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CONTROL COAL LANDS FOR PEOPLE PREVENT SUFFERING THRU FUEL FAMINE GOVERNMENT OPERATION A REMEDY

Liberal Ministers Declare Government Unable to Relieve Distress, and Lay Blame for Shortage on Transportation Difficulties—Mr. Borden Prepared to Advocate Compulsory Arbitration or Government Operation.

HERRON, ALBERTA, MOVES TO CONTROL THE OUTPUT

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—The government was sustained upon its first division to-night by a vote of 77 to 39. In effect the house sustained the government in refusing to regulate or control coal lands alienated, or to be alienated, in the Northwest, so as to require the mines to be operated and fair rates to be charged to the consumer. Neither Mr. Herron (Conservative—Alberta), who introduced the resolution, nor any of his supporters, quite reached the point of demanding government operation, although R. L. Borden intimated that an emergency might arise which would justify such a remedy.

The government supporters, however, assumed that government operation was the logical outcome of the resolution, and they resisted it accordingly. They claimed that the problem was not one of transportation. An amendment offered by Mr. Knowles (Liberal—East Assiniboia), which embodied this idea, passed by a large vote as a substitute for the resolution.

Mr. Herron said that the people were suffering from want of lumber and coal. Lumber was so scarce and so expensive that the majority of settlers, even the comparatively well-to-do, lived in houses that did not protect them from the weather, in houses so cold that the poorest people would not inhabit them in Ontario.

The lumber question he would ask the house to take up at a later date during the session. But this lumber famine made more urgent the coal famine in the west.

Still further threatening. The minister of labor has jauntily assumed that settling the Lethbridge strike "avoided" all suffering from want of coal. As a matter of fact, the vast required at least 250,000 tons of coal for the next three months, and the output of the Lethbridge mines during that period could not exceed 200,000 tons.

Mr. Herron explained that this resolution concerned first coal lands already alienated, and then lands to be hereafter alienated.

If the government attempted to load down future grants with too onerous conditions, nobody would apply for them, as they would have no chance to compete with the mines now running, and which were subject to no conditions.

In Alberta, Jim Hill and other large capitalists had mines and exported thousands of tons to the United States, while Canadian mines were suffering for want of fuel. In some cases they allowed mines to be idle during the coal famine. Certainly the government should be able to do something.

Mr. Oliver opposed the resolution. The government had little to do with the coal situation. Millions of acres of coal-bearing land had been granted

CONTROL COAL LANDS.

Mr. Herron's resolution: "The coal lands owned by the government of Canada should only be alienated under such conditions and subject to such control and regulations as will provide for an immediate supply of coal adequate at all times to the requirements of the people, and at a reasonable price to the consumer, and that in respect of coal lands already alienated, legislative provision should be made for such control and regulation in case of emergency, as will in the future prevent loss and suffering to the people of the western provinces thru lack of fuel supply."

Steamer Monarch Wrecked Only One of Crew Drowned

Forty Persons on Board Reach Shore and Are Rescued by Tug Sent From Port Arthur—Tug Valued at \$85,000 and Owned by Northern Navigation Co.

Port Arthur, Dec. 10.—The steamer Monarch of the Northern Navigation Company's line was wrecked on Isle Royale, about forty miles from here, on Saturday.

The passengers and crew, forty in all, with the exception of Watchman J. Jacques of Point Edward, are safe. Jacques was drowned when the steamer struck the rocks. The rescued passengers were all safely landed at Port Arthur to-night by the tug Whalen.

Of the passengers all are well excepting Mr. Percival, a passenger of the Soo, who suffered from exposure and was taken to the hospital.

The wrecked boat left Port Arthur on Thursday, 35,000 No. 1 northern wheat, one car oats for Thessalon, one car for Gore Bay, four cars for the Soo, one for Port Arthur, one for Sarnia, one car of salmon for Montreal, one car of flour for the G. T. R., Sarnia.

The Monarch was one of the most seaworthy boats on the lakes. It is a wooden boat, and has never been in an important accident. The captain has a reputation as a careful navigator. The vessel was valued at \$85,000.

Left Alone, Play With Fire, Three Children Suffocated

Ghastly Tragedy at Kew Beach—Mother Visits Neighbor and House Takes Fire—Eager Rescuers Are Too Late.

His three little children suffocated, his wife on the verge of distraction, and the house he had worked so hard to provide for them gone, was the terrible revelation made to George Baker as he stood working on a pile of lumber shortly before noon yesterday. He stood for a moment dazed, the news was past belief, then the fear that it must be true gripping him, he scrambled down and running, stumbled along it seemed to him an eternity before he could reach what had been his home, at 3 Buller-avenue, a little way street running west from Kippendavie-avenue, in the Kew Beach district.

It was all over when he got there. He heard a woman screaming and shrieking for help, and knew it was his wife. He saw the dremen carrying something in a blanket into a neighbor's, and knew that it was his child.

Yet the full realization of what had befallen him only became apparent last night when he found himself sitting on the chair in his married sister's home, with a group of sympathizers around him. "Tell your father I'm all right, but I can't help thinking about the children," was the answer he gave to the son of his employer when he asked how he felt.

