

SEEK ABOLITION OF 50-CENT FAIR CHARGE

FORD CARRYING OUT THREAT TO CLOSE UP SHOP

Thousands Laid Off in Detroit and Other Centers Making Ford Parts.

CANADIAN PLANT OPEN

Prices of Coal and Steel Caused Magnate to Resort to Drastic Move.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 15.—Paying what he believes to be exorbitant prices for coal and steel, Henry Ford today began the process of closing up his huge industry.

With the suspension complete when the last shift of workers leaves the various factories tonight, approximately 100,000 men will have been rendered idle for an indefinite period. The plants affected include the five factories in the Detroit area and numerous assembling stations throughout the country. Other concerns, the output of which goes chiefly to the Ford Company, also are expected to suspend operations. The past week brought some improvement in the fuel situation, Ford officials asserted yesterday, but this, they said, did not warrant a change in the suspension order.

The first lay-off of men occurred last night at the River Rouge blast furnaces, where about 18,000 are employed. When shifts were changed the workers turned in their tools and were told to return until notified of a resumption of operations. Two thousand men are to be retained at this plant, however, to tend the coke ovens, which cannot be allowed to cool.

Thousands Out Here.

At the Highland Park plant the night force went to work as usual, but completion of the night's work brought the same notice given the steel workers. "The day and early night forces were to be checked out in a similar manner. Approximately 40,000 men are employed at this plant. The remainder of the workers affected are employees of the Dearborn Tractor factory, the Lincoln plant at Northville and those in cities outside Michigan.

Most of the factories likely to be affected by the closing of the Ford industries through the loss of their chief market are located in Detroit or nearby Michigan cities. They manufacture various parts and accessories not produced by the Ford shops, and in most cases are equipped only for this work. No authentic information as to the number employed in these shops could be obtained today.

CANADIAN PLANT OPEN.

Windsor, Sept. 15.—(Canadian Press.)—Wallace R. Campbell, vice-president and treasurer of the Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited, when asked today whether or not the Canadian company would take any action following the announcement that the Ford plant in Detroit would be closed by tonight, refused to give out any statement other than the fact that the Canadian plant will not close immediately.

"I do not care to discuss the matter at the present time," said Mr. Campbell. "All I can say is that we are not in the same position as the American company."

"Will you definitely say that the Canadian company will not close at the present time?" Mr. Campbell was asked.

"No, we will not close at the present time," Mr. Campbell replied.

REPORTS WHEAT YIELD BETTER THAN EXPECTED

Department of Agriculture States Saskatchewan Crop Averages Well Over 25 Bushels.

Regina, Sask., Sept. 15.—While unsettled weather in some parts of the province has prevented the threshing being proceeded with very far during the past week, a considerable amount has been accomplished, and in a few sections has been 30 per cent completed.

Statistics received from the department of agriculture and the Canadian National Railway indicated that the yield is coming out better than was expected. Several points show an average yield of from 35 to 45 bushels an acre, while the average is well over 25.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.
Toronto, Sept. 16.—Fresh north-west winds; fair and quite cool tonight and on Sunday; probably frost in some places.
LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 72; lowest, 53.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 61; lowest, 45.
Barometric Readings.
Friday—5 p.m., 29.45.
Today—8 a.m., 29.49.

Municipal Board Turns Down City Plea

GIVE SANCTION TO EAST LONDON ESTATE SURVEY

Municipal Board Refers to the Action of City as "Not Very Honorable."

PROTESTS WERE FILED

Claim Local Improvements Had Not Been Provided For in Survey.

Characterizing the action of the city of London in refusing to permit the opening of Pine Grove real estate survey on the ground that local improvements, such as sewers, paved roads and sidewalks had not been constructed, as "not very honorable," the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board has "kicked over the head" of the city council and granted Mahaffy Brothers, who appealed to the board, permission to open this survey and sell building lots.

A few months ago this firm submitted a plan of Pine Grove survey to the city council, but on the advice of Mayor Cameron Wilson, ratification was refused on the grounds that local improvements were not included, as demanded by recent regulation of the council. Through J. G. Winnett, the real estate firm appealed to the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, which body refused the action of the city and granted permission to open this survey.

Accepted the Plan.
The plan was accepted by the Ontario railway and municipal board, and despite the city's protest building lots are now being sold on the Pine Grove survey. Although City Clerk S. Baker asked the board for a postponement of a hearing in order to have the city represented, that body refused this request. The city council of London was not represented at the hearing, and the decision rendered sets a precedent for other realty firms whose plans of new surveys may be held up by the city on similar grounds.

