

DISPUTES OVER WORK AND WAGES

Scale Committee of Coal Miners in Ohio Indiana and Western Pennsylvania Fails to Reach Agreement

STRIKE QUESTION STILL UNDECIDED

Negotiations Between Railway Companies and Conductors and Trainmen Over Wage Increase Are Yet Proceeding

CINCINNATI, Ohio, March 25.—With a complete unanimity of opinion, the scale committee of the joint conference of the coal miners and operators of Ohio, Indiana, and Western Pennsylvania, failed to reach an agreement on the main body tomorrow morning, and the conference is scheduled to come to a close.

Just what action the miners will take following this is a question that is troubling the mining interests here. A secret caucus was held last night by the miners on the joint scale committee, but its result was not announced.

It is announced that Western Pennsylvania and Indiana mine owners have offered a five per cent. increase on pick work, and the Ohio section has refused every demand.

It is reported that at the meeting tomorrow of the miners' convention the question will be whether to strike in Ohio alone or to refuse all offers and call a general strike.

CLEVELAND, March 25.—Negotiations looking towards a new wage scale for members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors on the Lake Shore system were uncompleted tonight after a long conference between a committee representing the two organizations and the railroad management. The men are asking an equalization of the wage rate on all eastern roads. It is expected that it will be several days before any decision is reached.

New Haven Employees
NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 25.—Following a lengthy conference today the members of the joint committee of the conductors and trainmen announced that they were opposed to the compromise offered by President C. S. Mellen of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad as a basis for settlement of the demands of the railroad men.

One of the national officers acting with the committee that the adjustment being proposed by the Mellen proposal, but it was the expressed opinion of the committee men that they did not think the company's last proposition was one which they should accept.

Resuming Work
PHILADELPHIA, March 25.—Anti-climatic the central labor union at its meeting last Sunday will officially call off the sympathetic strike which has been in effect here for three weeks, union workers in most of the trades still affected by the general strike order to day arranged to resume work on Monday.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

George D. Tite (formerly of Victoria) has the contract for furnishing the new Royal hotel at Prince Rupert.

A bylaw is to be submitted to the people of Revelstoke to raise \$30,000 for necessary new school buildings.

Mrs. P. Tucker of Revelstoke dropped dead last week, while carrying a bucket of water from the spring. Heart disease is blamed for the tragedy.

Bridgman W. McCoy had his right arm broken at Rogers Pass last week while working with the rotary, clearing away slides.

A brick-making plant has been established at Pitt Island, near Prince Rupert, Victorians being behind the enterprise.

A Montenegrin named G. Moscoso is under arrest at Prince Rupert, in connection with the raising of a cheque for eight dollars to eighty dollars.

W. C. C. Mohan, the new G. T. P. manager at Prince Rupert, has arrived in that northern city and taken up his important duties.

Mr. Lines of Victoria, it is stated in Prince Rupert, to be slated for the management of the G. T. P. hotel at that city.

The new Church of the Anticipation (R. C.) at Prince Rupert has been formally dedicated with appropriate ceremonies, Rev. Father Bunos preaching the dedicatory sermon.

The marriage was solemnized at Prince Rupert recently of Mr. Frederick Ernest Hunt and Miss Ida May Scudamore, Rt. Rev. Bishop Du Vernet officiating.

Public indignation has been excited at Prince Rupert by the fact that there were no religious exercises of any sort at the interment of the late Mr. Edward Hansen, found dead on the shore of Klamath Island recently.

Nelson's city council has resolved to ask the license commissioners of the city to co-operate with them in the carrying out of the provisions of the license laws during the current year.

Coming to the washing-out of the river, much difficulty has been experienced in taking off the superfluous water before a flood occurs. The city authorities are busy repairing damages.

The government is to reserve Block 14 at Stewart for its own use, J. P. Bueche's cabin being used temporarily as government office and jail.

Vancouver Hindus claim to be the victims of unscrupulous realty agents, who have taken their first payments for outside lots and then disappeared.

Mr. Moore Fletcher has succeeded A. D. McPherson as superintendent of the Red Cliff Mining Company in the Portland Canal field.

Mr. Percy Johnstone and Miss Jennie Lewis were married a few days ago at Cranbrook, Rev. E. P. Flewelling officiating.

The body picked up in the Gulf last Monday by George L. Cassidy and a friend, of New Westminster, proves to be that of Thorleifur Otsson, drowned on January 18th last.

Search for the missing trapper Fortes of Poplar, has proved unavailing, and it is now concluded that he has met in one of the recent slides.

John Matson, a miner at the Bluebell mine, by the fall of a heavy timber Monday received injuries which it is feared will prove fatal.

W. F. Woodhouse, formerly master mechanic of the C. P. R. at Revelstoke, has been promoted to be superintendent of shops at Winnipeg.

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Dominion Government Promises Telegraphic Communication for New Mining Town—Public Works Assured

The rails have been shipped from Cape Breton rolling mills for the railroad which is to be built inland from Stewart at the head of Portland Canal by Mackenzie & Mann, arrangements have been made for the construction of a wharf to be completed in May, and for telegraph connection, according to A. D. Tennant of the Red Cliff Mining Company, who has returned from Ottawa where he went to interview the Minister of Public Works, Mr. Pugsley, and with regard to public works at Stewart.

The Dominion Government has provided \$15,000 for a wharf, and the sum would have built the wharf, but had not provided for the telegraph connection. Mr. Tennant said it has been arranged that the government shall purchase the right of way for telegraph, either from Port Simpson via Observatory Point, or from the Naas river and Observatory Point, across the land from the Yukon line, across the Naas mountains.

Mr. Tennant said that D. D. Mann told him he would have his wharf built probably in May, and would give right of way to the people of the district over the wharf. He also proposed to put in a light railway and horse trolly to haul light freight to the city from the waterfront.

The Red Cliff Mine, said Mr. Tennant, proposes to erect its own smelter as soon as development of the mine is sufficiently advanced to warrant this. The company is now driving its tunnels. The mine is situated in the district of the Naas river and Observatory Point, across the land from the Yukon line, across the Naas mountains.

The greatest interest was displayed concerning Stewart in Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa, and it was learned that several English companies contemplate sending experts to the district seeking investments there for British capital.

MARIPOSA CHARTERED TONIGHT FOR ANTIPODE

Will Be Used by the Alaska Steamship Company to Reach Umanak

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—The Alaska Steamship Company, now operating the steamship Mariposa, of the Ocean Steamship Company, has chartered the Mariposa to reach Umanak, Alaska, via Seattle, and to take her over the route to be taken by the Alaska Steamship Company, within the limits of the Yukon territory.

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Dr. Moseley is visiting Victoria for a few days prior to leaving for Stewart, where he will spend the summer.

All the different camps in the Portland Canal district are awaiting the advent of the railway upon which construction is expected to start within a short time. Dr. Moseley states that the Little Wonder mine is situated about half a mile from where the road will be built, and that the mine is situated at a distance of 58 feet down and they are now working on the leads. The ore contains gold, silver and lead. The last assay in gold showed \$45 and 35 per cent lead, while in silver the assay showed \$100 and 25 per cent silver in silver. The ledge is fourteen feet wide.

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