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UNREST AMONG TRAMWAY MEN HAMILTON EMPLOYEES TALKING STRIKE

New Mining Companies in Ontario --Chinook Visits Alberta--J. M. McMullen Dead--

Toronto, Feb. 11.—A Hamilton dispatch says the street railway employees are talking strike again. The company has discharged eight conductors and car men prominent in the last strike for taking fares from passengers and putting them into the box, instead of allowing passengers to do so. The men say the company is wounding them out and will break up the union unless stopped. Three employees have been arrested on a charge of robbing fare boxes.

New Mining Companies.

Toronto, Feb. 11.—The Gazette for last week announces the incorporation of eighteen new mining companies, with capital of over \$15,000,000.

G. N. Kidd, M. P., Dead.

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—George N. Kidd, M. P., Carleton county, died of typhoid fever on Saturday night at his home at Carp. He had been confined to his room for four weeks.

Death of J. M. McMullen.

Brookville, Ont., Feb. 11.—John M. McMullen, the Canadian historian, died yesterday afternoon at the age of 87. He spent the greater part of his life in Brookville. He published a paper named the Monitor, and also had a book store for half a century. The widow and a large grown up family survive.

Chinook.

Lethbridge, Feb. 11.—A week ago this town and district was snowbound, but a Chinook has restored the climate to which southern Alberta is accustomed.

Hockey Match.

Quebec, Feb. 11.—The Ottawa hockey team defeated Quebec on Saturday night in a game full of interest from start to finish, and extra time had to be played to decide, as the score was 4 to 4 at full time. Ottawa scored the deciding goal in two minutes.

Hockey at Montreal.

Montreal, Feb. 11.—The Wanderers' hockey team defeated the Montreal team on Saturday night by 15 to 2.

HART GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE IS NOT EXPECTED TO RETURN TO CHINA

Has Been Connected With the Chinese Customs Service for Nearly Fifty Years.

London, Feb. 11.—It is announced that Sir Robert Hart, director general of Chinese Imperial customs, will leave China for England at the end of February on a two years' leave of absence, and that he is not likely ever to return. This is regarded as the outcome of the appointment last summer of a Chinese as commissioner. Sir Robert Hart, who is an Irishman by birth, has been in the Chinese customs service since 1858. He became director general of Chinese customs in 1901. The office was bestowed on him as a reward for services rendered the Chinese government in connection with the international settlement of the Boxer troubles. He created the customs service and gave China a tariff which at the same time was stable and comprehensive to the business men having commercial relations with China. He has been behind every commercial treaty that China has made. He also established the light-house service on the dangerous Chinese coast, and the postal service, which is now being extended to all parts of China. He has received the greatest honors in the gift of the Chinese government.

CASTELAINE DIVORCE CASE.

Count Boni has Appeared From Decision of Paris Court.

Paris, Feb. 9.—The rumor that Count Castelaïne has appealed from the decision of the courts last November granting a divorce to his wife, who was Miss Anna Gould, of New York, is confirmed.

MANY MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE RECEIVED BY LORD AND LADY GREY

Their Excellencies Deeply Touched by Expression of Sympathy From People of Dominion.

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—Telegrams and cables of condolence to their excellencies, Lord and Lady Grey, have been received from all parts of the empire, the United States and other countries.

From the King and Queen came the following:

"The Queen and I feel deeply for you and Lady Grey in your sorrow and offer you our deepest sympathy."

"(Signed) EDWARD REX."

From the Prince and Princess of Wales: "Deeply distressed at your great sorrow. Offer warmest sympathy. (Signed) George: Victoria Mary."

From Princess Louise: "Deepest sympathy with you and yours in your great sorrow. (Signed) Louise."

From Princess Christian: "Heartfelt sympathy. (Signed) Helena."

SLIGHT CHANGES IN THE TARIFF NONE OF THEM OF RADICAL CHARACTER Ready to Be Submitted to House--The Proprietary and Patent Medicine Bill.