In refusing to postpone the hearing the board pointed out that such action "had been set out at length in a letter of the 21st instant, and these objections did not commend themselves to the board, as if conceded, it would amount to a gross breach of the terms upon which the property subdivided and other property were annexed to the city of London."

Secondly, the plan submitted met in the fullest measure all the requirements of the planning and development act as far as this board is called upon on an application of this kind to administer that act.

Regarding the final decision, the board says: "In view of the foregoing the board disposed of the matter, and marked the plan approved so that it may be registered."

An East London Survey.
Pine Grove survey, as exploited by Mahaffy Brothers, is west of Highway avenue, and north of Hamilton road, in East London.

During the hearing D. M. McIntyre, K.C., chairman of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, declared: "This is an eleventh hour awakening on the part of the city."

In view of the fact that several real estate surveys in this district had previously been accepted without objection, J. W. G. Winnett, who represented Mahaffy Brothers, states that the city had attempted the same "thing" before.

He pointed out that none of the streets were less than 66 feet in width, and the chairman added: "This is an excellent survey. On the grounds of the statute limiting our powers we cannot give effect to objections of the kind raised, and in the next place the objections are such that on their merits they are not entitled to consideration."

Uses Strong Terms.
"It is an attempt by the corporation, not a very honorable attempt, to evade its own liability under the order for annexation," continued Chairman McIntyre. "The plan is Turn to Page 2, Column 4."

Trying New Crossing at Adelaide St.

That May Reduce Bumps for Autoists
As an experiment in this city Grand Trunk officials will remove the planks on Adelaide street crossing next week and in their place will construct a crossing for vehicular traffic of crushed stone, treated with asphalt, in an effort to remove many of the holes which have become the bane of motorists.

Provided that the experiment warrants such action, other Grand Trunk crossings in London will be treated in a similar manner, and spring trouble will be reduced in city-owned autos. When completed the Adelaide street crossing will resemble the track at

Says Lord Northcliffe Left \$35,000,000

LONDON, Sept. 15.—(Canadian Press Cable.)—The weekly paper, The Nation, says it understands that Lord Northcliffe left a fortune of nearly £7,000,000.

It had been intimated at various times that the figure would be a much larger one. No official statement has yet been made.

EUROPE UNEASY OVER ADVANCES BY TURK ARMIES

Russia Has Agreement and Recruits Are Called to Join the Colors.

BUTCHER ALL VICTIMS

Tales of Death by Sword to Women and Children—Soldiers Drowned.

BULLETIN.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—The British government has adopted the attitude that the effective and permanent freedom of the Dardanelles is a vital necessity, for the sake of which it is prepared to make exertions, it was authoritatively stated this forenoon.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—Official dispatches received from Smyrna today state that all the foreign consulates were destroyed by the fire, with the exception of those of Spain, Belgium and Norway.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—Succeeding dispatches from Constantinople, Athens and other centers of information in the Near East, only tend to magnify the tale of the tragedy in Smyrna. The greater part of the city is in ruins, laid waste by a conflagration of incendiary origin, and the flames, according to the latest account, had reached the waterfront, where the quays were crowded with fear-crazed Christian refugees, who fled to the city as the nearest port of escape from the Turks.

Many have thrown themselves into the water rather than run the risk of being burned alive or of facing Mustafa Kemal Pasha's soldiers, drunk with victory, and fired with religious fanaticism.

Others have had the chance to choose, according to dispatches from Greek sources, which tell of horrible tortures and mutilations, and wholesale executions. Large numbers of Greek soldiers have been decapitated, they say, and others forced into sacks and thrown into the sea. Allegations of having served in the Greek army bring death to the Armenians, and women and children are being put to the sword.

120,000 People Killed.
Estimates of the number killed vary greatly, and the latest Athens dispatch quotes a relief worker as declaring that up to Thursday morning there had been 120,000 victims. It is thought this figure may include the wounded also, as previous reports placed the number of dead at from 1,000 to 2,000.

Landward from the city, it is reported, that all the villages are burning, and that the whole countryside has been devastated.

Turks Press Forward.
Meanwhile the Turkish forces in the north have continued their advance, and almost simultaneously with the new of their capture of Fenerhama, on the Sea of Marmora, comes the announcement that the British fleet in the Dardanelles has been ordered to prevent any attempt to cross the Straits, and that no ships shall be allowed to concentrate for the purpose of transferring troops in a movement toward Thrace.

Jugo-Slavia and Rumania also are watching every move in this direction and they are opposed to the Turks again securing a foothold in Europe. While the Turks do not possess a navy, they control a swarm of light craft, under instructions from headquarters.