The mother, a little woman with large eyes, sat sobbing, unconscious, and the kind-hearted relatives clustered around and comforted as best they could.

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EVERYBODY ON THE JOB.



THE COUNTRY: "Gee whiz! William, look at the help we're gettin'."

ROOSEVELT FIRST IN PEACE WILL DEVOTE PRIZE MONEY TO END INDUSTRIAL WARS

Awarded \$37,000 by Norwegian Government—Will Appoint a Committee to Strive for Better and More Equitable Relations Between Capital and Labor.

Christiania, Norway, Dec. 10.—The Norwegian parliament has conferred the Nobel peace prize upon President Roosevelt in recognition of his services in bringing about the ending of the Russo-Japanese war.

The American minister, Mr. Peirce, thanked parliament in the name of President Roosevelt, assuring the house that the president was profoundly appreciative of this, the greatest honor which could be bestowed upon any man.

Mr. Peirce also stated that it was the president's intention to create a permanent committee at Washington to maintain peace between employers and their workmen.

FOR INDUSTRIAL PEACE.
Washington, Dec. 10.—A statement governing the proposed disposition of the Nobel prize money, which is tentative and subject to change as regards details, was made at the White House to-day.

The purpose of the Nobel peace prize will be conveyed by the president to the trustees, to be, by them, used as the foundation of a fund, the income of which shall be expended for bringing together in conference at Washington, especially during the sessions of congress, representatives of labor and capital for the purpose of discussing industrial problems with the view to arriving at a better understanding between employers and employees, and this project shall be supported by the president with their consent, will appoint as trustees of the fund the chief justice of the United States, the secretary of agriculture, the secretary of commerce and labor, a representative of labor and a representative of capital. The fund will be conveyed to the trustees, to be held in trust for the following purposes:

To invest and re-invest the principal of the fund; to receive any additions which may come to it by contribution and invest and re-invest them; to pay over the income from the fund and the additions to a committee of six, to be selected by the trustees, two to serve for one year, two for two years and two for three years, three of its members to be representatives of labor, and three of capital, chosen for distinguished service in the industrial world for promoting righteous industrial peace; and to fill any vacancies which may occur in this committee by selection and appointment in the same manner in which the committee is originally selected and appointed. The committee shall receive suggestions for the subjects to be discussed; shall lead the discussion at and publish results of the conferences. There shall be one annual conference, and the committee of six shall be given authority to call special conferences in case of great industrial crises. The income payable to the committee by the trustees shall be used for the expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties. It shall be provided in the terms of the trust, that the president of the United States shall fill the vacancies which may occur in the number of trustees.

John Peal.

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LETTER TO MY DEAR MARIA HANDS OUT BY MR. STORER ANSWERS ROOSEVELT NOTE

Controversy With Former U.S. Ambassador to Austria Grows Warm—Gives Some Details of Intrigue Which President Has Forgotten.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 10.—Mr. Bellamy Storer, former United States ambassador at Vienna, to-day gave the Associated Press the following statement in reply to the letter of President Roosevelt, made public yesterday:

"My letter to the president and his cabinet was written for the cool, deliberate judgment of men who should be kept informed of the true facts in the conduct of the administration. It was not written for the public nor hurriedly given to the press to anticipate public opinion. It stands, when taken in full, as my statement, and should be taken as an entirety, and as such I expect a calm perusal. In itself it is an answer to many things the president has said fit to say, but as new matter has been put forward by Mr. Roosevelt I feel compelled to speak.

"There was no need of violent and insulting adjectives to show that the president dislikes me, and did not wish me to remain in the service or to return from it in any customary way.

"While the past has shown that few men can differ with either the wishes or the memory of Mr. Roosevelt, without at once becoming a scandal and a liar, I must make some comments on what he has given out at the White House.

"That anything was ever written to the president by my wife to the effect that Mr. Choate and Gen. Porter were not proper persons to be ambassadors is news to both of us. For both these distinguished men we have had nothing but respect and good-will, personally and officially. It would have been an honor to anyone to take any post ever filled by either of them after they had ceased to occupy it. And the only feeling possible is one of regret that both of them had been lost to the public service since Mr. Roosevelt was re-elected.

"As to Mr. Root, the press in 1901 was full of statements that he might not be able to remain in the cabinet on account of ill-health and would be succeeded by Gen. Porter, which would leave Pauli vacant.

To My Dear Maria, Mr. Storer then gives in full a letter written by the president to 'My Dear'—a car which he discusses cabinet changes. He would count Bellamy's religion in his favor for other things being equal he would like to have a Catholic in the cabinet.

Mr. Storer continued: "The president says: 'The assertion that I authorized him to make such a statement as he says he was authorized to the Pope is untrue. I gave him'"

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FAIRMOUNT RELEASED.
Kingston, Dec. 10.—The steamer Fairmount, grounded at Snake Island, was released from the shoal this afternoon and arrived safely at the M. T. Co.'s dock about 3 o'clock. It is not known what the extent of her damage is.

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