

GOVERNMENT MUST NOT COERCE EITHER PARTY SAYS MR. ASQUITH

Deadlock Still Exists In England Over Big Coal Strike—People Realizing Already What a Prolongation of the Struggle Means—Many Objections to Miners' Schedule.

[Canadian Press.] London, March 4.—The House of Commons was crowded this afternoon to hear Premier Asquith's important statement on the coal crisis. Mr. Asquith reviewed the whole course of negotiations between the coal owners and the miners, mentioning the fact that the Government had been closely watching from the beginning the various stages of the controversy. He paid a tribute to both sides upon the ability, the skill, and the calm, cool temper with which they had presented their case. Referring to his speech at the foreign office, he said it was an impromptu speech, and that the report of it which had been published was both correct and exhaustive. He emphasized the fact that he had said nothing in that speech which in substance or effect went in advance of the published report.

He was not in the habit, he said, of engaging in flirtations with Socialism, and then trying to conceal from the public the manner in which he had been employing his time. He said that in his arguments to the miners' representatives he had carefully abstained from expressing any opinion as to which side was right or wrong; but the point he put to the men was the point he was now putting to the House and to the country as a whole. He was not adopting a contentious attitude; his object was peace. (Cheers.)

Proceeding, Mr. Asquith affirmed that the Government's acceptance of the principle of a reasonable minimum wage was subject to two conditions: First, that the wage must vary district by district; second, that it must be accompanied by safeguards protecting employers against abuse, and providing against diminution of the output, which in the long

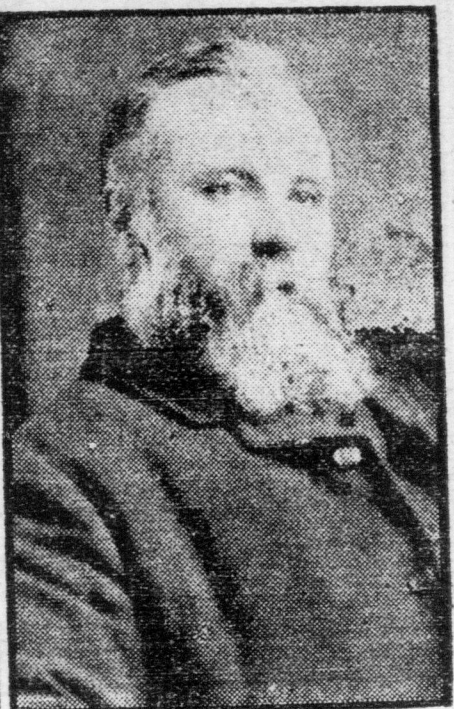
run would be disastrous to all concerned and to the industry itself. He pointed out that the men recognized both conditions, but declared that the federation's schedule contained the lowest possible rates beyond the range of negotiation or revision.

Objections Named.

Mr. Asquith detailed the objections of the mine-owners to the schedule, and asked if it were possible for a Government, when they had recognized the principle of a reasonable minimum wage, to ask Parliament to coerce one of the two parties, and had presented such formidable criticisms and objections to the minimum wage schedule as it stood—to accept not merely the principle but the figures without inquiry or negotiation? He put that argument to the men. He thought it had never been his good fortune to present so good a case and thought he had almost persuaded them. Coming to the present position, he said the negotiations had not come to a breakdown, but to a deadlock. Although the result for the moment was lamentably unsatisfactory, he could not but hope and believe that as time went on there would come together an approximation of points of view and possibly of the machinery which seemed so remote. But so far as the Government were concerned, they had done what they could and would continue to do what they could with that object in view. He wished, however, to say also that apart from this the Government were not idle.

Settlement by Consent.

They felt strongly that the best way of fixing a reasonable minimum wage in the various districts was by agreement between the parties, and he



THE LATE J. S. FALLOWS. Built the London Waterworks in 1878-79.

"CY" WARMAN IS STILL VERY SICK

Bulletins From His Bedside Say His Condition Is Critical.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Boston, March 5.—Bulletins from the bedside of "Cy" Warman say his condition is still critical today.

PREACHED 49 CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Rev. Dr. C. Judson Wilson Died In Masonic Home In New Hampshire.

