

M.C.R. LAYS OFF ST. THOMAS STAFF

25 Employees to Be Released "Indefinitely" on Tuesday

APPEAL TO GOVERNMENT

Men Claim Breach of Industrial Disputes Act

ST. THOMAS, Oct. 27.—The announcement that the big railway strike has been called off will most likely result in the cancellation of the order laying off 225 M.C.R. men here on November 1, was the opinion expressed to-night.

ST. THOMAS, Oct. 27.—(By Staff Report.)—The possible effects of the railway strike in the United States were very noticeably in evidence to-day, when following the posting of a bulletin in the locomotive shops of the Michigan Central Railway, practically every man was handed a letter, a written letter, containing five days' notice of a lay-off, owing to the necessity of reducing expenses the force must be reduced, to take effect on Tuesday, November 1, at 4 p. m.

Following issuance of the above bulletin 225 employees in the locomotive department were served with individual

local press the lay-off was not like other lay-offs, for an indefinite period. According to labor men in the city the law demands that all employees must give 30 days' notice of intention to strike, so that as far as the law is concerned it would not be possible for them to join their American brethren next week. On the other hand, however, the employers, who are represented as far as this city is concerned by Master Mechanic E. R. Webb, and those in charge of the local division, cannot order an indefinite lay-off without also giving a 30-day notice. Any such order or violation of agreement is said, according to local authorities, to render the employers liable to a fine of from \$100 to \$1,000 per day during the period of such lay-off.

SAY AGREEMENT BROKEN.
It is alleged that the Michigan Central officials violated this latter part of the statutes when they severed their agreement without regular notice in making a reduction in pay of 12 1/2 per cent., effective last July. This was accepted by the men at the time, but now that the employers are apparently holding the men strictly to their legal agreement they feel that unfairness has been shown and an appeal has been made to the Government.

The following telegram was dispatched to-night:

"Hon. G. D. Robertson, Minister of Labor:
"We, the committee of the Federation of Shop Crafts, situated in St. Thomas, beg to bring to your notice the action of the management of the M. C. R.R., this 27th day of October, in issuing a bulletin notice to the effect that owing to the necessity of reducing expenses the force must be reduced, to take effect on Tuesday, November 1, at 4 p. m.

Following issuance of the above bulletin 225 employees in the locomotive department were served with individual

notices that their services will be dispensed with on November 1, 1921.
"We believe this to be a violation of the Industrial Disputes Act and therefore petition you to take immediate action in the matter on behalf of the above shop crafts."
(Signed.) JOHN LANE, Chairman.
The Government authorities have been kept in close touch with the local situation and have expressed readiness to see that the workmen are given absolute fair play in all respects, and it is quite possible that action will be taken. The reduction made last July cut the wages of machinists and experts by approximately \$20 per month.

A SERIOUS BLOW.
The present lay-off will seriously affect local men, as it is not long since a large number, who had been out of employment for many months, were reinstated, and there are still many unemployed in the city.

The men who will be left on duty when the notices handed out to-day take effect on Tuesday will be distributed in the various departments about as follows: Machinists, 16; boiler-makers, eight, and helpers as required. There will be no blacksmiths. As far as is known no such out has as yet been made in the car department, but it is expected that this will come immediately.

THREE GUNMEN SENTENCED.
REGINA, Oct. 27.—Confined in Prince Albert penitentiary at hard labor for 12 years, 11 years and 10 years, respectively, was the punishment meted out to-day to Jack Lorraine, Arthur Woodman and William Lemarr, all gunmen, convicted on a charge of shooting Sergt. Louheed, R. C. M. P. The men pleaded guilty to five other charges of theft and robbery.

WINTER CAMPS URGED FOR BOYS

Benefit Those Engaged in Rural Work

RECREATION IS DISCUSSED

O. R. E. C. Convention at Brantford Closes

BRANTFORD, Oct. 27.—The annual convention of the Ontario Religious Education Council came to a close this evening after one of the most inspiring gatherings of Sunday school workers ever assembled in Ontario.

