

EXCITEMENT IN CONVENTION

Much Talk About Imprisonment of the Leaders,

But It Is No Sure Thing That They Will Go to Jail.

Big Protest Suggested—May be St. Louis Next Year.

(Special Wire to the Times.) Toronto, Ont., Nov. 16.—When President Gompers, Vice-President Mitchell, and Secretary Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor, leave Toronto, at the end of the week, to further appeal their case or serve their terms of imprisonment for contempt of court in the Buck's Store and Range Co. boycott case, they will be accompanied by Washington by the majority of International officers attending the big A. F. of L. convention around the convention headquarters last night and this morning was the impending imprisonment of their prominent labor leaders. All kinds of suggestions were offered by delegates in the direction of making a demonstration of protest against the action of the U. S. courts.

One delegate suggested that the convention should adjourn in Toronto to-day and that other delegates should proceed to Washington to finish the work of the convention, and there voice the protest of organized labor against the sentence imposed upon the labor leaders. Another representative of the Garment Workers' Union said it would be better to finish the work of the convention in Toronto and then proceed to Washington, where a master mass meeting could be held and where addresses could be delivered by prominent international officers.

The probability is that this suggestion would be carried out, and that Washington will see one of the most significant labor demonstrations in its history when the convicted labor leaders return to A. F. of L. headquarters.

President Sullivan, of the Sheet Metal Workers' International Union expressed the opinion that the labor leaders would not stay long in jail.

"There is no doubt but that President Taft will pardon them and give them their release," he said.

It seems that nothing but a vindication of the attitude taken by the A. F. of L. relative to that company will satisfy President Gompers, and that he is prepared to stay in jail until the constitutional rights of United States citizens are recognized.

It was reported at this morning's session of the A. F. of L. convention that an effort would be made to finish the business on Friday night. Considerable discussion ensued over the need of organization in the shipbuilding yards in Canada and the States. The matter was referred to the International body, which will co-operate with the Executive of Federation.

At this juncture, President Gompers took exception to so many matters being referred to the Executive Committee. "There is a limit to human endurance and human possibilities," he stated.

A letter was read asking that the convention next assemble in St. Louis, and from the applause that greeted it, it looks as if it will be St. Louis in 1910. The trouble between the International Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen and Engineers was referred to the adjustment committee.

The resolution which one of the delegates described as "a club held over our heads," suggested that the firemen be instructed to prevent interference with the engineers' positions in times of trouble and that when a fireman becomes an engineer he takes out a new card.

MAY STILL APPEAL.

Washington, Nov. 16.—President Samuel Gompers, Vice-President John Mitchell and Secretary Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor, who are under sentence on the charge of contempt of court, will not have to return to Washington from Toronto, to appear before the District Court of Appeals to file notice of their appeal until next Monday.

It is expected that they will then sue out a writ of habeas corpus before some judge of the District Supreme Court, and should the judge refuse to discharge them under the writ the next step would be an appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States.

BUDGET BILL.

Lord Lansdowne Will Move Its Rejection By Lords.

London, Nov. 16.—In the House of Lords to-day Lord Lansdowne, leader of the Opposition, gave the formal and expected notice of his intention to move for the rejection of the Budget Bill when it comes up next Monday. His motion, he said, would be expressed thus: "I move that this House is not justified in giving its consent to this bill until it has been submitted to the judgment of the country."

IS DOING WELL.

Mr. George Stroud, the well known cattle dealer, underwent an operation yesterday afternoon for an internal trouble at the City Hospital. A few weeks ago Mr. Stroud was ill from the same trouble, but did not think it serious enough to warrant an operation. He was reported to be resting easily this morning, but it will be some time before he will be able to attend to his duties.

VILLAGE BURNED.

Pittsburg, Nov. 16.—The village of West Zellarsville, Washington County, was destroyed by fire of unknown origin early to-day, with a loss of over \$50,000. A score of sleeping persons were rescued.

NEGOTIATIONS IN PROGRESS AGAIN.

Hydro Commission Will Meet City Representatives in Toronto To-morrow.

Negotiations between the city and the Hydro Commission to fix the terms upon which Hamilton will enter into a contract for a supply of Niagara power have been resumed. The commission has consented to meet Mayor McLaren and a small committee from the Council. The conference will be held to-morrow in Toronto. The Hydro clique has freely predicted that the city will get a severe rebuff. Mayor McLaren and the aldermen are not so sure of that. They are confident that they will be able to convince the commission that the terms Hamilton demands are reasonable.

