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NO SETTLEMENT IN THE MINERS STRIKE

Result of Votes in Different Mining Camps in British Columbia Shows That Miners Refuse to be Bound by New Labor Disputes Act.

FERNIE, B. C., April 29 (Special)—After practically one week of negotiations of one kind and another in the coal strike, it is a case of stand still. It will be remembered that on Friday night at the last meeting of the miners at Fernie, it was agreed on condition that the other camps agreed to the proposition, to return to work subject to, and pending, investigation. That a split took place in the internal proceedings of the miners is evident and the present situation is to a large extent influenced by hearsay. The miners' representatives have been unable to carry out what they promised at that Friday night meeting. The results, as far as known, of the vote regarding the going back to work support the statement that everything is at sixes and sevens or, in other words, there is a division among the miners' representatives as to a vote to return to work on the conditions set forth in the arrangement arrived at between the two parties on Friday night.

The results of the votes were as follows:

Fernie—Unanimous for return to work.
Lunbreck—30 to 10 in favor of resumption of work pending investigation.
Michel—111 to 67 against.
Coleman—63 to 74 against.
Frank—64 to 24 against.
Hillerest—22 to 5 against
Lillie—97 to 7 against.
Belleveu—Unanimous against.
Bankhead—120 to 7 against.
Cranmore—101 to 3 against.

The whole situation means no work, but it also means that there is a strong dissension between the different miners' representatives.

"FLYING SQUADRON" MAY BECOME A REALITY SOON SAYS PROF. GRAHAM BELL

Famous Telephone Inventor Expects that Aerial Navigation Will Progress So Rapidly that One May Dine in America and Breakfast Next Morning in Europe.

NEW YORK, April 29—A despatch to the Times quotes Dr. Alex. Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, as saying last night that it is only a question of a brief period when the progress of aerial navigation will make it possible to have dinner in America and breakfast the next morning in Europe, covering the distance across the Atlantic in considerably less than 20 hours.

"My expectation," said Dr. Bell, "is that an airship will be perfected capable of making 100 to 200 miles an hour. I think, however, that the next step in aerial flight will make possible the creation of aerial battleships.

"The actual problem of navigation of the air has already been solved by the Wright Bros. Naturally there will be development along commercial lines, one feature of which will be a great increase in speer, and the aaptation of airships to the purposes of war.

My belief is that Great Britain will be the first country to perfect aerial battleships.

"I hope to be able to add much to what is known of aerial flight by experiments at Cape Breton Island this summer

"I will endeavor to propel my kite with a specially constructed engine of 15-horse power, weighing 120 pounds. I hope to perfect a machine that will support an engine and man to operate it. Last December I constructed a vehicle that supported itself and a man in a three-mile breeze. I now want a machine carrying an engine at ten to fifteen miles an hour. If I can accomplish this, there is hope that men who are trying to solve the problem of flight on the bird plan, will be able to avoid fatal accidents long enough to learn how to fly. Even a bird has to learn to fly, and, as with the bird, one of the first considerations is safety, so man must learn to go slow before he goes fast.

"I am confident that it will not be long before flying machines will be everywhere. The developments of the next few months will be unprecedented, but the most interesting point is that only very few know how near America is right now to solving a question which will revolutionize warfare and commerce—I mean the construction of a practical aerial battleship."

Dr. Bell is in London to receive his degree of Doctor of Science at Oxford on May 2.

MR. EMMERSON MAY BE PRESENT

In a Letter to Premier Pugsley Hon. H. R. Emmerson Intimates That He May Attend the Liberal Ratification Meeting Here on Wednesday Night.

Board of Works 31dec07

FREDERICTON, N. B. April 29—(Special)—Premier Pugsley, while in the city on Saturday stated that he was in receipt of a communication from Hon. H. R. Emmerson congratulating him on his nomination as liberal candidate for St. John and intimating that he expected to be present at the ratification meeting to be held Wednesday evening.

The body of Private Johnson of the Royal Regiment who died yesterday from pneumonia will be taken to Halifax this evening for interment.

The river here is still rising steadily and it seems certain that the freshet will be one of the greatest in years. The Star line wharf is partly submerged now the water having risen two feet since Saturday. Quite a number of logs have passed down river since yesterday.

Robert Jardine is preparing to remove from St. John to Kingsclear and occupy a farm which he owns at that place.

The case of Herbert Cogswell of Oromocto, charged with stealing $10 from his room mate was dismissed at the police court this morning for want of evidence.

SALMON WAS DECOMPOSED

Fifty Thousand Cans of Salmon Seized in Montreal---It Was All Bad.

