

STRIKE OF THE TELEGRAPH OPERATORS SERIOUSLY AFFECTS THE LOCAL OFFICES

Commercial Messages Taken by London Managers "Subject to Delay"—Detroit, Buffalo, and Other Points Are Off London's List.

Local Operators Are All Union Men and Will Refuse to Handle Dispatches From Non-Union Men—Looks Like Trouble.

London telegraphers have not yet gone out on strike, but it is within the probabilities that they will drop their keys today, and refuse to work. The local telegraphers are bound to do what the Toronto tickers do, and they will await their move. Some definite action is expected shortly.

Associated Press dispatches were for a time held up this morning, and Advertiser news from this source was cut out. Later the A. P. and its employees patched up a provisional agreement, and the day-men returned to work. Then the dispatches came through in a hurry. Local operators do not believe the Associated Press trouble has been finally settled, and they look for a complete suspension of the keys tonight.

Connection Was Broken.

The points of connection are Buffalo and Detroit, and both these cities are completely isolated. The operators in the two cities mentioned last night received the order to quit, and at 7:30 every man ticked "30" to the story in hand and refused to work. Not another word came over the wire. The Detroit papers did not receive a story after that hour, and nothing came over the wires until the agreement was patched up this morning.

The Canadian operators are satisfied, and if they go out it will be merely a sympathetic strike, brought on by their refusal to handle messages from non-union men. The wages received are satisfactory, and while the nine-hour shift is in vogue in Canada, and they would like to have the eight-hour shift as in the States, they refuse to make that a cause for a strike. The operators are a unit in declaring that they will not handle non-union messages, and as the telegraph companies declare that they will not make a settlement, serious trouble is anticipated.

Commercial Men Out Also.

Commercial telegraphers are also out. Commercial wires are idle, and a great loss of business is entailed. But few operators at either Buffalo or Detroit will handle a business wire. Some messages are being sent through from Port Huron and other smaller towns, but the large centers are completely tied up. Telegraphers, either union or non-union, are very scarce, and it will be difficult to fill the strikers' places.

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Master Barbers and the Strikers Disagree as to Park Band Concert

Employees Object to the Council "Taking Sides" by Allowing Collections at Gates.

The barbers' strike has reached the city council, and is causing that body some difficulty. Yesterday afternoon, Acting-Mayor Stevely was interviewed by a committee of the strikers asking for the use of Victoria Park Thursday evening to hold a band concert for the benefit of the striking barbers, a collection to be taken up at the gates.

The petition presented was signed by a majority of the aldermen, and as the park had previously been granted for similar purposes during the year, the request was granted. The master barbers heard of it and they interviewed Ald. Beattie, who is acting mayor today. Mr. Charles Brennan was spokesman for them, and they asked Ald. Beattie to countermand Ald. Stevely's action. This he refused to do, as he had no power either to grant or refuse. And so the matter stands. The barbers will hold their concert tomorrow evening, although the master barbers are protesting vigorously against this action.

MR. ESSERY'S SENSATIONAL ADDRESS AT ORANGE MEETING IN E. MIDDLESEX

Mr. Beck Was There and Heard Ontario Govt. Attacked.

Speaker Also Assails Federal Ministers for Dining With Pope.

An Orangemen's celebration on a large scale was held at Dorchester yesterday, when the lodges of East Middlesex assembled to celebrate the closing of the gates of Derry. The morning was given over largely to athletic contests, all the events being keenly contested. A life and drum band competition was also held, which, by the way, the Putnamville band brandished a broom, evidently was rather a clear sweep for the lodge of that place.

In the afternoon speeches were the order of the day. Among those who spoke were: Rev. Mr. Lowe, chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Western Ontario; Hon. Adam Beck, M. P., London; Mr. Robert Birmingham, Conservative organizer for the Province; Mr. Peter Elson, Conservative member for East Middlesex; Rev. Mr. Mahon, formerly of Dorchester, and Mr. E. T. Essery, of this city.

Mr. Essery made the sensational address of the day, hitting hard at anything which, in his judgment, needed a knock.

First he assailed a Conservative newspaper calling it a "dirty, yellow sheet," and said it had refused to publish a letter which he had written to correct an erroneous statement in its columns. He denounced the attempt to compel the people of London to drink filthy river water "in which our very shirts have been washed."

Mr. Essery then attacked both the Dominion and Provincial Governments. He warned the latter that year carried forward is \$9,339,000.

The Orangemen demanded decent treatment. "We helped to put Whitney into power," he said, "and we can send him back into the obscurity which he enjoyed before the last general election."

