

VICTORY ALL ALONG THE LINE

Unanimous Verdict of Province in Coming Election is Anticipated by British Columbia's Premier

TIRED BUT HAPPY BY CAMPAIGN TOUR

Neither Mainland Nor Island Are Willing to Jeopardize the Splendid Promise of the Future

LADYSMITH, B. C., March 23.—Looking somewhat tired and worn out, but even more enthusiastic than ever over the future of the province which he governs so ably, Premier McBride returns to his home in the morning. His last meeting in the campaign outside the Victoria district took place here tonight, this practically closing one of the most extensive and certainly the most successful political tours ever undertaken by a provincial premier in Canada. During their tour the Premier and the Attorney-General have travelled over three thousand miles by steam, train, motor and team. The addressing of twenty-six meetings, great as the strain and fatigue have been, has been the least part of the arduous work of the tour. Deputations without number have been received and the ministers have availed themselves of the opportunity to inspect several of the institutions which are being maintained wholly or in part out of the provincial treasury. Meetings were held at Kamloops, Revelstoke, Golden, Field, Nakusp, New Denver, Nelson (two), Kaslo (two), Fernie, Cranbrook, Trail, Rossland, Greenwood, Pentonick, Kelowna, Vernon, Ashcroft, Nicola, Milner, Delta, Vancouver, New Westminster, Nanaimo, and Ladysmith.

One of the most gratifying features of the Premier's tour was the sight of mile after mile of actual construction going on in connection with the first portion of the government's railway policy. In the morning, as he nears Victoria, he will see further evidence in the steel laid on the Island section.

Message of Victory

To a Colonist representative this afternoon Mr. McBride declared himself as tired but happy. He is convinced that the government is going to capture every contested seat and of so being enabled to go forward with its work in the knowledge of the unanimous verdict of the province. Discussing his tour, Mr. McBride said: "We addressed on our tour the largest audiences I believe that have ever assembled in the province to listen to political discussions. Despite the many elections by acclamation, Mr. Bowser and I, in order to acquaint the people fully with the issues of the day, made it a point to round off our tour at a point as originally arranged with the one exception of covering Yale instead of Similkameen.

"There can be no question of the outcome of the Mainland constituencies, which unquestionably will return a solid phalanx of Conservative members. The Opposition (Liberal and Socialist) has not been looked upon seriously and it is questionable if any of them will save their deposits. On the Island, as far as my advice goes, there are indications of a similar sweeping victory. All over the country the people seem ready to express at the polls their entire satisfaction with the programme of development that we have submitted, and we are by no means prepared to jeopardize the splendid promise in store for the country by any encouragement at all towards our opponents.

Already at Work

"Already in anticipation of the strength which the government is bound to have after the 28th inst. things are assuming the appearance of action. The railway companies with which we have closed contracts are losing no time in proceeding on the work and there is every reason to expect that on the Island, as well as on the Mainland we shall see an activity presently that will even outdo what has been witnessed since 1909. Tomorrow I hope to return to Victoria and I will speak there on Wednesday evening in the theatre.

"I go home fully confident that my colleagues on the Conservative ticket and myself will be returned by handsome majorities on Thursday. The opposition that is offered to the president of the council and to Mr. Speaker came as a surprise to me. These gentlemen stand so well in the country and have proven themselves to be very useful members of our provincial parliament that we have made me feel that there would be no contest in either constituency, and with regard to Mr. Eberts, in line with the political traditions of the Empire it would have been a very successful act on the part of our Liberal friends had they refrained from putting up a candidate."

Charge of Burglary

LOS ANGELES, March 22.—Morris J. Conroy, charged with attempted burglary at the home of Mrs. Jack Cudahy in Pasadena, was arraigned in the Superior court here today. His trial was set for March 27.

