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TO BREAK FROM INTERNATIONAL

Southern Miners in no Mood For Interference—Solid Phalanx Behind Sherman.

Bulletin Special.

Fernie, B.C., April 9.—"It looks like a split," said an official of District No. 18 United Mine Workers of America this evening. "If International Representative Morgan comes along and makes an agreement, it means that Canadian miners will break from the U.M.W. of A. and form an independent Canadian organization."

"If President Lewis or any of his associates butt into this business up here it is the last of the International in Canada," declared President Frank Sherman, when asked if it was true that President Lewis was negotiating with the operators with a view to having the disputed agreement enforced.

The past few days have been quiet along the Crow's Nest Pass, but things are again livening up and some decisive movements will soon take place.

Sherman in Fernie.

President Sherman, accompanied by Wm. Dunlop, board member of Bankhead, arrived in Fernie today. Other officials of the miners' association are arriving. Frank Morgan, international board member, is expected on any train. The conference, called by Sherman, between the board members of District 18 and Morgan will be held in Fernie on Monday next.

The Hosmer miners appear somewhat restless. The married men are growing impatient at the lack of action and a slight murmuring is heard among them. Secretary Bothwick, of the Hosmer local, received a wire from Sherman today saying he would be in Hosmer to address a meeting there tonight. Sherman did not come. On Saturday last word was circulated in Hosmer that Sherman would speak there then, but he failed then also to appear, sending another official of the miners in his place.

Ready to Break.

Coleman and adjacent camps are quiet and the miners' representative told your representative that they are waiting and ready to break from the International. All, it is said, are unanimous in their determination to stand by Sherman. Louis Stockett, president of the Operators' Association, left Hosmer today and went to Michel. He will return tomorrow.

To Stick With Sherman.

Fernie, B.C., April 10.—This morning, at Hosmer, a big meeting was held of the striking miners, and President Sherman is as solid, or more so, than ever. The meeting was public and about 400 people packed the hall to hear President Sherman speak. The men were unanimous in endorsing Sherman's stand and say they will stay by him to the finish. Sherman, Robert Evans, district and local members and Hon. J. Jackson spoke. The meeting lasted from 9.30 in the morning till 2.30 in the afternoon. Lewis Stockett has returned to Hosmer.

On Monday the big convention of miners commences in Fernie. All the board members of District 18 will be here and there will be delegates from all the local unions. Between 30 and 40 delegates will be present. They are already coming in and all will be here in time to attend the opening meeting on Monday morning. A great mass meeting of miners will be held in Michel tomorrow. Sherman and Jackson will speak. Morgan, the International board member, has not yet arrived, but has been heard from and will be here today.

THE CRAZE FOR SPEED.

Results in Appallingly Large Number of Deaths in New York.

New York, N.Y., April 8.—Figures furnished by the Board of Health establish that, since January 1, 1908, seven lives a month, on an average, have been sacrificed to the craze for automobile speed. The number of fatalities resulting from improper manipulation of motor cars between January 1, 1908, and April 1, 1909, was 101. This includes persons run down and killed on the streets and persons killed while riding in cars in accidents. There have been seventeen automobile fatalities in the three months ending March 31, 1909.

An appallingly large percentage of those whose lives were sacrificed to the speed mania, in the period mentioned, have been children. Even the most conservative and law-abiding of the automobile owners are aghast at the figures. Some of them are forwarding an agitation to have children kept off the streets entirely.

"If they must play outdoors," say the motor car owners, "make them play on the sidewalks."

Rideau River Tame This Spring.

Ottawa, Ont., April 8.—Rideau river has not overflowed its banks so seriously this spring as usual, and the waters are now receding. The nation river has overflowed its banks and part of the C.P.R. track, thirty miles east of Ottawa, is inundated, causing a delay to the train service.

G. T. Foreman Struck by Train.

Niagara Falls, April 8.—Adam Young, of Bridgeburg, a G.T.R. foreman was struck by an engine near Port Robinson and hurled down the embankment. He was badly hurt.

EXAMINER OF SURVEYS.

Lionel C. Charlesworth, Edmonton, Appointed—New Cattle Importation Regulations.

Ottawa, April 9—Lionel C. Charlesworth, Edmonton, has been appointed special examiner under the Dominion lands surveys account.

