

COAL SHORTAGE AFFECTS G.T.R.

Railway's Reserve of Fuel Rapidly Becoming Depleted Because of Strike.

Pere Marquette Withdraws Several Trains From Passenger Service.

The boat trains, running six days a week from Toronto to Sarnia and passing through the city, connecting with the Northern Navigation steamer, Noronic, Hamonic and Huronic at Point Edward, will in all probability be the first to be cancelled by the Grand Trunk Railway on the Canadian lines if the coal strike becomes so acute in the country to necessitate the curtailing of passenger service. This was the opinion of a prominent railway official who was in the city Monday morning.

Although no official word regarding the withdrawal of passenger trains in Canada has been received as yet from railway headquarters by local officials, it was pointed out that as a result of the reserve coal supply of the company becoming rapidly depleted it was only a matter of time until the Canadian lines would be affected.

The local situation is becoming more serious from day to day, and the consignments of coal for the Grand Trunk in this city are becoming fewer. The last shipment was received Friday and consisted of 30 cars only. To make matters worse there is very little coal along the road that could be commandeered in an emergency.

Up to the present the Canadian Pacific Railway has not felt the effects of the nation-wide coal strike across the border to the same extent as the other roads. Sensing the present crisis the railway obtained a large reserve supply and probably have enough on hand to last for some months without cancelling any passenger trains.

In the city alone, officials state, there is a supply of more than 15,000 tons, and this is expected to supply local needs for at least four months.

Tuesday, July 24, will see sixteen passenger trains in the Detroit division of the Grand Trunk cancelled, and the curtailing of the runs of ten others to three days a week. Officials say that it is caused jointly by the shopmen's strike and the coal shortage.

The cancellations and curtailments reduce passenger service of the G. T. R. by more than one half.

WITHDRAWS TRAINS.

Windsor, July 24.—Further curtailment of the passenger service is announced by the Pere Marquette Railway, effective today, owing to the more acute coal shortage, as follows: The withdrawals are only temporary and depend entirely upon the easing up of the fuel situation.

On the Canadian division, train No. 2, leaving Walkerville 7:10 a.m., arriving at St. Thomas 12:10 noon, and train No. 3, leaving St. Thomas 4:08 p.m. and arriving at Walkerville 9:15 p.m. are withdrawn.

On the Sarnia-Erieau line, train No. 6, leaving Sarnia 7:05 a.m. and arriving at Blenheim 9:50 a.m., is cut off; likewise train No. 16, leaving Blenheim 5:10 p.m. and arriving at Erieau 8:33 p.m. Train No. 15, leaving Erieau at 8:45 p.m. and arriving at Blenheim 6:05 p.m., and train No. 7, leaving Blenheim 6:18 p.m. and arriving Sarnia 9:10 p.m. are withdrawn. These are all day trains.

On the Palms-Port Hope branch, train 301, leaving Palms 5:12 a.m. and arriving Port Hope 12:57 p.m., and train 304, leaving Port Hope 10 a.m. and arriving Palms 11:05 a.m., are cut off. These latter are week-day trains.

In Michigan the company has taken off four trains and curtailed service on two others.

SAYS CITY WILL NOT PAY FOR SPRINGBANK PUPILS

Samuel Baker Refers to Trustees' Request for \$300 Fees.

"Well, the city council won't pay for them." So declares Samuel Baker, city clerk, referring to the claim by board of education officials that the aldermen owe them approximately \$300 as payment of fees for the children, seven in number, who reside on city property at Springbank, but attend the Riverview Public School.

While parents of the pupils in question have explained that they were under the impression that there existed an agreement of some sort between the city and the school board whereby children of civic employees living in that district were exempted, the city clerk states most emphatically that "if there is such, he has never seen or heard of it."

"I do not have any exemption," he pointed out, "and you would think that if the city council could exempt employees who live out of the city they might well exempt those who reside within the limits."

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Hit By Auto, Ray Moore Has Leg Broken

WHILE unloading ice cream in front of the Liberty Lunch on Dundas street at 10 o'clock Monday morning, Ray Moore, 514 Hamilton road, was struck by auto No. 65-273, and had his left leg broken in two places. The auto was owned by Harold White. Dr. Nelson George was summoned, and ordered Moore removed to Victoria Hospital.

