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BAD RUNAWAY IN HAMILTON

Will Sager, His Mother and Sister Thrown Out and Injured Saturday Night.

PLANS FOR CORONATION CELEBRATION

Fish Peddler Commits Sucide By Throwing Himself Under a G.T.R. Train.

Hamilton, June 15.—There were several bad accidents on West King-street last evening. The first happened at the intersection of Ray-street. Nile Sager of Alberton was returning home with his mother and sister, when the horse bolted and upset the rig. Sager was badly cut about the head, and his mother had her shoulder broken, and was internally injured. Miss Sager escaped with a few scratches. All three were taken to the General Hospital. The rig was smashed almost to atoms. The horse was caught on the Dundas-road.

About 10 o'clock, while turning off Park-street, William Cook, a tailor, who resides on York-street, ran into a street car. He was dragged about 25 feet, and his face and head were badly cut. It was thought at first that he was fatally injured, and he was taken to the General Hospital. To-day he was pronounced out of danger.

Coronation Celebration.

The General Committee for the coronation celebration met last evening in the City Council Chamber. Ald. Domville was appointed chairman, and John McMenemy, secretary. After a desultory discussion, it was decided to hear the plan drafted by T. Paradine, Sons of England. Mr. Paradine's suggestions were that an immense procession, including the military, friendly societies, trades unions and the larger school children, march to Dundurn Park, where the 13th could go thru some evolutions, the school children sing and short addresses be given by citizens who had known two coronations.

After some discussion, the outlines of the scheme were endorsed, on motion of Rev. Father Geoghegan, and on motion of Ald. McFadden, seconded by P. Armstrong, the following were appointed a special committee to put the plan into shape: T H Hobson, Thos Paradine, M J O'Reilly, Aid Birrell, James Harper, J B Turner, W F Montague, Adam Brown, Fred Walter and the chairman and secretary of the General Committee.

It was also decided to authorize the special committee, after it had prepared an estimate of the cost of the celebration, to wait on the City Council and ask for a suitable grant.

The Special Committee met after the close of the meeting and discussed the situation. It was decided to recommend that a procession, embracing the 13th Regiment, Normal School Cadets, Uniformed Drill Corps, mounted butchers, societies, trades unions, children, etc., be arranged for, with special features at Dundurn Park. The committee thought the cost for the day celebration would be about $700. The night's festivities will depend on the money available. A number of sub-committees were appointed.

A Deliberate Suicide.

A man deliberately committed suicide yesterday morning by placing himself under a train for Toronto leaving the James-street Station. The wheels of a baggage car passed over his head and arm, and death was instantaneous. Mrs. Kirby, Hunter-street, saw the man acting suspiciously some time before the train left, and when it moved out she saw him crawl under the train and place his head on the rail. A police summons was found in an inside pocket, which showed the deceased was William Gusterson, a fish peddler, who was up in court a few days ago for peddling fish without a license. He was 45 years old, and leaves a wife and one son.

Gusterson resided at the corner of Jackson-street and Ferguson-avenue, and was generally known as "Fish Jack."

The remains were buried this afternoon, the funeral taking place from Blackford's undertaking establishment.

Henry Kruntz's Estate.

The will of the late Henry Kuntz, brewer, has been entered for probate by Mrs. Eliza Ann Aikens Kuntz, the widow, as sole executrix. The estate is valued at $180,866.23, as follows: Personalty, household goods and furniture, $2000; stock in trade, $15,168; horses, $1475; book debts and promissory notes, $14,082.24; moneys secured by mortgages, $88,929.24; bank stocks and other stocks, $15,000; cash in bank, $2233.30; plant and machinery, $16,261.01; realty, brewery and dwelling house, $27,540.

The estate is left to Mrs. Kuntz.

Otherwise Engaged.

It is understood here that Rev. Lawrence M. Skey is not in a position to accept the rectorship of St. Anne's Church, Toronto. The members of the committee in charge of the quarto-centenary fund of the Niagara Diocese, say Mr. Skey is under contract to raise subscriptions for the fund, and that he will be occupied fully two years more in that task.

Police Points.

William Epslan, no address, was arrested last night on a charge of theft, preferred by John Gorrie.

Charles Flynn, Queen-street, is in the cooler, charged with assaulting his wife.

