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TRAINMEN SEEK HIGHER WAGES

PREPARING TO PRESENT DEMAND TO RAILWAYS

More Industries Closed as Result of Strike of Switchmen.

New York, Dec. 2.—Representatives of more than 300,000 trainmen of eastern railroads are to-day preparing to demand an increase in wages of 10 per cent. The demand, which it is announced, will be presented in the near future, will affect every line of railroad in the east.

Rejection of the trainmen's demand will undoubtedly result in the greatest paralysis of railroad industry in the history of the country.

More Mines Idle.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 3.—It was announced to-day that the large coal mines at Stockette, Belt and Sand Coulee, in the country tributary to Great Falls, would close to-night as a result of the switchmen's strike that has demoralized freight transportation on all railroads in this section.

The Moonlight and Parrott mines of the Amalgamated Copper Company, in accord with an announcement by the mine officials, closed this morning because sufficient coal could not be brought into the city. Including the miners who were thrown out of employment because of the closing of the Boston and Montana mines of the Amalgamated company yesterday, it is estimated to-day that 4,500 men are idle.

The distressing conditions prevailing among the miners threatens to extend to other industries throughout the state unless immediate relief from the curtailment of transportation facilities is forthcoming.

The immense plant of the Royal Flouring Mills of Great Falls, was compelled to suspend operations late yesterday, and its scores of employees are in enforced idleness.

The striking switchmen in all Montana centres are maintaining an unbroken front to-day. No defections from their ranks at the principal terminal points have been reported, although a few men are said to have returned to work in the outlying districts.

Such freight trains as are being operated are made up by trainmasters and their assistants. Little effort has been made to move anything but the coal that is necessary for the continuance of business in the mining and industrial centres.

Returning to Work.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 3.—Eighty per cent. of the striking switchmen here returned to work this morning following a meeting of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen late yesterday, at which it was decided that the order to the switchmen to strike was unconstitutional. Most of the men who returned to work were employed by the Northern Pacific.

The Great Northern and the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha announced to-day that they are prepared to receive freight. About fifty strikebreakers arrived here this morning.

Situation at St. Paul.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 3.—More than 400 strikebreakers, imported from Chicago, are at work to-day in the local railroad yards, according to declarations of transportation officials. They stated that before to-morrow the places of practically all the strikers will be filled, and the moving of freight will be resumed.

Leaders of the striking switchmen, however, scoff at the statement that the strike is practically broken and apparently are confident of victory.

Many of the strikebreakers have been sworn in as special police to protect the railroads' interests. The police declare this procedure to be in direct violation of the state law which prohibits non-residents to serve as policemen.

Ordered to Work.

Chicago, Dec. 3.—Grand Master Lee, of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, said to-day that the striking switchmen in Duluth, who are members of his organization, have been instructed to return to work and that many of them already had complied with the order.

Lee's action is believed to settle in favor of the railroads the much mooted question whether the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen would cast their lot with the striking switchmen or remain on duty.

Freight Moving at Spokane.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 3.—There is considerable activity in the local freight yards to-day despite the strike of the switchmen. Through freight trains en route to Spokane and other coast cities from the east are coming in over the Northern Pacific and Great Northern, after being made up by the yard officials at eastern points.

The office employees and yard officials here to-day are assisting in making up the freight trains that are moving out of here.

The strike of the switchmen is in no way interfering with the fast mails as they are arriving practically on scheduled time.

SLAIN IN STORE.

Bakersfield, Cal., Dec. 3. — Armed posses are searching for a man named Garrity, who shot and killed Hamilton Proctor in a store at Little Lake, and now a fugitive on the Great Mojave desert.

According to the story told by C. R. Berry, the proprietor of the store where the shooting occurred, Garrity entered the store to purchase a candle. When he complained because he thought five cents an exorbitant price, Proctor, who had overheard the conversation, said: "Give him his nickel; I'll take the candle."

Garrity then drew his revolver, according to Berry, and shot Proctor, who died three hours later.

REVOLUTIONISTS GAIN GROUND

RUMORS OF FIVE DAYS' BATTLE IN NICARAGUA

Bodies of Americans Reported to Have Been Mutilated and Burned.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 3.—It is reported here to-day that the bodies of Cannon and Groce, the Americans executed at Managua, were cut all to pieces and burned. It is alleged that the barbarous work was done at the direction of President Zelaya.

