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RAILWAY MEN'S CONVENTION TO-DAY

Over 300 Motormen and Conductors Gather in Toronto for Biennial Confab—President Mahon Will Succeed Himself.

The big convention of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America opens at the Labor Temple at 10 o'clock this morning. Between 300 and 350 delegates will be in attendance, the latest contingents arriving on the C. P. R. Sunday night from Rochester, Plattsburg and New Orleans.

W. D. Mahon, International president of the organization, who lives in Detroit, arrived yesterday, and with 20 or more other delegates, is registered at the Prince George.

Popular President. W. D. Mahon has been president of the street railway men's organization since 1905, a year after his birth as the strongest labor union in existence. Judging from the appearance of its president, one would have the impression that an organization of which he was the chief official, would forge ahead, for W. D. Mahon is a big man in his own sphere. Large of stature, with a strong looking face, the striking features of which are a determined looking mouth and a rather prominent nose of the Roman type, he gives every evidence of force of character. To the World yesterday he said that the street railway men's organization was growing stronger every year.

"In the last two years," he said, "we have made rapid strides, and our organization now has a total membership of about 75,000, and in Chicago, of three divisions total nearly 11,000."

It is said of Mr. Mahon that no other man could defeat him as president of the organization.

"Samuel Gompers," said a local official, "couldn't beat Mahon in our organization."

Where Next? One of the most interesting matters of discussion at the convention will be deciding where the next convention is to be held in 1911. There are four cities, namely, St. Joseph, Mo.; St. Louis, Mo.; Philadelphia, Pa.; and Chicago, Ill., that are bidding for the honor. The first named city, it is believed, is putting forth the strongest claim, and argument of that division's delegates, who are Richard Johnson, Sam O. King and J. Penmore, being that St. Joseph is most centrally located from all points on the continent, and as a consequence can command a very large representation, since it would be possible for the more distant divisions to send representatives. "We have come here with our minds made up to land the convention for St. Joe," said one of the delegates from that city, "and if it is all possible, it will be held there."

Yesterday afternoon about 200 of the delegates, some with their wives, were given an extended ride around Toronto. These large stately cars provided by the company let the Civic George at 2.30.

Civic Reception. The last convention of the street railway men was held in New Orleans in 1907, and at that time Toronto was decided upon as the next meeting place. At ten o'clock this morning when the convention is opened a civic welcome will be tendered by Controller Hocken in the absence of Mayor Olliver, who has gone to St. Louis. On behalf of the labor men of Canada and Toronto, Wm. Gloeckling, who is president of both the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada and the District Trades and Labor Council of Toronto, will welcome the delegates.

After this form of ceremony has been dispensed with, the business of the convention will begin. The acceptance of credentials and the striking off of committees will be first on the order paper and at the close of the session reports and resolutions will be submitted.

At eight o'clock there will be an open meeting for members of the local division to meet the delegates, and to-morrow night the delegates will see the show at Shea's Theatre, where three hundred seats have been reserved.

Assembly Hall Decorated. The Assembly Hall of the Labor Temple, where the delegates will transact all business, was never more resplendent with brilliant colors. The whole room is one grand display of flags and bunting. The arrangement of the enclosure has been much improved by the removal of the partition at the east end and the inclusion of what is locally known as committee room. The platform is transferred to the south wall, and by a lavish and tasteful display of palms is converted into a veritable arbour of foliage, thru which peep the entwined flags of Great Britain and the United States. A cluster of colonial ensigns is suspended from the skylight of the auditorium, and from coats fastened in the centre of the skylight and at the numerous posts of the gallery hang pennants and bargees of various societies and crafts.

The increased area of the hall has made it possible to provide each delegate with a seat at a table.

8 KILLED IN MINE EXPLOSION. ROSLYN, Wyo., Oct. 2.—Eight men were killed and several seriously injured in an explosion in a shaft of a Northwestern Improvement Company's mine here this afternoon.

This mine was still burning to-night and another explosion is feared.

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29TH YEAR

250,000 WOMEN IN BUDGET ELECTION

Various Organizations to Take an Active Part in the Coming Appeal to the People.

LONDON, Oct. 3.—It is expected that when the general election takes place women will play a greater part in the fight than ever before. Some 250,000 will enroll themselves as electors.

The opinion exists that it will be the hardest fought and most riotous election ever known in England. Thousands of members of the different women's societies are already enrolled.

