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Senate Reading Room

Demand for Laborers Takes Away Discharged Men and Removes Menace to Peace.

(FROM OUR OWN MAN.)

Sault Ste. Marie, Sept. 24.—If riot and bloodshed do not follow the shameful efforts of the foreign capitalists in control of Lake Superior Consolidated properties to depreciate the stock of the parent company, it will be due entirely to the good sense of several thousand men involved and the capacity of Ontario to absorb the surplus labor as rapidly as it accumulates. This is the aspect of the situation in both Soos to-night and the strained relations have very materially increased in the past twenty-four hours.

The Minnie H. arrived this afternoon with its load of human freight from the company's bush properties. Some 250 men came in and the vessel returns for another contingent, which is due Saturday. In the meantime every train brings in its quota of turbulent characters. Every gang rush instantly to headquarters with their pay checks, and are informed that payment will be made Monday. This statement is at once contradicted by stories from the offices of William Coyne, assistant to President Shields, who insists that payment will not be made Monday, nor at any future date, as far as he can judge. Thus the men are harassed with conflicting reports and rendered more desperate by the uncertainty of the conditions confronting them.

Workmen Badly Treated.

The spirit manifested by the company toward the discharged employes is becoming the worst factor in the trouble, the proposition supplies. Manager Coyne has openly stated that he desires to leave town and be relieved of the responsibility of things, for what he fears will follow the efforts of the men to collect their money. This sort of thing, combined with the inflammatory utterances regularly credited to Mr. Coyne and his statement since the culmination of the pressure to close the works, has increased the danger of riot tenfold. The officials appear perfectly indifferent to the frenzied state they are promoting, and the business men of the two cities are utterly unable to offset the tendency toward violence contributed by the management.

Railway Men to Strike.

A new feature of the discord was added to-day when the Street Railway men of both sides declared they would strike Monday if their August pay was not forthcoming. Apparently this is exactly what the force behind the trouble desire. From the same source *has been sent* broadcast intimations *that the militia* on both sides of the river should prepare for serious disorders, and nightly the headquarters of the company telephone the most alarming reports to the newspaper people on both sides of the river. When the worst report was given out last week every newspaperman in both cities was called to Manager Coyne's office and given copies of the statement, and several declare they were asked personally by him to wire it to outside papers. The local papers very carefully refrain from publishing the alarming reports which are being sent broadcast to outside papers by the employes of the local papers acting as correspondents.

Colored Statements.

This state of things was commented on to-day by the manager of one of the local banks, who declared to The World that when the Grand Jury meets next month the citizens propose to ask the Crown to investigate these outrageous features, which are calculated to promote a condition of absolute anarchy. He said he had been a resident of the city for ten years, and, in accord with other business men of the city, he thought he should have been consulted before the amazing statement of the consolidated company last week should have been issued. He was satisfied there was ample ground in the manipulation for the government to seek an investigation, as well as a Grand Jury presentment.

In Ugly Mood.

The men that came in to-day were in an ugly mood for reasons other than having their time cheques held up and work refused them on the verge of winter. Several men who talked with The World said that as late as Sept. 15, while they were working in the woods the company permitted them to stock up for the winter just as if they were to have steady work. One of these men had purchased $200 worth of supplies, all from the company's store, which were worthless unless he could remain in the woods getting out timber. Three days later the statement had been issued here closing up everything, and many of the men now coming in have been forced to abandon costly supplies in the camps which the company stores sold them at a good profit, knowing, as the men charge, that the collapse was in sight at that time. A large majority of the bushmen have this complaint, and to them it is a serious cause for sharp lines being drawn. What they want to know more than when their cheques will be paid is why such rank injustice was done them. It is no secret that company stores keep up the price of everything sold to the men, and they are forced to do their purchasing at these places.

Demand for Labor Great.

The balance wheel, however, which alone has prevented rioting of vast proportions has been the crying demand for labor from all parts of Ontario. Mayor Plummer told The World to-day he had received five telegrams from as many parts of the country, asking for miners, woodsmen and railroad workmen, averaging 700. As rapidly as these come in, he turns them over to the committee of the men, and the quota is soon filled. While talking with the reporter, a telegram was handed to the Mayor from Parry Sound, signed by the Canada Corundum Company, reading: "We can use 100 more miners and lumbermen." 100 men went to this company Monday with their fares paid. All these requests for labor are accompanied by the assurance of forward advances. The Grand Lake Company at Chelmsford wired for 200 lumbermen, and offered to advance fares. The men coming in from the different works of the Canada Company, who have been in a very grave mood, have left the city in good spirits, and there was not much [illegible]

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DOMINION MAY GIVE AID TO THE SOO ENTERPRISES

Cabinet Met and Decided on Some Course Which is Held a State Secret.