Indications are that fighting has been in progress at Rama now for two days, and that the troops of the revolutionists have fared well. Reports from Managua are that the army of the revolutionists, under Provisional President Estrada, are in better condition than that of President Zelaya.

Mexico's Attitude.

Mexico City, Dec. 3.—Mexico will side with the United States in the Nicaraguan controversy and the probable outcome will be friendly interference by both Mexico and the United States.

The statement is made in official circles to-day that the government is now considering the advisability of sending Enrique Creel, former ambassador to the United States, to Managua as the special representative of Mexico.

Recruiting Active.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 3.—Despite the announcements of Col. von Schroeder, in command of the army transport service at this port, to the effect that no orders had been received from the Washington authorities that would indicate the intention of the war department to send troops to Nicaragua from San Francisco, the work of overhauling the big transport Crook is being continued with feverish haste to-day.

Army and navy recruiting stations here are experiencing their busiest season in many years. So many men yesterday reported for enlistment in the marine service that orders were issued to examining physicians to pass only those possessing unusual physical qualifications.

FORMER M. P. DEAD.

Winnipeg, Dec. 3.—S. J. Thompson, reeve of Assiniboa, Liberal candidate at the last Dominion election, and ex-M. P. for Carberry, died this morning following an operation.

LOOKING FOR SITE FOR OIL REFINERY

Vancouver Syndicate May Establish Works at Esquimalt.

James Auld, of the firm of Auld, Gwynn & McLarty, Vancouver, is in the city a guest at the King Edward hotel. Mr. Auld's firm represents the Northern Oil Company, the International Oil Company and Refining Syndicate, who have large interests in Alaska, and his visit here is in connection with the securing of a location of a site to establish refining works.

Mr. Auld said to the Times this morning that it had been proposed to locate the works at Ladysmith, but now they are looking for a location either in Victoria or Esquimalt. A desirable site of 17 acres at the latter point is being inspected this afternoon.

Should the works be established in Victoria or vicinity another important industry would be secured, as employment would be given to a large number of men. The company would require large wharves and would establish a cooperage and box factory.

TWO SEAMEN ARE ACCUSED OF PERJURY

Captain of Burned Steamer St. Croix Will Swear Out Warrants.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 3.—As the result of the investigation into the burning of the Schubach-Hamilton steamer St. Croix off Point Duma on November 20th, Captain Fred Warner, of the ill-fated vessel, may charge Seaman Patrick Corrigan and Quartermaster John Peters with perjury.

Corrigan and Peters testified at the hearing that Captain Warner and Mate Mills were intoxicated at the time of the accident, and accused them of neglect of duty. Yesterday Warner stated he had visited United States Attorney Robert Devlin to swear to warrants charging his subordinates with perjury, but that Devlin refused to issue the wrrants until the report of the United States hulls and boilers inspectors, who are investigating the disaster, had been made. Warner declared that he would act immediately after the report was made.

WILL VISIT DOMINION.

London, Dec. 3.—It is learned that a Danish commission of three officials will visit Canada in January with the object of studying the administrative system of produce collection and shipment.

Judge Young has returned from Prince Rupert, where he held court during the past few weeks. He is taking a few weeks' vacation now, and with his family will go south, returning in February. His daughter, who has been in the hospital, has so far recovered as to be about again. The trip south is taken in the hope of fully restoring her

A TEMPORARY POOH-BAH.

W. J. B.—"It's a great satisfaction to know that, for the present, one half the Cabinet are capable."

WATER PROBLEM IS UP AGAIN

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETS THIS AFTERNOON

Assistant Engineer Bryson to Submit Report on Sooke Lake Proposition.

(From Friday's Daily.)

The ever-present water problem will again be discussed at a special meeting of the water commitee of the city council being held this afternoon, when Assistant City Engineer Bryson will submit his preliminary report on Sooke lake, based on investigation which he made a month ago. The council placed a fund of $2,500 at his disposal, and he spent some days in the district taking levels.

Mr. Bryson's report is expected to contain approximate costs for both tunnel and surface routes. The tunnel route does not find much favor with engineers who have studied the problem of bringing water to the city from Sooke lake, as the cost will be very high, but with the employment of surface pipes the whole way the scheme is declared to be thoroughly feasible, and well within the financial capacity of the city.