At the Police Court yesterday A. E. (Boss) Davis of Stony Creek was committed for trial on the charge of unlawfully appropriating $5, belonging to the Wheeler Gravity Cream Separator Company of Syracuse, N.Y.

The trial of Fred Simons, charged with stealing over $500 from Heintzman & Company, was enlarged till Tuesday.

J. J. Walsh, North John-street, will be tried to-morrow on the charge of violating the Liquor Law.

Going to Toronto.

Rev. C. J. James, rector of St. Thomas' Church, yesterday confirmed the statement that he had accepted the rectorship of the Church of the Redeemer, Toronto. He will take charge Oct. 1. His departure from Hamilton will be greatly regretted.

Minor Mention.

Assistant License Inspector Dixon yesterday handed over to the City Clerk a cheque for $5148, the city's share of the last half-year's liquor license fees.

Try Noble's new restaurant. ed

The Board of Health will meet to-morrow evening to consider the site for the proposed Isolation Hospital, and new scavenger system.

The 13th Band will be assisted by Mrs. Frank A. Passmore at its concert next Tuesday evening.

Rev. J. K. Unsworth preached to railway men at the Congregational Church this morning.

CHRISTIANIZING THE JAPANESE.

Bishop Awdry Gives an Account of the Work at St. James'.

Bishop Awdry of Japan occupied the pulpit in St. James' Cathedral yesterday morning, when he delivered an impressive discourse on the teaching of Christianity among the people of Japan. He pointed out that the condition of the Japanese at the present time was very much the same as that of the Corinthians when St. Paul wrote his epistle to them. The same difficulties were encountered in the work and were nly being overcome by the great work of the missionaries. He dealt with the organization of the work there and the way it was carried on.

In the evening His Lordship spoke in St. Simon's Church along the same line. He will leave Toronto on Wednesday and sail for England on Saturday.

Garden Hose Stolen.

On Friday afternoon John Crocker, 490 Jarvis-street, reported to the police that 50 feet of garden hose had been stolen from his lawn. The same day Robert P. Platts of 511 Sherbourne-street complained of the theft of a door mat, and on Saturday Detective McGrath recovered the stolen property in a second-hand store. A good description of the man who stole the hose and mat was obtained, and yesterday John Duggan of 59 Frederick-street wa sarrested in connection with the thefts. The police have in their possession a second door mat believed to have been stolen by Duggan, and they are now looking for the owner.

CATCHING.

The Coffee Habit Breeds Trouble.

It is quite commonly the case that both husband and wife are somewhat similarly troubled with coffee drinking.

A lady writes and, after giving description of her husband's relief from coffee dyspepsia and general nervous trouble, and says: "I was almost as bad as he, having the headache nearly every day and was nervous and weak, did not sleep well, was pale and thin, and had a bad complexion.

"When I found how much good Postum Coffee was doing husband, I concluded to use it, and I tell you life is altogether a different thing. I eat and sleep well and look like a different woman. My usual weight for years was from 98 to 100 pounds. I now weigh 108 pounds and everyone tells me how much better I am looking.

"I had some friends who did not like Postum, but knowing it was because they did not boil it long enough I made some at their house one day, and they agree with me that Postum is a delicious beverage, and while, of course, the flavor and taste is pleasing, and we are glad Postum does suit us that way, the great advantage is in the wonderful, bounding health that we have recovered." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

A Prosperous Loan Company.

The Colonial Investment & Loan Company ranks high among the financial institutions of this city. On June 11 the annual meeting was held, when the report for the year showed net profits amounting to the satisfactory sum of $92,607.45. This enabled the company to pay a dividend of 6 per cent. on the ordinary permanent stock, and the permanent preference stock, and a dividend of 7 per cent. on all classes of terminating shares. The recent acquisition of the Equitable Savings, Loan & Building Association places the assets at $2,000,000, while the company's surplus funds now exceed $90,000. Careful management is contributing to a large extent to the success of the Colonial Investment & Loan Company.

Arrested in Buffalo.

Word of the arrest in Buffalo of Robert Young, a Toronto man, was received by Detective-Sergt. Reburn last night. Young has been wanted since Feb. 13 to answer a charge of holding up and robbing James Adair of 107 West Bloor-street of $175 and a gold watch and chain. The chain was recovered a few days after the robbery. Young lived on East Queen-street, in this city, with his mother. He will be brought here for trial to-day by Detective Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Friedman, father and mother of A. Friedman, are coming to the city to stay with their son at 502 Sherbourne-street.

