

LAST OF COLLIERS LEAVES LADYSMITH

EXTENSION MINES ARE FINALLY CLOSED

Organizer Baker, of the Western Federation of Miners, Rapidly Recruiting Membership for Union.

Ladysmith, March 18.—The town is extremely quiet. On Sunday a notice was posted to the effect that a train would be run to Extension on Monday and Tuesday to convey the men who had tools to get out of the mines and yardage to be reckoned. Accordingly, those who did not go up on Monday went up yesterday. So that the mines are now closed. Yesterday the last of the colliers left the harbor. This was a steamer carrying 6,000 tons. She had about two thousand tons loaded, and had been waiting a week for the balance of her cargo. The work of the extension was not among the men goes on. Yesterday from 1 o'clock to 6 in the afternoon the men were coming and going in groups to the Finn hall, where the initiation fees of the members were taken. There will probably not be a dozen men in the town who will refuse to join the union. Mr. Baker, the organizer for the Western Federation of Miners, is in Nanaimo. A resume of the circumstances to date is as follows:

On Friday, the 6th, an unsigned notice was posted calling a meeting of the miners and mine laborers for Sunday at 3 p. m. to consider "matters of importance." At this meeting it was decided to form a branch of the Western Federation of Miners and Mine Laborers and to summon James Baker, the organizer of the federation, to Ladysmith for the purpose of completing the organization. On Tuesday a notice signed "Jas. Dunsin, president," was posted announcing that the mines at Ladysmith would be closed on April 1st, and requesting employees to hand the tools over to the company's storekeeper. This was more than a surprise for the men. On Wednesday, when the afternoon shift was about to start for Extension it was announced in the cars that the company had discharged seven of the most prominent participants in the Sunday meeting. "It was as the train was about to burst in the cars," said one of the men. The men in their haste climbed out through the windows on each side pell mell. In a few seconds the cars were empty. The train went out with the crew alone. Likewise did the morning train on Wednesday. And thus matters have come to a standstill, so far as the mining of coal here is concerned. The miners immediately held another meeting confirming their action, deciding that as a body work was to cease and Mr. Baker, the organizer, urged to come on at once. The men claim that the action of the company in deciding to close the mines was its rejoinder to the meeting, but that this was unjust because all the men were obliged to suffer for the action of only a part of their number, many of the best and most representative being absent.

Mr. Baker did not make his appearance until Sunday last. He had requested the president of the Western Federation to come to Ladysmith to see that business pressure did not permit this, but he gave Mr. Baker full power to act as seemed fit in the case. On Sunday afternoon Mr. Baker met the men on the green at a public meeting. From this an adjournment was made to the Finn hall for a private meeting. There, those who wished to join the union were put on oath. The Western Federation is a secret organization. On Monday evening another meeting was held with Mr. Baker in attendance. After the closing of the lecture the trial situation of the day was given by Father Hagerty, a visiting labor leader and Socialist.

The men fear that the mines at Cumbehead will now be forced to their full extent to meet the demand and to talk the purpose of the union. A rumor was presently circulated here that the miners there had come out on strike. But this is now denied.

Supt. Hussey, of the provincial police, was here on Sunday, but found his services unnecessary. The business of the town are staggered at the outlook.

WILL HOLD CONVENTION.

Vancouver Liberal Association Again Votes in Favor of Action by Executive.

Vancouver, March 17.—The Liberal Association met last night to reconsider the resolution urging the provincial executive of the Liberal party to call a convention at an early date. The meeting being the result of a protest by Joseph Martin, that he knew nothing about the proposed resolution before it had been passed. There was a large attendance, and Mr. Martin was given an attentive general fight. The proposal was designed to oust him from the leadership. After a long discussion a vote was taken of members in standing in the association. The result was fifty-seven in favor of the convention, seventeen against it and favoring Mr. Martin. The latter declared he would get elected anyway, by any action the Liberals might take.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

Parade One of the Largest Ever Seen in Ottawa—Celebration at Winnipeg.

Ottawa, March 17.—St. Patrick's Day parade here was one of the largest ever seen in Ottawa. All Irishmen in the surrounding districts came to Ottawa to take part. The parade started at St. Patrick's hall and ended at St. Patrick's church, where Rev. Father Kennedy gave the benediction. The parade was followed by a large number of people, and the celebration was a success.

At Winnipeg. Winnipeg, March 17.—St. Patrick's Day is being quietly celebrated here. The morning services were held at St. Mary's church, at which His Grace Archbishop Langevin officiated. Rev. Father Coffey, S. J., of St. Boniface College, presided at the service of the day. This evening the Irish Protestants will have a dinner in the Scott memorial hall. The Catholic club will give a concert in the Y. M. C. A. building.

