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TO NATIONALIZE ALL BRITISH RAILWAYS

Lloyd George is Behind Scheme Which Will Mean Cheaper Railway Facilities For Agricultural Products—Big Revolution Planned.

[Canadian Press Despatch] LONDON, Oct. 24.—The important official announcement last night seems to indicate that the whole question of the nationalization of British railways is to receive consideration. A royal commission has been appointed to inquire into the relations between the railway companies of Great Britain and the state in respect to matters other than safety of working and conditions of employment and report what changes, if any, are desirable in such relationship.

SEPARATE SCHOOLS WILL LOSE GRANT

No Report From Ottawa That the Schools Had Been Properly Conducted

OTTAWA, Oct. 24.—The stand taken by the Ottawa Separate School Board in regard to the bilingual question resulted yesterday in the board being notified by the Department of Education that owing to the fact that there has been no report from the inspector of schools for the last school year, the separate schools of Ottawa were "reluctantly" according to the School Act and regulations, all grants due for the current fiscal year have been forfeited. The attention of the board is called in the communication to section 107 of the regulations, which states that the trustees of every school shall be held personally responsible for the amount of school moneys forfeited by or to the board in consequence of neglect of duty. This means that an amount of money equal to the Government grants may have to be made up by the members of the board themselves. It is understood that a special meeting of the board will be called to consider this communication.

The trouble appears to be over the question of the enforcement of rule relating to the teaching of French. A meeting held a short time ago a resolution was passed by the Ottawa Separate School Board declining to accept the instruction contained in rule. A copy of the resolution was forwarded to the Ontario Department of Education, and the secretary of the board yesterday. Some interesting developments are likely to follow.

NEW CITY HALL TO COST \$150,000

Taylor and Bodley, the Local Architects Will Prepare Plans.

A meeting of the buildings and works committee held last evening to discuss the plan of the new City Hall. After a lengthy confab on the subject the majority decided to ask the firm of Taylor & Bodley to prepare a plan. The majority will recommend a structure to cost \$150,000 and to be situated on the Darling street site now being used by the city in rear of the new building now in course of construction.

Injured at Paris This Morning

PARIS, Ont., Oct. 24.—James Scott, employed by the municipality as a lineman, was badly hurt this morning when assisting in tearing out one of the large boilers in the local power-house. Scott was crushed by the cement floor by a mass of brick and iron. He is at present unconscious, and the extent of his injuries cannot be ascertained.

NO ACRIMONY OVER SITUATION

Great Britain and the United States Differ, But That is All.

[Canadian Press Despatch] LONDON, Oct. 24.—The Times publishes the following statement this morning: "Nothing is known in competent quarters of any unsatisfactory developments in the Anglo-American relations with regard to Mexico. An exchange of views has repeatedly occurred between Sir Edward Grey and Ambassador Page, but no friction has arisen in any direction, nor have the communications received from Washington possessed the comminatory character attributed to them in some of the reports from American sources. The Times editorially says the above statement should put a stop to the sensational gossip that has been heard on both sides of the Atlantic as the supposed misunderstanding. The policy of the United States regarding the Mexican elections," the editorial continues, "for many reasons does not commend itself. We agree that the elections by no means are likely to express the free will of the Mexican people, but we think they may express it quite as true as they did in many elections under President Diaz, to which the United States has no objection. It is not agreed upon this point, the reports that threatening communications have been made from Washington are altogether unfounded." Proceeding to express the belief that the story that British Ambassador Garden in Mexico City unfavorably criticized the American Government, probably belongs to that class of fiction from which diplomats are altogether unfounded.

Big Demands Forty Thousand Railway Men Want Increase in Wages.

CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—Forty thousand locomotive engineers and firemen employed by ninety railroads running west of Chicago, have notified officials of the lines that they will terminate their present labor agreements November 10 and demand a wage increase aggregating \$50,000,000 a year, according to statements in railroad circles yesterday. The railroads in turn notified Warren S. Stone, Chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and W. S. Carter, chief of the firemen, that they would welcome a readjustment of wage schedules. In addition to a wage increase the firemen and engineers are asking for a joint contract with the roads. The advance sought ranges between 25 cents and \$1 a hundred miles, according to the nature of the service.

