

HON. MR. KING IS STILL WILLING

Minister of Labor Would Gladly Do All in His Power to End the G. T. R. Strike.

TEXT OF LAST LETTER

Door for Further Peace Efforts Is Left Invitingly Open—Asks for Reference to Arbitration.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, July 26.—The text of Hon. Mackenzie King's last letter to President Hays, acknowledging the receipt of the latter's telegram declining the Government's proposal for arbitration of the strike differences, was made public by the minister this morning.

No further word has been received from Mr. Hays, although the door for further peace negotiations was left invitingly open by Mr. King.

In his letter to the Grand Trunk president the Minister of Labor says in part:

"As arbitration is only possible upon the mutual consent of the parties, I cannot but regret that your company has not seen its way to an immediate reference of the difference to a board mutually acceptable, as such a course would probably have led to an immediate termination of the dispute.

"It may be that in deference to the public, who more than either of the parties is suffering from the effects of the present dispute, your company may yet indicate its willingness to permit of a reference to arbitration. Should the company so decide, or should either of the parties suggest any means by which the good offices of the Government may further be used towards mediating the present difference, I shall do my utmost to see that such service, as far as it is in the power of the Government to render, is immediately rendered."

WIFE WAS DROWNED; HUSBAND ELECTROCUTED

Misfortune Relentlessly Follows the Bassett Family in Michigan.

Detroit, July 26.—Conductor Frank Bassett, of Algonac, operating a Rapid Railway car coming to Detroit last night, was almost instantly killed by electrocution while trying to fix the trolley on the car a short distance this side of New Baltimore.

It seems that the running gear of the trolley went wrong, and Bassett climbed on top of the car to put on a new pole. It is believed that in doing so the trolley pole came in contact with the high tension feed wire at the side of the track, and that he received a fatal charge of the electric current. He toppled and fell to the ground and was unconscious when he was picked up. He was placed on the car and taken back to New Baltimore, where he died in a short time.

Misfortune has followed the Bassett family rapidly in the last few months. He was an assistant cook on the steamer Frank H. Goodyear which was sunk in a collision with the steamer James B. Wood, 25 miles north of Pointe Aux Barques in Lake Huron, May 23. His wife, who was a waitress on the boat, was drowned, together with their little son, Johnnie, 3 years old. He and his mother, Mrs. Emma Bassett, of Port Huron, were the only ones of the family to escape from one of the most thrilling accidents that has happened on the lakes this season.

There are two little girls, Edna, aged 12, and Frances, aged 8 years, now left fatherless and motherless in Algonac. It was a pitiful scene when they learned that their mother and little brother, Johnnie, would never come home again, and now the tragedy is repeated.

Bassett had been a conductor only a short time. He entered the P. T. R. employ June 6 and passed his examination and went on a regular run only 10 days ago.

MAYOR BEATTIE IS ACTING MAGISTRATE

A Short List Awaited His Worship Today.

Mayor Beattie had a short session at court this morning. Thomas King and Alex. Donaldson, two citizens who got drunk and acted in a disorderly manner on the street, were each fined \$5.

Frank Hilbert, of West London, got on a C. P. R. car and was charged with trespass. He was fined \$1 and \$2 costs. Charles B. Chapman, Peter Phillips, Alex. Southern and James Slater each paid \$1 for riding on the sidewalks with bicycles.

CHARGED WITH USING INSULTING LANGUAGE

Young Man Appears in Court and Is Remanded by Squire Chittick.

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The defendant asked for the postponement on the ground that he was unable to secure witnesses to appear for him this morning.

It is alleged that a number of youths congregated at the corner of Adelaide and Oxford streets each evening and abuse passersby in the vilest terms.

Killed by Lightning.
Mr. Martin, who resides two miles east of Crumlin, had two valuable cows killed by lightning during the storm on Sunday afternoon.



