

NEW PHASE IN RAILROAD WAR

CONCILIATION BOARD MAY AVERT STRIKE

Indications Are That Compromise Will be Effected in England Next Week.

London, Nov. 2.—The prospects that the president of the board of trade, Mr. Lloyd-George, may be able to avert a general railroad strike by arranging a compromise were brighter to-day. A full meeting of the executive committee of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants was held this morning and decided to postpone all action on yesterday's resolution in favor of a strike, until after the conference which is to take place with Mr. Lloyd-George on Nov. 6th to which he has invited the society to send representatives.

This is regarded as a significant step because the two meetings were held in order to support the railway men if they struck. The circumstances to which Mr. Bell refers, of course, was Mr. Lloyd-George's invitation to the conference on November 6th. The plan of the president of the board of trade is to form a permanent board of conciliation with an equal number representative of the companies and of the men and having an independent chairman. The railway directors apparently are willing to adopt the plan but the question arises whether the men having demanded complete recognition of their union, and direct dealings with the managers of the companies and unions will accept such a substitute. Partisans of the railways refer to yesterday's resolution as being a bluff intended to frighten the railroad magnates, but the supporters of the unions say the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants has cleared for action and that while it has not actually declared war, it has given its executive a mandate for war.

Public feeling against the strike is so strong that the men are bound to go slow so long as the companies show any disposition to arrive at a compromise agreement. Railroad shares fell slightly at the opening of the stock exchange, but rose later to their normal quotations, thus reflecting the belief in a peaceful outcome of the situation. Railroad men decided to hold a mass meeting on Sunday night at which deputations from all parts of the United Kingdom will be present.

EMPLOYEES TO RESCUE

Offer to Finance Chicago Manufacturer to Carry Him Through Crisis.

Chicago, Nov. 2.—Pay roll worries are not among the cares to-day of Henry M. Dawson, a manufacturer of mantels. A score of his employees, all working men, yesterday surprised him by offering enough currency, about \$6,000, to carry him through two pay days. If Mr. Dawson shall need more money before the flurry in the market is a thing of history, the men on the other side of his desk will bring more. Last week Mr. Dawson made several deposits which would have carried him through if he had kept the money in his own safe.

LIBERALS IN ONTARIO

Toronto, Nov. 2.—A. G. McKay, the Liberal leader, opened his Ontario campaign by an address last night before the North Toronto Liberal Association.

DEATH OF EX-M. P.

Winnipeg, Nov. 2.—Thos. Kellett, ex-M. P., well known here and formerly a member of the grain exchange, died this morning. He leaves seven children.

TWO MISSING IN TRAIN WRECK

Engine and Eight Cars Leave the Rails Near Eastman, Quebec.

Eastman, Que., Nov. 2.—The engine and eight cars of a freight train left the rails on the bridge near this place yesterday. Engineer Draper and Fireman McKenna are missing, and C. Sturgeon, one of the brakemen, seriously injured.

HUSBAND AND WIFE DYING

Springfield, Mass., Nov. 1.—Hearing two shots fired in rapid succession early to-day, the employees of the Highland hotel burst into a room and found Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Kirwin, of this city, apparently dying from bullet wounds, which the husband claimed were self-inflicted. They were rushed to the hospital, where they were both reported in a critical condition.

STOLE OFFICIAL PAPERS

Lady Stenographer Must Answer Serious Charge.

Chicago, Nov. 2.—Miss Etta McLean a stenographer in the office of the United States District Attorney, Sims, and Alexander B. Gorde, were held to-day for the federal grand jury in bonds of \$20,000 each on the charge of stealing important papers from the office of the district attorney. The evidence showed that the woman took numerous letters and papers and that Gorde tried to sell them to John R. Walsh, former president of the Chicago National bank, who is now awaiting trial on the charge of misappropriation of the funds of the bank, and to his attorneys. He received no encouragement from Mr. Walsh in any of his attempts.

HELD UP BY COWBOYS

Twenty-five Men Intimidated in Streets of Chicago—Wild Westerners Arrested.

Chicago, Nov. 2.—Two cowboys from Arizona, armed with revolvers, compelled twenty-five men to line up against a building at thirty-third and State streets yesterday just to show the city folks that they were real "heroes of the Western plains."

Policeman Walsh declares that he found twenty-five men among whom were several negroes, lined up against the front wall of the building, while Thompson and Rymer were dancing down the street, each flourishing two loaded revolvers.

AMAGAMATION OF INTERESTS TO HANDLE MEXICAN TRADE IN FRUITS

Local Corporation Has Joined With Seattle Company to Carry Out Plans.

