

BRITAIN FACES THE BIGGEST STRIKE YET

Masters and Mates Form Union Want Higher Wages and Better Conditions All Around

Steamship Officers Say if Demands Are Not Met They Will Tie Up Ocean Traffic and "Starve the Nation"—C. P. R. Wins the First Round.

London, Aug. 22.—The culminating strike of the series which has crippled the British carrying business during the past two years, is threatened by the officers of the mercantile marine.

The movement began today when the crews of a number of ships masters and mates tried to prevent the Canadian Pacific liner Mount Royal from sailing. The chief officer had been dismissed, and the men demanded his reinstatement. A substitute was obtained by the company, however, and the vessel left port.

The officers are well organized and are properly discontented and they propose to put forward before the end of the year what they consider their legitimate demands. Failure to meet those on the part of the ship owners will, they say, be met by a strike "which may starve the nation."

Indemnities in the form of money to the owners are not more than \$2,000 a year and most of them have families who live on the sea. Entire details of vacations are days work weekly with long hours, with no pay as well as at sea, and the health is lost as a consequence through work of judgment, are some of the hardships which are complained of.

Other recent strikes have failed, largely because the strikers were unskilled laborers whose places could be filled. The officers of ships, on the other hand, are a special class and a general strike by them would have the owners almost helpless.

CANADIAN CANALS ARE FREE TO AMERICANS

No Restrictions Are Put on Them Dominion Has Spent Over \$100,000,000 on Its Waterways and United States Vessels Use Them More Than Ours Do—This Statement to Be Used in Protest Against Panama Bills.

Special to The Telegraph.

Ottawa, Aug. 22.—The stand which Canada will take in supporting Britain's protest against any violation of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, which may appear in the Panama canal bill when finally amended and ratified, is being strengthened daily by the mass of statistics and records being collected by the various departments and by representations from many bodies interested in the outcome of the treaty.

Through there is little outward activity apparent, officials are industriously engaged in marshalling material for Canada's brief, and with the return of Hon. George E. Foster to the capital tomorrow even more systematic action is looked for. As the import of certain changes of the bill, as it is at present stands, comes to be realized, and their full effect upon Canadian interests is considered the objection of Canadian bodies are becoming crystallized.

In addition to representation undoubtedly being made to the government by the Canadian Pacific and other transportation officials, the Canadian steel and coal interests of Nova Scotia, it is understood, are joining in the protest against the coastwise shipping exemption. This clause, owing to the large quantities of steel rails and other steel products being shipped by Nova Scotia to Vancouver (at present round the Horn) is considered to be of very vital importance to these industries.

Though there is no probability of retaliatory measures upon the part of Canada, certain facts maintained by employees' commissions for many years enjoyed by American shipping on free and equal terms with Canada, will undoubtedly be embodied in the brief which will be submitted to Mr. Bryce.

Canada's Canals Free to Americans

It is pointed out that Canada's canals are free to everyone. The Saint Ste. Marie and the St. Lawrence canals represent a capital expenditure by the Canadian government of \$90,311,000, besides the great expenditure made by the imperial government, the records of which were destroyed by fire in Montreal in 1832.

On the Lac Beauport canal \$18,000,000 have been expended; on the Welland, \$29,000,000; on the Soo, \$8,000,000, while the Welland canal is being enlarged at a cost between \$25,000,000 and \$40,000,000.

This canal system, it will be pointed out, is maintained by the dominion at enormous expense. The interest charges, it is computed, on the capital outlay to date, only 34 per cent, would be equal to a contribution of nine cents per ton mile. To this must be added the annual cost of maintenance.

Despite this, of the 2,537,023 tons of freight which passed through the Welland canal in 1911 only 1,256,480 tons or 51 per cent consisted of Canadian produce. The remaining 49 per cent was composed of United States produce passing mainly from one American port to another.

The free use of Canadian waterways by Americans, who have never paid a cent towards the cost of either construction or maintenance is considered, apart from the unimproved term of the treaty, to be one of the strongest points in Canada's case in opposition to discrimination against Canadian shipping through the Panama canal.

The total tonnage of Canadian vessels using Canadian canals last year was 6,172,192, while the tonnage of United States vessels using the same canals, free and untrammelled was 12,291,192, or almost double.

In view of these facts Canada expects to be able to submit a case which should be calculated to strengthen the case of Britain very materially.

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Washington, Aug. 22.—John D. Archbold, of the Standard Oil Company, will appear tomorrow morning before the sub-committee of the senate investigating campaign contributions. The announcement that he would appear followed a day of bitter political recrimination on the floor of the senate devoted to an effort to show that former President Roosevelt knew that funds contributed by big corporations were used to help elect him in 1904.