SOME OF THE PROMINENT BOWLERS AT THE W. O. B. A. TOURNEY.
Among the number can be recognized Hon. A. G. MacKay, past president and patron of the association; President Jas. S. McDougall, Jimmy Tytler, who for years has been secretary; Dr. J. N. Wood, the new secretary; Andy Taylor, of Toronto; Frank Smoke, Paris, vice-presidents; Billy Jackson, Secretary Mackie, Toronto, of the O. B. A.; Dick Thomson, Paris; Dick Gosnell, Blenheim, and many others. They are all crack bowlers and fine fellows.

THIEL DETECTIVES EMPLOYED BY G. T. R.

Are After a Strike Sympathizer Who Is Said to Have Made Threats.

READY FOR THE FREIGHT

Company Is Preparing Crews to Start Trains at Once—All Is Quiet in the Ambitious City.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Hamilton, July 26.—The fact that Thiel detectives, employed by the Grand Trunk, are anxious to learn the identity of the members of the local executive of the strikers, who made the statement on Saturday that the freight train from Sarnia for Toronto, which passed through the junction, would never have left Hamilton had it entered the yards, is taken as an indication that the company is determined to show no quarter to strike sympathizers who make threats or attempt to interfere with the service. Efforts are also being made to trace anonymous threatening letters sent to some of the old conductors running out of Hamilton. Conductor Stuff, an old employee, in charge of the train to the Falls was so alarmed yesterday afternoon when he reached the Stuart street station, he asked for protection, and two armed detectives accompanied him on the run to the border. Conductor Stuff feared that two suspicious-looking men in one of the coaches, whom he took for strikers, were laying in wait for him.

Getting Ready for Freight.
The local officials have been busy getting crews ready to man the freight trains, and it is expected that the company will undertake to resume the freight service out of Hamilton today. All yesterday afternoon the freight yards presented the busiest scene since the strike began. While special constables patrolled the tracks several trains were made up in readiness to be sent out. During the afternoon a freight train came in from the Falls and left again without any sign of a demonstration on the part of the strikers, who watched the operations from the Bay street bridge. The company is shipping ice out in the baggage cars on the passenger trains.

Some of the big manufacturing concerns are beginning to worry about their coal supply, especially those with Grand Trunk sidings. Coal is coming in in large quantities over the P. T. H. and B. but there is considerable difficulty in getting it to where it is needed, as a result of the great scarcity of teams.

Engineers to Protest.
The strikers are confident that it will not be long before the engineers all over the system will protest against running trains with incompetent crews.

The busiest man around the Grand Trunk yards is S. M. Trusting, assistant trainmaster for the western division. He acts as brakeman, conductor, baggage man, and looks after a score of other odds and ends in his spare minutes.

Conductor Wilcox, Clyde street, who was badly beaten up in the riot at Brockville, is still under the care of physicians, but his condition is not regarded as dangerous.

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Canon Dann's Last Words

Members of St. Paul's Cathedral are recalling today the beautifully impressive remarks made to them by the late Canon Dann on the last Sunday evening he preached to them. In the course of his sermon Canon Dann said:

"Now I have a statement to make to you. I am going to leave you for a little while, because of the condition of my health, which has been poor of late. Perhaps I shall never come back. I have been your pastor now for fifteen years. During that time I may not have done all that I might have done as the shepherd of this flock. I have, however, done my best, despite the fact that there has been room for some criticism, which I know has been indulged in. I am going to visit England and my old home in Ireland, and I hope to regain my health. I leave you in the hands of Almighty God, the great shepherd of all."

G. T. R. WILL NOT TAKE BACK STRIKERS AFTER TOMORROW

So Says a Montreal Dispatch—Company Professes To Be Confident It Has Won and Claims to Have Solved the Labor Problem—Warns Old Employees.

Montreal, July 26.—It is announced that tomorrow (Wednesday) is the last day on which strikers will be taken back into the service of the Grand Trunk.

