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CONCENTRATE ON MAINTENANCE MEN

Shopmen Have Not Seriously Affected Railroads

Reports That Some of the Strikers Have Already Returned to Their Work—Gompers Denounces Board for Outlawing Shopmen.

(Canadian Press.)

Chicago, July 4.—Striking railway shopmen called "scabs" by the U. S. railroad labor board, whose summons to a mediatory conference was defied by shopmen's officials on last Friday, today entered upon the fourth day of their walkout in protest against wage reductions and decisions by the board with the actual number of men who responded to the strike call still in doubt and no reports of serious effect on transportation.

As a result of their walkout the shopmen are beyond the pale of the labor board, whose members announced that the strikers would receive no further official recognition of the government agency as arbiters of railway controversies.

Having washed its hands of the shopmen's strike and left the blame on B. M. Jewell, shopkeepers' executive, as chairman Hoover asserted, the labor board today centred its energies on a conference with officials of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees in an effort to avert a walkout of railway maintenance men, whose leaders consented to mediation before following the shopmen out.

The labor board declared that men taking the place of strikers would be considered officially as the employees of the roads in all future matters before the board.

Strikers Return.

Reports from various rail centres said strikers were returning to work. Boston and Maine Railway officials reported that 200 strikers had returned, and that others had applied for their old jobs. Union officials denied the statements.

Governor Allen of Kansas cautioned authorities to protect men who desired to work in railroad shops. Informed by Sheriff of Harvey county that only peaceful picketing was being done, Governor Allen remarked: "There is no such thing as peaceful picketing in Kansas."

Samuel Gompers, president of the A. F. of L., denounced the railroad labor board for "outlawing" the striking shopmen, and Wm. H. Johnston, president of the International Association of Machinists, declared that the board's action would in no way affect the position of the unions.

More to Strike.

New York, July 4.—Union officials indicated today that hundreds of other industrial workers employed by railroads would join in the strike against wage reductions handed down by the railroad labor board. They declared that many others, clerks, freight handlers and general workmen had joined the strikers' ranks.

Railroad officials, denying that the walkout had hampered the operation of trains, declared the ranks of the strikers were being rapidly filled by experienced men who had been laid off during the depression. They said the walkout was said to be reporting for work.

There was little trouble reported, the union officials instructing their followers to avoid violence.

Some Stone Throwing.

In New Jersey, a squad of twenty-five men who had reported striking railroad workers were stoned by a crowd, and five of the men refused to continue working.

Members of the railroad clerks' union in New York were instructed by their national officers to continue on their "routine jobs" and not be stampeded into a sympathetic strike until the result of the strike balloting, now taking place, was ascertained.

Both sides of the controversy were preparing today for a drive expected to show the strength of both unions and railroads, which will begin tomorrow when the holiday is over.

Cleveland, July 4.—A strike to trackmen on the Mahoning division of the Erie Railroad was threatened today by Charles Murray, grand lodge representative of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and railway shop laborers, unless the railroad reinstated an employee who was discharged yesterday. Murray said the man lost his job because he refused to put out fires and coal locomotives, work formerly done by men on strike. It was said that between 300 and 400 men are employed on the division, which extends from here to Newcastle, Pa.

Big Four officials denied reports of union officials that maintenance of way employees had gone on strike at that railroad between Cleveland and Galion.

CANADIAN BISLEY MEN'S RIFLES WERE HELD UP

London, July 4.—The Canadian Bisley team had an amusing experience upon arrival at Liverpool. Their rifles were temporarily detained in the customs there because of an oversight in the matter of obtaining a permit to bring firearms into Great Britain.

USE GERMAN LABOR TO PAY REPARATIONS

Paris, July 4.—The French cabinet today decided to place immediately before the reparations commission a project recently presented to Premier Poincaré by Minister of Public Works Le Troquer, providing for the extensive use of German labor and material throughout France for the rebuilding of railways, waterways and other public works at a cost of eighteen billion francs.

Counsel For Paris Seeks Postponement of Trial Two Months

G. H. VERNON SAYS RECENT DEVELOPMENTS MAY BE IN THE INTEREST OF PRISONER

Was to Present Affidavits This Afternoon—Judge Comments on Absence of More Than Half of Jury Panel—Commencement of Fourth Trial.

(Canadian Press.)

He said that he had received many letters and had been considerably bothered by interviews within the last few weeks, during which he had been asked to excuse men summoned for jury service. He said it was not within his power to excuse anybody and there was no use appealing to him, unless the appeal was presented in court and supported by an affidavit and sworn testimony.

Mr. Vernon here advised the judge that he intended to apply for a postponement of two months, as within the last few days something had turned up which might be in the interests of the prisoner.