Mrs. Helena Mellor Fleming, nurse of Moose Jaw, formerly of Winnipeg, is applying to parliament for a divorce from her husband, Herbert Fleming, now of Milwaukee, on the usual grounds.

A new order has been issued regarding the importation of cattle from the United States. Live cattle, dead meat, straw, hay, etc., many now pass through Pennsylvania into Canada, but must originate outside that state. Importations from the states of New York, New Jersey, Michigan, Maryland and Delaware are still prohibited. Straw from these states may be used as packing material. No Canadian cattle shall be permitted to leave Canada for Europe except through the ports of Montreal, Three Rivers, Quebec, St. John, Halifax, Portland, Chalottetown or Boston. The inspection points are Toronto and Montreal.

WAS CHAS. J. MORRIS MURDERED IN SHACK?

Indications are that Milestone Homesteader Who Met Death Last Monday, His Shack Burned, Was Victim of Foul Play.—Was Highly Respected in District.—Game from Missouri.

Milestone, Sask., April 9.—A coroner's jury, holding an inquest on the body of the Missouri Homesteader, Charles J. Morris, who met death mysteriously in his shack Monday night by fire, after opening here on Wednesday evening at eight o'clock is still sitting. A verdict was expected tonight. The post mortem examination of the body made by Drs. Cook and Tyreman, showed that the legs and arms had been consumed by fire, the skull fractured in two places and a small piece of bone forced into the brain. The rigid condition of the body and the condition of the stomach and organs suggested strychinine poisoning, and the stomach was sent to Regina for analysis.

A strong chain of evidence points to foul play and Longbottom's Hall was packed with interested neighbors, who had come in from Long Creek, where the dead man was highly respected, to follow the case, the community being stirred. Many witnesses testified to the high character of the victim. He was thirty-four years of age. He came from Missouri several years ago and was held in high regard in this town.

Ernest Morris, a brother of the dead man, was the last person to see his brother alive on Monday night, when the latter returned from Milestone, and it is known he had considerable money in his possession that day. Ernest was on the stand five hours, being closely examined, and the police are holding him till the result of the inquest is known.

CANADIAN MILITARY DISTRICTS

Militia Department Announces Reorganization of Canadian Militia.

Ottawa, Ont., April 9.—An important organization of the Canadian militia is announced. Military districts have been classified as first, second and third class. First class military districts included in command are as follows: Western Ontario command: No. 1, London; No. 2, Toronto; Eastern Ontario command: No. 3, Kingston; Quebec commands: No. 5 and 6, combined, Montreal; No. 7, Quebec; Maritime privinces command: No. 9, Halifax.

Independent military districts, classed as first class, are: No. 10, Winnipeg; No. 11, Victoria, including the Yukon; No. 13, Calgary.

The following military districts, included in commands, are classed as second class district: Eastern Ontario commands: No. 4, Ottawa; Maritime privinces commands: No. 3, St. John.

The Maritime provinces command: No. 12, Charlettetown, P.E.I., is classed as third class district.

The organization of a brigade of Cavalry in District No. 10, to be known as the 4th Cavalry brigade, and consisting of the 12th. Manitoba dragoons the 16th Light Horse and 18th Mounted Rifles is authorized.

The ordinance stations are hereafter classified as follows: First class, Toronto, Ottawa, Quebec and Halifax; second class, Kingston, Montreal, Winnipeg and Esquimalt. Third class, London, St. John, Charlottetown and Calgary.

The Quebec Brewery Amalgamation.

Montreal, April 8—An amalgamation of the brewing concerns in the province of Quebec, which has been for the past two years a matter of contemplation, becomes an accomplished fact on April 15 That day the books of the new syndicate will be opened under the name of the Eastern Breweries Company, Limited. Mr. Norman J. Dawes, of Dawes & Co., will be the first president of the new syndicate although he has not yet been officially appointed.

Steamships for Carrying Beef.

Liverpool, April 8.—It is reported in marine circles that Armour and Swift, of Chicago, are placing contracts for the construction of a fleet of steamships to carry beef from Argentine ports to London. Heretofore the Chicagoans have chartered vessels, paying heavy rates. It is reported that they intend to construct and operate their own steamship line. It is said that plans are being prepared for elevn refrigerator twin screw steamships of the latest design.

