

GRAND TRUNK STRIKE OVER MEN ARE GRANTED INCREASE IN WAGES

Strikers Lose Chance of Pensions - Will Be Taken Back as New Men

Ottawa, Aug. 3.—The strike of conductors, trainmen and yardmen which began on the Grand Trunk and Central Vermont systems on July 18th, was officially called off last night. Under the terms of the agreement signed by President Hays for the railroads, and by all the union officials, the men will receive, dating back to May 18th, of this year, an advance of approximately 15 per cent, and beginning January 1st, 1912, a rate of wages slightly below the eastern association schedule, for which they struck, but an advance in many instances of over 20 per cent.

In the case of the Central Vermont the same settlement applies, with the exception that the standardization of wages is to be on the Rutland railway, a road in the same territory, and not that of the Canadian Pacific, which will only apply to the Grand Trunk system.

Losses to Company and Men. Toronto, Aug. 3.—The news of the settlement of the Grand Trunk strike was received here with much satisfaction by all classes. The union element is pleased at what is regarded as a decided advantage gained by the men in having the Grand Trunk concede a mileage rate of pay instead of a monthly wage and promises of the standard rate in a year. This is less than was formerly offered.

It is figured here that the loss to the railway will aggregate \$1,132,335. As against this there is a saving of \$1,030,720 between the offer of the company and the demands of the men, which means an aggregate saving of approximately \$100,000 to the company of this amount. The direct loss to the men is estimated here to be \$185,750, on a basis of \$2.50 per day for 15 days, for 4,000 on strike.

There was a perceptible difference in the Grand Trunk's business today, and a big share of the holiday rush will go their way now. Business men interested in the Grand Trunk say the strike will be felt in earning power of the road for the next twenty years. W. G. Brownlee, superintendent of transportation, intimated this morning that the strikers have lost all chance of pensions. This is one of the losses sustained by the men.

Men. said Mr. Brownlee, "who have behaved themselves during the strike will be taken back in the order of their application as new men."

To Resume Freight Traffic. Montreal, Aug. 3.—Dissatisfaction is expressed by Grand Trunk trainmen over the failure of the company yesterday to provide for the return of strikers. The railway expects to resume freight traffic to-morrow.

MADE INSPECTION OF HOSPITAL DOCTOR FAGAN WILL REPORT TO GOVERNMENT

Province Asked to Assist City in Erection of a Modern Isolation Hospital

Dr. C. J. Fagan, secretary of the provincial board of health, in company with Dr. G. A. B. Hall, medical health officer for the city, Tuesday paid a visit of inspection to the Isolation hospital, with the idea of later making a report to the government relative to the request of the city council that it be extended for the erection of a modern building to replace the present structure. Dr. Fagan will look over the buildings and grounds again before drawing up his report.

Speaking of the matter Wednesday, Dr. Hall said there was every reason why the government should come forward with the required assistance. He pointed out that the province has no facilities whatever at Victoria for the treatment of infectious cases arising outside the jurisdiction of the city, and he cited a number of recent instances which had occurred showing how the Isolation hospital has been called upon to handle provincial cases. Of course the government is always willing to bear the expense of the maintenance of such patients at the hospital, but a better arrangement in his opinion, would be for the province to co-operate with the city in some well-defined plan.

Dr. Hall added that the tentative plans which have been drawn for the new hospital make provision for the accommodation of fourteen nurses, matron and doctor in the administration building, this giving a room to each. There would be two single beds in each room, thus allowing accommodation of 28 nurses in the event of an epidemic. The outbuildings would be required to be remodelled to a very large extent. The entire cost of the proposed improvements would be about \$45,000. The administration building would cost approximately \$25,000.

It is likely that the application of the city for aid from the government in connection with the Isolation hospital will be considered at the meeting of the executive which is to be held on Tuesday next.

BANKER GUILTY OF FORGERY

Lapier, Mich., Aug. 3.—M. Lee Hagler, banker and former city official, is preparing today to begin a term of 12 to 14 years in the Jackson state penitentiary. This sentence was imposed following Hagler's plea of guilty to a forgery charge.

