

BRITISH FACTORIES CLOSING AS RESULT OF COAL STRIKE

Men Are Waiting Patiently for Negotiations for Settlement to Begin—No Disorder Reported—Dock Workers Will Not Handle Imported Coal.

[Canadian Press.]

London, March 4.—Premier Asquith made his promised statement concerning the coal dispute this afternoon in the House of Commons, but did not announce to the country any settlement or an immediate prospective settlement.

"Time is vital to bring the two points of view approximately together, and I cannot help believing that time will break the deadlock."

THE MINIMUM WAGE.

The two points of view referred to by Mr. Asquith were those outlined in his speech to the miners' delegates on Feb. 29, in which he pointed out that the Government had recognized the principle of the minimum wage demanded by the underground workers, and that a majority of the coal owners had assented to the proposal.

The Premier's statement was largely made up of repetitions of that speech. He declared that the British Government was still strongly of the opinion that the best way to fix a minimum wage scale was for the Government to set up machinery for ascertaining the necessary facts, but the miners still refused to recede from their own schedule.

A TERRIBLE RESPONSIBILITY.

Mr. Asquith concluded by appealing to the House of Commons to recognize the terrible responsibility resting on every member to refrain from comment at the present time. Mr. Asquith made one particularly interesting statement, in which he denied that he had said, as had been asserted in a speech of one of the miners' leaders that "the Government regarded the granting of a minimum wage in the coal trade as the first step to the attainment of a minimum wage for all industries."

London, March 4.—Factory after factory is closing down all over the United Kingdom as a result of the national coal strike, and those responsible for the trouble are simply marking time for the present, although it is expected that negotiations will soon be resumed.

Besides the miners' considerable over a million of whom have ceased work, it is now estimated that there are upwards of 200,000 workers in other industries laid off owing to the strike, and this number is being added to hourly.

The crews of coal-carrying vessels lying in the coal ports are now being discharged, as the ships are unable to get cargo, and the railroad employees are suffering in a similar way, because of the curtailment by the various companies of their train services. One short railroad line in Yorkshire has discontinued working entirely.

In isolated instances the striking miners have refused permission to men to enter the mines in order to feed the ponies which have been left below or to keep the workings clear. Generally, however, the utmost good feeling prevails between the men and the owners.

STRIKE IN GERMANY.

[Canadian Press.]
Bochum, Germany, March 4.—A

COLORED MAN WAS NEARLY KILLED

Horse Beater Had a Close Call From Death on Ridout Street.

THROWN FROM SLEIGH

People on Street Car Were Calling to Him to Stop Beating Horse When Accident Occurred.

A colored man whose name could not be learned had the closest kind of a call from being ground to death beneath the wheels of Ridout street car No. 82 on the Wharncliffe road on Saturday evening.

The man was apparently in an intoxicated condition, and had stood up in his sleigh, and was beating his horse with lines which had a big buckle on the end so furiously that men who were standing on the back of the car called to him to stop. He paid no attention, however, and had gotten a few feet ahead of the car when he suddenly struck a place where there was a ridge in the road. The unexpected jerk when the sleigh struck the bank of snow threw the man out, and he rolled right in front of the car.

Plugged the Car.

The motorman dropped the fender and plugged his car, and only just in time. The fender scooped the man up, and had started to turn him around in such a position that his legs would have gone under the wheels.

When the car came to a stand the wheels were not a foot away from him. He was extricated as soon as possible, and was terribly frightened. He was placed in his sleigh, and as soon as possible drove away.

FOR CHURCH UNION

All Denominations at the Soo Were Strongly in Favor.

[Canadian Press.]

Sault Ste. Marie, March 4.—With a very few dissenting votes the Methodists of the Soo have voted in favor of union with the Presbyterian and Congregational churches of Canada. The vote was taken at the Central Methodist Church of both the membership, the adherents and the board, and resulted as follows: The board, 22 for, and 1 against. Membership, 361 for, and 9 against. Those under 18 years old voted 78 for, and 1 against. The adherents voted 116 for, and 3 against.