INCREASE FOR C.P.R. TRACKMEN ARBITRATORS ANNOUNCE AWARD

Board Concluded Its Labors at the Queen's Hotel Saturday Night—The Increase Will Average Fifteen Per Cent. All Round From Atlantic to Pacific.

The Board of Arbitration, who have been sitting for the past few days at the Queen's Hotel, adjusting the wages of the C.P.R. trackmen, concluded their labors on Saturday night. The board was composed of John D. Wilson of St. Louis, Mo., president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trackmen, representing the men; Chief Engineer Gutelius of the Maintenance of Way Department, Montreal, representing the company; and Chancellor Boyd as the third party.

The award was made public on Saturday night, and is satisfactory to the men and to the company alike. It amounts to an average advance of 15 per cent. all round, and is as follows:

Atlantic Division.

Yard foreman at West St. John and McAdam, $2.25 per day; yard foreman at Bronsville Junction, $2.15 per day; yard foreman at Fairville, $2 per day; foremen at all other points, $1.85 per day.

Yard section men at West St. John and McAdam, $1.40 per day; section men on main line in Maine, $1.40 per day; section men at all other points, $1.30 per day.

This scale applies to Eastern Ontario divisions.

Lake Superior Division.

There will be two rates for this division. Yard foremen at North Bay, Webbwood, Sault Ste. Marie, Cartier, Crapleau, White River and Schreiber will receive $2.25 per day. Other foremen east of Cartier $1,90 per day; other foremen west of Cartier, $2 per day. Section men east of Cartier, $1.35 per day. Section men west of Cartier, $1.40 per day.

Western Division.

Yard foremen at Winnipeg and Fort William, $2.60 per day; yard foremen at Ignace, Rat Portage, Brandon, Broadview, Moose Jaw, Swift Current, Medicine Hat, Calgary and Cranbrook, $2.40 per day; other foremen, Port Arthur to Laggan and Crow's Nest, $2.25 per day; foremen, Crow's Nest to Kootenay Landing, $2.35 per day; yard section men at Fort William and Winnipeg, $1.50 per day; other section men, Port Arthur to Laggan and Crow's Nest, $1.40 per day; section men, Crow's Nest to Kootenay Landing, $1.50 per day.

Pacific Division.

Yard foremen at Vancouver, $2.60 per day; yard foreman at Vancouver (section 1), North Bend, Kamloops, Revelstoke, Field, Rogers' Pass, Laggan, $2.40 per day; other main line foremen, $2.25 per day. Section men at Vancouver yard, $1.50 per day. At all other main line points section men, $1.40 per day.

Kootenay Branches.

Yard foremen at Nelson and Smelter Junction, $2.40 per day; foremen at all other points, $2.35 per day; section men at all points, $1.50 per day; Extra gang foremen of Pacific Division shall receive from $2.50 to $3.50 per day; all other extra gang foremen shall receive from $2 to $3 per day; assistant extra gang foremen and assistant yard foremen shall receive not less than a minimum paid to section foremen on their respective divisions.

Sent for Ratification.

A copy of the award, as given above, was sent to the head office of the C.P.R. at Montreal on Saturday night to be formally ratified and signed by the company.

COMBUSTION CAUSES FIRE

Wholesale Drug Establishment of Evans & Sons Damaged by Fire Sunday Afternoon.

RANKIN'S PLANING MILL GUTTED

Fire Burned an Hour and Did Damage to the Extent of $3,000.

The four-storey warehouse of Evans & Sons, Limited, wholesale druggists, at 23 West Front-street, was damaged by fire yesterday afternoon. The loss is estimated by Chief Thompson at $30 on the building and $200 on the contents, fully covered by insurance. The firemen were summoned by a still alarm about 2 o'clock, when smoke was seen issuing from the basement windows. An alarm from box 5 was also sent in by Policeman George Sawdon.