PRESS VIEWS ON LAURIER'S TOUR

LONDON NEWS SEES REVOLT AGAINST TARIFF

Morning Post Declares There is a Plot to Strike at Integrity of Dominions

(Special to the Times.) London, Aug. 3.—The Daily News says the revolt against protection in Canada is the most recent and severe blow to tariff reform here. The west is supplying the driving force and Canada is turning against the tariff in every hour. English protectionists exhorting her to testify on behalf of protection.

The Morning Post protests against the free trade press reports of the gigantic delegations to Sir Wilfrid Laurier in favor of the abolition of the tariff. It declares Sir Wilfrid Laurier is likely to commit political suicide as to embark on a fatal free trade policy. From a practical viewpoint the Liberal press, or Liberal and American capitalists behind it, have either discovered or created a mare's nest. The well known Scottish millionaire who became apparently the connecting link between the financial and political views, one of which menaces the prosperity and development of the Empire within and the other from without, and the league designed to persuade Western farmers to favor American connection at the expense of British, in a rougher and perhaps more sensible case, a bill of attainder would have been brought to bear on the promoter of such a pretty plot to strike at the integrity of British dominions.

ASKS BALLINGER TO RETIRE. Report That United States Secretary of Interior Will Leave Cabinet Before October 1st.

Beverly, Mass., Aug. 3.—It was learned yesterday on the highest authority that Senator Crane of Massachusetts, acting on the initiative of Republican national leaders, with President Taft, tacitly acquiescing in the plan, conferred with Secretary Ballinger at Minneapolis and suggested that Ballinger should relinquish his portfolio as secretary of the department of the interior before October 1, 1910.

Senator Crane recently visited President Taft here and that pressure was brought to bear on the president to give him the hint that Ballinger should retire is the general impression here. It is believed that the Republican leaders selected Senator Crane as the spokesman and secured the tacit agreement of Taft to the plan of asking Ballinger to withdraw.

It is reported that Senator Crane told Secretary Ballinger he must resign shortly after the report of the investigating committee in Minneapolis on September 11th. It is said that Ballinger expects to return to his law practice in Seattle before the congressional campaign begins.

The president, it is said, felt a delicacy about informing Ballinger of the pressure exerted on him.

OFFICER ON TRIAL. Seattle, Wash., Aug. 3.—The court martial trying Col. George F. Cooke for the murder of the army post at Fort Lawton met at 10 o'clock this morning.

The first witness, Dr. J. P. Hall, former post surgeon at Fort Sibbald, is expected to throw some light on the monetary transactions of Col. Cooke. The board of court martial has just returned from Fort William, Joe Andolech, a reasonable keeper of accounts, was the only witness. He testified that Col. Cooke had borrowed various sums of money from him on his notes amounting to over 700, none of which had been paid.

OPENING U. S. RESERVES. Washington, D. C., Aug. 3.—Thousands of acres of unappropriated lands which were eliminated from national forests and restored to the public domain by the recent proclamation of President Taft, will be thrown open to homestead settlement early this fall.

The lands are located in Colorado, New Mexico, Washington, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming. The secretary has also restored to settlement, on October 22, and to entry on November 21, about 6,220 acres in the Great Falls, Mont., land district.

SWIFT PACKING CO. COMING TO VICTORIA

Famous Meat and Provision Dealers to Have Branch in the Capital City

The Swift Packing Company, with headquarters at Chicago, one of the largest firms on the continent handling meats and provisions, will shortly commence operations in this city on a comprehensive scale which characterizes all their branches in various cities in the west. Options have been secured on several desirable sites for offices and warehouses, and an official announcement as to the location may be expected almost immediately.

For some time past the great firm of Swift has been represented in Victoria by the J. Y. Griffin Co., who have premises on Wharf street. Only recently the Swifts acquired the interests of the B. C. Market Company at Vancouver, which include the large abattoir. This abattoir is being operated by the Swifts, but a subsidiary company was formed to represent the several meat markets conducted by the B. C. Company.

About 2,500,000 square miles of the Russian Empire is covered by forests, of which the government owns about 6 per cent.



