

## MANY STRIKERS ARE SHOT DOWN

Fourteen Killed and Several Wounded by Troops at Mexican Mine — Thousands Leave Their Work

EL ORO, State of Mexico, Mex., July 31.—In repelling a mob of striking miners who today freed the prisoners in the local jail, the troops fired, killing 14 and wounding others. The strikers were from La Esperanza mine, which they abandoned this morning.

This afternoon the men in the Mexican mine, an adjoining property, worked out and it is understood by the men of the El Oro mine that they will be called there tomorrow. Fearing that they might be the means of an anti-union demonstration, many of the American women were sent out of the mine, and a special train to Toluca, where they were taken to Mexico City. The strikers were based upon a recently issued by the miners in which Americans were bitterly assailed.

More than 4000 men, representing the underground forces of the Mexican and the Esperanza mines, are out, and if these men should be joined by those in the El Oro, the number of strikers would number about 7000. They demand higher wages, but it was stated officially that the properties would be closed before increases would be granted. One hundred soldiers were sent from Mexico, the state capital, to El Oro this afternoon, and President De La Barra has been asked and has promised additional protection. It is expected 1000 soldiers will be here before morning.

The force consisted of fifty state troops and twenty-five rurales. Trouble began early. The rurales had arrested a few of the strikers, and the men determined to set them free. Some of the men were armed with revolvers and some with knives. They started up the one street of the town toward the jail, throwing stones as they went at such buildings as offended their sight. They shouted "Viva Mexico" and "Viva the rurales," who fired numerous shots. Before the mob fled, however, it had succeeded in freeing the prisoners.

Stores were looted throughout the town, and foreigners redoubled their activity to get the women out of danger. All day the commander of the little garrison has been expecting more trouble from the gathering crowds of strikers. Although far outnumbering the troops, the strikers have few if any arms, but in a big hardware store there is an abundance of guns, and it is assumed that if rioting be resumed, this will be sacked.

One danger feared is fire. Unlike most Mexican towns, El Oro is built not of stone, but of wood. This camp is commonly regarded as one of the richest in the republic, the monthly output of gold and silver having a value of about \$50,000 gold.

On the opposite side of the mountain, where the El Oro properties are located, is the famous Los Estrellas mine, and it is feared that the 3000 men employed there may also strike. The stock of the El Oro properties involved is held principally by British and Americans.

**Troops Sent.** MEXICO CITY, July 31.—Four hundred soldiers left here tonight for El Oro, and two hundred more rurales were sent from Toluca to assist in maintaining order. Late reports are that the men employed in the El Oro mine and the Los Estrellas have joined the strikers, who now total more than 9000.

**BEHM ARRESTED**  
Uncle of Otto E. McManigal, Witness in Dynamite Case, Charged With Contempt

LOS ANGELES, July 31.—The Los Angeles county grand jury returned an inquiry today in the case of the McManigal brothers, accused of complicity in dynamiting conspiracies. Otto E. McManigal, was the chief witness and was questioned as to the actions of his nephew.

Eugene Clancy, a labor leader of San Francisco, had been subpoenaed, but sent word that he was unable to come because of illness.

The attorneys representing the McManigals have filed with the prosecution a copy of their bill of exceptions to the ruling of Judge Bordwell upon the question of jurisdiction and the denial of the motions to quash the indictments against them. This obviates the necessity of formal court action for ten days.

George Behm was arrested tonight on a citation issued at the behest of the grand jury, charging him with contempt.

Following the example of Mrs. McManigal, Behm made grand jury questions propounded to him regarding any knowledge of the dynamite conspiracies of which his nephew and the McManigal brothers, John and James, stand accused. The citation was issued tonight after Behm had been for several hours in the jury room.

He was arrested shortly afterward and released on bonds of \$1,000 to appear tomorrow.

**BUILT TO COOS BAY**  
Southern Pacific Branch to Run from Eugene, Oregon, to Coast Point

PORTLAND, July 31.—General Manager J. P. O'Brien of the Harriman lines in the Pacific Northwest, announced today that the Southern Pacific Company will at once commence construction of a railroad to Coos Bay. The road will be completed according to present plans, in two years and will cost \$8,000,000.

The railroad will diverge from the main line of the Southern Pacific at Eugene, Oregon, and run through the Coast range in a westerly direction to the mouth of the Siuslaw river, thence following the coast to Margate.

**Pugilist Fined for Assault**  
LOS ANGELES, July 31.—George Mennic, the pugilist, was fined \$15 today in police court for having assaulted and beaten the man whom the police say was Dr. John Smelter, trainer of the Portland baseball team, late Saturday. Mennic said he became angered when he saw Smelter accompanying Mrs. Mennic home from a theatre.

