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The Transcontinental Railway.

The railway captains are mobilizing their forces at Ottawa for the transcontinental battle. The president of the Grand Trunk, Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson, has interviewed the Government and pressed the claims of the Grand Trunk Pacific for public aid. Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann are at Ottawa in the interests of the Canada Northern. The promoters of the Trans-Canada line are also conducting an active lobby.

Mackenzie & Mann (the Canadian Northern) have 1,400 miles of road in operation. From Port Arthur to Winnipeg they have 438 miles of track, of which 42 miles cross the State of Minnesota. In addition they have taken over the lines of the Northern Pacific in Manitoba, 350 miles. From Winnipeg the Canadian Northern has been carried to Dauphin, and the main line is now heading for Edmonton, which may be reached in the summer of 1904. This railroad has been bussed liberally by the Dominion, Ontario and Manitoba Governments. In the main it follows in the wake of population and traverses territory which is becoming settled.

The promoters of the Trans-Canada line are already chartered to build a line west from Quebec to the north end of Lake Winnipeg, through Saskatchewan, and parts of Alberta and Athabasca, across the Rocky Mountains by the Yellowhead or some other pass, and along the Skeena River Valley to Port Simpson on the Pacific coast. The eastern terminus would be Chicoutimi, on the Saguenay River, with a branch tapping the rich Lake St. John district. The whole length would be 2,700 miles. Unlike the Canadian Northern it would be built in advance of settlement. It is called an Imperial project, as it would be a new highway at a great distance from the international boundary, running from the east to the west of the Dominion, and forming the shortest and most direct all-British route between Europe and Asia. Besides its strategic value the route presents no engineering difficulties east of the Rocky Mountains. The territory is rich in timber and minerals, but undeveloped.

The Grand Trunk Pacific would run through the back country of Quebec and Ontario, and would follow a route north of the Canadian Northern, and south of the Trans-Canada.

The country cannot afford to subsidize three transcontinental railroads, or even two. It is not thought the Trans-Canada is sufficiently strong as a commercial proposition. The Government could see its way much more clearly if the Grand Trunk and the Canadian Northern would merge their interests. To outward appearances they are still rivals, but it would not be surprising if they came to terms before the close of the present session of Parliament. It will probably end in the Grand Trunk Pacific acquiring the Canadian Northern, which is already the nucleus of a transcontinental system.

British and American Workmen.

A party of representative British workmen, chosen from the trades unions, toured the United States last year, under the direction of Mr. Alfred Mosely, an English philanthropist, to inquire into industrial conditions for the benefit of their fellow-craftsmen at home. They visited most of the large cities of the Union and were given every opportunity to observe and study American methods. The party has presented its report, each delegate describing the conditions as he found them in his own trade. In his preface to the report Mr. Mosely summarizes the results. The American workman is pronounced to be better educated, better fed and clothed, better paid and better housed than his British brother, and infinitely more sober. The American manufacturers do not hesitate to put in the very latest machinery at whatever cost, and they run it at higher speed than in England. They do not begrudge large earnings to their men so long as they themselves make a profit. Mr. Mosely is convinced that the British manufacturer must come to an understanding with the unions as to a fair "piece price," from which there shall be no cutting when the man earns large wages. While the American workman is better paid, his rent, clothes and a variety of things, including all luxuries, are dearer than in England, although food is as cheap. The American workman drinks but little and his house is furnished in a way unknown to the British—bathrooms, laundries, hot water and heating systems, etc. It is said the American workman wears out quicker than his British brother, but owing to the wages he makes and his temperate habits, he is not under the necessity of working up to the very end of his life. In the United States great attention is paid to the comfort and health of employees. One point brought out by all the delegates

is the close touch between the master and men, and the enlistment of the men's good offices to improve factory methods. Suggestions are welcomed by employers as to the general conduct of the business and the improvement of machinery. These suggestions are freely offered, and critically examined, and the originator gets a handsome remuneration if his ideas are adopted. In England the finest capacity has too often to wait until its owner is hoar with age before it can find recognition. The British employer hardly knows his men. He seldom leaves the office for the workshop, and he delegates authority to a foreman, whose powers are arbitrary, and who, if any of the men show initiative, becomes jealous and fears he may become supplanted.

Some of the individual delegates are free in their criticisms of the American workmen. While admitting the superiority of American factory methods, they deny that the American workman is on the average more skilled and efficient than the Britisher. If anything, the latter is the more thorough, and if he does not produce as much it is not his fault, but the fault of the system which supplies no incentive to special effort.

A Welcome Decision.