DANIEL IS SHY. MISS VANCOUVER ISLAND—"Why so cold, Dan? I fancied your thoughts were all of me."

DISCUSS SOOKE OR GOLDSTREAM WATER COMMITTEE TO MEET TO-MORROW NIGHT

Reports of Special Committee to Be Presented—What Expert Adams Said in His Report

(From Wednesday's Daily.) The civic water board—composed of a citizens' committee of twenty-five and the mayor and council—will meet to-morrow evening at the city hall to hear the reports of the special committees appointed at the last meeting to collect further information before the final report is prepared.

One of these special committees was asked to ascertain the terms on which the Equimault Water Works Company would sell all its holdings at Goldstream; the other was instructed to collect further data bearing on the proposal to go to Sooke Lake as a source of the future source for a water supply for Victoria.

It is possible that this latter committee may not have its report ready, inasmuch as some information from outside cities as to the cost of tunneling has not yet come to hand. Another Henderson, a member of the committee, said this morning, however, that the more the Sooke scheme was investigated the more feasible it would appear, especially in view of the announcement that the Equimault company will ask so large a sum as \$2,000,000 for its property at Goldstream.

The other committee, of which J. J. Shallcross is chairman, has its report all ready on the question of the terms on which the Goldstream property may be acquired. The figure asked is slightly under \$2,000,000, and the report, while making no definite recommendation as to purchase, will present an argument tending to show that the investment will be a profitable one for the city.

In his first report, prepared for presentation to the mayor and council, Arthur L. Adams made a comparison of Sooke Lake and Goldstream which will be read with interest at this time. Mr. Adams said:

"If a few sources of water supply is to be sought either supplemental to the existing one or as a substitute for it, the necessary cost will be very considerable; and it is important that a source should be secured which will be sufficient as to quantity, quality and possibly for protection from future contamination, to meet the demands for a very long period of time, and a very large increase in the present population.

"Goldstream and Sooke lakes are the only sources deserving of serious consideration. "Sooke lake lies about 24 miles by wagon road to the west of Victoria. It is a beautiful body of water, of great average depth, the surrounding mountains rising precipitately on every side, and the country is virtually uninhabited and remains in its virgin condition.

"The region never having been surveyed, neither its area nor the extent of its tributary watershed is known. There can be no doubt, however, that it is capable of yielding a certain supply very much larger than need for the present purpose be considered necessary, and that the quality would be satisfactory.

CHALLENGER TO BE BUILT HERE

V. Y. C. WILL COMPETE FOR THE McNEILL CUP

C. Bennett Thompson and H. P. Simpson Offer Funds for Yacht

As announced in Tuesday's Times, the Victoria Yacht Club will be represented in the international races for the McNeill Cup at next year's regatta by a fine yacht which, it is hoped, will wrest the trophy from Ted Geary's third Spirit, now under construction.

Any doubt that may have existed in the minds of local yachtmen was removed at Tuesday's executive meeting of the Victoria Yacht Club, when it was announced that C. Bennett Thompson and H. P. Simpson had agreed to furnish the necessary money to have a boat ready for next year. An application will immediately be made to the cup trustees for permission to build the racer under universal rules, as advocated by Ted Geary and others at the last meeting of the international association held here recently.

It is not anticipated that the trustees, although known to favor the Vancouver idea of adopting international rules, will refuse permission but, in any event, a yacht will be constructed. The sentiment of the meeting was, "We want the cup" and "Ted Geary must look to his laurels." As soon as the trustees render their decision to the local club respecting the rules which will be obtained from Fyfe or some other famous designer and the craft will be built in a local shipyard.

The cup is now held by the Seattle boy designer, whose Spirit II last year succeeded in retaining it. According to the conditions under which the cup has so far been competed for the boats must be built under the international rules but, while the Alexander, of Vancouver, and the two first Spirits, of Seattle, were constructed according to these rules Mr. Geary and the local yachtmen favor the universal rules, and the Spirit now being designed will be an universal boat. In view of the strong sentiment both here and in Seattle in favor of the latter rules and the success of the recent regatta, when no races were held, it is thought that the trustees will remove the restriction and thus permit racing at the big regatta to be held here next year.