Town Topics.

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

For the earnest expectation of the great and the small, the revealing of the sons of God.—Romans 8:19.

CREATION lies before us like a glorious rainbow; but the sun that made it lies behind us, hidden from our eyes.—Jean Paul Richter.

TOMORROW'S DOING.

TUESDAY—City council meets at City Hall, 12 o'clock.

NO COMMUNICABLE DISEASES in London were reported over the weekend, according to the announcement of Dr. W. S. Downham, medical officer of health, on Monday morning.

DEFERRED APPEALS against city assessment will be heard at a special session of the court of revision scheduled for 4 p.m. Monday, in the council chamber of the city hall.

CHARGED WITH CRUELTY to a horse to such a degree that the animal finally succumbed, Philip Richards has been further remanded for trial before County Magistrate A. H. Hawkshaw until Saturday next.

MEMBERS of the London Rotary Club left Monday morning at 12:10 on the L. and P. S. R. by special car for Westminster Hospital, where luncheon was held, and where the club was shown over the grounds and told of the work by Dr. McBride, superintendent of the hospital.

FOR UNLAWFULLY having for sale a military rifle which he had not entered in his books, Jacob Fox, King street, was fined \$20 and costs in police court Monday morning. Judgment had been reserved since last week, when the case was tried.

ALDERMAN J. C. CHILDS, O. I. Cunningham and G. B. Drake, who were recently appointed by the city council to look into the rental of city stalls on the market to merchants, will conduct an inspection of these stalls Tuesday morning, preparatory to bringing in a report and recommendations.

MUCH REGRET was expressed at the London office of the Children's Aid Society on Monday morning, following receipt of the announcement that W. L. Walker, for several years a Middlesex County Council member, died at his home near Parkhill on Saturday. Mr. Walker identified himself with several organizations, and his death followed a brief illness.

WHILE MAYOR CAMERON WILSON said that the civic commission is still in existence, James Bell, city treasurer, reports that he has never been notified that he is "finance commissioner," as was promised as an official of that body.

"Too bad. Too bad," remarked City Clerk Sam Baker, Monday, shaking his head gloomily, as he heard the report.

COL. W. J. BROWN, executive secretary of Western University, has received the written statement of wage demands from the trades and labor council, which the latter wish to have incorporated in the contracts for the new buildings to be erected for Western University.

The mayor will pass to the board of governors, who will deal with it at their next meeting, which will be held in all probability within the next few days.

THE FAME of the London board of education, and more particularly the salary committee of that body, spreads to distant places, even to Winnipeg, Manitoba.

While the satisfactory changes doubt of the salaries inaugurated this year by the local school board, the trustees of Winnipeg have written to Secretary Tanner for detailed information upon the subject, a similar readjustment being contemplated there.

WHILE SENIOR SCHOOL Inspector V. K. Greer is at his former home in Ottawa on a two-weeks' vacation, his office will be closed. The inspector left by motor in the company of E. A. Miller, principal of the South London Collegiate Institute, the latter leaving him at Smith's Falls, where he remains for his holidays. W. A. Tanner, secretary of the board of education, expects to be away the first two weeks in August. His office will remain open as usual, however, with his assistant, Miss Bignell, at the helm.

ONE HUNDRED BENCHES manufactured by Public Utilities Commission employees have been placed in city parks this summer, according to Acting General Manager A. O. Hunt. A feature of these benches is the fact that the sides are made of cement, thereby preventing them from being carried about in the parks and destroyed. The seats are of wood, fastened into the cement by pegs, and although no nails are used in the manufacture of these benches, they can be easily dismantled for storage during the winter months.

RUSSIANS ARRIVE IN BERLIN. Berlin, July 24.—The Russian delegates to the Hague conference, headed by Maxim Litvinoff, with secretaries and others, making up a party of 15, arrived in Berlin from the Hague today. It is understood the Russians plan to remain in Berlin for some time.

DELAY DECISION ON GERMAN PLEA

Commission to Defer Action On Moratorium Until August.

