

WEATHER FORECAST.

MARITIME PROVINCES.

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LOOKS LIKE CLEAR SWEEP FOR McBRIDE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Incomplete Returns Indicate Greatest Conservative Victory On Record

NO LIBERALS YET

Only Three Constituencies To Hear From and Pooley, a Supporter of The Government is Leading.

SENATE GIVES THIRD READING TO GRAIN BILL

Amendments Not Regarded as Vital are Incorporated, While Tariff Commission Bill Passes with Changes to Which Objection is Made—Senate Still Attempts to Impede Work of Legislation.

Ottawa, Mar. 28.—The Senate gave the grain bill, third reading with amendments which the government does not regard as vital and the tariff commission bill third reading with amendments which are objected to.

by the government bill, the following clause should be added: "Provided always that in all cases where any application for an increase is made to the government the commission shall make a special report which in the case of any industry already established shall state the number of factories now existing and the number of hands now employed, a list of the shareholders and the number and amount of shares held by each shareholder, the dividends paid during each of the preceding ten years, the wages of hands and the number of hours worked per diem, the total amount of goods of the kind on which such increase of duty is demanded consumed in Canada, whether home made or imported."

MONCTON DELEGATION WAITED ON MINISTER OF RAILWAYS YESTERDAY

Mr. Cochrane Favorably Impressed with Project to Span Petitcodiac—Development of Oil Shales Mentioned.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, March 28.—A delegation from Moncton seeking the assistance and co-operation of the government in the construction of a bridge across the Petitcodiac had a very satisfactory interview with the Minister of Railways and Canals today. Mr. Cochrane was most fully into the question and promised the delegation that he would give instructions for a survey to be made at an early date.

VALLEY RAILWAY BILL IN THE FEDERAL HOUSE

Liberals Seek to Embarrass Project and Threaten Division

THIRD READING TODAY

Mr. Hazen Gives Reasons Why Line Must Extend to Grand Falls and Tells of Benefits Which Will Follow Its Construction.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, March 28.—The Valley Railway bill was passed through committee by the House of Commons this afternoon and stands for the third reading tomorrow. The Liberals made an effort to embarrass the project by ear marking a portion of the bonds for the Andover Bridge. They talked at length upon the subject; they played themselves on record and they threaten a division on the third reading.

SUFFRAGETTE CASES STILL IN THE COURT

Several Are Out on Bail and Others Are Bound Over.

Women Become Exhilarated and Believe They Have Divine Mission—Nine Are Sentenced to Imprisonment.

London, March 28.—Mr. and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, joint editors of Votes for Women, and Mrs. Pankhurst were committed to take their trial at the Old Bailey sessions by the Police Magistrate at the Bow Street Court today. Mrs. Mabel Tuke was discharged.

UNCLE SAM WATCHING REBELLION

Possibility of American Intervention in Mexico is Slim.

Aspirants for Power However in Event of Madero's Overthrow May Have to be Cautious.

Washington, D. C., Mar. 28.—The rebel successes in Mexico have shaken the confidence of some of the Washington officials in the easy triumph of Madero over his enemies. They are now recognizing the possibility of an overthrow of the Madero government and the grave question is beginning to assert itself as to the correct attitude of the United States in the turmoil, and the chaos which probably would follow the clashing of presidential aspirations of at least three or four ambitious Mexican rebel leaders.



HON. R. McBRIDE.

Vancouver, B. C., Mar. 28.—With the finals from Columbia, Esquimalt and Newcastle yet to hear from the McBride Conservatives are elected in all other ridings. Pooley, a Conservative, is leading in Esquimalt and no Liberal has apparently been elected anywhere.

Owing to the difference in time complete returns were not available at an early hour this morning.

ESCAPADE A BOOMERANG

Suffragettes' Recent Tactics Thought Responsible for Defeat of Conciliation Bill to Enfranchise Women.

