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PROBS—FAIR

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DAILY STRIKE IN WESTERN STATES FEARED

Over 55,000 Engineers and Firemen Involved in the Dispute.

MEANS TIE UP OF NINETY-SEVEN ROADS.

Vote Taken at Meeting Shows Overwhelming Majority Are Ready to Quit Rather Than Accept Ruling on the Wage Question.

Chicago, July 14.—Representatives of 55,000 engineers and firemen on 98 western railroads today declared that they would not accept arbitration of their wage differences under the Erdman Act, but would continue negotiations with their employers.

Warren S. Stone, grand chief engineer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, met the general managers' committee of the railroads today. The session was prolonged until afternoon. It was announced by Mr. Carter for the employees that the vote of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers was 97.37 per cent. in favor of a strike, and that the vote of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers was 99.2 per cent. in favor of strikes.

The threatened strike was still in the balance tonight, although the employees had announced to the roads today that they had voted nearly unanimously to strike to sustain their demands if necessary, and that arbitration under the federal law would not be accepted.

The railroads, through their general managers' committee, insisted that to grant the employees' conditions would mean an increase of \$35,000,000 annually in wages. The engineers and firemen asserted that their demands were fair and equitable.

It is expected that further conferences will be held. Should the negotiations fail and the employees stand by their announced refusal of arbitration, the resulting strike would directly affect 55,000 engineers and firemen and indirectly a much larger number of workers.

W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, issued a long statement following the announcement of the strike vote to the conference committee in which he said the unions would resist arbitration under the federal law as the railroads have not lived up to previous arbitration awards.

HOLD OUT HOPE TO THE SUFFRAGETTES

Politicians Tell Them Day of Enfranchisement is Near—Militants Attempt to Wreck a Castle.

London, July 14.—That the next government, whatever it might be, "would be obliged to deal with the woman suffrage question as a party measure in some shape or form," was the encouraging message given to a large deputation of international suffragists at the House of Commons today by Francis Dyke Acland, parliamentary under-secretary for foreign affairs.

Lord Robert Cecil, for the Unionists, and James Ramsay MacDonald, for the Laborites, addressing the deputation, expressed the opinion that the time was not distant when the women would be enfranchised.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance, in returning thanks on behalf of the visitors, said they were pleased to find themselves within the walls of the House of Commons, which was the storm centre to the worldwide suffrage movement.

FAVORS TAKING AWAY PRESENT RESTRICTIONS

U. S. Secretary Garrison Advocates Removing Limits Placed on Importation of Electric Power for Canada.

Washington, July 14.—Removal of restrictions upon the importation of electric power from Canada and retention of the present limit of 15,000,000 cubic feet per second upon the amount of water diverted for power purposes from the Niagara river above the falls on the American side, were advocated by Secretary Garrison in a letter to the House Foreign Affairs Committee, made public today. With the letter Mr. Garrison sent a report by Brig. General Kingman, chief of the army engineers, declaring that the enormous commerce on the Great Lakes probably soon would demand a ship canal between Lakes Erie and Ontario on American soil.

As to the situation below the falls, Secretary Garrison said there seemed to be no reason for an express limitation upon water diverted there. He endorsed in a general way the pending Smith and Cline bills, which he said close approaches for the legislation needed for the protection of the Niagara river and for the best and most economic use of its waters for power developments not inconsistent with navigation interests.

The secretary's letter will be before the committee tomorrow at a meeting called for a general discussion of the Niagara water division problems, which have vexed congress, the war department, and New York State authorities for years.

ROOM AFTER HOME RULE IS SETTLED

Recovery in Financial World Equal to Rubber Boom, London Financial Man Predicts.

London, July 13.—"Immediately the Irish question is settled amicably there is every prospect of a big recovery in the world of finance, which will equal the rubber boom," declared a well known London firm of financiers of colonial enterprises to the Montreal representative yesterday. Their assertion was supported by the assurance that \$240,000,000 are on deposit in the banks, which investors are afraid to invest.

Their opinion was that the Ulster scare was overdone, and a compromise would be reached by granting exemption to Ulster, with the exception of six counties.

FAIL TO HAUL STR. CANADA OFF ROCKS

Wrecking Tug and Government Boat Gave Up Attempt to Dislodge Stranded Vessel.

Quebec, July 14.—All efforts of the wrecking tug Lord Strathcona and the Canadian government steamer Lady Evelyn to dislodge the steamer Canada, of the Gaspé and Bay Des Chaleurs Line, from the rocks on which she is stranded have proved ineffectual, and the two boats which had gone to her assistance returned today to Rimouski. Her situation is said to be serious, as she may have to wait for the high tide of the 32nd before another trial can be made, and until then the northeast wind will be dangerous.

