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COAL STRIKE HELD TO BE NEARLY SETTLED NOW

British Government Acknowledges Failure to Settle the Dispute

SEVERAL PROPOSALS

More Than Sixty Per Cent. of the Coal Trade Have Accepted Suggestions, but Remainder Stand Firm—Minimum Wage Only Solution.

London, Feb. 28.—The government tonight acknowledges failure to settle the dispute between the coal owners and the miners.

The statement begins by declaring that the government is satisfied that there are cases in which underground workers are not able to earn a reasonable minimum wage.

The government is prepared to enter into arrangements suitable to the special circumstances in each district adequate safeguards being provided to protect employers against abuse.

There can be no settlement of the present dispute unless the principle of an individual minimum wage for all underground workers is agreed to by the coal owners.

QUEBEC TO HAVE COUNSEL BEFORE SUPREME COURT

Invitation of Minister of Justice to Argue Marriage Question Accepted by Provincial Government.

Quebec, Feb. 28.—Hon. Mr. Doherty, Minister of Justice, sent the Quebec government an invitation to be represented before the Supreme Court and eventually before the Privy Council.

The Quebec government has accepted and will in the near future appoint some prominent lawyer to represent it.

TRAM'S PROBABLY RESPONSIBLE FOR DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

Brockville, Feb. 28.—A fire, presumably started by tramps dropping lighted matches, destroyed the barns and contents of Osborne Shaver, a farmer residing in the township of Elizabethtown.

MONCTON TO CO-OPERATE WITH ST. JOHN

Town Planning Proposals to be Considered by Board of Trade.

Valuable Jewelry Taken by Burglars—Brakeman Badly Injured—I. C. R. Insurance Association Meets.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Feb. 28.—At a meeting of the Board of Trade tonight a resolution was unanimously adopted recommending the City Council to take steps to have the city boundaries extended to take in any suburbs willing to unite with the city.

The minister stated he was personally averse to banquets, and asked this matter be permitted to stand for the present. He stated, however, he would visit the province after the adjournment and meet the board.

The matter of town planning has been taken up by the St. John Board of Trade, who ask co-operation of Moncton in securing legislation. The proposed bill is to be considered at a special meeting next Tuesday night.

Some time Monday night the residence of J. B. Sangster, Weldon street, was entered by burglars and jewelry to the value of several hundred dollars belonging to Mrs. Sangster principally was carried off.

YOUTH OBJECTS TO SISTER'S REPRIMAND, SHOOTS HER TWICE

Oscar Sigurdson's Sister Called Him Lazy and Boy May Have to Face the Charge of Murder.

Winnipeg, Feb. 28.—Oscar Sigurdson, a seventeen year old boy, shot his older sister, when she reprimanded him for laziness.

SUCCUMBS TO HEART DISEASE IN STATION

Newton, Mass., Feb. 28.—While attempting to board a moving train on the Boston and Albany Railroad here today, John R. W. Shapleigh, for many years a leading Boston merchant, collapsed and died of heart disease.

OPPOSED TO INCREASED DRAINAGE

Greater Flow Through Chicago's Canal Would Injure Shipping.

Delegations Pro and Con Storm White House and War Department—Canadian M. P.'s Present at Hearing.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Delegations favoring and opposing a proposed increase of the flow of water through the Chicago drainage canal stormed the White House and the War Department today.

ST. JOHN CASE IN SUPREME COURT

J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., for Appellant and M. G. Teed, K. C., for Respondents, in Appealed Case.

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—In the Supreme Court today the appeals on the Maritime Province case were taken up, the first case heard being Millet vs. Bezanon, on appeal from the judgment of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia.

WILL BE HERE IN AUGUST

Governor General Plans Transcontinental Trip Including Visits to St. John, Halifax and Charlottetown

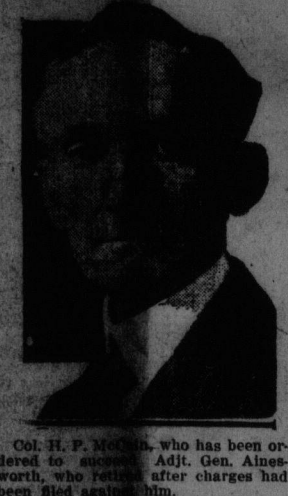
Ottawa, Feb. 28.—H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, who is suffering from a slight attack of sciatica, is reported to day to be much improved in condition.

Their Royal Highnesses have a busy summer before them, including a trip across Canada from the Atlantic to Pacific, with dinners and leaves in all provincial capitals or principal cities.

NOVA SCOTIA HAS OVER FIVE HUNDRED AUTOMOBILES NOW

Special to The Standard. Halifax, Feb. 28.—The House of Assembly today received the report of the provincial secretary which showed among other things that the number of incorporated companies in Nova Scotia is 851 and that there are now owned in the province 537 automobiles.

Col. McCain Is Successor Of Ainsworth



Col. H. P. McCain, who has been ordered to succeed Adj. Gen. Ainsworth, who retired after charges had been filed against him.