The blaze originated in the rear of the basement and at first it was believed to be of incendiary origin, but after an investigation, Chief Thompson is satisfied that it started from spontaneous combustion. Nearly the whole of the loss on the contents is made up of the value of two travelers' sample cases, which were stored close to the spot where the fire started. The firemen in extinguishing the blaze worked in great danger of an explosion. Stored in close proximity to them were 16 kegs of saltpetre, 25 barrels of sulphur and 50 bags also filled with sulpaur.

The Toronto agency of Evans & Sons, Limited, have been singularly unfortunate during the past month. On the night of May 30 their premises were entered by thieves, who attempted to rob the safe by tearing away the bricks surrounding it, and oil June 8 Edward Gun of Belleville, an employee, died suddenly in the basement.

Rankin & Co.'s planing mill at the corner of Sheridan-avenue and Dundas-street was badly gutted by a fire which broke out about 6.30 yesterday morning. A large quantity of dressed and undressed lumber piled in the premises provided food for the flames, which were not gotten under control for nearly an hour. The cause of the fire is unknown. The building, a two-storey brick structure, was damaged to the extent of $1000, and the loss on the contents, consisting of machinery and lumber, is estimated by the firm at $2000. The insurance carried by Rankin & Co. is $16,000, of which $5000 in on the contents. The policies are placed with several local companies.

MOTORS TO SUPPLANT STEAM.

New York, June 14.—The obtaining of control of the Stanley Electric Manufacturing Company of Pittsfield, Mass., and of Ganz & Company, who have the largest electrical plant in Europe, by William C. Whitney and his associates, gives currency to the statement that the object of the big purchase is for the purpose of converting the steam railroads in this country into electric roads. A member of the syndicate has admitted this as the object, altho it is not expected that the scheme will be begun immediately. For the immediate future the increased plant at Pittsfield will be used to supply the demands of the street railways in this and several large cities. Before entering into the deal, it is said that Mr. Whitney and his associates were assured that railways in the east were about ready to spend $25,000,000 for the displacement of steam by electricity.

MEET NEXT IN TORONTO.

Quebec, June 14.—The Canadian Electrical Association elected the following officers: President, B F Reesor, manager of the Light, Heat and Power Company, Lindsay, Ont.; first vice-president, E W Stade, Quebec; second vice-president, R B Thornton, Montreal; secretary-treasurer, C H Mortimer, Toronto. Executive Committee, J J Wright, A A Dion, John Yuile, O Higman, A Sangster, P G Gossler, E A Evans, A B Smith, A A Wright, G Henderson. It was decided that the next convention would be held in Toronto.

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DRIFTED FOR THREE DAYS

Three Owen Sound Fishermen Clung to Their Upturned Boat on Georgian Bay.

THEY WERE GREATLY EXHAUSTED.

But Proper Care Brought Them Around—Capt. Foote's Timely Rescue.

Owen Sound, June 14.—Capt. Robert Foote of the steamer City of Collingwood, on his return from the Soo, this afternoon sighted three men clinging to a boat near Cabot's Head. After getting them aboard, they proved to be three fishermen of Owen Sound, Thos. Jones, Andrew Park and Ronald Clairmont, who told of their perilous adventure. On Wednesday last they went out to where their nets where. Near the points where they were picked up, the buoy being in sight from the steamer, something went wrong with the rigging and the boat upset, the ballast shifting so as to hold her on her side with only about a foot of freeboard above water. They lashed a few loose boards to the side, and on this raft they drifted for seventy-two hours, traversing the Georgian Bay south nearly to Collingwood and north almost to Tobermoray, being finally picked up near the spot where they started. The men were greatly exhausted with their fast of three days and nights and with the exposure to cold weather and water, but were kindly cared for by the crew of the Collingwood and appear but little the worse now except for the want of sleep.

Great Race for the Grand Prize.

Paris, June 15.—The Grand Prix de Paris of 200,000 francs ($40,000), distance about one mile and seven furlongs, was won by M. T. De St. Alary's chestnut filly Kizil-Kourgan. Camille Blanc's bay colt Retz and Baron Leonoff's bay colt Maximum ran a dead heat for second place, while M. E. De St. Alary's bay colt Arizona was fourth.

Eleven horses ran, and the race was won by a head. There were one and a half lengths between Retz and Maximum and Arizona. R. S. Sievier's bay filly Sceptre, Randall up, was never dangerous, and ran sixth. American jockeys were not successful in the contest for the Grand Prix de Paris to-day. Six had mounts, but not one of them even secured a place. Americans at Longchamps lost considerable money on the horses ridden by J. Reiff and Henry. The former jockey was mounted on Lognes, which was the third favorite, at odds of 8 to 1, but finished last. Throuout the day, however, the American riders rode three winners, five seconds and two thirds.

