

NO DECISION BY CONFERENCE

British Government is Severely Criticized for Investing With Secrecy Coal Strike Negotiations

LONDON, March 12.—"A general discussion of the situation took place and the conference adjourned until tomorrow morning."

This was all the information divulged by the official statement concerning the results of the conference, on which hangs the last hope of settlement of the strike, without recourse to legislation. This conference, which was attended by representatives of the coal owners and miners, as well as of the cabinet, was held under the presidency of Premier Asquith.

The government is being subjected to severe criticism for veiling with secrecy negotiations that involve the vital industries of the nation.

The strike is curtailing rail service. The Northeastern railway alone has suspended 1,369 trains.

It is estimated that unions, including the miners, are paying out \$250,000 weekly to those out of employment, while 150,000 men are working on short time. The funds of the North Wales Miners' association are almost exhausted and the association has been obliged to stop strike pay.

MONTREAL, March 12.—The coal strike in Great Britain is affecting Canadian shipping. The steamer Lake Erie, under charter to the Allan line is unable to get coal at Glasgow and her sailing had to be cancelled. The steamer Victorian is at Liverpool, booked to sail on Friday, but she also had to remain tied to her dock. The Refords say that one of their Glasgow sailings may have to be cancelled. If the strike does not end soon, a good many manufacturers will feel the curtailment in shipping. So far no Canadian coal has been sent to England.

Belgian Miners' Demands
BRUSSELS, March 12.—There is every probability of a coal strike throughout Belgium and affecting 45,000 men. The miners in the Liège basin have charged their delegates to ask for higher wages, and thus in the vicinity of Charleroi will ask a fifteen per cent. increase.

If their demands are not granted all threaten to strike. The miners justify their demands on account of the higher prices of coal due to the British strike.

Fishing Boats Missing
SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 12.—Rough weather is again prevailing along the coast. Four fishing boats, believed to

TRAGEDY OF REVENGE

Girl Slayer of Los Angeles Musician Spends Restless Time in Jail

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 12.—Miss Viola Carver, the young Tacoma woman who shot and killed J. Edward Edge yesterday, spent a very restless day in the city prison today. After a night of troubled sleep, enforced by the use of opiates administered by the prison physician, Miss Carver awoke only to begin begging for her father. She gave his address as 903 North K street, Tacoma, and seemed impatient as the necessary delay in his reaching Los Angeles.

Many girl acquaintances, clerks in the store where Miss Carver worked, called at the jail today but she refused to see any of them. About noon she suddenly started from a semi-stupor and demanded that lawyer be sent to her at once. One was called and after a conference Miss Carver seemed more worried than ever. However, within ten minutes after the lawyer left the jail she was whistling and singing in her cell.

Chinese Suffragettes
PEKIN, March 9.—The suffragettes of China, outdoing their western sisters, are desirous of asserting their military valour. At Shanghai the Chinese girls at the Chang Yu school, wrote to the leader of the Republican forces offering their aid as soldiers. "Heaven has given women the same rights as man," the letter says. "Soon the Manchus will be chased out of China, but till now no regiment of women has been formed. We wish to take a share with the men of China in crushing our enemies. The needle does not suffice for us. We ask for arms."

The warlike ambitions of the schoolgirls were considerably damped, however, by the Republican leader, who simply replied that if they were needed their services would be called for.

Oak Bay Building—Building permits have been issued by the Oak Bay authorities since the first of the month as follows: Mr. W. H. Coulson, building, Foul Bay road, \$200; Mr. T. Fairhurst, building, Cowan avenue, \$250; Mr. J. Fairhurst, building, Mitchell street, \$250; Mr. Robert Buckler, 6-roomed house, Florence street, \$2,000; Messrs. Spencer & Nason, 6-roomed house, Boucher street, \$2,500; Mrs. M. E. Sonley, 18-roomed house, Oak Bay avenue, \$5,000; Mr. R. R. Jones, 5-roomed house, Hampshire road, \$2,500; Mr. F. W. Morris, 6-roomed house, Foul Bay road, \$3,000; Mr. H. McKenzie, 6-roomed house, Oliver street, \$3,000; Mr. Graham Forster, 6-roomed house, Empress street, \$2,500; Mr. Jacob Isler, 6-roomed house, Hampshire road, \$3,000; Mr. J. S. Smith, 6-roomed house, Front street, \$3,000.

