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EIGHTY THOUSAND MINERS ON STRIKE

Serious Situation in Coal Regions in France----Troops and Gendarmes Drafted to the Place---Premier Sarrien Intervenes.

LENS, France, March 22—The rapid extension of the miners' strike is causing great anxiety to the authorities. It is estimated that nearly 80,000 men have ceased work and mining operations are at a standstill throughout the departments of Pas-de-Calais and Nord.

The government, though it has taken the precaution of drafting a large body of troops and gendarmes to the vicinity, is acting with extreme tact and making no display of its forces during the miners' processions, which are permitted to take place without molestation.

Minister of the Interior Clemenceau is endeavoring to do his utmost to effect a reconciliation between the men and the companies.

Notwithstanding the comparatively peaceful attitude which the miners generally observe, it is feared that members of the moderate and the advanced unions may come into conflict in the course of demonstrations, as they display considerable antagonism, the former favoring a friendly arrangement and the latter objecting to any compromise.

The feeling now appears to incline towards the views of the advanced section, but it is hoped that the conference of the president of the union with Premier Sarrien and Minister of Public Works Barthou set for today will have the effect of making possible a satisfactory termination of the strike.

ARE OPPOSED TO THE LORD'S DAY ACT

Council of Montreal Board of Trade Say it Threatens Commerce and Liberty.

MONTREAL, Mar. 22. —(Special). — At a meeting of the council of the board of trade yesterday, a report from the dominion legislative committee was adopted, regarding the Lord's Day Act. The committee reported that in its opinion the present dominion and provincial laws were sufficiently stringent in their provision for the observance of Sunday, and that under them the Lord's Day was well kept in Canada.

The committee also reported that the proposed legislation should be opposed, as being in some of its provisions dangerous to the commerce of the country, and in others as unduly interfering with the liberty of the subject. It moreover would have an irritating effect and lead to evasion on the part of the public and generally fail of its object.

AGITATION IN RUSSIA

ST. PETERSBURG, March 22—The agitation among the workmen's organizations involves a bold plan on the part of social democrats, revolutionists and other radical elements to send delegates elected secretly to a meeting to be called at some place in Finland early in April, at which an ultimate plan of operations will be decided upon. A division of sentiment exists among the leaders. Some of them favor calling a general strike in the middle of April for the purpose of forcing the lower house of parliament to demand the immediate convocation of a constitutent assembly or more audacious aim at setting up a provisional government. They believe the time is ripe to organize a general uprising, and that if successful their representatives could boldly contest the authority of the government. The authorities here have already gotten wind of the possibility of a general strike and Interior Minister Durnovo has sent circulars to the governor generals and governors apprising them of the state affairs and instructing them to "take the necessary measures" to meet the movement. Premier Witte's project to permit the present banks to issue five per cent. bonds for the purchase of land from the proprietors and sell it to the peasants has been adopted by the council of the empire. The majority of estates are heavily mortgaged to the nobles and private banks with foreign connections and the bonds will be used to satisfy these mortgages.

The ambulance was called out at noon today to convey Alfred Esau, one of the crew of the steamer Senlac, to the hospital. Esau is said to be suffering from an attack of pneumonia.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE LEGISLATURE

Bill to Amend Highway Act---Registrars Salaries Bill Goes Over.

FREDERICTON, March 22—The house met at 11 o'clock. A bill to revive and continue the charter of the Shediac and Coast Railway Co. was agreed to in committee, read a third time and passed.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley introduced a bill to amend the public health act. He said it had been asked for by the city of Moncton. It provides that rules and regulations by the Lieut-Governor-in-council or by the provincial board of health certified by the clerk of the executive council shall be sufficient evidence of the making of such rules.

Hon. Mr. Labillois introduced a bill to amend the Highway Act. It provides for giving remuneration to secretary treasurers for their work under the act.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley said that the government had been pressed to readjust the salaries of registrars of deeds, but after considering the matter it had been thought best to let it stand over till next session. It would be considered during the recess and it was not impossible that a measure would be introduced next session.