Sir Wilfrid's Tribute To Lady Laurier

"The one thing that particularly touched me in Dr. Clark's altogether too generous speech was the thoughtful and kindly reference to my good wife. I know the advantage of a good wife. When first we started the path of life together she was in good health, while I was the delicate one, and she then formed the habit of controlling me. Now, when we are old, I have the good health. I don't know that I am 70 years of age. When I go to my arithmetic and subtract 1841 from 1911 I find that the result is 70, but that is the only evidence I have of it. (Cheers). Yes, I thank God that I am in such splendid health."—Sir Wilfrid Laurier at Ottawa.

MR. JOHN HUNTER DIED IN WINNIPEG

Was a Former Chief of the Volunteer Fire Brigade of London.

LEFT HERE SIX YEARS AGO

Was an Oddfellow and at One Time Held the Office of D. D. G. M.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Winnipeg, March 4.—The death of Mr. John Hunter took place Sunday afternoon at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. S. W. Colwell, Vaughan street, after a brief illness.

The deceased was 75 years of age, and came to Winnipeg six years ago from London, Ont. He was an Oddfellow, and on many occasions filled various important offices in that institution, having been district deputy grand master at London, and past grand of the London Lodge, Winnipeg. He was the possessor of a loving cup presented to him in 1861, when he retired as chief of the London volunteer fire department.

Subsequently for 21 years he was assistant immigration officer at London, after which he retired from active life. Services will be held at the family residence this evening, and a service at Oddfellows' Hall, commencing at 8 o'clock, at which the remains will be sent to London, where interment will be made in Woodland Cemetery.

SQUIRE DAVIS DIES 89 YEARS ON FARM

Prominent Elgin County Liberal Probably the Oldest Resident in District.

St. Thomas, March 4.—Squire D. F. Davis, of Orwell, in Yarmouth Township, one of the best-known residents of the county, died yesterday in this 89th year. Squire Davis was a prominent Liberal in the community, and in his active years was widely known as a breeder of cattle. He lived on the farm on which he died all his life, and was probably the oldest continuous resident of the county. Two daughters survive—Mrs. A. White, of Springfield, and Mrs. McVay, of Aylmer.

The funeral will be held tomorrow.

SUFFRAGETTES BROKE WINDOWS WITH HAMMERS

Bands Marching Through Streets Today Did Great Damage to Stores.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

London, March 4.—The suffragettes started operations again early this morning. A small band of them, armed with hammers and stones, went through the Knights' Bridge and Brompton Road district in the West End, breaking the plate glass windows of the big drygoods stores situated in that neighborhood.

As usual owing to the disturbance being unexpected the police on duty in the district were unable to cope with the suffragettes, who were distributed over a wide area. The storekeepers and their staffs of employees were compelled to do sentry duty in the front of their premises, but in many cases were unable to keep the women from doing damage.

A detachment of mounted police was the first reinforcement to arrive on the scene. One of them was immediately dragged from his horse by excited women.