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Well Known to Many Londoners



INTERNATIONALLY famous Rochester surgeon, Dr. Charles Mayo (right) entering the White House at Washington, where he was summoned to consult with other noted surgeons in the serious illness of the president's wife, Mrs. Harding.

Charge Fortune-Tellers Stole \$1 From Constable

WESTERN FAIR PERFORMERS.

CHARGED with stealing \$1 from the person of Constable Agmon Barryman, four gypsy fortune-tellers at the Western Fair, Lizzie Munda, Lizzie Dimitro, Mary Mitchell and Louisa Dimitro, were arraigned for trial in police court this morning, but at the time of going to press their hearing was not completed.

Police had been receiving complaints Thursday and Friday of visitors to the fair losing money in the gypsies' tent, Inspector Lucas stated, so Friday evening Constable Barryman was sent to the tent with marked money, while Detectives Harry Down and Thomas Bolton waited outside.

Constable Barryman was standing near the fortune tellers, he said, when Mary Mitchell, 19 years old, beckoned to him. He did not heed her, so she came over to him, and asked him to come inside. She took him into a compartment at the rear of the tent, and read his hand. She told him the charge would be 25 cents, he testified.

After she had read his hand, he stood up and she put her hand in his vest pocket. She asked him how much money he had. The defendant induced him to let her hold it for a few minutes. Then she placed it across his breast and told him to throw his head back.

Apparently he did not throw his head back far enough, he said, for she asked him to throw it back farther, and as he did she drew a bill from his roll and hid it in her clothing.

"How much change have you?" she asked him. He told her he had 85 cents. She asked to be allowed to handle it. He gave it to her and she wanted to keep it so that he would be "lucky." The officer told her it was all the change he had and asked her for it back. Finally she gave him 50 cents of it.

When Barryman unfolded his tale to the other officers they entered the tent and arrested the four occupants. Detective Down said that he found a bill which he had marked among the money Mary Mitchell had in her possession.

According to the defendant, she read the officer's two hands and his head, and made the customary charge of \$1 for such service. She denied stealing any money from him.

A. H. Murphy is acting for the defendants. Crown Attorney J. C. Elliott is prosecuting.

Mary Mitchell, 19 years old, fortune teller at the Western Fair, was found guilty in police court this afternoon of stealing one dollar from the person of Agmon Barryman, police constable, who visited her tent with marked money, under instructions from headquarters.

PASSE STREET CAR, IS FINED \$5

Although Arthur Cole pleaded in police court this morning that he passed a standing street car on the left hand side at the corner of Quebec and Dundas streets, because he wanted to avoid a traffic jam, and because an American tourist led the way, he was fined \$5 and costs. Magistrate Graydon told him that this practice was most dangerous, as it not only endangered the life of the driver and his passengers, but the lives of pedestrians and motorists who happen to be proceeding in the opposite direction.

Find Welsh Coal Gives Greatest Heat

OTTAWA, Sept. 15.—Samples submitted to the Dominion government mining officials show that imported Welsh coal has practically 10 per cent less ash and 10 per cent more carbon than Pennsylvania anthracite, which is used extensively in Canada. This figures out at 17 to 18 per cent more heating proportions.

REVIVE RUMORS OF ELECTION IN GREAT BRITAIN

Reports State That Vote Will Take Place in October.

PREPARE VOTERS' LISTS

Labor Expected to Nominate Over 400 for House of Commons.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—(Canadian Press Cable.)—There has been a revival this week of the rumors that a general election will take place in October, although it is difficult to find any solid basis for these reports.

In Manchester, which is hardly second to London as a center of political influence, it is stated that Laborite officials have received instructions to prepare for an immediate contest. The Labor chiefs deny the authenticity of the report, but the Evening Chronicle, which first carried the rumor, persists that it is correct.

The London Times' parliamentary correspondent thinks much will depend on the producing of a popular budget next spring, but if that proves impossible the government "might prefer to gather what gleanings of gratitude remain from this year's reduction of taxation."

New voters' lists certainly will be ready by the middle of next month, but municipal elections, invariably falling in November, will render October an inconvenient month for a parliamentary election.

The Laborites declare they will fight wherever possible, whenever the election comes. The party had 851 candidates in the field on the occasion of the last election. Already 400 are definitely accepted for the next election, with another fifty probable. About half of these are trades union nominees, only four of the existing seventy-five Laborites in the House of Commons not seeking re-election. The new Labor candidates include army and navy officers, doctors, nonconformist ministers and several women.

SAYS CITIZENS WILL NOT BUY INDUSTRIAL BONDS

Assessment Commissioner Stephen Grant offers an original explanation to the problem confronting members of the city council and chamber of commerce as to why industries do not locate in London with greater frequency.

