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The Coal Strike! Whose Fault?

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—I have come across some particulars concerning the last great coal strike (some years ago) and should like to give them to your readers, so that they will not in haste blame the innocent for the present continued struggle and the consequent high prices.

In the year before the strike I refer to, 300,000 miners were paid £15,000,000, and in the same time £6,000,000 were paid in royalties. It was estimated that the coal owners' profits for the same year were £11,000,000. This latter sum, with the royalties, made £17,000,000 taken by royalty owners and mine owners out of the coal trade in one year. So that there are other items in the price of coal besides the wages of the colliers. They may be put down as follows:

1. Rent.
2. Royalties.
3. Coal masters' profits.
4. Profits of railways as carriers.
5. Wages of railway servants.
6. Profits of merchants and other middlemen.
7. Profits of retailers.
8. Wages of agents and salesmen.
9. Wages of the colliers.

While the fluctuations of price may effect the wages and profits of coal masters and merchants, it causes very little fluctuation in rent, and none in royalties. The colliers perform nearly all the work of production; their wages are lower than those of any of the other classes engaged in the coal trade; they work harder; they work longer hours; they run more risk to life and limb than any other class in the trade, and yet!—And yet the only means of reducing the price of coal is said to be a reduction in the collier's wage! Don't you think, sir, that the collier's wage is the last thing we should reduce? You see that the whole sum of the wages of the colliers was only £15,000,000, while the royalty owners and coal owners took £17,000,000. And to-day the men are refused \$1.20 per-day! Are we living in Christian times? Is there no equity? It is not amazing we would go to-day but justice.

I cannot believe that the Almighty has put coal and other products of His bounty in His earth that a few men may use them to enrich themselves, and in the process degrade and oppress thousands of their fellow-creatures.

Yours truly,
ANDANTINO.

Social Reform.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—At last something is going to be done upon the lines of building up the character of the juvenile law-breaker. Ah! how we have thought of it, how we have puzzled over it, seeming colossal management and its coveted gigantic results, now thank God, Social Reform is about to take root in St. John's.

Last night at a small gathering of members and adherents of one of the city churches, and at which I had the good fortune to be present, it was decided unanimously, I believe, to endeavour to take a hold of the Juvenile offender and in some way to rest him upon his feet and divert his thoughts to the right channel.

An interesting and absorbing paper was read by Mr. Karnoff; I hope he will pardon my free use of his name, dealing with this extremely important matter, and now as a result a movement, entirely un denominational, will be made to cope with this terrifying and harmful condition of affairs.

It was stated by the minister present that during his comparatively short stay in St. John's he had never seen anything to equal the fearful amount of poverty and ruin caused by drink, in this town, in all his ten years of residence in his late church in Canada.

A witness and listener to the following: A young lad of about nine or ten years of age was standing ragged and torn and pathetic before the Judge, but with an air of independence as he faced his earthly Judge's stern face. Two lads of about the same age were sitting nearby whispering. Mr. K. overheard one little chap remark in tones of exultant pride and envy: "My, but he is tough, ain't he?"

So it seems that the "happy" lad at the "dock" is the joy and envy of his "less fortunate" companions. Surely this spirit should be killed.

We were made to understand that Inspector Sullivan and Mr. Parsons, Supt. of the Penitentiary, would be heart and soul with any movement of this kind. As this is perhaps a lengthy letter and as I do not want to trespass too freely on your valuable space I would just ask the general public and press to give all the assistance needed in this long felt want, and remain

Yours sincerely
A. S. H.

April 1st, 1912.

Demanding Gold!

A Bank is Not Forced to Pay in Tellow Metal.

It is told of a Canadian lady that she presented a ten dollar note of a certain bank at one of its branches located in a country town and asked for a gold piece of the same denomination in exchange. The manager of the branch informed her that he had no gold on hand at the moment, but that he would send for a coin if she wished him to do so. The coin was sent for; and in delivering it to the customer, the bank charged ten cents to cover cost of transporting the money. About this charge a difference of opinion exists. The bank officials considered it right and proper; otherwise it would not have been made.

