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### A STRIKE THAT FAILED

The industrial crisis in Great Britain is over. The miners are still out, but will meet next week to consider the situation, knowing that they will get no support from the other great labor organizations. The Triple Alliance is, for the time at least, destroyed. The railway men, transport workers and the other organizations have refused to strike. The London Herald, a labor organ, declares that this is "the heaviest defeat that has befallen labor within the memory of man." There is even a suggestion that the Miners' Federation will itself split up. Had the miners been less obstinate in their stand, and more willing to accept a compromise in settlement of the dispute, the other members of the Triple Alliance might have stood by them longer. There is here a lesson to all who listen to the views of extremists in labor disputes. The miners threatened the country with a tie-up that would affect every inhabitant, and as a natural result the people wanted to be shown that this was necessary. They were not concerned about charges that capital was trying to crush labor so much as they were about the hard necessities of life brought about by paralysis of industry and transportation. They remembered previous experience when a strike made it necessary to ration the coal supply. Also the more moderate leaders and members of labor organizations hesitated to go to such an extreme as was proposed. They and the people at large are rejoicing today.

### IT SPOKE FOR ITSELF.

The answer to all the adverse criticism of vocational evening classes was given yesterday in Oldfellow's Hall, when those fruits of the work which lent themselves to display were placed on exhibition. This could not be done in regard to the work of classes in motor mechanics, electricity and some others, but the display of work in domestic science, dressmaking, commercial art, millinery and mechanical drawing was a remarkable demonstration of trained efficiency resulting from work intelligently directed. This was the work of persons who had not had previous training. One lady's hat, greatly admired, was, for example, the work of a girl who never made a hat before. Hereafter she will not only know how to buy the right materials to advantage, but to make her own hats. The story was told of one woman past thirty who started winter before last to learn to sew. She is now making her living by dressmaking. Samples of art work that were really surprising were the work of a girl who never had a lesson, but who ought to be given an opportunity to develop her talent in some great school. The samples of cooking, and the striking illustrations of food values were of particular interest. The exhibit drew large numbers of ladies yesterday afternoon and evening, but not nearly enough men; for all the citizens ought to be deeply interested in this great educational work. One could not examine the exhibit without being very deeply impressed with the community value of a work which adds so much to the efficiency and the wage earning capacity of the intelligent and industrious man or woman who in earlier life was denied the opportunity to get the right training. It would be a crime against the community to discontinue this work. It should be broadened and enlarged, and to that end earnest effort should be devoted before the fall session begins.

There is no sound reason why in the autumn St. John should not provide on a limited scale commercial and industrial courses for boys and girls who do not want to continue the classical course, as well as evening vocational classes for working boys and girls and older persons. The cost would not be prohibitive, and would be trifling compared with the benefit conferred on the community. A plan could be worked out that would make these classes possible, in advance of the erection of the vocational high school building which must sooner or later be provided. There is no excuse whatever for wholly depriving boys and girls and men and women of the advantage of training while we wait for such a building. The value of the work done in the evening classes during the past winter, despite the interruption caused by certain obstructions, was plain and was declared by the various speakers last evening. That work must be continued next fall and winter, even more successfully no doubt, and with it should go day classes on at least a limited scale for boys and girls who need such a course.

Having received an increase in salary, the heads of departments in the provincial government will no doubt give sympathetic consideration to the case of any of the employees in those departments who might fairly claim such consideration in regard to the salary paid them for their services.

The session of the legislature which closed last night was the most harmonious for many years, and transacted its business with unusual despatch.

### MR. WINDLE AGAIN.

"Open the gates for genius to make its way unfettered," said Mr. Windle of Chicago in an appeal in Ottawa, under the auspices of the Liberty League, for the free importation of liquor into Ontario. And he said, further:—"Temperance is a Christian virtue; prohibition is a Mohammedan ideal, and over in the United States we have caught up with Turkey, and they are trying to have Canada catch up with the U. S. A. Turkey has had prohibition for the last 1,400 years. England produced a Shakespeare and a Bacon; the U. S. A. produced a Lincoln and an Edison—and Turkey produced—what?" We can imagine the impression that talk of this sort would have on an intelligent audience, which could readily carry the lesson to its ultimate conclusion that the more liquor people drink the more likely they will be to become the parents of infant prodigies and towering geniuses. Unfortunately for Mr. Windle and his argument, there is ample proof that drink has been the chief cause of the alarming proportion of mental defectives. However, Mr. Windle appears to enjoy himself in Canada, which is perhaps an unexpected pleasure for one whose newspaper has consistently abused England and described her as a "heartless old hag." Here is an extract from that paper: "She (referring to Britain) now glories in the greatest annual of refined cruelty and crime ever staged by the devil on earth or in hell." The Liberty League chooses strange bedfellows.

