

LABOR CONGRESS AND ORIENTALS

The Hordes of Asiatic Coolies That West the West Subject of Resolution. Dominion Government is Criticised for Its Immigration Policy—Want Glace Bay Investigation

Special to The Standard. Quebec, Sept. 23.—Two important discussions took place at the evening session of the Trades and Labor Congress. One was in regard to the mine workers' trouble at Glace Bay, a resolution being adopted calling upon the Federal Government immediately to appoint a Royal Commission to investigate the situation at Glace Bay, the calling out of the militia, the conduct of the militia and the whole state of affairs existing between the mine workers and the company. The other question which created discussion was the immigration of orientals, the resolution from the British Columbia delegate pledging the Congress to use its influence to secure protection for Canadian workmen from the "hordes of coolies from the East."

Not Satisfactory to All. The text of the resolution was not altogether satisfactory to some of the delegates, who thought that there should be some definite statistics for the executive to report when they went before the government. It was stated that the situation was not as serious now as it was formerly on until the coming into effect of the Lemieux agreement. This was not the general opinion, however, for one delegate said that Japanese immigration had trebled since then. The orientals' immigrants had already ruined the cooks' and waiters' and the tailors' unions in British Columbia and had practically secured control of the fashion industry.

Only Two Officers. According to the British Columbia delegate there were 500 miles of border, with only two immigration officers, and that hundreds of records could be had. The resolution was finally adopted. Resolutions in regard to the eight hour day, inspection of ships, abolition of the senate, old age pensions, technical education, etc., were also passed. The report of the secretary-treasurer showed that there were 36,071 members affiliated with the Congress made up of 467 trades councils and unions.

The Morning Session. At the morning session child labor and long hours in the cotton factories of the Province of Quebec were discussed. It was decided to ask the legislature to amend the law reducing the hours of labor and providing for improved sanitary conditions. There was a lively discussion regarding the fair wage clause in public contracts. Delegate Bancroft, Toronto, stated that agreements were openly violated by contractors and that the clause was useless as no penalty for breach of contract was provided in the fair wage clause. It was claimed that contractors should be made to live up to agreements. They were forced to put proper material into buildings and they should be made to pay wages. It was decided to ask the Government to appoint sufficient fair wage officers for all the provinces.

Other Resolutions. A resolution was adopted protesting against public men who held a dozen offices at the same time. A resolution was also passed in favor of an eight hour day for street laborers. A resolution was unanimously adopted protesting against the sale of the Intercolonial Railway to a private company. Fraternal Delegate Jerome Jones, of the American Federation of Labor, congratulated the workmen of Canada on their progress. Canada, he said, was growing immensely and was destined to be a great country. The American Federation of Labor, he said, was heartily in favor of the international labor movement. He believed the hope of the workers lay in the solidarity of labor. He denounced war and expressed himself in favor of universal peace. Mr. Jones declared that so long as there was one hungry child in Canada the two millions of organized labor in the United States would be interested.

Will Erect Statue to Father Lefebvre. Special to The Standard. Moncton, N. B., Sept. 23.—At a meeting in Shediac tonight attended by Judge Landry, Hon. A. D. Richard, Dr. Belliveau, Dr. Bourque and others, it was decided to erect a marble statue at St. Josephs in honor of the late Father Lefebvre, a former president of the institution, who died some years ago. The statue will be erected in front of the Lefebvre memorial hall.

HUGH FLETCHER GEOLOGIST HAS PASSED AWAY

Eminent Nova Scotia Scientist Succumbed to Pneumonia At Lower Cove, N. S. Yesterday.

Special to The Standard. Lunenburg, N. S., Sept. 23.—Hugh Fletcher of the Dominion Geological Department and probably the greatest living authority on the mineral resources of Nova Scotia, died at Lower Cove, N. S., this afternoon at 2:45 o'clock. Mr. Fletcher has been employed this summer in making a survey of the Cumberland coal fields. Last Wednesday he went to Lower Cove to visit James Baird, manager of Fundy mine, who was an old friend of his. Shortly after his arrival he was taken ill with pneumonia and notwithstanding all that medical aid could do, passed away this afternoon.