LIMITING MEMBERSHIP.

Executive of Ontario Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W., Discuss Proposal.

Toronto, March 18.—The executive of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, A. O. U. W., yesterday discussed the advisability of refusing admittance to men engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors, in handling explosives and of highly inflammable materials, to seamen, men engaged on railways and professional athletes. The executive recommends that the Grand Lodge substantially increase the present rates in order that the order may keep pace with contracts. The executive also earnestly impresses upon the Grand Lodge that any schedule of rates lower than proposed by special committee last year, will, within a comparative short time, prove insufficient, and that the rate be a yearly grade instead of in classes.

TO COVER EXPENSES.

Budget Committee of German Reichstag Appropriates \$750,000 For Representatives at St. Louis.

Berlin, March 17.—The budget committee of the Reichstag to-day appropriated \$750,000 to defray the expenses of Germany's representation at the St. Louis exposition. Half of this amount will be available immediately. It is understood that next year's request will be limited to \$750,000. The committee held a private meeting, but it was learned that Herr Liebenberg, von Sonnenberg (Radical Anti-Semite) was one of the two negative votes.

REVOLUTIONISTS' VIEWS

Of the Decree Recently Issued by the Czar Regarding Russian Finns.

London, March 17.—Prince Krapotkin, the revolutionist, contributes an article to the Daily News this morning on the Czar's reform decree. He declares that the decree bears evidence of being the work of Interior Minister Plehve and the pro-royalist, of the Holy synod, Roborovskoff, and really aims at attempting to reduce to the lowest possible minimum the reforms demanded by all classes of Russian society, and indefinitely postponing those which are most urgent.

TO RELIEVE ISLANDERS.

Seamans Are Assisting Those Who Suffered in Recent Storm.

San Francisco, March 16.—The steamer Mariposa arrived here to-day from the Pacific coast, bringing full particulars of the terrible hurricane which visited the coast of California on the 15th. The steamer had discharged seven of the most prominent participants in the Sunday meeting. "It was as the train was about to burst in the cars," said one of the men. The men in their haste climbed out through the windows on each side pell mell. In a few seconds the cars were empty. The train went out with the crew alone. Likewise did the morning train on Wednesday. And thus matters have come to a standstill, so far as the mining of coal here is concerned. The miners immediately held another meeting confirming their action, deciding that as a body work was to cease and Mr. Baker, the organizer, urged to come on at once. The men claim that the action of the company in deciding to close the mines was its rejoinder to the meeting, but that this was unjust because all the men were obliged to suffer for the action of only a part of their number, many of the best and most representative being absent.

MANUFACTURERS AND THE TARIFF

DELEGATES INTERVIEWED FEDERAL MINISTERS

Hon. Mr. Fielding Declined to Accept Recommendations Privately as Suggested by President.

Ottawa, March 19.—The Canadian Manufacturers' Association met to-day with the government to-day with a long-winded memorial, which contained no details whatever, asking that there be an immediate revision of the tariff and that this revision take place this session. Ministers Fielding, Paterson and Prefontaine heard the delegates in the Premier's office. Mr. Berge, president of the Manufacturers' Association, said that the association had been at work on the tariff changes which were wanted to be made in the tariff, but these they wanted to submit to the government privately. Hon. Mr. Fielding said that they could not accept them privately. The government only wanted them for the public interest and they would not be of any service to the government in any other way. He regretted that these recommendations were not handed in because this was the understanding that the government had with the executive at the last interview.

OTTAWA NOTES.

The Premier Replies to Attack on Sir Oliver Mowat—Senator Mowat.

Ottawa, March 17.—In the House yesterday, Mr. Maclean, East York, said that the Lieut.-Governor of Ontario, Sir Oliver Mowat, was physically unfit to discharge the duties of his office and should be removed. Sir Wilfrid Laurier resented the personal attack on Sir Oliver, and said that the Lieut.-Governor was transacting the duties of his office, his faculties being unimpaired.

THE ESTIMATES.

There are only re-vote items in the estimates for British Columbia brought down yesterday. The supplementary estimates will contain additional votes.

NEW SENATOR.

W. C. Edwards, M. P., has been appointed to the Senate. This fills all the vacancies.

SIR L. JETTE'S SUCCESSOR.

Justice Langler and Senator Bogue are mentioned in connection with the Lieut.-Governorship of Quebec.

POLICE WILL NOT ACT.

Mayor Refuses to Allow Them to Disperse Strikers From What at Vancouver.

Vancouver, March 19.—Trouble occurred here this morning at the loading of the Danube. Strikers congregated on the wharf and the city police were called upon to disperse them. Then the Mayor telephoned instructions to the chief of police to remove the men off the street and the wharf located on the disputed end on the port street. The civic authorities feared that removing the men off the street would be a declaration of war on the part of the company and the strikers.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. W. Grove's signature is on each box.