## ENTOMBED IN MINE

Desperate Efforts Made to Rescue Young Man Imprisoned by Cave-in at Joplin

JOPLIN, Mo., July 31.—A second drill hole sunk above the mine, drift where Joseph Clary, 23 years old, son of a prominent mine operator, is imprisoned 72 feet below the surface of the earth, missed its mark today and at 8 o'clock this afternoon another hole was started. At 10 o'clock tonight it had been sunk fifty feet.

Both the first and second drill holes were started directly above the drift in which the young prospector was entombed when the soft dirt through which the shaft had been sunk, caved in early Sunday morning.

**FOREST CONSUMED**  
Flames in San Bernardino Mountains Get Beyond Control—Resorts Are Threatened

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., July 31.—The forest fires on the slopes of the San Bernardino mountain range spread steadily today toward the eastward and westward of Waterman's Canyon. A brisk wind fanned the smoldering fires into flames tonight. The fire point of origin almost can be read in the light of the flaming pines along the slope of Strawberry Peak, a mile from the fighting line.

The width of the fire belt is estimated by the rangers at from three to five miles. It is ten or more miles long and rapidly spreading toward Little Bear Valley and Brookings Mills. Skyland and Crestline, two mountain resorts are directly in the path of the fire.

Forest Supervisor Charlton arrived from Big Bear Valley this afternoon and assumed direction of the fire-fighting force. To arrest the spread of the flames he ordered that the giant pines above Squirrel Inn be dynamited. By this means he hopes to save thousands of acres of timber east of City Creek.

The force combatting the fire has been on duty continuously for 48 hours, with but scant supplies of food. For the 180 men employed there have been two sources of food supply—fruits from Mastin's camp and bread and coffee from the Hot Springs. Scores of exhausted men are straggling back to the city after having given up the fight.

**Deaths in Montreal**  
MONTREAL, July 31.—Six bodies lie in the morgue tonight, the result of accidents yesterday and today. A Syrian woman was burned to death, the result of a coal oil stove upsetting.

The bodies of John Andrews and Augustine Nelson were found in the river. G. A. Watkins, an employer of the docks, was drowned while swimming. Harry Whitley, a Canadian Pacific yardman, was crushed to death beneath a train. John Ashford was killed on the Grand Trunk Tracks at St. Hubert.

**Public Welcome to Hon. R. McBride**  
Home Coming of Popular First Minister will be Made Occasion of Demonstration by Citizens

Returning from attending the coronation ceremonies as the official representative of British Columbia, the Hon. Richard McBride is not on his way west and will reach Victoria by either the afternoon or evening boat on Thursday. He passed through Fort Victoria yesterday en route and expects to reach Vancouver early on Thursday morning.

The local Conservative association is planning to hold a demonstration to welcome the premier home. Citizens generally are invited to meet the Vancouver boat by which he returns and a band will be in attendance. The premier will be invited to deliver a speech, which will probably be made from the balcony of the parliament buildings. Arrangements provide for giving the popular first minister of British Columbia a rousing reception in recognition, not only of the high appreciation in which he is held by the people of Victoria, but as a tribute to the great publicity work which he did for the province during his visit to London and other parts of the Old Land. The exact time of his arrival and further details of the plans being made for his reception will be announced in due course.

**Fatally Hurt by Fall**  
ST. JOHN, N. B., July 31.—Robert Rankin Ritchie, sheriff of the county and city of St. John, died tonight as the result of a fall on Sunday, in which he fractured his skull. He was a son of the late Sir William Ritchie, formerly chief justice of Canada.

**Brewers in Conference**  
WASHINGTON, July 31.—Entering the illustrious names of Anheuser, Pilsner, Heileman and other ancient and earnest drinkers of beer, barley growers and brewers from throughout the country today began testimony before the board of food and drug inspection to determine the long-disputed question: "What is beer?"

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief chemist, who heads that board, shared the honors with the ancient controversialists, by announcing early that his chief complaint was that too little beer was found in the ordinary glass of commerce sold to the thirsty.

**Winnipeg, July 31.**—The new coal tariff which will affect all coal carried west from Port Arthur and Fort William will go into effect in a few days. There will be no change in rate to Winnipeg. In portions of the west directly affected by the coal strike, which now there will be a very material reduction. The Calgary reduction will be 35 per cent, and further west a greater reduction. It is stated also that a large quantity of coal will be obtainable west of Montana. Sir William Mackenzie says a few cars from Montana will be brought in and tested. If satisfactory, large quantities will be imported. Investigations are being made with reference to the possibilities of securing rates on coal from Indiana and Illinois if the strike is not settled.

