

Ruin for the West Labor Law Denounced

Four Thousand Miners Are on Strike and From Ten to Twenty Thousand Work People Are Thrown Out of Employment in Consequence—Operators and Union Men in Conference.

Fernie, B. C., April 24.—Four thousand miners are out on strike and it is estimated that between ten and twenty thousand other men are idle west of the Great Lakes. As a result the strike threatens to completely paralyze the mining, smelting and lumber industries of British Columbia, and to increase the losses. Manager Thomas of the Dominion Copper Co., is reported to have said that this company would be obliged to blow out its two furnaces at Boundary Falls, the smelter having neither coke nor ore and being unable to get other. President Sherman is bitter in denunciation of the new Federal Labor Law which he characterized as one against the right of freedom of employment under British principles of law.

The informal conference between operators and union representatives opened yesterday. All coal operators were present, and also a full representation of the Executive Board of the United Mine Workers of District 18. President Sherman acting as chairman. The operators were in the position of guests of the union.

A resolution was passed in favor of a closed meeting and the press and various delegates withdrew. Different members of the Board of Miners and operators, interviewed, stated that generally the situation was much improved, and that if they were left alone they believed a settlement would be effected.

CANADA WILL TURN ELSEWHERE

If British Ministry Turns Down the Proposition for a Preferential Tariff

Montreal, April 23.—A special London cable says: "If, as is expected, the colonial conference closes on May 4, Sir Wilfrid Laurier has arranged to leave London for Paris on May 6 or 7 and will proceed to Italy, where he is expected to meet Mr. Fielding shortly after."

"I am informed today on unimpeachable authority that it will altogether depend upon the result of next week's discussion at the colonial conference, on preference and especially the attitude of the British ministry which line the Canadian ministers take in their negotiations with France, Italy and possibly Austria. The way has already been prepared by pour-parlers on behalf of Canada with both the Austrian and Italian governments, though it is most unlikely that the British ministers will see their way clear to escape from their election pledges sufficiently to admit the principle of preference, even in the existing British tariff. In that case the Canadian ministers will feel perfectly free to proceed with negotiations with foreign countries to admit them to part of the benefits of the British preference under the new intermediate tariff."

"The Canadian Ministers' position as they are prepared to submit it to the British ministers, is, I am authoritatively informed, as follows: Canada has practically gone the limit as far as advances to the motherland are concerned. It is now up to the motherland to reciprocate. Canada does not ask her to reciprocate but if she does not the motherland can scarcely blame Canada if she enters into trade relations elsewhere. In no way would such arrangements interfere with Canada's imperial sentiment though the motherland may be sorry she has missed the opportunity."

"The case stands simply thus: You may be a friend of mine and I am a friend of yours; you do not fall in with my ideas and I go elsewhere to find somebody who does. This fact as a rule would not interfere with our private friendship."

A CUBAN NEGRO 150 YEARS OLD

New York, April 24.—A despatch from Santiago, Cuba, says: "Antonio, a negro, is dead at the age of one hundred and fifty years. Despite his great age, the greatest on record in modern times, he retained all his faculties to the end. He was born in 1757, fifteen years before the beginning of the American revolution."

LEFT A MILLION TO CHARITY

Pittsburg, Pa., April 24.—Dying in the belief that he had bequeathed about \$175,000 to charity, John Porter Field, the Allegheny Bank, really left about one million for philanthropic purposes. When Mr. Field made his will he estimated his estate at \$100,000. Afterwards it was found that a boom in stocks and real estate had increased its value to over \$1,000,000. Mr. Porter Field left \$200,000 in trust for his only relative living, a nephew.

Taken to Hospital.
William Segee, a young man employed at the N. B. Foundry, son of Mr. E. J. Segee, was taken to the hospital yesterday. He is suffering from typhoid fever.

SOME TRADING ON STOCK MARKET

Dominion Coal Was the Feature on Montreal Exchange and Was Freely Bought for a Time.

Montreal, April 24.—Today's early trading in the stock market was concentrated on four issues, which all showed a fair measure of strength. These were Dominion Coal, which was more freely bought than for some time past at 39 1/2 to 40; Mexican bonds at 79 1/2 to 80; Rio bonds, 74 1/2; and Dominion Iron pfd. at 51 1/2. In the rest of the list quotations were nominal and there was no demand and no pressure to sell.

On Wall Street.
New York, April 24.—Prices of stocks moved irregularly in the opening dealings, but the majority of important issues showed declines. The changes were widest in the same stocks as have been prominent in all the recent markets. Mississippi and Reading lost a point and Northern Pacific, Atchafalaya, Anaconda Copper and American Smelting, large fractions. The volume of business was meagre.