The citizens of Montreal or of other parts of Canada narrowly escaped recently from having sold to them 50,000 tins of canned salmon, which were decomposed and poisonous. They were shipped from Toronto to Montreal and offered at auction. Ald. Gallery learned that the lot was in bad condition, and a food inspector examined it, with the result that the whole consignment went to the incinerator. An effort will now be made to prosecute those responsible for offering poisonous goods for sale. The Witness says:

"But for Alderman Gallery, some of us who indulge in that dainty described on this continent as 'canned' salmon, and in Great Britain as 'tinned' salmon, stood a good chance of being horribly poisoned. Somehow, he learned that a suspicious lot of these goods were to be disposed of by auction, and a food inspector was sent to investigate while the sale was proceeding. He opened some of the cans and found that the contents were more or less decomposed, and confiscated them. There were seven hundred and fifteenn cases, containing fifty thousand cans, or enough to poison the whole canned-salmon eating city. The consignment, however, was shipped to the incinerator and burnt, instead of being distributed among the retail grocers' stores to work havoc, and now Dr. McCarrey, chief civic food inspector, says that the Hygenic committee and its employes have been trying to find the consigner of the ptomaines, but have so far failed to do so. Though the circumstances are suspicious, it is, of course, possible that this consignment was made in all innocence. If so, that should be established. It will be accepted by nobody that a large consignment could be placed in the hands of a business house for sale and that that house should proceed to sell it without knowing to whom to account. It is quite clear that we must not see wholesale poisoning going on and hold nobody responsible."

GOT $3,600 FOR LOSS OF AN EYE

ST. THOMAS, Ont., April 29—(Special)—Hugh Fulton, locomotive engineer, who lost the sight of his right eye by the breaking of a lubricator glass while on duty on February 1 last, has secured a verdict of $3600 and costs against the Michigan Central Railway at the assizes here. The jury decided that the glass was not of the best quality and the company was negligent in not providing shields for the glasses.

WILD RUNAWAY ON PRINCESS ST.

Horse and Sloven Owned by Thomas Clarke Made Mad Dash Down Princess St. Hill

With the evident intention of trying to catch the ferry steamer Ludlow before she left the floats, a horse owned by Thomas Clarke of the west end and attached to a sloven, made a mad dash down Princess street hill from Germain street, a few minutes before twelve o'clock this morning. The animal started down the hill at a wild burst of speed taking to the sidewalk on the southern side, down past City Hall and thence in the middle of the street to the ferry building At first the people who had been drawn to that vicinity by the horse's action, thought that he was going through the door into the toll house, but on reaching the entrance he sidestepped and crashed in between the side of the building and a team owned by the St. John Milling Co. with the result that one of the front wheels of the sloven was smashed and the horse was slightly bruised. It seemed a miracle to the bystanders that the animal was not killed. The step at the entrance bears the marks of the horse's shoes. There was no one on the team at the time of the runaway. After all he missed the ferry as the sloven had to be removed to undergo repairs.

MURDERED IN HIS CABIN

First Cousin of Lord Curzon Shot Through the Head in His Cabin at Komano, B. C.

VANCOUVER, B. C. April 29—(Special)—News has been received here of the murder at Komano of J A. Pocklington. The man was found in his cabin shot through the head. He was first cousin to Lord Curzon and the Duke of Portland was his godfather.

GONE TO MONTREAL

G. A. H. Muller, who has been in St. John for some three years, as confidential man with John O'Regan, leaves this evening for Montreal, where he will become assistant manager for Lawrance A. Wilson. As the manager is shortly to retire, further promotion for Mr. Muller may be expected. He has made many warm friends in St. John, while Mrs. Muller is an accomplished vocalist whose singing has given much enjoyment to all who have heard her in choir or solo work. She will remain in St. John for some time before joining Mr. Muller in Montreal.

Toulon Stricken by Great Fire Disaster.

TOULON, France, April 29—For the sixth time within a few months this port has been stricken by disaster from fire, but fortunately this time the resultant damage is principally material.

Shortly after midnight a sentry on duty at the arsenal noticed the glare of flames in a storehouse used for rope yarn. He at once gave the alarm and soldiers, men from the crews of warships in port and employes of the arsenal were turned out to fight the flames. The fire spread with incredible rapidity. The buildings in the vicinity of the storehouse containing 200,000 pounds of material to clean machinery, 60,000 pounds of oakum, 5,000 sponges, enormous quantities of ballast baskets, hampers, sail cloth, turpentine, linseed oil and other inflammables.

Flames were soon soaring over the arsenal wall and licking the sides of some houses inhabited by five or six hundred people. These residents fled, half clad, to the street. Every available man was engaged in efforts to control the conflagration and the task of fighting the flames was conducted at great personal risk all day long. It was late before the fire was under control.