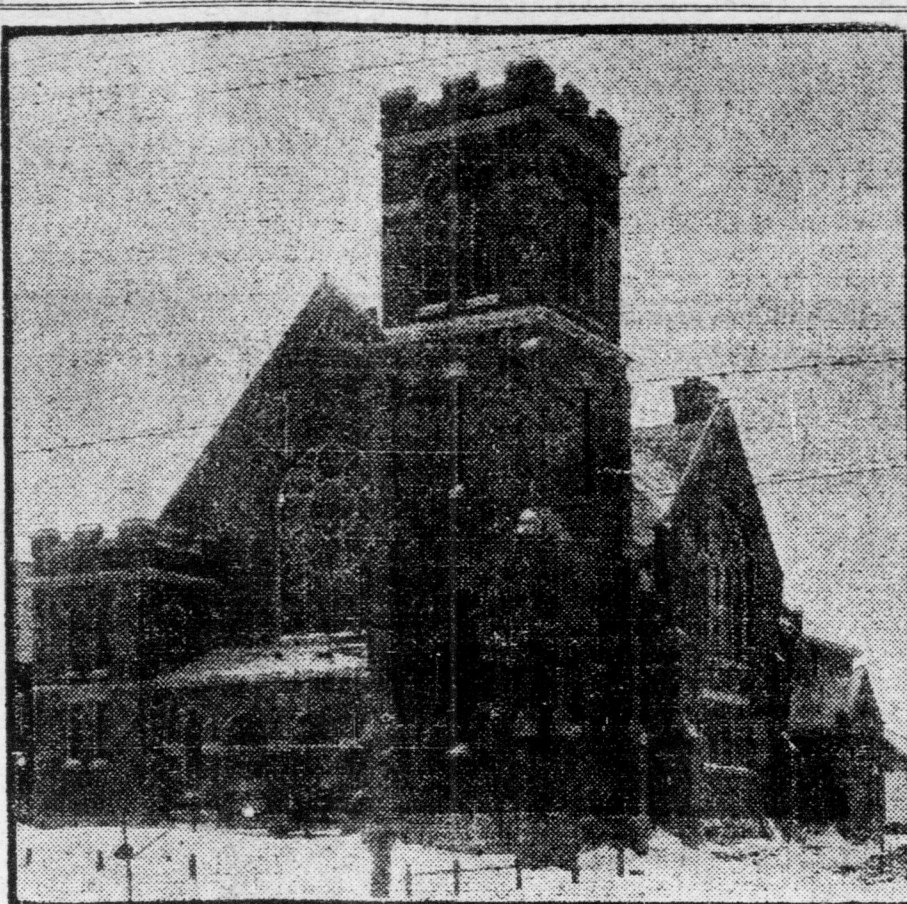
In one store alone damage to the extent of \$1,250 was done. Thirty women were arrested.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND VERY COLD. Toronto, March 4—8 a.m.

Northeasterly winds, fair and very cold today and on Tuesday. Temperatures. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today: Stations. High. Low. Weather. LONDON. 35. 22. Clear. Calgary. 22. 9. Fair. Winnipeg. 22. 0. Fair. Port Arthur. 22. 0. Fair. Pelly Sound. 14. -6. Fair. Toronto. 18. -5. Fair. Ottawa. 12. -10. Fair. Montreal. 10. -2. Fair. Quebec. 10. -12. Fair. Pelly. 16. 0. Fair. Minus (-) means below zero. Weather Notes. There has been very little change since Saturday, except that the barometric pressure is now high over Eastern as well as Western Canada. The temperature continues very low in all the provinces.

HANDSOME NEW EDIFICE



RICHMOND STREET METHODIST CHURCH.

The opening service will be held on Sunday, March 17.

PAPER BEING MET PROMPTLY SAY LOCAL BANK MANAGERS

Business Conditions Appear Very Satisfactory on Settling Day.

This is March 4, settling day. It is called among financial men.

If the promptness with which the businessmen all over the province are meeting their paper is any indication of the prosperity of the country, then Canada is in a good way.

"The businessmen are meeting their notes and other paper very promptly," said a bank manager. "Locally, the returns are exceedingly favorable, while the outside places are doing well. The West, in spite of the fact that a large portion of the wheat crop has not yet been marketed, is meeting its obligations fairly promptly, much better than was anticipated. I look for a very prosperous year."

Other managers report that paper is being promptly met.

TEACHERS' SALARIES WILL BE DISCUSSED BY BOARD

Ladies Would Like More Money and the Men Would Not Refuse a Boost.

Salary increases will be the topic of discussion at the board of education session on Tuesday afternoon. It has been learned that a secret meeting of the members of the board has been held, at which this matter was gone into quite exhaustively.

There was a request from the women teachers, that the maximum salary be increased from \$750 to \$900. The male teachers did not put in a written demand, but it was hinted that they would like to have their stipends increased.

As a result, it was decided to take up both. It will be recommended to the board that the maximum for male teachers be raised from \$1,500 to \$1,600, and for women teachers from \$750 to \$800. Some of the trustees desired to raise the maximum still higher, but it was decided that the figures, as they stand, will be voted on by the board.

It is possible that the trustees may decide to hold back the increases, until the salaries of the Collegiate Institute teachers are revised. There has been no communication received from them as yet, but there is a feeling that something should be done with them.

Aberdeen School.

It has practically been decided to abandon the improvements and additions to the Aberdeen school. At the last meeting of the board, plans for an extension costing \$35,000 were presented.

