

STRIKE FEVER SEIZES SOFT COAL MINERS

Quarter of a Million Men Dropped Picks and Shovels Last Night

Differences With Operators About Wage Schedule the Difficulty--Trouble Not Likely to Be Settled Soon, as Companies Hold Large Stocks--Non-Union Fields Working.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 31--Two hundred and fifty thousand picks dropped from the hands of some bituminous coal miners of the United States this evening, not to be used again until a wage settlement has been reached...

BIG CELEBRATION PLANNED FOR TOLSTOVS BOTH BIRTHDAY

Paris, March 31--An international committee of men of highest distinction in their several countries is being selected to arrange a fitting commemoration of Count Leo Tolstov's eightieth birthday in September...

DRINKING AMONG WOMEN

English Physicians Say There is an Increase in Intemperance Among High and Low--Middle Classes More Sober--Society Women Drink Eau de Cologne and Chlorodyne--Some Statistics.

STRIKE OF C. P. R. BILLING CLERKS QUICKLY BEATEN

A dozen or more young billing clerks who have been in the employ of the Canadian Pacific freight department, Berri street, are today without positions.

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE. HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO. ESTABLISHED 1867. R. E. WALKER, President. ALEX. LAIRD, General Manager. A. H. IRELAND, Superintendent of Branches. Paid-up Capital, \$10,000,000. Rest, 5,000,000. Total Assets, 113,000,000.

FRANK NOWLAN FOUND IN WOODS DEAD AFTER DRINKING BOUT

That the wages of sin is death, is forcibly illustrated by the tragic ending of Frank Nowlan, who, deserted by his drinking comrades on Sunday evening, succumbed to exposure and was found lifeless about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon by a searching party in the woods back of McBeath's field, in the vicinity of the golf links.

COUNSEL IN INTERESTING TILTS IN HEARING OF DR. SPANGLER CASE

The taking of evidence in the Dr. Spangler case was finished in the police court yesterday afternoon, and argument will be heard on Friday at 2:15 o'clock.

GOVERNMENT UNABLE TO SHAKE GRAFTERS

Ottawa Despatch Says Civil Service Report is Welcomed by Section of Cabinet That Wants Better Order of Things in Different Departments.

Toronto, March 31--The World publishes the following from its Ottawa correspondent: Interesting comment regarding the purpose of the civil service commission is going so far outside the duties for which they were appointed...

CARNEGIE'S CHILD CRIPPLE NO MORE

Miss Margaret, After Two Years Suffering, Will Soon Discard Steel Support.

ALBERTA BUYS BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR \$650,000

Montreal, March 31--The province of Alberta has purchased the Bell telephone system within her borders, the price paid being \$650,000, the deal having been put through today by the Hon. W. H. Cashin...

WHITNEY'S PROTEST ALARMS LAURIER

Ottawa, March 31--Premier Whitney moved a resolution in the legislature today concerning the bill incorporating the Ontario and Michigan Power Company...

MONCTON FIREMEN LIKELY TO GET INCREASED PAY

Moncton, March 31--The city firemen are asking for an increase of pay. At a meeting of the fire committee this afternoon it was decided to recommend an increase of \$10 per man.

FORMER KENT COUNTY MILLMAN DIES IN YUKON

Moncton, March 31--Boven Smith, a former well known resident of Kent county, died very suddenly in the Yukon on March 3.

ANOTHER LIBERAL M. P. UNDER FIRE AT OTTAWA

Ottawa, March 31--In the house today two items for the coming year, one for \$4,883,415, and another for \$11,246,493. Mr. Taylor wanted to know whether it was right that Mr. Stewart, senior member for Ottawa, should be paid by the government for Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company premiums.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT COMPANION DURING HUNTING TRIP

Amherst, N. S., April 1--News has just been received here of what may prove a fatal accident which happened at Five Islands, ten miles from what is called Austin day afternoon, as a result of which Austin Davis may lose his life.

CONSERVATIVE CLUB IN BROOKS WARD FORMED

At a meeting last evening the Brooks Ward Conservative Club was formed with Norman P. MacLeod, chairman; Alfred Burley, secretary-treasurer, and a managing committee consisting of the chairman and secretary and Wm. J. Smith, Geo. Coburn, Lauchlan McVicar, Wm. J. Davis, Samuel Watters and Charles E. Hughes.

WM. MACKENZIE WILLING TO SELL WINNIPEG STREET RAILWAY TO CITY

Toronto, March 31--William MacKenzie was seen today regarding the report from Winnipeg stating that the city council was proposing to purchase the street railway at the current price of stock.

WOULD GRANT NO MORE POWER CHARTERS AT NIAGARA FALLS

Toronto, March 31--The report of the Niagara Power Commission to the provincial government recommends that no more charters for power be granted at Niagara, and all charters not now exercised be cancelled at once.