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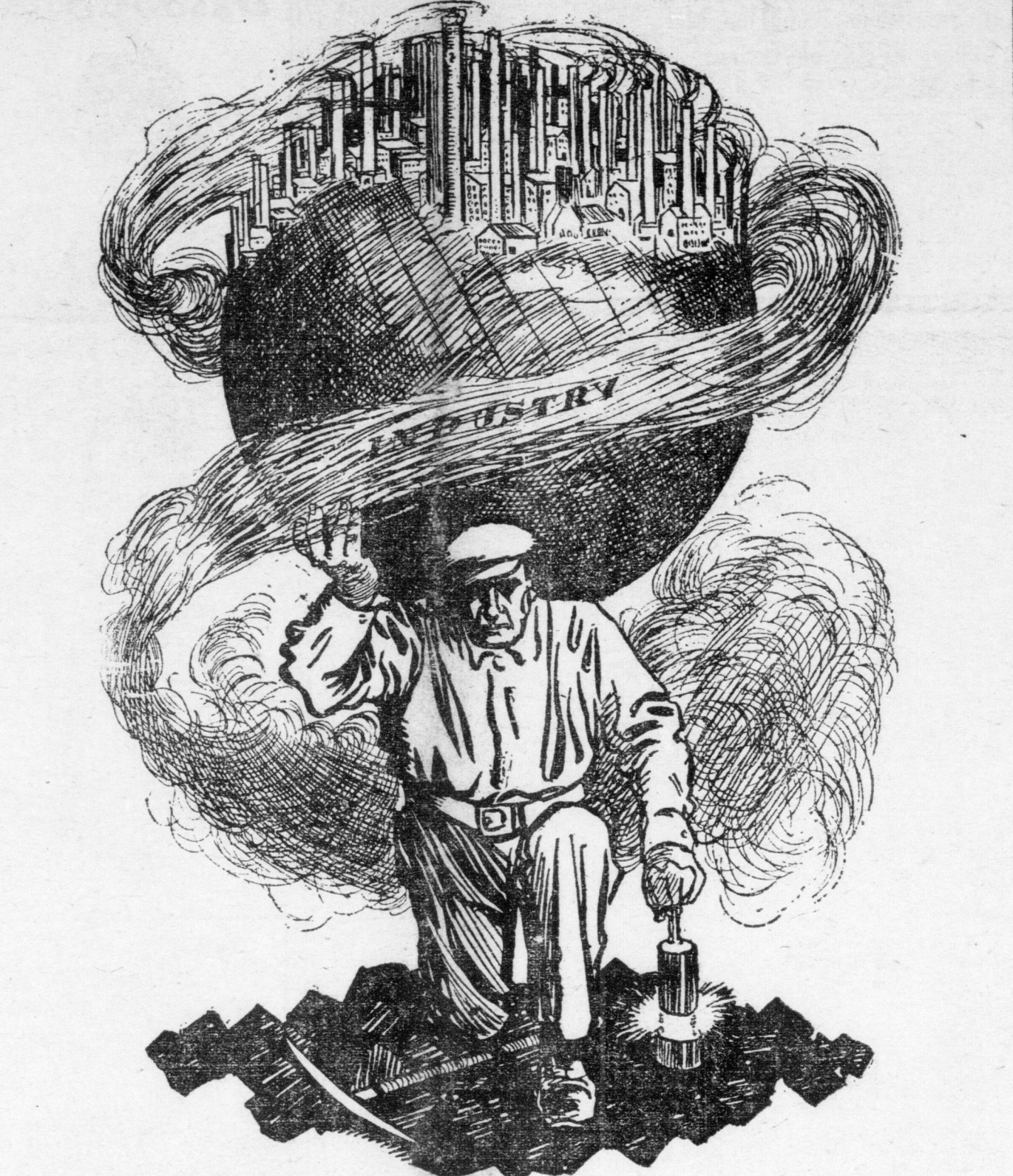
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This cartoon suggests that mining is the fundamental industry of all other industries, which are borne up on the shoulders of the miner who gets the coal.

REV. MR. HARPER ACCEPTS THE CALL

Hillsdale Pastor Is Coming to Chalmers Church in This City.

INDUCTION, APRIL 26

Brucefield Call to Rev. Mr. Woods Was Sustained—Presbytery Met Today.

The Presbytery of London met in special adjourned meeting this morning at 11 o'clock in the First Presbyterian Church. The attendance was not large.

The first business was the call from the congregation of Brucefield, in the Presbytery of Huron, to Rev. Hall Woods, D. D., of Alma Street Church, St. Thomas.

The stipend promised is \$1,100, with manse, gable, and four weeks' holidays. The likelihood is that the stipend will be increased to \$1,200 or more.

The call was signed by 154 members. Rev. D. Johnston, Mr. J. D. Gemmel and James Moody appeared from the Huron Presbytery and the congregation of Brucefield. They urged the acceptance of the call by Mr. Woods.