It is probable that as a result of the enquiries now being made in regard to the proposition a by-law will be submitted to the ratepayers at the forthcoming municipal elections authorizing the expenditure of a sum of about $150,000, this to meet the cost of acquiring all rights necessary to secure to the city Sooke lake as a source of supply. Ald. Henderson, who is a candidate for the mayoralty, is strongly in favor of this course being followed. He considers it imperative that the city should lose no time in acquiring all necessary rights at Sooke, and will press for immediate action in that direction. In connection with the water problem it is understood that Ald. Humber at Monday's meeting of the city council will press for a full enquiry into the condition of the reservoir at Smith's Hill. This [illegible] with what he stated in an interview last evening's Times.

PREDICTS RUIN IF GOVERNMENT RETURNED

Lord Charles Beresford Says British Empire Will Pass Away.

London, Dec. 3.—Lord Charles Beresford, in speaking at Portsmouth, said that four years of government had been wasted, and every year brought the country lower in strength, credit, and defensive force.

"Put them in power once more," said Lord Charles, "and the end is sure. The army may be further reduced, the navy continue to be starved, and its present disorganization will grow worse. The Dominions over seas will be finally and forever alienated, Great Britain will cease to be a great power, and the British Empire will pass away."

MERCIER MEMORIAL.

Quebec, Dec. 3.—The design submitted by Paul Chevre of the monument which the provincial government is to erect to the memory of the late Hon. Honore Mercier has been adopted.

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

B. C. COMMISSION IS SEEKING INFORMATION

Members Interview Ontario Government—Will Visit Washington.

Toronto, Dec. 3.—Hon. E. J. Fulton, accompanied by A. S. Goodeve, M.P. for Kootenay, and A. C. Flumerfelt, interviewed the members of the Ontario government yesterday relative to the establishing in British Columbia of a forestry department similar to that of this province. Information was asked as to Ontario's plans for timber cutting.

Mr. Flumerfelt has been in Ottawa acquiring information and the commission will presently go to Washington, D. C.

STORM SWEEPS OVER PRINCE RUPERT

Tugboats Are Blown From Moorings and Several Scows Capsized.

Prince Rupert, Dec. 3.—A terrific wind, rain, snow and hail storm on Sunday, followed by thunder and lightning, did considerable damage along the waterfront. Several scows loaded with lumber were overturned and tugboats were blown from their moorings. Two small houses were overturned and several plate-glass windows blown in. While services were being held in the Presbyterian church the building rocked on the piling. The congregation became alarmed and quickly filed out, but no further damage was done.

ENORMOUS TRADE IN CIGARETTES IN CANADA

During Past Fiscal Year Over 350,000,000 Were Manufactured.

Ottawa, Dec. 3.—Mr. Blaine, of Peele, who has for some years been trying to secure the passage of legislation prohibiting the manufacture, sale and importation of cigarettes, has secured from the minister of inland revenue some interesting figures regarding this industry. During the past fiscal year, 356,189,380 cigarettes were manufactured in Canada, of which 29,477,000 were produced in Ontario, and 326,712,000 in Quebec. There was 34,619 pounds of cigarettes imported during the same period, which at an estimated weight of 2.8 pounds per 1,000, would represent 12,363,000 cigarettes.

EXPLOSION CAUSES FIRE.

Blaze at Walla Walla Does Damage Estimated at $150,000.

Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 3.—The Motter-Wheeler department store was gutted by fire here early to-day, causing a loss estimated at $150,000. The insurance amounts to $75,000.

The fire was caused by the explosion of an oil stove in the office of the concern at 7:30 o'clock this morning.

Before the fire department arrived on the scene, the building was a mass of flames. Employees of the store managed to save about five per cent. of the stock.

E. & N. TRAINS RUN AGAIN

FIRST SINCE SUNDAY LEFT THIS MORNING

Passengers Will Require to Transfer at Ladysmith for About Ten Days.

(From Friday's Daily.)

The first through train to move on the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway since Sunday last, when the line was put out of business by the floods, left the Victoria station this morning at 10 o'clock. Only passenger trains will operate for some days, the Charmer being maintained on the east coast run to handle freight. The passengers will be transferred at Ladysmith, where the Nanaimo train will be in waiting, leaving the Coal City two and one-half hours late in order to save any unnecessary waiting at Ladysmith.

The down train from Nanaimo will be a couple of hours late in arriving at Victoria, but the up train will leave each morning at 9 o'clock. This service will be maintained for about ten days, when it is hoped that the full regular service will be resumed.

