

GREAT CAR STRIKE STILL UNSETTLED

Split is Over Discharged Men—Violence Renewed—Two Cars Dynamited

Philadelphia, Pa., March 18.—Little progress appeared on the surface in the movement for a settlement of the trolley strike. State Senator McNichol and Recorder of Deeds Vane visited Mayor Ryan this afternoon for the first time since their return from Florida.

After leaving the mayor's office, Senator McNichol said: "I did not discuss the strike with the mayor; my visit was purely social."

Mayor Ryan, however, declared that the strike was discussed though neither Mr. McNichol nor Mr. Vane had any definite suggestions to make. He said he adhered to his determination to keep out of the controversy himself, but would not interfere with any movement for peace.

Union President's Statement. W. D. Mahon, president of the International Carmen's Union, arrived in this city this afternoon from Detroit, where he had gone Wednesday. He said: "If the split now is over the discharged men, it seems to me a little thing to hold up a settlement."

Violence was renewed tonight. Early in the evening a car was rapidly descending a down grade at that point. The force of the explosion lifted the car several inches from the rails and broke every pane of glass. The report was heard for half a mile. There were seven passengers on the car at the time and one of these, Mrs. Pratt, was slightly injured. Pieces of the flying glass fell about the heads of passengers, who were thrown with violence from their seats.

The second explosion was near the corner of Courtland and Dauphin streets, where a car ran over a bomb placed on one of the rails. Not only were the glass windows in the car shattered but those in a dozen houses within a block were broken. There had been trouble at this point early in the evening and before the explosion occurred, the police had driven the crowds away several times. Three passengers in the car were badly shaken up but no one was seriously hurt. Immediately following the explosion a crowd gathered in the street and began throwing stones at the motor cars, which had remained by the curbs. Several pointed pistols were discharged.

THE GEORGIAN BAY CANAL Interest Again Accused in This Great Project

Montreal, Mar. 18.—Interest is again being aroused in the Georgian Bay canal scheme. It is announced at Montreal that Sir Robert Perks will be here soon in connection with the project. W. J. Poupere, who is in Ottawa today in connection with the scheme as an expert respecting the company received royal assent. It is thought there will be some development in the matter soon. Senator Casgrain when spoken to today said he hoped an agreement would be reported between a company and the government which would enable a start to be made on the work as soon as possible.

One of the delegates who recently visited on the project, said Senator Casgrain, "I have every hope the government soon will be in a position to take definite action. In fact I believe the bill will be started much sooner than most people anticipate."

CANNON FACES DEFEAT. Insurgents Unshaken in Demand He Be Removed

Washington, Mar. 18.—Speaker Cannon faces an unassured certainty of humiliating defeat tomorrow. He is to lose his position as chairman of the House committee on rules and legislation. The insurgents are unshaken in their demand that the speaker be removed from his position as chairman of the committee. Adjournment was taken at five o'clock this afternoon until noon tomorrow.

Died From Heart Failure. Montreal, Mar. 18.—Eucharist Duhamel, 76 Joliette street, got up about six o'clock this morning to light the fire. He then went back to bed. He died as he lay down. He was 72 years of age.

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VICTIMIZED BY STRANGER

Kaiser, Sask., Man Parted With \$150 on Worthless \$1,800 Cheque

Regina, Sask., Mar. 18.—The annual conference of inspectors of public schools is now in session in the city. Inspectors being present from all the different provinces. Tomorrow will confer with the minister of education on matters connected with their work. Henry Soubly, of Kaslo, Sask., was the victim of a smooth gentleman while boarding the train for the north this morning. Soubly, shortly before the train pulled out, was approached by the stranger and asked to accommodate him with some cash, on account of a cheque for \$1,800 which he stated he had been unable to cash in the city. Soubly parted with \$150 and the stranger left ostensibly to procure his railway ticket, but did not return, with the result that Soubly is minus \$150, and has only the worthless cheque for \$1,800 to console him.

BRITISH TRADE WILL NOT GO INTO A PANIC

British Trade Interests Will Wait to See Outcome of Canadian-Tariff Before Taking Action—Bankers Think U.S. is Bluffing

Canadian Associated Press. London, Mar. 18.—Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Col. Seeley said that the government had no information regarding the tariff discussion at Ottawa. When such was received the government would be in a position to consider whether any representations should be made in the interests of British trade.

Henry Vivian, M.P., speaking about the idea of imperial trade preferences, remarked that some said that such were desirable because while the tendency of colonial trade was to increase, the foreign trade was diminishing. But the facts, he said, were entirely the other way. Preference would not improve the country's food supply and he pointed out that foreign powers might claim the right of destroying vessels bringing goods from the colonies.