Up to the present time Victoria has taken no part in competition, and the feeling that this condition of affairs should be remedied has been growing for some time. The sportsmanlike action in undertaking to finance the construction of the challenger meets with the warm approval of all yachtmen.

PROTESTS HIS INNOCENCE

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 3.—Joseph Wendling, accused of the brutal murder of Alma Kellner in Louisville, Ky., yesterday in custody of Captain John Cranley of Louisville, Wendling still maintains his innocence, asserting that he will be acquitted as soon as he is tried by the Kentucky authorities. The prisoner was due to arrive in Louisville next Monday.

NEW RAILWAY PRESIDENT

Portland, Ore., Aug. 3.—It is stated on good authority to-day that John F. Stevens will be appointed president of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad. This road is better known as the North Bank and is controlled by the Hill interests. Stevens is now president of the Oregon trunk road, Pacific Eastern and the United Railways, and will continue as head of these roads, according to the report.

GETTING READY FOR FALL FAIR SECRETARY BUSY MAKING PREPARATIONS

Every Indication That Great Success Will Be Scored This Year

That the forthcoming Provincial Exhibition, under the auspices of the British Columbia Agricultural Association will be the most successful ever held in the history of Victoria is the opinion of George Sangster, the secretary, who for weeks past has been working energetically to make the approaching fair a record one.

To a Times man this morning Mr. Sangster said: "I am very hopeful that we shall have a record exhibition, not only in point of attendance but in excellence of exhibits. I am quite astonished at the amount of interest which is being taken in the event thus early in the season. All the spaces in the industrial building have been let already, save one corner, and this will be snapped up in a day or two."

"To show you the widespread interest which is being taken in the exhibition to be held this year I may mention that I have received requests from numerous points in Eastern Canada for prize lists. We have issued a striking poster, to the number of 2,000, and these have been distributed all over the surrounding country and as far east as the Calgary and Winnipeg. In this connection I have a request to make to the merchants and tradesmen in Victoria. I have placed in every store and business premises in the city one of these posters, and I think the recipients should show enough interest in the fair to display it in their windows."

Mr. Sangster went on to say that he had prepared a tentative programme for the fair and that this would be submitted to a meeting of the executive to be held in the city hall on Friday evening next. In Mr. Sangster's opinion—which is supported by all who have been privileged to inspect it—the programme is one of the most attractive which has ever been prepared for a fall fair in Victoria. The special attraction for the entertainment of the host of visitors are Barnes' wild animal circus, rough riding and broncho busting.

Mr. Sangster has received a letter from the secretary of the Calgary fair setting forth that the circus is all that is claimed for it—one of the best attractions of the kind that could be secured on the continent. A feature of the programme is that each afternoon there will be a horse show performance in front of the grand stand.

The secretary received a letter yesterday from Edwin A. Wells, of Chilliwack, one of the chief exhibitors from the Fraser valley, who says that great interest is being taken in the show in that section of the province and that the attendance from the mainland and throughout the grand stand is being increased.

Heretofore "Opening Day" has proved somewhat of a "frost," but Mr. Sangster plans to change all that this year. He hopes to be able to have the first day of the fair one of the most attractive of the week, and to this end is making arrangements to have the ceremonies attendant upon the opening of the fair, which will be held on the Fraser valley, who says that great interest is being taken in the show in that section of the province and that the attendance from the mainland and throughout the grand stand is being increased.

On the second day there will be a fine programme of athletic sports. Arrangements for this feature are in the hands of A. J. Brace, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. On the third day there will be the horse show, both afternoon and evening.

In connection with the horse show, the secretary directs special attention to a special announcement contained in the programme just issued. This is to the effect that to get the ladies of Victoria interested in the show the management have decided to offer three cash prizes for the best-decorated box. The first prize is \$40; the second, \$25; and the third, \$10. Decorations must be in horse show colors, red, green and gold. Mr. Sangster says that already a lively interest has been aroused in this competition. He will issue rules for the same in a few days.