Mr. Fletcher was one of the senior members of the Exploration Branch of the Geological Survey. For over thirty years he was engaged in field work in various parts of Canada under Dr. Selys, Dr. Dawson, Dr. Bell and the present director. For the last fifteen years his work was in Nova Scotia, chiefly in the carboniferous regions of Cumberland, Pictou and Cape Breton counties. Mr. Fletcher's maps of the Pictou and Cumberland coal fields are of great scientific and economic value.

Other Fields of Labor. For two or three years he worked in Hants, Kings and Annapolis counties giving special attention to the iron deposits of the Nictaux district, and mapping out a large district on the South Mountain and adjoining valleys. It will be remembered that Mr. Fletcher was one of the expert witnesses in the Dominion Steel and Coal case. He was an extremely careful and conscientious worker, always willing to be of service to the prospector so far as his duty to the public allowed.

G.P.R. TO CONSTRUCT ANOTHER NEW LINE. Belt Line Will Be Built From Myrtle, East Of Toronto South To Whitby And North To Present Line.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Sept. 23.—It is understood that the C. P. R. will start at an early date upon the construction of a new line eastward from Toronto in order to reach a number of important lakeshore towns as well as several agricultural and industrial centers. This line is to be built under the local charters already owned by the C. P. R. and over a route surveyed by the company's engineers a couple of years ago.

Proposed Route. The idea is to build a belt line from Myrtle, thirty-seven miles east of Toronto, south to Whitby, and then run east to Cobourg, and north again to the C. P. R. line. It would take in Whitby, Oshawa, Bowmanville, Newcastle and Newtonville, important fruit centres, and Port Hope and Cobourg important manufacturing centres. There is also a line projected from a point further east on the C. P. R. which would bring them in to the Belleville district.

Last night the professional and business men of Charlottetown presented F. J. McMillan, manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, who has been transferred to Winnipeg, with a diamond ring and a handsome suitcase. The presentation was made by Governor MacKinnon.

CAPITOL FAIR HAS CLOSED IN BLAZE OF GLORY

In All 30,000 Passed Through The Turnstiles During The Nine Days Of The Exhibition.

BIG PRIZE MONEY LIST BEING PAID.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 23.—The annual Capitol Fair, Fredericton's biggest and best exhibition came to a close tonight. To be exact, 1006 people passed through the turnstiles making the total attendance for the 9 days that the show was open to the public 30,016.

Practically Intact. The main building remained practically intact until 10 p. m., when the strains of the National Anthem played by the Fredericton Brass Band were the signal for the work of dismantling the exhibition to commence. The exhibits which will be taken to Halifax are being hurriedly taken down tonight for shipment to the Nova Scotia capital, tomorrow morning.

This evening the live stock, including cattle, horses, sheep, swine, poultry, etc., is being loaded on a special train which will start for Halifax about midnight arriving there so that the stock will be in their stalls at Halifax by noon on Saturday. The payment of premiums was commenced at noon today by Treasurer McCready and up to 10 o'clock tonight between \$5,000 and \$6,000 had been paid out.

The total amount paid in prizes will be the largest in the history of New Brunswick exhibitions and will run between \$3,000 and \$10,000.

More Prizes. The special prizes offered to boys and girls under twelve years of age for the best wheat and oats shown in the straw all went to York county. Miss Nettie Moore, of Scotch Lake, Continued on Page 2.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY FAIR OPENS NEXT TUESDAY. Lieutenant Governor And Premier To Participate In Opening Ceremonies—Large Entry List Of Horses For Races

WALLBERG CASE IS RESUMED AT OTTAWA. Moncton Contractor on Stand at Yesterday's Session of Exchequer Court—Case To Be Continued Today.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Sept. 23.—The exchequer court case of Wallberg vs. the Crown was continued today before Mr. Audette, registrar of the court. Mr. Wallberg again took the stand and was subjected to a severe cross-examination by counsel for the Government.

He was succeeded on the stand by his bookkeeper at Moncton, Mr. Boggs, who gave evidence with regard to the plaintiff's expenditure for material supplied for the works and for labor, teams, etc. The court closed at 4 p. m., an order having been made for the production of the plaintiff's books. On these being produced tomorrow the case will be resumed.