London, March 22.—By a vote of 222 to 208 the House of Commons tonight rejected the conciliation bill which was before the House on its second reading. This measure aimed at conferring the right to vote upon every woman possessed of the household qualification, and would enfranchise 1,000,000 women. The announcement of the result was received with deafening cheers. Last year a similar bill, introduced by Sir George Kemp, passed the second reading stage by a vote of 255 to 88 on a non-party division and was referred to a committee of the whole House, making no further progress. The astounding reversal in the views of the members which has since taken place is attributed to the strong resentment aroused by the window-smashing tactics of the militant suffragettes.

The debate presented the novel spectacle of members of the cabinet taking opposite sides. The prime minister strongly opposed the bill while Sir Edward Grey gave it as his opinion that the enfranchisement of women would neither injure the state nor the home, but would benefit both. Forty-one of the nationalists voted against the bill and ten abstained from voting.

AMERICAN STRIKE IS PROBABLE

Coal Miners Will Probably Go Out Monday—Operators Seek to Shift the Responsibility.

Cleveland, Ohio, Mar. 28.—Little prospect of settling the bituminous coal miners' dispute to prevent a strike next Monday and shutting down of practically all mines operated by union men was seen by the operators and union officials today after they had conferred for hours and had failed to agree.

The lack of any steps toward an amicable settlement and the fact that only three more days intervene before both the anthracite and bituminous wage scales expire, were said to make it almost certain that a widespread stoppage of coal production will begin next week for an uncertain period and a strike, involving about 500,000 men may ensue.

New York, N. Y., Mar. 28.—The following statement was issued this afternoon by the anthracite operators' committee of ten: "For several days reports have been in circulation to the effect that the anthracite mining companies were employing strike-breakers. The past it has not been the policy of the operators to organize a labor force of outsiders in such emergencies, nor is it now. They have not gathered men to operate the mines in case their present employees quit work and they have made no plans to do so."

"The operators have had no official notification that the mine workers would leave their various occupations at the collieries on April 1st. The recent agreement between the mine workers and the operators, expires at midnight on March 31st, and it has been commonly reported that the employees of the Anthracite Mining Companies—a greater part of them—will not continue at work after that time.

INCREASE IN WHEAT CULTURE

Alekhie, S. Aus., March 28.—Seasonable activities characterize both internal and external trade. From some of the early wheat districts reports are coming to hand that harvest operations are almost finished. Grain is being transported to the seaboard from every center and when the actual result has become known in particular localities surprise has invariably been expressed at the excellence of the yield in view of the comparatively unfavorable season which was experienced.

A STEAMSHIP LINE TO WEST INDIES NEXT

Line Between St. John, Halifax and West Indies May Result from Better Trade Negotiations.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Mar. 28.—The West Indian delegates who are here to discuss improved trade relations between the islands and Canada met the Prime Minister and the Minister of Trade and Commerce this morning. Tomorrow morning they will meet the special committee of the Canadian government. Hon. Messrs. Foster, White and Reid will organize for the conference which will open on Monday next.

The statistics of trade which will be used at the conference show that under the existing conditions the balance of trade with the islands is against Canada. It is largely accounted for by the item of sugar which looms large in the import list than all the items of the export table combined. Fish and Breadstuffs account for the bulk of the exports trade now done with the West Indies. Wood manufactures, provisions and half a dozen other items come into the list.

Whatever arrangement is reached will hardly give Canadian exports identical tariff treatment in all the West Indian colonies, but the preference if granted, will be a general one. The tariffs of the West Indies vary but it is thought that a specific preference applying to the larger colonies will work satisfactorily.

Improved transportation facilities from Halifax to St. John, or both, are an essential factor in the working out of a better trade arrangement. The Balfour commission suggested a service of alternate weekly sailings from both Halifax and St. John. It is understood that the C.P.R. are preparing to establish a service.

FAVORS MORE PROTECTION

Emperor William Believes Panama Canal Will Fall Prey to Some Avaricious Power if Not Strongly Fortified.

New York, N. Y., Mar. 28.—George W. Goethals, chief engineer of the Panama canal and chairman of the canal commission returned to this country from abroad today with an account of an interview with the German emperor, in which the Kaiser expressed vigorous views as to the desirability of strongly fortifying the canal. At this station, he pointed out, battleships could gather quietly and could suddenly descend and capture the canal. He believes that the fortifications should be sufficient to repulse any fleet that might attack the canal.