The attack on former President Roosevelt today originated in a colloquy between Senator Reed, of Missouri, Democrat, and Senator Boies Penrose, of Pennsylvania, who presented a resolution demanding an investigation of the circumstances set forth in his statement to the senate yesterday, in which he charged that \$100,000 of Standard Oil money went into the 1904 Roosevelt campaign fund with President Roosevelt's knowledge.

Senators Penrose, Reed and Williams each attacked Colonel Roosevelt and Senator Pendergast of Washington, a supporter of the new president, came to his defense. Senator Pendergast charged that a combination of "regular Republicans" and Democrats was at work to defame Roosevelt's character.

Alleged contributions of \$100,000 each by the Missouri Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads to Roosevelt's campaign fund in 1904 were mentioned by Senators Reed and Penrose. Senator Penrose declaring that President Roosevelt was always in close touch with the national committee managing his campaign.

When the colloquy between Senators Penrose and Reed was concluded, Senator Reed made an extended speech, attacking Roosevelt and other Canadian railroads. He said that the \$200,000 collected for the Republican campaign in 1904 by E. H. Harriman and placed in the record all of the so-called "Archbold" correspondence recently published.

Senator Reed also attacked George W. Perkins, at present one of the leaders of the new progressive party.

When he concluded Senator Pendergast took the floor and characterized the day's proceedings as a "combination, an understanding, an alliance" between the machine Republicans and the machine Democrats against progressive principles.

INTERCOLONIAL PASS INQUIRY

Special Officer Tingley Tells the Result of His Investigations SAYS VYE CONFESSED

Former Clerk Said He and Ferguson Took Elank Passes from Transcript Office as a "Joke" at First, and Later Concealed the Idea of Using Them.

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Moncton, Aug. 22.—The I. C. R. pass inquiry was resumed today by Commissioner Egan Adair, of Sussex, Ralph Friesz appeared in behalf of the department. Gen. W. Fowler, who was present at the last session of the inquiry, did not attend today.

Mr. Fowler at the session last week examined Dr. C. A. Murray and did not finish questioning him when he left Moncton, asking that he be called later and that in the meantime other witnesses be examined.

At today's session three witnesses were examined—J. J. McKean, clerk in the I. C. R. audit office, and J. J. Walker, mechanical accountant, testified at the morning session, telling of the practices of the railway regarding the issue of passes and checking up of conductors' returns, referring to the passes taken up on the trains.

In the afternoon the only witness was A. J. Tingley, special agent of the I. C. R. who told of receiving a report in 1909 of irregular passes being issued on I. C. R. trains and of the results of investigation carried on by him.

Tingley said that in the latter part of October or first of November, he was assigned to investigate alleged irregularities on the I. C. R. A pass bearing the name of J. H. Meservy, was given him to inquire into. In September of that year Mr. Shannon gave him a pass that had been used twice, the name of the party to whom it was first issued had been given him to inquire into. In September of that year Mr. Shannon gave him a pass that had been used twice, the name of the party to whom it was first issued had been given him to inquire into. In September of that year Mr. Shannon gave him a pass that had been used twice, the name of the party to whom it was first issued had been given him to inquire into.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. R. KELTIE JONES

Well Known St. John Lady Stricken With Heart Disease at a Moncton Hotel and Lived Only a Short Time After—Was on Auto Trip with St. John Friends.

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Moncton, Aug. 22.—The sudden death of Mrs. R. Keltie Jones at the Brunswick Hotel here shortly after midnight put a sad ending to a St. John auto party comprising Mrs. Jones, Miss Addy, Dr. G. A. E. Addy and chauffeur, who arrived here about ten times from St. John en route to Nova Scotia.

It appears that the party retired to rest about 11 o'clock Mrs. Jones and Miss Addy occupying the same double room. After retiring Mrs. Jones, being unable to sleep arose about 12 o'clock to take a dose of sleeping draught which she had been in the habit of taking. In the dark she took an overdose. About ten minutes after she complained of severe palpitation of the heart. Miss Addy, who was in the same room, arose and aroused Dr. Addy who immediately responded and did all possible for the dying woman but to no avail. She walked around a few minutes after complaining of heart palpitation, then lying down expired immediately.

Dr. White, Ferguson and Botsford, were hastily summoned but when they arrived the spark of life had fled.

Dr. and Miss Addy are grief-stricken over the sad affair, and in broken tones Miss Addy described the sudden passing of Mrs. Jones.

Coroner Botsford after taking the statements of Miss Addy and Dr. Addy decided an inquest was not necessary.

Mrs. Jones was the daughter of Mrs. G. Byron Cushing, of Queen Square, and leaves behind her husband and another son, three brothers, and one sister, Mrs. Alexander Wilson, of this city. The brothers are George S. Cushing and Theophilus Cushing, of this city, and W. G. Cushing, a divisional superintendent of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

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The following officers were elected: President, Matthew Lodge, Moncton; first vice-president, E. T. Higgs, Charlottetown; second vice-president, H. J. Logan, Annapolis; secretary, Thomas Williams, Moncton.