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Everybody in Doubt. The belief that the general election will be held in January grows stronger every day, but it cannot be said that either side shows similar unanimity of opinion as to whether an election will then suit their book. There are undoubtedly grave fears in the Unionist ranks that an election will mean the fall of the present government. The Spectator strongly urges the house of lords to accept the budget, eight or twelve months' experience of which, it declares, will convert the issues and send the Unionists back with a great triumph. No one, however, seems to doubt that January or February will see an election.

What action the house of lords will take when the budget comes before them remains a mystery. One day the press thinks the peers will pass the bill and the next day the other view obtains. The Times declares that the impression is deepening on all sides that the abolition of the Landownettes will be sufficient if 70 or 80 of the back-bench peers voted against the measure. There is apparently a distinct feeling of nervousness in certain Unionist circles with regard to precipitating a conflict between the two houses on a question of finance.

The Liberal Majesties, such as The Liverpool Post and The Nation, are beginning to discuss the King's attitude in the matter. It is pointed out that Lord Lansdowne, who was once a victim of a few days at the King at Balmoral, where Lord Lansdowne will shortly follow him. The Liverpool Post says: "None can ignore altogether the effect of the rejection of the finance bill might have on the position of the sovereign. Apart altogether from the merits or demerits of the bill it is a vital interest of the monarch to avoid a struggle between the two houses, because it is never possible to predict how it may affect his position and prerogatives."

The Nation points out that if the lords reject the bill it will be a revolutionary seizure of power, which three centuries ago would have been answered by an appeal to arms.

RIOTS FEARED IN DOUMA. Bills Will Be Introduced for Protection of People From Official Injustice. ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 3.—Russia's legislative year begins in October. After a conference with Premier Stolypin, a statement has been issued by M. Khomlaskoff, speaker of the duma, announcing the session's program, which is more important than any since the establishment of the duma. It says: "Government bills will be introduced for the duma's ratification on the creation of local courts, immunity from arrest without a regular warrant, and the responsibility of officials before the ordinary courts."

M. Khomlaskoff says he fears violent scenes in the duma emanating from the extreme right, which is becoming desperate at the prospect of the elected representatives becoming a permanent and important part of the legislative system.

DIES IN A FIT. Unknown Young Man Victim of Diabetic Coma. Shortly after being stricken in the street with diabetes, an unknown young man died in the Western Hospital last night. His complaint was considered fatal from the time it was diagnosed. He expired at 10.45 without regaining consciousness.

He fell to the pavement in Yonge-street at 3.30 yesterday afternoon. Passers-by carried him into Anderson's pharmacy at 30 Yonge-street, whence he was taken to the hospital in the police ambulance.

He was about 21 years of age, well dressed, clean-shaven, about 5 feet 11 inches tall, dark brown hair, blue eyes, slim, and is apparently a mechanic. Nothing was known of his identification when he was found in his possession. He had a gold watch on his wrist.

Taft Lays Church Corner Stone. PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 3.—President Taft today preached another sermon. The scene unchanged from the Mormon tabernacle at Salt Lake City on Sunday last, to the corner stone-laying of the First Universalist Church in East Portland.

The president handled the silver trowel, and worked hard to see that the stone was properly adjusted.

SCRATCHERS



OLD MAN ONTARIO: It's a pity yeh can't git rid o' sum o' them hens, James.

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MRS. STETSON, SCIENTIST, LOSES CHURCH LICENSE

Woman With Power Second Only to That of Mrs. Eddy, is Indicted After Enquiry.

BOSTON, Oct. 3.—Mrs. Augusta F. Stetson, of New York, has not been expelled or "dismissed" from the Christian Science church, according to a statement from Fred. Farlow, chairman of the mother church committee on publication, but has had her license as a practitioner revoked.

One or other, and the first church of Christian Scientists, New York, next to the "mother church" in Boston, the most influential Christian Science church in the United States, is in danger to-day of serious division. The revocation of the license of Mrs. Augusta Stetson to teach Christian Science also forbids her to practice in the faith.

Mrs. Stetson was the first reader in the church for 16 years, probably up to the present time a dominant influence in the church, and her power for years has been second only to that of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, at whose instance it is charged by some, Mrs. Stetson's dethronement came about.

While local officials of the church to-day refused to discuss the action of the directors of the "mother church," the outstanding Mrs. Stetson they expressed the belief that no more serious results would follow than the possible withdrawal of some of the closest friends of the deposed leader.