His Honor remarked that in two months he would not be here and he had been granted leave of absence dating from the end of August. "I might get another judge to sit," he said, "but perhaps this would be as difficult as getting a jury."

The attorney general said that the additional jurors could not be summoned before Friday morning and the judge therefore allowed those jurors who had attended to go until 10 a. m. on that day. Should Mr. Vernon's application for a postponement be granted, they would then not be required until the date set.

At the request of Mr. Vernon, Judge Chandler then adjourned the court until this afternoon at 3 o'clock and remanded the prisoner until that hour, warning the sheriff to have Paris present for the hearing of the application for postponement.

Giving notice of his intention to ask for a postponement of two months, G. H. Vernon, counsel for John Paris who was today placed on trial for the fourth time, charged with the murder of Stanley McAuley, nearly a year ago, said that circumstances had arisen within the last few days which might materially affect his client's case. The hearing was therefore adjourned until three o'clock this afternoon to permit Mr. Vernon to present affidavits in support of his application.

Many Absentees.

Mr. Justice Chandler, who presided, commented on the long list of absentees among the men who had been summoned for the petit jury which will try the case. Of sixty-one names on the panel, only twenty-seven were present; one man, the sheriff announced, could not be found, and there were thirty-three other absentees. Hon. J. P. Byrne, attorney-general, and Dr. W. B. Wallace, K. C., appeared on behalf of the crown.

Although the interest in the case had flagged somewhat since the last trial there was a large crowd of people outside the court when the prisoner arrived, as he was expected from the patrol he presented much the same appearance as at the last hearing. He was dressed in a neat suit of dark purple tie and wore a felt hat. As he took his place in the dock he smiled and, as formerly, took a keen interest in all that was going on in the court room.

When the names of the panel were called and thirty-four absentees noted, Judge Chandler remarked that this was a large list for a case of this nature. He remarked the law regarding jury service, pointing out that absentees were liable to a fine of \$10 for each default, unless they were able to satisfy him that they had a good reason for absence, but not more than \$300 at any court session.

FOG CURTAIN LIFTS; LOST FISHERMEN IN DORY RESCUED

Montreal, July 4.—When the fog which had enveloped her for hours suddenly lifted off the Grand Banks of Newfoundland last Thursday, the steamer Chitton, an oil tanker bound from London to Montreal, found herself within a few feet of a little dory, in which were two men in the last stages of exhaustion. They were Portuguese fishermen from the schooner Laura, which had set out from Lisbon to fish on the banks. Four days previous they, with another dory, had left their schooner in the fog, and had got out of touch with it in the fog. The third man either fell overboard or jumped into the sea in a delirium of exhaustion. The men had been restored one of them fell on the deck and kissed the feet of the captain of the tanker.

COMMENDS ONTARIO FOR THE HANDLING OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC

Brockville, Ont., July 4.—"I know of nothing that has impressed me more in this country than the way in which you have handled the liquor traffic," said P. W. Wilson, ex-M. P., New York correspondent of the London Daily News, speaking here last night.

Big Livestock Show.

London, July 4.—(Canadian Press)—The royal agricultural show opened at Cambridge today with the largest livestock entries in the history of the exhibition, there being 4,200 entries.

BLIND MAN FIRST TO GIVE FIRE ALARM

Mitchell, Ont., July 4.—A blind man was the first to give warning of a fire which occurred here this morning and destroyed an ice-house and barn, the property of Mrs. Richard Babb.

While his neighbors were sound asleep, the super-sensitive of the blind man, Norman MacDonald, detected the scent of smoke. He stumbled along to the door to give the alarm. He was unsuccessful in this, so he climbed upon the porch and attracted attention at one of the upper windows.

BIG CUT MADE IN THE U. S. DEBT

Washington, July 4.—A reduction of \$1,140,000,000 in the public debt during the fiscal year ended June 30 and a reduction of \$175,000,000 in the debt during June was announced yesterday by the treasury.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter of Mr. Hiram Hornebeam, in man who came in from the Settlement yesterday said there had been so much wet weather that the hens were developing web-feet. In the interests of science, I would like to have your testimony on this question. If the story is true, it is a remarkable adaptation to environment and a proof of the accuracy of the evolution theory.

"Well," said Hiram, "I guess you don't need to send no professors out here on that job this summer. We got some lovely lars in the Settlement. One of 'em told a man from town the other day that he'd swallered about a half pint of p'tetlar bugs. Of course a fish story he's to be true—but I wouldn't write no story for the scientific papers about them web-feet if I was you."

C. G. M. M. SHIP HARD AND FAST

Canadian Commander, it is Feared, May Prove Total Wreck.