Recently the citizens of St. John were astonished at the finished performance of a large number of children on the stage, and their capacity for training in music, rhythmic motion and dramatic art. This week the citizens have seen more than a score of matrons, with home cares and perplexities, throw themselves into an entertainment of an exacting and as well as an amusing character, and win laurels on the stage. Neither the little girls in the one case nor the matrons in the other were selected because of exceptional musical or dramatic ability proved by previous experience, and yet they gave delightful performances. Why not have a great deal more entertainment in St. John provided by the home folks? It is surely a matter of training. The material is here for great community demonstrations such as delight visitors to many other cities.

### CLAIMED HOUR OF LIFE.

Condemned Chicago Man Takes Advantage of Daylight Saving. Chicago, April 16—Sentenced to be hanged for murder while Chicago was under standard time, Sam Cardinella objected to being executed under daylight saving time. "When am I going to be hanged?" he asked Assistant Jailor Lorenz Moisterheim. "Friday morning at 8 o'clock," said Mr. Moisterheim. "Central standard or Chicago time?" "Chicago time," replied Moisterheim. "It's Chicago you're going to be hanged." "Yes," said Cardinella, "but I was sentenced before the time was changed. This rearrangement deprives me of an hour of life. That won't mean anything after I'm dead, but it will mean a lot Friday morning. The Governor can change his mind in that time." Jail officials changed the time to 9 o'clock Chicago time.

### BODY OF UNKNOWN BOY IN THE RIVER

Thought Body Came Over the Aroostook Falls During the Spring. Andover, N. B., April 16—The body of an unknown boy of about nine or ten years of age has been found washed up on the bank of the Aroostook river. Practically all of the hair was gone off the head and face was all worn away. It is thought that the body came over the Aroostook Falls this spring and that may be that of a young lad who was drowned at Stevensville, Me., last fall. Stevensville is on the Aroostook River between Caribou, Me., and Fort Fairfield, Me.

### MOVING AN 8-STORY BUILDING AS BUSINESS GOES RIGHT ON

Pittsburgh, April 16—Engineers are directing the work of moving an eight-story steel and brick business building in the downtown section forty feet from its former location. The work of moving started yesterday, and before the end of the day the 4,000-ton structure, including basement and sidewalks, was eight feet north of the original foundation. All service was maintained in the structure during the moving process. No furniture or stock was removed from the building, and employees remained at their desks. The change in the location of the structure was made necessary by the widening of Second Avenue, which is to form part of a new highway, the Boulevard of the Allies.

### MOONRISE AT SEA.

From any shore after I catch no scent If life the land a-port or life alee There is a rest, a vast tranquility Upon the waves like God's arbitrament. The gulls fly high as though their wings were bent Toward empty ports to which we may not flee. Those happy havens of the blest which Have dreamed of, some aerial continent. The harper of the sky evokes no tune From an air chord that mortal ear has heard; If any word is breathed it is God's word— Silent—when the earth first came to be. And out of the wan east crept up the moon, A great fire, opal on a silver sea! CLINTON SCOLLARD.

### LIGHTER VEIN.

No Glutton, Seedy One—What does a bath cost? Attend—Twenty cents. You can have twelve tickets for \$2. Seedy One—Twelve! Say, I ain't askin' to be a life subscriber.

Embarrassing For Him. Mr. De Schree (speaking introduced to Adoré One's mother): "Pardon me, madam, but have we not met before? Your face seems strangely familiar." Adoré One's mother: "Yes, I am the woman who stood up before you for two whole miles in a street car the other day while you sat reading a paper."

Raised and "Lifted." A certain general had planted a vegetable garden to the rear of his quarters. He had tried several gardeners, with more or less success, when a former soldier, the owner of a profitable truck garden near the post, offered his services. The general engaged him, and in due course the garden looked flourishing, but few vegetables found their way to the general's table. As the end of the season approached, the general began a quiet investigation and was immediately confronted with a resignation and a request for a letter of recommendation. He was kindly but very conscientious man, and the recommendation was as follows: "This man succeeded in getting more out of my garden than any other gardener I have ever employed."—The Argonaut (San Francisco).