The city's position is clearly set forth in the following letter which His Worship has forwarded to Hon. Adam Beck: Referring to our conversation of the 5th inst., over the phone and to your letter of the 6th, I may say that the views of our Council are that, owing to Hamilton's peculiar position in having a company here, whose power must cost them, delivered in Hamilton, no more than the Hydro-Electric Commission pays at the Falls, we do not want to lose any advantage to Hamilton that may accrue from that situation.

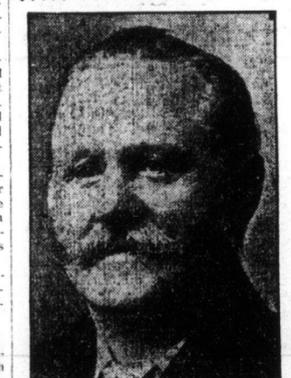
At the same time we are willing to buy 1,000 horse power from the commission—an amount we can fully use all the time, and in that way get the lowest possible cost out of it. After we see the result of a year's use and learn the adjustment of the cost, we are willing to buy more, if it is not to the disadvantage of our citizens. We are also willing to buy any amount of power that any corporation or person may be willing to take off our hands and pay for it at not less than our cost.

We are in a different position from any municipality already in the contract with the commission; at the same time we are going to bind ourselves to it for thirty years for what we now think we can use, although we believe it will cost us more than from other sources.

He Suicided.

New York, Nov. 16.—Loss of his son and nine employees in the fire which destroyed his comb factory in Brooklyn last week is believed to have been the cause of the suicide to-day of Robert Morrison, head of the firm which conducted the establishment.

Mr. Morrison's lifeless body was found in the bathroom of his home, where he had turned on the gas and died of asphyxiation.



A. H. GILL, M.P., Manchester, England.

British delegate to Labor Congress, who will speak in Association Hall on Thursday evening under the auspices of the Trades and Labor Council.

POPE'S JUBILEE.

Spent Day Quietly and Breakfasted With His Two Sisters.

Rome, Nov. 16.—The Episcopal jubilee of Pope Pius X. occurred to-day. Many messages of congratulation and well wishes reached the Vatican. The Pope desired to spend the day quietly and without any formal celebration. He celebrated mass in the private chapel, admitting only his own sisters from Venice, with whom he afterwards breakfasted. Later in the day His Holiness received the officials of the Vatican, who presented their greetings. To these the Pontiff showed the gold pectoral cross, which was given him by Pope Leo in 1884, upon the occasion of his appointment as Bishop of Mantua.

Squabs, Squabs!

Large plump ones, Long Point ducks, another shipment arrived to-day; Grimsby tomatoes, cucumbers, fresh cut mushrooms, head lettuce, spinach, kippers, ciscoes, haddie. See the display of table figs in our east window. New Farde dates, Neufchatel and square cream cheese. Try a sample of our special blend of English breakfast tea at sixty, seven, eight, nine and one dollar the pound. Bain & Adams.

The New Double Stem Pipe.

This makes an absolutely clean pipe, as the nicotine cannot get into the mouth, and the saliva cannot get into the bowl. They are sold for 35 cents at peace's pipe store, 107 King street east.

NO HOPE FOR MEN IN MINE.

Their Sleepless Wives Ask If There Is a Chance,

But the Authorities Think There Is Little Chance.

1,000 Orphans and 200 Widows—Burial of Rescued Victims.

Cherry, Ill., Nov. 16.—Dawn to-day brought increased anxiety to the families of the 300 miners, who are still entombed in the St. Paul coal mine, as a result of last Saturday's disaster.

Despite the belief expressed by the State and Government officials that there is little or no possibility of any of the men ever being brought to the surface alive, scores of grief-stricken wives gathered about the mouth of the hoisting shaft, which late yesterday had to be sealed on account of the renewal of the fire in the interior.

Jaggard and almost worn into exhaustion by the terror of three sleepless nights, the women approached the officers, imploring some glimmer of hope.

"There is still a chance, ain't there, mister?" they pleaded. "Don't say they are dead for certain." The mine officers, assisted by the State and Government authorities, who had remained on the premises all night, began early to ascertain whether it would be practical again to send rescuers down the shaft.

It was decided that if the fire had been sufficiently smothered by the closing of the mine during the night, descent would be possible, and no time would be lost. A number of water tanks were brought here from LaSalle on flat cars before daylight and run on a switch ready to be poured into the pit. At the same time a supply of fire extinguishing chemicals was on hand. Among them were chemicals intended to produce carbonic acid gas. If the fire is still raging in the timber supports, it was proposed to bore holes through the lid, or seal, at the mouth of the shaft and by means of iron pipes force the gas to the bottom.