A few days ago the announcement was made in the Times concerning the plans of two corporations which sought to develop property on the western slope of Mexico and develop trade with Western Canada and the northwestern states of the United States.

Several Victorians were identified with one of these, the Canadian-Mexican Development Company, while residents of Seattle and Mexico were identified with the Mexican Pacific Company.

A meeting of those connected with the two companies have been held in Seattle, and a fusion has been effected so that one corporation, to be known as the Mexican Pacific Company, will control all the interests represented.

The carrying out of the scheme now in hand will be pushed forward with all the expedition possible. Luis Ibarra, of Mexico, solicitor for the company; Mr. del Toro of Mexico, one of the directors; Mr. Fitzhugh Lee, and J. Morris, who were prominently identified with the Canadian-Mexican Development Company, returned from Seattle to-day. They are jubilant over the prospects, and are well satisfied that a union has now been effected.

In the new company, which is capitalized at \$5,000,000, with \$4,000,000 paid up, Arthur Bell and Otto Weller of this city, will become directors. There are also identified with it Mr. Lee and Mr. Morris, and Mortz Thomas of Seattle; T. Trenholm of the Northwest Steamship Company; W. D. Hodson of the Steel Company in Seattle; G. L. Campbell, of Campbell, Sanford & Henley; Mr. Grenholm of Montana, and T. F. Ryan, of Seattle.

The original intention was that one million acres of land in the valley should have been sold for fruit growing in small blocks by the local syndicate. According to the new arrangements half of this land will be turned over to be set out by the company, as well as the large holdings already designed for that purpose.

At once 10,000 acres will be prepared for bananas and work is already in progress. The intention is to be in a position to ship a million and a half bunches of bananas in the next fifteen months.

The transportation question is to be dealt with energetically. The company will build the railway from the valley of Acapulco, where connection will be made with steamboats. The corporation will supply its own steamers for the carrying of the fruit north to San Francisco, Victoria and Seattle. Five steamers are to be put on the run capable of making 14 to 16 knots, and equipped for the handling of the fruits in the best of shape for carrying passengers. Already the Ilse, a German vessel belonging to the Jepson line, has been chartered, and will be on the coast in December. The others will be secured later, and weekly sailings will be made between Mexico and Seattle, calling at Victoria.

In order to handle the trade from Victoria a warehouse has been taken and will be fitted up for the accommodation of tropical fruits. The premises occupied by Fisher and Lelzer, on Yates street, has been secured and will be fitted up at once.

No change will be made in the general plans by the amalgamation of forces. A large tract will be buying, preparing fruits by the company, and other areas will be subdivided and sold to small growers.

You are expected to raise your hat to the owner of a Swedish sheep when you go in to make a purchase.

GOLD POURING INTO AMERICA

STRENUOUS EFFORTS TO RELIEVE CRISIS

Government Coming to Assistance of San Franciscan Banks With Shipments of Coin

New York, Nov. 2.—Announcement was made to-day that the National City Bank has engaged \$100,000 in United States gold coin in Havana for import, that Farris & Co., of Boston, have engaged \$100,000 in gold in London, and that George H. McFadden & Brother, of Boston, have \$500,000 in gold now en route to the United States from Europe on the steamer Lusitania.

The whole continent of America is interested in the announcement of the approaching marriage of Miss Gladys Vanderbilt with Count Szechenyi of Hungary. She is the daughter of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt, and inherited \$12,000,000 when she came of age last August. Miss Gladys is not remarkable for her beauty, but is an all-round sportsman, one of the most skillful automobilists in the country, is an accomplished musician, has studied under Jean De Reszko, once editor of a children's church magazine called Spring Blossoms, and has been reported engaged to Mr. Robert Goetz, and at least had a dozen members of the European nobility.

MISSING HEIRESS STILL A MYSTERY

Man With Whom She Eloped Appears in London and Resumes His Old Life.

New York, Nov. 2.—A special dispatch from London states that Samuel Clarkson, whose elopement with Miss Maloney, a daughter of Martin Maloney, of Philadelphia, caused a stir a month ago, has appeared in London and settled down to his former life in lodging near his club in Piccadilly. Miss Maloney, it is stated, is not with him, and he refuses to talk regarding her whereabouts.

FEAR OUTCOME OF MAGNATES' WAR

Financial Interests Making Effort to Settle Fish-Harriman Struggle Out of Court.