Save for the trouble at 102 bridge at Ladysmith the track is clear right through to Nanaimo, splendid progress having been made by the repair gangs. The work to be done in repairing 102 bridge is, however, a heavy job. There is a gang of fifty men employed putting in new timbers and a big pile driver was expected to reach the scene this afternoon from the Mainland.

While the line is open along the sections mentioned, the work done has necessarily been only of a temporary character in order to get trains running at the earliest possible moment, and very extensive repairs necessitating the expenditure of large sums of money will require to be made before the line has been placed in the high standard of efficiency characteristic of the roadbed of the C.P.R. all over Canada.

The heavy floods have proved a blessing in disguise, as the weak spots on the line have been disclosed; and when all the improvements which will be effected have been made the line will prove far better than ever before.

EXPLOSION WRECKS GASOLINE LAUNCH

One Man Loses His Life and Another Has Narrow Escape.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 3.—Engineer Peter Figari lost his life and Captain Nels Hansen had a narrow escape from death yesterday when the explosion of a 50-gallon can of gasoline sent the $5,000 launch tug Nevada to the bottom of the bay.

Figari was preparing his tug to take a passenger out to a ship in the bay when the engine got out of order and he was unable to control it.

Captain Hansen was near by in his launch and Figari called to Hansen to help him. Hansen sprang aboard the Nevada, but just as he did so he heard the noise made by back-fire in a gasoline engine, and realized his danger. He sprang back to his own boat just as the explosion occurred.

Figari was the only person aboard the Nevada when she went down.

WILL REMOVE RESTRICTIONS.

London, Dec. 3.—It is understood that the restrictions against the importation of Argentine products to Great Britain will be shortly removed.

FEDERAL LAND AT LAKE COQUITLAM

RIGHTS OF PARTIES ARGUED AT OTTAWA

Two Municipalities and Power Company Represented in the Application.

Ottawa, Dec. 3.—The application of New Westminster for the rescinding of two orders in council passed by the federal government on September 9th last, cancelling the right claimed by the city to 180,000 acres of federal land in Lake Coquitlam district and leasing 4,000 acres of it to the Vancouver Power Company, was heard by the sub-committee of the cabinet composed of Sir Wilfird Laurier, Hon. W. Pugsley, Hon. Wm. Templeman, Hon. F. Oliver and Hon. A. B. Aylesworth.

New Westminster was represented by counsel, High Guthrie, M. P., and City Solicitor McQuarrie; Coquitlam by J. R. Grant, Alderman Adams and A. W. Grey, and the Vancouver Power Company by A. Thompson, K. C., Engineer Schuyler and Mr. Glover.

The legal points at issue as to the right of the federal government to the lands in question were argued at considerable length.

It was decided that any further representations considered necessary should be submitted in writing, and the cabinet will then give the application full consideration.

ANOTHER REVERSE FOR WALSH.

Only Supreme Court Can Now Keep Former Banker Out of Penitentiary.

Chicago, Dec. 3.—The United States Circuit court to-day denied a motion for a new trial for John R. Walsh, the former financial king, and committed him to the custody of the marshal. Only the Supreme court of the United States now stands between the man who is a physical wreck and the doors of the penitentiary.

The former financier and railroad magnate seemed utterly crushed when the decision was handed down. Walsh will be held in custody, it is understood, until January in order to allow his attorneys to file a motion for a writ of cerioraril to the Supreme court.

When the Walsh financial structure collapsed this city received one of the greatest shocks in its history He had been prominent in all lines of activity, and was one of the very foremost men of the city. The investigation revealed misuse of money deposited in his bank and various crimes of high finance were charged against him.

PRINCE RUPERT SEEKS CABINET REPRESENTATION

Conservatives to Press Claims of W. Manson For Portfolio

Prince Rupert, Dec. 3.—At a meeting of the Conservative Association a delegation consisting of Messrs. McLennan and Carss and Dr. Quinlan was appointed to interview Premier McBride and press the claims of Wm. Manson as representative in the cabinet, and if possible secure for him the portfolio formerly held by Hon. R. G. Tatlow.

ANOTHER RESPITE FOR DILLON.

Montreal, Dec. 3.—John Dillon, who murdered Constable Shea in April, 1908, has obtained another week's respite in order to enable sanity experts to examine his mental condition. He was to have been hanged on November 19th, but obtained a respite for two weeks. This has been extended another week.

IMPERSONATION AT ELECTION IN FERNIE

Number of Cases Revealed By Official Recount of Votes.

