

BIG STRIKE NOT LIKELY

Head of Trainmen's Organization on Question of Wage Increase

PRESIDENT HAWLEY SPEAKS DIFFERENTLY

Railway Managers Assert That They Have Plenty of Switchmen

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—President W. G. Lee of the brotherhood of railroad trainmen, said today in reference to published reports that the roads of the country are on the verge of a great war...

Officers of the organizations of engineers, firemen, trainmen and switchmen have agreed upon a uniform demand of a 10 per cent wage increase...

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 4.—William Cotter, president of the Park, Marquette and Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton railroads, said today that he did not believe there would be a big general railroad strike...

General Strike Possible ST. PAUL, Dec. 4.—On the authority of President Frank J. Murphy of the switchmen's union, it was announced here today that if the railroad managers insist on imposing non-union men, a general strike is possible...

Switchmen Apparently Beaten CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—Late tonight the general managers' committee of the railroads involved in the strike issued the following statement through G. L. Dickson, of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad...

Some of the mills at Minneapolis and other industries temporarily suspended have resumed business, and the mines at Butte are open...

Concerning this, the following telegram was received from J. M. Gruber, general manager of the Great Northern...

HEAVY AT JORDAN RIVER Rainfall Amounted to Twenty-Two Inches According to Reports

Late November's phenomenal rains, which were the cause of so much loss and inconvenience in the city and along the line of the E. & N. railway...

"SEA WOLF" BUYS GASOLINE LAUNCH Capt. Alex. McLean, of sealing notices, sometime called "The Sea Wolf," has purchased a 50-ton gasoline launch to engage in the carrying trade between Ladysmith and Vancouver...

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So that so far I consider we have met with great success in these places we have shown the moving pictures...

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The steamship Minnesota, arriving from the Orient, reported having sighted what looked like the wreck of a white-hulled, four-masted schooner between Pachena and Cape Beale...

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XMAS TREE ORNAMENTS, immense choice 15c to 25c

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SPARK GUARDS

Prices Ranging From \$1.35 to \$4.50

B. C. Hardware Co., Ltd. Cor. Yates and Broad Sts. P. O. Box 683. Phone 82.

Eilwood Farm, Poultry and Lawn Wire Fencing

Bull Proof Chicken Proof Fire Proof

The Hickman Tye Hardware Co., Ltd. Victoria, B. C. Agts. 544-546 Yates St.

COLD WEATHER SUGGESTIONS

VAN CAMP'S SOUPS, 2 tins 25c

VAN CAMP'S PORK AND BEANS, 2 tins 25c

SALTY PORK AND BEANS, 3 tins 25c

MALTED CLAMS, per bottle, 75c and 40c

JOHNSTON'S FLUID BEEF, 16oz. bottle \$1.25

BOVRLI CORDIAL, 16oz. bottle \$1.25

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Sutton's English Sauce, 3 bottles for 25c

The Family Cash Grocery Cor. Yates and Douglas Sts. Phone 312.

There is in prospect, moreover, the addition of still another 300 lbs for use in British Columbia waters...

The vessels of the department in British Columbia under the supervision of Mr. Bayfield are: Dipper, dredge Ajax, capacity 7 yards; dipper dredge, Mudrak, capacity 3 yards; scraper and suction dredge Fruhling, capacity 1,500 yards of sand an hour; suction dredge King Edward, capacity 20 inches; clamshell dredge Nakup in Arrow lake; clamshell dredge Heron at Vernon; clam shell dredge Pelican at Shuswap lake; snagboat Samson; snagboat Cygnets; tug Petrel, Princess, and pildrivers, barges, scoops, etc.

The dredger Mudrak is now on Turpel's way in the upper harbor being given a thorough overhauling and when she is placed in the water the craft will be practically renewed. The dredger Ajax is at the Victoria Machinery department being overhauled and having some repairs made to her spuds.

The dredger Fruhling, the German dredge built for work in Kiel canal which was brought from Germany by way of the Orient and purchased by the Public Works department in the Fraser river, has proven very satisfactory. She has been taking out 1,300 yards an hour of sand from the river.

PREDICTS LORDS' DEFEAT LONDON, Dec. 2.—W. T. Stead sums up the chances of the parties in the coming election: "When the Liberals go to the country they will ask for a mandate to determine once and for all the vote of the peers upon legislation and to vest the sole control of finance in the Commons, giving legislative effect to all financial measures passed by the representatives' chamber without the assent of the Lords. Wales, Ireland and Scotland will stand firm and the Conservatives will win many seats in England, but no one on either side of the house expects to see a Conservative victory."

"The Liberals will return with a mandate that the ministers should refuse to continue in office unless the King makes sufficient life peers to carry through the Lords measures destroying the veto of the peers and vesting all control of financial matters exclusively with the Commons."

"The Liberals realize that the whole future of representative government is in danger and now that the peers have challenged the authority of the Commons, the knife must be put to the throat of the hereditary chamber without hesitation or mercy."

"It is fair to have had it otherwise, but the peers have sinned away from the King's side and have taken the side of the Lords. Balfour feels heavy upon him the shadow of impending doom. His quailing attitude was one of the ever launched by a party leader on the eve of a decisive battle. It is the length of the oration the half-hearted misgivings of a predoomed man. His sophistries which provoke a merriment, never did a great statesman in a grave crisis utter so uncertain a sound. Not by such weapons or by such a leader is the nation likely to be lured to establish an oligarchy upon the ruins of a constitutional government."

Hon. Price Ellison, minister of lands, is making the Empress his Victoria home.

NEWFOUNDLAND'S GREAT STORM

Many Schooners and Fishing Boats Pounded to Pieces Coast

ST. JOHN'S, N.F.D., Dec. 6.—The vivid idea of the disaster wrought by the storm which has been what the oldest residents admit is the greatest storm, which has swept across the coast of Newfoundland, is being made more vivid by the news of the loss of the schooner Mabel R. Hines, which was driven ashore at North Bay of Islands, where she was breaking up. For hours the vessel was forced to anchor in the mercy of wind and waves, the sea was so high that it was impossible to launch a boat. Finally, during the night, the vessel was taken to pieces by the waves. The schooner Mabel R. Hines was driven ashore at North Bay of Islands, where she was breaking up. For hours the vessel was forced to anchor in the mercy of wind and waves, the sea was so high that it was impossible to launch a boat. Finally, during the night, the vessel was taken to pieces by the waves. The schooner Mabel R. Hines was driven ashore at North Bay of Islands, where she was breaking up. For hours the vessel was forced to anchor in the mercy of wind and waves, the sea was so high that it was impossible to launch a boat. Finally, during the night, the vessel was taken to pieces by the waves.

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