Mr. Hazen trusted that when framing the bill they would consider the case of Miss Estabrooks, the registrar for Sunbury, who was as competent an official as any in the province. In recasting the scale of salaries regard should be had to the fact that the registrar has been in her office all the time, although the business might be small.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley was glad that this matter had been brought to the attention of the house. It was very desirable that the registrar should be competent whether the business was large or small. To meet such a case the law might be changed so as to be similar to that relating to registrars and judges of probate.

A BATTERY FOR FREDERICTON

FREDERICTON, N. B., Mar. 22.—(Special). — Alex. Gibson, ex-M. P., is in receipt of a letter from Col. McDonald, quartermaster-general of militia, stating that the department is considering the advisability of locating a battery of permanent artillery at Fredericton. The letter stated that accommodation for eighty horses would be needed, and Mr. Gibson was requested to see if the exhibition stables could not be procured. A meeting of the agricultural society to deal with the matter is being held this afternoon.

Joseph E. Staples and Margaret Blair, daughter of John Blair, were married last evening by Rev. J. H. McDonald.

The train on the New Brunswick Southern will not reach here before tomorrow night. Men are at work getting the line clear.

Dying Roumanian Sovereign His Heir and Crown Princess

Crown Princess of Roumania. FROM THE SKETCH.

King Charles I of Roumania. FROM THE SPHERE

Crown Prince of Roumania. FROM THE SKETCH.

DRASTIC LIQUOR LAW FOR ONTARIO

License fee in Toronto to be Raised to $1200----Severe Restrictions in the Province.

TORONTO, March 20—The Ontario Government will this afternoon, bring down its long promised amendment to the liquor act. The principal features are:

A clause compelling municipalities to submit local option by-law, when petitioned for by 25 per cent. of rate payers, the abolition of drinking rooms in licensed premises, cancellation of licenses for their offense after May 1st, 1906, prohibition of sale of liquor on Good Friday and Christmas day, placing the licensing of wholesale houses direct in hands of license department. Latter also to have power to veto over license commissioners, and power to cancel licenses for any offense, licensing of bar tenders in all hotels, License fees to be divided between municipality and government; license fees to be raised in city of Toronto, to $1,200, and proportionate among other cities throughout the province, prohibition of sale of all adulterated liquors; prohibition of sale of liquor within 300 yards of a public school; and the establishment of an advisory board to assist the department with a view to removing the administration of liquor traffic from the sphere of politics.

FOR STEALING MILITARY STORES

WINNIPEG, Mar. 22. — (Special). — As a result of a court martial for stealing goods from the quartermaster's stores, at the R. C. M. R. barracks, sentences have been passed: Pte. Wycks, six months and his discharge; Pte. Watts, six months; Pte. Scarfe, 168 days; Pte. Fleming, 168 days, less 84 days for good conduct.

The remains of Garriett Doyle of Sydney passed through the city today for Dorchester.

AN IMPORTANT RAILWAY CASE

Passengers Need not Produce Checks Given in Exchange for Tickets.

CHICAGO, March 22—A despatch to the Record-Herald from Bloomington, Ills, says:

"The right of a railroad company to compel passengers to retain checks given in exchange for tickets and to produce them upon demand is denied in a decision made yesterday by the appellate court. T. T. and S. H. Gwynn, of Baltimore, who were travelling from Chicago to St. Louis on the Chicago and Alton, were ejected from the train at this place Aug. 24, 1904, because they refused to produce, upon demand by the conductor, the checks given them in exchange for their tickets. They sued and were awarded $500 damages, the action of the jury in the lower courts being sustained on appeal to the appellate court. The railroad company will carry the case, which will affect virtually all lines, to the state supreme court.

Up river residents, who arrived at Indiantown today, report that as a result of the recent snowstorm, going on the the river is rather heavy.