Mr. Essery also made some scathing remarks about two of the Dominion cabinet ministers "who lately sat at a banquet where the Pope's health was drunk before that of His Majesty King Edward VII."

"We've had some hard things said about us," said Mr. Essery, "but we've never yet been accused of dishonesty. This is a British country, and we must teach traitors that they cannot thus come into our country and insult our sovereign."

C. P. R. DIVIDEND

Montreal, Aug. 12.—At a meeting of the directors of the Canadian Pacific Company today dividends of 2 per cent on the preference stock and 3 per cent on the common stock for the period ending June 30 last were declared.

An additional payment of one-half of 1 per cent on the common stock will be paid thereon at the same time out of interest on the proceeds of land sales.

The results for the fiscal year to June 30 last were: Gross earnings, \$72,217,526; working expenses, \$46,914,219; net earnings, \$25,303,309; net earnings of steamships in excess of the amount included in monthly reports, \$723,649; income from other sources, \$1,640,832; total net income, \$27,667,790; deduct fixed charges, \$8,511,756; surplus, \$19,156,034; deduct amount transferred to steamship replacement fund, \$700,000; deduct contribution to pension fund, \$80,000; net revenue available for dividends, \$18,376,034. After the payment of all dividends declared for the year the surplus for the year carried forward is \$9,339,000.

Telegraphers Violate Law

Ottawa, Aug. 13.—So far no application has been received by the department of labor for the appointment under the terms of the industrial disputes act of a board to investigate the present strike of telegraphers in Toronto and Montreal. By going on strike the telegraphers have violated the act, and have rendered themselves individually liable to the penalties provided, namely, a fine of from \$10 to \$50 per day for every day they refuse to work. A charge for violation of the act may be laid by any person, and the penalties imposed according to the regular proceedings of the criminal courts.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

TELEGRAPH STRIKE HITS TORONTO

G. N. W. Men Walk Out in Sympathy With the Western Union Employee.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Ont., Aug. 13.—The strike of Western Union telegraphers has hit Toronto and this morning the G. N. W. is to all intents and purposes tied up. Several operators who refused to take messages last night that were dispatched by non-union operators in the States were promptly laid off by General Manager McMichael, and this morning nearly the entire staff, some 50 men and women, went out in a body and held a meeting in Labor Temple. The C. P. R. is not yet affected. Their operators apparently are fairly well satisfied with their treatment at the hands of that company, and will not strike unless they are ordered out by union headquarters in a sympathetic strike. C. P. R. operators who did not want to take non-union dispatches last night were told that they did not need to, consequently there was no friction. Stock exchanges and brokers' offices apparently are not seriously affected. There is no question at issue locally, the action of the G. N. W. men being entirely out of sympathy with the Western Union men.

FOUR THOUSAND MOORS ATTACK CASABLANCA

Tangier, Aug. 13.—Four thousand Moors attacked Casablanca yesterday, but were repulsed. Sibouk, governor of Casablanca, has been dismissed for having abetted the massacre of Europeans at that place. Sibouk is now a prisoner on board the French cruiser Gloire.

FASTER THAN "ALL RED" LINE

Journey Made From Kobe to Glasgow in 18½ Days.

Ottawa, Aug. 13.—According to a report from Canadian Trade Agent MacLean, of Yokohama, the Pacific Red Line will find the Russian trans-Siberian route a serious competitor. Mr. MacLean in a statement received by the trade and commerce department points out that the Japanese Government is favorably impressed with the superior advantages of the Russian overland route for the transportation of mails to Europe as compared with the Suez or the C. P. R. routes and is making arrangements with the Russian Government for a mail service between the Far East and European cities via the Siberian railway.

Recently a traveler from Kobe to Glasgow made the trip via Vladivostok in 18½ days and with an improved railroad service as contemplated and better railroad connections it is stated that this time can be down to about 12 days. By the C.P.R. it now takes 23 days.

SOME MYSTERY IN PORT DEATH

Removed That Dead Sailor Took His Life by Carbolic Acid.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Port Stanley, Aug. 13.—Charles Nichols, a lake sailor, 38 years old, residing with his aged mother at the foot of Fraser Heights, was found dead in bed this morning about 1 o'clock.

Medical assistance was called, but life had been extinct for about two hours. It was rumored that the man had been drinking and had taken carbolic acid. The doctors who examined the body refused to confirm or deny the report. Heart failure is popularly supposed to have been the cause of death.

The deceased man was a sailor employed on the ore steamer Beantown. He leaves a mother and two brothers, Benjamin, an engineer on the C. P. R., and Bert, a clerk in Finlay & Glover's store, here.

