

CONFERENCE OVER COPPER AND WINE STRIKE

Labor Department Official and Interested Parties Discuss Situation—Company Will Take Back Some of the Men.

Houghton, Mich., Jan. 2.—Peace negotiations in the copper strike situation halted and averaged today. After a report had become current of an important communication from union sources early in the day, there was a series of conferences between John B. Denmore, of the Department of Labor and representatives of the conflicting interests. Mr. Denmore said he still had hopes of finding a way out of the difficulties and added that his hopes were higher than 24 hours before.

Later Mr. Denmore met two fresh arrivals in the situation, Grant Hamilton, of Washington, D.C., and James R. Rosch, of Albany, N. Y., both officials of the American Federation of Labor. They said they were sent to the strike scene by President Gompers, for the national labor body, as his personal representatives. While this was supposedly the last day on which the companies were willing to receive back any of the striking employees there was manifest no disposition to force this aspect of affairs. Some applications for work in the Keweenaw mines were received, one manager stating he had received enough to resume operations on Monday.

As the northernmost mines on the peninsula have undergone the most effective part of the strike, this development was regarded in company circles as encouraging.

The company officials said they were willing to take back men who have had no part in promoting strike violence and they have no intention of barring from re-employment those whose homes are well-established in the various mining communities. At the same time, they pointed out, the company has waited five months for the "return to work" movement to take full effect, and they were indisposed to jeopardize their interests by further delays.

It was confirmed, therefore, that the companies plan to make fresh importation of non-union workmen at an early date. Taking company figures as a basis there are some 5,000 men less employed now than when the strike started. The local labor market is about exhausted of strikers or other unemployed men, and the company is looking for men in the underground workings. Just how many men the managers hope to get was not announced, but that from 1,500 to 2,000 men might be brought in was acknowledged as a fair estimate.

THE SCARLET FEVER GERM DISCOVERED

Detroit Doctor Tells Society of Bacteriologists of His Discovery—Willing for Them to Test It.

Montreal, Jan. 2.—Details of his discovery of a germ which is believed to be the cause of scarlet fever, were told to the Society of American Bacteriologists by Dr. Newell S. Ferry of Detroit, at the closing session of the society's convention at McGill University today.

Dr. Ferry's discovery is considered of the greatest importance, for should it prove entirely satisfactory, as is expected, the result will be a practical elimination of the disease.

In the course of his paper on the "study of the bacteriology of the scarlet fever nasopharynx in scarlatina," Dr. Ferry stated that he had found a germ which he believed to be the cause of the disease.

Dr. Ferry had tried immunizing the nurses and for three years there was not a case of the disease among those so treated. The immunizing was then discontinued for a space of three months, when several nurses contracted scarlet fever.

Dr. Walter E. King of Detroit, referred to hog cholera, which causes a loss of about \$1,000,000 annually in the United States, while Canadian farmers also suffer a heavy loss. He has discovered a germ, spirochaeta suis, which he believes to be the cause of the disease. Should this on further investigation prove correct it will give adequate means for preventing hog cholera.

NOT CHURCH MEMBER, COULDN'T TAKE OATH

Berlin, Jan. 2.—The newspapers here say that the judge of a municipal court has refused to administer the oath to witnesses in a court proceedings because they were not members of the church.

KNOWLEDGE OF THE BIBLE ON THE DECLINE

Viscount Bryce Says Life of Country is Suffering Because of the Ignorance of Religious Truths.

London, Jan. 2.—Simplification of spelling will perhaps be accomplished before the difficulty in regard to religious teaching in schools is solved, according to Viscount Bryce, former British ambassador at Washington, who today inaugurated at the University of London a conference on education at which twenty-one educational associations are represented. A great audience listened to Viscount Bryce's speech on "Salient Educational Issues."

He put in the forefront of his address a plea for the inclusion in the school curriculum of moral training based on religious principles. Bible and religious instructions, he declared, must not be left out of the schools. He said he had learned how strongly Americans felt the need of strengthening school work in this direction among such populations as filled England and America. Parents and Sunday school teachers could not, he declared, be relied on to do all that was necessary, although it was the first duty of a parent to give his child moral and religious instruction. The teacher, he continued, ought to be permitted to place his moral precepts as the basis of his duty to the State, and not one out of a thousand of them would misuse his opportunity. He said he was struck with the fact that both in the United States and England knowledge of the Bible was declining among all classes with an incalculable loss to the life of the country.

Viscount Bryce, in conclusion, said he approved of the American contention that women made better teachers than men for the younger pupils.