The company claims that it has now solved the problem of finding labor. It is besieged with applicants who are being instructed in the duties of trainmen and yardmen as fast as the examiners can handle them. So confident do the head officials seem to be that it is given out today that after tomorrow the door will be closed against the old employees.

So far the strikers have not yet weakened as a body, though a few returned to work. It is expected by the company that the prospect of losing their pensions will induce many of the older men to apply to be taken back before it is too late, and that if this happens there will be a stampede.

This is, of course, the company's view of the situation.

MAYOR SENDS A LIST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS

Underwriters Are Informed of What Has Been Done to Fight Fires in This City.

Mayor Beattie has sent to the Underwriters' Association the particulars of the improvements to the fire and water system of the city made since January, 1909.

His worship also made mention of the contemplated changes, and included practically everything that will be done to make the city safe from danger of conflagration.

The opinion is freely expressed that a substantial reduction of the key rate will follow. It is pointed out that reductions are being made elsewhere with less improvements than are contemplated in London, and there is every reason to expect that London will share in the same boon.

"The mutual companies are making the tariff companies sit up and take notice," said a prominent insurance man. "I am confident that London will enjoy a good reduction in its insurance rates."

MUCH MINOR DAMAGE DONE BY BIG STORM

Reports of much minor damage done by the storm Sunday afternoon and evening were brought in by the farmers at the market this morning.

Several small culverts on roads in this vicinity were washed away, and in some places the uncultivated crops were laid flat on the ground.

Two cows were killed by lightning on the farm of a man named Weir, on the Governor's road, a mile east of Crumlin.

Lightning partly unroofed a barn on the Day farm on the Rebecca road, north of the Governor's road. Luckily the building did not catch fire.

CITIZENS PAID \$100 DOG FINES

Citizens who allow their dogs to run at large have been worth \$100 to the city in fines so far this month. Altogether, since the muzzling order went into force, there have been 342 convictions, which, at \$2 each, shows a revenue of \$684. This is going some, and there are more to come. At the police court this morning George Hexter, Nancy Russo, Emily Bell, James Tomlinson, William Ward, William Dowdell and David Gilmore each paid \$2 for allowing their dogs out unmuzzled. Minnie Chant, a woman charged with vagrancy, was remanded until tomorrow.

ILLEGAL TO PAY FIFTY PER CENT

City Solicitor Further Confuses City Daddies on His Opinion on Cement Walk Bylaws.

MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Problems Raised by Ald. Richter Will Be Discussed This Afternoon—A Tangled Skein.

There will be a meeting of the special committee named at a recent meeting of the council to deal with the local improvement bylaws situation this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The opinion of City Solicitor Meredith on this matter will be read and action taken on it. It would appear from the opinion, which is somewhat voluminous, that the city is in rather a peculiar position with relation to this important matter.

As pointed out in The Advertiser some time ago, practically all the by-laws for local improvements passed by the council for many years have been illegal. The stamp of the Legislature, however, has made legal what was illegally done, and so far as law goes, they are all right.

New Petitions.
However, there are some petitions already passed, that will have to be repealed. Rather, they are illegal, and it will be necessary to have new petitions issued, and passed by a three-fourths vote of the council before they can be laid. There will be complications arise that bid fair to cause considerable trouble.

Not only that, but it is doubtful that the city can contribute 50 per cent of the cost of these local improvements. According to Mr. Meredith's opinion the city has no right to pay for anything more than the intersections, parkways, allowances, and for walks and other improvements laid before the city property.

The property-owners must bear the whole cost of these improvements.

A Loop Hole.
The act, however, affords a loop hole, and provides that the city may pay half the cost of any other proposition of the cost of the street upon which the improvements are to be laid.

The council before any grant can be made. This is not the case with pavements. The city can pay as much of the proportion of the cost of such as they think proper. Curb come under this same rule, provided they form part of the pavement, and are not laid separately.

The result of the opinion will confuse matters considerably at the city hall.