The customer and others consider that the bank should have made no charge. They base their opinion on the belief that the bank should stand ready to pay gold for its notes when gold is demanded. This belief, by the way, is widely held. Many people consider that according to Canadian law the banks are under obligation to redeem their notes in gold. But this is entirely wrong, says H. M. P. Eckhardt, in an interesting article in Saturday Night.

A bank note, while in circulation, represents a debt of the bank. The bank is the debtor; the holder of the note is the creditor. Now, the law has designated certain forms of money as "legal tender." It says distinctly, that if any debtor tenders payment of his debt at its maturity in any of these forms of legal tender his creditor is bound to accept the payment and discharge the debt. A debtor may offer payment of his debt as follows: in the copper or bronze coins of the Dominion of Canada—up to twenty-five cents; in the silver—up to ten dollars; in Dominion notes—up to an unlimited amount; in British gold coins—up to an unlimited amount; and in the United States gold coins—up to an unlimited amount. A bank has the same right or privilege as another debtor. When a creditor presents his notes at a place where they are payable, it can tender payment in any of the above forms of legal tender, viz. in silver, up to ten dollars; in Dominion notes, British gold coins or United States gold coins, up to an unlimited amount. So it is clear that even if the law required a Canadian chartered bank to redeem its notes at all of its branches the bank need not pay in gold.

But the law does not require a bank to redeem its notes at all branches. A section of the Bank Act reads as follows:

"The bank shall make such arrangements as are necessary to ensure the circulation at par, in any and every part of Canada of all notes issued or re-issued by it and intended for circulation; and towards this purpose the bank shall establish agencies for the redemption and payment of its notes at Toronto, Montreal, Halifax, St. John, Winnipeg, Victoria, Charlottetown, and at such other places as are from time to time designated by the Treasury Board." Manifestly, it would not do to compel the banks to give legal tender at all or any branches for any quantity of notes that might be presented. If that were the law an enemy of the bank might throw it into insolvency through collecting a large quantity of its notes and presenting them at a small, out-of-the-way branch with a demand for legal tender. It would not do to have the whole note issue of the bank payable at a very small office established by it. So, it is clear that the manager of the branch bank referred to at the beginning of this article was under no obligation to pay gold on demand for a ten dollar note of the bank.

If a person desires to force a payment of gold he could present the obligation of a bank at one of its branches where such obligation was payable and demand legal tender. He might get gold in the first instance. If he was paid in Dominion notes he could present these at an office of the Receiver-General and demand gold.—Ex.



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And everything now must be done within five days.

The greater part of twenty million women will be wearing something new on Easter Morning.

One might as well appear in a Mother Hubbard as to join the great Easter Parade without new clothes.

If you have been rigid with Lent, it is time to relent. It is time to let yourself go. Every woman owes it to herself to look her best on Easter Day.

The stores are crowded with eager buyers now. The styles were never prettier. The hats were never more attractive.

Every advertising page in this paper is brimming over with style news and with bargain opportunities. It costs very little to dress these days if a woman will only be shrewd.

Look over every advertisement carefully. Some small store may have just that very exclusive thing you want most. Some large store may be showing the exact style that will make you look better than you have ever looked before; while some belated shipment for another store may bring you a bargain sacrifice that will be more than welcome.

The big Home Furnishing Sales are also under way. Don't forget these. You can buy furniture and rugs, draperies, house needs and even pianos better and cheaper than at any other time of the year.

You and your family and your home must be ready for Easter Sunday.

Turn to these advertising pages now. Make the most of the five days still left. Every store is ready for you. They all have extra help. They are ready to render extra service. You can appear at your best next Sunday morning if you will do your best to-day.

Twenty million women are getting ready now. It would be a pity for you to be late.

Hit With Frame.

Friday night a resident of Hoylestown liquor up and went to a neighbour's house to "clean it out," he declared. The other stood a deal of broom-beating, but when the visitor kicked down the stove, he received a polite invitation to depart by means of a tap from a mat frame, which laid him out. He revived after some time but was pretty badly cut about the head. Sgt. Mackey and some policemen had to quiet some of the people, who often give trouble and will find themselves before the court if they do not desist.