The racing began at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The Prix D'Armenonville was won by Lisette, J. Reiff up; Jabot, ridden by Rigby, was second, and Nivernais, ridden by Milton Henry, was third.

The Prix D'Ispahan, the next race, proved to be a contest between Exema, ridden by Thorpe, and Lemloche, ridden by Rigby. The former won.

The Prix de Castries was won by Kleptite; Brunehaut, Reiff up, was second, and Kaleidoscope was third.

The Prix Du Duc D'Aoste was won by Lamoree; La Lorelei, ridden by Henry, was second; Mokattam third.

The contest for the Grand Prix was the fourth in the series. A shower came up just before it was run and resulted in the opening of numberless umbrellas, but luckily the rain ceased when the bell was rung for the start.

In the preliminary canter Sceptre naturally monopolized the attention of the crowd, and the filly's almost faultless build and easy action elicited the greatest admiration. Counting Sceptre, the other 10 horses and their jockeys were: Retz (Stern); Maximum (Lane); Kizil-Kourgan (Pratt); Arizona (Thorpe); Olivarez (Wattkins); Kakimono (Maher); Rob Roy (McIntyre); Astronome II. (Henry); Lognes (Reiff); Babryousouf (Rigby).

Kizil-Kourgan won by a short head. The cheering continued, altho the victory was not a popular one. Retz and Maximum ran second. Arizona was fourth, Olivarez fifth and Sceptre sixth. The owner of Kizil-Kourgan, M. De St. Alary, was summoned by President Loubet, and received from him the congratulations customary upon this occasion.

The betting was as follows: Kazil-Kourgan, 12 to 1; Retz, 5 to 4; Maximum, 25 to 1; Sceptre, 3 to 1.

NOT AFTER FRENCH LINES.

London, June 14.—An interview, as quoted by The Times' Paris correspondent, states that while J. P. Morgan was in Paris he made no effort to see the officers of the French steamship companies, tho it is said he expressed himself as ready to communicate with them. The authority expresses the hope that Morgan's operations ill open the eyes of the government of France and induce it to protect the shipping industry of that country.

William Mitchell of Markham-street sailed last Thursday for London to see the coronation.

ASSEMBLY LET DR. WILKIE GO

Foreign Missions Committee Felt That Reconciliation and Co-operation Were Hopeless.

DEFENDS HIMSELF FROM ATTACKS.

And Says He Was Slandered in His Absence—Committee to Name Superintendents.

The delegates to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church combined pleasure with business on Saturday. In the morning they lent their attention to a discussion on foreign missions, and the afternoon was spent in taking in the beauties of Niagara and viewing Hamilton. Excursions to these points had been arranged by the Entertainment Committee on the steamers of the Niagara Navigation Company and the Hamilton Steamboat Company, many of the delegates enjoying the trips. Those who remained in the city were entertained by local clergymen and members of the church.

Resignation of Dr. Wilkie.

At the business session, the resignation of Dr. Wilkie, as announced in the report of the Foreign Missions Committee, was dealt with. The report stated, in regard to this matter: "The irritations that have existed in the mission in Central India for so many years are not unknown to the church. They on several occasions, engaged the attention of the Assembly, and have cost the committee many hours of anxious thought. They still continued, however, and Dr. Wilkie felt himself so unable to harmonize with his brethren that he felt it to be his duty to resign, and sever his connection with the Presbytery, of which action the Presbytery approved. The committee feeling that reconciliation and co-operation were hopeless, deemed it best to seek to end the conflict by accepting Dr. Wilkie's resignation. Dr. Wilkie served the church in the mission for 23 years, with unusual energy and success."

Slandered in His Absence.

