

Cruel Practices Alleged At Boys' Industrial School

STRIKE MENACE OVER ENGLAND PARTIES FIRM

Midnight Wednesday Work In Coal Mines Will Cease, With 2,000,000 People Affected, Unless Efforts of Asquith Ministry to Avert Catastrophe Meet With Better Success Than Now Seems Probable.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—It is publicly announced today that the policy of the Coal Miners' Federation continues to be a minimum wage or war.

It is thought probable that the Welsh irremovables will be outvoted at Tuesday's conference of the miners, and that some kind of truce will be arranged for the purpose of continuing the negotiations between the men and the owners.

The miners' officials voluntarily announce that even in the event of a strike breaking out the men will be permitted to keep the strike fund for a re-employment of work the moment a settlement has been reached.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—(Special.)—One of the gravest catastrophes of modern times will be precipitated next Thursday should the British miners follow out their contemplated plan of calling a national coal strike.

The government is at its wits' end to bring about an amicable settlement, but both parties remain obdurate. The Mine Owners' Association has so far refused to negotiate with the Miners' Federation in the matter of a minimum wage for all workers in the underground outcrops.

Coal Strike Situation Menaces England

Bryan Eliminates Himself as Presidential Candidate



THE MOTH AND THE FLAME. N. Y. World.

BOY BURGLAR BREAKS INTO BARBER SHOP

Ten-Year-Old Charged With Taking Ten Dollars—Arrested by Big Detectives and Sent to Shelter.

Probably ten-year-old Fred Bailey of 123 Yarmouth-road had read thrilling stories of Diamond Dick, Old Freddie tried the door, which never budged, and then he pulled aside a couple of iron bars, which gave way to his young strength after very little resistance, and then he opened the cellar window and crawled in. It was dark, very dark, but somehow, it is said, he found the starway leading into the shop and also found the location of the till. From the latter he extracted ten dollars, according to the word of the police.

The story given is that Freddie crept out of the house shortly after nine Friday night, against the wish of his mother. A barber shop nearby was closed and the blinds were drawn.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—(Special.)—The Press this morning publishes a despatch from Washington, and says: "What is disturbing the Taft Republicans more than any other bit of information brought here is the statement that, Col. Roosevelt is being considered as a possible third party candidate."

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OTTAWA, Feb. 24.—To-day is the 25th anniversary of the death of Sir R. W. Scott, ex-secretary of state, and the first major of Ottawa.

OTTAWA, Feb. 24.—Potatoes soaked to the record price of \$2.75 per bag on the Ottawa market to-day. Quotations ranged from \$2.40 to \$2.75, a number of sales being made at the higher figure.

SUNDAY WEATHER. Local rain or snow.

Italian Warships Bombarded City Before Governor Had Time to Reply

Sixty Peaceful Citizens of Beirut, Syria, Slaughtered by Cruisers Which Opened Fire Before They Could Escape to Hills—Turkish Gunboats Sunk and Public Buildings Destroyed.

BEIRUT, Syria, Feb. 24.—A flotilla of Italian warships this morning bombarded this city, killing sixty peaceful inhabitants and wounding a large number of others. They also sank a number of small Turkish gunboats anchored in the port.

Appearing suddenly off the port, the commanders of the Italian gunboat Voltorno and the armored cruiser Giuseppe Garibaldi sent to the authorities a peremptory demand for the surrender of the Turkish gunboats in the harbor.

Before the provincial governor could deliver his reply to the Italian commanders or ask for time to negotiate the cruisers opened a devastating fire.

In a short time the Turkish gunboats in the harbor were disabled and in a sinking condition. The custom house was greatly damaged and other buildings also suffered severely.

A panic set in and the people fled in droves towards the Lebanon Hills.

Boy of 15 Manacled and Kept on Diet of Bread and Water for Thirty Days

Four People Ready to Testify They Saw Handcuffs on Ankle of Wilbert Spain, an Inmate of Mimico Industrial School—Mother Declares She Has Sought in Vain for Investigation.

Four persons are ready to swear that a boy, not yet 15 years of age, has been manacled in his bed at the Mimico Industrial School. Three persons declare that they have seen the marks of a beating upon his back and legs.

The boy is Wilbert Spain, 72 Millville-avenue, and his mother has gone from place to place and from person to person, but has been unable to secure any information as to the whereabouts of the charges which she has made.

In these days, when prison stripes and chains are being exchanged for efforts to awaken a sense of error in the minds of men committed to prison for deeds of violence, it seems incredible that so well supported a charge cannot gain even an investigation.

The alleged victim is but a little child confined in an institution intended to bring him to a sense of his responsibility as a citizen.

Mother's Sad Story. This is the pitiful story which was told by his mother to the Sunday World. As she told it there were tears in her eyes, and in her voice, an elder brother sat by and confirmed the words of his mother, telling of what he had seen, and two other women referred to bore out the statement that they, too, had seen the child shackled in his bed at the school.

COLUMBUS TALK MARKS ISSUE IN U.S. POLITICS

Roosevelt a Radical, While Taft Lines Up With the Ultra Conservatives—Democracy Marking Time Until Republican Candidate Comes Into the Open—Ohio Primaries May Force President to Retire.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—(Special.)—It may have been a coincidence, but it has been remarked that President Taft sent his message to congress recommending a Workmen's Compensation Act, upon the very day and indeed at the very hour when Colonel Roosevelt was arguing for the right to appeal from the supreme court to a plebiscite when a statute was declared to be unconstitutional.