Ald. Richter Will Win.
It is the consensus of opinion at the city hall that Ald. Richter, who first called attention to this matter, will have his ideas regarding local improvements adopted. This will mean an additional cost to the propertyholder and less for the city.

The council will confuse matters quite a bit," said Mayor Beattie. "All the bylaws for local improvements that have been passed but not laid, will have to be reconsidered, and it is quite likely that new petitions will have to be issued, and new bylaws passed in accordance with the act."

On the committee are Ald. Richter, Ald. Tancook, Ald. Ashplant, Mayor Beattie and Ald. Eckert.

TWO PRECOCIOUS JUVENILE THIEVES

Canton, Ohio, July 26.—Because they wanted to be "bad men" and also needed money to treat their sweethearts, John Warner and Ray Metcalf, each 11 years old, committed 600 burglaries. After confessing to their misdeeds they led the police to a disused cellar, where they had cached the diamond ring which was recovered, which they had sold for twelve cents, and a gold watch which had been disposed of for 15 cents.

Their operations extended from P. S. Liverpool to Lorain, and, according to their confession, some one by the police reports, in one day they entered as many as 75 houses.

Wagon Case Settled.
Hugh Cameron, of London Township, who sued G. E. Fitzgerald for \$40, which, he claimed, was due him on wages, has settled out of court with the defendant. The case was to have been heard today before Squire Taylor.

IS DR. CRIPPEN IN CUSTODY?

London Express Prints a Story Telling of Arrest of the Alleged Murderer.

TALKING OVER ESCAPE

It Is Said When He and His "Son" Were Apprehended—Had Been Hiding in Brussels, It Is Said.

London, July 26.—The Daily Express, without indicating the source of its information, says that the suspicions aroused on the steamer Montrose that the boy travelling under the name of Holmson was Miss Ethel Levene, the companion of Dr. Crippen, were confirmed on July 22, when the Rev. Mr. Robinson, otherwise Dr. Crippen, and his ostensible son were overheard discussing their escape from the police.

Captain Kendall thereupon sent several wireless messages, to which replies were received.

Then Captain Kendall and two of his officers arrested the pair on July 23. Crippen on the charge of murder and Miss Levene on the charge of illegally personating a boy. The latter burst into tears when she was arrested.

Crippen was deprived of a revolver and cartridges and a penknife. The two are now in separate cabins and are closely watched.

Crippen declares that he can prove his innocence.

Miss Levene, according to the Express, is in a state of collapse and is eager to make a sworn statement.

In Hiding in Brussels.
Inquiries have been established that Crippen and the Levene woman spent all the time from July 10 to July 20 in Brussels, staying at an obscure hotel. Thence they went to Antwerp. They have not been in France at all.

Scotland Yard deprecates the certain assumption that the couple on the Montrose are Crippen and Miss Levene. The detectives say that nothing can be deduced so far as is known by the female fugitive dressed as a young man. Young women often dress as boys on long distance voyages in order to avoid being separated from their fathers or brothers.

Story Is Denied.
London, July 26 (Later).—Dr. Crippen has not been arrested and Miss Levene has not confessed so far as is known by the officials of Scotland Yard today. They absolutely discredit the published stories to the contrary.

PRISON FOR PERJURER

Secretary of Insurance Company Sent to Penitentiary for Fraud.

Syracuse, N. Y., July 26.—Willard H. Peck, secretary of the People's Mutual Life Insurance Association, was today convicted of perjury, was today sentenced by Justice De Angelis to serve not less than two nor more than five years in Auburn state prison.

The court granted a certificate of reasonable doubt after appeal was made by Peck's attorney, and bail of \$7500 was set.

The charge upon which Peck was convicted was based upon the variance of his testimony before Superintendent Hotchkiss in relation to the sale of the company to John Tavis, of Louisville, Ky., and the reports he swore to as secretary of the company.

THE WEATHER

Tomorrow—Showers.
FORECAST.
Toronto, July 26—5 a.m. fine.

Today—Moderate northwesterly winds; fine.