HELD ONTARIO CHURCHES

Death Was Due to Old Age and a General Breaking Up in the System.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Manchester, N. H., March 5.—Having broken a local record for long-continued ministry of the gospel, Rev. Dr. C. Judson Wilson, an Ontarian by birth, died last night at the Masonic Home at Manchester, aged 75.

Dr. Wilson had preached for forty-nine consecutive years, never broken by illness or other vacation.

He had held pastorates in Northern New Brunswick and Ontario cities, and had spent nearly half of his ministry in Eastern Canada and Ontario. Death was due to old age and breaking up of the system by complication of diseases.

BECK'S PROPOSED POWER BILL CHARACTERIZED "PERNICIOUS, IMMORAL, DISHONEST LEGISLATION"

Coal Areas in Britain



The black spots show the mining districts directly affected by the great strike.

CITY HALL SITE ON PRINCESS AVE.

The Council To Consider the Question of Closing Street at Richmond Street.

USE PART OF THE PARK

Montreal Architect Says He Can Induce C. P. R. to Build a New Hotel There.

The city hall committee have practically decided, it is said, in favor of a city hall site in close proximity to Victoria Park, at Princess and Park avenues. An architect from Montreal is working on plans for the building, and they will be submitted to the council shortly. This gentleman is confident that this location is the very best that can possibly be secured.

Combined with this proposition is that of a new hotel on the "V" itself, to be erected by the C. P. R. It is understood.

Some time ago the architect, from Montreal came to London and met the committee. He was shown about the city, where available sites were to be had, and immediately decided upon the location near the park.

The Proposed Site.

The hall will be placed at the intersection of Princess avenue and Park avenue. Both these streets would have to be closed, of course, and on this plot, 132 by 132 feet, the hall will be constructed. If this idea is followed out, a portion of the Christian Science property will be secured, in order that a roadway may be built around the hall on the north side. Another road, to the east of the hall, will be built, and will be a very artistic drive.

Can He Do It?

The architect announced that he would induce the C. P. R. to build a hotel on the northern half of the "V." He stated that he was in a position to announce that, and it is understood that Ald. Webb had this gentleman in mind when he stated that a C. P. R. hotel would be constructed on the "V" inside of two years.

A Cheap Site.

"This is the plan favored by the committee," an alderman informed the Advertiser. "It has the virtue of being a cheap site, and it is located near the park, which is also an advantage in the eyes of some citizens. The architect who is favoring the proposition is of the opinion that it can be made a very artistic place, and will be the best in every possible way. However, there is certainly to be some objections raised to it. For my part, I cannot see how the committee will succeed in getting it through."

May Be Trouble.

"There will be several writs issued against that scheme, and a long legal battle will result. The same will be true of closing a portion of these streets. It does not look like good business to me to name a committee to go after the C. P. R. to come down town, and then shove the city hall up where the C. P. R. now is. The city is not growing in that direction, and I cannot see how it can be selected as the site."

DIED UNEXPECTEDLY

Mrs. John Patton, of Wallacetown, Had Neuralgia of the Heart.

[Special to The Advertiser.] St. Thomas, March 5.—Mrs. John Patton, of Wallacetown, one of the pioneer settlers in the Township of Wallacetown, died at her home in Wallacetown last night, from neuralgia of the heart, after a short illness.

Deceased is survived by eight children, four sons—William, of Dutton, John and Peter, at home, and Douglas, of Detroit—and four daughters, all at home.

One sister, the last of the family, Mrs. J. Robertson, of Boise City, Idaho, also survives.

The funeral will be held on Thursday.

A. W. Anglin, K. C., for Toronto General Electric Company, Does Not Mince Matters When Told Measure Covers All Franchises.

MUNICIPALITIES HAVING THEIR POWERS LEGISLATED AWAY FROM THEM

City Solicitor Waddell, of Hamilton, Enters a Protest On Behalf of His City—Plants May Be Closed With a Small Compensation.

[Canadian Press.] Toronto, March 5.—Hon. Adam Beck and the hydro-electric commission this morning met a number of representatives of power companies to hear what objections they might have to his bill to amend the power commission act.

Wallace Nesbitt, K. C., appeared on behalf of the Canadian Electrical Association, of 136 different electrical power companies, having a combined capital of \$85,000,000. He said that the commission had a double aspect, one commercial, and the other governmental, as a public utility.