The decision of the Supreme Court, on the constitutional question raised by the Maritime Provinces is a fortunate one on grounds of public policy. It is to the credit of the Government of Ontario that it refused to join in this attempt to alter the basis of representation in the House of Commons by grasping at a technical straw. There was not the slightest doubt of the meaning of subsection 4 of section 51 of the B. N. A. Act in the minds of those who framed it, but courts do not always take account of the intentions of law-makers. This subsection provides that the representation of New Brunswick or Nova Scotia in the House of Commons shall not be reduced so long as the population of the Province does not fall below one-twentieth of the aggregate population of Canada.

Nova Scotia and New Brunswick sought to prevent the loss of several members, imposed upon them by the recent census, by getting up the claim that the words "aggregate population of Canada" should be considered as meaning only the population of the four original Provinces of Canada. The Dominion Government resisted this claim and has been unanimously upheld by the Supreme Court, which holds that the subsection is to be construed as meaning the aggregate population of Canada, including those provinces admitted to Confederation since the passage of the B. N. A. Act. The wording of the subsection was not as clear-cut as it might have been, but the attempt to take advantage of this was an attack upon the Federal compact and upon the principle of representation by population. It is well in the public interests that it has been defeated. The basis of representation was permanently fixed at Confederation, and to unsettle it in the manner proposed by the Maritime Provinces would be a grave injustice to Quebec, and might endanger Confederation.

The banks found the member for Manitoulin a slip-perry customer.

The members of the House of Commons are still talking to Hansard.

Mr. Gagey has so far failed to prove anything against anyone but himself.

The volcanic eruption has hitherto been a tropical or sub-tropical production on this hemisphere, but the Canadian Northwest is developing new surprises every day.

In the South African war several British soldiers convicted of putting Boer prisoners to death, were shot by order of General Kitchener. General Miles has reported a number of instances in the Philippines where American officers have tortured and killed Filipinos for refusing to divulge information. These officers have not been punished or degraded. All honor to General Miles and the band of honorable men in the United States who are trying to arouse the public conscience and bring the Government to a sense of its duty.

The Pacific cable has not been a commercial success so far, and press messages are to be transmitted free of charge in the hope of popularizing it to some extent. The failure is partly attributed to the breach of good faith on the part of the Government of New South Wales and of the Federal Government of Australia in granting privileges to the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, the implacable rival of the Pacific cable. In this Australia has betrayed her partners in the Pacific cable enterprise, Great Britain, Canada and New Zealand. Mr. Chamberlain is giving the matter his attention.

Pursuit.

[Washington Star.] A boy once chased a butterfly; it led him far away. He ran till he was out of breath; until the twilight gray. His hands were torn with briars, and his weary legs were sore. And when he caught the fluttering thing he valued it no more.

A man once chased a dollar, and he ran with might and main, Unmoved by other pleasures, and indifferent to pain.

And when a glittering fortune in his grasp quite safely lay, He said: "I'll turn philanthropist and give it all away."

His Favorite Bird.

[Denver Post.] Theodore Roosevelt says his favorite bird is the robin. His recent utterances had created a widespread impression that it was the stork.

Usually So!

[Washington Star.] "De man dat has sense enough to

take good advice," said Uncle Eben, "is usually smart enough to think it up for himself."

Admission.

[Boston Transcript.] Waste not the time men call "today," Spurn not the things at hand; The future holds no recompense For those who idly stand—And wait.

The chances of a better fate.

Your talent may be very small, But there are none to spare; The world has need of little things—The men who do and dare.

Shall see Their efforts crowned with victory.

The diligent may win the prize Upon the beaten way, By working with the same things Which you despise today.

Success Is the reward of faithfulness.

The Ills of the Rich.

[St. Louis Globe-Democrat.] The prevalence of stomach trouble among millionaires must be caused by the "undigested securities" that Mr. Morgan is talking about.

A Song of Courage.

[Alfred J. Waterhouse, in Success.] If the world has gone wrong, and life is a song, Where the minor chord's given to walling,

If the skies have wept tears, and at trouble and fears

The souls in our bosoms are quailing; If we look through a maze unto desolate days,

When our hearts shall be weary, so weary, If we've thrown and have missed, and are dropped from the list

Of the ones who are happy and cheery; Why, still, do you know, we may fight as we go

A battle that's stalwart and onward; We may rise, though we fall, unto error nor thrall,

Cleaving upward and onward and onward; And the light of our eyes, though it flickers and dies,

We may see reappear in another's; For the God-given light that will scatter the night

Is the smile on the face of our brothers.

Russia's Grab.

[New York Evening Post.] Nothing but divine power or an internal revolution of her own can prevent Russia from absorbing Manchuria eventually. She has the position and the forces to carry out her purpose whatever it may be.

They'll Stand It.

[Chicago Record-Herald.] The girl has the earl, And also the dough. The world knows they've made Marriage cheap, and they know The world laughs at the tale, At the swap they have made— They won't mind it, though.

Outlook in the West.