AMENDMENTS TO THE LIQUOR LICENSE LAW

The Temperance People Carry Their Point and no Liquor Can be Legally Sent to the Scott Act Counties----Heavy Penalties.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Mar. 22.—(Special).—The bill in amendment of the Liquor License Act was unanimously passed by the legislature at a late hour last night without discussion.

The measure, which is a substitute for the original bill introduced a fortnight ago, was read over by Chairman Allen and put through in less than ten minutes.

It makes it unlawful for any person holding a license to send liquor into any county or town where the Canada Temperance Act is in force, or the sale of liquor is prohibited under the Liquor License Act.

The maximum penalties for first, second and third offences are fifty, one hundred and two hundred dollars.

The board of liquor license commissioners can cancel the license of any person convicted of a second offence, but appeal can be taken to the governor in council.

The bill makes it unlawful to ship liquor C. O. D. to any county where the Canada Temperance Act is in force, by express or other conveyance, and any licensee so offending shall have his license cancelled.

Any express company carrying liquor, to be paid for on delivery, into a county where its sale is prohibited, shall be liable to a penalty of not less than forty or more than one hundred dollars.

Local temperance people who were seen in connection with the amendments to the liquor license law, as summarized above, expressed themselves as highly gratified with the bill as amended. They considered it altogether likely that as the government of Nova Scotia had asked Premier Tweedie for a copy of the act, similar legislation, prohibiting the sending of intoxicating liquors into Scott Act counties, would be enacted.

One of the principal objections of the wholesale liquor merchants to the amended bill was that it would give Halifax merchants a chance to send goods to these counties while shutting out St. John merchants. If the Nova Scotia legislature passed a bill similar to that passed in Fredericton yesterday it would put all on the same footing.

FINDING MORE ASHES

Dumped Overboard From the Steamers at Sand Point Berths.

Owing to the arrival of the Allan line steamer at No. 2 berth, Sand Point, the city dredge has had to suspend operations there for the time being, it is, however, engaged at No. 3 berth today, where it will continue until forced out by the arrival of a C. P. R. steamer.

Good progress is being made with the work and as of late years a considerable quantity of ashes is being brought up. These ashes are evidently dumped from the steamers into the harbor contrary to law, and the fact of their being there would seem to show the need of a better harbor inspection. The duties of inspector are supposed to be looked after by Harbor Master Ferris, but he receives no remuneration for that work.

THE SCHOOL BOARD

Will Find Something to do With the Increased Assessment.

Secretary Manning of the school board speaking to the Times this morning regarding the amendment to section 14, increasing the annual assessment for the St. John school board from $80,000 to $100,000, which was agreed to in the provincial legislature yesterday, said the large increase in the number of scholars attending school now as compared with the period when the grant was fixed, warranted the increased expenditure. The increase in number of pupils, he said, would amount to about 50 per cent.

Previous to 1889 when the union of St. John and Portland was consummated, the grant for St. John was $60,000 and for Portland $20,000, so that on the union of the two cities the amount was made $80,000. Since that time, however, there has been no increase and he contends that the very much larger expense justified the application for $20,000 additional.

Moreover, there is the introduction of manual training in the schools to be provided for.

OBITUARY

A telegram to Wm. Turner this morning from New York, conveyed the intelligence of the sudden death of Capt. Thos. W. Churchill, stevedore, formerly of Yarmouth. He was about sixty years of age, and leaves a widow, formerly a Miss Crocker, of Freeport, Digby county, and a sister of Mrs. Turner. He also leaves three daughters and two sons.

Friends of Mrs. Martin Jeffreys will learn with regret of her death which occurred at eight o'clock this morning at her home, Adelaide Road. Mrs. Jeffreys was a widow and is survived by two sons, John and James, and one daughter, Mary all living in St. John.