Chicago, Nov. 2.—According to rumor, large financial interests in the East have united in an effort to have the Harriman-Fish fight over the control of the Illinois Central settled out of court. It is said that the corporate interests of the two companies are so intermingled that some of the financial interests in the East have taken it upon themselves to attempt to settle the matter out of court. The fact that the Harriman interests have not evinced haste in asking for a dissolution of the intricate fight between the Union Pacific Railway Company, the Railroad Securities Company and the Mutual Life Insurance Company from voting their 286,723 shares of Illinois Central stock would seem to lend some color to the rumor.

The Chicago attorneys of both Street and Fish and E. H. Harriman said yesterday that they had heard of any effort in the direction of a settlement. They also said that they were preparing to bring suit against the Harriman interests if it is understood that the proposition for a compromise comes from wholly outside the interests of the Harriman group.

FIRE CAUSES PANIC IN CHICAGO HOTEL

Five Hundred Guests Scantly Attired Rush Through Smoke Filled Rooms to Safety

Chicago, Nov. 2.—More than 500 guests of the Plaza hotel, North avenue and Clark street, fled from their rooms early to-day, when fire broke out in the basement of the hotel. The building filled with smoke and many guests had great difficulty in reaching the street.

BIG UNDERTAKING

Moving a Metropolitan Daily Plant Without Interruption of Publication.

New York, Nov. 2.—Papers in a suit for three hundred thousand dollars in salary between the daily editions without interruption of publication will be attempted next Sunday, when the New York Sun's printing plant will be moved from its site on the Manhattan terminus of the Brooklyn bridge to its new building at Spruce and William streets. When the last paper comes out of the press at 2 o'clock on Sunday morning, the task will begin of moving the plant before five in the afternoon. Within fifteen hours after the presses have halted in the old building, Herman Ridder, the Sun's publisher, hopes to have the plant so far in stalled as to have Monday morning's papers run off without any delay. To facilitate this spare press has been erected in the press room.

SEIZED CANADIAN FURS

Quebec, Nov. 2.—Word has been received here that the United States customs authorities have seized a large consignment of furs at Alburg, Vt. The furs were said to have been shipped by a large fur house in Montreal. They are said to be worth thousands of dollars.

DARING ESCAPE FROM JAIL

Prisoner Burrows Through Floor, Removes Stones From Basement Floor and Flees.

Digby, N. S., Nov. 1.—Chas. Elderton, who was in jail here on a charge of robbing Westmouth bridge post office, escaped last night and his whereabouts is unknown. Elderton had been alone in a cell since Tuesday. Last night he removed a portion of the floor, himself dug through a hole, then removed the stones from the basement wall and fled.

ACCUSED OF WIFE MURDER

Evidence of Strychine Poisoning Found in Post-Mortem.

Ottawa, Nov. 1.—The inquiry into the death of Mrs. Burns, of Osroode, was resumed to-day. Dr. Baptiste, who was the presiding coroner, read two letters to the jury from Prof. Ellis, an expert of Practical Science, Toronto. In the first, dated October 23rd, Mr. Ellis stated that there was evidence of the presence of strychine in the stomach of the deceased, which had been submitted to him for examination. The second letter, dated October 28th, confirmed the finding of strychine, as mentioned in the first one. Mr. Ellis is to make a thorough and final analysis, and will report later.

METHODIST BISHOPS MEET

Spokane, Nov. 2.—The biennial meeting of the Board of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church opened its work here to-day with twelve bishops present from all parts of the civilized world. Bishop Wm. Burt at a banquet last night declared that Romanism in Roman Catholic countries is simply paganism, and is not to be judged by conditions here. "On the continent the work of our church meets with great difficulty because there it comes face to face with their beliefs."

DEATH CUTS OFF PROMINENT FIGURE

W. H. Ladner, One of Province's Pioneers, Passes Away at an Advanced Age

One of the best known figures in the life of the British Columbia coast has been removed by the death of William H. Ladner, which occurred yesterday.

CHESB BY CABLE

British Holders of Newnes International Trophy Accept Challenge of America.

London, Nov. 2.—The London Chess Club, on behalf of the British players, has accepted the challenge of the Brooklyn Chess Club, representing the American experts, for the annual cable match for Sir George Newnes international chess trophy, which was won from the Americans by the British early this year. The trophy, until the defeat of this year, had been held by the Brooklyn Chess Club on behalf of America, for signatories. The next match will be decided in the spring of 1908.

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Money Was Signed Over to Her To-Day—Will Wed Count Szechenyi Next Month

New York, Nov. 2.—By affixing his signature to a brief document yesterday Justice McCall, of the Supreme court, placed Miss Gladys Moore Vanderbilt, youngest daughter of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt, whose marriage to Count Szechenyi is to take place next month, in possession of a sum approximating \$12,000,000. Miss Vanderbilt attained the age of 21st August last, and her mother's guardianship over her trust estate ceased.