"SWEET MARIE"

Author of Famous Song is Sued by His Wife for Alimony

LONDON, Ont., March 23.—Cyrus C. Warman, known the world over as the author of the famous song, "Sweet Marie," is being sued for alimony by his wife, Marie M. Warman, who resides on Cheapside street, in this city. Strange to relate, it was Mrs. Warman, then a student in the academy of the Sacred Heart here, who inspired Mr. Warman to write "Sweet Marie" some fifteen years ago. For some time Mr. Warman and his wife have been living apart, and the other day a telegram from Boston said the writer was ill in that city. Mrs. Warman declined to believe the story. She, however, has been the chief writer of the publicity department of the Grand Trunk and the Grand Trunk Pacific railway.

HOSPITAL LICENSES

New Law of Ontario to Place Private Institutions Under Government Control

TORONTO, Ont., March 23.—All private hospitals of the province are to be brought under the inspection and control of the provincial government, by a measure introduced in the legislature by Hon. W. J. Hanna, provincial secretary. According to the proposed law, every private hospital including maternally hospitals in which two or more patients are received and lodged at the same time, must obtain a license from the provincial secretary, and shall be under governmental inspection.

LOSES LIFE UNDER WHEELS OF MOTOR

Charles Quick Meets Sudden and Tragic Death—Chauffeur is Charged with Manslaughter

Run down by a motor car driven by Mr. Herbert Carmichael, Charles Quick, aged fifteen years, was almost instantly killed yesterday afternoon on Oak Bay avenue, not far from the Junction, and Robert Eaton, driver of a car owned by the Canadian Mineral Rubber Company, is held at the police station, charged with manslaughter—the fatality occurring as the two cars were passing one another.

Young Quick, who was a carpenter's apprentice, was cycling along Oak Bay avenue, and ran into the rear of the car driven by Mr. Eaton. He struck the car, and was thrown back into the roadway just as Mr. Carmichael came along in his motor car, driving at moderate speed. The wheels of Mr. Carmichael's car passed over the little body, inflicting injuries, from which he succumbed later at the Royal Jubilee hospital, to which he was immediately carried by Mr. Eaton.

The body lay at the hospital for some hours until the uncle of the deceased, Mr. Percy Turner, of 914 Cowichan avenue, with whom the lad made his home, arrived and identified it as that of his nephew.

At the time of the accident Eaton had just started his car, and was looking back talking to Dr. Davis, whose son saw young Quick approaching, and called to him to look out. Before the latter had time to stop or turn aside he had run into the rear of the motor car and, falling, was thrown in front of and run down by the car driven by Mr. Carmichael.

An inquest will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

THE SYNDICALIST

Three of Editors of Inflammatory Publication Sent To Prison With Hard Labor

LONDON, March 23.—Three editors and printers of the Communist paper, the Syndicalist, who were arrested for issuing inflammatory publications shortly before the arrest of Tom Mann, the labor leader, were sentenced yesterday to terms ranging from six to nine months' imprisonment at hard labor.

MAY SAVE TOWN

G.E.R. To Investigate Possibility of Dynamiting Mountain Top Overhanging Frank, Alta.

WINNIPEG, Man., March 23.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Co. announced it will send a corps of expert engineers to Frank, Alberta, to examine the overhanging top of Turtle mountain with a view to report on the possibility of dynamiting it and thus saving the town from being buried.

TWO AVIATORS KILLED

Sudden Gust of Wind Ruins Aeroplane and Occupants to Destruction

AWAITS RESULT OF CONFERENCE

Government's Minimum Wage Bill as it Stands Will Not Effect Settlement of British Coal Strike

MINERS INSIST ON THEIR DEMANDS

Only Hope of Solution Appears to be the Withdrawal of the Owners from Their Position

LONDON, March 23.—The government minimum wage bill as it stands will not settle the coal strike. That is now admitted on all sides. Therefore, with the gravest anxiety, the country awaits the results of the joint conference of coal owners and miners on Monday.