A DRY FARMING STATION IN SOUTH

Department of Agriculture to Establish Experimental Station—Prof. Campbell In Charge.

A dry farming experimental station in the heart of Alberta's semi-arid belt is the scheme which will soon be undertaken by the department of agriculture.

Hon. W. T. Finlay, Minister of Agriculture and Geo. Harcourt, deputy minister will leave for Medicine Hat to meet H. W. Campbell, the soil expert, on April 15th to choose a section of land in the vicinity of that city for a dry farming demonstration station.

Mr. Campbell has made a life study of the treatment of soil, in areas where the rain fall is at a minimum, so as to conserve what moisture there is and turn it to the best account. At his home in Lincoln, Nebraska, he is editor of "Soil Culture" which has done much to make his principles known throughout the United States. For some years he has been employed by railway companies in putting his principles into operation in those stretches of desert country through which their lines pass. He has been most successful and now in place of a barren land, where nothing but the cactus and sage bush would grow, the soil is made to yield sure and substantial crops every year.

Will Solve Problem for Alberta.

On the Medicine Hat farm Mr. Campbell will be expected to demonstrate his principles of soil culture, and the Department of Agriculture is of the opinion that if he is successful there, the problem of making wheat growing and general agriculture applicable to every portion of southern Alberta, will be practically solved. As soon as the farm is well established excursions will be run from all southern points so that the people may see the value of the principles adopted.

Mr. Campbell will not conduct any experimental tests similar to what are performed at the Dominion Experimental Farm at Lethbridge and Lacombe, but he will grow all the latest varieties of grain for seed purposes. He will also be in a position to take students at the farm, and teach them his system in its practical operation. It is not expected that he will be present all the time but he will have a competent man in charge of the work.

Mr. Campbell, commonly known as Professor Campbell, has gained the confidence of Alberta farmers through the lecture course which he has conducted in the past two years. The action of the department in securing his services for the first farm of this nature in Alberta will be heartily approved by all.

ITALIAN COURTS MORE SEVERE.

Heavy Sentence on Ringleader of Camorra Society—Warning to Others.

Milan, April 10.—The Italian courts apparently have learned a lesson from the widespread criticism of Petrosino's assassination and the leniency of the dealing with criminals and secret societies. Janarious Canavale, one of the ringleaders of the Camorra Society, was captured here after a bank swindle and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment.

When trapped, Canavale was on his way from Naples to Lugano to attend a meeting. The Camorra sent lawyers from Naples to defend Canavale, who feigned insanity and refused to appear in court. When the Naples lawyers failed to intimidate the Milan judge they cat off their robes and left the court. The judge then fined each $100 for contempt.

Canavale was sentenced to ten years with a perpetual loss of civic privileges, and as a further warning to the Camorra, the judge decreed that Canavale's decade shall be spent in solitry confinement.

Such a sentence means that the prisoner shall be rigidly isolated, being permitted to exercise only once a week in a closed corridor. Solitary prisoners usually go mad and attempt suicide. Canavale since his sentence was pronounced has tried to commit suicide three times.

His fate is a warning that the Camorra and the Hafia societies cannot intimidate the northern judiciary, no matter what their influence in Naples and Sicily may be.

Horse Rustlers at the Hat.

Medicine Hat, April 8.—Deputy sheriff E. R. Morgan, of Fergus county, Montana, working in conjunction with Corporal Jenkyn of the R.N.W.M.P. has seized twenty-three head of horses at John Read's Medicine Hat ranch, the animals having been stolen from across the border. Mr. Read bought the bunch for $700 and has a bill of sale. The police are hot foot on the trail of the rustlers and the horses have been brought into Medicine Hat.

Carried Away in Flood.

Ottawa, Ont., April 8.—W. B. Storey a well known Fitzroy farmer, was drowned in Morton's creek yesterday. Along with a companion, he was driving across the bridge, which collapsed. Story clung for three hours to the stump of a tree, but becoming weak, let go and was drowned. His companion was saved. Efforts were made to rescue Story, but while help was being sent for, he fell into the turbulent waters.

Poet Algernon Swinburne Dead.