KILLS BETRAYER OF HIS DAUGHTER

Lynchburg, Va., April 23.—Ex Judge W. G. Lovine, who late yesterday afternoon shot and killed Theodore Estes at Oak Ridge, the country estate of Thomas Ryan, today was admitted to \$5,000 bail.

Charging Estes with drugging his daughter Elizabeth, aged 19, and assaulting her while in a drugged condition, after learning of the alleged incident from the lips of his daughter, Judge Lovine drove some eight or ten miles before locating the young man, and he shot and killed him with a double barreled shot gun without waiting for the victim to make any explanation.

Judge Lovine represented Amherst county before moving to Nelson on the legislature and served as judge of the county court of Nelson. His term of office was abolished by the new constitution.

Ball Commissioner Payne, who allowed Judge Lovine's bail, made the following statement: "Judge Lovine had taken his daughter riding Sunday night and had brought the girl back home drugged and unconscious. Judge Lovine waited until he could get the girl story from the girl's lips about the drugging and assault and then he took his gun and went in search of Estes."

Judge Lovine said: "When I heard the awful story from the lips of my dear one I was insane. I wanted to learn all the facts and then nothing in God or man's power could have stopped me from taking his life. I did it after careful consideration."

Miss Lovine is in a very nervous condition as the result of the affair and is confined to her bed. Harry Sneed, a brother-in-law of Judge Lovine, learned from his sister, Mrs. Lovine, of her husband's mission and he made a desperate effort to stop him, reaching Oak Ridge three minutes after the shooting.

ACCIDENT CLAIMS.

Chatham, N. B., April 23.—W. C. Winslow, president of the Northumberland Liberal Association has received an important letter from W. S. Loggie, relative to the Beaver Brook accident. In it Mr. Loggie says that though the justice department holds there is no legal liability, yet on Mr. Loggie's presenting the case of the sufferers by this accident, the department of railways has agreed to make a settlement on the basis of compassionate allowances.

Mr. Alward, assistant law clerk of the department of railways will go to Moncton at once to look into the claims and settle them.

ROBINSON WILL NOT BE OPPOSED

Westmorland Opposition Give Reasons for Not Contesting Election Which Has Been Sprung at This Season.

Moncton, April 24.—The opponents of the provincial government held an important meeting yesterday and discussed the advisability of putting a candidate to oppose Hon. C. W. Robinson. Dorchester and Sackville parishes had each a couple of representatives, and there were reports from other parts of the county. The feeling of the meeting was about equally divided, but the shortness of the time and the state of the roads finally decided the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, that this meeting having heard the views of the Provincial organizer and others, is glad to have the assurance from all parts of the county that the opposition to the Provincial government is united and eager for fight. In view, however, of the nearness of the general elections, the Legislature already having had five sessions, and the shortness of the notice making it impossible for any candidate to visit all parts of the county, and also the hardship that would be entailed upon electors in remote districts in getting to the polls over the roads, as they are at this season of the year, it is not deemed advisable to contest the election. This meeting suggests that steps be taken for the calling of a county convention at an early date for the purpose of nominating candidates for the general election.

SETTLING ESTATE LORD BERE-FORD

Paso, Texas, April 24.—Creditors of the estate of the late Lord D. Beresford, who was killed in a train wreck in North Dakota December 24, 1906, have filed an application in the district court here for the appointment of an administrator and probate of the will. Among the plaintiffs is Flora Wolff, the widow, who claims to have been the common law wife of Beresford, and to whom he willed ten thousand dollars. The others are physicians, whose claims the Beresford family attempted to discount. The estate is valued at over a million dollars, and consists of land and cattle in Mexico. The Wolff woman declined to accept the amount, claiming a wife's share under the laws of Mexico. Admiral Lord Beresford, when here some weeks ago, failed to reach a compromise with Flora Wolff, and left the other claims to be adjusted by his attorney in New York.

SIR WILFRID IS NON-COMMITTAL

London, April 24.—It is noticeable that Premier Laurier has observed a complete silence during the discussion of plans for defence at the sittings of the Imperial Cabinet, although every other Premier spoke on the subject. It is understood that Canada does not favor participation in the scheme for imperial defence. The presence of General Borden continues to supply the conference with some dramatic moments, as on Saturday, when War Secretary Haldane, sitting opposite and looking straight into Borden's eyes, confessed that Great Britain had entered upon the Boer war without preparation, but that the lesson of unpreparedness has been well learned since by both the late and present governments.