The miners' leaders have consented to waive their district schedule, which heretofore they have maintained as the only basis of a settlement which they would accept; but they insist upon their demand for the five and two shilling minimum. The government adheres to its refusal to embody these rates in the bill. If the owners agree to concede this demand, it is the general opinion that the strike schedule will be settled. If they do not it will make little difference whether the bill in its present shape be passed or withdrawn.

A curious feature of the coal crisis is found in the fact that American theatrical managers in London are besieged by prominent English stage people, including actor managers, anxious to obtain American engagements immediately to escape the depression incidental to the strike. The continued curtailment of the suburban train service has hit the theatres severely. The managers fear that the future holds out a worse prospect. Charles Hayward has abandoned his American engagement and will sail next week. Seymour Hicks has taken a similar step to escape the hard times.

FRANCHISES OF B. C. ELECTRIC

Premier McBride Leaves Shortly for London to Take Up Question with Board of Directors

SEATTLE, March 23.—The King county Republican committee by a vote of 16 to 5 declined today to adopt a resolution urging Governor Marion E. Roy to call a special session of the legislature to enact a presidential preferential primary law until all of the various Republican organizations are heard from. The meeting was a stormy one.

GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE ON THIS QUESTION

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 23.—The important announcement was made by the Hon. W. J. Bowser, at a meeting in Ash hall tonight, that Premier McBride would leave shortly after the elections for London, to take up with the board of directors of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, the whole question of the company's franchises in Vancouver and the surrounding municipalities, in fully explaining the attitude of the provincial government on this question, Mr. Bowser declared that it did not want to be forced into legislation which might weaken the stability of this province in the eyes of the investing public of the Empire's capital. A great deal of the Attorney-General's speech was devoted to a condemnation of the financial standing of the province, and the favor in which it was regarded as a field for investment and he gave statistics to show how British Columbia had been financially regenerated.

FIGHTING IN MOROCCO

Spanish Troops Sustain Losses in Encounter With Tribesmen

MADRID, March 23.—A dispatch from Tangier says that a Spanish force had a severe engagement with Rifian tribesmen here yesterday. The Spaniards lost a colonel, three lieutenants and 29 men killed. Seven other officers and 51 men were wounded.

DARING ESCAPE

Prisoner Jumps from Train Travelling at 60 Miles An Hour

TACOMA, Wn., Mar. 23.—George F. Smith, a prisoner being taken to Seattle, from San Francisco escaped tonight near South Tacoma by leaping from a window in a Shasta Limited while the train was travelling close to 60 miles an hour. The train was stopped but Sergeant Dagner of the Seattle police force, who had guarded Smith closely throughout the journey failed to find a trace of the man. It is believed that Smith could not have escaped injury. Smith was charged with having stolen a motorcycle and a typewriter in Seattle, and when arrested in San Francisco last Friday, had \$750 on his person. His escape from the train that night was accomplished by jumping from a door shut on the sergeant's foot, leaving Smith free to make his daring leap.

BOMB BY MAIL

Another Deadly Mixup is Addressed to New York Judge

NEW YORK, Mar. 23.—A second infernal machine, similar in almost every respect to the one he received through the mail a week ago, was mailed last Wednesday to Judge Otto Rosenthal of the court of general sessions, according to the Times this morning. The second bomb it is said was received in an uptown sub-station of the post-office where postal inspectors had been on the lookout for packages addressed to the judge since the explosion in which he so narrowly escaped injury. They held it up and notified the police.

REFUSES TO FINANCE CHINA

Russia Withdraws From "Six Powers" Loan Syndicate—"Too Much Money for Republic's Armaments"

ST. PETERSBURG, March 23.—The foreign office has informed the syndicate of foreign financiers, in which Russia will not participate in the "six powers" loan syndicate, as it considers the conditions unsatisfactory.

