered.

Eleven strip mines were in operation by the state today in Kansas. Trouble was encountered there when a switching crew on the Santa Fe refused to move a train hauling volunteers and soldiers to the pits.

Governor McKelvie of Nebraska continued to enlist volunteer workers for the mines in producing states, and an offer was made to furnish Missouri with such a contingent.

Wyoming was another state that today was facing the system of volunteer mining as a result of the chaotic coal situation there. Although union officials had ordered strikers to resume work many of the mines were idle.

Chicago and Northern Illinois industry and business will be put on a six and one-half hour a day working basis tomorrow, the Illinois public utilities commission announced today. A similar order will be issued for Southern Illinois.

An Ultimatum.

Operators in Iowa prepared an ultimatum giving the union miners until December 8 to return to work. If work is not resumed by that date the mines will be reopened with whatever competent labor can be obtained.

At Indianapolis the Government filed information charging eighty-four officials of the United Mine Workers of America with criminal contempt based on allegations of violation of Judge Anderson's injunction against the strike.

The railroad administration announced a system of discounting credit slips, acceptable to all major reserve banks, to pay operators immediately for coal shipments.

Four of the twelve blast furnaces of the Gary Steel Works were banked and a shutdown of two more this week was in prospect.

With nearly zero weather in some of the western states, the situation was becoming almost unbearable. At Imperial, Neb., not a pound of coal was in the town, and the people were buying fence posts for fuel. Belfast and Weymouth, Neb., also are out of coal. At some places ear corn is being burned.

Scores of telegrams were received by executives of many states appealing for relief from the precarious situation.

VILLA CAPTURED BY OWN MEN AND HELD AWAITING REWARD

State of Chihuahua Offers 50,000 Pesos for Mexican Criminal.

JUAREZ, Mexico, Dec. 3.—Francisco Villa has been captured by a force of his own men and is being held for a reward from the Mexican Government. According to advices received here late today by Superintendent Caballero of the Chihuahua division of the National Railways of Mexico.

Two Villa rebels are reported to have presented themselves at the federal headquarters at Parral and notified the commander there that Villa had been captured and was being held for surrender to the Carranza forces. The state of Chihuahua has already offered \$50,000 pesos as a reward.

UNITED FARMERS MAKE PLANS TO ENTER FIELD OF POLITICS IN N. B.

FREDERICTON, N.B., Dec. 3.—The United Farmers of New Brunswick have made their first definite move in the field of provincial politics, confirming previous intimations that they were preparing for a general provincial election.

They have called a convention in Carleton County for Dec. 15 for the purpose of considering the selection of candidates in the constituency, which forms the major portion of the federal riding in which they recently elected T. W. Caldwell as member of parliament. It is expected that conventions in all the other counties of New Brunswick will follow that in Carleton County.

FINED AT GODERICH.

GODERICH, Dec. 3.—Norman McPhail appeared before Magistrate Rehn today on a charge of breaking in liquor illegally under the O. T. A. He pleaded guilty. A fine of \$50 and costs was imposed, amounting in all to \$85.

"Tinker Bob" Stories

by Carlyle H. Holcomb

When Tinker Bob saw young Red Fox and his brothers lingering near the spot where Mr. Muskrat had been caught in the trap he knew that some mischief was in their mind.

"Why did you frighten Mr. Muskrat until he gnawed off his foot?" asked Tinker Bob.

Young Fox granted and shook his head.

"But he would never have thought of such a thing if you had not threatened him in some way."

"I only thought it would be better for him to be killed by his friends than by his enemy, the Hunter," said young Fox.

"But how easily you could have told me that Mr. Muskrat was in trouble, if you were his friend? He knew you were not his friend or he would not have been so desperate. Now I am warning you: If you are not careful, someone will catch you." Tinker Bob walked away. But young Red Fox and his brothers went on up the river path toward the Hunter's house.

"I am not to be frightened so easily as that," said young Red Fox to his brothers. "We will have chicken."

Now the Hunter's henhouse was not far from the forest, and it was full of openings large enough for young Fox to get in. When they came close young Fox stationed his brothers at the edge of the forest while he went forth to catch a hen.

There was an opening that led through the forest to the back of the hen yard. A few fat hens were scratching in the yard close to the fence. Young Red Fox followed the opening cautiously, then climbed the fence.

There was not time to wait for the hens to begin to scatter. So he jumped from the fence. But when he landed he was a different thought in his mind: for, one front foot caught firmly in the Hunter's trap!

Now he began to think of how Mr. Muskrat felt with a steel trap pinching his foot. It wouldn't be wise to try to beat the Hunter's might hear and then he would be killed. He didn't like the thought of gnawing his foot off, as that would be painful.

As he thought on these serious questions he heard footsteps approaching from behind. He shivered, thinking his end had come. Then Tinker Bob appeared on the scene.

"I thought you would soon need help," said Tinker Bob. He then proceeded to let young Red Fox out of the trap. Not another word was said by the young Red Fox. He had learned a painful lesson. With his tail between his legs he walked away, limping but very thankful to think the King of the Forest did not have a revengeful disposition such as his own.

Making friends is a business familiar to everyone. Tinker Bob, King of the Forest, was especially glad to meet the young Red Fox. He shivered, thinking his end had come. Then Tinker Bob appeared on the scene.

One day as Tinker Bob was returning to his forest palace, he noticed some piles of sticks and stones about the size of a bushel basket. They were not a great way from the throne. He examined them closely and found that there were little roads leading into these piles from every side. It seemed strange that he had never noticed these peculiar stick piles before. "These have not been here long," said he to himself. "I'll wait and see who comes to this place without asking my permission."

