

COPPER COMPANY'S MEN ON STRIKE

General Regret That Acute Situation Has Arisen.—Men Believed to Have Acted Premeditately.

The opinion of gentlemen closely in touch with conditions in the Greenwood strike of yesterday that a strike had been declared by the B. C. Copper Co. operators of the B. C. Copper Co. operating the Mother Lode mine and smelter, matters for general regret throughout the province. That the action taken by the miners is likely to produce wide-spread consequences of injury to the general economy of the province, together with the conclusion very insufficient grounds are of justification for the walk-out, is not the subject of question. Recognition, for practically all the men objected to by the body of the strike are unionists, such members of the Western Federation, now merging with the U. M. W. It is the latter body that has taken the last recourse of disaffiliation, in order to compel recognition of the Federation as the governing body of the labor to be utilized in the event of a strike, it will be remembered that the B. C. Copper Co. was served upon three months ago when a hope for solution, the offices of a Board of Conciliation, invoked, this board consisting of J. A. Mara, J. H. Senkler and Mr. McInnis—Mr. Mara being the nominee of the company, Mr. McInnis denoting the cause of the disaffiliation, and Mr. Senkler being the third member of the body by the Dominion government. The after going very carefully into the differences were unable to arrive on a joint report, and Messrs. Senkler and Mr. McInnis presented a report which was not accepted, the grievance of the men crystallized into ultimatum to the effect that the men should be employed in or about the mine or smelter who could not produce a card showing him to be a member of the Western Federation. The employees, who were not necessarily non-unionists, but more particularly members of the Electrical Workers' Union and Blacksmiths' Union, failed to ally themselves with the Western Federation, and indeed stated that the respective organizations would not order a strike were they to affiliate as desired, against the mine and smelter. The outline of the issues was given in the Colonist during last week, in conversation with a representative of the union men, that in the light of the present situation the men had been guilty of violation of the federal law in declaring a strike without the obligatory 30 days' notice. It is, however, in Mr. Mara's opinion, that the men will accept the declaration that the mine and smelter should be extended argument, taking advantage of the opportunity to thoroughly and enlarge the plant, and possibly as an "open shop," following the example set by the Granby somewhat similar circumstances a few years ago. By the present action, Federation approximately 350 men thrown out of work, who are drawing wages of from \$12.50 to \$15 a day continuously, in the mines and smelter. The strike may very probably be extended in which the entire sustaining industry of the province will be indefinitely paralyzed. In addition to British Columbia, the province has a reputation for freedom from industrial disturbance being most injuriously affected.

BRIDGE EXPERT GIVES EVIDENCE

Dr. Waddell Witness at Alberta Railway Investigation—Speaks of Change Made in Specifications for Road

EDMONTON, April 19.—Under cross-examination by Mr. Bennett, at the Great Waterways investigation, Dr. Waddell said that although he was known as an expert bridge engineer, perhaps the most noted on the continent, he had never been actively engaged in railway construction. Practically the only experience he had gained was when the C. P. R. was being projected west, when he was with one of the survey parties. He was in Kansas City on several occasions had been called into consultation about railways, but his work was bridge engineering. Mr. Clarke appointed him at a salary of \$25,000 a year. He was also to get \$75,000, half of which was to be paid when the road was half completed. It was said that Waddell's evidence that Clarke had engaged him chiefly because he was an old friend of the family and had known his father for years. Waddell said he knew nothing of the Canada West Construction Company, and had even been making out the contracts for clearing in the name of the Great Waterways Company when he was called down by Clarke and told to make them out in the name of the construction company. The first he heard of it, he knew that Clarke and his brother were mainly the Canada West Construction Company, so he said he was working for Clarke. However, it developed also that during the crisis in the legislature last March, when Clarke had offered to put up a bond of a million dollars that the road would be completed, Waddell had written him advising him not to promise to operate the road. Waddell was asked what he meant by that, and he said that he had asked him to do so many things and he thought that since they were not legally bound to operate the road it would be inadvisable to offer to do so, as it would take several years to develop the completion of the road to do this afternoon at the Great Waterways investigation Waddell concluded his evidence. He admitted that after his specifications had been turned down, and after he had refused to accept the government's specifications afterwards in obtaining a company's promise of specifications, which were not followed, that he did not want to build the road on them. He accepted them, but told Clarke he would not follow them. Waddell admitted that he had come to Edmonton as an engineer in the interests of the Royal Bank, had made an estimate on the cost of the road at about \$12,000,000. A copy of Morgan's prospectus advertising the mine and smelter, containing the remark that the net proceeds of the bonds of that issue were to be turned over to the treasurer of the province. Waddell said he did not know whether this meant the net proceeds at 10 or at par. He did not know of details of the arrangement between Morgan and Clarke. He did not know whether Morgan got any commission from Clarke or giving him the business. Premier Rutherford will be the next witness.