Paris, July 24.—The whole reparations problem now in the hands of the Allied premier, and it is considered quite unlikely that the reparations commission will render any decision on Germany's request for a moratorium until after the opening session of the Allied council in London early next month.

Although the report of the committee on guarantees regarding the control measures agreed upon as a result of its investigation into Germany's finances and economic affairs, as expected to be ready by the middle of the week, it was stated on behalf of the reparations commission today that the commission itself would not have the report officially before it until the end of this week.

The decision of Premier Poincare to confer with Prime Minister Lloyd George and others of the Allied powers before the reparations commission is expected to make its decision, as a definite indication that the French premier believes the consideration of a comprehensive settlement essential at this time.

The French will take with them carefully prepared plans, it is understood, and this plan, together with the British scheme, will form the basis of a general reconsideration of the reparations question.

There is considerable sentiment in the reparations commission in favor of reconvening the international committee of bankers in view of the latter's decision that it would hold itself in readiness to advise the commission on the German loan question if the commission so desired.

Up to the present there has been no effort to communicate with the bankers, but it is believed they will be kept in the loop of the situation, and be called together immediately after the London meeting if the reparations commission thinks the decision warrants further consideration of the loan.

Any readjustment of the reparations payment which involved a reduction of the total German indemnity would insure another session of the bankers, it was pointed out in reparations circles.

Even though the reparations commission does not reach a decision before M. Poincare's departure for London, the premier, it was explained today, will have digested the report of the committee on guarantees by the end of this week, and will also know what the feeling is among the various nations regarding the moratorium question before he leaves for London.

HARDWARE MEN TO HOLD OUTING

The seventh annual picnic of the London retail hardware men, which will be held at Springbank Wednesday, July 26, is expected to be one of the largest and most successful picnics of the season.

Exceptional attractions are to feature the day. The 1st Hussars Band will be in attendance and an abundance of refreshments are to be served.

The program of races contains such novelties as a "dizzy" race for men, "the monkey contest" and "ladies threading needle on a bottle contest."

A record crowd is anticipated, and every effort is being put forth to make the day a complete success.

\$30,000 ESCAPES BANDITS' NOTICE

Sudbury, July 24.—Paymaster Stephenson and Cashier Macdonnell, of the Mond Nickel Company, were held up near Coniston this morning and robbed of a parcel containing \$2,000 and some small change.

The bandits overlooked another parcel containing \$30,000, which was being carried by Macdonnell, and which the latter dropped in the long grass when attacked. It was recovered.

Stephenson and Macdonnell this morning drew \$32,000 from the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Coniston, and with the former carrying the \$2,000 package and Macdonnell the \$30,000, they set out on foot for the company's smelter, located about a quarter of a mile from the village, to pay the employees.

CLOTHING MEN TO HAVE STRIKE

Montreal, July 24.—It was ascertained this morning that every union clothing worker in Montreal will walk out on strike within the next 48 hours. Officials of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America refused to give out the exact hour. The strike will hinge on the question of the recognition of the union.

175 CANADIAN TEACHERS INSPECT BRITISH CAPITAL

LONDON, July 23.—(Canadian Press Cable).—A party of overseas school teachers, 175 of whom are Canadians, are making the most of their opportunities for carrying out a crowded program.

Yesterday after a busy day sight-seeing they were accommodated in front position for the royal review in Hyde Park of the London Territorials. Today they visited Westminster Abbey where Canon Carnegie addressed them. He declared they had chosen a most fitting place of meeting, since the abbey claimed without presumption to be the mother church of the English-speaking races of the world.

Later the party took tea with the Dowager Countess of Jersey.

Constable Shaver Leaves To Solve Mystery Of Country Graveyard

Who is the mysterious figure that haunts a grave yard in Westminster township?

So alarmed have become residents of the locality in question as to the strange actions of this man, who has remained persistently in their neighborhood for two weeks past that they have appealed to County Constable Alex. Shaver for assistance.

Prepared to apprehend the party, ascertain his identity and bring him into the city, if need be, the constable left Monday noon to commence his investigation.

The stranger is rarely, if ever, seen during the daytime, and is said to be making his headquarters in an old church adjoining the cemetery. Constable Shaver will determine, he explains, whether the man is just an ordinary "knights of the road," resting for a few days, or a fugitive from justice.