It is reported that more than thirty men have sustained injury from falling walls, and some of them are not expected to recover. The cause of the fire has not yet been ascertained. The finding of two pieces of fuse of a kind not used in the French navy has aroused suspicion that it was not altogther accidental. A rigorous investigation is being conducted.

LIVELY TIME IN POLICE COURT

Nine Cases on the Police Court Docket Today.

There were nine cases on the police court docket this morning and while the majority were simple drunks other matters transpired that aroused considerable interest.

Police Clerk Henderson acted as magistrate in the absence of Judge Ritchie, who went out of town on Saturday and had not returned in time to open the morning session of court.

Frederick Roack, Wm. Fitz, Edward Riley, Thos. Foley, Alex. McKenzie and Thomas McAnulty arrested on charges of drunkenness were fined $8 or thirty days each.

John Hayes, also charged with drunkenness was remanded for three days.

Robert McDonald, arrested on a similar charge forfeited an $8 deposit.

George Marshall, who was given in charge by George Garnett, who charges him with wilfully breaking windows in his restaurant at 711 Main street, early Saturday morning was brought into court today when evidence was taken against him and he was found guilty of assault, and abusive language,—besides the charge of breaking windows—and fined $20 or thirty days in jail besides being held responsible for the value of the property he destroyed amounting to $5.01.

Garnett swore that the prisoner came into his restaurant about one o'clock Saturday morning. He spoke to those who were present, but he (Garnett), did not reply but went to him and asked what he wanted. Marshall made some reference to the fact that Garnett did not speak to him when he came in and was told in reply that he was not Lord Roberts or some other distinguished personage, that somebody should go to the door and shake hands with him. He became angry but was finally persuaded to sit down with a companion and eat a chowder. He also ate a dish of pickles and asked for a second helping saying he wanted all cauliflower. His request was granted and when the chowders were paid for Garnett happened to leave ten cents on the counter and went to the back of the shop. On returning, he found the money had disappeared and asked Marshall if he had taken it. Marshall got angry and called Garnett some very unsavory names. A scuffle followed in which some of the furniture was knocked about, and finally Garnett caught the offender by the coat tail and got him into the street. He returned later when he smashed the glass and was subsequently handed over to the police.

Garnett was a sorry spectacle when he appeared in court. A long strip of plaster ornamented his upper lip and extended to his cheek, and he was patched up otherwise.

When asked if would like to ask any questions or make a sworn statement, he replied in the negative.

From another source it has been learned that Garnett may seek redress, as he is credited with stating that he was stabbed, kicked and pretty roughly handled.

Thomas Murray also made matters interesting in court this morning. He strolled inside the rail, seated himself and greeted Mr. Henderson with "good morning."

"Come forward," said the official. Murray strode up to the bench and asked for the return of some liquor that had been taken from him by the police, and on being told that nothing could be done for him for the present at least, resumed his seat. Becoming weary of waiting he arose and started for Policeman Marshall, but tumbled into Adjutant Bowering's lap. Mr. Henderson ordered his removal and he was put out by a couple of policemen and instructed to return when he was sober. He did return, however, and was again sent away.

At five o'clock this evening in St. Luke's church Captain Thos. Starkey will be united in marriage to Mrs. Caleb Vanwart by Rev. R. P. McKim. Mr. and Mrs. Starkey to be will reside on Adelaide St.

THE EXHIBITION SUBSCRIPTIONS

Good Progress Made With Collecting Today---Outlook is That More than $3,000 Will Be Raised.

Good headway is being made in the movement to raise money by subscription to promote an exhibition here this fall. B. R. Macaulay was out for a short time this morning, but he is meeting with a generous response from the various merchants who are interested in the holding of an exhibition. The outlook now is that considerably more than the $3,000 asked from the government will be raised, and as the grandeur and attractiveness of the show is only to be limited to the amount raised, it is confidently expected that this year's fair will far excel all others.

MINISTERS' MEETINGS

The United Baptist ministers met this morning in weekly session. Rev. A. B. Cohoe presiding Those present were Revs. W. W. McMaster, M. E. Fletcher, J. Hughes, P. J. Stackhouse, E. C. Jenkins, Gideon Swim, F. E. Bishop, W. Camp and D. Hutchinson.

Reports were received from the various churches and it was announced that Rev. M. E. Fletcher baptised three candidates yesterday. Rev. P. J. Stackhouse had an excellent closing at the Tabernacle yesterday evening and was presented with an address (as referred to in another column of this issue). Rev. J. W. Keirstead will assume the pastorate of the Tabernacle early in June. Rev. G. Swim had one baptism yesterday evening. Mr. Swim has completed a five months' engagement at the Victoria street church, and will be succeeded by Rev. B. N. Nobles, of Campbellton.