Believe U.S. is Bluffing. No very great importance is attached in Canadian banking circles in London to the possibility of a tariff war between Canada and the United States. The attitude of Canadian banking concessions unless they are reciprocated, is obviously logically correct, and any hostile action by Washington would place the United States in a false position, since any increase in the United States' tariff would undoubtedly be followed by a Canadian surtax. It is scarcely thought possible the United States government will venture beyond the region of bluff.

Germany is Satisfied. Berlin, Mar. 18.—Germany counts on seeing handily by the impending American-American tariff hostilities. America is regarded here as a more dangerous rival to Germany's trade and ambitions in the Dominion than England or France, and anything calculated to stem the American invasion of the Canadian market is therefore hailed as an ill wind which can only blow German good.

The Vossische Zeitung commenting recently on the possibilities of a fiscal war observed that Germany had every reason to sit back and enjoy the conflict silently smiling. The German press publishes prior statistics showing the growth of German population in Canada. It is said that 170,000 Germans are now residents in the western provinces alone, and it is believed that these will be active promoters of German trade and ambitions in their adopted Fatherland.

Report of Trade Conditions. New York, Mar. 18.—Wheat, including flour exports from the United States and Canada for the week ending March 17 as reported by 1,231,004 bushels. In the western part of Canada the wheat trade is good but in the east, the market shows a very slight betterment. Shoe manufacturers are busy, trade in groceries is fair and the provision market continues firm. Retail trade is fat in the east and good in the west.

Man and Wife Burned to Death. Cobalt, Ont., Mar. 18.—Wm. Cope aged 35, and his wife, 26, were burned to death in their three-roomed shack tonight. It is surmised Cope, who had been drinking, upset the lamp in the front room and that finding their exit cut off in that direction, Mrs. Cope attempted to drag her husband, who was in a drunken stupor, out by the kitchen door only to be overcome by the flames. Mrs. Cope came from Toronto, while Cope is from Clarendon, Ont. He was a prospector. They were married two years.

Buya Medicine Hat Hotel. Medicine Hat, Mar. 18.—R. J. Rick, owner of the Royal Hotel for the past three years has purchased that hotel from J. E. Howson for \$36,000 cash.

NO STATEMENT IN TARIFF TROUBLE

Minister of Finance Says it Would Not be in the Public Interest

Ottawa, Mar. 18.—The House of Commons spent the greater part of the day in supply, the items under discussion being supplementary, for expenditures which have been incurred during the year. There were a few preliminaries before the estimates were taken up. Sir Wilfrid Laurier moved for an Easter adjournment from Wednesday next till the following Tuesday.

Dr. Clark, of Red Deer, objected to a long holiday. Eastern members had to stay around doing nothing. It was decided to extend the holiday for one day.

W. F. Maclean asked Hon. W. S. Fielding if he proposed to make a statement as to the progress of the tariff negotiations before the Easter adjournment.

For the present I cannot make a definite announcement. It would depend upon the state of business at that particular time. I do not think it would be in the public interest to make any announcement now," replied Mr. Fielding.

The opposition criticized at some length the supplementary estimate for the current year of \$425,000 for harbor and river improvements at Fort William and Port Arthur. The main estimates contained a vote of \$600,000.

Dr. Sprague contended that the minister was not justified in incurring such a large additional expenditure without the consent of parliament.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley justified the expenditure on the ground of the necessity of rushing the work in order to provide necessary facilities.

Conservative member for North Simcoe, Mr. Sifton, contended that the money would be saved by burying the work.

In the course of the discussion Hon. Mr. Pugsley said that plans had been prepared by the Grand Trunk Pacific for the construction of elevators at Port Arthur, having a capacity of ten million bushels. It was ultimately proposed to create an elevator system at this point with a capacity of thirty million bushels.

The sub-committee of the railway committee to which was referred James O'Connor bill respecting International Waterways Canal and Construction company met today.

Matter of chief interest was the appearance before the committee of Clifford Sifton on behalf of the conservation commission. He said commission was opposed to the bill and was also opposed to giving a franchise to a private company to build a canal.

The waterways commission was unanimous in declaring against the rule of franchise. This bill would be no benefit to the public. The promoters did not want to build the canal, but under the cloak of building a canal the application was really made for some other purpose. If the company got this franchise, they would obstruct the development of all waterways along the route.

"What harm will be done?" asked Mr. Sifton. "The answer is, that what harm would be done, but what public good would result from the enterprise?"

The bill seemed to the commission to be calculated to promote speculation in water power. There was no definite plan for a canal and the principle of surrendering the control of international waterways was a vicious one. It would be mischievous madness to give a blanket charter to this company.