Fernie, Dec. 3.—The official recount of the votes cast at the election in this district last Thursday is in progress. The recount is being attended by the three candidates and their legal advisers.

On demand of Messrs. Harrington and Fisher the voters' lists were checked as the returns from each precinct were recounted in order to detect repeating and personation.

So far there have been twenty cases of impersonation or repeating discovered and there are still half the votes to count.

So far Fisher has gained a few votes over Ross and will likely save his deposit.

More sensational developments are looked for when the Fernie and Coal Creek votes are recounted.

Large bets were made on the results and some of the gamblers are likely to crop up as repeaters.

TWO CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Workmen Killed by Falling Wall in Pipe Foundry.

Halifax, Dec. 3.—Two men were killed and two seriously injured by the falling of a wall in the pipe foundry of the Londonderry ironworks. Fifteen feet of the top of this wall fell, bringing a part of the room with it, killing Alexander McLean and Walter McCulley of Londonderry.

MANY PERISH IN HURRICANE

SHIPPING SUFFERS ON COAST OF BRITAIN

Number of Vessels Are Wrecked—Thistlemere Is Lost.

London, Dec. 3.—It is estimated in shipping circles that at least one hundred persons are missing, and many have been lost in the terrific hurricane which has been sweeping the coast of Great Britain for several days.

The intensity of the storm increased last night and many small boats were wrecked along the coast.

Fourteen vessels are reported lost, including the Congress, which was in collision off St. Ives head with an unknown craft. Only one member of the crew escaped.

The steamer Thistlemere foundered in the channel to-day after a struggle with the storm that has been prevailing. It is reported that all the members of her crew were drowned.

DESTRUCTIVE BLAZE.

Electric Light Plant and Sawmill at Seal Harbor Destroyed—Loss $60,000.

Prince Rupert, Dec. 3.—The electric lighting plant and sawmill at Seal Harbor, owned and operated by the B. C. Tie & Timber Company, has been destroyed by fire. The loss, $60,000, is covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown. It was first noticed two hours after the plant had been shut down for the night. Although a fierce gale was blowing, the stock in the lumber yard adjoining was saved owing to a light snow fall in the early part of the evening.

ABE RUEF GRANTED FREEDOM ON BAIL

Former Political Boss Given Liberty Pending Decision in Appeal.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 3.—Abe Ruef, former political boss of San Francisco and self-confessed grafter, was released at midnight from the county jail, where he has been confined since the shooting of Francis J. Heaney a year ago, on bonds aggregating $300,000. At that time Ruef was free under $750,000 bail, but in the excitement following the shooting he was remanded to custody and remained in the county jail after his conviction which followed shortly afterward.

The petition for bail, pending the decision of his appeal, was filed several days ago, when physicians who examined Ruef declared that he was suffering from a complication of diseases which would in time endanger his life if he was kept in prison.

CHINESE TONGS MAY RESUME WARFARE

Price Placed on Heads of Leaders of Yee Clan.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 3.—After a truce of five days, during which every effort was made to effect an agreement between the warring of Yick Tong and the Yee family, it is believed in Chinatown that open hostilities will be resumed immediately.

Called together by the council of the powerful Cix Companies, representatives of both factions met last evening to consider terms of a treaty. The proposal of an additional truce, during which an attempt will be made to adjudicate differences, was turned down by the Yees because of a clause binding the Yees to cause no arrests among their enemies during that time.

At the conclusion of the meeting a list of the leaders of the Yees, with the prices set upon their heads, is said to have been posted at the On Yick headquarters. At the head of the list, with $10,000 posted after it, was reported to have been the name of Yee Sing, leader of the Yees.

Surrounded by five white guards, Yee Sing left yesterday for Sacramento, where he was subpoenaed to appear as a witness in a civil case. Ever since hostilities between the two elements began, Sing has been in hiding in the Chinese quarter, under heavy guard.

The police are making preparations to put a stop to any attempt on the part of Tong men to renew the feud that already has resulted in five deaths. Special officers probably will be assigned to the Chinatown squad.

PROTECTING STREAMS.

Ottawa, Dec. 3.—In the Senate Senator Belcourt moved the postponement of the second reading of his bill respecting the protection of navigable waters, at the request of Sir Richard Cartwright. He explained that the purpose of the bill was to forbid the pollution of streams and thereby protect the sources of water supply.

A witness at the Shoreditch County court, London, kept gazing into his hat. It was eventually discovered that he had a memorandum concealed in it.