"When I was out on the street assessing each year I found out that citizens of London are not eager to purchase industrial bonds," said Mr. Grant. "This is different to other cities, and may account for less industries coming to London, for as they would rather go where they can get the backing of the people in a tangible manner."

B. C. CHINESE RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER STRIKE

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 15.—The strike of Chinese school children in Victoria is petering out. Mollified by the promise that Chinese scholars will be admitted to white schools if they speak fluent English, and by the fact that twenty pupils marked for separate schools already have been received back in the ordinary schools, the other 200 pupils under high school age, who struck against special schools for Chinese, are filtering back to their desks in the separate schools.

Farmers Want Men, But Most of Them Prefer to Secure Positions in City

The demand for farm help around London at the present time is very large. Some farmers will give work to good husky men all the year round, but the men do not take to these positions as they should, the majority asking for city work. Mr. J. C. Spencer stated, "Positions in the city are by no means plentiful, although there are not many men out of work."

"Men are wanted in scores for outside construction work, and we have several large lumber firms on our list that are calling for bush help," he went on to say.

EXHIBITORS AT WESTERN WANT LOWER ADMISSION TODRAW LARGER CROWDS

Petition Circulated on the Grounds Generally Signed—Many Express Willingness to Pay More for Use of Booths—Sales Made on Grounds Determine Value of Fair to Manufacturers.

STIRRED to action by a week of poor business, which they attribute chiefly to the 50-cent admission fee, exhibitors at the Western Fair have prepared a petition which they will present to the board of directors at an early date.

The petition, which was circulated throughout the various buildings where exhibits are located, was signed by practically every concessionaire. Those who were responsible for the movement met with refusals only at the hands of junior representatives of firms who, while in many instances they were in accord with the sentiments expressed, felt they lacked the authority to take a stand.

Three large sheets attached to the petition were reported well filled early Friday afternoon and still more names remained to be secured.

The businessmen felt that a high admission rate was unfair to them as they did not gain adequate returns for their investments when the attendance was small. In many instances they are willing to pay much higher rents for space in the various buildings if they could be assured of crowds larger than those of the past two years.

PAVE WAY FOR MAKING FAIR CITY PROJECT

Directors Take Action as Result of Criticism of High Admission.

SUGGEST IMPROVEMENTS

Board May Rearrange Booths in Main and Dairy Buildings.

Paving the way to a complete reorganization of the financial basis of the fair and a probable return to the 25-cent admission fee, the board of directors of the Western Fair Saturday morning instructed E. S. Little, chairman of the grounds and buildings committee, and a special committee, to wait on the city council, with a view to having the fair turned into a civic enterprise.

This action was the outcome of the meeting Friday, when much criticism was passed on the 50-cent admission by some of the directors, and when it was practically decided that the only way to secure the cheaper fare again would be by financial backing from the city.

The special committee appointed by Mr. Little and the president consists of Directors Arthur Ford, A. E. Silvestro, Aid. H. J. Childs and Capt. T. A. Robson. The committee will also have the power to report on ways and means of improving the fair generally.

Mr. Little, as chairman of the grounds and buildings committee, made several recommendations for improvements Saturday morning, following a tour of inspection made Friday.

Among other things, he suggested a re-arrangement of many of the booths in the Main Building, the Pure Food Show and the Dairy Buildings, an extension to the rear of the Dog Show Building, the closing of the Horticultural and Agricultural buildings each year until all exhibits are in place, the placing of the saddle-horse judging arena in clear view of the stands to the north, and the erection of a new roof on barn No. 2, and a sewer extension from the subway to the King street entrance.

Many other minor recommendations were made by various members.

LOGGING OUTPUT REACHES ONE MILLION FEET DAILY

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 15.—Great logging activity is now under way in the Cowichan and Nitinat Lake districts of Vancouver Island, which is the richest timber belt on the British Columbia coast. The output of logs from Cowichan Lake has jumped to one million feet a day. This is just twice the former daily shipments.

During the seventeen years that his company had been exhibiting at the Western Fair, he said, he had always considered it one of the best business-getting places at which they exhibited. "We used to sell as much here as we did in one week at Toronto," added Mr. Jamieson, "but this year five minutes' sales at Toronto would equal our total sales here for the week."

Not Getting Sales.

Similar were the comments made by others, among whom was J. W. Jamieson, of R. A. Lister & Co. "It is one of the greatest drawbacks to the complete success of the fair that I have met with," said Mr. Jamieson. "The directors are trying a rope around their own necks."

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