London, April 10—Algernon Charles Swinburne, poet, died today.

THEY MAY NOT LAND IN FRANCE FROM BALLOONS

Three Germans ,who Decended near Paris, are Arrested.—Suspicion That These Aerial Cruises are for Purpose of Obtaining Photographs and Plans of Fortresses on Frontiers of Various Countries.

Paris, April 9.—Three Germans, supposed to be military officers, who descended from a balloon at the village of Santiny, about twenty miles east of Paris, were arrested there today. There has been much uneasiness and resentment lately, owing to the number of German balloons that cross the French frontier. No fewer than six have landed during the present week in the eastern departments.

The incident is causing some excitement. What disposition will be made of the men arrested, is not yet known. Complaints of German balloons crossing their frontiers have also been lately made by Belgium and Holland. The suspicion is that by cruising over them the German engineers are securing plans and photographs of the frontier defensive fortresses.

SPECIAL EASTER MUSIC.

Easter Sunday will be observed by special music in nearly every church in the city. Easter carols and anthems in commemoration of the resurrection day will be given at both the morning and evening services. In addition to the music the floral decorations will lend to the spirit of devotion. The following is the musical program in the different churches as submitted by the choir leaders:—

Westminster Presbyterian.

Evening song service, Easter Sunday at 7.30 p.m.

Anthem—God be Merciful, Bridgewater.

Hymn—Jesus Christ is Risen Today.

Solo—The Resurrection Morn.

Anthem—They Have Taken Away my Lord, Stainer.

Hymn—Look Ye Saints.

Solo—The Palms, Faure.

Quartette—The Homeland.

Anthem—What Are These? Stainer.

Hymn—Onward Christian Soldiers, Sullivan.

McDougall Methodist.

Morning service at 11 o'clock.

Hymns—174, Christ the Lord is Risen Today; 171, Ye Humble Souls That Seek the Lord; 175, Come Ye Souls Look Here and Wonder.

Anthem—Awake Thou That Sleepest, Maker.

Quartette—The Magdalene, Warren.

Tenor Aria—But Thou Didst Not Leave (from the Messiah), Handel.

Organ Voluntaries—Chant Seraphique, Guilmant; Spring Song, Hollins; Mestive March, Smart.

Evening service at 7.30 o'clock.

Hymns—The Strife is O'er; 176, Christ the Lord is Risen Again; 169, In the Cross of Christ I Glory; 170; Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus.

Anthem with Solo and Quartette—The Ninety and Nine, Wheeler.

Duet (tenor and baritone)—Crucifix, Faure.

Solo (soprano)—When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.

Organ Voluntaries—Adagio from Sonato, Mendelssohn; Serenade, Flagler; Hallelujah Chorus (Messiah), Handel.

First Presbyterian Church.

Morning service:—

Easter Carol—Welcome Happy Morning, Fields.

Baritone Solo—The Palms, Faure.

Carol—Easter Flowers Are Blooming Bright, Fields.

Evening service:—

Carol—Christ is Risen, Field.

Anthem—Break Forth Into Joy, Barnby.

Contralto Solo—Prayer.

Grace Methodist.

Morning service:—

There Shall be no More Death, Stainer.

Rejoice in the Lord, Britton.

Hugh A. Watt, late of Aberdeen, will sing.

Evening service:—

Holy, Holy, Attwood.

Christ is Risen, Woodward.

Solo—Miss Down.

Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Smith.

O Be Joyful, Dow.

All Saints.

Easter Day, Choral Celebration, 8 a.m.:—

Processional Hymn—499, On the Resurrection Morning.

Communion Service—Woodward in E flat.

Communion Hymns—322, And Now, O Father; 318, Bread of Heaven; 197, The King of Love.

Nunc Dimittis—Chant, Barnby.

Matins and Celebration at 11 a.m.:—

Processional Hymn—134, Jesus Christ is Risen Today.

Easter Canticle—Chant, Humphreys.

Proper Psalms—II., LVII., CXI.

Te Deum—Woodward in D.

Jubilate—Smart in G.

Anthem—They Have Taken Away My Lord, Stainer.

Communion Service—Buckall in B flat.

Hymns—125, Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem; 497, Welcome Happy Morning.