The dates for the exhibition are September 27, 28, 29, 30 and October 1. Entries will positively close on September 12.

WINNIPEG GRAIN

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Aug. 3.—Wheat—October, 103 3/4; Dec., 101 1/4; Cash close, 1 No., 104; 2 No., 102; 3 No., 100. No. 2, 98. 3 No., 96. 4 No., 94.

BANK CLEARINGS FOR JULY ARE AWAY UP

Striking Indication of the Growth of Trade and Commerce in Victoria

The bank clearings in any city are an unerring barometer of trade conditions. Those for Victoria reflect the continued growth of business here, and indicate that there is far more doing this year than twelve months ago.

For July the clearings aggregated \$10,812,025, as compared with \$8,633,983 in July, 1909; \$4,840,841 in 1908; \$5,208,912 in 1907; and \$3,849,657 in 1906. The increase last month over a year ago was 25 per cent. In June, as has already been mentioned, the aggregate clearings were \$9,188,781, as against \$6,422,175 in 1909; \$4,000,812 in 1908; \$4,848,161 in 1907; and \$2,965,590 in 1906.

ACQUITTED OF MURDER

Santa Ana, Cal., Aug. 3.—Frank Skelly, a lumber contractor, was acquitted yesterday of having burned his wife to death. He was accused of having thrown gasoline over the woman in the kitchen of their house at Westminster, and then lighting it. The trial has been in progress two weeks. The jury was out at four and fifty-five minutes.

RAILWAY WORK BEING RUSHED

GRAND TRUNK ENTERING B. C. ON THE EAST SIDE

Clear Haul From Prairies to Lakes by the End of September

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Before the year is out the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, the great national trans-continental railway of Canada, will have trains running all the way from the east to the west coast of British Columbia, and the work will be pushed ahead from here to the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The trains are about to run through to the divisional point 120 miles west of Edmonton, and by autumn they will probably be operated as far as Jasper Park and into the eastern confines of the province.

This is the news brought by N. R. Ross, Winnipeg, the superintendent of the Canadian Express Company, who was in the city yesterday, and who is gone to his home there, and by autumn they will probably be operated as far as Jasper Park and into the eastern confines of the province.

By the end of September the piece of line between Winnipeg and Lake Superior will be in operation, giving a clear run from the prairies to Port Arthur, in time to help carry out the wheat crop. This will be a great relief to the past, the traffic over the C. P. R. has been badly blocked.

Speaking of his Express Company, Mr. Ross said that the Canadian Express Company was the first of its kind to be operated in the country. Its founder, Gilman Cheney, operated a stage between Montreal and Toronto, and was one of the first to carry parcels and letters. The scope of the business has gradually developed until to-day anything and everything is carried by express. It is not unusual for the express business to carry two carloads of porpoises from the St. Lawrence valley, who says that great interest is being taken in the show in that section of the province and that the attendance from the mainland and throughout the grand stand is being increased.

Mr. Ross will be here again in a few weeks and will make final arrangements for opening up the express business. This has been made possible by the placing of the steamers on the Coast service, and continued this for a long time, until an arrangement with the Great Northern Railway until such time as their own line is in operation.

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CHIPPEWA IN COLLISION

STEAMER ALBION IS BADLY DAMAGED

Vessel Beached Near West Point Lighthouse, Puget Sound—No One Injured

(Times Leased Wire.) Seattle, Wash., Aug. 3.—The steamer Chippewa crashed into the wooden steam steamer Albion, carrying ten passengers bound from Seattle to Port Angeles, off West Point lighthouse, at Puget Sound, today. The Chippewa's bow was driven ten feet into the Albion amidships. The Albion was beached at daylight this morning and is badly damaged. No one was injured in the collision.

The Chippewa was steaming to Seattle after discharging a party of excursionists taken from Everett to Victoria and returned. The Albion is owned by the Port Angeles Brewing Company. The sound was murky during the night with clouds of smoke from forest fires, and it is supposed to have been responsible for the collision.