STRIKE AT GREENWOOD

Union Employees of B. C. Copper Company Quit Work Because of "Open Shop"

GREENWOOD, B.C., April 19.—Owing to a few non-union men being employed by the B. C. Copper Company, the miners' union declared a strike, and the smelter and the Mother Lode mine were closed.

LUMSDEN INQUIRY

R. Poulin, Successor to Major Hodgins On District, Gives Evidence

OTTAWA, April 19.—R. Poulin, the engineer in charge of district of the National Transcontinental Railway, in succession to Major Hodgins, gave evidence before the Lumsden committee today. He said he had received his orders from Mr. Lumsden himself. His orders were to push forward the work. In reply to Mr. Chrysler he mentioned that one method of hastening the work was to erect in some cases temporary prestles over parts which could be filled in as excavation proceeded. As to classification, his opinion was that \$100,000 would cover the differences due to misunderstandings and orders issued.

Asks for Divorce

RENO, April 19.—Gene Kent Allison, wife of Arthur Hammerstein, theatrical manager, and son of Oscar Hammerstein, today filed a suit for divorce, alleging failure to provide.

Earl Grey's Movements

OTTAWA, April 19.—Earl Grey goes to Hamilton tomorrow, where he will be present at the George Society banquet in the evening. He goes to Peterboro on Saturday.

CONSTABLE LANE NOT MURDERED

Death Due to Overtaxing of Weak Heart in Course of Struggle With Disorderly Passenger on Train

MISSON, April 19.—Provincial Constable A. W. Lane, one of the oldest and most reliable members of the British Columbia force, died from a heart failure on C. P. R. train No. 29 at Mission, about 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He was 57 years of age. The last, Mr. Lane, even with the strain of death creeping over him, held to a struggling and disorderly passenger, who had been working in the E. C. Electric company's construction camp at Abbotsford, boarded the train in a drunken and disorderly condition, and with another passenger, who was responsible for a considerable disturbance on the car. It was while attempting to order the two quarrelling men to get off the train that Constable Lane died.

EXECUTIVE DECIDES VARIOUS APPEALS

Provincial Government Considers Petitions from Different Districts and Adjudicates Upon Disputes.

One of the longest sittings the Provincial executive has held in recent weeks was that of Monday last, the ministers being closeted in the council chamber from early morning until after seven. And yet the whole of the important business being deferred for future action, were the issues of railway franchise were in Vancouver and its suburbs, suspension of the Timber Manufacturers' Act in so far as may be necessary to enable rough, cedar for fueling in the state. In both of these matters a decision is promised for Monday next. The first application brought forward at the long session was by Mr. J. A. McPhillips, K.C., for a post-ponement of a case pending before the court, involving certain coal prospecting licenses held by the applicant. Mr. Lawson in support of the application for an adjournment of the application was taken until Monday next. Mr. McPhillips also made application to have certain other coal prospecting licenses, because of the alleged failure of the coal to develop their holdings in the manner by law. The executive held sufficient evidence had not been advanced to justify a denial of the renewal, and the licenses were represented by D. M. Eberts, K.C. During the afternoon a deputation of Kamloops' foremost citizens were received into the members of the party being introduced by Mr. J. P. Shaw, M.P.E., and included Major J. T. Robinson, City Clerk, J. J. Carment and Mr. J. A. Gill, Chairman of the Inland Hospital board. Assistance towards the hospital accommodations was sought, as well as executive approval of minor local works. The members of the deputation yesterday conferred with the several directly interested ministers, and had a second interview with the premier prior to their departure for home. Arrangements have been made for the reception of supporters of the proposed National Apple Show at the executive meeting on the 26th. Yesterday another short session was held, at which departmental matters chiefly had attention.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR LAST YEAR

Report of Registrar General Shows Number of Births and Deaths by Accident, More Deaths by Accident.