MONCTON GETS A NEW IN- DUSTRY

Massey-Harris to Make That City Its Headquarters in Maritime Provinces

OFFICERS TAKEN
FROM ST. JOHN

A Moncton Property Secured and \$15,000 Buildings to Be Erected

THIRTY HANDS
TO BE EMPLOYED

The Deal Just Completed Has Been Hanging Fire for Some Time.

Moncton, April 24.—With the intention of making Moncton their central distributing point and headquarters in the Maritime Provinces, the Massey-Harris Company, of Toronto, has purchased the Ryan factory and site in this city at a cost of six thousand dollars. The factory which is a flimsy wooden affair, will be torn down and replaced by brick offices and warehouse to cost fifteen thousand dollars. The present headquarters, now in St. John, will be transferred to Moncton, and thirty hands employed. The deal was completed last night by J. H. Gaston, Maritime Manager of the Company, which has had an option on the site for some time past.

Owing to run off of the locomotive and freight train north of Campbellton, today's Maritime Express was delayed two hours.

W. H. Johnson, teller of the Royal Bank of Canada here, has been transferred to Halifax, N. S.

FAMOUS NISER LEAVES HIS GOLD

Montreal, April 24.—The death is announced of Montreal's most famous miser, well known on the streets as Steve Brody. Formerly a minister of the Church of Scotland, he came to Canada years ago to escape the double liability he incurred as a large shareholder in a Glasgow bank which had failed. He preached for a time in Picton county, N. S., and later drifted to Montreal, going into stocks speculation. He was a large holder of Canadian Pacific and MacKay's, and owned a block of tenements in Grifftown. He was most filthy in his personal habits, and was known to rummage in garbage barrels in the down town districts to make a luncheon.

NOTED BRIGAND WAS CAPTURED

Warsaw, April 24.—A notorious brigand Stanislaus Lih, the author of many crimes, has been captured at Lubin, 95 miles from here, mortally wounded, after the house in which he had sought refuge had been blown to pieces by artillery. When he saw that the water was being cut off, he fled from the house, he barricaded himself within and opened fire on the police, killing several of them. Troops were summoned to the assistance of the police, but they were unable to dislodge the bandit. Finally several quick firing pieces were brought up and trained on the house. Eight shells hit the building, which was demolished after which the bandit was shot and killed. He was found lying desperately wounded, trying to reload his revolver, which he emptied at the attacking party.

Driving Accident.
Last evening while turning from Queen street to Carleton on the way to the highway bridge an open wagon attached to a fast moving horse was upset near the Post Office and the occupants, including a well known steamboat man, were thrown out. A young fellow named Atkinson caught the horse and the men pulled themselves together no worse for the accident than any more than that they were badly shaken up.

Church Parade.
The annual church parade of the Sons of England lodge which was to have taken place on the 26th of May will take place on the 19th of May. The change was made necessary owing to the fact that Bishop Richardson will be away from the city on the 26th. His Lordship will preach to the members of the lodge at the Cathedral.

WON'T PUT PUGSLEY IN SPENDING DEPARTMENT

The Reconstruction of the Dominion Cabinet—E. M. MacDonald Slated for Minister of Railways—Carvell for Minister of Militia—Speaker Sutherland as Minister of Public Works—Arch. Campbell for Speaker.

Toronto, April 24.—The World gives currency to the following: Although there can be no formal Cabinet appointments until the return of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the leaders are busy cabinet-making for him.

As Hyman will not return, it is agreed that Speaker Sutherland will enter the Cabinet, probably as Minister of Agriculture, Sydney Fisher assuming Public Works.

Mr. Marcell, Deputy Speaker, cannot become Speaker, as he is a French-Canadian, and Hon. Mr. Dandurand is Speaker of the Senate. It is therefore settled that Arch. Campbell will be Speaker for the next session and then probably go to the Senate.

It is announced that Premier Pugsley of New Brunswick will not be put in charge of the Railways, nor of any other spending department. He may enter the Cabinet without portfolio.

Neither will Carvell secure this coveted position. He may, however, succeed Sir Frederick Borden as Minister of Militia, thus clearing the way for the almost certain appointment of E. M. MacDonald as Minister of Railways.

CHARGED WITH KILLING CHILD

Latest Developments in the Mysterious Disappearance of the Now Famous Marvin Child.

