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HUDSON BAY RY. WILL BE PRESSED TO FINISH

Hon. Mr. Cochrane Declares Government's Policy, Fol- lowing Urgings by Western Members of Opposition— Steamers May Connect Terminus With N. T. R. If the Hudson Straits Are Impracticable.

MONK WOULD REFORM CIVIL SERVICE LAW

OTTAWA, Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Hon. Frank Cochrane this evening, in response to the challenge of Hon. Frank Oliver and other members of the opposition, declared definitely that he had ordered the contractor for the Hudson Bay Railway to proceed with the work, and that the government would push the construction of the line to a speedy conclusion. Incidentally he intimated that the information gathered by the late government with regard to the country, the road, the harbor and what they would do with the wheat when they got it to the bay, was of the most meagre kind.

An interesting alternative route from the end of the line, if navigation of the Hudson Straits was proved impracticable for grain carriers, was before the government. This was to put on a line of boats from the terminus of the Hudson Bay Railway to the Mat-tawa River in Quebec, whence the grain could be hauled over the national transcontinental.

Voices of the West.
Hon. Frank Oliver declared it was only in recent years that any doubts had been raised as to the navigation of Hudson Bay, and F. L. Schaffner (Bour) cited the fact that, of 750 ships the Hudson Bay Co. had sent thru the Straits, only two had been lost.

Hon. F. D. Monk hinted at a reform of the civil service law, which would place most of both the outside and inside service out of the range of patronage.

The minister of finance, in answer to a question, stated that the mint would begin the production of 65 and 10 gold coins in about a month.

Hudson Bay Railway.
J. A. M. Atkins provoked a rather tedious debate by moving for a copy of orders-in-council and all correspondence between the government and

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STOLE \$15,000 IN REGINA ARRESTED FOR THEFT HERE

Sidney O'Connor Charged With Stealing from Toronto Roomer —Has Explanatory Letter.

Arrested yesterday upon a warrant charging him with theft of \$15,000 from a roomer at a rooming-house in Wilton-street some months ago, Sidney O'Connor was identified as a man wanted in Regina for theft of \$300 and over \$15,000 in securities, consisting of cheques, notes and stock certificates, many of which were more or less readily negotiable. Mention is not made of these were found on O'Connor together with the letter which declares that he had been stolen.

O'Connor roomed at the house in Wilton-street and it is alleged that he stole the \$15,000 from Miss Margaret Smythe, who roomed there at the same time. He went west and came back to Toronto shortly after the New Year. When he was taken yesterday by Detectives Montgomery and Cronin a letter was found on him from J. H. Hopkins, Regina, to one Dougherty, which declared that "Hop" (said to be O'Connor) "blew in there Dec. 31," and that the writer had got him a job with Anderson, Lunney & Co., financial and insurance agents, to whom he had explained some small matters regarding the honesty of the applicant for a position, despite which information he was given the job.

The writer goes on to say "Hop" did not give them half a chance to give him one, for, altho they were quite pleased with his work and he appeared to be getting along splendidly, he lit out on New Year's Day, taking with him the securities and cash before referred to.

Among the papers found on O'Connor were securities amounting to all of \$15,000, there being cheques for amounts as high as \$750, together with notes for even larger amounts, and stock certificates in various financial corporations in the west representing even greater amounts.

The Toronto police have notified the Regina City police and the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, who are looking for O'Connor, who is 24 years of age and gives his present address as 161 St. Patrick-street.

Vive le Docteur.

OTTAWA, Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Monsieur L'Orateur Docteur Spruille may now expect to be elected an honorary member of the Societe St. Jean Baptiste.

"MEN IN RELIGION" MOVEMENT PLANNED

Committee of 100 Local Represen- tatives Will Work With Other Canadian Cities.

Canada is experiencing a new inter-denominational movement. A committee of 100 representatives of the various churches in Toronto will be organized to conduct it in this city. Similar committees in size proportionate to places concerned will be organized from Halifax to Vancouver. It will be publicly launched in September, but it has been definitely decided upon by the authorities of the different churches.

Rev. Dr. Grant of the Presbyterian Home Mission board is prominently identified with the movement. He gave an account of it to The World yesterday afternoon. It is termed the men and religion movement. The plan embraces the foundation of comprehensive interdenominational committees to hold an eight-day men and boys' conference in every city and sufficiently populated town. The conferences will be addressed on all departments of religious work for men and boys by the best qualified experts in the different departments.

The plan was decided upon nearly two years ago, and an international committee of 95 representatives of churches in Canada and the United States was formed. Across the border the plan was put into operation and has been an invariable success. In Canada it was thought well to hold it back, and to concentrate on the laymen's missionary effort. It has now been decided that the time has arrived for the transcontinental series of men in religion conferences to be arranged for.

A meeting of the Toronto provisional committee will be held in about two weeks, when some of the leaders in the movement in the United States will be here to give their experience and advice. A general secretary will then be appointed for the Dominion to organize the committees and assist in arranging for the conventions.

