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**STRIKERS SHOW
UGLY SPIRIT
IN AFRICA**

Troops Taking Drastic
Measures to Prevent
Rioting.

Situation at Noon To-day was
Tense and Unchanged

[By Special Wire to The Courier]
JOHANNESBURG, Jan. 15.—Mr. Bain, secretary of the South African Federation of Trades, and his band of 300 comrades, who had barricaded themselves in the Trades Hall since Tuesday, surrendered unconditionally to the police to-day. Mr. Bain and ten of the ringleaders were arrested and lodged in jail.

A seven-pounder field gun trained on the Trades Hall proved an irresistible argument to Mr. Bain and his companions. The Government authorities gave them a quarter of an hour in which to yield, informing them if they did not do so they would be buried underneath the ruins of their fortress. They surrendered within the time named.

The railroad strike showed signs of collapsing this afternoon, when 250 men applied for reinstatement at Braamfontein.

JOHANNESBURG, Union of South Africa, Jan. 15.—The struggle between employers and trade unionists in South Africa continued doggedly to-day there had been no marked change in the situation. Organized workmen of all trades in the Transvaal and the Orange Free State have almost unanimously thrown down their tools and joined in the sympathetic strike ordered by the Federation of Trades in support of the railroad men who had struck as a protest against the Government's policy of the transportation companies. The workmen of Cape Colony and Natal, on the other hand, have hitherto remained at their occupations.

Some of the strikers in this city seem to be in an ugly mood, but are restrained by the presence of large forces of armed police and of the citizens' defense force, over 100,000 of whom answered the call to arms which martial law was proclaimed.

Provisions are still in short supply, although very expensive. Most of the bakers shops and grocery stores are still open.

In this city the greatest interest is centered for the moment on the Trades Hall, where Mr. Bain, secretary of the Federation of Trades with a bodyward of determined supporters, is besieged by a strong force of police, who holds warrants for the arrest of him and his comrades.

Mr. Bain this morning requested an interview with General Louis Botha, prime minister of the Union of South Africa. The government regarded this as an offer to surrender, and replied that the control officer of the region under the provisions of martial law, had orders to arrest every one in the hall and to use the most drastic measures necessary if, after warning had been given them, the occupants did not surrender without violence.

Strong guards were placed in position to keep close watch on the hall and no pedestrian or vehicle was permitted to approach anywhere near it.

Along the Rand the situation is reported serious, and some of the workmen at the mines have volunteered their services for the protection of property.

**WOMEN AND CHILDREN
FIRST OFF COBEQUID**

[By Special Wire to The Courier]
CAPE TOWN, Jan. 15.—The general strike, proclaimed Tuesday, thus far applies only to the Orange Free State and Transvaal. Success in these places would lead to an extension of the order to other provinces. Martial law in the Orange Free State is very strict, and a press censorship in the most rigorous form has already been instituted.

All strikers are prohibited from leaving their homes. The display of the red flag is forbidden, and the rendering of assistance to other strikers, directly or indirectly, by funds or goods, is also forbidden.

Mayor Toed Mark.
PIETERMARITZBURG, Jan. 15.—When the mayor of Pietermaritzburg yesterday refused to admit the necessity of the formation of a citizens' committee of safety, Colonel Clarke, the control officer, ordered the committee organized, and compelled the mayor to become a member.

AFTER THE TANGO.
BRUSSELS, Belgium, Jan. 15.—The bishops of Belgium have issued a joint letter condemning "the tango and other such dances which are threatening to invade Christian homes and the more and more accentuated immorality of feminine dress."

SIR JAMES VERY WEAK.
NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—It was unofficially reported this morning that Sir James Whitney was still very weak and had not gained any strength the past 24 hours.

**Search Continues
For Prof. Lavell**

[By Special Wire to The Courier]
BOSTON, Jan. 15.—Friends of Prof. Cecil F. Lavell of the State University at Columbus, Me., who disappeared at Hamilton, Ontario, on November 24 last have come to this city in connection with an investigation of possible New England clues to his whereabouts. They are particularly looking up reports that a man closely resembling Prof. Lavell was seen in South Paris, Me., on December 10 and that he may be in a Maine lumber camp.

Prof. Lavell is thought by his friends to have lost his memory.

**HYDRO BOARD
GETS TO WORK**

Will Secure Display Room
and Office—Andrew McFarland is Chairman

The organization meeting of the new Hydro-Electric Commission was held in the Hydro-Electric office at 4:30 p.m., yesterday. The following information was given out to-day regarding the proceedings:

Mayor Spence and Commissioners McFarland and Wedlake were present.