## DELAY ACTION ON VETO BILL

Will Not Come Before House of Commons Until August 7th—Unionists Likely to Agree to Measure

LONDON, July 31.—The political crisis over the veto bill has undergone a slight modification, as the cabinet today decided to postpone a re-appearance of the bill before the House of Commons until August 7th.

Present anticipations point to the healing of the breach in the Unionist ranks.

Lord Lansdowne and his followers, who favor the bill, and the Halsburyites, who are opposed to it, will meet tomorrow night in full force at a complimentary dinner to the Unionist party's late whip, Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, who is now known as Lord St. Audley.

At this dinner Mr. Balfour, leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons, is expected to speak in an attempt to give the way for a modus vivendi between the opposing sections of the party.

Both sides appear to be tending in this direction. Lord Willoughby de Broke, who is organizing the insurgents, today for the first time admitted that his party had gained no concessions in strength.

Lord Lansdowne tonight issued a letter discounting the idea of any Unionist party going in the government lobby for the veto bill.

This belated decision on the part of Lord Lansdowne probably means that he has secured sufficient support to make the Halsburyites powerless against the votes of the Liberal peers in the lobby of parliament, however, that necessity for Viscount St. Aldwyn to come to the government's assistance, as the tension has lessened is shown by the fact that King George has decided to remain at Cowes the rest of the week. There is still a strong belief in the lobby of parliament, however, that Premier Asquith in order to guard against surprise, will have created a batch of about fifty peers before again trusting the veto bill to the House of Lords.

**GERMAN INVASION**  
Six Soldiers Undertake Task of Subduing France—Out Telegraph Wires

PARIS, August 1.—A despatch to the Journal from Nancy says six German soldiers yesterday crossed the French frontier from Lorraine and two of them were arrested by French soldiers and taken to the prison at Longwy. According to the despatch, the Germans had cut the telegraph wires and broken down several telegraph poles.

**Ends His Life**  
FORT WILLIAM, Ont., July 31.—William Morton ended his life by shooting himself.

**Miss Was Loaded**  
KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 31.—"Hold up your hands, Daddy, or I'll shoot," called five-year-old Ernest Spillman from behind the dining-room door. Carl Spillman, a member of the Kansas City fire department, entered his home. Before the father had time to turn, a small rifle in the boy's hands was discharged and the father fell dead. Ernest did not know the gun was loaded.

**Mr. Bourassa Not a Candidate**  
MONTREAL, July 31.—Henri Bourassa announces today that despite persistent rumors, he will not be a candidate in the coming election. He states that Mr. Monk's attitude on reciprocity and the new tariff are satisfactory to him and he has accepted him as his leader and will fight for the success of Mr. Monk and the "third party," both on the platform and through the pages of his newspaper.

**Allows Rebate of Coal Duty**  
Dominion Government's Action in Compliance With Request of Western People to Meet Fuel Shortage

OTTAWA, July 31.—Owing to the failure of coal miners and mine operators to settle the strike in the Alberta mines, which has existed throughout the summer and threatens western Canada with a serious coal shortage, the government today decided to rebate the duties on bituminous coal brought in from the United States to Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and eastern British Columbia.

The rebate will run for two months. If the strike continues beyond that time the period will be extended, but if it is settled rebating will be discontinued two weeks after the mines resume operations.

**MASSACRE IN AFRICA**  
German Officers and Natives in Detachment Killed by Bechuanaland Tribes

BERLIN, July 31.—Advice received here says that the German commander in Southwest Africa has departed with a punitive expedition against the natives finally get coal from the Bechuanaland, who were responsible for the massacre of a German detachment composed of six German officers, two white soldiers and two natives. News of the massacre was received here July 19.

**Water Shortage in Carolina**  
CHARLOTTE, N. C., July 31.—As a climax to the unprecedented drought this section of the state is now suffering in North and South Carolina shut down today because the water in the Catawba river is so low that the power plants are unable to generate electricity. It is estimated that 70,000 operatives are thrown out of employment. It is believed work will be resumed in two days.

## BANDIT KILLED

One of Gang Hanged in Robbing Bank Shot Down by Sheriff's Men

GREAT FALLS, Mont., July 31.—Three masked men robbed the First National Bank of Harlem at about 11 o'clock this morning, but the man who had the booty in his possession was killed and the money recovered. The other two bandits escaped. Fosses are pursuing them, and it is believed they will be captured. As the three men rushed to the bank and entered two of them covered the cashier and his assistant, the only persons in the bank with revolvers. The third went behind the counter and filled a sack with gold and currency from the counter and the vault, which was open, the total amounting to about \$1,000.