"Anything in the newspapers, dear?" asked Mr. Mugg. "Not much, love," his wife replied. "Mrs. Gaybird, the well-known society leader, having remembered that she had not seen her daughter for the last five days has notified the police that the girl is missing."

"He's too great a stickler for the truth ever to make a successful novelist," said Hardy. "Did you hear how he ended his last book?"

"No," answered Smith. "He wrote: 'And they were married and lived happily ever after'!" said Hardy.

## IN PARLIAMENT

Ottawa, April 16—(Canadian Press)—Yesterday in the House of Commons motion to give government business precedence on Mondays and after May 2 was carried.

Amendments were introduced to the criminal code re defamatory libel, by J. Archambault, Chambly-Vercheres, and to the maple products act by Hon. H. S. Bland, Beauce.

Sir Henry Drayton announced that he hoped to have the budget ready at an early date.

The premier announced that it might be necessary to introduce legislation in regard to the Grand Trunk Railway.

Third reading was given to the following bills: To define Canadian Nationalism; amend corrupt practices act; amend judges act; ratify French-Canadian trade agreement; extension St. John and Quebec Railway Company charter; amend winding up act; respecting the Canadian wit board.

First reading was given to a bill to extend the period for repayment of \$4,000,000 Montreal harbor debentures, and to the nickel cologne bill. Estimates of Indian affairs, mines, geological survey and marine department were discussed in committee.

In the Senate interim supply bill, giving government one sixth of the total estimates was giving royal assent by the deputy governor general.

Senator Bennett declared that income tax return figures showed conditions in Canada, that were "ridiculous."

### LIST OF CUTS IN U. S. STEEL PRICES

Substantial reductions in the selling prices of the products of the United States Steel Corporation and its subsidiaries were announced this week by Elbert H. Gary, head of the corporation, after consultation with the presidents of the various companies. The new prices become effective tomorrow f. o. b. Pittsburgh.

The list of reductions follows: Billets, 4 x 4 and heavier, from \$38.50 to \$37 a gross ton; slabs, \$42 to \$38 a gross ton; sheet bars and small billets, \$47 to \$39 a gross ton; bars, \$23.50 to \$22.50 per 100 pounds; plates, \$24.50 to \$23.50 per 100 pounds; structural, \$24.50 to \$23.50 per 100 pounds; wire rods, \$37 to \$34 a gross ton; plain wire, base, \$33.50 to \$32 per 100 pounds; tin plate, \$7 to \$6.25 per base box.

Wire nails in kegs were unchanged at \$32.25 a base.

Mr. Gary would make no comment on the reductions nor reply to questions asking whether cuts in wages paid employees of the corporation were contemplated. The price list from which the changes were made went into effect on March 21, 1919. To give an idea of the size of the reductions it was explained that the cuts on tin plates save its quotations from \$140 a ton to \$125 a ton.

Former Navy Commander in Paris Tragedy. Paris, April 16.—William Ogilvie Hodder, former commander in the British navy and a son of Colonel Sir Henry Hodder, brother of Mrs. Winston Spencer Churchill, was found shot through the head in a room of a Paris hotel last night, says the continental edition of the Daily Mail.

Prominent Frenchman Dead. Paris, April 16.—Antonin Dubost, former president of the French senate, died yesterday.

## ROBBERS GAG CLERK, WAIT ON CUSTOMERS

Hold Cigar Salesman a Prisoner Under Counter, Then Force Him to Open Safe.

(N. Y. Times.) Three armed men, bound and gagged the salesman in a United Cigar store at 544 Columbus avenue, Monday morning, and waited upon two customers while their victim was held under the counter. They escaped with \$415. Although a police officer about two months ago, when robberies in United Stores were of almost daily occurrence, provided that uniformed men and detectives pay special attention to the stores, there was none about when James Horton, the salesman, searched for an officer after the hold-up. He looked up and down the avenue and yelled, but no one came. It was not until he called up police headquarters that detectives from the West 100th street station came to investigate.

Horton, a blond man, near eighty-eight years old, was in the store, which is usually crowded, but on this day there was no one about. A man entered and asked for cigarettes. Horton supplied him. The customer was affable, talked for a while, and then departed. Immediately after the man entered, and walked through the swinging door at the further end of the counter, through which the salesman must pass to get behind the show-case. The man thrust his hand into his pocket and poked something at Horton's ribs, saying, "Come across."