OFFICIAL RECEPTION TO THE CONNAUGHTS

Although the Duke Only Wants a Pleasant How-do-you-do.

QUEBEC, Oct. 24.—While appreciating the wish of the Governor-General that his return to Canada might be recognized as simply and democratically as possible, the Duke of Connaught, who, with the Duchess and the Princess Patricia, will reach here on the Empress of Britain tonight, will be officially greeted by Premier Borden and Mayor Brudenell. If the Duke decides to leave at once for Ottawa on the special train waiting here, the Mayor will read an address of welcome which has been prepared, to-night, but it is hoped that the Governor-General will stay over till tomorrow morning when he can be received in a more formal manner.

STOP YOU SUFFRAGETTE, NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—Acting on complaints that copies of the "The Suffragette," a magazine devoted to the suffrage cause, published in England and sold in this country in connection with Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst's visit, contained objectionable matters on sex questions, representatives of Commissioner Waldo have asked for "Jane Doe" warrant for a woman who has been selling the publication. The specific sale complained of is alleged to have been made yesterday in the rooms of the Political Equality Association—Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont's organization.

WERE ASPHYXIATED, NORTH BATTLEFORD, Oct. 24.—Two colored children aged 16 and 26 months were suffocated by smoke in a shack off Railway avenue, North Battleford. The mother, Mrs. Mark Daniels, left the children in a baby buggy apparently asleep while she went up to the city. Shortly afterwards smoke was noticed coming from the building. On the arrival of the fire brigade the perambulator containing the corpses was wheeled out.

New Stained Glass Windows For Church

The beauty of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Brantford, is to be further enhanced by an important new feature in the form of stained glass windows, which will be put in throughout the entire church. The contract has been let to the Cloissone Glass Company of Berlin, and work will start this afternoon. The most modern and artistic design will be chosen, and the church, from both interior and exterior, will have much added to its attractiveness. The outlay will be a large one.

THE "COURIER" FOOTBALL TROPHY



A battle of battles will take place to-morrow between the All Scots and Y. M. C. A. for the post-season football championship of the city. The above picture shows the trophy which will be played for.

KINGSTON PEN. PROBE GOING ON MERRILY

What it Means to Be a Convict—Some Charges Are Sustained, and Others Are But Idle Gossip—Proceedings Given in Detail.

KINGSTON, Ont., Oct. 24.—The Royal Commission appointed to investigate conditions prevailing at Kingston penitentiary and to probe serious charges made against the administration of Deputy Warden O'Leary, Surgeon Dr. Phelan and Hospital Overseer Wilson, finished the seventh day for taking evidence yesterday afternoon. So far the bulk of the evidence has been of a trivial character or of idle gossip, which fails to withstand the most perfunctory cross-examination. From the mass of evidence produced and carefully sifted, the most serious charge against Deputy Warden O'Leary, that would seem to require better explanation than is apparent discrimination exercised in favor of Roman Catholic guards who seemingly are given 90 per cent of the preferred positions, although numerically there are a great majority on the staff. Against Dr. Edwards, the importance has been established save that he does not spend a great deal of time in the institution and has collected fees from guards undergoing examination at his hands when applicants for positions. He is paid \$300 per year and is supposed to give all his time to his prison duties. The charges against Hospital Overseer Wilson were taken up yesterday and consisted largely of accusations by two of the guards that the Overseer did not respond to "emergency" calls in the night when the patients in the hospital were suffering great pain. Rather convincing evidence was put in by Dr. Phelan to offset this charge. In one case the patient was admittedly dying from diabetes and nothing could be done for him. In the other case the complainant was a malingerer who was feigning illness to get into the hospital and avoid punishment for a breach of prison discipline.