CLAIMS BUILDING PERMIT INCREASED OVER JULY, 1921

Inspector Piper Grants 114 Licenses to Prospective London Home Owners.

Passing the figures of July last year, building permits issued in London this month now total 114. However, they have not created a record to date, as 157 permits were issued in the pre war banner building month of July, 1914.

The permits issued by Inspector A. M. Piper reach a total estimated cost of \$178,875 for the month. These include the following: G. W. Waddell, for a one-story stucco dwelling on High street, costing \$2,400; R. Hathway, for a one-story frame dwelling on Elgin street, to cost \$1,200; John Truich, for a similar house on Maidland street, costing \$2,000; M. Dixon, for a one-story brick veneer dwelling on Victoria street, to be erected at an estimated cost of \$4,000; W. J. Robinson, for a one and one-half story stucco residence on Moir street, to cost \$2,500; and S. Jones, for a one-story frame house on Giles street, costing \$1,400.

CLAIMS LABOR NOT STAYING "U" WORK

John McGuire Declares Council Waited 6 Weeks for Conference on Contracts

If there has been any delay, as Col. W. J. Brown, executive secretary of the Western University claims, in the granting of contracts for the construction of new buildings to the value of \$2,000,000, the fault lies, not with the London Trades and Labor Council, according to John McGuire, president of the latter body.

"While we did not desire to enter into any long-drawn-out controversy," President McGuire stated Monday, "I could have explained that we were a matter of six weeks waiting for the governors of the university to hold a conference with us."

"Our request was simply this. We were willing to accept the scale of wages as set at the beginning of the year by the local Builders' Exchange. We reason that if a contractor is willing at first to pay this scale, he will later institute a reduction, he will derive profit unfairly, as contractors who bid on that undertaking will do so with the scale of the Builders' Exchange in mind and will make provisions for the same."

"It is said that 50 per cent of the citizens of London own their own homes. Consequently they are taxpayers, and it stands to reason that the bulk of the workingmen are interested in the city at large that care should be taken that money should be spent for the purpose designated in connection with public and semi-public undertakings."

The labor delegates hold that the Ontario Legislature, as long ago as 1900, instituted legislation compelling the "fair wage" clause to be inserted in all government contracts and sub-contracts. Although the Hon. Walter Rolfe, provincial minister of labor, has been asked repeatedly, they say, for a copy of this act, he has to date failed to accede to the request.

STEAMER RUNS AGROUND. Sault Ste Marie, Mich., July 24.—Steamer E. N. Saunders broke her wheel chains going down the river last night and ashore on Lamp's Point, Hay Lake. The lighter Relevance with Tug Sabin was sent to her assistance.

FALLS OFF TRAIN, DIES IN HOSPITAL

Chatham, Ont., July 24.—Antoine Gonzales died at St. Joseph's Hospital this morning from injuries received in a fall from a freight train near Bottwell on Friday.

On whose person a letter was found giving post-office address New Bedford, Mass., was stealing a ride. Two companions were arrested at the time of the accident and are in jail on trespass charges. An inquest will be opened by Coroner McRitchie this afternoon.

If Money Arrives During Week Mercer Will Be Released From County Jail

It's a long way to New Brunswick from Detroit, and there are many stops on the road, Arthur Mercer, a native of the Maritimes, found, when he was picked up by a policeman while deep in peaceful slumber in an alley, back of the Murray Shoe Company early Sunday morning. In police court Monday Deputy Magistrate P. H. Bartlett remanded him to jail for a week.

This was not an unwelcome news to Arthur, as he had not had breakfast Monday, and did not have money enough to buy any. He told the court he was expecting a little money from a company in the United States.

Mercer left Detroit a few days ago to go home. He had instructed the company to forward the money to Chatham. As he arrived there too soon he decided to continue the homeward trek, and instructed the Chatham authorities to transfer his remittance to London. If the money arrives during the week Mercer will be released.

Risk Lives in Trans-Ocean Flight

THE Portuguese "Faurey 17" plane snapped in the harbor of Pernambuco, Brazil, immediately after its flight from Portugal. Gago Coutinho (left) and Sacadura Cabral risked their lives to make the flight.