E. M. Sipprell, manager of the "Maritime Baptists," was also present and presented to the ministers some facts regarding that publication. He stated that in the maritime provinces there were 170,012 Baptists, which would mean an average of 34,000 families, allowing five persons to the family, and only six thousand of these families read the Maritime Baptist. Mr. Sipprell urged the ministers to recommend the paper by asking their congregations to read it, to subscribe for it, and to remit their subscriptions.

The pulpit exchanges for the second Sunday in May are as follows:—

Germain street, Rev. E. C. Jenkins.
Brussels street, Rev. M. E. Fletcher.
Charlotte street, west, Rev. A. B. Cohoe.
Ludlow street, west, Rev. F. E. Bishop.
Main street, Rev. W. W. McMaster.
Fairville, Rev. D. Hutchinson.

The meeting closed with prayer by Brother Fletcher.

PROBATE COURT

In the estate of the late Jas. P. Power, letters of administration were granted to his widow, Mary Ann Power. The estate values at $1,400 real and $1,000 personal property. H. H. Pickett, proctor.

Letters testamentary in the estate of the late Alex McMullin, were granted to his son, Alex McMullin and Thos. Dean, the executors named in the will. The estate is valued at $5,700 real and $1,000 personal property. John Willett, proctor.

Two I. C. R. suburbans will go on May 1st. One will leave St. John at 8.15 p. m. and arrive at Hampton at 19.15 and the other will leave Hampton at 6.50 and arrive in this city at 7.45. The full suburban system will go in vogue on June 1st.

The death occurred Saturday morning after a lingering illness of Robert McCordick at his home in Hampton Village. Mrs. John Collins, who is a niece of the deceased, went to Hampton Saturday afternoon.

FERRY MATTERS WERE DISCUSSSED BY BOARD

The ferry committee met in monthly session this morning at 11 o'clock. There were present: Ald. Lockhart, chairman; Tiley, Holder, Pickett, Baxter, Superintendent Glasgow and the common clerk.

The chirman read the communication which was receinved some time ago from the People's Ferry Company, of Portland, Maine, asking if the city had a ferry boat for sale. On motion the superintendent was instructed to send a reply to the effect that the city had no boat for sale at present.

The matter of arranging a suitable place for the spare ferry boats was left in the hands of the superintendent.

The St. John Railway Company asked that the boats be removed from Rodney slip so that they could build the trestle down there.

Ald. Tilley and Holder, with the superintendent, were appointed a committee to arrange for a guy wire of the Telephone Company to be attached to the ferry building on the east side.

The superintendent was empowered to arrange for the extension of a water pipe on the west side.

A number of bills were taken up and considered. James Fleming & Sons submitted a bill of $2,035.51 for repairs to the Ludlow. They also sent in a bill for $116.04 for work on the Western Extension and Ouangondy. Several other bills were also received and passed.

The chairman reported that the Ludlow is now in first-class shape, and giving good satisfaction. Both the inspector of boilers and inspector of hulls had reported that Engineer Parks had made a first rate job of the repairs to the condenser on the Ludlow.

On motion, Wentworth Lewis was given an increase from $45 to $50 per month.

Andrew Crawford, fireman, applied to be placed on the monthly pay roll. The communication was filed.

The chairman said the incoming ferry committee should bear in mind the repairs necessary for the east side ferry toll house

The superintendent said the ferry blocks might be placed at the lower end of Rodney wharf. He thought there would be plenty of room for the blocks there.

The matter of installing a telephone between the east and west side ferry floats was discussed and it was left with the superintendent to see if the telephone company would install a pay system.

The chairman said that as this was the last meeting of the ferry board he would probably attend he wished to thank the members for their courtesy to him and the attention they had given to matters pertaining to the department.

Ald. Tilley, in reply, said that matters had always been harmonious and he thought the chairman had given a good share of his time to the work.

There was some discussion on the matter of the boats leaving on schedule, and also of the practice of only one man attending, at some times, to the mooring of the boat.

The board then adjourned.

THE RIVER IS CLEAR OF ICE

Practically the Last of it Ran Out Yesterday---Conditions at Indiantown.

The ice is now all out of the river, it having come down in great quantities yesterday and the water is rising rapidly at Indiantown. The water now almost reaches the fountain at the head of the short ferry. In the running down of the ice yesterday a large number of logs came down with it and not a few went through the falls. The work of gathering the logs is going on and a great many of them have been picked up by men employed in small boats.