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—The cabinet had the tariff under consideration on Saturday. With the exception of a few items that were opposed, and some that were held over for amendment, parliament has already adopted the new tariff. The items that were standing upon were discussed on Saturday. All of them were passed. There will be about forty changes in all. None of them are of a radical character nor a departure from the lines upon which the revision has taken place. One change will have the effect of still further reducing the customs tariff upon farmers. Most of the changes are of an inconspicuous character that creep in during revision. A couple of days will be about all that is necessary to put them through the house, but this will depend a good deal upon the number of amendments which the opposition have to make.

Patent Medicines.

Hon. Wm. Templeman will introduce his bill respecting proprietary and patent medicines. It provides that no medicine shall be sold unless a sample has been sent to the minister for registration, accompanied by an affidavit as to whether it contains alcohol or poisons and their percentages. None can be sold unless it is of some composition as the standard sample. A registration fee must accompany each sample. Every bottle or package of medicine offered for sale must have the inland revenue stamp attached to it. If an analysis discloses that the sample submitted does not conform to the statement that accompanies it, or if the minister considers the medicine unfit for use the dealer will have an opportunity of presenting his side of the question, after which the minister may, if he so desires, prohibit its sale and manufacture. The act applies to any one who is not known as a wholesale manufacturer or importer, but who makes imports of proprietary or patent medicines for sale direct to consumers. The distribution of medicine samples from door to door is prohibited. The penalties provided reach a maximum of \$5,000 and imprisonment of twelve months.

JAP QUESTION STILL TO FORE IN 'FRISCO DISPUTE WANT LEGAL RIGHTS

Any Regulation of Immigration Must Be Subject of Agreement Between Governments.

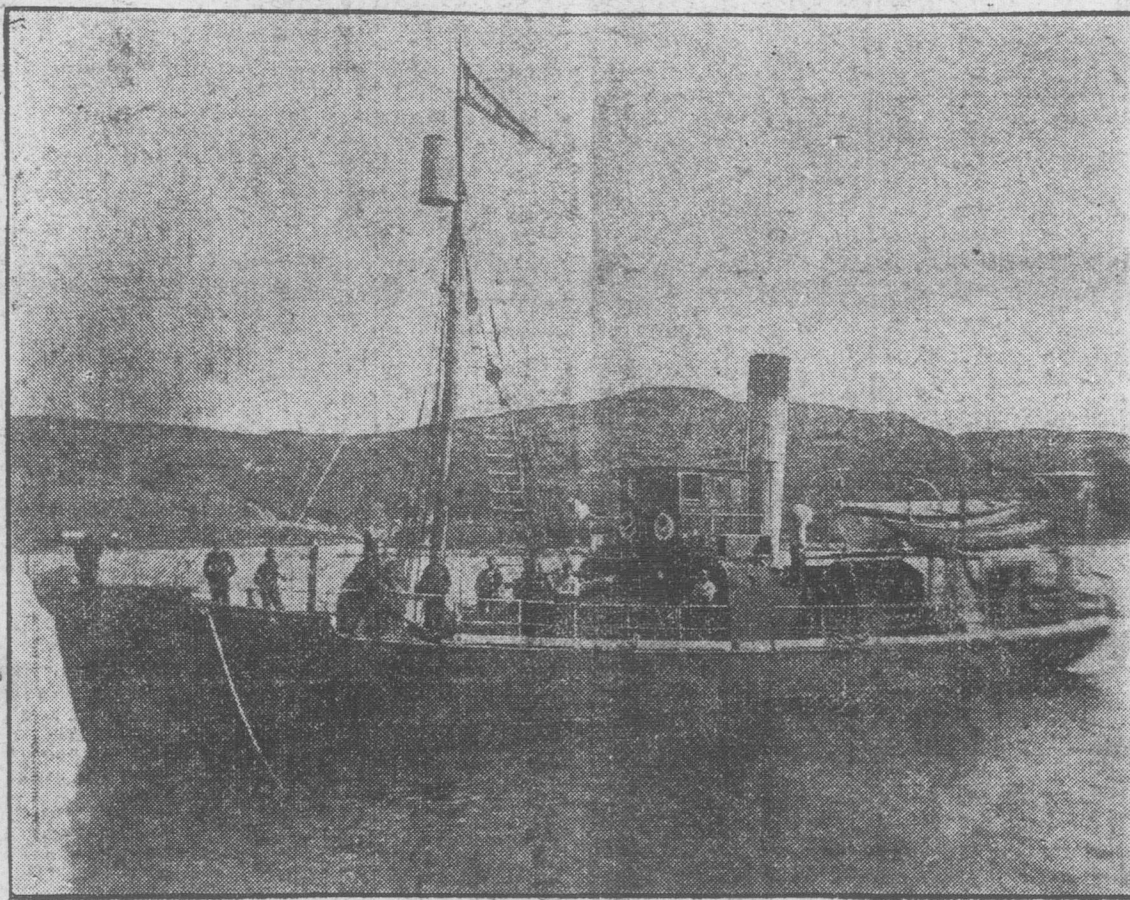
Tokio, Feb. 11.—(Afternoon.)—The Jiji, in a leading editorial on the San Francisco incident, expressed the disbelief in the possibility of the adoption of a new treaty. The Jiji declares that it is aware that a large number of Japanese are going to San Francisco from Hawaii, and that this immigration is causing jealousy on the part of white laborers. It contends that this is due to the imperfect provisions of the existing law, which might be remedied by an agreement on the part of both governments. Yet this remedial legislation, it holds, should constitute an entirely separate subject of discussion, as not concerning the present San Francisco dispute in which Japan stands by her legal rights.