Mr. Wallberg is proceeding in the matter of price under which he undertook the construction of extra facilities at Moncton.

PEARY PARTS WITH PROMISE AT PORTLAND

Given Rousing Reception On Arrival And Is Later The Principal Guest At a Banquet.

DR. COOK BANQUETED BY ARCTIC CLUB.

Portland, Me., Sept. 23.—Crowding pushing, jamming, fifty thousand eager men, women and children, their path ablaze with red fire, cheered Commander Robert E. Peary, the Arctic explorer, from the Maine Central R. R. station, a mile across the city, to the spacious auditorium here, this evening, where a public reception, one of the greatest in the history of the state of Maine, was held. It was indeed a grand welcome home.

The Only Maine Man. After receiving a continuous ovation from the Canadian border line on his railway journey across the state, the only Maine man to go north of 89, stepped from the platform of the Pullman car attached to the Bar Harbor express into a clamorous mob of impatient citizens. They had been awaiting his home-coming for nearly an hour. Almost immediately he was surrounded by a cordon of police who had to pull their night sticks to keep the swaying crowd away. Meanwhile two bands stationed in front of the depot struck up a lively air and slowly the commander made his way towards the side of the great granite building. Here he was met by Mayor Adam P. Leighton of this city and Mayor Fred G. Hamilton, of South Portland.

Liked Demonstration. "Well, what do you think of this demonstration, commander?" he was asked when he was finally inside the hall. "I am gratified and honored," he answered quietly. (Continued on Page 2.)

CHIEF OF POLICE IN TROUBLE AT OTTAWA. De La Ronde Talked Back To Newspapermen And Now His Competency As An Officer Is Being Investigated.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Sept. 23.—An investigation as to the competency of Chief of Police De La Ronde, instituted by three city newspapers, has been in progress for some time. Complaints are made that the chief constable was partly responsible for lenient sentences given robbers who recently stole diamonds from McMillan's jewelry store, and for the fact that one of the conspirators was allowed to go scot free, the chief being in possession of information that would have led to his conviction, yet did not reveal it. De La Ronde is also accused of using strong language towards reputable citizens and newspapermen.

CHARLOTTE CO. TEACHERS IN ANNUAL SESSION. Interesting and Instructive Addresses at Opening Session of Convention—Chancellor Jones and Supt. Carter Speak

Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, N. B., Sept. 23.—The public school teachers of Charlotte County to the number of one hundred and seven are in annual convention at Milltown today and tomorrow. At the morning session the address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. W. J. Graham, president of the institute, and responded to by Chancellor Jones, Chief Supt. Carter and Inspector McLean. W. W. Graham for many years chairman of the Milltown school board, also spoke.

At the afternoon session a paper on history by Principal Atkinson of Milltown and a drawing lesson by Miss Rena Gleason engaged the attention of the institute. This evening a large audience listened to splendid addresses by Mr. Jones, Mr. Carter, Mr. McLean and Surveyor General Grimmer. An orchestra and vocalists rendered selections and refreshments were served at the close.

DEATH OF MRS VENNOR NEAR MINNEAPOLIS. Moncton, N. B., Sept. 23.—Mrs. Dr. L. V. Bourque received word today of the death of her mother, Mrs. A. J. Vennor, formerly of Campbellton, N. B., which occurred at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. W. near Minneapolis. The deceased lady was the daughter of Seigneur Dion, of Quebec and was about 65 years of age. Her husband died at Campbellton four years ago.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, N. B., Sept. 23.—Sir Frederick Borden returned from England today on the Laurentic. The Minister if Mr. Borden declined to say anything whatever about the defence committee, saying that his first duty was to report to Sir Wilfrid. The Ross rifle, he declared had made good in England and closed the mouths of the critics. The Minister left at once for Ottawa.

THOUSANDS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE BASILICA

Imposing Ceremony Witnessed In Quebec Yesterday When Requiem Mass Was Chanted.

MASS CHANTED BY HALIFAX MONSIGNOR.

Special to The Standard. Quebec, Sept. 23.—The Basilica was the scene of a deeply impressive and imposing ceremony this morning when a solemn requiem mass was chanted for the repose of the souls of deceased bishops.