Prof. Frank Langford called at the opening session this morning for more Bible reading in the home. The family altar should be erected. Rev. R. B. Cochran, College Street Presbyterian Church, Toronto, dealt with the young people. "It is a very dangerous and difficult thing to be a young person to-day. There is a tidal wave of frivolity since the war," declared the speaker. "Young people look on their personal enjoyment as the first thing in life. High school teachers tell us that it is hard to get young people to put their minds on their work. This is because the dances and other social festivities. The young people of 18 to 22 years of age were the successors of Canada's heroic dead, and the young people were challenged to live up to the name established by Canada's fighting men. The church had a supreme opportunity with young people and in brotherhood in church would provide magnificent machinery to make young Canadians Christians. If there was anything the church needed it was fellowship, friendliness, brightness and sunshine.

WOULD BE FOLLY.
"The church cannot leave the young people's social and recreational life to themselves. That would be folly and a substitute for the barroom must be provided. Recreation must be offered in the church.

"I've been accused of running a matrimonial agency in my church. Maybe I have." Young people were invited to functions in his church and certainly they get to know each other. "Why shouldn't they get to know each other there?"

This statement was greeted with applause. "No young person ever was brought to Christ with the inducement that he might save himself from hell," was an excerpt from this instructive talk.

At 10.45 the various promotion work conferences were held in the different churches. City, county and township secretaries, presidents, vice-presidents and denominational officials heads in religious education met in the Wellington Street Methodist Church. A special conference of children's division superintendents in county, town and city organizations was held in Zion Presbyterian Church. A conference for teen age girls was held at the Y. W. C. A., with local general secretary, Miss Mina Hume, presiding. During a discussion on the social hour a 'teen age boy leaders' conference was held at the Y. M. C. A. Mr. J. A. Vorst presided. Dr. Webb and Messrs. E. R. Thurlow and O. H. McDonald gave helpful talks. At Congregational church, Dr. Marion Lawrence led a conference of pastors, Sunday school superintendents and adult Bible class leaders.

Departmental sessions were held this afternoon. Rural work among boys was roundly discussed, the suggestion being made that winter camps with log cabins be established, as in the past, to get the boys out during the summer season owing to the farm work. Need for plans for carrying on young people's work, the most neglected, were urged at the young people's conference.

The convention closed with a general session this evening, Rev. J. Stuart Mills speaking on "Developing the Superman," in which he stressed the need for leadership work. Marion Lawrence, Chicago, closed a wonderful series with a talk on "The Challenge of the Sunday School."

OPTIMISTIC OVER C.N.R. SYSTEM

Minister of Railways Stewart Speaks at Galt

MR. SCOTT OPENS CAMPAIGN

Enthusiastic Meetings Held at Galt and Hespeler

GALT, Oct. 27.—F. S. Scott, Government candidate, opened his campaign this evening with a bang with meetings at Scott's Opera House, this city, and at the Queen's Theater, Hespeler, both of which attracted large crowds. Senator Robertson spoke in both Hanover and Galt, Col. John A. Curran of North Simcoe, at Hespeler, while Hon. J. A. Stewart, minister of railways and canals, was the principal speaker here. Mr. Scott received an enthusiastic reception at both meetings.

Mr. Stewart confined his address to a discussion of the railway situation and the tariff. He went into details as to the history of the Canadian railways and emphasized the fact that the situation of the "Meighen Government" faced in this regard was a legacy for which it was not responsible. He was, however, optimistic as to the future and felt the railways would yet be a great asset to the Dominion. The Canadian National system, he pointed out, showed a net surplus and he intimated that the September statement would be even more encouraging. As for the tariff question, he explained Canada's industrial growth under protection and declared no community would suffer more under free trade than Waterloo County.

Senator Robertson, in a brief address, answered the Government's opponents by outlining some of the things the Federal Government had done for labor, showing that it had always been a friend of the workingman and had done its best to improve his conditions. Wm. Elliott, U. F. O.-Labor candidate, had his first public meeting to-night here and was greeted by a full house at the city hall. Hon. Harry Mills and Karl Homuth, M. P. E., were the speakers, and they were quite critical of the Federal Government, the latter going so far as to make an offer to meet any Meighen Cabinet minister on the public platform for a debate.