ANDERSON SECTION OF STEFANSSON PARTY IS REPORTED SAFE

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—Captain L. L. Lane of the schooner Polar Bear, has written the Department of Naval Service confirming reports of the safety of the Anderson section of the Stefansson expedition. Captain Lane states he spent four days with Dr. Anderson and his associates, who are safe in winter quarters with the vessels Alaska and Mary Sachs.

BANK OF LONDON AND MEXICO REOPENS

Very Few People Do Business—Gunboat Leaves for Tampico With Heavy Cargo of War Materials.

Vera Cruz, Jan. 2.—The Bank of London and Mexico has opened its doors this morning, but very few people came to make their deposits, and other business went on as usual. Detachments of soldiers today took charge of the tents and pumping of the Aguila Oil Company, and of the Waters Pierce Company. They had received written orders that supplies must be delivered to the terminal company until further orders were given.

The Mexican gunboat Zaragoza left for Tampico today with a heavy cargo of war materials. A wireless installation had been fitted on board the vessel, while she was here.

Great sale bargains in every department—Fraser & Co., 27-29 Charlotte street.

SIR ERNEST SHACKLETON, WHO WILL AGAIN LEAD EXPEDITION TO THE SOUTH POLE



SIR ERNEST SHACKLETON. GOVERNMENT PHOTO BY THE HON. MR. H. H. HARRIS.

Sir Ernest Shackleton announced recently that through the generosity of a friend he will lead a new expedition to the south Pole next year. The explorer says he will start from a South American port, with the object of crossing the south polar continent from sea to sea, returning by way of New Zealand.

CRESCENTS DEFEAT SOCIALS IN FAST GAME

Over Two Thousand Hockey Fans Turned Out to Game Last Night—Score Was 7 to 5.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 2.—Twenty-six hundred hockey fans tonight saw the Crescents defeat the Socials for the second time this season in one of the best exhibitions of hockey played in Halifax by the score of 7 to 5. The game was played on perfect ice and was sensational and exciting from start to finish. The first period ended in favor of the Crescents who easily demonstrated the truth of the old adage that "experience is three parts of the battle." The half moon press for the greater part of the period and were well worth the two goals lead which they had assumed as the ball rang for the close of the period.

COAL HANDLERS AT NEW YORK STRIKE

Five Hundred Employed on Barges in Harbor Quit Work—Plenty to Take Their Places.

New York, Jan. 2.—Five hundred or more men employed on coal barges in New York harbor, struck today for higher wages. The barge owners said that there were too many idle men along the waterfront to leave any danger of a general tie-up of coal deliveries and that the strikers' places would be filled without difficulty. The owners retailed by notifying their crews that any who were discontented could go ashore immediately.

COLONIAL OFFICE DENIES THE REPORT

London Papers Stated that Expedition was Being Organized in Somaliland to Punish Madmullah.

London, Jan. 2.—A punitive expedition to operate against the Madmullah in the British protectorate of Somaliland is being organized, according to an evening newspaper. Since a camel corps of British native troops was cut up by the Madmullah and his followers on August 12, last year, the desperadoes have devastated the country of the "Mendly" tribes to such an extent that thousands have fled to the coast. In the engagement in August a white British officer was killed and another wounded, while there were fifty casualties among their native troops.

VISCOUNT, PENNILESS, STEALS SO HE MAY GET PRISON TERM

Paris, Jan. 2.—Viscount Charles De Marigny, scion of an old French family penniless and starving, today snatched a pocketbook from a woman in the street here in order, he explained to the police emissary, that he might be sent to prison, where he would least be given food and shelter from the bitter cold. The Viscount's father once was very wealthy, but lost his all in a bank failure.

GHASTLY TALE FROM THE FAR WEST

Womah Homesteader, Cruelly Deserted by Husband, Undergoes Horrible Sufferings in Fight for Existence.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—A ghastly tale of a husband's ill-treatment of his wife appears in the unusually staid columns of this week's Canada Gazette. It is detailed in the form of an order-in-council exempting from the customary homestead duties Mrs. Anna A. Haven, now Mrs. Orfensen, a Saskatchewan settler.

The order giving the harrowing details of domestic trouble in the Orfensen family says the homestead was located in April, 1911, and the wife remained there until the following November. Making meanwhile certain statutory improvements. Some months ago Mrs. Orfensen was deserted by her husband, and left penniless with an infant. Last winter, with both feet badly frozen, she was admitted to the Moosehead Hospital, suffering from exposure.

The inspector of homesteads in this connection reports that the woman was put out of her home at night and lay in the open. After being taken to the hospital, it was necessary to amputate both her limbs and by popular subscription enough money was raised to buy her new ones.