He suggested that the position of the commission be clearly defined, so that its dealings with private companies would be acting not as a competitor using governmental authority. He objected to the commission being empowered to take over a part of the plant of a private concern, thereby rendering the plant useless, and only being called upon to reimburse the company for the part actually taken over.

Mr. Beck's Contention.

Mr. Beck declared that if the commission had been enabled to expropriate plants in some municipalities, they would have avoided a destruction of values.

Mr. Nesbitt contended that while it was fitting that the Government should safeguard the public by the inspection of electrical plants, those making the inspection should be paid by the Government, and not employed by the commission as a commercial competitor. He also objected to the placing of lines underground without compensation.

Must Go to People.

"There are some businessmen in Hamilton who want to place standards for gas illumination on the highway in front of their place of business. Their franchise does not permit them to do so. Can we grant them the right through the city council?"

"No," replied Mr. Beck. "You would have to submit it to the people."

"It seems to me," said Mr. Waddell, "that instead of getting home rule, the municipalities are having their powers legislated away from them."

The outcome of the conference was an arrangement for a meeting between the commission and a sub-committee of the Canadian Electrical Association on Thursday morning.

TWO CHINAMEN HALF FROZEN FOUND IN A FREIGHT CAR

Attempt Made at Windsor to Smuggle the Men Into the United States.

[Canadian Press.] Detroit, Mich., March 5.—Nearly dead from cold and exposure, and with their feet so badly frozen they could not walk, two Chinamen who had been smuggled across the Detroit River were found hiding in a box car by immigration inspectors last night.

The Chinamen had been placed in the car some time Sunday night while the car was in Windsor, and had been without food or water since. They were taken to a hospital, where physicians said it may be necessary to amputate the feet of both.

FREE PEWS IN NEW ST. JAMES BY VOTE OF THE CONGREGATION

It Is Also Understood That the Church Strongly Favors Union.

Although there has been no official announcement of the count of the vote on church union in New St. James' Presbyterian Church, and the ballots have not yet been all handed in, it is understood that the result will be very much in favor of union.

At last Sunday's services, it was announced that the time for handing in the ballots had been extended until Friday evening, and that the count would be announced at next Sunday's services. However, an unofficial count of the ballots so far handed in has been made, and it is said that the congregation is largely in favor of church union.

REFORM ASSOCIATION MEETS ON FRIDAY

Work of Organization Will Be Completed That Evening.

A meeting of the London Reform Association has been called for Friday night by Secretary A. G. Fraser, to complete the work of organization.

It is expected that Hyman Hall will be filled to overflowing on this occasion. Every Liberal is expected to be present.

COL. HODGINS IN OTTAWA

It Is Said He Is Discussing Plans for the Militia Camp.

Lieut.-Col. W. E. Hodgins, D. O. C., is in Ottawa, where, it is understood, he is discussing plans for the militia camp in June next. The question of a location is to be decided soon, and it is understood that London is most favored by the military men of the district.

Col. Hodgins will return tonight, and a definite announcement is anticipated. Mayor Graham is confident that the camp will be located in London.

GERMANY RACKED BY STRIKES MINERS BREAK FROM BOUNDS

Ship-Building Yards, Clothing Trade, Paper Box Industry, Are In a State of Ferment—Miners Not Striking Out of Sympathy.

[Canadian Press.] Berlin, March 5.—The strike fever now rampant in Germany. Several thousand men are out at the famous Schichau warship building yards, and Danzig thousands are on the verge of a strike in the clothing trades; 2,000 are about to leave work in the Berlin paper box industry and the chances highly favor the outbreak of an enormous strike in the Rhenish Westphalian coal belt, involving 250,000 men, by tonight.

The coal strike has already begun at moment.

COAL BARONS FEAR MORAL EFFECT OF BRITISH VICTORY

Ten Million Tons, or a Month's Supply, On Hand in United States—Demands of Miners Considered Today.

[Canadian Press.] New York, March 5.—The outlook in the coal industry probably will be clearer after the meeting of the hard coal operators held here this afternoon. At this meeting the operators will discuss the demands of the miners and ascertain how strongly the trade is entrenched to resist these demands, even though resistance results in a complete suspension of work in all the mines.

Before the meeting it was said that there was little possibility that an answer to the miners' demands would be ready today. The operators expected to appoint a commission, which would prepare a careful reply, and this must be submitted to another general meeting before it is ready to go to the miners.

Ten Million Tons on Hand.