At the Theatres

PORT STANLEY.—Free movies on board walk.

ALLENS.—Zane Grey's Story, "Golden Dreams."

LOEWS.—Clara Kimball Young, in "For the Soul of Rafael."

PATRICIA.—John Gilber, in "Arabian Love."

HOLD COURTS ON AUTO SPEEDERS

Squire Chittick and Magistrate Hawkshaw Hear Cases At Same Time.

Two county police courts in session at the same moment featured proceedings at the Middlesex county court Monday morning. While Magistrate A. H. Hawkshaw held "speeders" court in the high constables' department, Squire W. M. Chittick mounted the bench in the police court room and held a similar court.

The former disposed of several cases. The majority he declared guilty, and assessed the usual amount, while the squire reserved judgment in his cases.

In one instance, August 3 was set as the day for a further hearing. The defendant, a woman, being allowed time to bring witnesses to prove that on July 12, when the county police state her machine was exceeding the speed limit on the Wellington road, she was traveling north and not south, as claimed.

The defendant held that the charge against her, as preferred by Constables William Field and Alex. Shaver, would be "criminal" if pressed. She said that her husband, who was driving, turned out of the way and again to allow the "speedy" cars to pass, and questioned persistently the constables' method of obtaining numbers.

"Well, I want to be fair in this," asserted Squire Chittick.

"Yes, you are very fair," rejoined the defendant. "Thank you."

PEASANTRY FLEE MUFFLER ESCAPE

When Miss Helen McMillan, en route, in her brand-new Ford sedan, Saturday afternoon last, from London to Bayfield, "blew" the muffler off the machine, the sturdy peasantry toiling in the neighboring fields hurried helter-skelter for cover, confident that the provincial or county police were firing with machine guns at fleeing ram runners.

A subsequent examination of the car revealed the true nature of the accident, however, and as the yeomanry, drifted back to their respective tasks under the hot sun, Miss McMillan proceeded on her way rejoicing, delighted that it was the muffler that had disappeared and not the carburetor, as she had at first believed.

RAPS EDINBURGH WAR MEMORIAL

London, July 24.—(Canadian Press Cable).—The proposal to erect with in Edinburgh Castle a war memorial to Scottish soldiers has drawn more than one letter of protest from Lord Roseberry, who declines to accept the proposition as a national one and condemns tampering in this manner with ancient buildings.

The Duke of Atholl, who is chairman of the committee in charge of the project, declares that the large number of small individual subscriptions proves that there is general support of the scheme, and he denies that the castle will suffer any injury by the memorial. The subscriptions amount to £130,000, which is £50,000 more than is required.

Obituaries

JOHN W. RAPER.

John W. Raper, born 72 years ago in St. Marys, Ontario, but for eleven years resident in London, Ontario, died suddenly early Sunday of acute indigestion at his home, Ransomville, New York. He resided alone, pursuing a wagon making trade, and but for the visit of George Atherton, farm hand, and prospective customer, Raper's illness and death might not have been discovered for some time.

Raper was stricken ill just after Atherton's arrival, and died before a physician could be summoned. He leaves a wife, Harriet Raper, and two sons, William and Fred Raper, all of Niagara Falls, New York. Interment will be made Wednesday afternoon at Ransomville.

MIKE WOLOSOWIZ.

The funeral of Mike Wolosowiz, a native of Russia and a returned soldier, who died at Westminster Hospital after four years' illness Friday, was held from George E. Logan's undertaking parlors, Richmond street, Monday afternoon. Services were conducted at 1:30 o'clock by Rev. J. A. Agnew. Interment was made at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

HENRY MAHAN.

Henry Mahan, of 59 Wilson avenue, a veteran railroad man, died in Victoria Hospital Sunday. He was 78 years old. Besides his widow, Matilda Mahan, he is survived by one son, David, of Battle Creek, Mich. The funeral will be held from the family residence at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Services will be conducted at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. George McKinley. Interment will be made at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The late Mr. Mahan was employed by the Grand Trunk until about ten years ago, when he met with an accident and suffered the loss of a leg.