Dr. Wilkie, who is in attendance at the Assembly, appealed against this "disposition" of his services. He declared that there were too many whisperings and suggestions against him, which "calculated to ruin me in the sight of my friends and the church. Malicious, slanderous falsehoods have been used against me in my absence. I afford an easy victim. I am only one of seven, and it is convenient to sacrifice me." he said. Dr. Wilkie said that the General Assembly was largely to blame for his misfortunes. Complaints had been made that he did not attend the Presbytery; but this was not done by his colleagues. There would have been no trouble, he insisted, if the General Assembly had stood by its committee in this matter. He denied the statement that he had bee the cause of all the trouble. There was trouble in the mission long before he arrived. On his arrival there, he found three of the missionaries violently opposed to one another. "Iahve been dragged home again and again to defend attacks against me, attacks which arose out of my resolve to do that which you committed to my care. My whole career in the mission has been a series of attacks and defeats. Each defeat intensified the opposition against me."

Grave Charges Were Made.

At this point it was suggested that grave charges were being made against absent men, but the Moderator held that the Assembly was hearing Dr. Wilkie's memorial, and, tho his language might be strong, there was no way to prevent it. Continuing, Dr. Wilkie declared that, as to the charges against his administration of the college at Calcutta University, the lady assistants would make no complaint. Some of the men worked in harmony with him, but Mr. Taylor was seriously prejudiced against him, his mind having been poisoned against him.

Hamilton Cassels, a member of the committee which reported on Dr. Wilkie's case, declared that the latter had been guilty of a serious breach of faith with the committee. Mr. Cassels said that everyone at the Presbytery declared it was impossible to satisfactorily continue the work with Dr. Wilkie. The speaker said that Dr Wilkie had acquiesced in the conclusion of the committee, that he should retire.

To Nominate Superintendents.

The Moderator named the following committee, to nominate a superintendent for the Northwest and two missionary superintendents: Dr Gordon, convener; Doctors Warden, Prof J Ross, Pitblado, Scrimger, Principal Patrick, R N Grant, Somerville, Herdman, E D McLaren, Fletcher, R Campbell, McMillan, Battisby, Lyle, Armstrong, Falconer, Fotheringham, G B Wilson, Revs T Stewart, B A McCurdy, T Love, J W McMillan, Ratcliff, James Farquharson, Neil Gillray, R T McBeth, Omand, J A Carmichael, Hugh McKay, D G McQueen, Messrs. J K Macdonald, Dr Gilbert, Gordon, George Rutherford, R Kilgour, A Macdonald, W F Young, A R Leonard.

Coronation Services.

The Committee on Loyal Addresses were instructed to consider the advisability of holding services in the church in connection with Coronation Day.

Bloor-street Church held a big congregation yesterday afternoon, when an assembly communion service was held. The moderator, Rev. Prof. Bryce; the ex-moderator, Rev. Dr. Warden, and others took part in the services.

Many of the pulpits of the city churches were filled yesterday by delegates to the assembly.

THREE DAYS ADRIFT IN A FOG.

Terrible Experience of Two of a Schooner's Crew.

Montreal, June 14.—A special from Charlottetown, P.E.I., says: Three days and nights adrift on a fog-wrapped sea without food or water was the experience of Solomon Spinney and Edward Muse, two of the crew of the schooner Margaret of Beverley, Mass. These men were found last week in a dory 40 miles east of Sydney, C.B., and picked up by the barque Gler and taken to Sourls. They were out trowling and got lost in the fog, being unable to reach their schooner. They eventually lost their oars and were obliged to rig up a dory, two buoys with an anchor attached, to keep the drag's head to wind and prevent upsetting. When rescued they were terribly exhausted and the younger, a lad of 16, could not have endured much longer.

Father Assaults His Son.

Joseph Passmore of Heward-avenue, an employe of the City Commissioner's department, was charged in the Police Court on Saturday with an aggravated assault on his son William. Staff Inspector Archibald declared that the prisoner was a man of ungovernable temper and sometimes drank. For years he had abused his family. The City Commissioner gave him a good character as a worker and sentence was suspende. If he does not behave, he will be re-arrested and sent to jail.

Much Work Saved.

Fountain, "My Valet," 30 Adelaide West, has a smoothly running department now, which ladies appreciate. It relieves them of the annoyance of re-facing, re-lining, re-binding or cleaning skirts, and alters last year's jacket into the current style. 367

STREET RAILWAY STRIKE MAY STILL BE PREVENTED

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with the authority received from the union, I forwarded you a letter containing a copy of resolutions passed at a mass meeting of the employes of the company, held on the 31st of May last. Our committee meets this evening. Will you, therefore, kindly favor me at an early hour to-day with the information as to when the company will meet the committee and discuss the resolutions set out in my letter above mentioned?