Nichols was the eldest son of the late Charles Nichols.

Ex-Mayor Dr. Wilson Condemns Partizan Action of School Board

The Injustice Done to Vice-Principal of Collegiate Brings Down Censure.

"The appointment of Mr. McCutcheon as principal of the Collegiate Institute over the heads of older and more deserving men is another illustration of the principle I have denounced for some time," said ex-Mayor Dr. John D. Wilson, one of the most prominent Conservatives in the city of London, to an Advertiser reporter this morning. "It is a shocking thing, and makes London once more a laughing-stock."

"Mr. Little is an excellent teacher and deserving of the place. It was his by right of service and ability. I do not know anything about Mr. McCutcheon, and I do not discuss him personally. It is the principle I am contending for. All things being equal, the teachers should be promoted. That is a recognized fact. Businessmen recognize it, and they are not slow to promote deserving men in their employment. Why should not the city do the same with its employees? It is the only fair thing to do. If I had spent many years' service for a company, and if I were superseded by a young man with no more ability I certainly would feel annoyed, to put it mildly. I think the board of education made a serious mistake."

A Vicious System.

"This illustrates the viciousness of the system I have opposed for some time," continued the doctor. "We have too much politics altogether for the city's good. Good men irrespective of politics should be given positions when they deserve, and a much better government would result. I warned men in authority that they would make fools of themselves if they continued this political meddling, and I think that I did not make a mistake when I said it. Government of the city by politics has not done the city any good—in fact, it has done it much harm. That is not only true of London, but of other cities. I hope that the citizens will rise above party considerations and elect only men who will govern the city from the citizens' standpoint—not from a party standpoint."

Time for a Change.

"Every mayor, if he would confess the truth, would tell you that if he had to do many things over again he would disavow the party demands and elect only the best men for positions. But being party nominees, they were forced to listen to the party's call, and to do things they knew were wrong and not in the interests of the citizens as a whole."

"Our educational affairs especially should be kept out of the party arena. Untold harm will result if this is continued much longer. In fact, I am convinced that such actions will force the people to put an end to a system that only causes embarrassment. I am sure the good judgment of the people will come to their rescue, and stop this sort of thing. It is an intolerable condition."

London Collegiate Master Offered It

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Aug. 13.—W. C. Ferguson, B. A., of London Collegiate Institute, was recommended for the position of head of the modern language department at the new Riverdale high school.

THREE KILLED IN BELFAST RIOTS

Mobs Cut the Gas Mains—Reinforcements Being Hurried to the Scene.

Belfast, Aug. 13.—During the rioting last night a woman and two men were killed. A recurrence of the disturbance is expected tonight. Captured rioters are taken before the magistrates at the point of the bayonet. Reinforcements are coming here. Some of the streets were strung with wire to entangle the cavalry and the gas mains were cut last night.

EDITOR FATALLY INJURED

Mr. Fred Nye, of the New York World, Run Down by Street Car.

New York, Aug. 13.—Fred Nye, an editor on the Sunday World, was struck by a Lexington avenue trolley car last night and received probably fatal injuries.

Mr. Nye is well-known as a newspaperman and a writer of clever verses. Last winter he wrote the libretto for a comic opera, "The King and the Broker," which was produced in the west.

RIOT AT ST. JOHN, N. B.

St. John, N. B., Aug. 12.—A murder-riot took place in the Assyrian colony shortly after 6 o'clock this morning, in which a number of men and women suffered severe injury. The police were summoned and seven men were arrested, while a woman will be arrested as soon as her injuries permit her removal from her home. Business rivalry is said to be the cause of the trouble.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FINE.

Toronto, Aug. 13—8 a.m.

Today and Wednesday—Fresh westerly to northerly winds; fine and a little cooler.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	40	38	Clear
Winnipeg	70	42	Fair
Parry Sound	66	58	Clear
Toronto	68	54	Clear
Ottawa	68	60	Clear
Montreal	68	66	Clear
Quebec	68	66	Rain
Father Point	54	44	Rain

The first column records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

The depression which was in the Ottawa Valley yesterday morning has now reached the Gulf of St. Lawrence, giving some showers and local thunderstorms in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces; whereas in Ontario the weather keeps nearly everywhere unusually dry. In the Western Provinces fine conditions prevail generally, although somewhat cool.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 68-82; Dawson, 42-76; Port Simpson, 50-55; Kamloops, 42-74; Edmonton, 40-50; Prince Albert, 42-62; Calgary, 40-66; Swift Current, 46-68; Winnipeg, 46-66; Port Arthur, 54-70; Toronto, 64-84; Montreal, 70-85; Quebec, 60-72; Halifax, 50-60.

