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FIFTY-THIRD YEAR

COAL STRIKE

Four Hundred Thousand Men Will Go Out in Anthracite and Bituminous Collieries of Eastern States

REFERENDUM VOTE ON WAGE AGREEMENT

Unions' Policy Committee Believes That Miners Will Favor New Agreement - Suspension Only Automatic

CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 30,-While 400,000 anthracite and bituminous miners are prepared to quit work tomorrow at midnight, when their resent wage agreements expire, the pperators and union officials took steps today to make as brief as possible he stoppage of coal production. The 170,000 anthracite miners in Pennsylvania are prepared to quit for an indefinite period but arrangements were completed today for a re-opening of negotiations to settle their wage dispute. The operators and miners conerence will be held in Philadelphia on April 10. A month's suspension in th Anthracite mines was believed prob-

The bituminous miners, after an eleven days, conference with the oper ators here, have made an agreement which will give them a slight increase in pay. Agreement must be ratified by the union and then by a referendum vote of the union, a suspension in the bituminous mines will begin pending the results of the final vote.

Reports to the head of the United Mine Western

Mine Workers of America indicated that the bituminous was agreement stated that the suspension in all the mines involved would cause a loss in coal production to the country of 41,-900,000 tons a month, and the men would lose in pay one million dollars every day they remained out.

The increase in pay to the bitumin-ous miners' scale by their new contract will amount to more than \$15,-000,000 a year.

The union contracts in Montana, Washington and Colorado do not expire on April 1.

PHILADELPHIA, March 30 - That suspension of mining in the anthracite coal regions will not last more than a month was the expressed belief of coal operators in the hard coal fields today when they learned that the representaives of the miners and the committee of operators will meet in Philadelphia April 10 to resume negotiations.

Reports from various sections show he mine workers expect they will be given an increase in wages, probably about 10 per cent., and that they will have to recede from some of their de-mands. The news that another conference is to be held spread rapidly through the coal country and created good feeling among the men.

The initiative for the reopening of negotiations was taken by anthracite miners in a telegram to George F. Baer, president of the Reading company and chairman of the operato-3. President Baer stated the operators were willing to meet the men and fixing of a date quickly followed.

CLEVELAND, O., March 30 .- The nion's policy committee tonight issued statement that it formally had ratified the bituminous wage agreement.
The statement says:

Arrangements will be made to have the referendum vote taken at once. There is little doubt that the miners vote in favor of the new agree-

An automatic suspension of work of the anthracite mines will take effect on Monday. An indefinite suspension, which may develop into a strike, ought be avoided.

"The outcome of the negotiations here removes any excuse the anthracite op-erators may have had heretofore in re-

WORLD'S RECORD

fusing the miners' demands."

George H. Goulding Covers Four Miles in Less Than 29 Minutes

NEW YORK, March 30 .- George H. ulding, of the Central Track and Field team of Toronto, Canada, estabished a new world's amateur indoor walking record for four miles at the 3rd Regiment Armory tonight. The rack measured eight laps to the mile and Goulding covered the thirty-two laps in 28 minutes 40 1-5 seconds, mashing the old mark of 29: 40 3-6 made by T. P. Armstrong, 25 years ago.

THREATENING A TOWN

Books From Overhanging Mountain Top Grash Down On Frank, Alta.

FRANK, Alta., March 30 .- Yesterday afternoon large rocks started to roll down the sides of Turtle Mountain and striking the miners' cottages, crashed through the roofs of the floors below. Fortunately no one was injured as the places were empty. While these rocks came from the west of the danger zone, it is recognized that the fissures in the mountain top are widening. Dozens of families and a few merchants have

moved to other points.