One of the robbers accidentally fired a revolver. The report brought Marshal Thawell to the back door of the bank. As he entered one of the robbers fired at him, and in turn the marshal fired, killing the man who was just going out the door on the money. The other two ran from the building, and mounting their horses, rode away at full speed. Within a few minutes two automobiles loaded with armed men, started in pursuit. Other posses have been joined.

The country near Harlem formerly was the rendezvous of the Curry gang of robbers, and it is conjectured that the robbers are members of the old gang. In that event it is probable that it will be hard to locate them, as they are familiar with the country and hiding places in the mountains.

**NIobe FLOATED**  
Cruiser Comes Off Rocks When Tide Rises—Boats With Members of Crew Safe

HALIFAX, N. S., July 31.—The protected cruiser Niobe, flagship of the Canadian navy, was saved after being impaled for five hours on the south-west ledge of Cape Sable early yesterday. Her hull was pierced in several places, the starboard engine room swamped with water, and other compartments flooded. No lives were lost.

The cause of the accident is not yet known, but a heavy fog shrouded the coast and it is said there was a northeast gale blowing.

Six members of the crew who left the cruiser in two boats, seeking safety, were rescued by the cutter. The accident as they were lost in the fog and at the mercy of the gale and strong tide, which was feared would wreck them on one of the many ledges about Cape Sable. It was learned by wireless that the crew had been rescued. They went back to the cruiser in one boat, the other apparently having been wrecked.

**Duke of Connaught**  
OTTAWA, July 31.—In reference to the statement that the Duke of Connaught will arrive at Quebec on Oct. 18, it was learned from Maj. Trotter, D. C. that no official notice has yet been received.

**STANDARD OIL OBEYS DECREE**  
Stock in Subsidiary Companies to be Distributed Pro Rata Among Shareholders of Principal Company

NEW YORK, July 31.—Announcement that the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey today in a communication to its stockholders, of the way it intends to reorganize to meet the provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law. The plan provides that stock in about 85 subsidiary companies shall be distributed pro rata among the stockholders in the present company. Dissolution will be about December 1.

The detailed plan, showing what pro rata shares in the subsidiary companies the Standard Oil stockholders may expect under the re-organization will be made known later. This is a matter of computation, and will require some time, but the communication today shows in outline the manner in which the company proposes to re-organize. The communication addressed to the stockholders by H. C. Folger, Jr., secretary, is dated July 28 and follows:

"Obedience to the final decree in the case of the United States against the Standard Oil company (of New Jersey) and others, requires this company to reorganize to meet the provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law. The following corporations which it owns directly or through its ownership of stock of the National Transit company, the Anglo-American Oil Company, the Atlantic Refining Co., Borneo-Serimber Co., the Buckeye Pipe Line Co., Chesapeake Manufacturing Co., the C. & P. Pipe Line Co., the Columbia Pipe Line Co., Inc., Eureka Pipe Line Co., Galena Signal Oil Co., Indiana Pipe Line Co., National Transit Co., New York Transit Co., Northern Pipe Line Co., Ohio Oil Co., Prairie Oil & Gas Co., Solar Refining Co., Southern Pipe Line Co., South Pennsylvania Oil Co., Southwestern Pennsylvania Pipe Lines, Standard Oil Co. (California), Standard Oil Co. (Indiana), Standard Oil Co. (Kansas), Standard Oil Co. (Kentucky), Standard Oil Co. (Nebraska), Standard Oil Co. (New York), Standard Oil Co. (Ohio), Swan & Finch Co., Union Tank Line Co., Vacuum Oil Co., Washington Oil Co., Waters-Pierce Oil Co.,

"Such distribution will be made to the stockholders of the Standard Oil company (of New Jersey) of record on the last day of September, 1911, and for that purpose the transfer books of the Standard Oil company will be closed on August 31, 1911, at 3 p. m., and kept closed until the date when said stocks are to be distributed. It is expected it will be about December 1, 1911.

"Notice of the date when said stocks are to be distributed, and of the re-organizing of the books will be duly given."