The following resolution by E. A. McCarty, Newswick, and seconded by Capt. Reid, of Summerside, was passed:

"Resolved, That the executive of the Maritime Board of Trade be requested to call on the railway commission, when in Ottawa, and to secure an assurance from them that steps will be taken forthwith to compel the railways to charge in future the same passenger rates from the west to the east as from the east to the west in order that all the provinces of the dominion be placed on equal footing."

It is afternoon the visiting delegates were given an extended motor drive through the surrounding country.

At yesterday's session it was decided to urge the government to complete the National Transcontinental Railway from Moncton to the Atlantic seaboard, the line to take a different route from that of the C. P. R. and the government will be asked to double track the I. C. R. from Moncton to Halifax.

The railway commission will be asked to complete the railways of the maritime provinces to provide, when necessary, heated cars for the transportation of potatoes and other perishable goods.

The matter of the Grand Trunk Railway and other Canadian roads obtaining business in the United States was also discussed, and the government will be asked to limit the British preference to goods brought into Canada through Canadian ports.

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CANADA LIKELY TO HAVE UNDER SECRETARIES

Sir Joseph Pope Looking Into British System, and Similar Scheme is Apt to Be Introduced at Ottawa—Members of Parliament Will Be Appointed to New Posts.

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Ottawa, Aug. 22.—Sir Joseph Pope, under secretary of external affairs, who accompanied Premier Borden and his colleagues to England, will, on his return, submit a report to the government as to the formulation of a scheme for the creation of under secretaries of state as an aid to cabinet ministers in their seasonal duties.

Sir Joseph has, while in England, been studying the British system, and it is considered likely that a scheme along the lines in force in the motherland will be adopted in Canada.

With the ever increasing responsibility and labor of cabinet ministers the necessity for such a system has become emphasized for many years past.

The appointments will be made, as in England, from members of parliament and their duties in a general way will be to look after the lesser work of the portfolio which is considered that such a system would very much expedite the work of parliament, the time of the ministers at the details which the under secretaries could deal with.

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MILTON HICKS MET TRAGIC END IN NEW YORK

Body of Seaman on Dorchester Schooner Carrie C. Ware Found Floating in Harbor—Investigation Ordered.

New York, Aug. 22.—Milton Hicks, twenty-four years old, a seaman on the schooner Carrie C. Ware, sailing from Dorchester, N. B., Canada, was drowned in the East River today. The police and coroner are making an investigation into the death of the man.

Hicks was missed from the schooner by Capt. A. T. Ward, and he reported the matter to the police. Shortly after noon the body of Hicks was found floating about three blocks away from the schooner. It is not known how he met his death. There are no marks of violence on the body and the police believe it is a case of accidental drowning.

TORONTO BANK CLERK'S STEALINGS MORE THAN THOUGHT

Richmond, Who Attempted Suicide, Had Robbed Employers of Over \$26,000.

Toronto, Aug. 22.—The defalcations of Arthur Richmond, former teller of the Elm street branch of the Bank of Toronto, are far in excess of the amount which he is charged with appropriating. This morning Acting Inspector of Detectives Guthrie announced that the total defalcations amounted to \$28,087.08, and the charge against the prisoner will be amended accordingly.

Richmond was removed from St. Michael's hospital yesterday, where he has been since the sensational self-attack on his life on Monday to the jail hospital. He is recovering and will appear on the 29th inst. It is not likely that the crown authorities will consent to his being released on bail. He is closely guarded in the jail as the officials fear that he may make another attempt to end his life.

TORONTO BARRISTER ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

William H. Merrill, Worried Over Financial Losses and Ill Health, Cuts His Throat—Likely to Recover.

Toronto, Aug. 22.—Early this afternoon William H. Merrill, barrister, living at 27 Mainland street, was found lying in his bed with a deep gash inflicted upon his throat and a razor still clenched in his hands. Merrill was rushed to St. Michael's hospital and the doctors believe they can save his life.

Merrill had been worrying over mining losses and investments in northern stocks, and the fulfillment of many requirements while this morning his family physician told him that an operation for appendicitis would be necessary.

AMERICAN CEMENT IMPORTS INCREASE 900 PER CENT

Out in Duties Leads to Tremendous Business in July—Old Rate May Be Restored November 1.

Ottawa, Aug. 22.—Remission of half the duty on cement has resulted in a tremendous increase in imports from the United States. Imports were valued at \$33,920,000, compared with \$3,672,000 in July last year.

In July last year, there was an increase of about 900 per cent. The term of duty remission runs until Oct. 31, if it is not extended in the meantime.

THINK THEY'VE STRUCK GAS IN CARLETON COUNTY

Well Diggers Meet a Rush of Air from Hole They Bored and Prospectors Are Investigating.