PROFITS MORE THAN BILLION

Made in First Nine Years of Existence of Steel Trust—Seventy Million Paid J. P. Morgan.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The house steel trust investigation commission today made public the result of the inquiry into the books and minutes of the United States Steel Corporation, conducted by Farquhar J. McRae, an expert accountant.

NO SIGN OF CONCLUSION

Board of Arbitration Between I. C. R. and G. T. P. Spent \$43,000 in Fees But No Results Yet Forthcoming.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Feb. 28.—Mr. Cochrane today answered Mr. Davidson's questions about the arbitration board which has under consideration certain differences between the I. C. R. and the G. T. P.

NATIONALITY OF WILBUR REDD MAY PROVE SALVATION

U. S. Consul Claims Murderer is American But Authorities Assert He is Naturalized—Washington Appealed to.

Winnipeg, Feb. 28.—As the result of an international question having been raised, Wilbur Redd, the St. Paul Pullman car porter, who is sentenced to be hanged Friday for murdering Frank Johnston, another negro, may secure a stay of execution.

DEFERRED OF YUAN IS DOUBTFUL

Not Yet Known Whether or Not He Will Comply with Assembly's Request.

President Elect Foresees Danger of Federation of Provinces and Thus Desire for Autocratic Powers Explained

Peking, Feb. 28.—Reports differ regarding the intention of Yuan Shi Kai to go south in compliance with the request of the Nanking republicans, but the opinion is held at the legations that the re-establishment of a "effective central government will prove a grave problem and that instead of immediate progress the development of China may be seriously retarded.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS OPEN FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

157 Subordinate Chapters with Aggregate Membership of 15,748—Six Chapters Instituted During Year.

Toronto, Feb. 28.—The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada opened its fifty-fifth convocation in the temple this morning where delegations gathered from all parts of the Dominion.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE WOULD BE GRAVE POLITICAL ERROR

Premier Asquith's Letter Read at Anti-Suffragette Meeting States Objections to the Proposal.

London, Feb. 28.—An anti-suffragette campaign was launched tonight by a mass meeting in Albert Hall, which was packed to the doors.

LARGE LOAN FOR THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT IS BEING ARRANGED

Peking, Feb. 28.—The Nanking and Peking governments have agreed to the international bankers, representing Great Britain, France, Germany and the United States, advancing a loan of 2,000,000 taels (approximately \$1,300,000) to Nanking and 3,000,000 to Peking for the purpose of providing for payments to the troops.

NAVAL REPEAL BILL DISCUSSED IN SENATE

GOOD ROADS BILL PASSES COMMITTEE

Section Empowering Minister to Undertake Improvements Opposed.

Manitoba Boundaries Bill Goes Over Until Monday—Grain Bill Will be Considered at Today's Session.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Feb. 28.—The House this afternoon passed Mr. Cochrane's good roads bill through committee of the whole and it stands for third reading.

Section 6 which empowers the minister with the approval of the government in council to undertake the construction of new highways or the improvement of existing roads, was especially opposed.

Mr. Carvell declared that the minister would thereby be given the power to away votes. He might undertake the construction of a five dollar culvert or other local and trivial work for political purposes.

Mr. MacDonald moved to strike out the clause on the ground that it was contrary to the spirit of the B. N. A. Act.

The clause was sustained by a vote of 52 to 48.

On a motion to go into supply, Mr. Oliver brought in an amendment dealing with western railway freight rates.

The Manitoba boundaries bill goes over until Monday, and the House tomorrow will take up the grain bill.

Senator Choquette moved the second reading of his bill to repeal the naval act.

Hon. Mr. Loughheed said before the motion was put it might be well for Senator Choquette to give his reasons for desiring, in so summary a manner, to abolish the naval service of Canada.

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Senator Choquette Anxious to Have Laurier Naval Policy Abandoned

IMPORTANT BUSINESS

Casgrain Wants I. C. R. Freight Rates Brought Within Jurisdiction of Railway Commission—Unfair Discrimination Against Montreal Alleged

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—The senate today discussed two important proposals. One was to put the Intercolonial rates under the railway commission. The other was to repeal the Laurier government's naval law.

Senator Casgrain moved that in the opinion of the senate the Intercolonial railway rates should, like those of other railways, be subject to the control of the railway board.

Senator Casgrain said that the east bound rate was higher than the west bound rate. He stated that the Montreal board of trade council had in 1910 stated that for political considerations only the intercolonial rates had not been placed under the railway board.

Senator Domville said the trouble on the Intercolonial was that it was under a board of management on which there were men who thought they owned the road.

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SYSTEMATIC CHAIN OF RURAL ROUTES TO BE ESTABLISHED

Hasty and Ill-considered Plans of Late Government to be Replaced by Comprehensive System.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Feb. 28.—A bold and comprehensive plan for re-organizing the rural mail service is being framed by the post office department.

Under Mr. Pelletier plans are being laid for a great extension of the service, but an extension upon a systematic and coherent general plan, inspectors are being sent out to look over the ground, and it is intended to establish a closely-linked and inter-dependent system of rural routes.

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