HANNIGAN RANSOMED

MONCTON, N. B., March 22.—(Special) —Despatches from New Mexico a week or two ago told of the capture of Robert Hannigan by bandits, who held him captive for a ransom of a thousand dollars. Word has since been received that Hannigan, who is a native of Moncton, has been released, the ransom being paid. Hannigan is a brother of Andrew Hannigan, Buctouche, and Dennis Hannigan, I. C. R. conductor. Hannigan lives in Silver City, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Trider celebrated their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary at their home in Coverdale last night. Friends presented them with two pieces of oak furniture. Mr. Trider is a well-known I. C. R. employe.

Twenty I. C. R. employes, clearing up the ruins of the recent fire and erecting a new building, were notified last night not to return to work until further orders.

The death occurred at Hillsboro last night of Miss Catherine B. Gross, sister-in-law of Fred M. Thompson, accountant in the Albert Mfg. Co. works. Deceased came home ill from Boston a few weeks ago. Death was due to typhoid fever.

A DESPERATE CHARACTER

Minot St. Clair Francis, the negro, who was captured here by Sergeant Baxter and was sentenced to Thomaston, Me., prison made a frantic dash for liberty one day last week. While he was returning with the other prisoners from the workshop to his cell he broke from the line and ran in a furious manner towards Warden B. O. Norton, who, attracted by the shouts of the other prisoners, was on his guard just in time to knock Francis down.

The negro is trying the same old bluff, insanity, that he worked so successfully when in prison before. He pretends now that the food that is being put down for him to consume is poisoned, and is endeavoring to make the authorities think that he is insane.

NEW SWIMMING RECORD

CHICAGO March 22.—New York Athletic Club swimmers last night defeated the Chicago Athletic Association in all the events but the water polo game. C. M. Daniels in the 110 yards swim lowered the world's record, covering the distance in 1.03 2-5.

The government steamer Lansdown is at present laid up for repairs. About a week ago the steamer went out of commission and the men were paid off, about five being retained for taking care of the steamer. It is probable the Lansdown will be put on the blocks about the first week in April.

The Atlantic express was one hour late in arriving today. The delay was caused by heavy traffic.

W. F. Carney, son of M. Carney, M. P. Halifax, left for home today.

SOME INTERESTING EVIDENCE AT TODAY'S INSURANCE ENQUIRY

OTTAWA, Ont., March 22.—(Special). —The examination of Mr. Fitzgerald, the superintendent of insurance, was resumed at the insurance commission today. The witness stated that about 19 years ago there was an instance of premium notes being entered as cash. It was a solitary case. Mr. Shepley, the government counsel, remarked that as it was somewhat stale they might overlook it.

In 1890 the Canada Life and Mr. Fitzgerald had some correspondence. On December 31, 1889, there was a sale own of the company's bonds to the extent of $468,000 to meet an overdraft in January. The sale was reversed. There was no real sale, and the transaction was made to prevent the overdraft being shown. The cash book in January showed the bank-book to be overdrawn to the extent of over half a million.

Mr. Fitzgerald took this matter up with the company. A reply was received stating that the company got an opportunity during the year to make some good investments and purchased more than they had cash to meet. The transaction referred to took place with the approval and consent of the directors. They did not want their opponents to use the overdraft against them. The securities which were used to offset the overdraft were not among these which were returned to the government as being held by the company.

Mr. Fitzgerald was next examined in regard to companies investing in foreign securities to a greater extent than they were allowed under the statute. He had corresponded with the North American and the Sun Life on this subject. He objected to the amount these companies held.

The North American said they would endeavor to reduce them, but there was a dearth of good Canadian securities. Mr. Fitzgerald said that all he could do was to notify the companies, because, in his opinion, under the act, he was powerless to enforce orders. The Sun Life maintained that their investments outside of Canada were not larger than they were entitled to under the law, but in this Mr. Fitzgerald did not agree with them.

LUMBERMEN ENCOURAGED

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 22 (special)—The case of David Essensa vs Charles Anderson was finished at the county court this morning and resulted in a disagreement of the jury. It was an action for breach of warranty in a horse.

Robert Aiken, who is lumbering on the Machias for Stetson, Cutler & Co., is home for a few days. He says the outlook for stream driving is brighter than for many years. There is much snow in Arroostook woods. Very encouraging reports are to hand from the Miramichi, Nashwaak and Restigouche.