It has been discovered that the overcrowding there is not so serious as was first thought, and the board will not make any extensive alterations. The kindergarten room may be improved, but the expense of this work will not be heavy. A manual training centre and a department of household science will probably be added to Chesley avenue school.

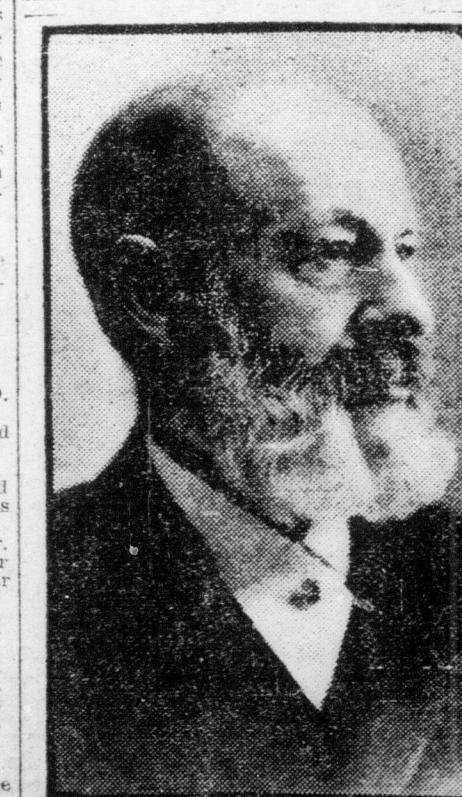
Miss McKenzie, of Truro, N. S., will be asked to become supervisor of the kindergarten and grades I, and II of the public schools here, to succeed Miss Jean R. Laidlaw, who resigned some time ago. She is recognized as one of the best in her profession, and every effort will be made to induce her to come.

ATTEMPTED TO SHOOT LEOPOLD ROTHSCHILD

Famous London Financier Was Uninjured, But Private Detective Wounded Seriously.

[Canadian Press.]

London, March 4.—An attempt to shoot Leopold De Rothschild was made this evening by a man as Mr. Rothschild was entering a motor car in front of the bank in St. Swithin's Lane in the city of London. Mr. Rothschild was not hit by the bullet. The man had been apparently waiting for a chance to murder Mr. Rothschild. As soon as he saw the banker he whipped out a revolver and shot three times. Not one of the bullets hit Mr. Rothschild, but a detective standing in the opposite side of the lane, was struck in the mouth, neck and chest, and the whirrs of the automobile were smashed. The assailant was arrested.



LATE THOMAS KENNEDY. Once Prominent in the Business Life of London.

"CY" WARMAN IS DANGEROUSLY ILL

Well-Known Authoress of "Sweet Marie" Is Laid Up at Boston.

"A VERY SICK MAN"

So Said the Nurse at the Hotel to the Advertiser Representative Today.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Boston, Mass., March 4.—Cy Warman, of London, Ontario, who is connected with the Grand Trunk Railroad, and who has been in Boston leading the legislative movement to allow the Grand Trunk Railroad to enter Massachusetts, is dangerously ill at the Hotel Touraine, the leading hostelry of the Hub.

Mr. Warman was taken ill Friday last after speaking at the State House, and soon became so ill that a physician had to be called. Yesterday symptoms developed so rapidly that Dr. Grant, the Touraine physician, who is attending Mr. Warman, called in another physician, and ordered a trained nurse.

Mr. Warman's ailment is tonsillitis, which is prevalent in Boston, and epidemic in many nearby cities. A representative of the London Advertiser called the Touraine on the long distance phone at 1 o'clock this afternoon, and was connected with Mr. Warman's suite. The trained nurse who talked with him, said: "Mr. Warman is a very sick man, and is confined to his bed. Yesterday he was very ill indeed, but this morning showed a little improvement. His family in Canada have been notified by telegraph."

Dr. Grant could not be located. The Touraine is Boston's leading hotel, at the junction of Tremont and Boylston streets, and Mr. Warman has had one of the best suites there since he came to Boston. All engagements of the sick man have been cancelled.

Mr. Warman resides at 100 Chesapeake street, this city.