Hartland, N. B., Aug. 22.—(Special)—Much interest is aroused over the reputed discovery of natural gas on a farm, three miles distant, on the banks of the Brasgumme. Well diggers were surprised to get a rush of air from the hole they bored, and the loud rushing sound is continuous. F. B. Carvell, A. R. Foster, Dr. Macintosh and others are today making investigations.

COURT FREES DR. NOBLE FROM VERDUN ASYLUM

Judge Decides American Physician Was Confined Illegally.

Montreal, Aug. 22.—Dr. Charles Noble, the eminent Philadelphia physician, has been confined since June 24 in the Verdun Insane Asylum, was granted his release this afternoon by Justice Demers on a writ of habeas corpus.

The judge did not dwell at all on the supposed mental condition of the plaintiff but gave judgment in favor of the release of the petitioner on account of a technical error in the commitment papers on which Dr. Noble had been confined.

Counsel for the asylum mentioned the fact that Dr. Noble had been confined in the institutions of his own country and if he were sane he was at liberty to choose his own place of residence.

The judge declared that by the statutes of the country a man could not be deprived of his liberty without due care, and the fulfillment of many requirements. Through an error, albeit a slight one, in the commitment papers, these requirements had not all been fulfilled and he therefore adjudge the confinement of Dr. Noble in the Verdun Asylum illegal.

ITALIAN BARK FROM ST. JOHN ARRIVES IN ROSARIO DAMAGED

Rosario, Aug. 22.—The Italian bark Gula, from St. John, June 28, has arrived here with damage, having experienced very rough weather.

SEVEN HOUSES BURNED IN QUEBEC VILLAGE

St. Paul d'Hermite, Que., Aug. 22.—The timely arrival of a detachment from the Montreal fire brigade early this evening saved the village from destruction by fire which, fanned by a strong wind and scarcely checked by the efforts of the local volunteer bucket brigade, was sweeping down the main street. As it was, seven houses were destroyed, including the parish house and the home of the sexton. The loss is estimated at some \$15,000, but covered by insurance.

UNEARTH \$125,000 OF LIEUT. BECKER'S BLACKMAIL MONEY

New York, Aug. 22.—District Attorney Whitman gave out the information this afternoon that he had unearthed six more bank accounts of Police Lieut. Becker, showing deposits of about \$125,000. The state's attorney has now located sums of money aggregating \$125,000 held on deposit in several banks by the accused police officer.

WHITNEY'S SHOOTING IS EXPENSIVE

London, Aug. 22.—Harry Payne Whitney has gone to the Holwick grouse moor with a party of American friends. Despite the fact that he annually pays \$75,000 for the Holwick shooting, his sports will be restricted to a few days.

MONCTON HOUSES DAMAGED BY FIRE

Edmunston, Aug. 22.—(Special)—Today about 4 o'clock fire was discovered in a house belonging to Joseph Mooney. The fire brigade arrived at 10:10 and ten minutes later the blaze, which was quite badly damaged inside.

ed him to the echo. Awaiting him he gates leading to the works were school children who in turn greeted with smiling faces also the singing of Maple Leaf, and God Save the King. A child wore a sterling silver stick, a silk badge both the gifts of Mr. Frink on behalf of the King Griffiths company as was told by the following inquiry on each of the badges: "Presented on the occasion of the visit of H. R. H. Duke of Cornwall, Duke of Devon and Stratford, to St. John, N. B., August 21, 1912." The children showed themselves to have been well trained and great credit is respect is due to J. W. Flewelling, his assistant, the Duke of Devon and Stratford of the reception to the duke who then were placed in a group and photographed.

groves, Indians and Gypsies, figured in group, and its cosmopolitan aspect led to a particular interest in the scene.

accompanied by R. Burton Stewart, of Norton Griffiths Company, his royal highness made a minute inspection of the progress of the work. He showed the of the extensive works to be carried out which were conspicuously placed on the site.

asting and other work was carried on his royal highness showed keen interest in the work. The whole place was in gala with decorations and the impressive the and the neatly dressed school boys presented, was greatly enhanced by presence of the tastefully decorated St. Paul's Church choir, which sailed up and down that section of the which fronts the operations.

the Parade.

fact the parade of the fleet of the Boat Club was the feature of the moon entertainment. The boats came with the fall of the King Edward according to the order, and then down the harbor headed by the flag-boat, with Commodore Gerow and his staff, after which came the fleet decorated boats, headed by the of Honor band. This was followed by Captain Corey, and after him the boats of the squadron all decorated. The fleet proceeded down the harbor around the point to Courtenay Bay, they made a circle, and returning to the harbor, being received by royal highness from the deck of the Gray. There were over 110 boats in and they presented a handsome sight up the harbor, much of the own having arranged special schemes of decorations.

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