Commissioner Andrew McFarland was selected as Chairman of the Commission. L. G. Ireland was appointed Secretary.

It was decided that after February 1st, construction employees will be paid twice monthly instead of once as at present.

The question of obtaining a store on one of the business streets for a display room and office was discussed, and the Chairman and Secretary were authorized to proceed to negotiate immediately for suitable premises.

It was decided that steps should be taken immediately to provide for power service to the Waterworks pumping station and other power customers.

A number of other minor routine matters in connection with the organization were also discussed.

**Alleged Bogus
Missionary**

**His Arrest at Kingston is
Sought by Ottawa
Police.**

[By Special Wire to The Courier]
KINGSTON, Ont., Jan. 15.—The police here received a telegram from Ottawa asking them to arrest Pater Poinica, aged 35 years, alleged bogus missionary collecting funds and who is alleged to have swindled foreigners in Ottawa out of \$2,000. Two men who were making rounds of this city securing funds for some new church were detained by the police, but neither of the men tallied with the description of the man wanted by the Ottawa police. It was reported that the man wanted, had headed for this city, but the police say he did not come here.

In the meantime Dr. G. A. MacKenzie was called in to render first aid, but he could only pronounce life extinct.

Coroner Bolbeck of Welland will open an inquest to-morrow night, and an inspector from the Dominion Government Bureau of Mines is expected here to make an inspection of the furnace.

Little is known of Postico, Brooks was a married man about forty-five years of age. He is survived by a widow only, as he lost his only child, a son, a short time ago. He was a trusted employee of the Canadian Furnace Company for whom he had worked a number of years.

**Taylor Breaking
Down Under the
Strain**

**Prisoner Told to Expect but
Little From Petitions in
His Behalf**

A noticeable change is reported to have come over the demeanor of Jas. Taylor, by his keepers at the jail. Taylor, it is said, now realizes the enormity of the crime and the consequences. His attitude instead of non-chalance is one of depression, so much so that the jail surgeon has given the prisoner a tonic to keep his health up. Taylor has been advised that he can hope but little from the petitions circulated in his behalf and he has been told to prepare for the worst. The prisoner is non-communative to a large extent, and his demeanor is one of abject humility.

**Dr. Roy Riddell, of
Otterville, Committed**

OTTERVILLE, Jan. 15.—On a charge of performing an illegal operation upon his wife, Alice Riddell, Dr. Roy Riddell was yesterday afternoon committed for trial at the spring assizes by Magistrate Ball of Woodstock and Magistrate McFarlane of Otterville. Riddell was brought to Woodstock by County Constable Hobson, and on the way ball was arranged by County Judge Finkle, who happened to be on the train.

The case was heard behind closed doors, and a large quantity of evidence taken.

**SPEECH
FROM THE
THRONE**

Canadian Parliament is
Re-opened To-day By
Duke of Connaught

Brilliant Assembly Pres-
ent When Royal Salute
is Fired

[By Special Wire to The Courier]
OTTAWA, Jan. 15.—The third session of Canada's twelfth parliament was ushered in with all the customary ceremonial embellishments at 3 o'clock this afternoon, when His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught read the speech from the throne. The historic Senate Chamber presented a brilliant scene, the floor and galleries being crowded with officials and visitors from all sections of the Dominion to listen to the Royal delivery. The escort of the Fifth Princess, Louise Dragon Guards and the guard of honor from G.G.F.G., lent the usual smart military touch to the proceedings.

The programme of important, or what might be termed contentious legislation was foreshadowed in the speech, is an exceptionally light one, it having been decided by the government to withhold the naval and highway bills until through the ravages of time or otherwise the senate has been reformed. No mention was made of any fiscal changes or similar notable departures in the policy. A bill relating to redistribution of the civil service act and increased representation for the western provinces were the chief legislative measures referred to.

Absence of a heavy legislation program does not, however necessarily preclude a very non-contentious session. The business of the country is rapidly growing in volume and essential details are expected to take up considerable of the time of parliament. It is also understood that the Liberal free food policy will play a large part in the attitude of the Opposition and that an amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne will deplore the absence of legislation intended to curtail the high cost of living. There will be a caucus of the Opposition chiefs this afternoon to determine a line of action.