[Toronto News.] Seeding is in full swing in Manitoba, and the prospects are excellent. Never before in the history of the province, it is stated, have the weather conditions been more favorable, and the land, thanks to the weather last autumn, is in good condition for working. Large increases have taken place in the acreage sown. Some districts will double their area under crop, and others show increases of from a fifth to a half.

Manchuria.

[Cleveland Plaindealer.] Alas! for that unhappy land, Manchuria. Now menaced by a Tartar band, Manchuria.

Between the Chinaman and Russ. You're in a most unpleasant muss— It's pretty sure to grow much wuss, Manchuria.

The Bear is sniffing at your heels, Manchuria. We hear your faint and far-off squeals, Manchuria.

We really don't know what to do. The Bear would laugh if we said "Boo!" Our fond regrets we send to you, Manchuria.

Out of Their Element.

[Philadelphia Press.] "Pretty tiresome, isn't it?" remarked the first man at a reception.

"It is so," replied the other. "I'd sneak out if I could, but my wife would get mad. She's a friend of the hostess."

"I'd sneak out, too, but my wife would be furious. She's the hostess."

The King's Visit.

[Boston Herald.] Things are getting quite unanimous for King Edward in Paris. Of the thirty newspapers that there are all but three have come out for him.

In 56 years Jacob M. Zebley has traveled 1,500,000 miles as a baggage-master on the Pennsylvania Railroad. He is on the company's pension rolls now.

REAL ENJOYMENT.

The woman who reads this will understand to the full what Mrs. Tipton meant when she says: "I am enjoying good health." It takes a person who has been made weak and ill to understand the joy of health.

There are very many women who suffer as did Mrs. Tipton, who might be cured as she was by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It establishes regularity, dries the drains which weaken women, heals inflammation and ulceration, and cures female weakness. It makes weak women strong, sick women well.

"It is with pleasure I recommend Dr. Pierce's medicine," writes Mrs. Nora Tipton, of Cropper (Cropper Station), Shelby Co., Kentucky. "You know my case was one of female weakness and weakness. I had no appetite and could not sleep. I was confined to my bed almost half of the time and could hardly stand on my feet at times for the pains through my whole body and system. My husband had to pay large doctor bills for me, but since I have taken four bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, four of 'Favorite Prescription' and three of 'Pleasant Pellets' we haven't paid any more doctor bills. It had been seven months since I stopped using Dr. Pierce's medicines and I have been enjoying good health all the time. I can never praise these medicines too highly, for I have received so much benefit. I pray that many who suffer as I did will take Dr. Pierce's medicines. I am sure they will never fail to cure when given a fair trial. Everybody tells me I look better than they ever saw me. I am sure I feel better than I ever did before."

"Favorite Prescription" has the testimony of thousands of women to its complete cure of womanly diseases. Do not accept an unknown and unproved substitute in its place.

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BIG DOCK STRIKE GIVES ANXIETY

Artillery Has Been Called Out at Montreal.

A "SERIOUS CLASH IS FEARED"

A Few Hundred Non-Union Men Are at Work, Closely Guarded by Volunteers.

Montreal, April 30.—The mayor of Montreal, censured by the city board of trade; the refusal of teamsters to haul goods unless unloaded by union men; a comparatively quiet day on the quays, under military rule, and the calling out of the garrison artillery were the main features of the past 15 hours. It was a splendid sight today to see the redcoats and rifles patrolling the camps and reventment walls, while the Sixty-fifth Regiment control the eastern portion of the harbor.

WORK IS VERY SLOW. Work proceeded slowly on the ships, several hundred non-union men being at work, protected by hundreds of rifles just above their heads. They are not signing any more men at the Independent Labor Bureau. It was discontinued today, though more will be taken if they apply. The reason given by association officials is that they cannot get their men down to the ships from the various points of the city where they are located, without molestation. We have had many applicants and now have enough men, so soon as we can get them down to the ships from the various points of the city where they are located, without molestation. We have had many applicants and now have enough men, so soon as we can get them down to the ships from the various points of the city where they are located, without molestation.

WOULD RUSH SOLDIERS. There were all kinds of rumors afloat throughout the day, to the effect that the strikers would attempt to push the soldiers and get on the wharf, but if any such foolish idea was entertained it did not materialize, and all day long absolute order prevailed. The business community appears to be incensed at Mayor Cochrane, as they claim that his worship and the chief of police could have nipped the trouble in the bud had they acted a few days before; hence the action of the board of trade, just referred to.

MAY USE ARTILLERY. The excuse given for the calling out of the artillery is that these troops are to relieve the others, but it is believed that the authorities claim that a clash is possible, if no probable, if the people are also counting the cost.