While the operators agreed that the mines have been worked steadily of late, and that the output for March would be above the normal, they admitted that the severe winter had made heavy demands upon the supply. Estimates of the amount

of anthracite coal on hand vary in the neighborhood of 10,000,000 tons. This would be about a month's supply.

Since, in any event, the coal men say, no strike would be declared before April 1, this reserve would carry consumers along until the weather became warm enough so that the householder could await a suspension of coal mining with comparative equanimity. The effect would be felt almost immediately, however, by the industries and the transportation lines.

Fear Moral Effect.

It was said here that while there was no logical reason why the British coal strike should affect the industries here, the operators feared the moral effect of a victory by the men in the English strike.

One of them said today that if the British miners won he expected a strike here among the hard and soft coal miners.

It was expected that George F. Baer, president of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, would be made chairman of the

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TEN KILLED WHEN EXPRESS GOES OVER BRIDGE NEAR SASKATOON

Two of the Rescued Passengers Will Die—Those In Pullmans Evidently Perished in the River—Meagre Details of Railroad Horror.

[Canadian Press.] Saskatoon, Sask., March 5.—One of the worst wrecks in the history of Western Canada occurred near here last night, and a heavy toll of lives was taken. Buried deep in the mud of the South Saskatchewan River, which runs through Saskatoon, there may be anywhere from six to ten bodies.

Plunged Into River.

They are the Pullman passengers of the Regina express of the C. N. R., which crashed through a bridge over the river between Saskatoon and Nutana at 6 o'clock last night. Of the passengers rescued, two, it is expected, will die.

The wreckage of the car and bridge burned, imperiling all the passengers and rendering them frantic before rescued. The car fell 50 feet when the

bridge collapsed. Divers are searching amid the debris for the victims this morning. The known injured are:

List of the Injured.
Dr. F. G. Sparling, Saskatoon, both legs broken, and internally injured;
Rev. F. H. King, Watrous, concussion of the brain; E. H. Ashby, Saskatoon, injured about the head; Rev. E. W. Hughes, Regina, bruised about the body; David Walters, Regina, spine seriously injured; W. E. Kitch, Saskatoon, both legs broken; Reginald Wright, bruises about the head and shoulders; Sam Washington, porter, Saskatoon, hand amputated; A. S. Mihalik, commercial traveller, Toronto, ankle sprained; F. G. Lewis and Mrs. Lewis, internally hurt; John McDermid, contractor, Winnipeg, shoulder dislocated; Dr. J. Taylor, western manager Gould, Shapely & Co., home Winnipeg, right side hurt; Bruce Harris, sales manager Prince Albert Lumber Company, right leg sprained.

DOYLE SAYS HE DIDN'T INTEND TO SHOOT WOMAN HE ROBBED

Deputy Sheriff Returns From Taking Prisoners to Kingston Penitentiary.

Deputy Sheriff Waterworth and Constables Northgraves and Paisley returned to London today after having taken Reynolds and Pat Doyle to Kingston Penitentiary, where they will serve life and twenty-year terms respectively.

While the officers did not discuss the matter, it is said that Doyle revealed himself of many fairy tales while on his trip to the penitentiary. In one story he is said to have explained that he did not intend to shoot at Mrs. Elizabeth Fraser, whom he held up on Lorne avenue, but that the trigger of his pistol caught in his overcoat, and caused the weapon to explode.

He also proffered the information that his name is not Doyle—which the police know to be untrue, and that he was born in Minnesota, a son of a physician.

His explanation of the robberies was that he was in a stupor after a drunken spree of several days.

COMPANIES ARE FIGURING OUT JUST WHAT FRANCHISE MEANS

Green-Swift People Likely to Accept—Helena Co. Not Yet Decided.

The Helena Costume Company and Green-Swift & Co. have not decided what they will do with the franchise for heating offered them by the city council on Monday night. They have not yet figured out exactly where they stand in the matter, and will take a day or two to consider.

"We have not decided what we will do," said Mr. C. D. Burdick, manager

of the Helena. "We are considering it, but have not definitely made up our mind which is the best course. We will decide tomorrow."

Mr. W. Greene gave the same answer, but there is a possibility that Green-Swift & Co. will accept.

Some of the aldermen are favorable to the companies accepting the proposition, and then allowing the citizens to vote on the question in January next.