Dr. Grant said that no new permanent organization was intended, but an inspirational and educational movement to promote religion among the men and boys of the Dominion.

Garment Workers Still Out.

The striking garment workers from M. Pullan & Son have come to no settlement with the firm as yet, and state that they will stay out until their demands are granted. Mr. Pullan has offered to make a verbal agreement with his employees, but they will have none of it, they want a written agreement that both parties must live up to.

Opium Conference at Hague.

THE HAGUE, Jan. 15.—The nineteenth sitting of the international opium conference began to-day with the reading of the final protocol. It is stated that Persia will sign the convention unreservedly.

May Bank Socialists

BERLIN, Jan. 15.—(Can. Press.)—The Liberals and Radicals are now tending to steer different courses in the re-ballooting. The Radicals are still planning to cooperate with the Socialists against the Conservatives and Catholics, but the Liberals, hating the Socialists more than they do their old enemies of the right, have declared against the Socialists.

Other re-ballots are expected not only to cut the Socialist gains, but to result in co-operation in the reballoting, which will give the government its desired majority.

JUST LIKE A MAN



HEAD OF HOUSE (who had insisted upon holding the baby): Here, nurse, attend to this.
CHILD: Why, bless my soul! Why should I have to be troubled with it?

U.S. GOVERNMENT MAY ACQUIRE TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES

Postmaster-General Hitchcock's Recommendation Comes as Apparent Shock to Private Companies Who Assert They Had No Warning — Mr. MacKay's Extreme Pessimism.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—(Can. Press.)—Announcement from Washington that Postmaster-General Hitchcock is about to recommend government ownership of telegraph and telephone lines, was received with surprise by officials of the big telegraph and telephone companies here.

"It is a bolt out of a clear sky," declared Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. and of the Western Union.

IMPAIRED ON CROWBAR.

GALT, Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Charles Walter, aged 28, met with a fatal accident to-day at Preston. He was one of a gang of employees of the Preston Car and Coach Co., and was under a newly built coach helping to move it with a crowbar, when, by a sudden move of the structure, the bar fouled a tie and Walter was impaled, the inch thick iron passing thru his body and protruding a foot at the back. The victim was hurried to the Galt hospital, where later he succumbed to injury.

BANK EMPLOYEES ARRESTED.

CRAIK, Sask., Jan. 15.—W. S. McKinnon, teller, and C. R. Crawford, manager of the Union Bank here, were arrested here to-day, the former charged with theft and the latter with forgery. The arrests followed an investigation of the bank's affairs, disclosing an alleged shortage of several thousand dollars.

RUSSIA TOYED WITH BRITAIN



Postmaster-General Hitchcock, of the United States, who has come out strongly for Government Ownership.

James Ramsay MacDonald, M.P. for Leicester, the chief speaker of the evening, declared that W. Morgan Shuster, the American treasurer-general of Persia, who was recently dismissed from office—the man who stood between Persia and dissolution had been thrust out because the British foreign secretary, Sir Edward Grey, could be pushed, twisted, flattered or elongated, just as the Russians wished.

The Americans, said Mr. MacDonald, were beginning to ask whether all these international arbitration treaties were to be made between strong nationalities so that weak nations might be crushed out of existence.

LIQUOR TRAFFIC IN PORCUPINE.

With regard to the report that there is a big illicit traffic in liquor in the Porcupine district, Supt. Joseph E. Rogers of the provincial police stated yesterday that the records show differently.

MILITIA USED BAYONETS TO QUELL RIOTOUS STRIKERS

Martial Law Proclaimed in Lawrence, Mass., Following Strike of 15,000 Workers in Woolen and Cotton Mills—Increase in Wages Demanded.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Jan. 15.—(Can. Press.)—Eight companies of state militia, including one field battery, commanded by Col. E. Lorey Sweetser of the Eighth Regiment, placed the mill district of this city under martial law to-night after a day of rioting, due to the strike of 15,000 operatives in the big cotton and woolen mills. At least 15,000 other hands were thrown out of work by the stopping of machinery and by the attacks on the mills by the strikers.

DROVERS AND PACKERS SETTLE DIFFERENCES

Britain's Strikers Unsettled.

MANCHESTER, Jan. 15.—(Can. Press.)—The conference here to-day between Sir George Askwith, representing the board of trade, and the mill owners and operatives, which it was confidently believed would lead to a settlement of the cotton dispute, in which 250,000 men are involved, was again adjourned, without an agreement having been reached.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—(Can. Press.)—The situation with regard to the proposed strike of coal miners remains unchanged.

Out of 850,000 ballots so far cast by the miners on the question of giving notice of a strike on March 1, 282,000 favored a strike. It is reported that the British Government is making tentative arrangements to import American coal for the navy in the event of a strike.

Long Conference Results in Compromise—Packers Will Get Allowance of Fifteen Cents a Head First Six Months and Twenty Cents Last Half of Year.