T. A. Hall Improvements

The proposed alterations and improvements to the Theatre flat of the T. A. Hall are already commenced and are now well under way. The lobby and vestibule on the Henry St. entrance are now being constructed. Thomas Brothers having been awarded the contract, and the interior renovation has also been commenced. Edmund Betts, the scenic artist for the Shuman Company, arrived by the S. S. Bruce and is working night and day on the settings for the coming productions. There is quite a surprise promised when the Casino Theatre opens its doors on Easter Monday night.

As She Expected

An old woman, living in a village not far from Manchester, was presented the other week with an entirely new rig out of clothes, a thing she had not had for many years.

As she was entering the church door, the first Sunday she had them on, the choir were singing "Hallelujah." Being rather deaf, however, she thought they were saying, "I hardly knew you."

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The Fogota's Turnout.

The seals of the S. S. Fogota were all discharged Saturday evening and her crew were paid off Saturday night at the office of Crosbie & Co. Her output was 9,038 young harps and 14 old harps. Gross weight: 195 tons, 2 cwt, 1 qr., 6 lbs. Net weight: 188 tons, 10 cwt., 6 lbs. Net value: \$16,630.24. Her crew of 85 men shared \$65.30 each. The average weight of the young harps was 47 3/4 lbs. Her crew will go home by the Stella Maris.

A Severe Storm.

Saturday night in the city the wind blew with hurricane force from the N. W. and the storm did not abate until late in the day. All Saturday afternoon and night a similar wind with heavy snow prevailed across country and filled the cuts with snow undraining in great part the work of clearing the line which has been progressing for weeks past. It will be some days again before the rails are cleared of snow.

Found Coats.

The College scouts who went out Saturday in the search for the missing Patrick Flynn belonged to the Methodist College north the B. F. C. The boys discovered, about a half mile east of Donovan's, two coats and a handkerchief in the snow. Yesterday morning a number of the men who reside at the Cross Roads went countrywards on the search for the body.

Palm Sunday.

Yesterday in the R. C. Cathedral the Passion according to St. John was read at all the Masses and palms were distributed to the congregations. Solemn High Mass was celebrated at 11 o'clock when amidst the singing of Hosannas a procession of the Archbishop and clergy, all bearing palm branches, proceeded through the edifice. Large congregations attended all the Masses.

Star's Billiard Tournament.

At the Star of the Sea Club Rooms on Saturday night the following games were run off in connection with the annual billiard tournament:—

J. J. McGrath (plain) defeated R. Kennedy (spot) by 7 points.

Wm. Rodgers (spot) defeated F. Jones (plain) by 2 points.

Peter Cooper (spot) defeated J. P. Wilson (plain) by 27 points.

Edward Perks (plain) defeated T. Kennedy (spot) by 38 points.

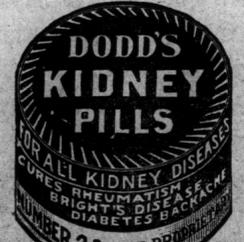
J. Hogan (spot) defeated R. J. Murphy (plain) by 36 points.

Alphonsus Perks (plain) defeated W. Bulger (spot) by 5 points.

H. Simms (spot) was 70 in advance of Leo Murphy (plain) when the tournament closed; but this game will be concluded to-night.

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FUNERALS YESTERDAY—The funerals of the late Patrick Dalton and William Hanlon took place yesterday afternoon. A large concourse of citizens attended as well as the officers of the Benevolent Irish and Total Abstinence Societies, of which both the deceased were life-long members. Interment was at Belvidere and Mount Carmel respectively.



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Galatea Arrives.—The brig Galatea, Capt. Parsons, arrived at Barbadoes on Saturday from Oporto after a 33 days' passage, where she will load molasses for this port.

Record Panel in Hyde's Case.

New York, March 22.—A panel of 500 talemans—the largest ever summoned for a trial here—has been called for the trial of Chas. Hazen Hyde, a native of Truro, N. S., former City Chamberlain, who is accused of taking bribes and favouring certain banks in making certain deposits. In the Molineux and Thaw murder cases only about half that number were needed. The trial is set for April 1. District Attorney Whitman to-day asked Justice Seabury to call this extraordinarily large number. Hyde's attorneys made no objection. Because of wide publicity given the case, and because of the great number of persons connected directly and indirectly with the banks concerned, it is expected that it will take several weeks to obtain twelve men who can satisfy the attorneys, of lack of prejudice.

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