FALL OF BASTELLE.

Montreal, July 14.—The hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the fall of the Bastille is being celebrated in the French-Canadian sections of Montreal where the tri-color is conspicuously in evidence. The celebration is planned this year on a more elaborate scale than ever before, and until the clocks strike twelve midnight Sunday, there will be big celebrations here daily.

LORDS GIVING READING OF BILLY FOR VOLUNTEERS TO PREACH SEDITION IN INDIA

Marquis of Crewe Hints at Agreement Regarding Time Limit for Ulster Vote on Exclusion.

A NEW CLAUSE IS ADDED TO MEASURE.

King by Order in Council May Secure Operation of Home Rule Act Pending Report on Ireland's Constitutional Relation to Rest of United Kingdom.

London, July 14.—The House of Lords today passed the third reading of the bill to amend the Irish home rule bill and sent it across to the House of Commons for consideration.

In its closing in the upper house the Marquis of Crewe, the Liberal leader, took part in the debate on the bill, and indirectly promised that the attainment of an agreement in regard to the elimination of the time limit by which the votes of Ulster were to be allowed to count on the question of their exclusion for a period of six years from the operation of the home rule bill would not prove difficult.

He said, however, that the area of the portion of Ireland to be excluded had been so greatly enlarged by the Unionists that it would be a vexed and critical question. The Unionists, he argued, had failed to explain how they proposed to meet the objections to exclusion of the Roman Catholic counties of Ulster and their friends elsewhere in Ireland.

The Marquis of Lansdowne, the Unionist leader, reiterated that nothing short of the Unionist amendments could avert the imminent peril that was threatening. He said this was his explanation of the demand for the total exclusion of the province of Ulster, and he complained that the government had given the Unionists no assistance whatever in the task of averting civil war.

At the suggestion of the Marquis of Crewe, the bill was read a third time without a vote being taken.

Gov. Dingley RUNS INTO A TORPEDO BOAT

Strikes Destroyer in Portland Harbor En Route from St. John to Boston—Escapes Damage.

Portland, Me., July 14.—The passenger steamer Governor Dingley of the Eastern Steamship Corporation on her way from St. John to Boston today fouled the torpedo boat Rodgers in the harbor here. The steamer struck the torpedo boat, a glancing blow on her port side loosening a plate of the naval vessel and causing her to leak considerably. The Governor Dingley was not damaged and proceeded on her course.

GREECE AND TURKEY.

Geneva, Switzerland, July 14.—The Swiss government has officially acceded to the request made by both Greece and Turkey for the appointment of an arbitrator to settle the differences between these two countries in the event of the negotiations, which are now being carried on a Smyrna, failing. A Greece-Turkish commission is endeavoring to reach a settlement on the immigration question, and an exchange of property belonging to Greek and Turkish refugees.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO PREACH SEDITION IN INDIA

Appeal Issued in Vancouver—Effort Made to Charter Boat to Bring Five Hundred Hindus to Halifax Via Suez Canal.

Vancouver, July 14.—Negotiations are now being carried on by an East Indian, calling himself Behari Lal Verma, as secretary of the America Indian Colonization Company, with Towler, Jones and Company of Bombay for a vessel capable of carrying five hundred Hind class Hindus to the Suez Canal to Halifax. Verma failed in chartering a boat in Hong Kong for the same purpose. The protector of emigrants, the government official in Bombay, has not yet agreed to issue permits for the proposed five hundred emigrants to Canada.

A call for four hundred volunteers among the Hindu residents of Canada to go to India about the time the Komagata Maru sails back and to preach sedition there with the Maru passengers is now being issued here. Hindus have also gone east, in order, it is said, to get into the United States there and come west to the Pacific coast states to raise additional volunteers there to make the total number 1,000.

CLEAN-UP OF MONTREAL'S RESTAURANTS

"No. Insects in Food Served Up," Acting Mayor Says—Will Keep After Proprietors.

Montreal, July 14.—Acting on the orders of the acting mayor, Alderman Blumenthal, the city health inspectors are to commence a "clean up" of city restaurants at once.

"We shall get rid of bedbugs, or cockroaches, in the food served at restaurants," said the acting mayor, "and I have written to Dr. Boucher, the medical officer of health, and to Dr. Rene Mallet, head of the milk inspection department, to order them to send inspectors to every restaurant in the city. There they are to inspect the food and the place itself, and if they find any bad food I have told them to seize it; if they find the place is dirty they have orders to make the proprietors clean up. We will then prosecute such people in the courts. It is not right that Montreal's floating population, eating in restaurants, should have food other than that which is perfectly clean."

