

What To Burn In Case of a Coal Strike



HALF MILLION U. S. MINERS WILL BE IDLE NEXT WEEK

Apparently Impossible To Prevent a Tie-Up in Both Anthracite and Bituminous Fields—Soft Coal Operators Making Final Effort To Prevent Strike by Compromise.

[Canadian Press.] Cleveland, Ohio, March 28.—The sub-committee this afternoon announced it was unable to agree, and it would report to the full conference at 3 o'clock. The members said their arguments had brought about a continuation of the deadlock, as operators and miners repeated their positions of a week ago.

Cleveland, O., March 28.—Hope of averting a widespread coal strike in the United States beginning next Monday, centered today in a sub-committee which had been appointed by bituminous operators and miners to agree, if possible, on a compromise wage scale. All other means of agreeing had failed, and it was said that unless a compromise was effected soon 350,000 miners in the bituminous fields would quit Sunday midnight, and the suspension would be in effect a strike. As for the 175,000 miners in the anthracite fields of Pennsylvania it was announced by national union officials today that a strike there next Monday noon was unavoidable. Jointly the wage disputes involve a threatened strike of almost 500,000 miners, and the shutting down of almost every unionized coal mine in the country.

SOFT COAL PRICES IN LONDON ARE BOOSTED \$1 PER TON

Strike Is Regarded as Certain and Supplies Are Short.

Soft coal prices have already been raised one dollar per ton by many local dealers, and further advances are expected immediately unless by some unforeseen circumstances the impending coal strike is averted. "Prices will advance rapidly as soon as the strike starts," said a dealer to The Advertiser this afternoon.

"The supplies will be practically shut off."

The railroads have been storing coal at all available points for some days, and have a large quantity on hand. Should the strike, however, prove of any length it is generally admitted that their supply is insufficient to last. The great majority of local manufacturers are not in a position to stand a soft coal siege. Many are just beginning to get in fair shape now after their recent shortage, and very few have more than enough to last more than a month at the outside.

MOURNED AS DEAD FOR YEARS WOMAN HEARS FROM SON

Mrs. Judge, of 174 Rectory St., Was Given a Pleasant Surprise.

After mourning her son, Jesse Judge, as dead for the past five years, although not having any tangible proof that such was the case, Mrs. M. Judge, of 174 Rectory street, was delighted yesterday afternoon when she received a postcard from him stating that he was in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Although most doubting the good news, Mrs. Judge ran over to one of her neighbor's houses, and got her to read the card over. The last time she had heard from him, he was on the United States battleship Pennsylvania in Japan.

Thought Boy Was Dead.

Shortly after a couple of the marines on the Pennsylvania were killed, and after not hearing from him for some months, Mrs. Judge began to believe that her son was one of the victims. As the months ripened into years, and still no word came, she became more convinced, and had almost given up all hope of ever hearing from him again when the postcard arrived on Thursday. The card was signed "Jesse Judge," and merely stated that he was in Minneapolis, and doing well. He asked if all the family were living, and concluded with a request that they write to him.

OPERATORS ARE MAKING NO MOVE

Suspension of Work In Anthracite Mines on March 31st Seems Inevitable.

Miners Have Already Started to Remove Their Tools From Many Collieries.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, March 28.—It was learned here today from an authentic source that the anthracite coal operators are making no move to prevent a suspension of work in the anthracite fields, and that they regard such a suspension at midnight on March 31 as inevitable. No meetings of the committee of ten, which conferred with the miners' representatives, have been held since the termination of negotiations, it was said, and none is scheduled. "No suggestion of compromise has come to us from any authoritative source," one operator said today. "There is nothing to the report that the operators are prepared to grant the men a five per cent increase in wages. The rumor that the operators are not united in their stand is equally untrue. We look for a suspension of work on March 31."

Shamokin, Pa., March 28.—Miners started taking tools from the collieries in the Schuylkill region today in anticipation of a suspension of the anthracite coal fields on Saturday. Some foreigners are departing for Europe, where they will remain until the expected labor troubles in the coal fields are over. Company hands are busy about the mines preparing the operations for a state of idleness after Saturday. The United Mine Workers are awaiting the return of John Fahy, president of District No. 9 and his colleagues from Cleveland, to direct their movements in the expected suspension.