Since the announcement on March 12 of Russia's willingness to participate with the five other powers, events have developed rapidly. The original advance in China was intended to be for national improvements and \$1,500,000 but the committee of the Anglo-Belgian group of bankers, for a loan to China, forced the pace and the "six powers" syndicate elaborated a scheme to loan the new republic \$390,000,000 of which there should be an immediate payment of \$250,000,000. Of the loan 50 per cent was intended for national improvements and 20 per cent for armaments. The absence of suitable guarantees and the large amount to be assigned to the purchase of armaments, which would be a menace to Russia, caused Russia to look askance upon the loan scheme. It was thought here that Japan might back out like Russia, but it is understood now the Japanese diplomacy is disinclined to follow Russia's example which would shut her out of control of Chinese finance and the apportioning of concessions.

Misgivings are felt in certain quarters here over Russia's step as it is considered it might put her against the five other powers interested in the loan and complicate the situation. Russia's refusal to participate in the loan emphasized that the empire has important interests in Manchuria and Mongolia which were not safeguarded sufficiently by the scheme of the loan syndicate.

SETTLERS' RIGHTS

Premier McBride Refuses To Be Held Up For a Promise Respecting Coal Claims in B. C. N. B. Belt

NANAIMO, March 23.—The once burning question of settlers' rights flamed into a brief blaze last night in a question put to the premier at the close of his address. Mr. D. J. Thomas, a former Liberal candidate asked what the government intended to do in regard to granting coal rights to settlers in the B. C. N. B. belt who had filed their claims within the time allowed by the act. Mr. McBride reminded his questioner that the Settlers' Rights act carried the case as far as the privy council and won out. If it had not been for Ralph Smith going out and depriving the people by telling them the government's plan was all political ratiology, those who had been deluded by his trade would have got their rights as well as the others. The premier told Mr. Thomas that he did not propose to be bullied and held up for a promise at this time. The petition now before the government would resolve every attention when the elections were over and justice would be done.

Ald. James Young was the only other questioner. He was assured that the recommendations made by the B. C. Federation of Labor, would be referred to the commission on labor for investigation and consideration.

Mr. Place, the Socialist candidate, was present at the meeting, in a front seat, but he made no comments and asked no questions. Mr. Place by the way is reputed to be worth \$20,000, which is invested in Vancouver real estate.

NO REDUCTION IN ARMAMENTS

Germany to Establish Extra Battle Squadron and Increase Personnel of Both Army and Navy

HER ANSWER TO MR. CHURCHILL'S SPEECH

New Military Corps to be Created and Stationed on Frontiers of France and Russia

BERLIN, March 23.—The establishment of two additional corps for the Prussian army, increases in the Saxon and Bavarian armies, and the establishment of an extra naval battle squadron, is Germany's answer to the recent speech of Winston Spencer Churchill, given yesterday by the submission to the federal council of the new army and naval bills.

Supposed details of the measures appear in the Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung. For the extra battle squadron three additional battleships and two cruisers are to be constructed before 1920. The estimated additional annual cost is \$24,250,000 in 1912, \$31,750,000 in 1913 and \$28,500,000 yearly after that.

The personnel of the navy will be increased by 75 officers and 1,000 men annually until 1920, over and above the increases provided for in the existing naval law. The bill provides for an increase in submarines and for several dirigible balloons.

The army reforms will increase the peace footing by 29,600. They include the creation of two field artillery regiments, one Saxon cavalry regiment, one Prussian infantry regiment, fourteen additional third battalions to bring the strength of all regiments to 16,000 men, battalions and the introduction of machine gun companies in every existing regiment. New corps will be stationed on the French and Russian frontiers. The bill provides increased pay for the men.

WOFUL PICTURE OF CONDITIONS

Coal Strike Drives Hundreds of Thousands to Starvation in Old Land, Says Returned Canadian

POSSIBLE EFFECT ON IMMIGRATION

MONTREAL, March 23.—One phase of the British coal strike and of the general labor troubles in Great Britain is the result it will have on immigration to Canada. Mr. Southall, of the Canadian Northern immigration department, is of the opinion that the result will be a decrease rather than an increase of the normal amount of immigration from the Old Country.