He lingered about until sundown and as the twilight gathered he saw the head of a small creature appear at one side of the odd-looking piles. Two large black eyes looked about to see if everything was safe. Then the little creature came out in full view. His fur was delicately colored above with soft shades of grey, and below with snowy white. His tail was long and fully covered with hair. He was really a beautiful creature.

Tinker Bob ventured to speak to him. "Who are you?" said he, "and where did you come from?"

"Please, sir," said the creature, "you will do me no harm."

"Indeed I will do you no harm," said Tinker Bob.

"My name is Jack, I'm the Wood Rat."

"But tell me when you came," said Tinker Bob. "I have never seen your house before."

"We came last night," replied Mr. Wood Rat. "We always travel by night. In fact we do all our work at night."

"Surely you couldn't build this pile of sticks and stones in one night?"

"We can build many piles of sticks in one night," said he. "When we work we work hard and do not stop to rest until the work is done."

"Have you any family or brothers or sisters?" asked Tinker Bob.

"Oh yes," said he. "We live in the other piles of sticks. You see, each one lives in his own house."

"Who will live all together?"

The Wood Rat smiled at Tinker Bob. "We have learned that each one will be happier if he lives in his own house."

FUEL SITUATION IS GRAVER THAN DURING WAR

Dominion Fuel Controller Calls for the Most Rigid Economy.

MAY REACH A CRISIS Could Invoke Govt. Regulations But Prefers to Trust People.

OTTAWA, Dec. 3.—"The fuel situation in Canada was never as grave at any time during the war as it is at the present moment," declared C. A. Magrath, Dominion fuel controller, in an appeal to the public for fuel conservation issued this evening.

He drew attention to the fact that Canada had received practically no soft coal during the month of November and that the allotment of 150 cars a day which had been made was extremely small as compared with normal imports. From necessarily appearances, he said, all that could be expected was to keep the public utilities and institutions supplied with fuel in addition to meeting the domestic needs. Many industries might have to close down before winter was very far advanced.

Mr. Magrath drew attention to the fact that he could call upon the Government to pass regulations limiting the use of fuel as was done during the war. He believed, however, that an appeal to the public setting forth the gravity of the situation would result in the fullest possible response, and he therefore resorted to this means. The statement given out this evening follows:

The Statement.

"While I have made two appeals to the public to conserve fuel in every possible way in view of the existing coal strike in the United States, I admit that I believed that the dispute would have been settled before this. Finally, I concluded to wait for three days in the present month and see if the miners would accept the increase of fourteen per cent offered and effective from the first instant. There is no evidence of the miners returning to work and the public of central Canada, depending upon supplies from the United States, might as well face the facts."

"We have received practically no soft coal during the month of November and are now being allotted 150 cars a day, whereas had no strike occurred we probably would have imported during the months of October and November approximately two million tons. Should the strike continue, we are now being allotted 150 cars a day, whereas had no strike occurred we probably would have imported during the months of October and November approximately two million tons. Should the strike continue, we are now being allotted 150 cars a day, whereas had no strike occurred we probably would have imported during the months of October and November approximately two million tons."

"I assume for instance that sign displays have already disappeared. If not, let the use of coal for such purposes cease immediately and street lighting likewise should be reduced to a minimum. I repeat, the situation never was more grave. I have confidence that I have only to state the facts and there will be a prompt response. From present appearances all that can be expected is to meet the domestic needs and keep the public utilities and public institutions supplied with fuel. It is quite evident, however, that many industries may have to close down before we are well into the winter."



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APPEALS TO OTTAWA

EDMONTON, Dec. 3.—A wire has been sent by Premier Stewart to Hon. Gideon Robertson, federal minister of labor, asking for early action by his department in connection with the coal situation in Alberta. In view of the present conditions in the United States coal field, and of the urgent fuel needs of the eastern provinces, the somewhat uncertain condition of the mining industry in Alberta is considered by the premier sufficiently serious to demand prompt attention by the Ottawa authorities. Such action as will tend to stabilize the industry, and thus avoid the possible danger of further strikes and stoppage of the coal supply, is asked for from the ministry of labor.

This suggestion from the provincial to the federal authorities follows a similar request that went from Fuel Commissioner Armstrong last week.

MATERIAL SHORT, CARPENTERS SCARC, REPAIRS DIFFICULT

GALT, Dec. 3.—Farmers who had buildings damaged by Saturday's storm are finding it hard to have them repaired. Shingles are not only scarce, but carpenters are not to be had. The situation at this time of year makes it serious.

ELLIS-BAKER WEDDING

INGERSOLL, Dec. 3.—The Church of the Sacred Heart was the scene of a pretty wedding at 10 o'clock this morning when Miss Marion MacFie Baker, daughter of Mrs. M. E. Baker of Durham, Que., became the bride of George Lloyd Ellis of Montreal, son of Mrs. R. J. Ellis of Calgary, Alta. Rev. Father Gnam officiated in the presence of immediate relatives and friends.

The bride wore her traveling suit of blue silverstone, trimmed with beaver and a corsage bouquet of bridal roses. She was attended by Miss Pauline Tripphorn of Detroit, while George Dyer of London, cousin of the bride, was best man. Miss Marguerite Enright presided at the organ and solo were rendered in excellent voice by Fred O'Callaghan.

Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the Ingersoll Inn by George Peters, caterer, London. Among the out-of-town guests was Fred Baker, brother of the bride, of Swanville, Que. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis left on the noon train for Montreal.

THORNDALE FOWL SUPPER.

THORNDALE, Dec. 3.—A fowl supper was held in Harding's Hall on Monday evening under the auspices of St. George's Church. It was well attended and the proceeds amounted to over \$175.

SUBSTITUTE TRIAL BY JURY.

London, Dec. 4.—Both the Daily News and Express state that the Cabinet has decided to suspend trial by jury for Irish volunteers and substitute a commission of three judges.

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