The whaling steamer Sommerstadt, from Norway to Seattle for use as a floating station off the Alaskan coast, was at Punta Arenas on Monday.

WRECKAGE AT ROSE SPIT

Broken Lifeboat is Washed Ashore at Northeastern Extremity of Graham Island in Queen Charlotte Group

A wireless message from Dead Tree point reports that wreckage of a ship's lifeboat has been washed ashore at Rose spit, and a lifebuoy has been found with the name "Bark Patsy" stencilled on it has been found at the Tell river, south of Cape Ball. A few days ago a large quantity of lumber, including small sized timber, drifted ashore at Cape Ball on the northeast coast of Graham Island. There is no record of a bark Patsy.

Anxiety is being felt in some quarters regarding the steam freighter Leebro, Capt. Hunter, of the Crescent Steamship company, under charter to the Marine department which took 55,000 feet of lumber, shingles, doors, windows, etc., to Langara island, for the lighthouse being constructed there, and was last reported leaving Prince Rupert on February 21 for Langara, in consequence of the finding of the lumber at Cape Ball.

The weather from the time the Leebro left Prince Rupert has been comparatively good in that locality, according to the wireless reports. The course of the Leebro was past Rose spit, which stretches from the northeast point of Graham Island, and it was expected that the steamer would reach Langara to begin rafting her cargo ashore on the morning of February 23. At least two weeks would be required to discharge the cargo, if not longer. It was not known whether the steamer would return to Prince Rupert; in fact, it was arranged that she would proceed direct to Victoria from Langara unless it was necessary to carry any employees from Langara to Prince Rupert.

The Leebro is in command of Capt. J. Hunter, a brother of Capt. Hunter of the steamer Princess Adelaide, and Mr. A. Lee is chief engineer. The crew numbers about ten. H. C. Killean, resident engineer of the marine department, went from Prince Rupert to Langara on board the steamer.

Owing to the anxiety of relatives of those on board the Leebro, Capt. George Robertson, agent of marine and fisheries, has communicated by wireless with the tug William Jolliffe which left Stewart yesterday morning and instructed this vessel to proceed to the northeast coast of Graham Island to make investigations; and the government steamer Quadra, Capt. McWhirter, which left Victoria yesterday morning to replace the beacon on Skidegate bar, has also been instructed to proceed to the locality. Supt. E. J. Haughton of

the Dominion Wireless service, has instructed the operators at Prince Rupert and Dead Tree point to make every effort to ascertain further news, and messages have been sent to the steamer Prince John, which is expected at Prince Rupert from Queen Charlotte islands seeking further information.

The anxiety for the Leebro is by no means general. Many shipping men point out that as the trend of current sets northward it is unlikely that the lumber found at Cape Ball would have come from the Leebro, and, they say, if the Leebro was disabled and lost her deckload, or went ashore at Rose spit, more wreckage would doubtless have been reported ashore before this as there are many settlers on that part of the coast. Capt. Robertson said it was possible that the lumber drifted ashore came from a scow lost while being towed to Alaskan canneries.

ANOTHER BANNER MONTH

March Building Figures Promise to Reach Large Total

With half the month not yet passed, and permits of an aggregate value of \$155,400 already issued by the building inspector, March promises to be another banner one in the building line. The building inspector is now examining the plans for the new Belmont building to be erected at the corner of Government and Humboldt streets. The cost of this, including the cost of excavation, will exceed \$100,000, and accordingly if the permit is issued this month as it is almost certain to be, the aggregate for the month should reach the large total of at least \$700,000, compared with a total of \$285,000 for March of last year.