This week, fearing a repetition of the slide of nine years ago when 92 persons were buried 32 feet under the notified the provincial government of Alberta that the district is unsafe, but the latter is slow to act not wishing to force the abandonment of \$3,000,000 worth of mining machinery, buildings and workings.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30 .- The Phillipines and the state of South Da-kota were added today to the list of site holders on the grounds of the 1915 exhibition and Governor Vessey of South Dakota, with exhibition commissioners from his state took precedence in cere-monies and after the South Dakota flag had been planted on the reservation se-lected for their state building, Philipine commissioners M. F. Lowenstein, Wm. A. Deerham and Charles C. Cohn were given a deed to the lot of their choice. Both sites are near the water's edge in the Presideo.

Mr. Thomas H. Mawson Here to Advise the City Council as to the Laying Out of Its Park

Situated as it is on the highway of the world's travel, Victoria has the honor of welcoming many distinguish-ed men who visit it for its own sake or in the course of their tours of the globe. Today the city has the privglobe. Today the city has the privilege of the presence here of a gentleman who is without doubt one of the leading landscape architects of the world. He, however, does not come here in the pursuit of leisure, which is a very unusual thing in his life, but at the invitation of the civic authorities.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 30.—Work was suspended in the coal mines of the Pittsburg district this afternoon and until a referendum vote on the propositions decided upon at the Cleveland conference has been taken, activity in the industry in this section will cease. Forty thousand men in the Pittsburg district and about ten thousand in the adjacent counties in Ohio are affected.

Prospects of Settlement

This is Mr. Thomas Mawson, an hon. British Architects and lecturer in landscape design to the School of Civic Design of the Liverpool University. He has come over to Victoria from Vancouver at the request of Alderman Herbert Cuthbert, chairman of the parks committee, for the purpose of advising as to the laying out of the civic park at Mount Douglas and as to the plans which should be adopted for the making a city beautiful by nafor the making a city beautiful by na-ture even more beautiful by art.

No better authority could have been secured by the city as an adviser in the work which the present adminis-tration has in mind than Mr. Mawson, as the briefest reference to what he has done will prove. In the old land he occupies a foremost position among landscape architects, and he has added to his professional duties the activities of a university lecturer and an author on the subjects so close to his heart in a style so clear and convincing that his books are not only college text books, but are searched for information and inspiration by architects the world over.

Amongs the most interesting work which Mr. Mawson has on hand at present is the designing of the extensions to the Haviadore at Copenhagen for Queen Alexandra and her sister the Dowager Empress of Russia. He is also engaged in laying out the grounds and gardens of the Palace of Peace at The Hague, which commission he secured in competition with European architects. During the past week he has been engaged in drawing up a preliminary report on a parks system for Vancouver, in which, of course, provision will be made for the development and conservation of Stan-ley park. Mr. Mawson is also at work on a report on several properties for the British Columbia Electric railway company, including their new park at Cadboro Bay. He it was who designed the campus and grounds of Dal-housie University at Halifax.

Mr. Mawson is the author of "The Art and Craft of Garden-making," and of a lately-issued work on "Civic Art," the sub-title of which is "Studies Art," the sub-title of which is "Studies in Town Planning, Parks, Boulevards' and Open Spaces." So famous have his lectures in the Liverpool University become that last November he was brought out to Canada by the University of Toronto to deliver a series

Lectures on City Building

These were so much appreciated by the people of Toronto that the audi-ences grew from three hundred at the first lecture to twelve hundred for the greater part of the series. The faculty of civic design in the University of Liverpool is the only one of its kind in the United Kingdom and was founded by Sir W. H. Lever, Bart., who has Continued on Page 5, Cel. 8.

Swollen Rivers and Streams of Mississippi Valley Responsible for Inundated Settlements and Ruined Bridges

CITIES THREATENED

Weather Conditions Indicate No Relief to Raging Torrents-Residents of Many Parts Prepare to Move

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 30.—Rapidly melting snow is making a raging torrent of every river and stream in the upper part of the Mississippi Valley, wrecking houses, inundating settlements and endangering lands. No relief is in sight. The weather is gradually growing warmer, which will result in further melting. All of the larger rivers are at flood tide or within a few inches of it.

Ice floes constantly threaten dams and bridges. Many places dynamite is being used but the swiftly flowing current it is feared will carry the huge gorges before they can be broken into pieces small enough to make them

pieces small enough to make them harmless.