Slain in Sleep At Arctic Post by Eskimo Jailed For Murder of Five

EDMONTON, Alta., July 23.—Murder in the far north of two white men, Constable Book, of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and G. Binder, Hudson Bay factor, by an Eskimo, was reported here last night. The Eskimo was incarcerated in the police station on Herschell Island in charge of Constable Book, charged with the killing of five of his countrymen. During the night it is reported by another mounted policeman who has reached the city, the Eskimo secured a rifle and shot Book while he was sleeping.

Binder came along shortly after

Remand Killick, Thought To Be Insane

BELIEVED to be insane and too dangerous to be at liberty, George Killick, giving his address as Stratford, has been remanded in county police court until July 28 for further hearing.

In the meanwhile he will be subject to a thorough medical examination as to his sanity by jail physicians. The man was apprehended by county constables at the instigation of H. R. Adair, who explained that he had been acting strangely in the country and loitering in the vicinity of a bridge.

SHOPMEN TO HEAR DECISION

Canadian Federated Shop Trades to Announce Result of Strike Vote.

Monday night officials of the Canadian Federated Shop Trades will announce the result of the Dominion-wide vote cast by thousands of shopmen throughout Canada to decide whether or not they would strike if the reduction in wages put into effect by the Canadian Railways Association Sunday, July 15, was not withdrawn immediately.

Joseph Corbett, general chairman of the Grand Trunk Carmen in Canada, left for Montreal Sunday night, and will help supervise counting of the ballots sent in by members of No. 4 division of the railway employees' department of the American Federation of Labor Monday.

If it is decided to negotiate with the board of conciliation granted by the minister of labor, Mr. Corbett will represent the shopmen at the conference.

Union officials state that if the men agree to place their claims before a board of conciliation, the result will probably be a withdrawal of the wage reduction by the Canadian Railways Association. All the shopmen, however, are incensed by the fact that the association put the new schedule into effect without giving the employees a chance to appeal to a board.

By doing this, it is claimed that the Canadian Railways Association has broken a Canadian law, and the members of the shopcrafts contend that they are entitled to walk out if the railroaders are allowed to break the law un molested.

At a meeting of the maintenance of way men held in the city Sunday afternoon, latest developments in the strike situation were laid before the men by R. H. Hessel, member of the maintenance-of-way protective board of the Grand Trunk lines, but no official action was taken. Mr. Hessel stated that the outcome of the vote taken by the maintenance of way men would be known the latter part of the week.

STRATFORD YOUTH KILLED BY FALL

Ted Hunter Dies From Fractured Skull While Trimming Trees.

Special to London Advertiser. STRATFORD, July 23.—Falling out of a tree when the limb broke, while trimming branches, Ted Hunter, lineman for the Public Utilities Commission, suffered a fractured skull and collarbone, and died about ten minutes later.

The young man, who was just out of his teens, joined the line gang during the ice storm, and had been on duty ever since. Today about 2:30 the youth was trimming trees on Nelson street when a limb broke and he fell head foremost.

He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hunter, Huron road.

RANSACKS CHINESE LAUNDRY

Hamilton, July 24.—At 3:30 a.m. yesterday, Lee Sing, who operates a laundry on King street, Dundas, was awakened by a burglar, who confronted him with a flashlight in one hand and a revolver in the other. Backing the Chinaman up against the wall, he ransacked the room, taking a small amount of cash, a watch, revolver and other articles.

Police Uncover Opium and Pipes in Raid at Sarnia

Trial Of Orientals and Investigation Expected To Reveal Information Concerning Drug Smuggling.

Sarnia, July 24.—Raiding the laundry and Chinese grocery store on Christine street south, owned by Wing and Lee Chong, in the early hours of this morning, Chief of Police W. J. Lannin and four constables rounded up nine Orientals, who are now lodged in jail, and will be charged with gambling and being in possession of narcotic drugs, principally opium. Both opium and pipes were found.

The premises had long been under suspicion, and when a man named Hyatt ran amuck on the premises a week ago, the police got a definite feeling that unlawful practices were being carried out on these premises.

A game of fan tan was in progress when the officers arrived, the apparatus being confiscated along with the opium and the pipes.

The trial of the Orientals and the investigation being carried out is expected to reveal some startling information concerning the smuggling of opium and other drugs from Detroit to Sarnia.

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