All the prelates attending the Plenary Council and a large number of priests walked in procession from the archbishop's palace to the Basilica, the bishops wearing black robes and white mitres. Mgr. Roy, Coadjutor Bishop of Quebec, led the procession, Mgr. Sbarretti, papal delegate, coming last.

Lined With Spectators. The procession passed through which the processions were lined with spectators and the scene was an impressive one. The sacred edifice was draped in mourning for the occasion and a catafalque was erected in the sanctuary, which was surrounded by numerous candles.

An exceptionally large congregation was present at the mass, which was chanted by Mgr. McCarthy of Halifax. The sermons were preached by Mgr. Bruneau, Bishop of Nicolet, in French, and Mgr. McDonald, of Victoria, in English, who both delivered eloquent panegyrics.

The abolition was given by Mgr. McCarthy, Mgr. Bruchet, Mgr. Languevin, Mgr. Begin, and Mgr. Sbarretti. The regular choir of the Basilica was present and rendered the musical portion of the mass.

No session of the Plenary Council was held this morning, but this evening a general congregation of all members of the council is being held in Laval University.

MONTREAL GAZETTE BUILDING GUTTED. \$75,000 Fine Loss In Destructive Blaze Which Visited Montreal Newspaper Building Last Night.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Sept. 23.—Fire tonight gutted the two upper floors of the Daily Witness office, the two lower floors being flooded with water.

The blaze was first noticed a few minutes before seven o'clock. It started in the top floor where the job printing department is located, from some cause so far unknown. When the firemen arrived it had gained a great start. The brigade did good work, though, and while the destruction of the whole block appeared imminent at one time, their efforts confined it to the two upper floors. The Merchants Bank building directly across Fortification Lane was saved by its water curtain and a heavy brick wall kept the flames out of the J. C. Wilson Paper Company's premises on the west.

The Witness had just installed a fine new press for the newspaper which was to have been run for the first time on Monday. It does not appear to have been damaged except by water and the linotype plant also escaped with a wetting.

THE ESKIMO IN UTOPIA ROLE

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MANY TEACHERS IN ATTENDANCE AT CONVENTION

Annual Gathering Of Westmorland And Albert Teachers' Institute Held Yesterday—Interesting Papers Read.

DR. WALKER IN ABLE ADDRESS.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, N. B., Sept. 23.—There were one hundred and ten teachers in attendance at a meeting of the Westmorland and Albert Institutes at Riverside, Albert County today. Beautiful weather conditions prevailed and nearly sixty teachers from Westmorland experienced an enjoyable trip.

The Morning Session. At the morning session Fletcher Peacock of Sackville gave a forceful address urging upon teachers more earnest effort and greater zeal. R. P. Steeves of Shediac read a paper on history giving the reasons for teaching various methods of instruction. Messrs. Jonah, Oulton, Peacock, Dr. Hay and Inspector Oblesen took part in the discussion.

In the afternoon Principal Anderson of the Riverside consolidated school gave a lesson in geometry and a highly interesting paper was read by Miss Flossie Estabrooks of Sackville on how to use literature in our readers. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, A. Jonah, Sackville; Vice-president, Mrs. Lawson, Moncton; Secretary-treasurer, S. W. Irons, Moncton; Executive Committee; Wm. Peacock, Miss McEachern and H. S. Steeves.

A Public Meeting. This evening a public meeting was held presided over by Dr. Murray of Albert. After a piano solo by Miss Turner, Hon. A. R. McClellan introduced the topic of the evening and called upon Dr. Thomas Walker of St. John who delivered an able address on the prevention and treatment of tuberculosis. Dr. Walker was subsequently tendered a vote of thanks.

SUFFOCATED BY STEAM JUMPED TO HIS DEATH. Similar Accident To That Which Wrecked Windsor Station At Montreal Causes Death of Mr. Edwards.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Sept. 23.—Nearly suffocated by blinding steam which poured from his fire box, Edward Edwards, a fireman on the Ottawa to Montreal North Shore train jumped from his post to his death between St. Augustin and St. Cholais, Que., last night at about 9:45 o'clock. A similar accident to a locomotive caused the Windsor Street station catastrophe this spring.