Acting Mayor. Ald. Murphy was acting mayor today, Mayor Graham being in Toronto to oppose a bill which will prevent any municipality granting an exclusive franchise for any purpose.

PREMIER ASQUITH APPEALS TO MINERS

Says Minimum Wage Bill Will Greatly Help Their Cause.

[Canadian Press.]

London, March 28.—Premier Asquith this morning issued an appeal to the miners of Great Britain to accept the minimum wage bill, which, he said, would effect largely what they had fought for. The Premier made this appeal in the guise of a speech to the Liberal members of the House of Commons. The Premier said that he recognized that the agitation, as far as the great bulk of the men were concerned, was a disinterested movement. Now that their grievances had been removed by the establishment of the principle of a minimum wage, with machinery for its enforcement, he strongly appealed in the name of the whole community for the resumption of normal industrial conditions. He hoped that industrial peace and contentment were now in sight.

RICH MAN ON TRIAL ON MURDER CHARGE

Accused of Having Killed a Priest in Saskatchewan Wilds.

Melville, Sask., March 28.—The trial of Joseph Auriczuk for the murder of Rev. Joseph Czarowski, a Catholic priest, was opened today. The accused is a wealthy farmer. They were seen together a week ago, ten hours before the priest's body was found on the railway track cut to pieces. Auriczuk was preparing to leave the country when arrested. The case is wholly circumstantial. The place where the murder is supposed to have been committed has been located. This had been covered with fresh snow, which when removed revealed a trampled space stained with blood. The police picked up candies similar to some kept in the house of the priest, and unlike any stock carried by local merchants.

A DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

Berlin, March 28.—A double military tragedy, alleged to be the result of the brutality of an officer, occurred at Osterode, in the Province of East Prussia, today. Private Eysenleben, of the Eighteenth Infantry Regiment, shot and killed the commanding officer of his regiment, Captain Reitsch, and then committed suicide.

SAFE IN OFFICE OF ARVA MILL "BLOWN" AND ROBBED LAST NIGHT

Daring Gang Used a Drill and Nitro-Glycerine Successfully.

NO CLUE TO THE PERPETRATORS

The Police Are of the Opinion That the Men Operated From London.

Professional safe-blowers, operated from London, worked their game successfully at the village of St. Johns, or Arva, six miles north of London, on the Proof Line Road, early this morning, obtaining \$180 or \$190 from the side of the J. Hawkins flour mill, after cracking the steel door of the vault with nitroglycerine.

No clue to the identity of the burglars has as yet been secured, but High Constable J. A. Hughes and County Constable Arthur Corsaut, of Masonville, are working on the case. The city police are also co-operating, and it is possible that the men will be located, although little or nothing was left to assist in the discovery of the culprits.

A Daring Gang.

The cracksmen worked with the greatest daring, many people residing along the Proof Line Road between this city and the scene of the affair, having heard a buggy rumble over the frozen roads in the dead of the night.

It is thought that the men passed shortly after 3 o'clock, although no person else was on the road at the time, and those who were aware of their passing thought nothing particular of the midnight trip.

Shortly afterward Mr. W. H. Reeves, proprietor of a general store at St. Johns heard some person drive up and his suspicion was aroused when the man failed to continue much further than the cross roads.

Fearful Horse Thieves.

Fearing that horse thieves were in the neighborhood arose at about 3 o'clock and after waiting for a time went out to his barn. He did not return to sleep again till after 5 o'clock, but heard nothing further. It is his opinion that the men did not return to London by the same route, as it is probable that in order not to attract attention they continued on to the eighth concession, and came back into the city by either the graded sideline or the Ilderton Road.

The residence of Mr. J. Hawkins is but two hundred feet from the scene of the burglary, but he was unaware of the actual occurrence until emergency of the actual occurrence until emergency.

ENGINEERS MAY STRIKE AS OBJECT LESSON

Warren Stone Thinks Public Responsible For Wage Increase Refusal.

[Special To The Advertiser.]

New York, March 28.—Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, predicted here today that when the result of the strike vote on the wage question is made public here on April 10 it will be found that less than 2,500 of the 25,000 engineers in the brotherhood oppose a strike.