Evensong at 7 p.m.:—

Processional Hymn—131, Christ the Lord is Risen Today.

Proper Psalms—CXIII, CXIV., CXVIII.

Magnificat—Stainer in B flat.

Anthem—I Know That My Redeemer Liveth; Hallelujah, Handel.

Hymns—137, Alleluia, Hearts to Heavin; 500, O Voice of the Beloved.

Recessional Hymn—138, Christ is Risen.

WILL CARRY OUT FULL PROGRAM

British Cabinet Has Decided to Construct Eight Dreadnoughts This Year.

London, April 10—According to a distinguished naval leader, the cabinet has now completely given way on its naval construction policy and the whole of the Dreadnoughts requirede this year, eight in number, will be commenced as soon as the necessary slips can be provided. The four it was intended to order will be taken in hand immediately and orders for the needed material will be placed before the end of the present month. The second four ships will be ordered in the early part of the summer. The precise proportion of Dreadnoughts and Invincibles has yet to be settled, but there are good grounds for believing that there will be six battleships and two cruisers laid down.

Rushing Battleships.

In another well informed naval quarter it is stated that the construction of the Neptune and the Indefatigable, the two big battleships of last year's programme, is being rushed along at top speed. The Neptune is on the slips at Portemouth, the Indefatigable, a battleship cruiser of the Invincible type, is being built at Plymouth.

The admiralty superintendents at both these dockyards have received orders to concentrate work on the two big vessels. They were laid down toward the end of January, and it is hoped to get them off the slips in five months. As th enormal time on the slips for a vessel of this class is nearly twelve months the degree of acceleration can be seen. Five months, however, would not be the record, for the original Dreadnought was on the slips only a little more than four.

Employment for Thousands.

The acceleration policy at the government's dockyards will provide extra work for a large number of men and employment there is likely to be very brisk for a long time. Immediately after the Neptune and the Indefatigable leave the slips two Dreadnoughts, of this year's program will be laid down. It is learned, however, that those who are acquainted with the inner history of the trails of the new protected cruiser, Belonna, recently built at Pembroke dock, are emphatic in their opinion that she is practically an utter failure and when the new vessels of this class, to be laid under the new construction program, are commenced, several important alterations and improvements will be embodied.

FUNERAL OF MRS KENT.

Moose Jaw Victim of Gopher Poison is Borne to Tomb.

Moose Jaw, Sask., April 9.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Kent, who came to her death in such a tragic and mysterious manner on Saturday last, took place this afternoon from the home of her bereaved husband. The solemn and impressive services held in the Methodist Church, of which the deceased was an active member, were attended by a congregation that almost filled the spacious building. The floral tributes were many and beautiful, another mark of esteem for the dead and sympathy for the bereaved family being the long line of conveyances occupied by leading citizens, including the mayor, that followed the cortege. The chief mourners were the husband, her father and mother (Mr. and Mrs. Kale, of Vancouver), her sister and brother, the latter having journed from New Brunswick to attend the funeral. Rev. E. J. Chegwin conducted the church service, and paid eloquent tribute to the life and character of the deceased and her zealous work and devotion to many institutions connected with the church. Interment took place in the Moose Jaw cemetery.

REV E. D. DAVIDSON DISAPPEARS

Preacher, United in Fake Marriage to Mayor's Daughter, in Washington, Leaves Town.

Washington, Ind., April 9.—The Rev. Elmer D. Davidson, who tendered his resignation as pastor of the First Christian Church, has disappeared and no trace of him can be found. He mortgaged three of his horses for $400 and he drove from the city with his valises in the buggy last night about eleven o'clock. He was seen at midnight seven miles west of here. The preached did not bid any of his enormous flock good-bye, but told his landlady he would return when the court convened to fight the charge filed against him by Miss Bunn Clark, daughter of former-Mayor Hale Clark. He is said to have had a fake marriage ceremony performed, in the Metropolitan Hotel at St. Louis, uniting himself in marriage to Miss Clark. It is not known whether he fled in fear of violence or because of taunts.

Suffrage For Women in Italy.

Rome, April 10.—The Italian women suffragists are jubilant because a commission, appointed by Premier Giolitti to investigate the advisability of giving women votes at elections for members of all legislative bodies, has decided to report favorably.