MANIFESTATION OF "GIFT OF TONGUES"

Alleged Pentecostal Blessing Received By Ottawa Ave. Church Woman.

THE PEOPLE WERE AWED

Much Comment Follows Strange Actions of Mrs. Samuel Beetham.

The alleged manifestation of Pentecostal blessings, in the person of Mrs. Samuel Beetham, at the conclusion of the regular services on Sunday evening at Ottawa Avenue Christian Workers' Church, created a profound sensation among the members, and is the subject of discussion generally in that vicinity today.

While spectators claim that Mrs. Beetham was apparently greatly racked physically, her parents who are staid and very devout Scotch people, and also her husband, take the matter quite seriously, and are of the opinion that the lady even shows evidences of increased strength, after regaining her normal mind.

Rev. G. A. McKenzie, pastor of the Christian Workers' Church, was interviewed by The Advertiser today, and frankly stated that he knows little of the Pentecostal faith, and that from what he has seen of it among his people there are no harmful results from the manifestations.

The Gift of Tongues.

About a year ago meetings were held nightly in the Higgins block here, under the guidance of a gentleman who devotes his entire time to the work.

Since then gatherings have been held regularly about the city in different homes, and particularly at the residence of Mr. W. H. Workman, of Dundas street, where sessions are conducted weekly.

Many of those who attend these meetings have of late presented themselves at the Ottawa Avenue Mission, and, according to Rev. Mr. McKenzie, their influence has been of the best. They have conducted themselves properly in all respects, are devout, reverent, and are not obtrusive in the Christian Church services.

The manifestations. At many of the cottage meetings of Continued on Page Eleven.

CITIZENS' SCHEME TO HELP INDUSTRIES

Board of Trade and Manufacturers' Committee Promote the Plan.

\$100,000 TO BE RAISED

Several Businessmen Have Put Their Names Down for Considerable Sums.

The formation of a Citizens' Guarantee Company to assist industries is being undertaken by the board of trade and the manufacturers' committee. Conferences with prominent businessmen have been held, and the scheme is being accorded excellent support.

It is proposed that 100 signatures will be obtained for \$1,000 each, the sum of \$100,000 being raised in this manner. No cash will be put up, but arrangements will be made with the various banks in the city to loan the money if it is proposed to help, the issue being indorsed by the guarantee company.

There will be a committee to investigate every proposition presented by the commissioner of industries. If they pronounce it sound, the bank will be asked to advance the amount of money agreed on, and in this way the whole proposition will be financed.

Several businessmen have already been approached with the subscription list, and quite a number have already signed their names to it.

A Popular Plan.

The plan is not original with the board of trade here, but is utilized in many cities with great success. In one place, the first year \$100,000 was raised, while last year \$500,000 was collected. It will be available until 1915.

"The scheme is an excellent one," said a member of the board of trade. "I was approached to put my name down for \$2,000, and I agreed to do that. I think we should assist, and I am willing to do that much. I have written to several places where this method of helping industries is being tried, and I am informed that it has been very successful, few losses being made in the ten years it has been in operation. I am of the opinion that if strict care is exercised in placing the money we can induce many industries to come to London and establish here. The majority of them start on small capital, and if we can tide them over until they get on their feet, London would be much better for it."

The question of commissioner of industries has not yet been settled. Several applications are to be considered. This morning Mr. John Bradford, of Hamilton, one of those applying for the position, had an interview with Mayor Graham and several members of the committee.

No decision was arrived at, but it is expected that a selection will be made within a few weeks. Some local man may get the appointment, but there is every likelihood that an outsider will be selected. The gentleman from Sherbrooke, who was first considered the best for the position, will not come for less than \$5,000 a year, and that is considered rather too much for this council to pay.

SIR WILFRID TO REMAIN AT POST

Says He Will Give His Very Best Right Up to the Last.

A SPLENDID RECEPTION

Accorded Leader and Hon. George P. Graham at Banquet to Heroes of South Renfrew.

Ottawa, March 3.—"Very deeply do I appreciate the continuance of your wonderful confidence, and I am prepared to remain at the head of the Liberal party so long as you want me, and so long as God spares me and blesses me with the perfect health that He is giving me today."