MANAGER M'GUIGAN DENIES THAT HE STRUCK JIM HILL

Was in London This Morning and Spoke of Many Interesting Things to the Advertiser—Has Been a Good Friend to London.

Mr. Frank H. McGuigan, last first vice-president and general manager of the Great Northern Railway, with headquarters at St. Paul, Minn., passed through this city this morning at 11 o'clock in his private car of the Great Northern. Mr. McGuigan was accompanied by his wife and son, and his private secretary.

At the depot an Advertiser reporter had a half-hour's interview with Mr. McGuigan, who made some very interesting statements, though of his prospects he would say nothing.

"I am on my way to Portland, Maine, with my wife and family," he said, "to enjoy the first rest I have been able to take in 30 years."

Denies Story of Fight.

"Is it true," the reporter asked him, "that Mr. James J. Hill and yourself came to blows in the offices of the

Great Northern Railway in St. Paul?" Mr. McGuigan answered, "for it is absolutely untrue in every detail. I did not strike Mr. Hill, nor did we come to blows. I have not been treated fairly by that dispatch."

"Have you anything to say as to why you left the Great Northern?" the reporter then asked.

"Nothing. Positively nothing. I have sent in my resignation to take effect the 1st of September. Beyond this, I have nothing to say."

As To Grand Trunk.

"What are your plans for the future?" "I have nothing to say in that regard."

"It is said you are going back to the Grand Trunk?" the reporter ventured. "Continued on page nine."

A Floating Procession Of Carcasses in the River

Boathouse Man Doesn't Want River Water to Drink—A Nuisance Removed.

Those who take pleasure out of the river in the summertime are very much pleased to learn that the carcass of a cow which had been allowed to lie in the water near the cove, but in the main stream, for a week or more has at last been buried.

A week ago Monday morning boats along the river near the cove caught sight of the carcass of a dead animal floating in the river. Investigation proved that the floating thing was a dead cow. The stench from the carcass was described as terrible, and the rowers made haste to hide themselves to other parts. All week long the decaying animal lay in the river near the cove bridge, and would probably still be there had not someone living nearby notified High Constable Hughes, who had the carcass taken from the water and buried.

Boatmen along the river were the chief sufferers from the incident inasmuch as people refused to take boats out for fear of running across the dead beast, the stench from which constantly grew worse.

Plenty of Dead Animals.

The day before yesterday Mr. Whit, Lancaster and one of his men discovered a large bag floating beneath the Dundas street bridge. They fished it out and found that it contained a number of dead cats.

"It is a common occurrence," said (Continued on Page Nine)

G. T. R. Engineers Have Agreed

About a dozen local contractors yesterday sent in tenders to the Grand Trunk Railway for the addition which is to be built to the Grand Trunk works in East London, mention of which was made in The Advertiser some time ago.

It is understood that the tenders vary between \$55,000 and \$60,000. The building is to be of brick.

The addition to the shops will mean the doubling of the facilities for the

building of freight cars, and the employment of fully 100 more men at the works.

The G. T. R. shops are already one of London's chief industries, and when the addition is completed, they will mean vastly more to the people of London.

It is expected that the announcement of the successful tender will be made this week, as the tenders were sent to Toronto, and not to Montreal.

Youthful Runaways Nabbed in London

The youngest pair of runaways seen in London for many a day were two boys, one of them the son of Mr. W. Foulkes, of Belleville, who were caught at the Grand Trunk depot last night by a couple of their relatives as they stepped off the International Limited, shortly before 8 o'clock.

The lads appeared to be about 10 years old, and they were well dressed and well cared for.

It was quite evident that they were out to see the world, having found dear old Belleville too slow for young men of such mature years.

As the train pulled in two well-known citizens could be seen pacing

the depot, with eyes peered for something. In the coaches might also have been seen two juvenile faces peering out and looking for trouble.

Suddenly one of the men caught sight of the faces, and he started for the car. At the same instant the two lads raced for the other end of the coach and tumbled out onto the platform. But they almost ran into the arms of the other gentleman—their uncle, it is understood—and in a jiffy there was a foot race in full tilt.

The world-seers were not in the game for a minute, however, and in less time than it takes to tell they were taken in charge.

The Children's Aid Society will see that the two boys are either returned home or cared for here.



THE DISASTER AT ESSEX—REAR VIEW OF NAYLOR'S GRIST MILL—THE RUINS OF McDUGALL'S CARRIAGE WAREHOUSES TO THE RIGHT