**GAVE HIS LIFE
FOR FOREIGNER'S**

Terrible Fatality at Port Col-
borne--Lester Brooks
a Hero

PORT COLBORNE, Jan. 15.—One hero, Lester Brooks, lost his life and two others, Jack McCracken and Charles Guidette, narrowly missed death when trying to rescue the former, who had jumped into the bell of a heated blasting furnace at the Canadian Furnace Company's plant here last night, in an effort to rescue a Hungarian laborer named Joseph Postico, who had slipped into the furnace while caulking ore.

The value of a foreign laborer's life is not generally placed on a par with the life of an English-speaking Canadian, but the three heroic men, including Brooks, the superintendent of the works, who lost his life, gave not a moment's thought to their own safety, but plunged headlong into a heated gas-filled furnace in a heroic effort to save the life of a "foreigner."

The story of their self-sacrificing efforts is almost without precedent in the annals of Canadian industrial development.

The crude ore had become frozen at the summit of the furnace, and Lester Brooks, who had charge of the night gang, told Postico to go aloft and force it into the upper bell.

By some means or other, which may never be explained, the Hungarian missed his footing and slipped down into the heated chamber. Hearing his piercing cry, Brooks rushed to one of the dampers, 12 feet below the roof of the dome, and jumped in to the awful chamber, with a vain hope of saving Postico's life, but he, like the Hungarian, went to instant death. The men were burned and asphyxiated.

Two Other Heroes

Following their chief, the remainder of the night gang working nearby, rushed to the door through which Brooks had disappeared, but the flames threw them back. Brooks and Postico lay prostrate on the ore, but out of reach of willing hands. McCracken and Guidette, knowing full well what it meant to enter the chamber, volunteered to go in and bring out the two men, whom they thought were alive, but unconscious. Their first attempt was abortive, then they secured ropes, and leaving one end in the hands of workers who stood at a safe distance, they filled their lungs with fresh air, entered the door and groped their way towards the bodies, fastened a loop around the waists of the prostrate men, and rushed back to safety in the nick of time. They soon revived when taken into the fresh air. Brooks and Postico were dead when pulled out, and in their case death was instantaneous.

In the meantime Dr. G. A. MacKenzie was called in to render first aid, but he could only pronounce life extinct.

Coroner Bolbeck of Welland will open an inquest to-morrow night, and an inspector from the Dominion Government Bureau of Mines is expected here to make an inspection of the furnace.

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**PREMIER WHITNEY'S
CONDITION SAME**

Doctor's Bulletin Issued To-
day--Patient Slept Well

[By Special Wire to The Courier]
NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Regaining some strength by good sleep, Sir James Whitney, Premier of Ontario, was this morning in better shape than he had been for three days, though any improvement that he made during the past 24 hours was considered as merely a negligible variation in the progress of his malady.

Sir James fell into an untroubled slumber all last night and except for short intervals when he awoke and was supplied with milk as nourishment, slept until five this morning.

While the delirium into which he had sunk every day for short periods returned again, the Premier showed no sign of sinking into a state of coma, which is the beginning of the end in such a complaint as Sir James is suffering from, and which his physicians fear all along endeavor to guard against.

This morning's bulletin, issued at 11:30 after a more than ordinarily long consultation of Dr. Hermann Briggs and Dr. R. A. Pyne, read: "Sir James Whitney's condition remains practically unchanged."

**COLORED MAN WINS
SUIT AGAINST THEATRE**

No Stipulation When Ticket Sold
Where He Should
Sit.

CHATHAM, Jan. 15.—A colored man named Black was given a judgment against a local theatre proprietor in the Division Court of \$10 and costs. He asked for \$60 because he was not allowed to remain in the theatre after he had bought his ticket. He refused to move after being seated, to a section of the house in which the theatre attaches said colored people were required to sit. The judge said that as there was no stipulation at the time the ticket was sold that the purchaser might sit in a particular part of the house then the management could not make such stipulation after the patron had entered the place.

**LOPPED DEAD IN STABLE,
Farmer Was Helping to Raise Sick
Horse When He Collapsed**

CLINTON, Jan. 15.—Harry H. Wicks of twelfth concession, Goddich Township, dropped dead in a stable yesterday morning. He had been called in by his brother-in-law to assist in raising a sick horse and while standing looking at the horse he fell over and died in a few minutes. Heart failure was the cause. He leaves a widow and daughter. Mr. Harry Graham, his brothers, Guy and William, also live in the township as well as two sisters and mother.

The alleged trafficking in tobacco is still under investigation by Colonel Irvine, the warden. Only two men so far have been discovered, one a guard, the other a stoker.