Will Rebuild Thorntons Limited Decide to Build on Another Site.

Mr. Percy Thornton, President of Thorntons, Limited, told a Courier representative to-day that he expected on Monday next to have the insurance losses satisfactorily adjusted on his company's building, plant and stock. The loss is almost a total one, fully covered, however, by insurance. He expected his company would immediately after the adjustment start to rebuild. The grease and tallow department, which is claimed, has been a nuisance to some extent to the neighborhood, would in all probability be removed to another locality. The company, pending rebuilding has opened up offices in the Bank of Hamilton building.

IN RESPONSE to an editorial demand in a local paper that the commission "turn on the light" to clear up a charge given publicity in a Toronto paper that "the triangle, the ice cold tub and high pressure hose" were used in punishing prisoners, the commission went after evidence along this line yesterday. It was impossible to get the authority for the story and the evidence of Dr. Platt, the former warden was to the effect that the hose was resorted to only once, about eight years ago, on the suggestion of the inspector, but had never been used since, that the "last and triangle" were only used to carry out sentences specifically imposed by judges, and owing to the "fence" way in which the cat was administered, was a farcical punishment. As to the tub, convicts who would not voluntarily take a bath, had to be forcibly bathed for sanitary reasons. The fact that the commission is taking up the charges are also carefully looking into the prison system and getting suggestions for practical reform, paves the way for a great deal of irrelevant evidence. The wide latitude allowed in cross-examination is also responsible for continuing much valuable time. Dr. Edwards made a dramatic attack on the commission in the early stages of the investigation in which he charged commissioners with a desire to suppress facts and administer "white wash." Since then he has had little cause for complaints. Each witness is now being examined and re-examined by five or six people. Counsel for O'Leary, Dr. Phelan and Overseer Wilson cross-examine after Mr. Stewart, counsel for the commission has brought out the story. The commissioners ask questions to satisfy themselves, then Dr. Edwards takes the witness in hand after the legal experts are exhausted and threshes the straw over again. The commissioners expressed a strong desire to be able to wind up this end of the inquiry by Saturday, but it will probably be continued next week. It is the intention then to call witnesses in Toronto, visit the prison farm at Guelph and make a tour of inspection, taking in either the prison at Elmira, N. Y., or Mansfield, Ohio, and possibly some of the other penal institutions in Canada. The charges against Hospital Overseer H. M. Wilson, preferred by Watchman Ingledew, were taken up by the commission in the afternoon. Ingledew repeated the evidence he gave at a previous session of the commission, when he accused Wilson of refusing to get out of bed called to attend a dying man. Ingledew stood a fairly severe cross-examination by Mr. King, counsel for Wilson, without materially varying in his statement. Mr. King intimated that there were counter charges against Ingledew, but he would not discuss them.

TERMS ARE DEFINED FOR STREET RAILWAY

Judge Meredith Extends Time—His Lordship Says Tax Arrears Must All be Paid to City of Brantford by January 23, Next.

Chief Justice R. M. Meredith yesterday made several variations in the judgment in regard to the forfeiture of the Grand Valley Railway Company's franchise to operate street cars in Brantford, on application of counsel for the company. His Lordship extended the time allowed the company in which to decide whether or not they will comply with the conditions imposed until November 23rd. These conditions now include the placing of modern cars with all proper conveniences on the streets within a year; the construction of lines on five pieces of streets within the same period, and to operate cars to West Brantford, along Oxford street to the end of the line, within thirty days after the completion of the bridge by the city. Colored lights must be provided to indicate the various routes at night. Payment of all moneys in arrears must be made before January 23rd, 1914, and moneys falling due thereafter must be paid as soon as they fall due. Any dispute regarding the construction and cars must be referred to the engineer of the Railway Board, while the local Master at Brantford will decide disputes as to the payment of debts. In the event of non-compliance with these conditions the city may take possession of the streets, but not of the assets of the company.