BRUTALLY ASSAULTED BY NEGROES

Went to City to See Circus—Attacked and Left Unconscious in Freight Car.

Montreal, July 14.—Gertie Hodge, seventeen years of age, of Valleyfield, Que., was found at noon today in a box car in the C. P. R. yard in Montreal in a serious state as the result of an assault. She was taken to the Western Hospital. The girl says she came to the city yesterday to see the Robinson circus, and after the night performance she was grabbed by two negroes and hurried into a railway car, where she was assaulted and robbed of jewelry and money. The circus was going to Farnham, Que., and she says the two men in question must have thrown her unconscious body into a box car at Farnham on a train bound for Montreal.

THE MILLION DOLLAR MONSTER

Winnipeg, July 14.—Election day intrusions of the Liquor Act have resulted in nearly twenty prosecutions being instituted by the provincial licensing department against Winnipeg hotels for having their bars open on Friday last. The Act provides that bars shall be closed all day during federal and provincial elections and contrary to this a number of local bars opened for business when the polls closed on election day last week.

HON. MR. CROTHERS NEXT LIEUT. GOVERNOR OF ONTARIO?

Ottawa, July 14.—The Evening Free Press claims to know that Hon. W. T. Crothers, Minister of Labor, would be appointed Lieut. Governor of Ontario to succeed Lieut. Governor Gibson, whose term expires this autumn. Mr. Crothers, the paper states, would prefer to go on the bench, but is too near the age limit of judges.

WIFE UPSTAIRS WHEN THE FATAL SHOT WAS FIRED

Dr. Carman Appears Before Grand Jury in Case Against His Wife for Murder of Mrs. Bailey.

Mincola, L. I., July 14.—The grand jury today took up the case of Mrs. Florence Carman, charged with the murder of Mrs. Louise Bailey, one of her husband's patients, who was shot in his office, June 30.

Dr. Carman was the first witness called. He was on the stand nearly two hours. As he left the grand jury room he refused to say anything about the nature of his testimony, but stated that he had not been asked to waive immunity, as had been expected.

District Attorney Smith said he was satisfied with Dr. Carman's story, and had changed his mind about asking him to sign a waiver of immunity.

Neither Dr. Carman nor the district attorney would say whether Dr. Carman had in any important details, although he said he had seen the coroner's inquest. The chief point in this account was that his wife was up stairs when the shot which killed Mrs. Bailey was fired.

The doctor was followed by Geo. Fairfield, a surveyor, who had been called upon to present a diagram of the house where the murder was committed. Among the other witnesses cited to appear were: Wm. Bailey, husband of the murdered woman; Mrs. Jennie Duryea, mother; Miss Madeline Bailey, a daughter, and Mrs. Wm. Kimball, a cousin.

While the grand jury was engaged today in hearing nine witnesses tell what they knew about the mysterious murder of Mrs. Louise Bailey and the actions of Mrs. Florence Carman just before and just after the crime, detectives were running down a clue District Attorney Smith said he believed would lead to the finding of the two women whom Mrs. Carman and her sister, Mrs. Ida Powell, said they saw hurrying away directly after Mrs. Bailey fell to the floor of Dr. Carman's office in Freeport with a bullet hole through her heart.

These women, the district attorney asserted, may be able to offer corroboration to the testimony given by Elwood Barstow, the inquest, and the story told today by Miss Coleman, a negro maid in the Carman home, to the grand jury.

MEXICAN REBELS SWEEP ON TOWARD THEIR GOAL

SHOOT FOR PALMA TROPHY ON SEPT. 5

Canada and U. S. Will Be Represented at International Rifle Meet—Other Countries Sending their Marksmen to Australian Competition.

Ottawa, July 14.—September fifth has been set aside this year as the date for the Palma trophy competition at Rockcliffe Ranges. Two teams are sure of entering this great international match, Canada and the United States, but the entry of others is very doubtful, owing to the entry of Great Britain and other countries in the Australian matches around that date.

Last year five teams competed, United States, winners with 1,714 points; Argentine Republic, second with 1,684; Canada, third, eight points behind with 1,675; Sweden, 1,494; and Peru, occupying the tall end position with 1,465. The match was held at Camp Perry, Ohio. In 1912 the match was held at Rockcliffe Ranges, in which the United States team was again victorious, winning from Canada by eight points. This match was practically won in the 900 yard range when the Americans secured a seven point lead, which led the Canadians to stroke to overcome to no avail. The visitors sat a new world's record as a team.