The Boom Company will meet this afternoon to open tenders for rafting, sacking, etc.

AN UNSETTLED STOCK MARKET

MONTREAL, Que., March 22 (Special) —The stock market is somewhat unsettled, but price changes during the course of the forenoon trading were unimportant. Canadian Pacific sold at 171, in fair volume; other issues which led in operations being Dominion Iron, 32 to 32 1-8; Toronto Railway, 125 1-8; Montreal Power, 94; Illinois pfd. ex dividend, 97 3-4 to 97 1-2; Dom. Iron Bonds, 84.

TWO KILLED; THREE INJURED

MONTREAL, March 22—(Special)—Firemen Pratt and Hughes of London, were killed and three persons injured in a collision of an eastbound passenger with an extra freight at Sarnia. Word comes in a statement from the head office of the G. T. R. which adds that none of the passenger cars were derailed.

LADY INJURED

A lady was run into this morning by one of Ungar's laundry teams, while she was crossing the street near the Golden Ball corner on Sydney street. The shaft of the team caught in her clothing and she was dragged along a few yards before she was extricated from her dangerous position. She was taken into Brown's Pharmacy. Her clothing was somewhat torn and she was badly shaken up but otherwise she appeared unhurt and was able after a few minutes to proceed on her way. The driver of the team drove on without waiting to see what damage had been done.

A horse owned by Charles McCarthy, a milkman, was attacked with blind staggers on the south side of King Square about noon today and was taken to Barry's stables. It is thought that the animal may have to be shot.

THE ENGINEER AND FIREMAN

ROCHESTER, N. Y. March 22—The Hemlock Lake train on the Lehigh Valley Railroad due here at 8.45 was wrecked at Honeoye Falls this morning. The engineer, Wm. Gaffney, of Rochester, was instantly killed and the fireman, Edward Brusky, of Honeoye Falls, lies under the engine, presumably dead. It has not been determined how the accident occurred except that the engine suddenly left the rails and turned over on its side.

THE N. B. SOUTHERN

It is reported today that repairs on the New Brunswick Southern Railway are being pushed forward; and judging from present information those injured in the recent accident are progressing favorably.

A train was sent out this morning to connect at Clarence station with the express from St. Stephen and bring passengers to St. John. It is thought that repairs on Digdeguash bridge will be completed today or tomorrow, so that trains can run through to St. Stephen.

MURDERER HANGED

NEWYARK, N. J. March 22—Guisseppe Marmo, an Italian, was hanged here today for murder of his brother-in-law, Nunzio Marinana.

F. R. Murdoch returned from Fredericton at noon.

DARK SIDE OF LIFE AS SEEN IN THIS CITY

Mother and Two Babes, Ill-clad and Filthy, Sent to the Almshouse---The Miserable Story of the Life of Ida Guthro.

On the prisoners' bench in the police court this morning sat Ida Guthro, aged 24 years, scantily dressed, while in her arms she carried her five months old child. Beside her on the bench also sat her other baby, who has yet seen but one year.

The charge against the woman was "found drunk and neglecting to provide the necessaries for her children, whereby their lives were endangered, and their health likely to be permanently injured." The woman caused no plea to be entered, and Judge Ritchie stated that she would be sent with her two babes to the Alms House.

Mrs. McDonald, who resides in Lower Cove, and who is a sister of the Guthro woman, offered to take the two children, and have their mother sent to the Good Shepherd's Home, but the children are too young for the proposition to be considered.

This morning the case was most pitiable, the mother, scantily clad, without hat or coat, and the younger child, literally covered with vermin, wrapped in a dirty cloth. The older child, a bright little fellow, showed clearly the sad neglect that has attended his wants.

During the time that the distressing case was before the court, the crying of the little child was heartrending to hear, and all present in court were glad when the mother and her children were taken by Sergeant Kilpatrick and M. Wetmore, of the S. P. C. A., in a coach to the Alms House.