Delaware, Del., April 24.—Frank H. Butler, employed as a deckhand on the John P. Wilson, was arrested yesterday and held for a hearing to-morrow, charged with the murder of Horace N. Marvin, the four-year-old son of Dr. Marvin, whose disappearance on March 4th aroused the entire country.

The theory of the detectives for the arrest is that the boy was murdered or accidentally killed and that Butler knows something about the child. Butler was arrested when the steamer was at the landing at Bowers Beach, Del., detectives having boarded the boat at Philadelphia, in order to take Butler into custody when the steamer reached Delaware waters.

Butler denies knowledge of the disappearance of the child, and reiterates that he was sitting near the Marvin home with another man, removing the effects of a former owner, a shantyman in a Glasgow bank which had failed. He preached for a time in Picton county, N. S., and later drifted to Montreal, going into stocks speculation. He was a large holder of Canadian Pacific and MacKay's, and owned a block of tenements in Grifftown. He was most filthy in his personal habits, and was known to rummage in garbage barrels in the down town districts to make a luncheon.

Butler knows little if anything about the case.

WILL THE DOUMA BE DISSOLVED

St. Petersburg, April 24.—A number of provincial governors have arrived here to support the demand of the reactionists in favor of a dissolution of parliament on the ground that the debates are causing a dangerous agitation and ferment. This, it is alleged, is especially noticeable in the provinces, where the agrarian disorders of 1905 and 1906 occurred. The panic feeling among the liberals in regard to the possibility of a dissolution of parliament has subsided owing to the manner in which the Emperor received President Goulovin yesterday.

An Exhibit of Goats.
Secretary Hooper, is corresponding with a resident of Yarmouth county, Nova Scotia, who owns a large flock of Angora goats and which it is hoped to have on exhibition at the Fredericton 1907 Fair this fall. It will be remembered that during the last session of the legislature that there was some talk of a Government importation of goats, it being put forward that one goat in a flock of sheep would keep the dogs away and it was thought by Secretary Hooper that an exhibit such as proposed would be of interest to farmers.

THE WEATHER.
Toronto, Ont., April 24.—Maritime: Strong winds and gales shifting to westerly, rain to-day, clearing to-night; Thursday, strong westerly winds, fair.

TO COMMENCE TRANSCONTINENTAL

Quebec-Grand Falls and Moncton-Chipman Sections Will Soon Be Under Way.

St. John, April 24.—With the advent of spring things are getting busy around the transcontinental engineering office and arrangements are being rushed for the beginning of active construction work. It is anticipated that very shortly contractors will commence operations on the Quebec-Grand Falls section, but owing to the depth of snow yet found between Chipman and Woodstock, work on that line will be delayed for a few weeks.

For the Government Mr. Malcolm will be engineer in charge of the 50 miles now under contract between Moncton and Chipman, and will have with him five parties of eight men each on the engineering staff. For these five houses have been built ten miles apart along the line.

On the Quebec section there will be six parties of engineers, but for the present they will find accommodation in boarding houses in the district, and residences for their use alone will not be erected until a little later in the season. Mr. Langley will be in charge of this section.

At the present time there are four land commissioners at work purchasing the right of way between Quebec and Grand Falls, and Moncton and Chipman, two being at work on each section. The final survey on these lines is also to be completed and arrangements are now being made, but the engineers are not likely to do anything until the first of May.

STEAMER BURNED.

New York, April 24.—The harbor firemen had a hard fight to-day with a fire which destroyed the freight steamer Pioneer, causing a loss of \$55,000. The fire started while the steamer was lying at her pier in the North river. When the fire was first seen she was almost entirely enveloped in flames. The noxious fumes from the burning cargo of cotton and work extremely difficult. The flames were checked from spreading to the piers and adjoining property.

COTTON MANUFACTURERS MEET

Boston, Mass., April 24.—The 82nd annual meeting of the national association of cotton manufacturers opened here to-day. Many important papers on the cotton situation have been prepared and for the social event of the gathering a banquet was arranged for this evening.

Tibbits Played.
The Boston Herald of Tuesday shows that the Fall River team of the New England League defeated the Philadelphia Giants by a score of 8 to 7. Tibbits was the first baseman for the Fall River team and he had eleven fielding chances all of which he accepted but in four times at bat he did not make a hit. This is thought to be Dick Tibbits, who most local fans expected to find playing in Ohio or Pennsylvania.

Smoking Concert.
This evening the members of the Sergeant's Mess at No. 3 Military Depot will entertain at a smoking concert. The affair promises to be of a very pleasant nature and among the attractions will be the City Orchestra which has taken a high place in local musical circles.