KANSAS CITY TRAGEDY.

Bodies of Doctor and Woman Found in Office.

Kansas City, Feb. 9.—Dr. F. R. Merwin and a woman, said to be a Miss Slater, were found dead in Dr. Merwin's office in the Hall building late this afternoon. She had a bullet hole in the head.

Dr. Henry Toelle, who has an office on the corner of the street, was called to the scene shortly after 2 o'clock. He tried to open the door of Dr. Merwin's office but found it locked. Glancing through the glass panel of the door he saw the body of Dr. Merwin on the floor. The body of the woman was crouched in a corner of the room. On the floor between the bodies lay a revolver.



NEW STEAM WHALER ST. LAWRENCE.

The Pacific Whaling Company expect the arrival of the steam-whaler St. Lawrence, the latter vessel having been reported clearing from San Diego, her last coaling point, some days ago. The St. Lawrence, shown in the illustration, is a smaller vessel than the Orion, being five feet shorter, but is considered by those qualified to know, a better sea boat, her higher bows and greater sheer making her drier and more buoyant in a seaway.

The season of the year selected for her voyage round the Eastern coast was favorable in the Southern latitudes, and it is thought the St. Lawrence will have experienced a good weather throughout. Upon her arrival here the St. Lawrence will be placed on the ways, cleaned and painted, and will then proceed to the points selected on the West Coast for the new stations, taking up Capt. Balmou and E. Scaplen, who go to choose the building sites and to the preliminary details.

The St. Lawrence is at present in command of Capt. Ross, of Halifax.

WILL COMMENCE ON WEDNESDAY

DREDGE IS GETTING READY FOR WORK

James Bay Flats Will Be Filled Up by Centrifugal Pump Uniting Suction and Force.

(From Monday's Daily.)

The dredge King Edward will commence the operation of filling in the James Bay flats on Wednesday afternoon. The dredge is at present awaiting the arrival of the tugs Restless and Dauntless coming from New Westminster with pontoons and scoops. These are expected to reach Victoria to-night.

When the dredge begins working 1,200 feet of land and 1,000 feet of water will be used. Through this the mud will be forced by a centrifugal pump which unites suction with force. The pump is capable of throwing material 45 feet high, but will only be required to throw it 28 feet to reach the James Bay flats.

The King Edward has been fitted with a new pump made in New Westminster from Toronto. Captain De Boek gave these a preliminary trial on Saturday afternoon and found that they were much more satisfactory than those used here in 1903. He states that the dredge will throw up from 3,000 to 4,000 cubic yards of solid matter each day, and as the operation will last for three weeks, the water which comes through the pipes along with the mud will be deposited in a settling basin and from thence drawn off by the sewage system. It is calculated that there is about 60,000 cubic yards of mud present in the bay, which amount was recently brought by the dredge Muldank from the outer harbor, and deposited there.