The Canadians equalled the world's record up to that time, while Sergeant Russell of the home team established a new individual world's record with 222 points out of a possible 225, or securing 42 bulls-eyes and 3 inches out of a possible 45 bulls-eyes, losing but three points on the day's shooting. Sergeant Russell in this case beat his own former world's record of 219 points on the three ranges.

Notwithstanding the few teams entered this year it is expected that greater interest than ever will be taken in the famous match.

GIRL PATIENTS AT SANITARIUM ARE DROWNED

Westfield, Mass., July 14.—Three girls, patients at the State Tuberculosis Hospital, were drowned while bathing in the Westfield river today, in company with about twenty other patients. The drowned were Fannie Gold, 14; and Bella D. Steinhilber, 13, of Boston, and Annie E. Linehan, 13, of Chelsea.

TO AVOID DANGER FROM VESSELS CROSSING

Idea Suggested to Have Different Points For Pilots to Board and Leave Steamers in the St. Lawrence.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, July 14.—Captain Lindsay, the newly appointed superintendent of pilots, who just now happens to be at Father Point, has been instructed to report on the suggestion that separate points be established for pilots with connection with incoming and outgoing vessels. The idea is to avoid the danger from vessels crossing.

SHOT IN MISTAKE FOR A BURGLAR

Montreal, July 14.—Melvin G. Cowie 2050 Park avenue, was shot in the left foot last night while in his own yard by Detective Charette, who mistook Mr. Cowie for a burglar. The detective thinks he was justified, owing to Mr. Cowie acting "mysteriously" at the time, but the latter threatens to sue the city for damages because of the shooting. It is understood the chiefs of the detective and police departments exonerate Detective Charette.

The Resignation of General Huerta Expected Soon.

ATTEMPT TO PREVENT STREET FIGHTING.

Constitutionalists Will Hold Reins of Power in Few Days Say Diplomats—Believe Huerta is Preparing for Last Stand.

Washington, July 14.—Although the resignation of General Huerta is confidently expected by the State Department and Washington diplomats to occur at any moment, the constitutionalists, unaffected by the news are pressing hard their military campaign on Mexico City.

Official despatches revealed that General Villa with 15,000 men, was ready for a rapid advance on the Mexican capital, and that General Obregon's forces at Guadalajara were prepared to sweep onward within a few days. Although officials have not been given much to press on, they now firmly believe the constitutionalists will be in Mexico City in two or three weeks, regardless of what the Huerta government may do.

Diplomats are working hard to prevent fighting in the capital and still hope that the transfer of power to the constitutionalists may be effected without further bloodshed. General Huerta's resignation, it is realized, would not immediately compose the situation, but it would make possible parleys with the constitutionalists through which a change of government could be accomplished peacefully.

The numerous official advices saying Huerta would resign in a day or two, including messages from the Brazilian minister in Mexico City and other diplomats have raised the expectations of official Washington that his exit from power also would signify his flight from the country. Some constitutionalists here think he will go by way of Salina Cruz, a Pacific coast town. Others among them, Fernando Iglesias Calderon, and some high administration officials, are not at all convinced that Huerta is ready to abdicate. They declare that the departure of his family means only that he is preparing to desert to measures, such as a big rally of federal forces, which he himself would command.

A DOUBLE DROWNING AT DUGBY

Dory Capsized and Three Occupants Thrown Into Water—Two Brothers Lose Lives.

Digby, N. S., July 14.—A double drowning accident took place at Barley this afternoon. Three young men, Kenneth Perry of Barton and Reginald and Claude Miner of Dorchester, Mass., were out motor boating, when returning from the boat anchorage to the wharf in a small punt or tender during a rough sea, it capsized throwing its occupants into the water, young Perry swam ashore. Reginald Miner was a good swimmer, and also swam ashore, but returned to save his brother with the result that both were drowned.

The bodies were recovered tonight and an inquest held before Coroner Reginald Van Blarcom, resulting in a verdict of accidental death. Reginald Miner was aged twenty years and Claude sixteen. They were sons of the late Dr. Miner, and were summering at Barton, their native village. They are survived by their mother, three sisters, Burtrufie, Mildred and Georgie, all of Dorchester, Mass., and one brother, Willis.

UNVEILS PORTRAIT

London, Ont., July 14.—A portrait of the late President William McKinley, president of the Wesleyan Methodist central hall in Westminster by Joseph G. Butler, Jr., of Youngstown, Ohio was unveiled today by Walter Hines Pate, United States ambassador. Sir Robert William Perks, son of the Rev. G. T. Perks, former president of the Wesleyan conference, presided, and in his speech referred to the "wonderful influence for good exercised by Methodist in the United States." Mr. Butler received an ovation when he rose to speak, and was also cheered for the tribute he paid to the career of President McKinley.