There has been a rather large increase in the number of deaths in British Columbia resulting from accidents and negligence, during 1909, according to the report of the registrar general just submitted. The report which is prepared in better form this year than ever before, and which reveals at a glance the comparisons between years, which heretofore were to be arrived at only after considerable trouble, shows that the totals of the last two years are remarkably high. The registrar general remarks, however, that anything like an epidemic and also that the higher death-rate is attributable to an influx of people and also to the increase in the number of accidents. Exclusive of Indians, with whom the report does not deal, the returns show that the registration of 4,854 deaths in 1909, and 3,448 marriages in 1909 as against 3,684 births, 2,537 deaths and 2,142 marriages for 1908. In the Victoria and Cowichan district, 408 males and 374 females, making a total of 782, were born during 1909; the total in 1908 was 729, making an increase of 53 in favor of the year.

School Lands Sales

CALGARY, April 18.—The annual auction sale of school lands will be held in Camrose and Medicine Hat on May 19th and 25th. The lands will be offered in quarter sections, subject in all cases to an upper limit of 160 acres. Lands will be allowed thirty days after the sale to remove any improvements they have made.

Hackett-Manning Divorce

NEW YORK, April 19.—A final decree of divorce for Mary Manning, the actress, from James Hackett, the actor, was signed by Justice Fitzgerald in the supreme court today. The divorce provides that Miss Manning and child, Hackett is prohibited from marrying, and Miss Manning is permitted to retain the name of Mary Manning. No mention of alimony is made in the decree.

Calgary's University Plan

CALGARY, April 19.—A movement has been started by a number of Calgary's millionaires and near millionaires to make this a university city. It is probable that the present plans are carried out in the Western Canada College will be absorbed. An effort will be made to secure 100 acres for a site, with a view to allowing theological colleges, schools of practical science and the like institutions to affiliate. The project will be financed by a joint stock organization. Tuition fees will be adjusted so that students will pay the entire cost of their individual education.

IMPERIAL BANK'S NEW STOCK

TORONTO, April 19.—The Imperial Bank directors today decided to issue one million dollars of new stock to the present shareholders in the ratio of one share of new to five shares of old stock. The issue price will be \$200.

Civil Service Bill

OTTAWA, April 19.—Mr. Fisher's bill introduced in the commonsense takes the transfer of persons from outside to inside service. These must have been in outside service for three years, must go to the same department of the inside service, must be recommended by the deputy head and must be of a grade higher than third. A special examination may be held for the special census clerks.

Identity of Jack the Ripper

LONDON, April 19.—George Kell, a lawyer, denies Sir Robert Anderson's assertion that "Jack the Ripper" was a Jew. He says the Ripper was an Irishman, educated to be a physician, who had been discarded by his relatives. He was a man of a "cattle boat" and was suspected of being "Ripper" crimes. The police watched Kell, arrested him in the act of mutilating a body, and he was subsequently sentenced to a term of imprisonment at the Old Bailey, where he was sentenced. He died in prison.

REFUSES TO MAKE HYDRAULIC SURVEY

Wynn Meredith Suggests That H. M. Burwell, C. E. of Vancouver Should Be Asked to Undertake Work

Wynn Meredith, the San Francisco engineering expert, has refused to make a hydraulic survey of the cost of supplying the city of Victoria with water from Sooke Lake. He states that he would be unable to give the time necessary to a thorough and conclusive investigation. He suggests that H. M. Burwell, C. E., of Vancouver should be asked to make the survey, as he is a thoroughly competent and experienced hydraulic engineer, and his findings would be unquestionably correct. He also suggests that the full value of the benefit expected. In declining the task Mr. Meredith suggests that H. M. Burwell, C. E., of Vancouver should be asked to make the survey, as he is a thoroughly competent and experienced hydraulic engineer, and his findings would be unquestionably correct. He also suggests that the full value of the benefit expected.

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