With the smoke drifting into the remotest alleys of the mine for almost three days, the men must certainly have suffocated, according to President Duncan McDonald, of District 12, United Mine Workers of America. He declared also that the fire had burned away the timber supports, and some of the men undoubtedly had been buried in the caving in of walls and roofs of the passage ways.

Not only would the men have been without food, but they must have groped through interminable passageways in total darkness, to reach water, if water could be found at all.

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NOT HIS LINE.

Complaints About Market Made to Mr. Berlinghoff.

A number of complaints have been made to John Berlinghoff, S. P. C. A. Inspector, of late about the quality of goods that is being sold on Central Market. A few days ago George Knott, of the Vineyard Hotel, bought a couple of fine-looking turkeys, and paid \$1.25 each for them. When they were being prepared it was found that the fire had burned the turkey, and he complained to Mr. Berlinghoff, who had to explain that it was out of his jurisdiction to meddle with market affairs. The market constable used to be the S. P. C. A. Inspector, and probably that is the reason many people naturally look to Mr. Berlinghoff.

FINE OF \$25

And Complainant Should Have Been Punished, Too.

When Charles Smith was tried this morning before Judge Monck on a charge of cutting and wounding Fred Peterson, the court room was permeated with darkness to such an extent that the electric lights had to be turned on. The case was fully gone into in the police court yesterday. His Honor imposed a fine of \$25 or three months in jail on the grounds that the prisoner was guilty only of carrying concealed weapons.

The charge against the prisoner was a serious one, but the evidence clearly proved that the prisoner acted in self-defence.

In giving his evidence the defendant, Smith, said: "I wasn't going to use the razor on Peterson, but I was afraid of 'Buddy' Black, who has the reputation of sticking a man in St. Catharines."

"Did you threaten to shoot a man in Victoria Park and were you chased by the crowd at that time, or did you ever use a knife as I understand you are pretty handy with one yourself," asked Mr. Workman.

"No," responded the witness. "It was a play gun and I did it in fun. They only chased me a block."

"Did you hit Arthur Workman with a ball?"

"No, he hit me, but we are just as good friends as we ever were, I don't want to talk about that."

"It's funny that you were hit and he was laid up for two weeks. Did you not strike him in the fight?"

"Which fight do you mean, you have been talking about three or four fights?" was the reply.

His Honor, in passing sentence, said that as the prisoner had the weapon before the row he was liable under the criminal law. Peterson, too, ought to be punished. He would have certainly found Peterson guilty of assault if he had been charged with it.

To Let. Warehouse, 15 Hughsion street south. Also to let warehouse in rear, four stories and basement, elevator, vaults for \$25 per month. Apply Mercantile Trust Co.

REVOLUTION IN LOCAL TORY CAMP.

Young Blood Promise to Make Trouble—Will Try to Oust President Milne.

The red flag of revolution is floating over the local Tory camp. The young blood, which comprises the majority of the rank and file, is up in arms, and it is feared that before the smoke of battle clears the party will be in a sadder plight than Napoleon's army after the clash at Waterloo.

Johnnie Milne is the cause of the latest split. Mr. Milne has been the president of the association for many years. He has occupied that office for four or five years in succession now. Some of the young blood have a notion that it is nearly time they had a look in. They do not like the way Mr. Milne and his friends hold sway. Disaffection has been brewing since the last Provincial election when the J. J. Scott nomination was practically railroaded through.

Many in the rank and file do not think Mr. Milne is any great help to the party as head of the association. They point out that at the time of the Provincial election in East Hamilton the charges made against the local stove manufacturers that they had stoves manufactured in the United States, brought into this country and labelled Canadian made goods, was a body blow to the Conservative candidate.

The recent moulders' trouble, the rank and file argue, makes Mr. Milne a load to carry if the party has to engage in any election. They feel sure that the fact that Mr. Milne is interested in this would turn a big

section of the labor element against the party. With such a mass of argument it was thought that Mr. Milne could be prevailed upon to step down quietly. With that in view he was waited upon by members of the party yesterday afternoon. But what a shock. Mr. Milne announced that he was there to stick. Some of his friends advised him to run for the office of president again and he intends acting on their advice.

There is sure to be a row at the annual meeting. Mr. Milne will be opposed and the strength of the faction over which he presides will be tested. The first of the ward meetings will be held to-night when delegates to the general meeting will be elected. J. W. Lammoreaux, William George Armstrong, S. D. Biggar and others are mentioned as candidates for the office of president.