The Elaine arrived at her wharf from Wickham this morning at 11 o'clock and brought a large number of passengers and considerable produce with her.

J. Fraser Gregory, as president of the St. John River Log Driving Company, announces that all logs picked up in the harbor are to be delivered at Thompson's slip, foot of Simonds street, where Mr. Day will be in charge, and at no place else is anyone authorized to receive them; all picked up above the falls are to be delivered to Henry Logan at Marble Cove and no one else is authorized to receive them.

Quite a number of sticks went past Indiantown Saturday and Sunday and many were picked up. Mr. Gregory had word yesterday that the booms at Fredericton would be closed to day and all logs coming to that point can be handled. It is estimated that 3,000,000 feet, however, have got by and these logs Mr. Miles and his crew are after in the Reach.

The Times has received from the secretary of the Summer School of Science, J. D. Seaman, Charlottetown, P. E. I., a copy of the annual announcement of the school. The course of study of the school, which includes botany, chemistry, geology, drawing, manual training, English literature, physiology, physics, zoology and kindred subjects, is clearly outlined. The advantages of Riverside, Albert Co., N. B. where the session is to be held, are fully detailed. Teachers, and others interested in education, will find in this announcement information of interest to them. A copy will be sent to any who apply to the secretary for it. The school will open July 2nd and close July 19th.

NORTH END BOY SHOT

Colin Burns, of Metcalfe St., Has a Bullet in His Thigh as the Result of an Accident.

Colin Burns, son of Thomas W. Burns Metcalfe street, met with a very painful accident the latter part of last week. The boy and a young lad named Matheson, son of John Matheson, got possession of Mr. Burns' rifle and with several cartridges started in pursuit of game. They had but one cartridge left when they returned to the mill dam. There young Matheson had the gun and the trigger was accidentally snapped and the remaining cartridge tore its way through the thigh of young Burns. He was taken to his home and Dr. McIntyre summoned. The bullet has not been located yet as it is deep in the flesh and the X-ray may have to be used in order to find it.

Young Burns is resting as well as can be expected but considerable cutting will have to be done at the hospital before the bullet is found.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

HAS ITS DRAWBACKS.

The pleasure of the announcement in the despatches that Prof. Graham Bell is perfecting a flying machine by means of which a man may dine one day in New York and take breakfast next morning in Europe is somewhat reduced by the cabled news that sixteen bombs were dropped into the garden of a summer residence in Europe yesterday. There will be some whose love of home will not be overcome by the allurements of lightning transport to Europe—and on into the next world.

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The repairs to the Ludlow have not yet got up to the average of a thousand dollars a week, but the ferry committee are in a hopeful mood. The outlook is encouraging. The freshet is not yet over.

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The Times new reporter was late this morning, and somewhat bedraggled in appearance. He had been listening to the

call of the wild. A man who knows the lay of the land hereabouts talked with so much enthusiasm of the joys of early trout fishing that the new reporter started out with his pockets so disposed as to bring in a wagon load of brook trout. Instead of trout the young man came home with wet feet, mud-bespattered clothing, blistered heels, a hoarseness that reduced his voice to a strained whisper, and a wealth of knowledge and experience which he says will hold him for quite a spell.

The smelt is not a very lively fish, but the new reporter, when next the mania comes upon him, will dangle his heels over the nearest wharf and fish for smelts.

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By special permission, Mr. Charles Baillie has named two new flies for this year's anglers in New Brunswick waters the Birdie McWhat and the Hiram Hornbeam. Birdie was somewhat diffident until assured that some very distinguished sportsmen were heading this way, and then she graciously assented. Hiram remarked gallantly that he couldn't refuse to follow the example of Birdie. He couldn't—By Hen!

NEWS OF THE WORLD AS TOLD IN SHORT METRE

Sixteen bombs were dropped yesterday in a villa at Odessa which General Kaulbars had rented for a summer residence.

Mr. Bryce, the British ambassador, will deliver an address at the Jamestown Exposition on May 13, in commemoration of the first permanent settlement of English-speaking people on the American continent at Jamestown.

Another American corporation is about to enter the Canadian manufacturing field, so as to evade the Dominion tariff, the Standard Chain Company, known as the "chain trust" having decided to build an extensive plant at Walkerville, Ont. The Standard Chain Company of Canada, Ltd., will operate the new works, which are to be constructed at a cost of $200,000.

Rev. Avery Shaw, of the First Baptist church of Brookline, Mass., has resigned his charge to accept a call to the First Baptist church of Winnipeg, Man. Rev Mr. Shaw will take up his new duties next month.