The Chippewa brought an excursion party to Victoria yesterday, from Everett. The crowd of about 850 people spent several hours in this city, taking in all the usual tourist sights, leaving here for Everett shortly after five. This was one of a series of Tuesday excursions being run by this steamer.

PHOTOGRAPHERS MEET

Members of Pacific Northwest Association Welcomed by Mayor of Vancouver

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 3.—Back to nature is the slogan of the Photographers' Association of the Pacific Northwest, especially in the choice of a meeting place next season. Vashon Island or some other similar place in Puget Sound waters will be chosen for the next convention.

All the members of the association have not arrived this morning, but those who are here listened to an address of welcome from Mayor Taylor, and appointed a committee last night. The report of the audit committee showed a balance of \$225, then the shutter clicked on association business for the evening.

FOUNDATIONS COLLAPSE

Toronto, Aug. 3.—Part of the foundations for the new wing of the parliament buildings collapsed yesterday when the contractors commenced to fill in behind concrete, and it is stated that the material did not get a chance to set properly. The foundations were 200 feet long and 10 feet wide.

MINISTER HON

Ottawa, Aug. 2.—Hon. L. B. Sifton confirmed the report that he is an officer of the Victoria Police.

MILLE LENEVE TELLS HER STORY

GIRL BREAKS DOWN, TRIES TO SHIELD CRIPPEN

London Detective Says She is Innocent of Any Share in Murder

(Special to the Times.) Quebec, Aug. 2.—"Ethel Leneve is innocent of any share in the murder of Belle Elmore," declared Inspector Dew. "She told me the story and it is sufficient to show that she is innocent of any share in the murder."

Detectives are working hard to prove her statements, but she has broken down, but has shielded Dr. Crippen. The latter is in custody. He is chatty and friendly, but his statements are not to be taken as evidence. Mrs. Fred Ginnett is to be called as a witness against Crippen, and is a close friend of Belle Elmore's.

Women are sending flowers to her in his cell. It is unlikely that anything will develop in the case until the trial. Leneve is now in the hospital. Last evening Leneve was taken from Dr. Crippen's house to the house of Angers, and there the same thing occurred. She has not been seen since. Inspector Dew stated that he is convinced that Leneve is only a foolish girl who was Crippen's friend.

Hope Girl Will Test

(Times Leased Wire.) Quebec, Aug. 2.—Mlle. Ethel Leneve to-day underwent a "third degree" of kindness. Her nerve-wrecked voyage across the Atlantic in company with Crippen, charged with the murder of Belle Elmore, has been a long one.

The doctor's return to London will testify for a long time, until they predict will follow the doctor's return to London. Mlle. Leneve has been held in solitary confinement like Crippen has been treated more as the home of Chief McCarty, under surveillance. She has had no own room and practically no solitude. She has had no solitude. She has had no solitude. She has had no solitude.

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REPORT ON COLLISION ON THE PRAIRIES

CONDITIONS ARE FAIRLY FA

Heavy Showers in Saskatchewan Will Increase Yield

Winnipeg, Aug. 2.—The report of the Free Press on the conditions here in Saskatchewan is that the yield in Brandon district at ten bushels to the acre, the allowance for places where crops have been burned. Excellent crops have been reported from Dauphin, twelve bushels to the acre, and at Morris, in Southern Saskatchewan, where the crop was supposed to be 15 bushels to the acre. At Stoughton in Southern Saskatchewan, there are indications of a bumper crop. The yield in Swift Current, which is at 12 to 15 bushels to the acre, is also reported to be a bumper crop. Conditions have been very good throughout the province, and it is believed that the average yield will be about 20 bushels to the acre. A cloudburst occurred, drenching the town, about 10 o'clock. It was very heavy rain. Battleford has many places. Conditions are very good.

MUST SERVE THREE

Sentence Passed on Chicago Contempt of Court

Chicago, Aug. 2.—William prominent broker, to serve a term of three months in jail, the sentence imposed by Superior Judge Chetlain. The penalty was given in connection with alleged proceedings instituted by a prominent society woman an inmate of a hospital.

CARRIES THREE

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