Mr. Forbs and Mr. E. Lowe appeared from Alma Street Church and urged Mr. Woods to remain with his St. Thomas people, but would not oppose the call. Brucefield was a very important charge and they could not stand in his way.

The translation was granted after Mr. Woods had expressed his wish to accept the call.

Mr. Woods will leave St. Thomas after the 15th of April, and Rev. S. H. Eastman was appointed interim moderator during the vacancy.

Coming to Chalmers Church.
The word received from Rev. F. C. Harper, of Hillsdale, Ont., showed that he was likely to accept the call to Chalmers Church, London.

Arrangements were therefore made for his induction as pastor.

The meeting will be held on Friday evening, April 26, at 8 o'clock.

Dr. Munro will preside, Rev. Mr. MacGillivray will preach, Mr. Mitchell will address the minister and Mr. McIntosh the people.

Government Expert Has Praise For "Stay in Ontario" Campaign

To the Editor of The Advertiser:
I write to acknowledge the great value of the articles that have been appearing in The London Advertiser, regarding the possibilities of Western Ontario. Western Ontario has certainly been a long-neglected spot, and with its magnificent soil, climate and marketing facilities, Western Ontario must presently be the very garden of Canada.

Your correspondent, Mr. Bowman, called at our office, and we were much impressed with the plan he proposed, and have since appreciated all that has been done by The Advertiser, in its attempt to bring the people of Ontario to realize the neglected opportunity lying all around.

Allow me once again to express my great appreciation of the work you are doing. Faithfully yours,

S. E. TODD,
Ontario Department of Agriculture.

ASQUITH COAL MINES BILL EFFECTIVE FOR THREE YEARS

British Premier Explains That Measure Is Only a Temporary One To Settle Present Difficulty—A Reasonable Minimum Wage Is Given and Owners Safeguarded.

[Canadian Press.]
London, March 19.—Premier Asquith today introduced in the House of Commons the coal mines bill, whose intention is to establish a fixed minimum wage for underground workers.

The Premier explained that the measure was only a temporary one whose specific purpose was to settle the present difficulty in the coal trade in Great Britain. The enactment will, therefore, be effective for only three years unless the coal industry wishes to prolong it.

A reasonable minimum wage for the miners with safeguards to protect the owners against slackness and deficiency of output will be settled by district boards. The minimum rate of wages will be retrospective, the men being paid from the date of their return to work at the rate subsequently fixed by the district boards.

District Boards Control.
The district boards will frame regulations and conditions for assuring the regularity and efficiency of the work in the mines and workmen failing to comply with these conditions and regulations are not to be entitled to the fixed minimum wage.

The bill does not contain any penalty provisions for either side, does not compel an owner to open his mine or the workmen to descend into the pit. Workmen who are paid less than the minimum wage will be able to recover in the courts.

Bill Imperative.
Premier Asquith said that he introduced the bill with great and unaffected reluctance, but that it was absolutely imperative in the interests of the country. The Government only resorted to legislation when all hope of a settlement by agreement between the employers and the miners had disappeared. He believed that after the passage of the bill and the establishment of the principle of a minimum wage by law there would be no longer any difficulty in settling the trouble.

Bonar Law.
Andrew Bonar Law, leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons, said that he would await the publication of the text of the bill with Premier Asquith had promised would be available tonight, before committing the Opposition for or against it. His distrust of the policy of the bill, however, was strong and the remedy proposed by the Government was conceivably far more serious than the disease. The Government's bill invited every other trade to ask for similar treatment.

THE BESSEMER FREE.
St. Thomas, March 19.—The car ferry Bessemer, which has been imprisoned in the ice at Port Stanley over two months is almost free, dynamite having been used on the ice with good effect.

PRESIDENT TAFT MAY INTERVENE TO PREVENT MINERS' STRIKE

Reported That Pressure Will Be Brought To Bear On the Operators, and Mr. Taft Calls In John Mitchell For Consultation On the Situation.

[Canadian Press.]
Chicago, March 19.—The Record-Herald today says:

"President Taft may take a hand in the coal situation to avoid a strike in the anthracite fields."

"Alarmed over the political possibilities of a general strike of coal miners, the President is said to be preparing to follow the precedent established by his predecessor in office in 1902, and bring pressure to bear on the anthracite coal operators to make concessions in the interests of peace."

"To gain information on the subject, President Taft has called John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers, to Washington for a conference."

"While Mr. Mitchell does not at present hold any official position in the miners' organization, he is the confidant of the leaders, and is in as close touch with the situation as any man in the country."

"President Taft is said to have great respect for the opinions of the former

leader of the miners, and he on the situation than any other man."

A Strike Averted.
Shamokin, Pa., March 19.—A strike of 5,000 workmen in the Shamokin field of the anthracite coal regions has been averted by the Mineral Railroad and Mining Company consenting to sell all sizes of coal to the mine workers for use in their homes.

Yesterday 800 workmen at the Scott colliery of the company were ordered idle by 400 mine workers striking because the company would not sell them pea size of coal. Today the company agreed to sell the men the fuel they wanted, but the workers did not return to their work because they have another grievance. They now want discharged a foreman whom they dislike and say they will not return to work until this demand is granted. The company has refused to discharge the man.