"Oblige,

"James Barbour, Secretary."

The committee claim this letter was also ignred, tho they say President Mackenzie gave to the press following sti receipt his open letter, in which he expressed his willingness to treat with the employes of the company.

With Proper Credentials.

The committee thereupon sent to the company a letter, Friday, offering to send a committee of employes to treat with them, and were then sent a letter by General Manager Keating, in which he expressed a willingness to meet a committee with proper credentials from the employes. The committee received this letter at 8 o'clock Saturday night, and within 10 minutes sent to the company headquarters Committeemen Pickles and Thompson, conductors, to ascertain what the manager meant by "proper" credentials, and to see if their credentials filled the bill. These two gentlemen assert that they called twice during the evening at Mr. Keating's office, and one at his house, and were unable to see him at either place. They left at both places, they assert, notices that they would be at their hotel until 10.30, awaiting information where they could see Mr. Keating, but he failed to communicate with them. Mr. Keating says he heard nothing of the committee's call.

Want Recognition.

It is this committee of two conductors that will call this morning at Mr. Keating's office, and make a final effort to have the union recognized. These men have full authority to discuss and treat with the company, but they have explicit instructions to demand recognition of the union, as a condition on which further discussion may continue. If this committee fails to come to some sort of an agreement, the question of a vote will be put to the men at the mass meeting to-night, and if a two-thirds vote favors a strike the men will refuse to take their cars out Tuesday morning. The men appear determined to strike if the union is not recognized, and the committee asserts that out of the 1000 employes, 900 are members of the union.

General Manager Seen.

Mr. Keating and other general officers of the company were at the headquarters of the company late last night. The general manager said there was nothing new in the situation.

Asked if he had seen the committee from the men, he replied no.

"What did you mean by your reference to proper credentials from the employes in your letter of Saturday to the committee?"

"I meant that I wanted to know that they represented our employes, and what authority they had."

"What are you prepared to do in an emergency?"

"I think I can say we are prepared for any emergency that may develop."

Gravity of Situation Appreciated.

Another leading representative of the company observed: "I think the company officials appreciate the gravity of the situation. In evidence of this, we had a meeting of the roadmasters last week, and discussed the situation, and got their ideas as to what they thought the men would do and how many would go out if a strike was really declared. This shows we realize that the men are pressing the proposition."

After further conversation Mr. Keating said: "I will be in my office Monday morning, and I can be found there by any committee having business with me. I have received no reply to my letter I sent the committee on their request for a conference. I naturally expected a reply from the men."

Men Brought From London.

The committee handling the case for the men are keeping a very close watch on the agents of the company, and they assert that Sunday a bunch of 25 men were brought to Toronto from London to take the places of men who struck.

They assert these men were in charge of Chief Electrician Potter of the company. Immediately members of the committee secured vehicles and hastened around to several members of the City Council and other prominent citizens and sounded them on the proposition of the company importing men from other sections to run their cars and handle the machinery. The committee declare that these gentlemen manifested hostility toward such a move, unless the company could demonstrate the responsibility of the men they put in charge of the motors to run thru the streets.

Trouble May Ensue.

From the sentiment expressed by the men, it is clear the prospect of having the company bring in men from other places to operate their cars is calculated to provoke trouble if anything that is done can cause trouble. The police appear to be preparing for this phase of the case, as notices have been published that officers who were to take their vacations this week cannot get off for the present. Further, 22 men who had applied for positions in the service and were expecting employment July 1 on the police force have been notified to report for duty this morning. This is just a suggestion of the preparation made to be in readiness for any emergency.

For All Employes.

The committee handling the case for the men consists of: Chairman, J. H. Pickles; secretary, James Barbour; David Jack, W. T. Thompson and P. Langley. Acting in an advisory capacity with the committee are James McDonald, local organizer, and Daniel Dilworth, international delegate of the Street Railway Employes of America, of which the local organization is a branch. W. D. Mahone, president of the International organization of Detroit, will arrive in Toronto this evening, and will be present at the mass meeting. This meeting is for all street car employes, whether union men or not.

Had Recognized the Union.