There are about 1,200 men on duty. Each man gets 50 cents a day pay and 50 cents for rations, while the officers draw double this amount for rations, and also larger pay. The Hussars get extra for their horses. The men are supposed to provision themselves out of the allowance made. The cost will be each day: 1,200 troops' pay (including officers), \$700; rations, \$700; horses, \$100. Total, \$1,500. This is a conservative estimate. Aside from this is a loss to business, and to men on duty, on account of absence from work. Should the troubles be of any duration the financial side will be deeply felt.

DEADLY DYNAMITE. Powder Works Explosion Kills Six Men and Injures Others.

Altoona, Pa., April 30.—Six men were killed and several injured in an explosion of dynamite at the works of the Cresson Powder Company, near Williamsburg, Blair County, today. There was another severe explosion two hours later. The buildings caught fire and probably will be destroyed. The manager of the works is among the injured. The force of the explosion was so great that it shattered nearly every window in the town of Williamsburg.

MAIL BOXES ON CARS. Novel Scheme Adopted by U. P. Postal Service.

Washington, April 30.—The commission appointed by the Postmaster General to test a device for mailing letters in moving street cars has made a favorable report to Mr. Payne, recommending the adoption of the system.

Street cars are fitted with a slot in the side big enough to admit letters and packages. When the device is constructed to receive letters dropped into it at street crossings only and when the speed of the car has been momentarily checked for the purpose, a stereotyped refusal, and does that on trial "it was found that letters could be easily deposited while the cars were running at nearly the maximum speed allowed on city streets."

A Peculiar Disease. St. Joseph, Mich., April 30.—A peculiar malady exists in Traverse City. The doctors are puzzled over the disease, many victims having been victim speechless. The most recent victim is Louis Strack, who retired in perfect health on last Friday night and woke up the following morning unable to speak. The disease is believed to be the same that puzzled Saginaw physicians a few weeks ago.

Comfort and Luxury on the "Flyer." "It is one of life's real pleasures to travel on such a splendid train." This is only one of a hundred such remarks made by experienced travelers regarding the Grand Trunk's "Eastern Flyer," which leaves London at 6:40 p.m. daily for Toronto, Montreal and Portland. The cafe car on this train enables one to enjoy a nicely cooked and well served meal while rushing towards their destination at a rate often exceeding a mile a minute. The service is a la carte. Cars are electric lighted and equipped with electric fans. There is also a through Pullman sleeper to Montreal. Tickets, reservations, etc., from E. D. La Hooke, C. P. and T. A.

The New York Express. Leaves London at 4:35 p.m. daily, with Pullman parlor car to Hamilton, connecting with New York sleeper and dining car, serving supper and breakfast. Arrives Buffalo 9:50 p.m. and New York 10:03 a.m. Tickets, reservations, etc., from E. D. La Hooke, C. P. and T. A.

Sale of Lots. On Saturday Auctioneer A. M. Hunt will sell 24 building lots on the property, corner Emery and Ridout streets. The sale will commence at 2 p.m. This property is near the street cars and is owned by Mr. Rowland Stephens.

IT IS ONLY necessary to read the testimonials to be convinced that Holloway's Corn Cure is unequalled for the removal of corns, warts, etc.—It is a complete extingisher.

Coughs, colds, hoarseness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Vapo-Cresolene tablet. Ten cents per box. All druggists.

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New Goods at the New Store

Kingsmill's

NEW PRICES.

Today. Opened Out.

Ladies' Mercerized Black Skirts—Flounce and frill, the latest shape as sold at \$1, Kingsmill's price..... 69c

Natty Vestings—Beautiful effects, the latest, the best goods made, but not at fancy prices—30c, 35c, 40c. The best made..... 50c

Fancy Voiles—Only at Kingsmill's—one of the latest, see them; 46 inches wide, beautiful effects. The price..... 85c

For Wear "The Best," For School or Bicycle.

Full Fashioned Hose—Egyptian Cotton, four-ply, fast black, hard twist, all sizes from 6 to 10 inches. Size 6, the price is..... 18c

Rise 1c each size.

Not quite so good, but a little better than ordinary, similar to the best but not so heavy. Size 6, the price is 12c. Rise 1c each size.

A Lace Season--A White Season.

Something new—Ladies' White Cotton Lace Hose, fashioned; a new article, but not a fancy price. At Kingsmill's..... 22c

Ladies' White Cotton Hose, Silk Embroidered, fashioned; the latest in fashion, the lowest in price. At Kingsmill's..... 20c

Children's Black Lisle Hose, lace ankles, from 6 to 8½ inches, full fashioned, English made. A quality that will wear. See them at Kingsmill's.

Infant's Lace Sox—Prices, 10c 10c 11c 12c 13c
 Sizes, 4 4½ 5 5½ 6 inches.

English made and fashioned.

MILLINERY 20 new shapes in LADIES' HATS will be opened out Friday morning.

COME AND SEE THEM.

PRETTY FOR WAISTS—Corded Japanese Silk, ivory color, selling rapidly. The price is 35c.

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