Mr. Southall has just returned from a three months' stay in the Old Country. "Conditions in the provincial towns of England at the present time are appalling," said Mr. Southall. "The coal strike had just started when I sailed, but there were hundreds of thousands of people starving before that. What things are now is unimaginable."

"This, it might at first have been supposed, would cause many to leave the country, but as a matter of fact it will have rather an opposite effect. The people have not the means of getting away from the misery which surrounds them."

Defending Through Walls

BOSTON, Mass., March 23.—Victor M. Well, president of the Inter-Trust Security Co. dictated telegrams to himself persisting certain investment properties in Nevada, testified his former stenographer, Mrs. Annie L. Crowley, in the United States district court yesterday. Well, whose business was the sale of Western Mining Securities is on trial on charges of using the mails in a scheme to defraud. Mrs. Crowley told the jury that on several occasions the defendant dictated telegrams purporting to have been dispatched by agents sent from Boston to investigate mining properties in Nevada. The alleged telegrams were dated Goldfield, Nevada, and eventually were posted on the bulletin board in Well's office.

COAL CRISIS IN U. S. A.

Decision in a Few Days as to Whether 450,000 Men Will Quit Work

CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 23.—Whether the 450,000 union coal miners of the United States will quit work and cause the mines to be shut down probably will not be decided earlier than a few days before April 1, when the present wage agreements expire.

Officials of the miners' union today decided to take no action on the wage dispute of the anthracite miners' union until after there has been a settlement of differences with the bituminous coal miners, or a disagreement. This means that the coal situation will remain unsettled until after Tuesday, when there will be another conference. The bituminous coal miners are asking for a ten per cent increase in pay with a reduction of working hours. The anthracite miners are making similar demands, but in addition want material changes in their working conditions, including a complete recognition of the union and the abolition of all intermediaries between miners and employers.

The union is endeavoring to negotiate the demands of each class of miners separately. The operators assert that the increased pay asked for would amount to the mine payrolls more than \$400,000 a week at the minimum.

THOUSANDS FLEE FROM SWATOW

Fear of Massacre in Chinese City Leads to Suspension of Business—Attempt to Control Silver Market

SWATOW, China, March 23.—Business has been suspended in this city and people are fleeing in thousands owing to fear of a massacre.

Fighting has occurred between a body of Cantonese troops and a force of local soldiers at Chao Chow Fu, about twenty miles north of this city. The local soldiers were defeated with heavy loss.

Further troops are being sent here from Canton.

LONDON, March 23.—The Pekin correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says the most important feature in development to the proposed loans is the struggle to obtain control of the silver market in China, inasmuch as virtual free coinage of that metal, which is inevitable means an endless demand for silver. At present observers believe that the success of the Russo-Belgian loan is a healthy symptom since the methods of the four-power group were becoming bureaucratic. It is believed in Pekin, according to the correspondent, that the biggest of India's silver buyers are holding a new development, and that silver will reach the highest level in years during the coming summer.

FIGHT FOR \$6,000,000

Control of Proceeds of Bonds of Alberta and Great Waterways Railway in Dispute

EDMONTON, Alta., March 23.—The second round of the fight between the government of Alberta and the Royal bank for the control of the six million dollar proceeds of the sale of bonds of the Alberta and Great Waterways railway, and the interest now lying in the bank, opens in a supreme court on Monday when the appeal of the bank and the construction companies will be argued. Whatever is the outcome of the case it will be carried direct to the privy council. The appeal is against the decision of Justice Stuart directing the Waterways funds to be handed over to the control of the provincial treasurer.