Ottawa, Sept. 24.—(Special.)—The cabinet met in council to-day and considered the situation of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company. What transpired is maintained a strict state secret. None of the Ministers would make a statement further than to admit that the government was anxious to save the great industries at the Soo, and had endeavored to devise protective measures. No decision was reached. The cabinet will take up the question again to-morrow. Representatives of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company, who were constantly in the capital, for several weeks before the crash came, have left the city. Their departure is taken to mean that the government has given definite assurances that aid will be extended. What the nature of that aid will be is not known outside of the cabinet.

PLANS LAID TO BUILD HOUSES.

Galt Business Men Will Aid Scheme to Make Homes for Working Men.

Galt, Sept. 24.—(Special.)—The Board of Trade appointed a committee on Wednesday night, with R. O. McCulloch as convener, to confer with George S. Mackay of the firm of Kingsmill & Co., barristers, Toronto, in regard to his building scheme. A conference with Mr. Mackay was held last night at Mr. McCulloch's residence, at which the plans and estimates for the houses proposed to be erected and diagrams of the lots were submitted. All the details of the scheme were in perfect order and there is no doubt of the ultimate success of Mr. Mackay's plans.

There has been felt for a long time past an urgent need for houses for workingmen that would be fitted up in modern sanitary style and capable of being rented at a reasonable figure. By the scheme presented by Mr. Mackay, there will be a series of such houses erected, each surrounded with a small plot of ground, that will rent at $7, $10 and $14 per month. It has been asserted by prominent manufacturers that 50 such houses could be rented without delay. Men have been compelled to leave their employment because they could not get houses to live in.

REVOLT IN HUNGARY.

Possibility of a Kossuthist Rising is Latest Sensation.

London, Sept. 25.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Berlin telegraphs the sensational statement that there is a possibility of a Kossuthist revolution in Hungary. He says that as a result of the German Emperor's visit to Vienna, Germany has promised to assist Austria with troops should Austria face the necessity for sending an army to Macedonia and simultaneously of suppressing a Hungarian revolution. That the latter is not impossible, continues the correspondent, may be gathered from the fact that General Van Beck, chief of the Austrian staff, submitted a plan for mobilization to Emperor William last week. The idea of placing Prince Eitel Frederick, the second son of the German Emperor on the Hungarian throne, receives no support in Germany.

RISEN FROM RANKS.

Montreal, Sept. 24.—A change in the command of the Victoria Rifles, 3rd Regiment, took place to-day, when Major E. W. Wilson took over the arms and accoutrements of the corps. Major Wilson has risen from the ranks, having joined as a private in 1882.

MAY HAVE BEEN.

Ottawa, Sept. 24.—(Special.)—In the Senate to-night when the bill respecting iron and steel bounties was under discussion, Sir Mackenzie Bowell said that if the duties had been increased instead of a bonus being given, the Soo works would not be closed today.

Edwards & Company, Chartered Accountants, 26 Wellington Street East. Geo Edwards, F.C.A., A. H. Edwards W. P. Morgan. Phone Main 1163

SHOT BY A FRIEND.

Winnipeg, Sept. 24.—C. S. B. Burley, a prominent member of Portage la Prairie was accidentally shot by a friend, when out shooting chickens yesterday. The wound is serious, but it is thought he will pull thru.

JEWISH WORLD CONGRESS.

Cincinnati, O., Sept. 24.—Rev. David Philipson, Rabbi of the Mound-street Temple here, advocates the formation of a Jewish world Congress as the only means of settling the Jewish problem in Russia.

TOGETHER, HOLD OUR OWN SEPARATED, VERY SMALL

Chamberlain's Reply to a Colonial Editor—Canadian Cattle Dealers Handicapped.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Sept. 24.—Mr. Chamberlain, replying to the editor of The British-Australian, says: "Together we can hold our own against all comers; separated we shall all be insignificant factors in the world."