There are several other little questions to be settled. The Hydro clique, which has organized to use the Conservative organization for its own purposes, seems bent on making a fight to get the party to nominate a man to oppose Mayor McLaren. There is sure to be a warm time over this if the matter is pressed. Prominent men in the party say that this would cause endless trouble as it has always been the rule not to oppose the mayor for a second term. To do so now would be establishing a precedent which would likely be followed.

The meeting of the association will likely be held before the end of the month. In the meantime a storm is brewing that threatens to lift the roof off the camp unless the wind shifts around before then.

BURNED DOWN.

House on Beach, Owned by Charles Kime, Consumed.

Fire on the Beach this morning totally consumed a good summer residence owned by Charles Kime, painter, situated at Station 9. Mr. Kime lives in another house in rear, but the one burned had been vacant since the close of the summer season. How the fire, which was discovered between 2 and 3 o'clock, originated is a mystery. It burned until about 7 o'clock, when there was nothing left to burn. It was a frame building, assessed at \$1,500, and only partly insured.

FOR RELEASE.

John Johnston May be Liberated on Parole.

Magistrate Jelfs received word this morning from the Department of Justice asking him to report on the case of John Johnston, whom his Worship sentenced to 23 months in Central Prison on April 21, 1908, for theft. The reason that the Magistrate is asked for a report is that Johnston is suffering with chronic tuberculosis in the Central Prison, and the machinery is being put in motion to allow him out on parole.

ONLY FINED.

Previous Good Character Got Jas. Wyse Light Sentence.

James Wyse was tried this morning before Judge Monck on a charge of indecent assault. His Honor imposed a fine of \$25 or six months in jail. Wyse was employed by John O. Gingrich in East Lamboro, and enticed the employer's little daughter, but three years old away, and committed the offence with which he was charged. The reason the sentence was so light was because of the previous good character of the prisoner, a number of witnesses testifying on his behalf. W. E. S. Knowles acted for the prisoner.

WILL CASE.

Judge Snider's Ruling as to Mode of Procedure.

The Brandon will case came up this morning before Judge Snider for a ruling as to the mode of procedure. His Honor made an order that the children be a party as defendants and Dr. Brandon be the plaintiff. Kelley & Porter, executors, were seeking to have the will probated. H. D. Petrie represented the family, and wanted the Trust Company appointed administrators. Publow & Ogilvie appeared for Dr. Brandon. The case will be gone on with in a short time.

This Dog Was Intelligent.

Had discovered his master sleeping with his head on the electric railway track. He succeeded in awaking his master, who had been overcome by a dizzy spell, and was rewarded by being fed afterwards on Spratt's dog biscuits, 10c a pound, 5 lbs. for 40c. Sold at Parke & Parke's, Druggists, 17, 18, 19 and 20 Market square; 24 and 26 Macdonald street.

POLICE STATION PLANS.

The Police Commissioners will meet to-morrow at 12.30 in the Mayor's office. The object of the meeting is to have a consultation on the plans of the proposed new police station. Architect Stewart has been instructed to be present with the plans.

TO RID CITY OF VAGRANTS.

Police Enter Upon Campaign With Renewed Vigor.

Police Broke Up a Sunday Game of Crap.

Fine of \$10 In a Cruelty to Animals Case.

With the determination to keep the city from being infested with vagrants during the coming winter the police have renewed their crusade against those undesirable with renewed vigor, and they intimate that it will be kept up. Evidently thinking that the campaign had been dropped the Weary Willie and Tired Tim brigade have begun to pour in. Several well known crooks and a number of idlers from outside points have been seen loitering around the city during yesterday. Yesterday Chief Smith hunted to the famous hunters of vagrants, namely, P. C.'s Cameron and Barrett, to get busy. They did, with the result that three suspects were arraigned before Magistrate Jelfs this morning.

Roy Courage, a Toronto youth, by his own confession an undesirable, was gathered in for vagrancy last night. A few days ago he arrived in town.

P. C.'s Cameron and Barrett swore that he has the qualifications of a vagrant, for he has been frequenting hotels, pool rooms, etc., besides associating with characters whose reputations are unsavory.

Roy had the courage to plead not guilty, and said he had been working for two days.

"Are you wanted by the police in Toronto?" asked Chief Smith.

"The Toronto detectives told me to leave town," said the youth.

"Were you ever in an Industrial School?" asked his Worship.

"No, sir; but I was in the Shelter."