The action of the U. S. Supreme Court in declaring invalid the Workmen's Compensation Act passed during his administration was much resented upon by Mr. Roosevelt; such decisions in his opinion vindicated the proposition that no great social reforms could be accomplished without permitting the people to reverse the rulings of their courts and to recall from the bench unsafe and incompetent judges.

It was characteristic of Mr. Taft that instead of criticizing either the constitution or the court's interpretation of it, he appointed a commission of expert lawyers to draft a new bill which would likely be immune to constitutional objection.

The incident illustrates how definitely the president is standing with and for the conservative element of the Republican Party, and how the ex-president is taking the place of Senator La Follette as a representative of progressive ideas.

Insurgents Against Taft. The progressives or insurgents were compelled to take a stand against the president in a few months after he was inaugurated. The Payne-Adair Tariff Act was passed by the president in direct violation of his promise to revise downward.

THEM'S THEM. Toronto, Ont., February 24, 1912. Dear Mr. Williams: I take my pen in hand to ask you a few questions, having been requested to do so after several arguments in the postoffice and in the Mackintosh shop, and so forth.

Exchange YARDS MONT. The Only Horse Exchange With Railway Loading Chutes Both G. T. R. and C. P. R. Stables, Stable Doors, Take a Dundas Car to Keele St. HORSES SPECIAL SALES Canada's Sales Light Horses 28th, 1912 RCHERONS WATER HEATING APPARATUS WINTER? PUT IT WATER HEATING APPARATUS C. ENTRIES CLOSE. NOMINATIONS ARE DUE FOR THE KING'S PLATE OF THIS YEAR. BREEDERS NO MORE. FAMOUS TRUCK BOUGHT REAL ESTATE SYNDICATE. GIVES \$50 TO MAINTAIN CAT IN WOMEN'S WARD. SUNDAY WEATHER.

Provincial Secretary Disclaims Responsibility

When the case of Wilbert Spain, confined at Mimico Industrial school, where it is charged that he was shackled, beaten and starved, was referred to Hon. W. J. Hanna, he said that he had heard of it but that the government was in no way responsible.

He did not explain the use or purpose of a power of inspection which had no corrective power. All he wanted was that it should be made very clear that neither he nor his government had any responsibility in the matter.

The school is run by a board and is supported by grants from both the City of Toronto and the Provincial Government. The board of which Mr. Tower Ferguson is president meets on Tuesday.

GIRL RESCUED FROM CHINAMAN

Detectives Followed Footprints in Snow Over Roofs and Find Her Crouched in Shed. Sir William Mackenzie Tells Deputation Money Is Ready to Begin Work in Spring.

An electric spring, at the same time as the Hamilton branch of the Canadian Northern, was the promise made by Sir William Mackenzie to a deputation from Guelph Saturday afternoon.

The Canadian Northern president was asked to take over the People's Railway charter, but the Guelph men were informed that the C. N. R. would not do this, but that the money was in bank ready to begin operations under the charter.

The line will run to Cookeville, thence northwest to a point two and a half miles southwest of Brampton, thence through Georgetown, Acton, Eden Mills to Guelph.

Sir William was informed by the deputation that it was unlikely that permission would be given to run freight cars thru the streets, but Mr. G. W. Lyon said that a terminus could be secured within half a mile of the heart of the city.

ST. CATHARINES, Feb. 24.—(Special.)—Protests are growing stronger every day against the manner in which this district is being treated by the postoffice department and the express companies. Not half a dozen times since the first of January has the World arrived at the local agencies on time.

MILK SUPPLY IS SHORT SNOW BLOCKADE TO BLAME

Many householders on Saturday failed to get their usual morning delivery of milk. This was owing to the slushy condition of the roads and stories of an impending milk famine were in circulation.

There will be no milk famine, said the manager of the City Dairy. "There is any quantity of milk, but the bad roads are causing it to come in rather slowly."

Lemieux and Marriage Question.

OTTAWA, Feb. 24.—(Special.)—Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux has given notice of a question to be asked next Monday in the following terms:

(1) Are provinces to be represented by counsel in the case to be submitted to the privy council on the marriage question?

TAFT MEN PLEASED TEDDY IS IN OPEN

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Wm. J. Bryan, who indicates that he will not be a candidate for President, but will he refuse to accept?

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A GREAT SHOW

The greatest concentration of high-class exhibits that was ever in Toronto is the Toronto Automobile Show now on in the Armories. The attendance on Friday night was large and it was large again on Saturday night, and for the three remaining days there ought to be a crowded attendance throughout.

ST. CATHARINES HOSPITAL ACCEPTS DONATION AND WILL INST. PUSAY AT ONCE.

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WANTS BETTER MAIL SERVICE

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ST. CATHARINES RESIDENTS PROTEST AGAINST EXISTING TRAIN AND EXPRESS SERVICE.

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DEAR MR. WILLIAMS: I TAKE MY PEN IN HAND TO ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS, HAVING BEEN REQUESTED TO DO SO AFTER SEVERAL ARGUMENTS IN THE POSTOFFICE AND IN THE MACKINTOSH SHOP, AND SO FORTH.

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