**MURDER WHOLESAL**  
NEW YORK, July 29.—Discovery here of seven pieces of dismembered bodies, one of which was that of a woman, convinced the police today that a wholesale murder is at its height in New York. It is feared evidence of other crimes will be discovered, and practically the whole police force is searching today for clues to the killing. Until the trunk of a woman, headless and limbless, was taken from the river, the authorities believed the other remnants of bodies found there were the relics of those dismembered in the Communipaw explosion last winter. Now they foresee that they are facing another problem similar to the famous Guldenspeck case.

On July 20 the head, trunk and right arm of a man were found in the upper bay; on July 21 a man's left foot was picked up off the Battery, and the trunk, same afternoon a right foot and leg were floating near the same place. All were parts of unidentified bodies. Every day until Thursday pieces of bodies were picked up.

The police became active when the torso of a woman, wrapped in canvas and bagging was picked up by the crew of the tugboat. The man who made the discovery failed to keep the wrappings surrounding the torso and there is not a clue to its identity.

According to Coroner Converse of Hoboken, and County Physician Hutchinson, the head and limbs of the dead woman had been hacked off with a saw. They declared there was no doubt the woman had been murdered.

**Germany Sneer at Empire**  
BERLIN, July 31.—The result of the recent imperial conference in London is, in the opinion of the Agrarian Deutsche Tageszeitung, the collapse of the idea of British Imperial unity. Even Canada, it says, has discarded as old iron the theory advocated by England during the Canadian customs war against Germany, that the British empire is an economic entity. The present development of the situation, says the pan-German organ, has been described by Mr. Asquith: "Each of us is master in our own home, and we remain so. This is, both here at home and for all the Dominions, the life-blood of our policy. More meaningless phraseology, it declares, can hardly be imagined. For community in which each unit can command is anarchy. The German Empire, it points out, could never have been established if each of the German states had acted on such a principle. The Liberal government, says the Tageszeitung, in conclusion, has clung with doctrinaire obstinacy to Manchester principles with the result that "the old English Liberalism has once again proved that it is absolutely incapable of mastering the great, constructive world political tasks of the British giant empire."

**Only Three Cholera Cases**  
NEW YORK, July 31.—But three cases of cholera remain tonight at the quarantine island, where two weeks ago there were eighteen. The remaining fifteen patients, it was said at quarantine, have been discharged as cured.

## PREMIER FISHER MAKES DENIAL

Says He Did Not Use Language in Regard to Empire Credit-Ad to Him in Interview at London

MELBOURNE, July 31.—That he never made any statement to the effect that the British Empire consisted of separate nations, each of which would choose when and where it would assist the others, and that such an idea is "monstrously grotesque," is the message contained in a cablegram from Mr. Fisher, the Commonwealth premier, who is at Colombo on his way home to Australia. According to a cable message from London, the prime minister, in an interview with Mr. Stead, had supported the same view of the autonomy of the overseas Dominions that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is credited with holding. When an intimation to this effect was published in Australia, such a storm of protest was raised that Mr. Fisher feared for its influence in the country. Mr. Fisher's repudiation of the interview has been very welcome, both to his party and to the public generally. The premier adds that he is an "ardent Britisher" and is "always ambitious to keep the flag flying."

**Tragedy of the Sea**  
A tragedy of the sea is related by the survivors of the barque Puritan, which sailed some months ago from Newcastle, N.S.W., for San Francisco. The vessel sprang a leak in a storm 800 miles distant from Tahiti, and the crew put off in two boats, seeking the nearest land. In one of the small craft were the captain, the second mate and ten men, and in the other Mr. Fairfax, the mate, and the remainder of the crew of 22. The two boats kept together for two days, but on the second night they got separated. The darkness, the captain and the men who were with him set sail for Anna Island, which they reached in safety. Here they subsisted for eleven days on a sixth part of a pint of water and two biscuits each per day. At the end of that period their circumstances had become so desperate that the captain and three men set out for Tahiti. Half way on their journey their boat struck a coral reef and was badly damaged. Only by desperate bailing could the famished men aboard keep the little craft afloat. However, after they had almost abandoned hope, they came in sight of Tahiti and on landing were well treated. Immediately the news of the remainder of the captain's party being still on the island was received, a vessel was sent to rescue them with all speed, and the men were found and succored. The second boat had not been heard of and it is feared that all perished. Hatfield and another man named Chapman were natives of Nova Scotia.

**Miner Killed**  
A mine disaster has occurred at West Wyalong, water having burst into the workings. Three men were working at the 600-foot level. One was able to reach the shaft ladder before the rushing waters caught him, but another was overtaken and washed away several hundred feet. In his struggles he managed to grasp the end of the ladder and so drag himself into safety. The third had his skull smashed and died in a few minutes.

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