While there are seven counts in the "indictment" against Mrs. Stetson, the chief complaint is that she exalted herself above the "mother church" and was not spiritually orthodox. Her teachings are said to have been contrary to the principles laid down by Mrs. Eddy, and that she "endeavored to exercise a control over her students which tends to hinder their moral and spiritual growth."

The action by the directors of the mother church, as the first church of Christ, Scientist, of Boston, is known, followed an exhaustive enquiry introduced by Mrs. Stetson's methods of teaching and practising Christian Science. The enquiry was finished on Sept. 25, but only a few persons in this city and in Boston were aware of its result.

LAUNCH VEDRA BURNS

Fire of Mysterious Origin Breaks Out and Craft is Scuttled. The gasoline launch Vedra, belonging to Bert Gibson of Winchester-street, caught fire near the ferry docks at Hanlan's Point Saturday night, and had to be scuttled to extinguish the flames.

There was no one aboard at the time, and she had been tied up for several hours, with the canvas covering tightly tied down. The cause of the fire is unknown. It may have been spontaneous combustion. Except the engine, the craft is a total loss.

LOST LIVES IN PRAIRIE FIRE

Woman and Two Children Perish in Alberta. STETTLER, Alta., Oct. 3.—The wife of a farmer, Frank Grover, living ten miles southeast of Lee, and two children, lost their lives in a prairie fire. The mother saw the fire approaching her home and set out to a neighbor's with the two children, Katherine and Dorothy, aged four and two, but was overtaken by the flames.

AFGHANS FOMENT ANTI-BRITISH REVOLT

Serious Disquiet in Northern India and Punitive Expedition May Soon Have Some Brisk Fighting.

LONDON, Oct. 3.—Another expedition against the warlike Waziri tribesmen, who inhabited the northwest frontier of India, with a strong probability of the extension of the operations into Kabul, is regarded as almost a certainty of the near future by those close in touch with the Indian government.

The unrest in these regions is pronounced. Small British posts have been subjected to raids for months past, and political and military officers have been killed by the fanatical tribesmen.

Those conversant with the situation are satisfied that the agitation is being engineered from Afghanistan. Arms and ammunition are reaching the tribesmen in alarming quantities from across the Afghan frontier. Mazrullah Khan, brother of the ameer of Afghanistan, who is notoriously anti-British is becoming increasingly powerful at Kabul and in India he is regarded as a constant menace to peace.

Mazrullah is reported to be preaching his war among the tribesmen in the British sphere of influence.

The Waziris, whose spirit of independence was so well dampened by the defeats they suffered at the hands of the last British expedition, are being wrought up by a fanatical mullah, Mir Fojidar, who is now on his way to Kabul to consult with Mazrullah Khan.

The British government admittedly the seriousness of the situation. For months past it has been trying to stop the importation of arms, and it is quite likely that the entire west of the Punjab will be put under a strict blockade. It may be undertaken. Should a war with Afghanistan result, it is considered here that the entire west of the Punjab would make it a much less formidable affair than before, and frontier officers express the belief that a British force could be in India in forty-eight hours after crossing the frontier.

SCIENCE STAFFS INADEQUATE. And Are Underpaid—Criticism of British Vitor.

LONDON, Oct. 3.—(C. A. P.)—Lord Strathcona, interviewed by The Chronicle, said that in a decade he believed Canada would be able to supply the British with all the breadstuffs she requires.

The Canadian Cement Company invite applications for \$1,750,000 of 7 per cent. cumulative preference shares at \$2 per share.

Professor Perry, treasurer of the British Association, interviewed, said that regarding scientific work in Canada, millions had been sunk in equipment, and hundreds had been saved on staffs. The lessons that Canada and the United States and England as well, have to learn is that all salaries ought to be doubled and twice as many people engaged.

Lord Morley has sanctioned the imperial staff scheme for India.

DOUBLE TRACK ON PRAIRIE

C. P. R. Will Make Beginning Between Brandon and Winnipeg. MONTREAL, Oct. 3.—(Special.)—Sir Thos. Shaughnessy, who is back from the west, says that there is no truth in the report that the C. P. R. have bought the Allegheny.

He stated that in the near future the double-tracking of the prairie section of the C. P. R. between Brandon and Winnipeg and Brandon, as a starter, to be continued later on to the Rockies.

The president of the C. P. R. has just now is to be \$100,000,000 of new money into Western Canada.

POPE MUST HAVE REST.

ROME, Oct. 3.—For several days past the Pope has been sick, but he continued to see visitors, hoping to overcome what he considers his temporary ailment. The Pope's doctors have insisted upon complete rest, and the audiences have been suspended.

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