E. H. Chrysler, K.C., appeared on behalf of the municipality of Winnipeg, and opposed the bill on the ground that it would endanger the investment of over one million dollars in the construction of water power works on the Winnipeg river.

Mr. Sifton also directed some criticism against the St. Lawrence Power Transmission bill. He reminded the committee that when the St. Lawrence power bill was passed in 1901 he had opposed it. Precisely what he had prophesied then had occurred. The charter was being used merely for the purpose of selling the control of Canadian power to Americans.

C. P. R. TO BUILD FROM VANCOUVER TO RED DEER

Montreal, Mar. 18.—President Shaughnessy, of the C. P. R., stated today he had no intention to make public regarding the announcement from Calgary that the C. P. R. had acquired the interests of the Alberta Central railway. It is now thought the C. P. R. will build a line running from Vancouver on the south side of the North Thompson river, thence through the Yellowhead Pass to Red Deer. The line along the Thompson river is said to already have been surveyed.

Y.M.C.A. MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS

In Four Days Active Work 424 New Members Are Added Bringing up Total to 1128. Making Edmonton Association Fifth in Canada.

The membership campaign of the last four days has brought the Edmonton Y. M. C. A. up to fifth place among the associations of Canada. The point of membership, the standing of the leading associations is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: City, Mem. Toronto 3,314; Winnipeg 3,000; Montreal 1,900; Hamilton 1,573; EDMONTON 1,128; Vancouver 935; Ottawa 773; Halifax 625; Regina 576; St. John 436; Owen Sound 401; Moncton 374; Brandon 321; Fort William 305.

Ringling shows range through the return of the Y.M.C.A. campaign which the final result of the four days' whirlwind membership campaign was known. The returns were beyond all expectations, showing 424 new members to have been added to the association since Tuesday last.

Chicago, Ill., Mar. 18.—By a decision of the Illinois state board of arbitration made today, the switchmen of Chicago will receive an increase in wages ranging from \$200.00 to \$375.00 a year. An increase of two cents an hour was awarded by the board.

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City Breaks Its Own Bylaw. Toronto, Ont., Mar. 18.—An interesting discovery was made by the civic works committee this afternoon, namely, that the city has been itself violating a by-law which makes manufacturers liable to prosecution for not taking steps to abate the smoke nuisance. It was learned that the board of control in its anxiety to make a tax rate of 7 mills is causing the use of soft coal at the high level pumping station. It will cost \$10,000 more per annum to use hard coal at the station but this will be done. A number of manufacturers have appeared in the police court for breaking the law.

Winnipeg Borrowers at High Rate. London, Mar. 18.—The bank of Montreal, Winnipeg's financial agents, have underwritten the issue of Monday of \$500,000 pounds sterling of the city of Winnipeg, four per cent. registered stock at 103. This high price is the direct result of the city's wise financial policy of the past two years. It is doubtful if Montreal could borrow at a better price.

Fort Rae Indians Died of Starvation. Dawson, Y.T., Mar. 18.—The Northern Mounted police at Fort Rae reported that 70 Fort Rae Indians of the Dogrib tribe in the vicinity of Great Slave Lake, died this winter of starvation.

CANADA HOLDS THE WHIP HAND

Tariff War Would Seriously Affect United States Industries—Conference at Washington

Albany, N.Y., March 19.—An important international problem comes to a head today, when President Taft is expected to attempt to settle the matter of the trade relations and the tariff between Canada and the United States. The conference arranged for today between the President and the Canadian minister of finance, Hon. W. S. Fielding, is the last phase of the negotiations between the two governments, according to authentic information. It is declared today that Earl Grey, governor general of the Dominion, who came here ostensibly to attend the annual conference arranged by University Club, would also attend. The meeting was arranged so that the conference might take up the tariff war which was dropped by the American tariff commission sent to Ottawa.

Although the tariff war has been declared, there was every indication this morning that an agreement which would obviate a tariff war would be arranged. A tariff war between the Dominion and the United States would mean that Canada would apply a surtax to American products, causing British goods to enter Canada at two-thirds duty less than American, and German goods to enter at one-half less. American commercial interests would thereby lose \$50,000,000 in trade to Germany and English interests. Canada would turn to the British preference.

Abolition of Canadian exports would deprive American paper mills of the Canadian wood pulp supply, and deprive the American iron and steel industry of the Canadian market. The application of the American maximum tariff to Canadian imports would cause a loss of \$20,000,000 in duties, and up the price of lumber in the United States, cause ruin or serious embarrassment of many American industries, increase the price of steel of the United States, now held by Canada to Norway, Russia and other countries, increase the price of steel in New England and the Pacific coast of the United States.