The committee for the men give out the statement that the company has previously recognized the union on two occasions. They assert that when the question of vestibules was being discussed by the Council the company sent a communication to the union, thru the union's secretary, asking that the representatives of the union, as a committee, go before the Council and oppose the vestibule scheme. Again the committee asserts the company sent a communication to the local union when the question of Sunday cars was being discussed, and requested that a committee go before the meeting and favor the proposition to operate Sunday cars and force the issue as a union proposition.

A representative of the union, discussing the various features of the claims made in the proposition sent to the company proposing a conference, said:

As to Section Five.

"Section No. 5, touching the loss of time of employes during an investigation of complaints, is the worst feature with which the men have to contend. Any complaint, however trivial, filed by a passenger against an employe, calls for a formal explanation from that employe. The man knows nothing of the case until he goes to the barn to take his car in the morning. He is then told to report to Roadmaster Nix. He goes there at 4 o'clock, and is told the nature of the charge. No matter how slight, unless the man admits the truth of the complaint and allows Mr. Nix to impose a penalty, he is told to go the next day to a higher official at headquarters. The man the next day reports to the higher official. If he makes a complete defence, he is merely told to return the next day and continue work. He has thus lost two days' wages, tho the company finds him not guilty. This is the procedure in every case. In the event of the slightest complaint from a passenger, this is the least a man can expect, no matter whether the charge is sustained or not. The union demands that, in each case where the charge is not sustained, the employe should not lose his pay for the time he is up for investigation.

As to Car Cleaning.

"In the case of section 6, the men are required to report at the barns 15 minutes before they are to take their cars. They receive no pay for this extra 15 minutes, yet if they are one minute late they lose the whole day. During this 15 minutes the conductors and the motormen must clean their cars, inside and out, windows and all. They are required to keep their clothes neat and clean, and they must clean their car and wash the windows in the suit they are to wear thru the day. Aside from the men being asked to clean the cars on their own time, for which they receive no pay, it is a great hardship to make the men do this kind of work in their best clothes. Car cleaners are employed everywhere to do this work except here."

Other Alleged Abuses.

The committee give the following explanation concerning alleged abuses which they insist are wrong, and which are factors in inducing the men to demand union organization and protection:

"The employes buy their uniforms from the store designated by the officials. For a suit they have $13 deducted from their pay and many merchants in Toronto offer the men the same clothes for $10. They must have a summer and winter hat, for which they pay $1 each. These caps are offered by Toronto merhants and sold openly for 47 cents each. The overcoats, for which the men pay the company $10, are sold everywhere else in Toronto for $8.

As to Ticket Buying.

"Again, in the matter of having the men furnish the cash with which to purchase all the tickets used by the public, the company is using the capital of the employes. The rules require a man to have not less than $15 to buy tickets with. Most of the men are forced to keep $30 with them, so heavy is the demand. This is their money, and each morning they go to the office and buy tickets from the company, which they sell to the public. The company is paid in advance for ever yticket issued. This means that the six hundred conductors are lending to the Toronto Railway Company between $12,000 and $15,000 daily with which to transact their regular business. Elsewhere men are required to give a bond, and the company issues the tickets and they return the money for them as they are sold."

What Committee Will Do.

The committee will appeal to the public in the event of a strike not to favor the company by depositing their fare in the box furnished by the company, but to force the conductors to take the cash or ticket from the open hand of the passenger. A pretty legal question is expected to arise if this is done. The company contends that the passenger can be forced, however, to place his fare in the box provided b ythe company. The solicitor for the company was asked about this phase of the case Sunday. He declared that the company was permitted by law to collect a fare from each passenger, and that the company could indicate the manner in which this fare must be paid, provided the plan was not burdensome. The solicitor did not see any hardship to the passenger in the plan now in vogue, and he did not think the company would change the plan. He did not say positively that a passenger could be ejected from a car for refusing to place the fare in the box, but he was inclined to the opinion that the company had the legal right to enforce its present system regardless of anything that might be done by passengers to avoid placing fares in the box.

REV. C. J. JAMES ACCEPTS.

Hamilton, June 14.—Rev. C. J. James, rector of St. Thomas' Church, this morning confirmed the statement that he had accepted the rectorship of the Church of the Redeemer, Toronto. He will take charge Oct. 1. His departure from Hamilton will be greatly regretted.

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