**New Battleships
Below the Estimate**

"Strange Naval Development" of
Great Britain, Declares
Daily Mail.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The Daily Mail draws attention to the "strange naval development" of Great Britain. It says the British battleships Royal Sovereign and Royal Oak, which are to be laid down to-day, will be 2,000 tons below the estimate, their guns will be 13.5 instead of 15 inches, and they will burn coal instead of oil.

**QUELLING THE STRIKE IN
TRANSVAAL IS SERIOUS**

[By Special Wire to The Courier]
YARMOOUTH, N.S., Jan. 15.—While the 24 passengers and 72 members of the crew of the Royal Mail Steamer Cobequid, rescued yesterday, were comfortably housed here and recovering from the effects of their long exposure to icy winds and waves, Captain Hawson and the remaining 11 seamen were still on board the wrecked vessel early to-day. The Cobequid, impaled on Trinity rock, six miles off Port Maitland, was badly smashed and coated with ice, but the captain's cabin remained intact. The Government steamer Lansdowne stood by throughout the night, prepared to take off the 12 men if conditions became too dangerous.

Captain McKinnon of the Westport, the little coastal steamer which rescued 72 persons, said to-day that when he came alongside the Cobequid he found all the passengers and crew in the captain's cabin, the only dry spot on the steamer. The seas were breaking over the main deck. The Cobequid was lying headed to the westward, with the bow down and the stern well out of water.

All of those taken on board the Westport left the Cobequid in the three boats launched by the crew of the wrecked vessel. Notwithstanding the gale and the boiling sea, the transfer was accomplished within two hours without accident. The nine women and children among the passengers were the first to be taken from the Cobequid and hauled aboard the Westport.

**WESTERN DAIRYMEN
MEET AT STRATFORD**

President Predicts Strong
Demand for Dairy Pro-
ducts in 1914

STRAFORD, Jan. 15.—A strongly optimistic note was struck by President S. E. Facey of Harrietsville, in convention, which was opened here yesterday. He said the prospects were for a strong demand in the coming season for all dairy products, with consequent good prices. He pointed out that while the prices of meat and other provisions had risen during the last season, cheese prices had remained about the same, and expressed the opinion that, if this were more generally known, the home demand would increase.

Mr. Facey declared that an agricultural country like Canada should not import butter. The weak spot, he said, was the cost of production, and the remedy he suggested was efficient cost-testing and the weeding out of the poor animals. He did not anticipate any considerable export of milk, and cream during the coming season, as the home market was likely to absorb the output of the factories.

Stuck to the Factories.

In the annual report of the directors a warning was given against producers in certain sections abandoning the cheese factories and creameries at certain seasons to dispose of their milk in other ways. It was pointed out that if this were done the cheese and butter manufacturers would be forced to raise their prices as a measure of self-protection.

Prof. S. F. Edwards of Guelph, in the course of a paper on "The Cause and Prevention of Bovine Tuberculosis," stated that the percentage of tubercular cattle and hogs ranged from ten to fifteen per cent. He said that tuberculosis was most invariably accurate and trustworthy, and advised the buying of new cattle subject to this test of keeping them in quarantine for three months and testing them before they are placed with the herd.

**Fifty Years a
Courier Subscriber**

Mr. Charles Ferris, of Mt. Pleasant, walked into The Courier office to-day and paid his fiftieth annual subscription to this paper. Mr. Ferris, who is 75 years of age, is still hale and hearty and looks good for many more years.

He comes of good Conservative fighting stock and took an active part in elections in this riding as far back as the time of Mr. Dr. Brown and E. B. Wood used to run.

**HAMILTON GIVES
WORK TO SCORES**

Four Hundred Registered and
All will be Given
Employment

HAMILTON, Jan. 15.—The announcement that the city had decided to give work to some of the unemployed had its desired effect. About one hundred men had assembled outside the city hall, and by noon about 57 were furnished with work at the city stone quarry. At 6 o'clock last evening about 400 unemployed men had registered their names. It is likely an number will be started to work filling in the coal oil inlet to-morrow.

Gas Explosion

A terrific gas explosion at the home of Ernest Weston, 63 Cleaver street at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, almost completely wrecked the front portion of the house and so severely injured Mrs. Weston and her three small children—Willie, Donald and Annie—that it was found necessary to rush them to the city hospital. Following the explosion a sheet of flame swept through the front of the house, engulfing Mrs. Weston and the children, and in a moment the dining room and parlor were like seething furnaces. Neighbors, with considerable difficulty rescued the victims. The flames gained such headway that it was impossible for the firemen to save the building. The actual cause of the accident could not be ascertained.