At present the piling is being run across from the King Edward on pontoons to connect with the land piling, which is already in position. Operations have this afternoon been temporarily suspended pending the arrival of the tugs from the Royal City. They are bringing 20 scoops.

When the James Bay flats are covered with mud a surface of dry filling will be laid down. It is understood that 35,000 yards of this dry filling will be used, and the cost of the work will be shared by the city and the C. P. R.

FACTOR ARRIVES FROM THE NORTH

SEVEREST WINTER IN THIRTY YEARS

Grand Trunk Pacific Survey Parties Tied up on Account of Frost Bite.

(From Monday's Daily.)

After three days spent at Fort St. James without a trip to the outer world and civilization, Alexander C. Murray, chief factor of the Hudson's Bay Company for the Caladonia district, arrived in the city this morning. He brings his accounts for the local office, and will lay in fresh supplies for the posts under his control.

Badly frost bitten during the 225 miles by dog trail to Quesnel, Mr. Murray states that he is no exception to the rule. Nearly everyone in the north has suffered in the same way this year.

"It is the severest winter that I have experienced in the thirty years during which I have been in the north country," he said. "It is not an off-hand estimate either, for we keep the thermometer hovering around 60 degrees below zero all the time. For this reason the Indian hunters have not been able to do as much hunting as ordinarily, and the supply of furs will not be so great this season."

"On our way down here," Mr. Murray continued, "we passed many cattle lying dead along the trail. We made the 220 miles to Quesnel by dog trail in ten days, which is pretty good time. On the way we met a G. T. P. engineer northward bound, who had set out from Quesnel with ten days' provisions, but who had taken seven days to go thirty miles, not one-third of the distance."

Fortunately for the engineer Mr. Murray was able to help him out, and at Quesnel he heard by wire that the man with his two Indians had arrived safely at Fraser lake.

There are a number of settlers going in around Fraser lake, and a number of pre-emptions of land in that region have been made. Most of the pre-emptors have obtained permits to live off their land during the winter, and many of them have been working for the G. T. P.

Mr. Murray proceeds from here to Winnipeg, and will return to his post about the middle of March.

MAILS ARRIVE THIS EVENING

BREAK IN SERVICE IS ENDED AT LAST

Longest Break in Last Decade, Ends With Arrival of Four Trains at Vancouver.

(From Monday's Daily.)

Five Eastern Canadian and two English mails are expected to arrive in Victoria this evening. A telegram was received by the post office officials here this morning stating that the C. P. R. line had at length been cleared and the mails due previous to yesterday, had been received.

The receipt of these terminates the longest break in the service from the east experienced in the last eight years according to the officials here. In the early days of the C. P. R. delays were more common, but the service in the last decade has been most prompt and delays occurred but seldom.

The reception of the mail for Victoria, while it will lighten the minds of Victorians generally, means a huge amount of work for the staff in the local office.

The Eastern Canadian mails will mean 200 sacks of matter, averaging each mail at 40 sacks. The two English mails will mean an additional eighty sacks. The latter mail average anything from eight to 1,000 letters per sack and it is probable that over one-third of the above consist of letter mail. The sorting and distribution is a work of no mean magnitude.

On Saturday a few letters from the Eastern States were received, but none arrived either yesterday or this morning. The last mail from New York to reach here here that day on January 10th. It is evident that the block on the American lines has not been broken, so that the C. P. R. is luckier than its southern rivals.

Four trains arrived in Vancouver this morning and two more are expected in this afternoon.

The entertainment to be given by the ladies of the First Presbyterian church at the residence of Capt. Gould, 28 Simcoe street, corner of Clarence, on Tuesday afternoon and evening, promises to be very attractive, and an invitation is extended to all to be present. In the evening a good programme will be forthcoming. Admission is free. Tea, home made candy and a good collection of dainty hand-made articles will be on sale.

REPORT OF TEAW CASE.

Ottawa, Feb. 9.—The postmaster-general has been asked to deny the use of the mails to all local papers which printed the details of the evidence of the Thaw trial in New York. The postmaster-general said he had not read the report in the newspapers, but the law was clear upon the point and he would see that it was enforced. Any newspapers publishing flimsy evidence of a trial in court, he said, would be guilty of a misdemeanor under the act.