TWO BIG CIGAR STORE COMPANIES MAY UNITE

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—The United Cigar Stores Corporation, conducting a chain of retail tobacco shops in Canada and the United States, is reported to be negotiating for the absorption of the Schulte Retail Stores Corporation, one of the largest chains of cigar stores in the United States.

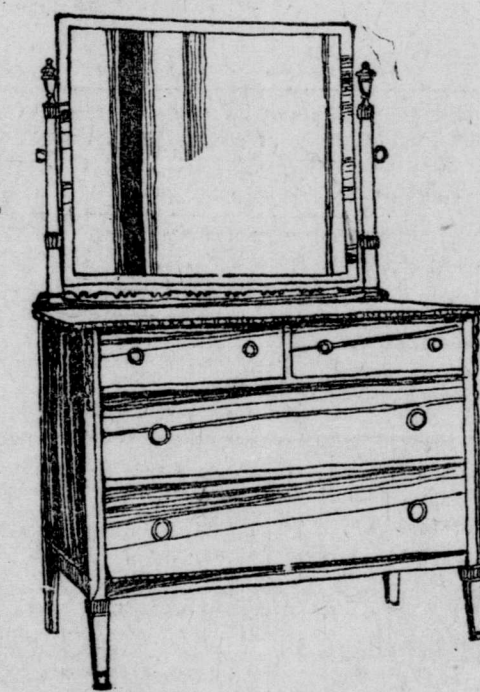
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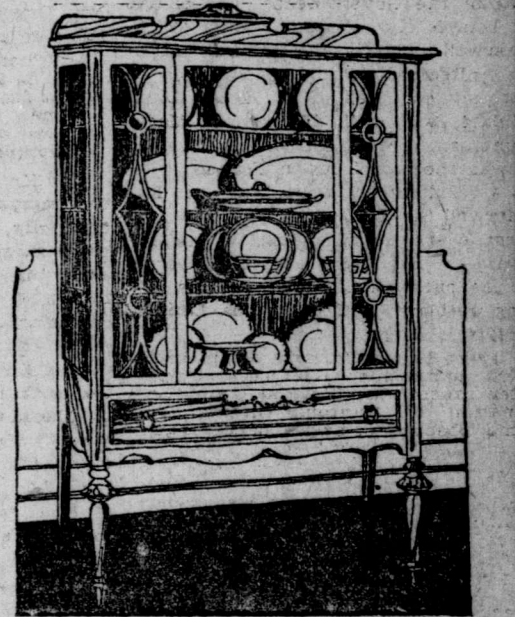


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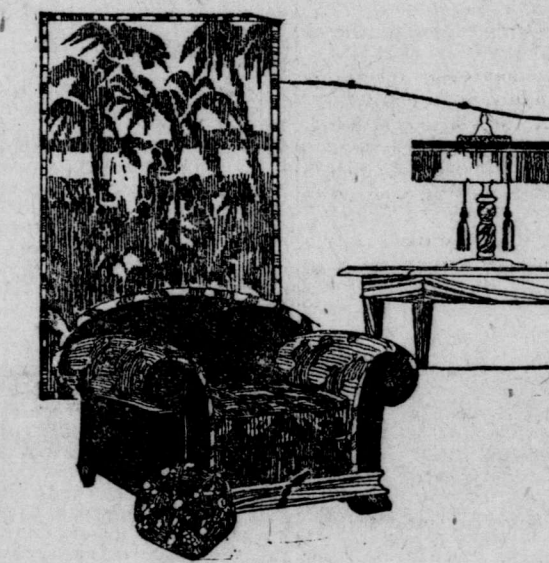


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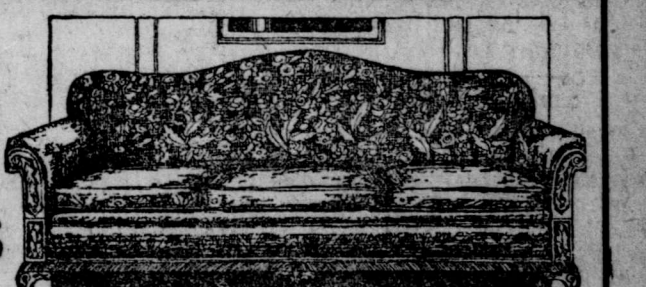
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