The Mississippi river cities are said to be in the gravest danger. At St. Louis the river is at the danger mark and rising rapidly. Great fear is entertained for residents near the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. Gangs of men are working night and day repairing the damaged levees.

In the north the Platte river and the Des Moines river are causing much damage. The Platte is filled with ice gorges which have ripped away several bridges. The Des river is below flood stage but is rising.

High waters drove families from their homes in Rock Island, Ills. Waterloo, Neb., and Waterloo, Iowa, Yankton, South Dakota, and Norfolk and Schneider, Ind., yesterday. Near Schneider a gorge in the Kankakee river broke, releasing 15 feet of water. Boats are heing used in the principal streets of Norfolk, Neb. Other cities are threatened with flood in a few are threatened with flood in a few

His Explanation of Embezzlement Charges in Connection with Failure of Idaho State Bank

PROCEEDINGS IN EXTRADITION CASE

VANCOUVER, March 30 .- Taking the witness stand on his own behalf, Bernard F. O'Neill, the Idaho ex-banker, whose extradition is being sought in tion with the collapse of the State eonnection with the collapse of the State Bank of Commerce at Wallace, Idaho, this morning gave evidence to explain the three charges of embezziement laid against him. These three charges, the only ones on the indictment that are for extraditable offences, relate to sums of \$1250, \$5837 and \$375, which appear as credits in his personal account, which it is claimed by the state authorities should have gone to the treasury of the

The first item, Mr. O'Neill said represented the profit on the purchase and sale of fifty shares of the Fidelity Na-tional Bank of Spokane stock. He pur-chased the shares out of the \$25,000 allowed him as credit by the bank.

In regard to the charge of embezzling \$5827 in 1908, he said that he and a man \$5837 in 1908, he said that he and a man named Spaulding had built the Idaho Northern Railroad. The pair sold out to a company, and when he and Spaulding came to divide the purchase price. Spaulding deducted this sum from the amount due to him, on the ground that the bank had made overcharges for interest and the matter was to be settled later by mutual arangement. Witness later by mutual arangement. Witness said he presumed that the adjustment had not been made, and thus appeared

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A sum of \$275 that cashier Wymans alleged was interest on a \$25,000 loan that O'Neill got from the bank, and had that O'Neill got from the bank, and had him charge up to expense account. O'Neill said really refered to an interest charge on \$25,000 he had borrowed from the exchange National Bank to re-loan to the Hood Lumber Co. His bank got eight per cent on the loan, though matter was all done in his (O'Neill's) name and the interest charged against

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PROTECTORATE OVER MOROCCO

PARIS, March 31 .- A despatch to the Matin from its Fez cor-respondent says that a treaty es-tablishing a French protectorate over Morocco was signed yester-day by the Sultan.

MOTOR CAR BANDITS

parties, March 10.—The minister of justice, M. Briand, announced today that one of the motor car bandits who have been terrorizing the city and environs had been arrested at Berck-Sur-Mer. The bandit is alleged to be one of the robbers who killed a chauffeur at Villeneuve-St. George on March 25, held up a bank at Chantilly and killed; two of the employees and wounded another, escaping with \$8,000.

WINNIPEC, Mar. 30.—Late this afternoon the police discovered the dead body of Miss Grace Brice, organist of the Maryland street Methodist church, who has been missing for 34 hours. She wandered away into the bush south of Crescentwood, got lost and died from exposure. She was aged 24, pretty, talented, but subject to fits of melancholy. She lived with her parents on Langside street.

TO LINE IN B. C.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Averse to Federal Aid to Canadian Northern Pacific Lines in This Province

OTTAWA. One March 28.—This morning Sir Willerd Leurier objected to the bill granting a subsidy to the Canadian Northern Pacific for a line from the Yellowhead Pass to Vancouver on the ground that the line is wholly in the province of British Columbia and that the contract between the company and the government of British Columbia gave full control of tolls to the province.