THE DISMISSAL OF HON. MR. TARTE

STATEMENT MADE BY SIR WILFRID LAURIER

Explanation in the Dominion House of Causes Which Led to Change in Cabinet.

Ottawa, March 18.—In the House to-day Sir Wilfrid Laurier made his explanation in regard to the changes in the cabinet. He said that when on the continent last September he had received a communication stating that the minister of public works was pursuing a course not in accordance with parliamentary government in violation of policy. Sir Wilfrid asked that newspapers be sent him to London. They were sent and he read them on the way across. The Premier said he came to the conclusion to take the action he did.

He arrived in Ottawa on the 18th of October, saw Mr. Tarte on the 19th and on the 20th communicated with the Governor-General and his colleagues, telling them what he intended doing. On the morning of the 21st he got a letter from Mr. Tarte.

The Premier then read the letters which passed between himself and Mr. Tarte under the date of 21st, and which have already been published in this correspondence. The conclusion which the Premier arrived at was that Mr. Tarte could not remain in the government after having carried out a campaign in favor of immediate high protection. Seeing the government had decided at a previous session that there was to be no change in the policy until otherwise decided upon, Mr. Tarte had violated the constitution, and it made no difference as to whether he talked in favor of high or low protection. The Premier only dealt with the constitutional question.

Mr. Tarte, in reply, said that Sir Wilfrid Laurier had remonstrated with him as to his speeches, telling him (Tarte) that he was causing trouble to him. Mr. Tarte said then that he would resign, as he (Tarte) thought there was a cabal against him. Sir Wilfrid asked him to leave the letter over until Wednesday. That was on Sunday. On Tuesday Mr. Tarte said he changed his mind and declined his resignation. Mr. Tarte complained of the tone of Sir Wilfrid's letter to him, and went on to say that he only advocated in Laurier's absence what he had done before Laurier had gone away.

LIGHTON HOPEFUL.

Thinks Shamrock III. is a Marvel—May be Last Attempt to Win Cup.

Glasgow, March 17.—There was a large crowd at Denry's yards, at Dumbarton, when Sir Thomas Lipton's yacht, Shamrock III., was launched. The launch was escorted by Lady Shalmsbury to the christening dais. Among others on the platform were the Earl and Countess of Mar and Kellie, Lord Overton, the Lord Provost of Glasgow, the Hon. Chas. Russell, Reginald Ward, William Fife and Captains Wringe and Bevis.

Lady Shalmsbury broke the bottle, saying: "I christen you Shamrock. May all bless you and may you bring back the cup."

Then amid loud cheering, Shamrock III. slid easily into the water.

After more cheering the visitors proceeded to luncheon.

In a speech after the luncheon Sir Thomas Lipton said the America cup must now be home-sick. Here they had learned lessons from the past and they were never more confident. They had fifty years' experience. America's yachts and yachtsmen and none would cheer a Shamrock victory more heartily than the Americans.

The underbody of Shamrock III. is painted with white and is a most beautiful sight. Her top sides are white and she has broad bands of green along the water-line and rail. Her hull, frames and plates are all of nickel steel, special for the purpose. The workmanship of the yacht is superb in every detail. Neither dent, rivet nor joint is visible under the polish of her paint. After the launch, Sir Thomas Lipton said to the correspondent of the Associated Press:

"My third, and perhaps last shot, at lifting the America cup will be the most serious, and I think, the most hopeful of my efforts. The Reliance may beat us, but it will not be because I have not got the best boat British brains and workmen can produce. If the cup stays in America it will stay there because of the extraordinary genius of the American yacht builder. If he can produce a still further improvement in his art I shall begin to think he is a bit more than human. There is no question but that the best boat wins in the international races. I believe Shamrock III. will come near filling that bill. To my mind she is a marvel in which Fife and Watson have outdone themselves. With good trial races and no accidents, her arrival in New York should mark the coming of the most formidable challenge ever sent over. I sincerely need add that, much as I long to win and expect to win, a third defeat will only increase my admiration for a people who beat us at a game which was once our own."

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FLOCKING TO CANADA.

Five Allan Line Steamers Have All Passengers They Can Carry—The C. P. R. Service.

Montreal, March 18.—A special cable from London says:

"The Canadian Pacific Company will start the new trans-Atlantic service with the sailing of the Lake Champlain from Liverpool on April 14th. Steamers will leave Liverpool weekly after, on Tuesdays. The service will not be only a freight one, as originally supposed, but will carry first, second and third-class passengers. Early bookings for these first sailings are now in progress."

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