Sheet of Steam. The train left Ottawa on schedule time and at the time of the accident was going at a rate of thirty-five miles an hour. As the train reached a point about two miles west of St. Augustin a blinding sheet of steam burst out of the firebox. Fireman Edwards burned horribly, staggered to the side of the cab but there the steam was as bad, surrounded by the stifling steam he jumped from the train to the ground a distance of about fourteen feet.

The engineer who was about shifting hold of the throttle and shutting off the steam as he crawled out of his cab to a place of safety on the running board. There he clung until the train had spent its impetus. About three quarters of a mile up the track the fireman was found lying on the ground to the left of the track dead.

In the inquest this morning Engineer Wilson described the circumstances in detail though he spoke falteringly. There was nothing the matter with the engine when it left Ottawa," said he. No leakage of the firebox denoted defect. An explosion in the firebox caused the blowing out of the fire plug. The steam issued from this break in the boiler. He also said that such accidents were infrequent.

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Special to The Standard. Sydney, N. S., Sept. 23.—Previous to going aboard the Arctic steamer Roosevelt at Sydney, Prof. McMillan, scientist with Peary, gave the following exclusive interview to The Standard:

Hotter Than Equator. "From discoveries which I made personally, I believe there is sufficient evidence to prove the theory that the frigid zone was once hotter than the equator is at present," he said. "I found large numbers of vegetable and marine fossils which must be regarded as positive proof. In one huge rock, split open by frost, there was to be seen a perfect print of a great tropical fern. This was between latitude 81 degrees and 82 degrees 30 minutes. In the same region I discovered the petrified stump of a tree fully eighteen inches in diameter. Evidence of whole forests in a state of petrification were not wanting. From latitude 81 degrees up to 82 degrees 30 minutes, I found some fine coal seams.

At Water Course Bay, latitude 81 degrees 44 minutes, there was an especially rich vein, and near Black Cape, latitude 81 degrees 25 minutes, fossil remains of tropical animals were found.

Smiths Sound Eskimos. Prof. McMillan has made a hobby of studying the Smiths Sound Eskimos. He views with grave doubt any theories which may be made by Christiansize these people. "They are perfectly happy now," he argues, "why disturb them with something they do not understand? If the introduction of our faith would improve them, it was always a matter of interest to me to study the social life of these queer little people who call themselves Inuits (The people). They have their inherited ideas of right and wrong. If one starves they all starve. If one catches a seal he shares it with the unfortunate. They will divide what they have with a white man, but they will never issue an invitation to him. If he comes to their igloos they take it for granted that he will help himself to shelter and food. No other course occurs to their minds. Each man feels that it is his duty to take care of as many people as he can. Their social life is probably the best form of socialism existing in the world today.

These Inuits have succeeded in practicing Christianity, where many white nations have failed. They believe in a future life. When an Eskimo dies his companions bury him in the rocks on top of which his sledge is placed. Their lives are strange and yet near the sledge so that he can hitch them up quickly and depart with their spirits to the far away world."

This Star Would. According to Professor McMillan, these people have their own names for the constellations. What we call the Dipper, they style Took-to, which means "seven deer feeding on the hills." The Pleiades are "a pack of dogs snarling." In winter time they have a system of telling time by the stars.

"Now," said the professor, "what will be the result if the people are forced into foreign customs and a new religion? White men will come and sweep away the game on which they depend for food. These poor creatures like all North American aborigines may be degraded by contact with dominant races which want to reform and civilize them.

"The Eskimos do not live in one large community," he continued, "they form small groups of five or six igloos each and these groups are scattered all along the route from Cape York to Annoratok."

DESPONDENT HUSBAND DIES ON WIFE'S GRAVE. New York Man Shoots Himself Over Grave Of Wife Who Had Only Recently Died—Thought To Be Insane.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Sept. 23.—E. B. Hamilton, of New York, shot himself on the grave of his wife at Beechwood Cemetery at noon today. His wife, who was a native of Ottawa, a Miss Ring, died a few months ago, a short time after she had been married. Today Hamilton entered the cemetery office, asked for and obtained a bill of the cemetery expenses, went to the grave and shot himself through the head. He had been despondent since his wife's death.

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