"Because my mother could not look after me?"

The boy's hair was cut in typical prison fashion, and that evidently aroused suspicion. He was remanded for a few days to allow the police to make inquiries about him.

Henry McDonald, 103 York street, looked indignant when charged with vagrancy, and pleaded not guilty. What a contrast Henry was to the youth arraigned before him. The former's face was round as a dumpling, of fresh color that goes with youth, but Henry's wore the marks of chronic dissipation.

P. C.'s Cameron and Barrett unrolled a long line of incriminating evidence against the defendant. They swore he keeps company with women of the very lowest order, frequents pool rooms and haunts that respectable people shun.

Henry wished the court to understand that he is an apple picker, farmer, etc., though reluctantly he confessed in exchequer boasted of only 85 cents. He said he had worked all summer, and quit last Saturday. He told his Worship he had a job to go to this morning for a Hydro-Electric commission contractor. He was allowed to go.

Martin Rolley, of one natural leg and one artificial, was ordered to be escorted to a Brantford electric car and started on his way to the Telephone City, which is his home.

If he is seen here again he will go to jail. He was up for vagrancy.

"Which would you rather do, go back to Brantford or go to jail?" asked his worship.

"Go back to Brantford," said Rolley.

P. C.'s Cameron and Barrett said he was chased out of Brantford; that he has an artificial leg, but he doesn't wear it very often, the reason, they inferred, was that in following his occupation as a pencil vendor, he can more easily arouse sympathy without it. In the vending of the said pencils the officers said he frequents all sorts and conditions of shady dens, and in short is a nuisance.

The magistrate said: "If they won't have you in their home town, Hamilton don't want you." He further told Rolley that if he were deserving there would always be many ready to help him in the place where he belonged.

EGGS AT 60.

Prediction That That Price Will be Reached This Winter.

Eggs, which have been so dear all summer and fall, have become very scarce during the last few weeks, and the dealers can see little consolation ahead for the householder who has grown quite peevish over the way in which everything is going up, and nothing coming down. Eggs are becoming more and more scarce as the weeks go by, and the consensus of opinion among the dealers is that the price may soar as high as sixty cents this coming winter.

"Good eggs are 38 and 40 cents a dozen today," said the proprietor of one of the stalls on Central Market, this morning. "We have some at 28 and 30 cents, but we cannot guarantee them. If you want every one of your eggs strictly fresh you will have to pay more than 35 cents for them."

"Why are they going up? Because the hens aren't laying, that's the reason. The farmers are complaining that their hens are giving them very few eggs these days, and they blame it on the coming of cold weather."

The high price of the fresh-laid has increased the demand for storage eggs, and several dealers on the market are having difficulty in securing these as the dealers have shipped most of their produce to the west.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables. TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

Teeth pulled at 10 cents a tooth. Gee, won't the children like that?

Those rubber pavements the engineer saw when away will be a great thing to rubber on.

Then will we need to wear rubbers on the rubber pavement?

Now that the clergy are aroused on the gambling evil, let us have no more church raffles.

The man who can kick about this weather must be Old Grouch himself.

The biggest kind of a deputation ought to go to Ottawa to boost this canal project. If I had the money I would pay the fare myself.

There is time yet to buy a playground or two north of the Grand Trunk and east of James street.

Don't forget this evening's Liberal meeting. Every delegate should be in his place.

Roses in full bloom in Hamilton gardens on the 16th of November. Talk about California. This is good enough for me.

The Indian who threw these bombs must have meant to kill Lord and Lady Minto.

The revetment wall will be a great thing for this city when it stretches clear across to Sherman avenue.

Don't let your coal oil lamps get clogged up with oil. Keep them in good trim, and with good oil they won't explode.

There is a complaint at St. Catharines that many of the people there have forgotten the way to church. That's an odd charge to bring against the Saints.

When on the other side did the engineer bang of any scheme to get rid of the snow on the sidewalks other than that of shovelling it?

But why should any gentleman carry a razor?

The Labor leaders are finding out that the honor trade is not without snuffers in their own ranks. Great is Diana.

Are you buying them yet?

I wonder if there are tonic so-fists in the American Federation of Musicians?

Has the City Improvement Society in its effort to beautify the city by beautifying your own surroundings.



J. B. CLYNES, M.P., Bolton, England.

British delegate to Labor Congress, who will speak in Association Hall on Thursday evening under the auspices of the Trades and Labor Council.

TEN MEN KILLED.

Winston, Salem, N. C., Nov. 16.—Ten men were reported killed by a cave-in near this city.