A Calgary cattle owner told the correspondent of The Morning Post that Canadian cattlemen in the British market, as compared with American dealers were heavily handicapped on account of American freights being lower. Cattle can be shipped for a shilling per head cheaper from Boston than from Montreal. The American service is more regular, as boats trading to Boston are sure of cargoes both ways, while, when they come to Montreal, they not seldom come with ballast, and the exporter must pay for double journey. Canadian salesmen were tickled to death to get within a half penny a pound of what Americans receive for the same quality of meat.

The German press exhibits much interest in the correspondence between A. W. Black, M.P. for Banffshire and Mr. Chamberlain. The National Zeitung says: "It looks as if Mr. Chamberlain was really ignorant about important events." The Berliner Tagblatt thinks that Mr. Black has the best of the argument.

The report of the Halifax and Bermudas Cable Company for the year ending June 30, gives the net result of the year's workings as a profit of £3245. A further dividend of two and one-half per cent, is proposed, leaving £745 to be carried forward.

A correspondent of The Times, writing on British shipping to colonial ports, gives the tonnage under the British flag, under which ships used Canadian ports, as follows: 1900, 9,647,000; 1890, 5,230,000; 1880, 4,436,000; 1870, 2,942,000. He says the bulk of the colonial shipping trade is in British hands, and appears likely to continue there, while a paper just issued shows that German imports to Canada are four times as great as Canadian exports to Germany.

MILNER DECLINED.

London, Sept. 25.—A King's messenger who was sent to Lord Milner, who is at Carlsbad, returned to London yesterday with an answer, and as no announcement is made it is inferred that Lord Milner has declined to accept the portfolio of the Colonies.

The public is beginning to display impatience at the prolongation of the cabinet crisis.

THE EARL OF DENBIGH,

Who Commands the Honorable Artillery of London That Visits Toronto Oct. 11.

FOR GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

Editor World: Why cannot the Dominion government purchase the assets of the Consolidated Lake Superior Co., which are to be sold by public auction to satisfy a $5,000,000 loan from this side—as the English government purchased the shares of the Suez Canal—that is, supposing these would be an actual, or probable bargain for Canadian people. W. H.

Grantwood, N.S., Sept. 23.

Epidemic of Safe Cracking Startling Eastern Ontario

Frankford Scene of Latest Daring Burglary—"Foxy" Smith an Ogdensburg Prisoner.

Since Sept. 1, Eastern Ontario has been the scene of several daring exploits by a nervy gang of safe blowers. The Linton Brass Works, Mayberry's store at Prescott and Beach's store at Winchester were entered and safes rifled, while a number of other minor burglaries are also laid at the door of two men arrested at Ogdensburg on Monday, one of whom is now identified as "Foxy" Smith of Galt.

On Sunday morning, at Lyn, four miles from Brockville, a safe was cracked, but nothing of value secured. Saturday morning, five men blew open the safe in Jenkins' jewelry store at Frankford, 11 miles from Belleville, and secured $[illegible] in cash, being forced to exchange shoes with citizens on the same week two crooks had been discovered prowling in a gang of [illegible] in Belleville and vicinity. The police of every city, town and village in Western Ontario have been on the alert, and to whose ingenuity Smith owes his capture at Sodus is a mystery of burglarious and [illegible]

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Smokers 10c. cigars 4 for 25c.; Marguerites, Boston, Fortuna Alive Bollard.

The Hunters' Paradise.

You can get into Quebec by going up the Gatineau Railway, and there is much game within a few miles of Ottawa. Hunters go up the chain of lakes on the Canada Atlantic. In a few years this road will have tourist hotels all along its route. The Ottawa Free Press will send any hunter going that way a copy of Ottawa illustrated and copies of "Outing in Lakeland." Its The Free Press in Ottawa all the way.

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TO DAY IN TORONTO.

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A FISCAL SHAMPOO

POLITICAL TONSORIAL ARTIST: It's a h'excellent preparation—but, my! 'e do 'ave a 'ard 'ead to get h'anythink into.

Trust Detectives Shadow

Re-Organizers of Soo Company

Combine Minions Intrigue

Attempts to Interest American Capital Have Repeatedly Failed Thru Their Machinations.

F. H. Clergue and other gentlemen who are interested in the reorganization of the Lake Superior Company are being shadowed by detectives employed by the great steel trust of the United States. This assertion was made last night by one who is in close connection with the Soo enterprise.