There was considerable discussion on this. Premier Borden holding that the railway commission would have jurisdiction over all through traffic. If any difficulty should arise it could be dealt with by general enactment rather than by special legislation. He further argued that the text of the agreement between the Canadian Northern and the province did not take the railway commission. The railway agreed not to avail itself of its right to appeal to that commission and to submit to the tolls imposed by the province; but it recognized the board's authority and the other parties could appeal to the railway nized the board's authority and th nized the board's authority and the other parties could appeal to the railway commission. If the province desired local rates to be lower than those prescribed by the railway commission, and if the railway agreed to accept such rates, why should not such an agreement be permitted?

Hon. Mr. Graham offered an amendment to impose the Dominion jurisdiction on the line. This was lost on division.

In considering the subsidy for the Canadian Northern Alberta line between Edmonton and Yellowhead pass, Hon. Mr. Cochrane said that the rallway officials had a line of a grade of fourtenths of one per cent, and that they asserted that it was on the whole a superior location to that of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

The House worked late, mainly on the various subsidy bills. The senate amendments to the Highway bill were rejected.

BAIL OF \$10,000

Mindu Alleged To Have Voted In Pro-vincial Elections Comes Up For Mearing VANCOUVER, March 30 .- Houssein

Rahim, a Hindu real estate agent of Vancouver, was brought before Magistrate Shaw in the police court this morning charged with perjury. After the charge had been stated his worship fixed ball at \$10,000 and adjourned the case until Monday.

The detectives who made the arrest also executed a warrant of search of the effects of Rahim. To a representative of the press this morning Detec-

"We found among Rahim's papers quantity of I. W. W. literature, also a petition signed by a number of Hin-dus for the removal of Mayor Findlay

Rahim was arrested yesterday afternoon on a warrant issued by Arthur Sampson, chief of the provincial police of this city, and executed by Detectives Thompson and Levis of the city force. The warrant alleges that Houssein Rahim did on the 14th day of September, 1911, swear falsely before William E. Flumerfelt in that he was a qualified elector in the Vancouver electoral district.

The maximum senalty for conviction on such a charge is fourteen years imprisonment.

MINERS FAVOR

Indications That British Coal Strike Will Be Terminated by End of Present Week at

MEN VOTING FOR

Great Preponderance of Ballots in Favor of Finding Solution for Industrial Paralysis in Old Country

LONDON, March 30:-Although 8 week must elapse before any of the collieries are re-opened, even if the miners' decision is favorable to a termination of the coal strike indications afforded by the ballots thus far taken are that a large majority of the men

are that a large majority of the men will vote for resumption of work.

This enables the country to face with comparative equanimity the prospect of a continuance of another week of the industrial distraction.

With hardly any exception leaders of the miners are counselling the men to vote for a resumption and although some districts are balloting contrary to this advice, the figures so far received, show a great preponderance in favor of a settlement.

PRINCE RUPERT HARBOR

OTTAWA, March 30.—Today's gazette announces the limits of Prince Rupert harbor. It is to comprise all waters of Prince Rupert harbor, 'Including Tuck- Inlet, Lake Wainwright and Perpoise harbor, with connecting and tributary waters enclosed between the mainland and a line drawn north true across Venn Passage, true through the east tangent of Dundas point, a line drawn north and south true through the west tangent of Snider Rocks, a line drawn east and west and true through the south tangent of Holland island, and a line drawn north 5.0 east and south 33.0 west true through the east tangent of Leer Point.

Number of Men Engaged on Construction of C. N. P. Railway Are Dissatisfied and Quit Work

TROUBLE IS SAID TO BE SPREADING

KAMLOOPS, B.C., Mar. 30 .- Dissatsfaction among the men engaged in onstruction work in the C.N.P. camps from Savona to Lytton culminated yes-terday in the men going out on strike. They demand three dollars for an eight hour day and board to be provided for five dollars weekly. The present scale is two and a half for ten hours day and heard air dollars

The camps of the Shact company and McDonald Bros., west and north of this city are not affected but the trouble is spreading and it is expected their men will also join the strikers. Fifteen men left McDonald's camp yesterday and men are leaving by train all along the line. Placards giving notice of the strike have been posted all through the city and district appealing so laborers to abstain from going to work in the camps. The work all along the grade is well advanced. The camps of the Shact compan

TOUR OF B. C.