North Sydney, N. S. July 4.—S. S. Canadian Commander, which went ashore on Platte Point, St. Pierre Island, yesterday, is hard and fast, with water in her engine room, stowage hold and hold, according to reports received here.

Imperial Institute Includes Our Woods as Alternatives to European Products.

London, July 4.—(Canadian Press)—The Imperial Institute advisory committee on timber, which is inquiring into the possibility of extending the use of timber from the overseas dominions in Great Britain, has drawn the attention of the board of works to the value of the British Columbia Douglas fir and spruce and hemlock for constructional purposes. As a result of special strength tests these woods are now included in official specifications as alternatives to European products.

The woods committee also consider that the technical qualities of eastern Canadian timbers warrant far larger use in Great Britain than at present obtains and particularly singles out spruce, red pine and yellow or white pine. Officially, the committee has been asked to use these timbers. It is also understood that the war office accepts these soft woods as alternatives to European.

WOMAN AND BABE ARE POISONED

Dike, Sask., July 4.—Mrs. Harry Schorba, aged thirty, and daughter, Alice, thirteen months, are dead from poison of formaldehyde. Harry Schorba, who is detained, told the police that he believed the child was given poison by the mother and that she afterwards took poison to end her own life.

MAY BE NEW PASTOR OF ST. ANDREWS, TORONTO.

Toronto, July 4.—Rev. Stewart Parker of Glasgow, Scotland, who has been preaching in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church here for a month, is said to be the choice as the next pastor of St. Andrew's. The pastor of which has been vacant about two years. The matter is expected to come before the members of the church after vacation.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The barometer is now highest over the Great Lakes and relatively low near the Atlantic coast and in the west. The weather continues cool and rainy in the maritime provinces and scattered showers have occurred in eastern Ontario and the western provinces.

Forecast: Cool; Clearing. Maritime—Moderate winds, cool and showery with much fog. Wednesday, moderate north and northwest winds, cool, gradually clearing. Gulf and North Shore—Moderate winds, mostly cloudy and cool with scattered showers. Wednesday, fair and cool.

Stations Highest during 24 hours Lowest 24 hours

Table with 4 columns: Stations, Highest during 24 hours, Lowest 24 hours, and Yesterday night. Rows include Prince Rupert, Victoria, Kamloops, Calgary, Edmonton, Prince Albert, Winnipeg, White River, Sault Ste. Marie, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, N. B., Halifax, St. John's, Nfld., Detroit, and New York.

THE PRESBYTERY DEALS WITH CALLS

Two Before Church Court This Morning.

Interesting Report on Old Records of the Church and Good Word for John Willett—Congratulations Also to Hon. J. G. Forbes.

The quarterly meeting of the Presbytery of St. John was commenced this morning at ten o'clock in St. Andrew's church, with Rev. A. V. Morash of Sussex in the chair, and Rev. Frank Baird of Chipman as secretary.

The call to Rev. Hugh Miller, M. A., B. D., of Campbellton by St. David's church was ordered sanctioned by the presbytery as soon as signed by as many as possible of the congregation. A call to Rev. A. W. Wood of Prince Edward Island to the church at Nashwaak and Stanley was sanctioned.

A very interesting item was the displaying of records of the Presbyterian Church from the year 1833 and the passing of a motion to have sent to the records of Pine Hill Seminary at Halifax for safe keeping.

An invitation by the ladies of St. Andrew's church to a luncheon in the school room was unanimously accepted. It was given a hearty vote of thanks for their thoughtful.

Rev. A. V. Morash, moderator, spoke of his appreciation of the honor of presiding at a session of the St. John Presbytery, where he had labored for nearly five years. He expressed his regret at the removal of Rev. J. A. MacKegan. He hoped that Mr. MacKegan's departure would not have a serious effect on the foreign mission situation. The fact that Mr. MacKegan was ill was also spoken of with regret. A motion for the deletion of a sentence from the minutes in regard to foreign missions suffering a unanimous vote.

MacKegan from the presbytery, was passed. The minutes of special sessions were read by the secretary, Rev. Frank Baird, and the minutes of the regular sessions were read by the secretary, Rev. W. M. Townsend. A call to St. David's church.

Rev. D. F. Marshall was welcomed into the presbytery and signed the register.

The name of Hon. J. G. Forbes was handed in as elder for St. Andrew's church, Canada, and the name of Mr. MacKegan was also handed in. A brief, congratulatory address was handed to him at the luncheon and the motion was unanimously and heartily passed.

The clerk was given permission to receive commissions for the appointment of elders.