Much Insanity.

Justice Kelly, in commenting on the presentment of the grand jury of his court this afternoon, declared he was appalled at the great number of inmates in the Hamilton Asylum. "I do not know," said his lordship, "whether it is the pace that the people lead that has resulted in such an appalling prevalence of insanity, or whether it is that the medical fraternity is unable to cope with the disease."

**CANNOT GO FREE BY
PAYING BACK MONEY**

Judge Denton Says Bank Clerks
Who Steal Must Go to
Prison.

TORONTO, Jan. 15.—"No bank employee can steal money from his employers and then expect to get off by paying it back," said Judge Denton, when he sentenced Austin Kean, a 28-year-old clerk of the Bank of Nova Scotia, to six months in the central prison in the county criminal court yesterday.

Kean pleaded guilty through his counsel Mr. T. C. Robinette, to stealing \$700 from the branch at Mount Dennis and uttering a forged check against the account of a church.

Mr. Robinette produced a dozen testimonials from influential people in Nova Scotia testifying to the excellent character which Kean bore in his native province.

Fire of unknown origin early to-day did nearly \$200,000 damage in the warehouse district of Atlanta, Georgia.

**PATHETIC SCENE
IN RESCUING
NATIVES**

Volcanic Eruptions Have
Caused Terrible Suffering to People

Japanese Warships are Active
in Danger Zone

[By Special Wire to The Courier]
KAGOSHIMA, Japan, Jan. 15.—A pathetic scene was witnessed to-day on the island of Sakura when a group of famished terror-stricken people were rescued from amid steaming lava and heated boulders by a boat from a Japanese warship.

A cruiser squadron arrived here to-day and launches were at once lowered, whose crews searched the island, the contour of which has been entirely altered since the bursting into eruption on January 12 of the volcano of Sakura-Jima.

The sailors did not risk landing, but made a systematic scrutiny. All was desolation and no sign of human being was seen until evening when an officer in one of the launches noticed something being waved in the air at a short distance from the shore.

A detachment of men was landed and after a hard struggle succeeded in making their way through soft warm ashes waist high until they reached a great rock. Covering behind they found 33 people still living, but coated with thick dust and weakened by starvation and thirst.

Among the rescued was a school master who had borne with him from his school house the portrait of the emperor; the village policeman, who had saved the records of the station house and the postal clerk, with a small bag of mail.

The rescued were taken on board a warship and provided with food and drink. They explained that they had been driven to the shore until the rain of ashes was over and had then tried hour after hour to attract attention.

The vessels of the cruiser squadron brought with them a large stock of provisions with which they are relieving the hunger of the people of Kagoshima, many of whom have returned only to find their houses destroyed and are consequently compelled to camp in the open spaces.

The general volcanic activity on the island of Kinshiu is gradually abating and the work of restoring railway and telegraphic communication is being proceeded with.

Damage in this city is immense, but no approximate estimate can yet be made of the loss of human life.

**ROBT. MACKAY'S DOWNFALL
SAID TO BE DUE TO RACES**

Police Informed That Firm's
Books Show Shortage
of \$55,000.

TORONTO, Jan. 15.—Robert A. Mackay, former secretary-treasurer of the Cowan Chocolate Company, pleaded not guilty in police court yesterday to the charge of theft of \$15,000 from the company, and elected to be tried by a jury. He was remanded for a week.

Mackay surrendered himself to Detective Armstrong, upon the advice of his counsel, Mr. H. H. Dewart, K.C.

Since Mackay was taken into custody the police claim the shortages amount to about \$55,000, which, if proved, makes one of the most serious cases of embezzlement ever tried in Toronto. It is alleged that the shortages cover a period of two years, and that the accused lost the money on horse races.

Mackay was a trusted employee of the company and had risen from a minor position in the company's office. As secretary-treasurer of the company he practically had full charge of the business. In March last he asked for, and was given, two weeks' holidays. It is stated that he told his wife that he was leaving the city for two weeks on business of his firm. The next heard of him was from Vancouver, where the police found his suitcase and clothes with a note which implied that he intended committing suicide. After this all trace of him was lost until it was recently learned that he purposed visiting Woodstock to attend the funeral of his mother. A warrant was then sworn out for his arrest.

VAMPIRE AT THE GEM

An important announcement is on the program at the Gem for Monday and Tuesday next, when Kalem's latest and greatest feature "The Vampire" will be shown. In this special, Bert French and Alice Eis present the famous "Vampire" dance, probably the most spectacular of present day dances.