"It is significant," said Mr. Stone, "that in none of our conferences with the eastern railroad representatives have they once declared that our demands were unjust. They do not say that we do not need the increase; they say merely that they can't afford to grant it, because they are not allowed increased freight rates. The interstate commerce commission stands in the way of any raise, and, as the commission represents the public, it is really the public that is the stumbling block."

"That is why I repeat that they public need an object lesson to convince them that the roads are entitled to more pay for the freight they carry. Freight rates are bound to go up."

G. T. R. EMPLOYEES SAW SUPT. GILLEN TODAY

Official Interviewed Regarding Reinstatement of Several Men.

Superintendent U. E. Gillen, of the Grand Trunk, is in the city today, and has been approached by a number of the employees in regard to reinstating the seven men from London, who have not yet been taken back. Mr. Gillen is, of course, unable to say what will be the outcome of the matter, as that will have to be decided upon later.

Several of the Grand Trunk men stated to The Advertiser this afternoon that unless the company reinstates the employees as was agreed on the settlement of the strike, there is likely to be a good deal of trouble.

NEW FOOTBALL CLUB

Ingersoll Collegiate Players Have Organized for the Coming Season.

[Special To The Advertiser.] Ingersoll, March 28.—The Collegiate Institute Football Club has reorganized for the coming season and will enter the town league. The officers are: Honorary president, Principal Eriden; president, F. Park; secretary-treasurer, R. McDonald; captain, Harley Barton; executive committee, John Muir, F. Facey, W. McKay, F. Williamson, H. Bowes, H. Hicks and A. Daniel. Mr. Joseph Gibson will address a meeting of the A. O. U. W. at Paris tonight.

ANTHRACITE DEMAND HAS FALLEN OFF

Buyers Have Laid in a Good Supply in Prospect of a Strike.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, March 28.—On the eve of a suspension of work in the anthracite coal region because of the inability of the operators and the miners to come to an agreement on the wage scale and certain working conditions, wholesale coal dealers and shippers say today the coal panic among consumers has practically subsided. The eager buyers of coal have laid in their supplies and the demand for anthracite in this market has fallen off.

Coal is coming to market in large quantities and is now quite easily obtained. The early strike talk caused an unusual demand, but the wholesalers say that this has been satisfied. It is officially stated that reports of a discussion among the members of the anthracite operators' committee as to the policy to be pursued towards the mine workers are unfounded. Operators here decline to discuss the situation.

There has been an unusual rush to charter vessels to carry soft coal abroad because of the situation in England, but whether this demand can be satisfied in the event of a suspension in the bituminous region could not be learned today.

MASONIC TEMPLE JOB GOES TO A NEW MAN

Mr. Harry Hayman Will Complete the Construction of the Building.

The recent difficulty in connection with the new Masonic temple construction has been straightened out, and the bulk contract has now been let to Mr. Harry Hayman. Work on the building starts immediately and will be rushed to completion.

"We expect to be in our new home by December 1," said a prominent Mason to The Advertiser this afternoon. A large part of the steel framework of the structure is already in place, and now that the weather is mild enough for the workmen to proceed it is expected that very rapid progress will be made.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—SHOWERY.

Toronto, March 28—8 a.m.

Forecasts.

Today—Fair and mild today.

Tomorrow—Easterly winds and showery.

Temperatures.

Following are the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock this morning:	High.	Low.	Weather.
LONDON	41.5	31	Fair
Victoria	54	44	Cloudy
Calgary	60	20	Fair
Winnipeg	28	28	Cloudy
Port Arthur	44	20	Cloudy
Toronto	39	30	Clear
Ottawa	36	26	Fair
Montreal	36	20	Fair
Quebec	34	28	Fair
Father Point	32	20	Snow

The weather is mild throughout the Dominion, but particularly do in Alberta and Saskatchewan, where at some places yesterday the temperature exceeded 60. A disturbance now centered in Arkansas is likely to move towards the Great Lakes.

WHITNEY SAYS PRESENT LAW ENOUGH FOR BILINGUAL SCHOOLS

At Conservative Caucus Government Tells Supporters Children After Leaving Primary Grades Must Use English, and Limitation Put on French as Medium of Instruction.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, March 28.—Sir James Whitney is reported to have declared at the Conservative caucus, which lasted for about two hours this forenoon, that the law as it stands at present is sufficient for the abolition of bilingual schools. Dr. Merchant's investigation has shown that it has not been enforced, and the Government intends to take steps to have it enforced and to make regulations that will make evasions more difficult in future.