Yesterday building permits were issued to Mr. Albion Johns, two dwellings on Prior street to cost \$1,800 each; to Mr. R. H. Harvard, dwelling on Denman street, \$1,950; to Mr. J. Avery, dwelling on Leonard street, \$2,500; to Mr. W. E. Kyle, dwelling on Eberts street, \$2,500; to Mr. J. Province & Turner, dwelling on Carroll street, \$1,950; to Mr. John J. Hall, dwelling on Belmont street, \$1,950.

Dr. Rutherford's Resignation
OTTAWA, Mar. 12.—The resignation of Dr. J. G. Rutherford, Dominion Veterinary General, has been accepted by the department. Dr. Rutherford, it will be remembered, encountered departmental difficulties before the change of the government which brought about his decision to leave the service. He will likely reside in British Columbia.

**ALBERTA TOWN
PREY OF FLAMES**

WINNIPEG, March 12.—Acme, Alberta, was almost wiped off the map today by a fire which destroyed the merchants' bank, the Alberta hotel, a dozen stores, implement warehouses and the lumber yards. The loss was \$250,000.

FIVE NOMINEES IN VANCOUVER

Liberals Choose Messrs. R. Smith, Enright, Cameron, M. Smith and J. N. Ellis to Contest Election

VANCOUVER, B.C., Mar. 11.—A Liberal convention held last night nominated five candidates to contest the city of Vancouver in the forthcoming election. The meeting did not conclude its labors until after midnight. The greater part of the time was devoted to deciding on the point as to whether it was advisable to run more than two candidates or not. The nominations were then proceeded with, some nine names being put before the meeting as follows:

Messrs. L. D. Taylor, Ralph Smith, Maxwell Smith, Alderman Cameron, Ex-Alderman McMahers, J. N. Ellis, Alderman Enright, Harry Cowan and S. E. Taylor.

Mr. Cowan and Mr. Taylor declined to stand for the nomination for business reasons and on the other names being put to a vote the following were nominated, the candidates receiving support of the meeting in the order named:

Messrs. Ralph Smith, Alderman Enright, Alderman Cameron, Maxwell Smith and J. N. Ellis. Mr. L. D. Taylor, seconded by Ex-Alderman McMahers, then moved that the nominations should be made unanimous, which was carried.

Mr. L. D. Taylor announced that he had been asked by the Liberals of Kamloops to stand as their candidate.

The Liberals of Richmond also nominated unanimously Mr. J. W. Weart,

reeve of Burnaby. Mr. Weart was not present to signify his willingness to contest the seat, but it is understood he will run.

Baseball Turnstiles

NEW YORK, March 12.—John T. Brush, president of the New York Nationals, to settle the agitation for starting ball games earlier, has determined to install a double set of turnstiles, one to be marked 3.30 o'clock and the other set for 4 o'clock. During the first series spectators will have an opportunity to express their time preference by passing through one or the other turnstiles. In this way Mr. Brush hopes to ascertain the desire of club patrons.

STEEL BOUNTIES

No Restoration is Expected During Present Session of Federal House

OTTAWA, March 12.—The corridor opinion tonight is almost unanimous in the conclusion that there will be no restoration of the steel bounties this session, but that the question will be referred to tariff commission. Representations for and against bounties have

been made to the government as late as this evening.

Killed in Collision

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 12.—Eastbound passenger train No. 20 on the Big Four, known as the Twenty-four Hour St. Louis to New York train, crashed head on into a freight train on the main track, within 200 yards of the station at Greencastle at 9.25 o'clock tonight. Engineer J. C. Miller of Indianapolis riding in the cab of the freight engine was killed.

MORMONS IN ALBERTA

Head of Church Has Not Ordered Their Removal to United States

SALT LAKE CITY, March 12.—Joseph F. Smith, president of the Mormon church, denied today that orders had been sent to the colony of Mormons in Alberta, Canada, for their removal to the United States. "The church has nothing to do with the removal of the colony to the United States," said Mr. Smith. "If the colony is moved back it is not by order from any of the church authorities."

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