BIG ICE JAM AT NIAGARA.

Complete Tie-Up of the Power Companies Operating There.

Niagara Falls, April 10—Great damage is being done by the ice jam in the river today and th ecomplete tie-up of Niagara power is threatened. The jam is the most serious in half a century and is hourly growing worse.

The power houses are shut down and the railways are tied up. The ice-bridge extends from the foot of the Horseshoe falls to the M. C. R. bridge, a distance of a mile.

The second ice jam is six miles long. Early this morning the power house of the Ontario Power Co. was forced to close. All night long men fought to avert the impending danger but were unable to keep the ice from closing in on the power house. The ice broke through the windows and covered the generator. The ice is now piled twenty feet high in the power house, completely covering the generators. If the ice continues to come over the falls at the present rate the power house will soon be buried in ice.

R.N.W.M. POLICE OBTAIN NO TRACE OF PRISONER

Frank W. Kane, who Jumped Through Window of Car is Still at Large Alleged to have Been Guilty of Bigamy as Well as of Fraud.

No trace has yet been found of W. Kane, the prisoner en route from Leduc to Fort Saskatchewan barracks to serve an eighteen month sentence, who escaped from R.N.W.M. Policeman Dharty by jumping through a window of the afternoon train on the C. & E. on Thursday while about eight miles from Strathcona. The country south of Strathcona in the Strawberry Creek district is being scoured by the police and about a dozen men are engaged in the search. Kane is well known in the district and has friends who, it is thought, are aiding him to make his escape. Descriptions of the man have been wired by Inspector Worsley all over Alberta and every possible measure will be taken to effect his recapture.

Had Eighteen Months Sentence.

Kane had come up before Judge Taylor on Thursday at Leduc on charges of intent to defraud his creditors and of procuring money by false pretences. From the evidence it appeared that he had purchased horses and goods to the value of over $300, and which he had sold for about $140, and attempted to get away, giving as his excuse that he wanted to raise money to pay off the indebtedness. Sentences of eighteen months on the first offence and six months on the second were imposed, to run concurrently and the prisoner was taken on board the afternoon train that was due to reach Strathcona at four o'clock.

At one end of the second class car Kane was placed in the corner by the policeman who sat facing him on the out side end of the seat thus preventing his moving in to the aisle of the car. Kane was not handcuffed but to the ordinary observer there seemed no possible way of escape. As the train sped along Kane remained quiet and showed no tendency to be disagreeable. For a moment the policeman turned his head to speak to a man going through the car. There was a sudden crash of glass and in an instant Kane was through the window of the car that was running at between twenty and twenty-five miles an hour. Those who looked out of the windows a moment later saw him dashing away towards the brush a few yards from the track.

Train Quickly Stopped.

The train was quickly stopped and the Constable got off about 200 yards from where the sensational escape occurred. Nothing was then to be seen of Kane, however, and diligent search has failed to reveal any trace of him since that time.

The prisoner, who is about twenty-seven years of age, and is a native of Prince Edward Island. He was married recently after short acquaintance to the nineteen-year-old daughter of a well known and highly respected farmer near Strawberry Creek. It is alleged that he has another wife residing in Ontario and there was a probability that a charge of bigamy would be laid aginst him when his imprisonment on the first charge was over. When sentence was pronounced against him on Thursday he created a scene in the court room by bursting into tears and attempting to embrace his wife who thrust him aside.

First Arrested in March.

Kane was first arrested early in March by J. S. Johnson, deputy bailiff of Leduc and Constable Dharty of the R.N.W.M.P. as he and his young wife were boarding a C.N.R. train in Edmonton for the east. Kane had tickets for a point in Prince Edward Island, and claimed he was going home to raise the money to pay off his debts. He was brought to Leduc and his creditors gave him a week in which to hunt up money. He said that he had a job with J. S. Hill at Strathcona. Later he attempted to leave for Prince Albert, and was arrested by Constable Dharty and brought back to Leduc, where he appeared before Justice of the Peace Blades and was committed to stand his trial which took place before Judge Taylor on Thursday.

Banquet to Minister of Railways.

Montreal, April 8—Hon. Geo. P. Graham, minister of railways and canals, will be tendered a banquet by the Montreal Reform club on Saturday, April 17.