"I think this would be a good suggestion," said Ald. W. G. Coles. "The question would then have an opportunity of expressing their opinion on the whole subject. I would not be a bit surprised if a franchise would be granted by the citizens."

NEW COUCH COMPANY TAKES OVER FACTORY

Toronto Concern Coming to London to Conduct Business.

London secures a new industry in the Forest City Furniture Company, which comes here from Toronto, and will occupy the factory at one time operated by the Mann Brass Company, on Pall Mall Street, on the line of the C. P. R.

The new firm will make a specialty of couch manufacturing, and will start with thirteen hands.

The Nyberg Automobile Company of Indiana are seeking a site in Canada, and may locate in London.

PROBE SHIPPING TRUST.

[Canadian Press.] Washington, March 5.—The House today unanimously passed a resolution calling for an investigation of the alleged "shipping trust" by the committee on merchant marine and fisheries.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FINE.

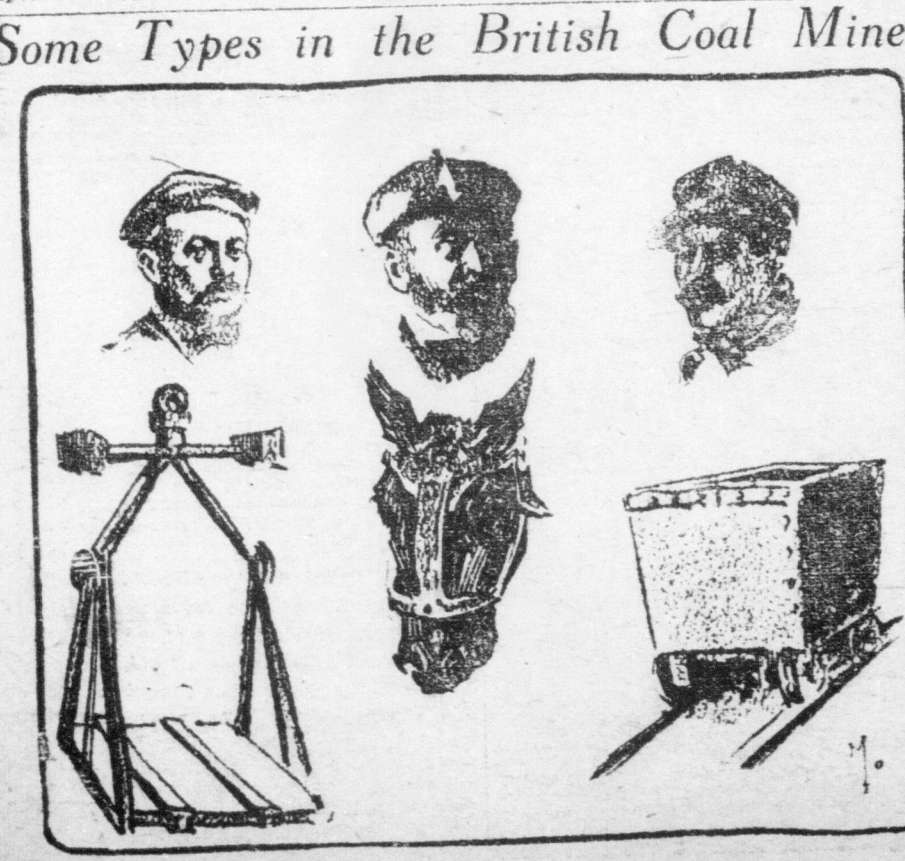
Toronto, March 5.—8 a.m. Northeasterly and northerly winds; fine; much the same temperatures today and on Wednesday.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations. High. Low. Weather.
London.....22.....15.....Clear
Saskatoon.....22.....15.....Clear
Victoria.....22.....15.....Clear
Winnipeg.....24.....16.....Clear
Port Arthur.....18.....10.....Clear
Perry Sound.....18.....10.....Clear
Toronto.....18.....10.....Clear
Ottawa.....18.....10.....Clear
Montreal.....10.....6.....Clear
Quebec.....10.....6.....Clear
Father Point.....10.....6.....Clear
Minus (—) means below zero.

Weather Notes.
Fine, cold weather prevails this morning throughout Canada.
A disturbance is developing over the Gulf of Mexico.



Sketches of rugged men, who work far a way from the sunlight, and their aids.