Horton, placed at the cash register standing at the middle of the show-case. In front of it stood a second man, taller and heavier than the one threatening him. Horton had not seen him enter the store. The man who had first entered and purchased a package of cigarettes was standing guard at the entrance.

Just as Horton was being forced toward the safe, a knock at the door was heard. It was the man on guard who had been the approach of a customer. One of the robbers tugged at Horton's coat and both crouched under the counter.

The other held the count and it did not open. The "salesman" leveled a pistol at him, and the other poked him again. Horton tried again and the safe opened.

But they were again interrupted. Another customer came in and asked for tobacco. The new "salesman" said he had none. The customer mentioned another make, and again he learned that they "were all out of it." He left grumbling.

The key of the strong-box was not in the safe and Horton did not have it, so the "salesman" had to break it open with a hammer.

After robbing the safe, one of the men produced a rope with which Horton was bound. They used a handkerchief to gag him. They then led him to a closet and put Horton in it, warning him to remain concealed long enough for them to escape.

When the cigar salesman emerged from the cabinet, still bound and gagged, he walked to a drug store about three doors away. Frank Oser, the proprietor, cut the rope and the handkerchief. Horton says the three men walked briskly up town along Columbus avenue, but they were out of sight when the detectives arrived.

The detectives took Horton to police headquarters, but he was unable to recognize any of the criminals in the Rogues' Gallery as the hold-up trio.

## YESTERDAY AT FUR AUCTION

New York, April 16.—(Canadian Press.)—Furs from the Antipodes dominated the morning session of the fur sale yesterday. The chief offering consisted of nearly 175 tons of rabbit skins from Australia and New Zealand, including both hatters' and furriers' grades. The former did relatively better than the latter, but the quantity sold was so great that it was impossible yesterday to give any real comparison between the average prices obtained and those of the previous year in January. This will be done later.

Buyers seemed the most interested in Australian, Tasmanian and New Zealand opossums, all of which moved freely. Ring-tail cat also sold well. Nearly 300,000 American opossum skins were offered, but they did not move as well as the deal of enthusiasm for the most part. The average prices obtained for northern and central skins of this description showed a decline from the levels established at the January sale of the New York Fur Auction Sales Corporation.

Sales for the day were estimated at \$475,000, and the grand total to date up to about \$2,130,000.

## POSED AS DETECTIVE.

Imaginative Clerk Sent to Jail.

London, April 16—Peculiar behavior by a clerk was described to the magistrates at East Ham. William James Lawson, 29, Shrewsbury road, Forest Gate, was charged with using insulting behavior and unlawfully representing himself to be a constable. Miss Winifred Constance Bailey, of Leonards road, Forest Gate, deposed that she was with a young friend at Manor Park Railway Station, when prisoner smiled at her and followed them towards Forest Drive. He passed and then stopped in front of them and said, "Good evening, dear." She told him to go away, when he remarked, "I am a detective out to arrest such people as you," and added that he had been watching her for a fortnight. They walked on and seeing two gentlemen, the girls asked them to make inquiries as to who prisoner was. Lawson repeated that he was a police officer and would blow his whistle for assistance. To P. C. Green, who came along, prisoner refused to disclose his name and address, saying he would give it to some higher authority. Lawson pleaded guilty and explained that he had had a couple of drinks and did not know the seriousness of the offence. The Bench fined him 20s. for the insulting behaviour, and 15 or 31 days' on the second charge.

Vancouver, B. C., April 16.—The preliminary hearing of the case against O. T. Grattan Esmond, on a charge of seditious utterances, was concluded yesterday, and he will meantime remain at liberty on bail.

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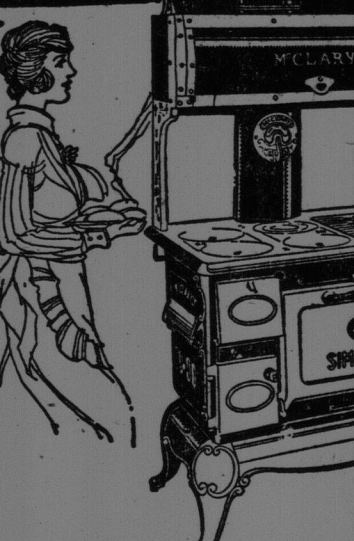
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