Several presbytery records from the date of 1833, when the church in New Brunswick was founded, up to the church in Canada, were shown by the clerk. Since then, he said, there had been a complete record kept of the minutes of the Presbytery of St. John in Canada. The minutes were very great, he said. He moved that the work of John Willett, who kept these in some barrels, be preserved. It was moved that Dr. Sutherland, Rev. W. M. Townsend, be appointed to look into this matter.

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Rev. W. H. Spencer, of St. Matthew's church, presented a plea for accommodations on behalf of his church. He presented two applications, one for a loan of \$3,000 from a church fund, and another for another church fund give a grant of \$3,000. The needs, he said, were for a basement, a porch and moving the church back about ten feet from Douglas avenue.

A motion to send the call around for a fuller collection of signatures and then to sustain it was passed.

The session adjourned at about one o'clock to luncheon served by the ladies of St. Andrew's church.

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MIGHT HAVE GOT TO EVEREST PEAK

Natives Say Expedition was Given Up a Few Days Too Soon.

London, July 4.—The Daily Mail correspondent in Bombay writes that a controversy is under way there regarding the recent unsuccessful attempt to scale Mount Everest, which it is widely believed failed through overheat.

While the members of the climbing party declared the early monsoon prevented success, native bearers say the monsoon does not reach the higher Himalayas, and that the rains which the climbers believed to be the monsoon were merely a passing storm. They assert that if the expedition had waited at a height of about 20,000 feet it would have found several calm, sunshiny days on which the summit could have been reached.

Yankees Back in American League Race—Benny Leonard and Rocky Kansas in the Ring Tonight for Ten Rounds—Late Sport News.

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PALESTINE FUND

Action of Zionist Federation Yesterday at Meeting in Ottawa.

Ottawa, July 4.—(Canadian Press)—Zionist delegates attending the eighteenth convention of the Zionist Federation of Canada yesterday discussed the Palestine fund and Dr. B. Epstein, director of the fund, delivered a very comprehensive address.

As the result of his suggestion a resolution was carried to the effect that a separate bureau be established within the Zionist organization to administer and collect the fund. R. A. Darwin, chairman of the Montreal Zionist Council, submitted a report from that organization in which it was suggested that the convention endorse the sale of \$100,000 worth of shares in the Jewish Colonial Trust Company to facilitate the granting of loans, etc., in Palestine.

CITY OFFICIAL UNDER ARREST

Superintendent of Water Department Charged With Obtaining Money Under False Pretences—Remanded for Three Days.

Samuel A. Sewell, superintendent of the water and sewerage department, was arrested yesterday afternoon by the city detectives and was taken before Sitting Magistrate Henderson on a charge of obtaining money under false pretences by padding the pay roll of the department. He was remanded for three clear days or until such time as the city officials are ready to proceed with the case.

The arrest was made at Mr. Sewell's summer home by Sergeant Detective Power and Detectives Bidloosme and Donahue. There are said to be discrepancies of about \$1,300, but city officials say that it will be almost impossible to reach an accurate figure in the matter. D. Mullin, K. C., in the absence of the city solicitor, is handling the case for the city.

It was said that, during the course of investigations, the accused persisted with reasonable argument that there was nothing crooked in his accounts.

YOUNG SON OF SOLDIER HERO IS DROWNED

Ottawa, July 4.—Eight year old Joseph Randall, son of Mrs. Joseph Randall of this city, was drowned in the Ottawa River at Britannia last night. The lad, whose father was killed overseas, was a guest at the fresh cottage.

RUTH IS AROUND AGAIN; 13TH TIME

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TRACE OF OLIVIERI

Notice in Times Brings Word That He is Probably on a Farm in Barnesville.

D. W. Ledington, Italian consul here, has received several letters concerning Nicola Olivieri, an Italian, whose father is searching for him through the consulate, and to which under reference was made in the Times last week. It is said to be practically established that the man is working on the farm of Robert Beckwith at Barnesville. This information has been forwarded to J. Cleo, the Royal Italian consul at Montreal, with whom the father is in touch. In case these hopes having no relation either referred to the Times article or brought the clipping with them.

GOOD REPORT ON BUSINESS IN THE OLD COUNTRY

London, July 4.—(Canadian Press)—The president of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, at the half yearly meeting of that body today, said the general trade of the country was steadily improving. The coal industry, he said, had regained much of its lost export business; the iron and steel business was improving slowly and the textile machinery enterprises were very busy.

BRITISH REPLY TO THE VATICAN RE PALESTINE

London, July 4.—The foreign office has published the reply of the government to representations of Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary of state, concerning religious liberty under the Palestine mandate.

The reply declares that, as a Christian power, Great Britain is fully alive to the necessity of ensuring to all Christian communities that nothing will be done Palestine which might be construed as negligence or indifference to Christian sentiments.