Wednesday—Light variable winds, with local showers; advancing barometer.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. Max. Min. Weather.
Caledonia. 68 42 Clear
Windsor. 68 42 Clear
Port Arthur. 74 55 Cloudy
Toronto. 64 44 Clear
Ottawa. 69 61 Cloudy
Montreal. 82 66 Cloudy
Quebec. 69 50 Cloudy
Father Point. 28 50 Rain

WEATHER NOTES.
The area of low pressure which was over Quebec yesterday is now moving across the gulf, and a shallow trough of low pressure is advancing eastward across the Great Lakes.

REV. CANON DANN DIED IN ENGLAND

Rector of St. Paul's Cathedral Passed Away at Bournemouth on Sunday Night

ON A TRIP FOR HEALTH

Had Been Ailing for Some Time—News Comes as a Great Shock to Very Many Londoners.

A cablegram received last night announces that Rev. Canon Dann, rector of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, died on Sunday at Bournemouth, England. The dispatch reads as follows: "London, July 26.—Rev. A. G. Dann, of London, Ont., died yesterday at Bournemouth."

Canon Dann, accompanied by Mrs. Dann and their son, had sailed a week ago Saturday from Montreal on the Allan Line Canada, and intended spending some months in England and Ireland.

For some time past the canon's health had been such as to cause alarm to his friends, and it was in the hope of recuperating that he undertook the trip. He was, it is supposed, on his way to visit his brother in Bristol, England. Bournemouth is about forty miles from Bristol, and it is thought that Canon Dann would land on Saturday, and being in a very serious state was hurried at once to Bournemouth, which is a famous health resort.

Profound Sorrow in London.
The news of his death was most unexpected, and brings sorrow not only to a host of friends in London, but throughout Western Ontario. Clergymen and citizens alike expressed the deepest regret at the removal of one whom all had learned to love and esteem for his genial and kindly ways.

Next month Canon Dann would have celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his coming to London from the city of Limerick, Ireland.

At that time he was appointed assistant to the Rev. Canon Innes.

In Limerick, Canon Dann had been Continued on Page Eight.

FORMER TORONTO PASTOR INJURED

Rev. W. J. McCaughan and Wife Jumped From a Burning Hotel in Belfast, Ireland.

KELVIN HOTEL BURNED

Couple Threw Themselves From Upper Window to the Pavement Below—Three Employees Met Death.

[Associated Press Dispatch.]
Belfast, Ireland, July 26.—The swift though the Kelvin Hotel today burning to death three employees, while several guests received frightful injuries. Five of the guests were dangerously burned and others are in a serious condition.

Among those surviving who suffered most were the Rev. Wm. John McCaughan, for several years pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, Ont., and his wife.

The McCaughans were caught on an upper floor and attempting to make an exit through the hall were terribly burned.

Their escape through the usual exits being cut off by the flames the minister and his wife finally threw themselves from an upper window. Both struck the pavement with great force, and when they were removed to a hospital it was found that the skulls of both had been fractured. The condition of the two is critical.

Mr. McCaughan resigned his pastorate in Chicago in May, 1899, to become pastor of the May street congregation in this city.

PITCHER KILLS BABY

Hits Little One on the Head When Throwing Ball to the Catcher.

Indianapolis, July 26.—Alvin Mattingly, an amateur baseball player, was fined in jail today in default of \$5000 bail, charged with killing flex Stephens, a child of two years.

Mattingly threw the ball, and passing the catcher, it struck the child on the head and it died at once.

KILLED IN DETROIT

Breeze Dana Was Run Over by Auto—Had Wealthy Sister in Toronto.

Detroit, July 26.—The police here are trying to locate the relatives of Breeze Dana, aged 64, who was run over and killed by an automobile here.

Dana is said to have a sister residing in Toronto, who is very wealthy, but nothing has yet been heard from the Canadian city. Dana was at one time a prominent and wealthy resident of this city, but lost his fortune in speculation.

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