A BODY BLOW FOR STANDARD OIL CO.

Payne Tariff Bill Carried by House of Representatives—Duty Entirely Removed From Oil.

Washington, D. C., April 9.—Carrying petroleum and all its products on the free list, the Payne bill passed the House of Representatives finally tonight at 8.20 o'clock. The Standard Oil company suffered one of the worst setbacks of its career in the final day of the debate. Alarmed by the additions to the insurgent ranks, fearful of the result at the polls of further efforts in behalf of the Big Monopoly, and striving to offset the political effect of Speaker Cannon's defence of the trust on the floor of the House on Wednesday, the managers of the House majority made a sensational surrender, at the opening of proceedings this morning, and presented a Ways and Means Committee amendment, providing for absolutely free oil.

It seems to be the sense of this House," said Chairman Payne in a thick voice, "that petroleum and its products should be on the free list."

Adopted With a Whoop.

The amendment was adopted with a whoop, and for the first time since the organization of the Standard Oil company it stood stripped of all legislative favor and on a level with all its competitors. Ringing cheers, in which both Democrats and Republicans joined, greeted the passage of the amendment. When the final stage of the debate had arrived and Speaker Cannon was about to put the bill up for final passage, Champ Clarke, leader of the Democrats, made a demand that a separate vote be held on oil. The regulars resisted. Cannon hesitated, evidently seeking reasons to deny the motion, but finally permitted the roll call which put on record every member of the House on the question of free oil. The vote stood 323 to 46, and it is this preponderating vote that the Senate must take note of when it comes to a consideration of oil schedule.

Senate to Restore Duty.

Rumors are already afloat that responding to an alleged demand from independent operators the Senate will restore the duty on oil. Such action would undoubtedly precipitate a deadlock between the two Houses that would be unbreakable. The final vote on the bill itself was 217 to 161, practically a strict party vote, on the final passage four Democrats: Brussard, Estopinal, Pujo and Wickliffe, all of Louisiana, voted with the Republicans. Austin, of Tennessee, was the only Republican who cast his vote against it. As it goes to the Senate the bill is substantially the measure that Chairman Payne introduced into the House on March 17th. The most important changes are that oil and coffee go on the free list, the rate which the original Payne bill imposed. Boots and shoes are tariffed at one-half the rates of the Dingley bill and steel is cut in half. At practically the last minute Chairman Payne put through amendments to the maximum and minimum class which ease up the provisions to prevent friction with foreign nations.

GREAT QUICKSILVER FIND.

Prospectors Discover Pockets of Mercury in North Saskatchewan River Bank.

Prince Albert, Sask., April 8—Hamelin's outfit, prospecting for quicksilver in the north bank of the Saskatchewan, opposite Lost river, report a remarkable find of pure quicksilver. Following up the traces showing in the river bank they came to a pocket containing some four quarts of mercury. The ledge is rich in quicksilver, which has been discovered running back from the bank and the prospectors think they have made a great discovery. Thirteen claims have already been staked. The spot is a hundred miles below Prince Alberta.

WANT NEW FIRE CHIEFS

Saskatoon and Victoria Looking to Hamilton and Toronto for Men.

Hamilton, April 8.—Capt. Wm. Gilbert of the Hamilton fire department has been appointed chief at Saskatoon.

Toronto, April 8.—Victoria, B. C., has sent a request for a member of the local fire department to fill the appointment as chief for Victoria fire department.

Miller's Federation Protest.

Chicago, Ill., April 10.—The seventh annual meeting of the directors and delegates of the Miller's National Federation closed at the Auditorium Hotel last night. Resolutions were adopted against the Payne tariff bill and the action prohibiting the bleaching of flour. Officers elected were: President, W. M. E. Castle, Louisville; Secretary, A. L. Goetzmann, Chicago.

Fatal Oil Still Explosion.

Point Richmond, Calif., April 9.—One man is dead, two are dying and three lie badly hurt as the result of an explosion of an oil still at the big Standard works here this morning, which caused a property loss of $150,000.

No Liberal Convention.

Toronto, Ont., April 9.—Hon. A. G. MacKay states that no convention of Ontario Liberals will be held for probably two years.