STRIKE WILL SOON BE OVER

Many resumption of Work and Reports from Various Districts Indicate New Law Will Satisfy Miners.

London, March 28.—The coal situation shows a very decided improvement tonight. The minimum wage bill has passed all stages in both Houses and only awaits the royal assent. The advice of Lord Lansdowne to accept the situation, painful and humiliating though it is, all the opposition amendments were either negated or withdrawn, and the House of Lords this evening passed the third reading of the bill without division.

Although resumption of work were less numerous than anticipated, notably in Warwickshire—the miners deciding after all to wait for the result of the ballot before returning to the collieries—reports from every district confirm their willingness to accept the wage bill and terminate the strike. The prompt despatch of troops to the scenes of outbreaks, coupled with the advice of the leaders to refrain from violence had a wholesome effect.

In Lanarkshire about 3,000 men descended into the pits, this being the most extensive resumption of work at any of the collieries. The North Wales Miners' Association has recommended that the men accept the bill.

The future and believed that the canal should have been as wide as the channel at Kiel which is 135 feet.

"He is strongly in favor of much heavier fortifications than have been planned for the canal, he believes a very large military force should be established to be ready for any emergency.

"The Kaiser said he had no doubt that some nation would establish a canal station either north or south of the canal. At this station, he pointed out, battleships could gather quietly and could suddenly descend and capture the canal. He believes that the fortifications should be sufficient to repulse any fleet that might attack the canal.

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MANITOBA GETS RIGHTS

Premier Roblin Tells of Province's Struggle for Equal Privileges Dating Back to Admission to Confederacy.

Winnipeg, Man., March 28.—The galleries at the legislature were crowded to capacity this afternoon to hear Premier Roblin's speech on the second reading of the boundary bill, but those who looked for any allusion to the separate school question as touching the new territory, were disappointed, for the Premier did not mention the subject. Neither had he much to say on the railway strip of Ontario government through the new territory. But he presented an able and exhaustive review of the struggle of Manitoba for equal rights with other provinces dating from her admission into confederation right down to the present day, and his statistics bore out his claim that at least the province has secured a just settlement of her claims.

Recapitulating the financial benefits he found the total cash sum of \$2,896,287 accrued to the province at this date as a result of the settlement, the main item of which being over two millions in arrearsages. After expatiating on the territory to be opened up in the north and on the benefits Manitoba must derive from the marketing on Hudson Bay of the crops of sister provinces, Mr. Roblin closed by appealing to his honorable friends in opposition, who in the shuffle of the political cards might in time be expected to draw the trump, and that the object of the president of the company was not to connect with the Transcontinentals, but to tap a portion of the State of Maine.

Manitoba gets rights.

ONE OUTLAW IS CAPTURED BY POLICE

Claude Swanson Allen.

Hillsville, Va., March 28.—Claude Swanson Allen, one of the outlaws charged with the court house assassination on March 14, was captured today by a posse headed by Detective Payne. He was armed, but made no resistance, and had been living on bread and water. He will be brought here tonight.

Claude Swanson Allen.

CORDIAL WELCOME TO SALVATION ARMY LEADER



Amsterdam, Holland, March 28.—General Booth's tour in the Netherlands is proving a great success, and on his arrival in Amsterdam a large crowd assembled at the railway station and gave him a most cordial reception.

The attitude adopted toward the Salvation Army in Amsterdam is all the more remarkable in view of the opposition which greeted its early efforts in that city. When it first began its work in the Dutch capital the populace broke into the halls and disturbed the services, and the greatest difficulty was experienced in getting the work started.

However, the solid results achieved have entirely altered the attitude of the Dutch toward the army and today we find the queen mother of Holland as well as Queen Wilhelmina contributing to its funds. The work of the Salvation Army in Holland is now self-supporting and causes no expense to the international headquarters.

TO CHANGE VERSION OF BIBLE.

London, Mar. 28.—The Archbishop of Canterbury received a deputation at Lambeth palace lately in support of a memorial sent to him by 1911 asking that a committee might be appointed to correct the authorized version of the New Testament for the purpose of reading in church.