QUOTATIONS IN THE ST. JOHN MARKET

Table with columns for Country Market, Groceries, and Canned Goods, listing various items and their prices.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER. Is the Housewife's Greatest Help. WHAT so tempting to the laggard appetite as a light, flaky, fruit short cake or a delicate hot biscuit? Royal makes the perfect short cake, biscuit and muffin, and improves the flavor and healthfulness of all risen flour-foods.

GOOD COAL SAVES THE SITUATION. Does your household ever oversleep these dark mornings? Everyone in a hurry for breakfast? Men folks to get away to work? Children to get ready for school? At such times, Consumers' Coal Co's Chestnut coal saves the situation. No dull, soggy fire, it is up and burning almost as soon as the kindling. You would almost think it knew what was expected of it. Give this coal a trial when you buy your next supply.

Grand Farewell to Merry Holiday Season. Biograph's Powerful Oriental Story "THE CONSCIENCE OF HASSAN BEY". Captain Bradford in "The Mary" Pictures. AFTER MARY GOT THAT WORRISOME TELEGRAM about her silver mine she hastened out west. There she discovered that her fortune was in danger of being lost as the mine was trespassing upon the claim of another prospector.

FELICITATIONS OF THE EPOCH. 1914 Photo Plays. 1914 Vaudeville. THE GAMBLER'S PAL. A PEACEFUL VICTORY. BEAUTY IN SEA SHELL. HOLIDAY HOURS—Matinee 2 p.m., Evening 7 p.m. 1914 PRIZE PHOTO PLAYS! BEST ON THE MARKET 1914.

HELLO! Give Me Main 1363, Please! That's the busiest number in the telephone book. It calls THE OPERA HOUSE The Thompson-Woods Stock Co. are playing THE TRAVELLING SALESMAN—TODAY and the latest New York Success, WHAT HAPPENED TO MARY—NEXT WEEK. Call the number and secure your seats well in advance.

RARE SPECIMENS EXHIBITED AT BIG POULTRY SHOW. SINGLE COMB ANCONA BULLETT. BLUE SWEDISH DUCK. The Poultry Show at Madison Square Garden, in New York city, continues to attract hundreds of enthusiasts, and the feathered prize winners are having a right smart time of it. The entries comprise some of the most interesting subjects and birdism is in its element.

MARINE OF THE SIGNAL SERVICE. Issued by Authority of Marine. Cape Race—Ch... Brier Island—wind, Manchester... Point Lepreau... Partridge Island... The Manchest... last evening and... Kendall Castle, an... day. Going to Jack... Cross line have... notice to with... freight service b... New York. Steamer Liner... for Sydney. Allan liner Vi... this afternoon w... gars and large c... Schooner Lucie... Randall, cleared... with 30,184 feet... 45,392 feet spruce... spruce boards;... for Stetson, Cutl... South African... due to steam fro... arly 20 with gen... New York on rou... Furness line... last night from... via Halifax. The Head line... has not had in... 36,000 bushels of... shipment of flour... White Star Di... unable to lie on... Sable Island las... The Express... for Halifax, was... at 9 o'clock. The Manchest... sail today for Mi... bushels of grain... deals, provision... She will call at... C. P. R. stea... this afternoon... with about fifty... cargo. The Royal M... George left. A... night at 9 o'clo... with passenger... general freight... first class, 100... third class pass... MINIATURE. January—Ph... First quarter, 4... Full moon, 12th... Last quarter, 1... New moon, 26th... VESSEL BO... Lake Michig... December 24... Manchester S... chester, Decem... Marina, 3,222... Manchester I... chester, Decem... der 29. VESSEL... Chignecto, 299... Lakonia, 3046... Sharnock, 117... Franking, Wm... Tyrolia, 4843... Inishowen Head... & Co. Corinthian, Wm... Virginia, Wm... Jernic, J. T. K... Manchester, G... son & Co. Chas. C. Lester... Calabria, 451... Vera May, 117... B. M. Roberts... Elma, 299... Hattie H. Barbo... Harry W. Lov... Helen G. King... Hunter, 187... Helen Montaga... Leah K. Stetson... J. Arthur Lord... J. S. Lamproy... Lucille, 164... Margaret May... Nellie Eaton... Orisumbo, 121... Ravolus, 123... Scotia Queen... Sallie E. Ludlow... PORT... Arriv... Schooner L... Haley, Oalais... Coastwise—St... Warrack, Ch... 32, Tweed, Sand... 75, Ogilvie, Bea... 30, Nesbit, Nor... Schooner Lac... ton, C. M. Kerr... Coastwise—St... 2,603, Garbutt... NEW YORK... Reports are... that business... improvement an... ed by lower mo... torents are war... dence cannot b... and that "hitch... Preparations... far-seeing inter... stantial increas...