NANAIMO-ALBERNI ROAD TO BE BEGUN

R. Marpole Arrived at Coast--Will Rush Construction of Road to Develop Vancouver Island.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Feb. 11.—R. Marpole returned to-day from Montreal. He announced that the line on the Nanaimo-Alberni route will probably be commenced this year. It has not been finally decided yet whether it will go to Alberni town or not. That is the question which depends altogether on topographical conditions, and surveys will be made to show whether Alberni or some other harbor on the West Coast shall be selected.

Mr. Marpole has been appointed general executive assistant. He will continue to have his headquarters at Vancouver.

Amongst his new duties will be the supervision of exploration and the construction of new lines and extensions. He will be assisted by H. J. Cambie.

As vice-president of the E. & N. he will take direct control of the administration of the E. & N. land grant, relieving J. S. Dennis.

By the express direction of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy he will make a special study of the best methods of exploring and developing the great wealth of Vancouver Island, and will follow in a general way the lines laid down by Mr. Dennis.

The announcement contained in the special from Vancouver that the C. P. R. would be prepared to begin construction on the Alberni branch early this summer, bears out the information published exclusively in the Times several weeks ago that this was under contemplation, and that the Alberni survey was being rushed as quickly as possible with deep water on the Alberni canal as the objective point, it being presumably under contemplation to connect with the Empress lines there and expedite the transfer of the mails to and from the terminus on the mainland of the C. P. R.

Nanaimo, in contemplation of that city being made the landing place, has made a forward move in so far as real estate is concerned. It is reported there that the C. P. R. is entering into an arrangement with the Western Fuel Company at that city by which the old Southfield track may be used and the direction of the E. & N. altered into Nanaimo, so that it will enter the city on the waterfront. This would facilitate shipments of coal by the line, and also afford connection with the ferry line should it be altered from Lady-smith to Nanaimo.

In shortening the route across the Gulf of Georgia, between Vancouver Island and the Mainland, it was at one time in the history of the E. & N. seriously contemplated to bridge Dodda's narrows and cross onto Gabriola Island. With a railway carried out to the eastern bounds of that island, the run across the Gulf would be materially shortened.

It may yet be considered advisable by the C. P. R. to do this in their efforts to shorten the time in mail service and in competition with other lines projected.

QUESTION OF SUB-HIGH SCHOOL PROPOSED TO CALL SPECIAL CONFERENCE

Notice of Motion With Regard to Question to Be Given By Trustee Huggett.

(From Monday's Daily.)

The following notices of motion will be given at the regular meeting of the school board on Wednesday evening next:

I beg to give notice that at the next regular meeting of the school board I shall move the following resolution: That, whereas it is necessary that the question of continuing the "Sub High school class" upon its present basis shall be brought before the board, and that to form an opinion as to whether it is detrimental or not to the best interests of the High school proper, and physical resources; be it therefore

Resolved, that a conference be called for the purpose of frankly discussing the whole question of Sub High school work, and that the city superintendent, Principal Paul, the staffs of the High school, Victoria College, Sub High school and the principals of the public schools be invited to meet the members of the school board in such conference; and, further, that the minister of education, together with Superintendent Robinson, of the education department, be respectfully invited to attend, in order that the conference may have the benefit of their experience and advice.

ALFRED HUGGETT.

I beg to give notice that at the next regular meeting of the school board I shall move the following resolution: That, whereas it is necessary for the information of the board that a monthly report, recording his own visits to the schools and to the various classes, be supplied by the superintendent of city schools; be it therefore resolved, that that Superintendent Robinson, of the education department, be respectfully invited to attend, in order that the conference may have the benefit of their experience and advice.

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EXPRESS CAR DESTROYED.

Trunk Express Car, attached to No. 2, billed through from Toronto for Winnipeg, was completely gutted by fire on Saturday night. The cause of the fire is unknown.

The school girls' hockey match between North Ward and South Park teams, played at Beacon Hill on Saturday, resulted in a draw, the score being one goal each. The game was for the Colonel cup, of which the South Park team is the holder.