Winnipeg Business Men Will Visit the Coast During May and June

WINNIPEG, March 30.—It was decided last night by members of the executive and trade expansion committee and of the industrial bureau to postpone western business men's trip planned for Mey and June this year to Great Britain. The resolution was unanimously carried that the trade expansion committee be requested to arrange for an all-British Columbian tour in May and June, and to report to the executive definite plans and the itinerary to be carried out. Heretofore the Winnipeg business men have only visited the prairie cities. This year the trip is, if carried out, to go in specials direct through to British Columbia and make a trip to Prince Rupert.

PLATFORM ASSAULT

Grazed Man Attempts to Kill U. S. Senster With a Club

WAUKESHA, Wis., Marc. 30.—U. S. Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, barely escaped with his life this afternoon when Charles Schomulta attacked him with a club while the senator was speaking. His assailant was sitting near the stage and in the midst of the senator's speech leaped to the platform, taking a club from under his coat as he jumped and swung bysantly at the senator's and swung instantly at the senator's

One of the men on the stage, Judge P. C. Harming, was quicker than the maniac, however, and, with a blow to the chin, knocked Schomulta off the stage before the blow landed. The was unaware of the trouble until man was being overpowered by

Rounding Up Outlaws HILLSVILLE, Mar. 30.—With detectives close on the trail of Sidna Allen, ringleader of the Allen clansmen, and his nephew Wesley Edwards, prospects tonight were that before daybreak the two outlaws would be captured and the entire bend would be in custody to await trial for murder.

Agitators Agrested

HOQUIAM, Wash, March 30.—On charges of incling to riot as the result of speeches and agitation during the last few days, four alleged leaders of the present I. W. W. mill strike in Hoquiam, including Dr. H. F. Titus, were agreeted this evening and lodgedin jail. No ball had been fixed up to a late hour.

Value of Structures for Which Permits Were Issued in March is Record for the City of Victoria

With the exception of February lastwhich the permit for the additions to n Victoria's history. Permits for struc tures of an aggregate value of \$861,770 ere issued, compared with totals of \$271,945 for the same month a year ago, and \$244,760 for the same month in 1910. To date this year permits for buildings of an aggregate value of \$2,852,725 have been issued, compared with \$614,340 for the first quarter a year ago, an increase of \$2,237,385, or 365 per cent.

The comparison of the permits and value thereof for the first three months of the year with the corresponding period in the two previous years is as follows:

Total \$2,852,725 \$614,330 \$525,505

The total number of permits issued during the month was sixty-four compared with 121 for the same month a year ago, but the permit for the new Belmont block costing \$400,000 swelled the aggregate value of the structures for which permits were issued this The aggregate value of structures erected last year was \$4,026,315. To date

this year the figures show structures of a value of \$2,852,725, or more than half of the amount for the entire twelve months of last year.

Third Term Candidate DETROIT, Mich., March 36.—The issue between Theodore Roosevelt and the present national administration was the present national administration was emphasized by a speech which the former president made here tonight. The railroad rate bill passed by the present congress and the Lorimer case furnished the theme for his speech. With the visit to Detroit, which he reached after an all day ride from the west, Col. Roosevelt's campaign tour of the central states virtually came to an end, as he expects to make no stops on the return trip to New York.