It was yesterday afternoon that the police went to the Guthro home, off Moore street, and took Ida Guthro into custody. Her two children were kept as protectionists in the central station. When searched the woman was found to have $2.75 in her possession.

The home was dreadful to gaze upon, nothing in it but rags and filth; and when the police went to take the woman into custody she was lying half drunk on a heap of dirty clothing.

It is questionable whether the baby, five months old, can recover, as she is covered with sores and very weak. The other child appears to be in a fairly healthy condition.

The Guthro woman became the wife of a man named Reynolds when she was about 14 years of age, but of late years the couple have been living apart. Since that time another man has been living with the unfortunate woman, but he did not hesitate to desert her and his children some time ago.

The condition of the Guthro home was ascertained through the arrest of Joseph Guthro, who is charged with stealing from Frank D. Hopper, of Moncton.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

Mr. Hiram Horrbeam says that there is much consternation in fashionable circles among the rabbits. Along in February, believing that the winter was over, many of them began to discard the favorite winter color and put on their summer suits. By the first of March there was hardly a white costume to be seen. Now that winter has returned, rabbits of quality keep strictly to their residences, waiting until the snow departs. All swell functions have been called off.

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The Times new reporter would be pleased to meet the gentleman who toys with a mirror in a window across the street, and refracts flashes of sunlight upon the new reporter's bald head. He would take the gentleman over to his boss and introduce them, so that the boss might give the gentleman something to do.

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BIRDIE'S NEW HAT.

Miss Birdie McWhat will lead the fashion in millinery this year. There was nothing at the openings yesterday to compare with the confection which Birdie has received direct from New York. It is a cone-shaped creation, oblong in places, high in the back and with an oval crown. The base is of prune horsehair, with champagne bandeau in three tones and placques to match. It is trimmed with ribbons, laces, four kinds of flowers, ostrich feathers and ospreys, in all the new colors, with also several wings and a quill or two. Birdie has asked a local milliner to add some chiffon, some of the new braids and also some pearl ornaments, and when that is done Paris will be outdone. It is vulgar to talk of prices, but this hat of Birdie's will cost when finished $47.69.

Birdie was a good deal shocked last evening to learn that she had won a pair of trousers in a drawing for which she had purchased a ticket. She said the other girls would giggle and ask if she would now advertise for a man to fit the trousers. Birdie is sensitive about some things.

DRIVEN FROM HOMES BY THE EARTHQUAKES

Many Houses Were Demolished and People Camped in the Fields---Convicts Made a Desperate Effort to Escape--Relief Ships Sent.

NEW YORK, March 22.—A despatch to the Herald from Palermo, Italy, says that there have been 21 earthquake shocks on the Island of Ustica during the last three days. The population lives in constant terror.

A great valley has been formed in the centre of the island and all the houses have been demolished. The shocks were vertical, not undulatory, and were accompanied by loud subterranean rumblings.

The last shocks, which occurred Wednesday afternoon, finished the work of destruction. Panic seized upon the two thousand inhabitants of the island, who abandoned their homes after the first visitation of the earthquakes and camped in the fields and public squares. Many took refuge in boats in the harbor.

The island is used as a penal settlement for hardened criminals, of whom 600 are quartered there. These were also panic-stricken and attempted to escape, attacking their guards, but were subdued. They began a second disturbance yesterday.

One of the three mountains on the island is reported by the submarine cable to be in eruption. The government at the first news sent the cruiser Varez to subdue the revolt of the prisoners and aid the sufferers. She was followed by the cruiser Eurydice, with a scientific party aboard to study the seismic phenomena. Yesterday the steamship Egadi was sent with soldiers, doctors, a detachment of the Red Cross nurses and litters, as greater disasters are feared.

The prefect of Palermo has been ordered to send a representative to the scene.

Ustica is an island of 2,000 inhabitants in the province of Palermo, 68 miles northwest of Palermo. Its soil is very fertile.