It is understood that the department of education will reorganize the system of inspection by making the inspectors Government officials, responsible to the department, instead of being county council officials ruled by local influence, as is now the case in French localities. The Government also assured its supporters, it is said, that limitations would be placed on the use of the French language as a language of communication and instruction. While the French child would be allowed to use its mother tongue on entering school it would be required to use English entirely after leaving the primary grades.

PUBLICITY MAN IS HUSTLING FOR FACTORY SITES IN EAST END

Prices on Land Along C. P. R. Spur Is Being Secured.

Publicity Commissioner Henderson spent a busy morning in East London endeavoring to get information concerning prices at which land may be secured for factory purposes along the proposed southern spur line of the C. P. R.

When this line is built, the property on each side should be ideal for manufacturing sites, and Mr. Henderson proposes to collect statistics regarding prices, sewer and water connections, etc., for the benefit of manufacturers who are considering location in this location in this city.

Western Member Will Address Liberals.

Mr. John G. Turritt, M. P. for Assiniboia, will address the Liberals of London in Hyman Hall on Tuesday evening next. President Sanagan of the Liberal Club received a wire today that Mr. Turritt will be here, and a big crowd is expected to be present and hear his address.

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER GOES WITH H. & E. CO.

Mr. H. H. Kelly Will Shortly Be Appointed to Position at Regina.

Mr. H. H. Kelly, teacher of mathematics at the London Collegiate Institute, will shortly resign from the staff, and will leave in June to take the position of inspector for the Huron and Erie, with headquarters at Regina. The board of education will receive his resignation probably at the next meeting, when his successor may be named.

END IS SEEN OF BRITISH STRIKE

Believed That Miners Will Vote to Accept Asquith's Wage Bill.

SUFFERING VERY GREAT

Deaths By Starvation Are Reported From the Midlands, and Distress From All Parts.

[Canadian Press.]

London, March 28.—The end of the calamitous coal strike, which so sorely affected many millions of the people of the United Kingdom during the past four weeks, is believed to be at hand.

No doubt appears to exist in the minds of many people that a majority of the million miners who left their work on March 1 are desirous and anxious to return to the pits, and when the occasion offers will vote in favor of the proposal to resume.

Most of them, it is believed, would even return to the pits immediately, but in each district there is a small section of determined extremists, who oppose any action until the vote which has been called for on the question of resumption of work or continuance of the strike has been cast and counted.

It is these out-and-out fighters who are causing the trouble, which necessitated the dispatch yesterday of troops to Chirk, in Wales, where work has been proceeding for some days in the Brynkinnell collieries, and to Cannock in the Midlands, where efforts were made last night to prevent the men working.

Other owners are opening their mines today, and those men who wish to start work will receive full protection from the Government.

In the great military camp at Aldershot ten thousand soldiers are held in readiness to move at any moment to any point in the country, and at other military posts similar arrangements have been made.

All the troops spent last night in their uniforms, while freight cars stood on the tracks loaded with their equipment and ammunition, so that a start could be made at the instant a call was received.

HEARD NOTHING OF ORDER SAID SUPT. U. E. GILLEN

City Will Find the Company Generous Regarding Track Elevation.

Superintendent U. E. Gillen, of the Grand Trunk, who was in London for a time this morning refused to discuss the action of the railway commission taken recently with a view to having the city and company reopen negotiations for the abolition of the dangerous level crossings here. "I have heard nothing about any order of the railway commission, excepting what I have read in The Advertiser," said Mr. Gillen, "but I think the city will always find the company very generous in its dealings. We always observe any orders issued by the railway commission, but further than that I know nothing about any immediate action in London."

"Some day we hope, London will have better depot facilities, but just when improvements are to be made here is a matter of question. Only time will tell."

STILL ANOTHER PERMIT FOR M'CLARY MFG. CO.

Big Concern Will Also Build on York Street.

A building permit was issued to the McLary Manufacturing Company today for the construction of a one-story brick building directly west of their factory on York street, at a cost of \$5,000. The new structure will be about 100 feet square. It is to be used as an emulating shop. On Wednesday the company took out a permit for a \$9,000 addition to the south end plant.