The packers and the drovers have come to a satisfactory settlement of their differences on the Toronto live stock market. It took an all-afternoon meeting and a two-hour conference later on to reach a compromise, but it ended in the best of feeling. The packers were asking for a 20-cent allowance on high-class cattle, and 50 cents on low grade cattle as an insurance for carcasses condemned by the government inspectors as unfit for food. The compromise is a flat rate of 15 cents for the first half of the year and 20 cents the second half on all cattle sold to the packing houses. Dr. Rutherford, the Dominion Live Stock Commissioner, and W. F. Maclean, M.P., acted as between the two sides.

The drovers at their afternoon meeting appointed the following to represent them in the conference: John Black of Bellwoods, A. D. Ames, A. Y. Hall, R. Bates, E. Maybee, S. Hazy, A. W. Talbot, H. F. Kennedy, Hon. James Duff.

With them Dr. Rutherford and Mr. Maclean were associated. The packers were represented at the conference by Messrs. McLean, Woodward, Harris, Nelly, Taylor.

At 5.30 the compromise decided on was reached, and approved by the drovers later on.

Diplomacy Wins Out.

Conciliation gained another strategic victory over the "fight to a finish" attitude, which a good percentage of the cattle drovers and commission men adopted when their meeting was called to order in the Temple building yesterday afternoon to discuss the differences they were having with the packers. Dr. J. G. Rutherford, veterinary director-general of the Dominion, poured oil on the troubled waters, and in a persuasive address showed that the question at issue was a tremendous one to grapple with. Diplomacy, he said, was required to reach an amicable settlement. The same quarrel was being on in England at the present time and had been going on there for 50 years. Nothing would be gained by selling each other names and passing strongly worded resolutions. Hon. Jas. Duff, provincial minister of agriculture, and W. F. Maclean, M.P., also depicted the seriousness of the problem confronting the cattle dealers, and by quiet, reasonable suggestions brought the tone of the meeting into one of harmony and an earnest wish on the part of everybody to get the dispute settled in the best possible way.

To Samuel Hisey of Creemore, secretary of the Ontario Live Stock Shippers' Association, was also due a considerable amount of the credit for bringing the meeting to such an amicable conclusion. Being intimately acquainted with all the details of the present differences between the packers and drovers he presented the latter's grievances in a very explicit manner. But Mr. Hisey had valuable assistance, and every one of the speakers had good arguments to advance, and good suggestions to make in bringing the trouble to an end. A remarkably able body of men were these cattle dealers that assembled at the meeting yesterday afternoon. They had decided opinions, every one of them, and didn't hesitate to express them.

VIADUCT LOSES RIVE ON RECOUNT OF 42 SUBD.

In the first day's recount on the Bloor-street viaduct bylaw Judge Winchester succeeded in finding many mistakes in the returns of 42 sub-divisions of Ward Six, which constituted the day's work, but all told these indicated that the majority against the bylaw was increased by nine, and hence, thus far, the recount shows the bylaw to be defeated by 68 votes.

The votes in the contest for the board of control and the viaduct bylaw were counted subdivision by subdivision in alternate order in the morning but in the afternoon the judge announced that the viaduct vote would be recounted first before anything further was done on the controller's contest.

The recount on the board of control contest brought forth no surprises, unless it was the large number of plumpers which J. J. Ward received. Only seven subdivisions were covered, however, and there yet remained 296. At 1 o'clock ex-Controller Spence's standing had not changed, while Controller Church had gained one. Ex-Controller Ward had gained three votes.

Only a few disputed ballots were turned up, and in the case of most of them the judge had no difficulty in deciding how the ratepayers had voted.

The recount will be resumed to-day at 10 a.m.

More Cold Weather.
We are in for more cold weather, so the prophet says. It means heavy outside clothing and particularly furs. Dickson's big January sale should bring you to the store if you are at all interested in good furs at an inviting price. For men there is a splendid line of coats, starting at thirty dollars and up to two hundred, all exceptional value.

REVERE HOUSE PREY OF FLAMES

Guests Escape In Early Morning Fire, Which Threatens Serious Spread— Fireman Killed.

BOSTON, Jan. 15.—(Can. Press.)—Boston's most famous hotel, the Revere House, in Bowdoin-square, took fire shortly before 2 o'clock this morning. The first started in the grotto, a dining room on the street floor, and quickly spread up thru the entire six stories. Many guests were carried down ladders by firemen and others rushed from the building thru the smoke, scantily clad.

From the Revere House the fire spread to the hall of the National League on Bullfinch-street, and then to the house of engine company No. 4, on Bullfinch-street. Hotel Rexford, another of the older hostilities, is in danger and the guests have been ordered out.

One fireman is dead. Police officers who went into the Rexford and were driven out by smoke, assert that a dozen or more persons are still in the hotel and it may be that at least a few of these may lose their lives.

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