

STRIKE FEVER SEIZES SOFT COAL MINERS

Quarter of a Million Men Dropped Picks and Shovels Last Night

Differences With Operators About Wage Schedule the Difficulty--Trouble Not Likely to Be Settled Soon, as Companies Hold Large Stocks--Non-Union Fields Working.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 31--Two hundred and fifty thousand picks dropped from the hands of as many bituminous coal miners of the United States this evening...

The situation, however, does not indicate a prolonged strike. An open winter and industrial depression have left a large stock of coal on hand, and the difference between miners and operators are very slight...

Until two years ago, the bituminous coal mining wage of the country was based upon the agreement reached in the Central competitive field, consisting of Illinois, Ohio, Indiana and western Pennsylvania...

West Virginia and Kentucky miners and operators will continue operations, it is believed, pending a settlement.

Since that time the miners have tried to get back the unit rule, or interstate agreement, but operators of western Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois, after negotiation, last night the past winter, have refused to meet in interstate convention with the miners...

GOVERNMENT UNABLE TO SHAKE GRAFTERS

Ottawa Despatch Says Civil Service Report is Welcomed by Section of Cabinet That Wants Better Order of Things in Different Departments.

Toronto, March 31--The World publishes the following from its Ottawa correspondent: Interesting comment regarding the purpose of the civil service commissioners in going so far outside the duties for which they were appointed...

The objects sought, however, did not immediately transpire. Mr. Brodeur has determined to stay and fight, and will do his own re-organizing. A strong man will be appointed deputy in place of Mr. Gourdeau.

Now why was the ex-deputy finance minister so keen on covering the ministry with obloquy? It is well known that he and Finance Minister Fielding are on excellent terms.

WM. MACKENZIE WILLING TO SELL WINNIPEG STREET RAILWAY TO CITY

Toronto, March 31--William MacKenzie was seen today regarding the report from Winnipeg stating that the city council was proposing to purchase the street railway at the current price of stock.

WOULD GRANT NO MORE POWER CHARTERS AT NIAGARA FALLS

Toronto, March 31--The report of the Niagara Power Commission to the provincial government recommends that no more charters for power be granted at Niagara, and all charters not now exercised be cancelled at once.

A Sweet Breath

is what all should have, and it can be ensured by the judicious use of Beecham's Pills.

Beecham's Pills

Sold Everywhere. In boxes 25 cents.

CZAR LOSES HIS LAW SUIT

Winnipeg Judge Decides Against Emperor of Russia in an Attachment Suit

Winnipeg, March 31--Mr. Justice Mathers on Saturday delivered judgment in the Emperor of Russia vs. Proskurokoff, an application to set aside an order of attachment by which goods of the defendant had been seized by the sheriff.

STRIKE OF C. P. R. BILLING CLERKS QUICKLY BEATEN

(Montreal Star.)

A dozen or more young billing clerks who have been in the employ of the Canadian Pacific freight department, Berri street, are today without positions.

FOWLER QUERIES ABOUT OFFICIAL SELLING INSURANCE EVIDENCE

Ottawa, March 31--Geo. W. Fowler on Thursday next will inquire if copies of the evidence taken by the Royal Commission on insurance were sold by an official of the government for his private profit.

SAYS LIBERAL PARTY FAVORS BUILDING GEORGIAN BAY CANAL

Toronto, March 31--Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the whole Liberal party are in favor of the Georgian Bay canal as a national work, according to Senator Poirer.

Cough Caution

Never, positively never poison your lungs. If you cough--even from a simple cold--you should always treat it with Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure.

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LOOKING FOR NEW STEAMER

Capt. Troop to Sail From St. John Friday on Errand for the C.P.R.

Among the passengers on the big C. P. R. liner Empress of Ireland on Friday is Capt. J. W. Troop, Superintendent of the British Columbia Coast Service of C. P. R.

THEY MAY HAVE TO RIDE IN BOX CARS

Troops in attendance at Quebec Tercentenary may not all get Passenger Accommodation

Ottawa, April 1--The military authorities state that the proportion of the active militia to take part in the Quebec Tercentenary celebration will not exceed fifty per cent of the training establishment for 1907.

WHITNEY'S PROTEST ALARMS LAURIER

Ontario Premier's Condemnation of Federal Invasion of Provincial Rights Has Desired Effect.

Toronto, March 31--Premier Whitney moved a resolution in the legislature today concerning the bill incorporating the Ontario and Michigan Power Company.

BURNED TO DEATH IN CHICAGO HOTEL

Chicago, Mar. 31--Willis S. Meigs, 51 years old, who came to Chicago recently from St. Louis, N. Y. was burned to death last night in his room in the Mountain House, 54 Wells St.

THE GREAT REMOVAL SALE!

Begins Tomorrow (THURSDAY) at 8 a. m. Store Closed Yesterday and Today.

We move on or about May 1 to 17-19 Charlotte street. We have a big stock of Clothing and Furnishings that must go into the homes of the people instead of going up to Charlotte street, so we are PUTTING THE KNIFE into prices very deep, and if you don't take advantage of the inducements we offer you, you'll be the loser.

Look at These Prices Come In and Investigate

Table with 2 columns: Men's Suits and Boys' Suits. Prices range from \$7.00 to \$10.00 for suits and \$1.50 to \$3.00 for pants.

Furnishings

HANDKERCHIEFS, - 8 for 25c BOYS' HANDKERCH'FS, 12 for 25c SUSPENDERS, - - 13c and 19c

Henderson & Hunt

40-42 King Street, St. John

A SUMMARY OF THE FINDINGS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

The service should be entirely freed from political favoritism or patronage. Appointments should only be made by merit after competitive examination.

ALBERTA BUYS BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR \$650,000

Montreal, March 31--The province of Alberta has purchased the Bell telephone system within her borders, the price paid being \$650,000, the deal having been put through today by the Hon. W. H. Cashington, representing the Alberta ministry and the president of the Bell company in this city.

MONCTON FIREMEN LIKELY TO GET INCREASED PAY

Moncton, March 31--The city firemen are asking for an increase of pay. At a meeting of the fire committee this afternoon it was decided to recommend an increase of \$10 per man.

A LOUIS XVI. ROMANCE at Nickel

The romantic days of Louis XVI. were filled with escapade and love affairs that make delightful reading in these later times.

"Don't Neglect a Cough or Cold."

It can have but one result. It has the throat or lungs, or both, affected. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup is the medicine you need.

CHRONIC BRONCHITIS

Mr. Wm. O'Hara, Bouris, Man., writes: "Having suffered for a long time with severe attack of Chronic Bronchitis, which I could not get cured, I eventually tried your Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup and I am glad to state it has given me a complete cure."