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U.S. YIELDS TO FRANCE

Minimum Tariff Will Be Conceded by United States

Paris, March 19.—The cabinet today was officially informed of President Taft's determination to grant France the minimum tariff schedule of the United States. The ministers expressed great satisfaction at the settlement of the dispute, and it was declared that, without doubt, the treaty would be quickly ratified.

THE MUNICIPAL STOCK YARDS FOR WINNIPEG

Delegation From Live Stock Association in Aid of a Public Abattoir and Live Stock Market and a Bill Providing for Workmen's Compensation

Winnipeg, Man., March 18.—The city morning was given an opportunity to take the initiative in the matter of establishing a municipal stock yards and abattoir, when a delegation from the Live Stock Association appeared before the board of control and asked that something be done to relieve the public of live stock from the disabilities under which they labor. The board, after hearing several strong addresses, took the ground that the city was so large that a committee should investigate thoroughly and then report, and that the city would be in sympathy with any plan evolved to better conditions.

The delegation met the St. Boniface council this afternoon on the subject of establishing a municipal stock yards and abattoir, when a delegation from the Live Stock Association, something will have to be done at once to secure the live stock industry of the West, which is claimed to be dwindling away with alarming rapidity.

SACRIFICING NATION'S INTERESTS. To Tactics Says London Times of British Government.

London, Mar. 18.—(Special Cable to Montreal Star)—Tactics is the keyword from the ministerial position. The Times says: "The constitution and finances of the country which are every opportunity for useful legislation have been sacrificed to tactics intended to keep the present holders of office in power at any cost to the nation. It is all tactics from end to end, and not clever tactics either. Redmond is still cracking his whip though one doubts that he is still open to some tactical deal if Liberal ingenuity can invent one. The National Liberal federation is shouting for more tactics of the kind, which the wise among the Liberals now see to be impracticable. Tactics have brought the government into a desperate middle. It is just possible that if the hot-heads get their way we may see further experiments of the kind, but the thing cannot go on much longer whether the end come upon the finance bill or upon the so-called veto, or upon something else in the chapter of accidents."

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MONTAGUE DEAL AND BIG PACKAGE

Hon. Robert Rogers Offers Explanation of Certain Suspicious Transactions He Has Been In

Winnipeg, Mar. 18.—The third session of the twelfth legislature of the province of Manitoba came to an end yesterday afternoon with all the amenities, grave and gay, sanctioned by precedent and long usage in the compartment of the tripartite boy performed very correctly on this as on previous occasions by the speaker and his honor's private secretary. The lieutenant-governor, Sir Daniel McMillan, gave his assent to the acts passed during the session. His honor expressed satisfaction with the labors of Manitoba's legislators and dismissed them with his good wishes.

During the session 121 bills were passed by the House. Perhaps the most important were a bill providing for the government ownership of elevators, a bill granting a bonus of \$50,000 to either Winnipeg or St. Boniface in aid of a public abattoir and live stock market and a bill providing for workmen's compensation.

While the House was awaiting the arrival of the lieutenant-governor, Hon. Robert Rogers asked leave to make a statement respecting certain matters brought up during the session. In connection with the Montague syndicate matter the acting premier read a letter addressed to him by Hon. Dr. W. H. Montague, in which the latter stated that he had purchased lands from the Manitoba government the prices paid were those which the lands were ordinarily offered for sale and no special concessions had been received. The reservation of an interest in the syndicate for himself and the premier had been done without the knowledge or consent of either.

That Bulky Package. With regard to the bulky package which he was alleged to have received from the south, Mr. Rogers explained the same as being mining stock certificates which a company, which he had been interested in, had had to sell in New York. The certificates had been unsolicited and the certificates had been returned.

A feature of the final sitting was a minority report brought in by the opposition. Among the more important statements contained in this report were the following: That the trust accounts which the province are not audited by a provincial auditor; that the telephone accounts have been removed from the jurisdiction of the provincial auditor; that the city of the Jordan telephone exchange on a bank street was purchased for \$2,500, whereas its actual value with the guarantee on it was \$900; that several officials, notably Crown Prosecutor Hastings, School Organizers, Bakery and other Inspectors, Siskind and Borwick rendered inadequate service for the remuneration paid them; that employees of the Agricultural College and other departments of the public service and that lines are rented without apparent justification or explanation.

During the afternoon Senator Watson, Portage La Prairie, and Senator Prime, Battleford, were visitors to the chamber.

Played Leap-Frog. After the protraction of the reaction from the strain of continuous legislation asserted itself and the members gambled and risked about the chamber as they sought for a position as provincial treasurer and the acting premier playing leap frog with the attorney general doing a cake-walk, was some compensation for the heaviness of the session. The accumulated literature of the session provided ammunition for a paper session in the thick of which Joe Bernier and Donald Ross were seen struggling in deadly rivalry.

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