REALTY CHANGES HANDS

One important deal which has re-cently been completed was the sale of 110 acres at Cedar Hill, part of the Irvine estate. This property which was sold for a figure approximately \$125,000, was put through the market by the Shaw Real Estate company and \$125,000, was put through the market by the Shaw Real Estate company and Alvo von Alvensieben, Ltd. A Vancouver syndicate purchased this property and already have the surveyors at work preparatory to placing it on the market as a subdivision. The Shaw Real Estate company is also responsible for the sale of the Miller property at Cedar Hill, which took place recently. This property comprising about 40 acres, brought a high figure. The same firm has sold during the week, 15 acres in Gordon Head for \$16,500; a semi-business lot in Victoria West for \$15,500; two lots on Oak Bay avenue, a piece of acreage in Saanich, and several smaller properties.

G. T. P. COMPANY

Financial Measure is Passed, But Not Until After Severe Strictures Are Made on the Transcontinental

HOUSE COMPLETES BUSINESS OF SESSION

Legislation to Provide for Tariff Commission Becomes Effective-Grain Bill Goes Through with Amendments

ottawa, March 30.—The house met at 11 o'clock this morning. The senate amendments to the tariff commission bill were considered, Hon. Mr. White in moving to accept one of them making appointments during pleasure instead of for a term of years, and to reject one directing the commission to make a spetial report when an application for an increase of tariff was requested. The Liberals defended the senate action but the motion carried on division.

defended the senate action but the motion carried on division.

The senate amendments to the grain bill were accepted.

Mr. Pugsley on a motion to go into supply assailed the choice of the International Waterways commission.

The house tonight closed up its business. In the evening the Grand Trunk financial bill was passed after severe strictures had been passed on the conduct of the railway and the general manager, Mr. Hays. Hon. Mr. Borden and Mr. Graham concurred in criticizing the company but the house took the ground that a flow of capital must not be checked, and that the grievance of the men must be met by direct legislation, not by indirect methods.

"BETTER TIMES"

tident Taft Tells Philadelphis Andisonce He Is Not a Reactionary But a Progressive

PHILADELPHIA, March 30.-President Taft was in an optimistic frame of mind tonight when he faced several hundred members of the Philadelphia chamber of commerce. He told them he believed they were on the eve of better and that he believed there would be no present coar strike, he said he had no jurisdiction in settling strikes and that he knew enough to wait and see if he were welcome, rather than to go "butting in" on a matter hetween parties who knew their rights. The president said he was not a reactionary, but was a progressive, that he was not a period, but an optimist.

January\$ 319.885 \$151,455 \$128,985 the president made here tonight. In the Pebruary ... 1,671,070 182,940 151,760 Bellevue-Stratford hotel he addressed March 861,770 278,945 244,760 the society of Philadelphia. Later in the evening the president went to the Hortistian to

STILL AT LARGE

Trace of Men Who Eilled Two Motorists and Wounded a Third

PORTLAND, Ore, March 30.—Today's search for the highway men who last night, shot and killed two members of a motor car party and seriously injured a third upon the refusal of the party to stop, resulted in nothing tangible. The only real feature of the day's search by a page of 30 men. by a posse of 20 men from Clackhams and Multnomah counties was the questioning of two crawfish gatherers. A number of peculiar circumstances contributed to the suspicion which attached to the men, but they proved an alibi and were not molested.

The officers of the two counties appear The officers of the two counties appear to be as far from discovering the perpetrator of the crime as they were last night. The searchers have not a clue to work upon and are simply "marking time," hoping that tomorrow will bring forth some development which will lead to the apprehension of the murderer or murderers. There is no reason to believe that more than two men were involved in the outrage. in the outrage.

SEIZE TRAM CARS

ttempt of Canadian Company to Impose Increased Fares Results in

KINGSTON, Jamaics, March 30.—A renewal of the trouble between the general public and the tramway company came today, when crowds took possession of the cars, making the collection of fares impossible. A large force of police was sent out to maintain order, but the demonstrations were tain order, but the demonstrations were so serious that the entire tram service

The trouble arose through an attempt by the company, which is a Canadian concern, to impose increased fares. There were serious disorders a month ago, but the authorities established a semblance of order, and the situation had been existent. had been quiet for the last week.

With the approval and consent of the Attorney general, the chain gang system has been re-established at Vancouver.