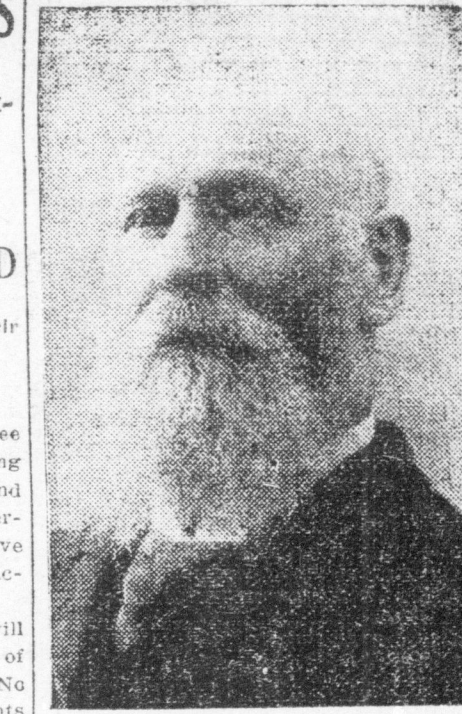
As the words fell from the lips of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, towards the conclusion of the unique and memorable gathering of Liberals in the parliamentary dining hall last night, there ensued a picturesque scene of intense enthusiasm. Ladies rose and waved their kerchiefs, senators and members broke into cheering, provincial leaders and representatives joined in the acclaim. And "The Chief" stood smiling his sunniest smile, appreciative, confident and happy. Liberalism is very much alive.

Leading Figures.

Two hundred odd banqueters did honor to the heroes of South Renfrew. To the right of Sir Wilfrid, who presided, sat "Tom" Low, as the chief affectionately designed him. To his left sat Hon. Geo. P. Graham, the victor in the recent battle. Along the tables sat Messrs. Connolly, McCormick, Slattery, Smallfield, Williams, McHugh, Cameron, Cranston, Grace, Osborne, Neil, Harvey, Mohr, and other stalwart campaigners from the riding. There were also Mr. N. W. Rowell, leader of the Ontario Liberals; Mr. A. B. Copp, leader of the New Brunswick Liberals; Sir Frederick Borden, Hon. Charles Murphy, Hon. Sydney Fisher, Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Mr. P. C. Larkin and many other visiting Liberals. At the end of the tables seats were reserved for the ladies, and these were thronged with fair guests, prominent among them being Lady Laurier, Madame Lemieux, Mrs. Low, Mrs. Graham, Lady Borden, Mrs. Pugsley, and many of the wives and daughters of the senators and members. The entrance of Lady Laurier, Mrs. Low and Mrs. Graham was greeted with heartfelt applause.

Rousing Reception.

The proceedings were of an unusual interesting and inspiring character. The reception accorded both Mr. Low and Mr. Graham, in which Sir Wilfrid (Continued on Page Ten.)



LATE SQUIRE MCGUFFIN. Respected Resident of Thorncliffe, Whose Funeral Occurred on Sunday.

RICHMOND ST. METHODISTS WANT REV. MR. ANDERSON

Petition Presented to Quarterly Board of First Methodist Church.

At the recent meeting of the quarterly board of the First Methodist Church, a petition from the north side, signed by over one hundred and thirty, was presented, requesting the return of Rev. S. Anderson, pastor of Richmond Street Church, and looking for the retaining of his services for that church alone. This church will be dedicated shortly, and Mr. Anderson's ministrations have been so appreciated that though his term of four years ends in June, conference is asked if possible to return here for another period.

ALMOST BLED TO DEATH FROM A SLIGHT WOUND

David Logan, of the North End, Had a Very Narrow Escape.

David Logan, a young man residing at 502 Chesapeake street, had a very close call from bleeding to death a couple of days ago, when as he was out skating another boy's skate accidentally struck him on the knee. The sharp end penetrated the flesh, and severed an artery.

The wound bled profusely and before young Logan could find a physician, he was in a fainting condition from losing so much blood. It was some time before the flow of blood was finally stopped by the physician, and it will take Logan some time to regain his strength.