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## ENGLISH WRITER AND LADY DOYLE GOING TO CANADIAN ROCKIES



Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and Lady Doyle as they appeared on board the S.S. "Olympic" on their arrival in New York. After visiting the principal cities of the U.S. they will come to Canada, where they contemplate a camping trip in the wildest part of the Canadian Rockies. On this trip they will be accompanied by a friend of Sir Arthur's, a forester, who was at one time in the British army. William J. Burns, the detective, went down on a revenue cutter to meet the creator of the famous Sherlock Holmes and the equally famous Dr. Watson of Baker street.

## ENGLISH CITY TORONTO'S SIZE APPOINTS BUSINESS MANAGER

Strike of City Workmen Led to Investigation Which Revealed Extravagance and Waste That Shocked the Yorkshire Ideas of Thrift in Leeds.

LONDON, May 30.—When the United States started municipal government by commission all the world hailed it as an almost revolutionary step in the science of city administration, but England has gone one better and Leeds, one of the great industrial cities of Yorkshire, has gone in for a business manager. While the American experiment may be described as a step from municipal democracy to oligarchy that of Leeds is a further step to municipal autocracy.

In order to fully understand what has happened at Leeds it is necessary to be familiar with the municipal history of the Yorkshire city. It may be well to say at the start that Leeds has been a fairly well managed city, even according to the English standard, which is high. It has a population of about 300,000. Hard-headed Yorkshire manufacturers and workmen, who are used to driving a hard bargain in their private business and who carried this habit into their municipal affairs, its death rate is low, its streets are clean, it has an excellent street railway system and gas works, both municipally owned, and, altogether, were it not for the smoky industrial towns, it would be almost an ideal place to live in.

The tendency toward driving a hard bargain, however, brought trouble, for some months ago the municipal workmen, of whom there were between 3000 and 4000, all told, made up their minds that they were not getting enough money. Other cities of equal rank with Leeds, they declared, were paying higher wages and they sent a deputation to the council to ask for a rise of 50 cents a week all round.

Volunteers Ran City. The city council refused to grant the advance and told the men that they were being as well paid as similar workmen in private employment and had many advantages, such as pensions, holidays, and short hours, which private workmen did not enjoy.

In the end, after much negotiation, the men went on strike last December and for five weeks the public services of Leeds were more or less disorganized. For two or three days there were no streets cars, and no light, and the streets were not cleaned. Then came the strong man in the person of Alderman C. H. Wilson, leader of the conservative party in the city hall. Alderman Wilson is a successful manufacturer who is accustomed to getting things done and he told the council that if they would give him a free hand he would break the strike. The council gave him full powers and Alderman Wilson, in a few days, had organized a fairly efficient municipal service manned by volunteers.

Students at Leeds University took off their shirts and shovelled coal in the gas works, while others put on their overcoats and drove street cars. Staid business men wielded brooms in the streets, while clerks and bookkeepers drove garbage carts. The strikers threw a few half bricks at the "black legs" as strike breakers are called in this country, but Alderman Wilson had control of the police and the result of it all was that on January 13 the strikers applied to be allowed to return to work unconditionally.

Departments Ran Country. During his experience as city boss, however, Alderman Wilson had been finding out things that shocked him as a business man. He learned that the various city departments worked quite independently of each other and that no chief of one department had any idea what any other chief was doing. He discovered, for instance,

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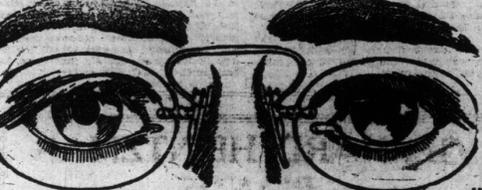
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