Total Death List Fixed At 134

[Canadian Press Despatch] NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—The total death roll in the Voltorno disaster was fixed last night by the Uranium Steamship Company at 134. Of these 102 were passengers. Captain Griffiths of the steamship Star of Ireland, which arrived yesterday from Cardiff, reported to the Uranium Company that he had passed the Voltorno last Thursday still burning, about 130 miles west southwest of the place where she was abandoned.

Those Gates

Mr. John Burrow's Narrow Escape at G.T.R. Crossing.

What might have been a serious and probably fatal accident occurred about half past ten last night at the G. T. R. crossing on George street. Mr. John Burrows and family, who were returning in an auto from the Congregational church, drove up George street, and when near the crossing thought that the way was clear as the south gate was up. Mr. Burrows proceeded on his way, and when in the centre of the tracks noticed that the north gate was down, and the yard engine was approaching from the west. He pulled the car to a stop and called to his family to jump out of the car, which they fortunately did. Mr. Burrows yelled at the driver of the engine to stop, which he did as quickly as he could. The engine came in contact with the auto, knocking it off the track and dragging same to some extent. Mr. Burrows and family certainly had a narrow escape, and he lost no time in getting into communication with Mayor Hartman, who intends to take the matter up at the next meeting of the council.

TEN YEARS' SENTENCE FOR CRIMINAL OFFENCE

A Nineteen-Year-Old Youth Had Assaulted Neighbor Girl of Sixteen.

PERTH, Oct. 24.—At the Fall Assizes, before Mr. Justice Kelly, Lawrence Larocque of Darling township was found guilty of a criminal offence against a sixteen year old neighbor girl, and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. Larocque is about nineteen years old. C. J. Roy defended, and H. A. Lavell, Smith's Falls, prosecuted. In the case of John J. Tucker, vs. Bank of Ottawa for \$150,000 damages to credit, character, and business, his Lordship dismissed the case with costs.

KING GEORGE TO DINE HIS 400 WORKMEN

Have Been Engaged in Putting a New Front on Buckingham Palace. LONDON, Oct. 24.—King George will give a dinner to the 400 workmen who have been putting a new front on Buckingham Palace when they have finished the work next week.

TWENTY-THREE MEN RESCUED

But 220 Men Are Still Entombed in Mine To-day.

[Canadian Press Despatch] DAWSON, N. M., Oct. 24.—Two hundred and twenty men still were entombed early today in Stag Canyon Mine No. 3, where an explosion occurred on Wednesday afternoon. Twenty-three miners have been taken out of the mine alive and 36 dead have been recovered. None of the rescued can throw any light upon the cause of the explosion or the location of the miners still entombed. With the exception of Jose Fernandez, the miner taken alive from the sixth chamber east, last night, none of the rescued were working near the section of the mine where the explosion occurred. Fernandez has not recovered sufficiently to talk of the disaster, but government and mine officials hope that he will soon be able to tell something definite concerning the cause of the explosion, inasmuch as he was taken from the mine more than 4,000 feet from the main way, the point near which the explosion was most violent. The first of the government rescue cars was expected early to-day, it having been delayed in leaving Pittsburg, Kan., whence it was expected to arrive later in the day. Because so few of the men taken from the mine have had need of resuscitation the presence of the cars has not been so urgent. Oxygen tanks and helmets have been in constant use since the explosion. The air in the outer entrances has clarified and it is reported that scarcely any traces of black damp can be found in that portion of the mine, which has been hastily re-timbered and re-ventilated by the rescuers.

WILL PAY PROFITS FROM GAS TO CITY

Berlin Light Commission Decides to Contribute \$2000 to Treasury.

BERLIN, Ont., Oct. 24.—The light commission which operates the gas and electric light plants of this city decided to pay over to the city \$2000 of the profits from the operation of the gas department. The Commission during the last two years has contributed one mill of the tax rate from the gas and electric departments, but the Hydro regulations prevent paying over of the profits of the electric end to the city for the reduction of taxes. Profits of the street railway will also be paid over to the city at the end of the year.

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