The Mineral Railroad and Mining Company, which is a subsidiary of the Pennsylvania Railroad, refused to sell coal to its employees yesterday because it said it wanted the coal to fill other orders. If this concession had not been granted, the men say, the strike would have spread to other collieries.

The Coal Strike Scare Is Falling Off

New York, March 19.—There was a subsidence of the anthracite strike scare today and in consequence there was a falling off of the pressing demand for hard coal from frightened consumers. The belief is gaining ground that both sides will reach an agreement and that if there is a suspension of work on April 1 it will not last long.

The operators say they are ready to confer with the men on any reasonable proposition and consider the situation from all angles. There are also reports from the hard coal regions that the miners' officials are ready to meet the operators half way.

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The Situation In Bituminous Field

[Canadian Press.]
Cleveland, Ohio, March 19.—On the eve of the joint conference of representatives of the operators and miners in the bituminous coal fields of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, here tomorrow, it is said that it will be definitely known by the end of the present morning session whether there will be war or peace with the expiration of the present working contracts on March 31.

Representatives of the operators, eight from each of the four states of the competitive district will meet here this afternoon in preliminary conference. The miners' representatives will also arrive during the day.

What the Men Want.

Briefly stated the situation is this: The operators demand a wage decrease; the miners demand a wage increase. The best either party hopes for is a compromise.

Bituminous miners all over the United States and Canada, 300,000 in number, will abide by the result of the present conference. If a strike is called, close to 500,000 men will quit work on April 1, when the anthracite miners will also walk out.

Whatever the result of the Cleveland conference, it will be at least thirty days before the actual outcome of the dispute can be definitely known. The miners will have to vote on their representatives' action. In case the miners' representatives declare for hostilities this would mean a thirty-day suspension.

BILL WOULD JAIL DIVINES WHO MARRY THOSE DRUNK

Dr. Godfrey Has a Measure To Amend the Ontario Marriage Act.

[Canadian Press.]
Toronto, March 19.—Dr. Forbes Godfrey, member of the Legislature for West York, will introduce a bill to amend the marriage act. His bill strikes at the source of the stream of misfits and feeble-minded pouring into the provincial institutions, and now costing the Province for maintenance well nigh two million dollars a year.

Dr. Godfrey's bill would prohibit any clergyman from solemnizing a marriage if he has reason to believe that either of the parties to the contract is an idiot, or insane, or if either of them is under the influence of liquor.

A penalty of five hundred dollars is provided for the infraction of this law.

and at the discretion of the court any minister violating this statute is also liable for imprisonment for any term up to twelve years. Responsibility is also placed upon the contracting parties and upon the issuer of licenses. An applicant for a marriage license, under the Godfrey bill, would be required to make a statutory declaration as to his mental condition.

Also Affects Issuer.
If the issuer of licenses should have reason to suspect that the applicant were an imbecile, an epileptic, idiotic or insane, he must refuse the license until the certificate of a duly-qualified practitioner is obtained declaring that the applicant is not, on any of the grounds named, unfitted for matrimony. In case of the marriage license being issued in spite of the issuer having reason to suspect the applicant's soundness, and not having the sanction of a medical certificate, the issuer shall be liable to a fine of \$500.

COMMONS PUT THROUGH SOME LITTLE BILLS

A Resolution to Provide More Salaries for Judges Passes Houses.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, March 19.—Parliament ground out a grist of little bills this morning. There was one to pension Yukon judges, and change the appeal from the northern court, making it to the British Columbia court. The House approved, and put the bill through.

A measure to let little power boats run without certified operators, made en voyage to this reading, and passed on to the Senate.

A resolution providing salaries for more judges and more salary for some present judges, went through after every lawyer in the House had patted it upon the back. Mr. Carvell, of New Brunswick; Judge MacKenzie, of Cape Breton, and Mr. Kyte, of Nova Scotia, and Mr. Knowles, of Saskatchewan, remarked that more pay should be given to county court judges.

Mr. Proulx, of Prescott, took a different line, stating that in Ontario what was required was more work and fewer judges. His district had two judges assigned for work which was badly done.

FIGHT FOR LAND GRANT HAS BEEN PUT OFF

Two Companies Wanted It, and Then Ontario Government Entered the Arena.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, March 19.—The fight for the 50-year-old land grant of the provinces of Canada is off for a year. Two companies were after it. The Central Canada Company some time ago announced that it had the Carillon and Grenville Railway, and a claim upon the provinces of Ontario and Quebec for a million acres of land. When they came before the railway board for confirmation of contract they found that the Canadian Northern had been doing a little buying and claimed ownership. The two companies last week squared away for the fight of the session. They looked so fierce that the railway committee put the case off for a week. This morning another fight got into the trouble. This was the Ontario Government, which does not want to take the chance of losing its lands. It looked so ugly that the companies saw they had no chance at this stage of the session. Both companies, therefore, withdrew their bills.