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STEAMERS TO PLY IN THE NORTH

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY AWARDS CONTRACTS

Sternwheelers for Skeena and Stikine Will Be Latest Word in River Navigation.

(From Saturday's Daily.) With the customary enterprise which has marked the transactions of the famous Hudson's Bay Company through the hundreds of years since its inception, it has now decided to build steamers to replace the Mount Royal which was lost in the Skeena on July 18th. Yesterday the contracts were let and from information which has been received it is evident that the new vessels will mark an advance in river navigation, and will be better equipped than any which have hitherto plied on this coast.

The contracts for the hull and engine works have been let to Aleck Watson, of Victoria, while the boilers and machinery will be built by the Polson Iron Works, Limited, of Toronto. The two vessels must be completed by April 1st.

In the frame and plans every precaution will be taken to make the vessels in every way suitable for the conditions which prevail in the Skeena and Stikine rivers. They will be equipped with light draught with a high power, and a good carrying capacity. All that is best in river navigation has been considered in the drawing up of the plans. The plans have been drawn up having regard to the seventeen years of experience which the company's officials have had in the northern rivers, and they will be the latest word in navigation. Any disadvantages under which previous boats have plied will be avoided.

While the Mount Royal was the best boat of her class ever navigated in the north, the new steamers will mark a considerable advance on her. In length the vessels will be 136 feet, the extreme beam will be 30 feet. They will each have a carrying capacity of 100 tons, dead weight. The engines will be 75 inches in diameter with a six-foot stroke. One of the most important features in the new steamers will be the boilers, which will have a large steam capacity built to carry a pressure of 200 pounds. In this respect it is worthy of note that the Mount Royal carried a pressure of 200 pounds.

The vessels will be most modern in equipment, having electric light, with search lights, steam steering gear and very powerful steam capstans. The shafts will be of hollow nickel steel. The cabins will be as luxurious as is possible on boats of their type and size. There will be bath accommodation for 40 people, two baths being supplied in each stateroom, of which there will be 20. They will each carry 40 first class passengers, and it is expected that they will obtain a license to carry as many as 120 on board.

The boats are to be put into commission with the opening of navigation next season, and a better service than has ever hitherto been provided will be in operation on both the Skeena and the Stikine. Each vessel will cost not less than \$40,000, and when it is taken into consideration that the Mount Royal only cost \$30,000, it will be gathered that the new boats are an immense advance on the vessel which plied on the Skeena during the opening months of navigation this year.

The first in which the Hudson's Bay Company intends to enter to the needs of the northern rivers cannot be too highly commended. The company has ever shown itself most ready to meet the needs of the public in every possible manner. The two splendid boats, upon which construction will commence within the next few days, is a further tribute to the enterprise of the world famous company, and the fact that such palms will be taken to make these boats safe, as far as human ingenuity can make them, is exemplary of the wisdom of the officials who hold the reins of office in connection with that corporation. James Thomson, the manager of the local office, has been indefatigable in his efforts to secure a thorough service for the Skeena and the Stikine, and the character of the boats which he has built are a large measure due to the representations which he has from time to time made to the head office of the company.

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"Is the statement made yesterday, to you do not expect to be accomplished anything is the settlement of the question true?" Hon. M. was asked to-day by a representative.

"No, it is not," was the reply; "it is just about as plain as the nose on my face. Asked in connection with a report in the Standard that Mr. Templeman said: 'I am carrying on negotiations with Cooper and members of the government, and while it has been reached, or it has not, I still I think I may say that progress is being made. Cooper and eleven members of the band will be in England on Wednesday evening and could not be meeting took place in the Harry Helmecken, K. present as a friend and Indians. I told those people Dominion government Songhees had to agree of the reserve to the gave as reasons for the government, first, the band, which would better position on a secondly, the well as well as surrounded every side. I impressed and his men that it was ment, and not any part that was moving in the promised on behalf of the that the rights of the be completely safeguarded."

MYSTERY OF DEAD BODIES FOUND SHOT AT

Near Fifteen Mile Identified

Lethbridge, Alta., Nov. 2.—Manuel, an Indian, an mounted police scout, bodies of the three Indians near Fifteen-Mile lake. The man belongs to still and is no relation either were shot in exactly the same manner, and it is evidently with a large bore close range.

Coroner Rivers is to on Saturday. So far as the police have no trader, who, in the general probably the murdered band.

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