GRIMMIAL TACTICS

Chinese Women Resort to Violence in Hope of Being enfranchised

LONDON, March 23.—A Nanking dispatch says the Chinese outrages there, disinclined with what they term the national assembly's academic "free solution" favoring woman suffrage, forced an entry to the assembly, and, after knocking down the police guard, smashed the windows of the building. The meeting had to be adjourned for a time and was re-opened under military protection.

PRIME MINISTER AT LADYSMITH

Vanquishes Socialist Inter-rupter and Gives Mr. Parker Williams a Very Uncomfortable Half Hour

DR. DIER'S ELECTION SEEMINGLY ASSURED

Late Member, "Hard Luck Williams," Makes Unwarranted Attack on Mines Inspector and is Taken to Task

LADYSMITH, March 23.—Premier McBride addressed this evening a mass meeting of electors which filled the old opera house and overflowed out on the sidewalk; on the platform sat, side by side, the two candidates—Mayor Dier and Mr. F. Williams—and the chair was occupied by Mr. John Stewart, who was the Conservative candidate in the last election. There was a large percentage of friends of the late member in the hall and during the earlier portion of the premier's remarks these gave considerable annoyance to the rest of the audience, but if there was any expectation of disconcerting the premier, it was speedily dispelled and the tables neatly and effectually turned on the interrupters. Mr. McBride assured the disturbers of the meeting that all their loud shouting would not save Parker Williams on Thursday. In the end he won a tribute of respect and was heard in the quietness. The meeting on the whole was decidedly in favor of Dr. Dier, whose election is assured.

Dr. Dier, who was given a hearty reception, reminded his future constituents that Ladysmith had set the pace in the fixing of minimum wages, and asked the electors of Newcastle to set another pace to the Ladysmith voters of the province by electing the best for the government on this occasion.

Mr. Parker Williams, the late Socialist member for the district, was courteously granted half an hour in which to place his views before the meeting, and devoted a large portion of the time allotted to dealing with Mr. Thomas Graham, chief mines inspector, and in the course of doing so was sharply tripped up in a misstatement of fact. He figured that, because of ties of blood and friendship, Mr. Graham would not be as strict as he should be with mine managers like Mr. Stockett of the Western Fuel Co. or Mr. Charles Graham of the Nicola district. He went on to speak of the latter as being the manager of the Diamond Vale mine, where seven men were killed the other day, and after proceeding for some time along that line, a man in the audience corrected him as to the mine of which Mr. Graham is manager. There was a sharp exchange back and forth on this point, until Mr. Williams appealed to the premier.

Mr. McBride quietly informed him that the Diamond Vale is not the mine of which Mr. Graham is manager.

Mr. Williams was taken aback for the instant, but was understood to promise some sort of authority for his statement before Wednesday.

Hon. Mr. McBride was received with cheers and at once plunged into a reply to Mr. Williams' criticisms of the mines department. He pointed out that the adoption of the Draegem oxygen apparatus was due to the department itself acting on what was seen to be doing elsewhere—an announcement which was news to the audience, which had been led by Mr. Williams to believe that he did it all.

On the point of Mr. Graham's appointment, the premier said that Mr. Graham was chosen because he had an A1 record in the mines where he had been employed, and was first in his calling in the province. There was no question of his politics or his contract with persons or companies, but solely of his qualification to control all the mine inspectors in British Columbia.

"To his appointment," said the premier, Mr. Williams is the only objector. My instructions are that no considerations are to come between the duty the inspectors owe to the country and the safety and lives of the coal miners of British Columbia. There is not an inspector who has not authority from me, through the chief inspector, that any or all mines may be closed at once so that there can be adequate protection of the lives of the men engaged in this hazardous occupation. I can honestly say that I have more concern for the safety of the mines than Mr. Williams."

Mr. McBride summarized what he had done for labor since he has been in the house, and proved to the workers in the audience that they cannot find better friends than the government nor any more devoted to their interests.

He devoted some attention to Mr. Williams and what he called that gentleman's voluble tongue in clapping, and had him squirming in his seat.

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