This statement was backed up by the assertion that four or five attempts to enlist United States capital in the enterprise have been frustrated by the big corporation. These endeavors of Mr. Clergue and his associates have been on the verge of success, only to fail thru owing to the secret machinations of parties who gained admission to the conferences.

Last night the hope that had existed during the past few days that the reorganization would be successfully carried thru had given place to gloom.

"The promoters of the enterprise are not very confident to-day that success will attend their efforts," said a leading provincial politician last night. He asked that his name be withheld owing to political considerations.

"I can see that every pressure is being brought to bear to prevent the carrying out of the plan proposed to rehabilitate the works at the Soo. Every move that has been made to satisfy the Speyer syndicate has met with strenuous opposition from one source, and it will be impossible, I imagine, to secure the assistance that was looked for and expected on this side of the water.

"What Mr. Clergue may accomplish with his English capitalists is beyond my power to say, but I believe that if the mortgagees will grant indulgence for a time the difficulty will be overcome. But that is the trouble. Time is valuable just now. The securities held by the Speyer syndicate are to be sold on Oct. 1, and the time may be too short to secure the necessary capital to satisfy the demands of the syndicate."

AFTER THEM SURE.

New York, Sept. 24.—(Special.)—In spite of the story that Vickers & Maxim are negotiating to buy up the Soo works, the impression grows there that J. Pierpont Morgan and his steel trust will gobble up the Canadian properties.

Now, it is said, that at the auction sale on Oct. 1 the United States Steel Corporation will be on hand with the millions necessary to secure the property, and with so little opposition that the trust will be certain of a bargain and will have made itself stronger than ever. Even Francis H. Clergue, the original promoter of the "Soo" enterprises, now is accused of working in the interests of the steel corporation, and his sudden disappearance from the "Soo" is construed by many to confirm this idea.

The immediate advantage of the securing of the Consolidated by the trust would be the gaining of control of the Canadian markets. Just at present the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific are heavy buyers of steel rails. With the preferential tariff the American mills of the steel trust cannot compete with rails made on the Canadian side. Therefore it is important for the trust to have mills across the border. The foreclosure under the debt due Speyer & Co. in this city will not be unopposed.

A Philadelphia director of the steel trust, Mr. Widener, has said that it is necessary that the trust should seek foreign markets. Canada is a foreign market which, so far as steel rails go, it is quite possible to capture entirely.

The reason the Soo company never was able to sell steel rails to the Canadian government in quantity was due to the fact that it never was able to give all that was wanted. Consequently the Canadians had to import from the United States. If the steel trust takes the Soo properties it will be able to overcome this physical difficulty and give the Canadian roads all the rails they need, and, by having the preferential tariff raised, completely shut out all rails from the United States.

The Canadian legislators undoubtedly would aid to make the Soo a strictly Canadian industry by raising the present slight tariff on rails.

STREET CAR STRIKE.

Newark Tied Up at the Busy Hour of the Day.

Newark, Sept. 24.—The biggest strike Newark has had in years began tonight, when the trolley road employes left their cars, tieing up the street railway system. The men have demanded 22 cents an hour, the abolition of the "split runs" system and recognition of the union. The strike was declared at the busiest traffic hour of the day. Many persons were compelled to walk miles to their homes in the suburbs. In accordance with a general understanding, the trolley cars began to run into the barns at 5.30. Here they were abandoned.

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DUKE OF LEINSTER SELLS.

Tenants Given a 25-Years' Purchase for $6,250,000.

Dublin, Sept. 24.—The negotiations for the first land sale on a large scale under the new land act have been completed between the Duke of Leinster and the tenants of his estates in the Athy and Maryborough districts of County Kildare. The tenants are given a 25-years' purchase. The transaction involves $6,250,000.

"A MUCH NEEDED LESSON."

London, Sept. 24.—Telegraphing his congratulations to the Unionist Association of Rochester on the success of the by-election held there yesterday for a successor in the House of Commons to Viscount Cranborne (now Marquis of Salisbury), Joseph Chamberlain said: "This great victory strengthens the government and will give the free importers a much needed lesson."

Smokers, 10c. cigars for 5c.; Gomez Garcias, Gatos, Oscar Amanda, Jap. Royal Infants, La Arrow and Irvings. Alive Bollard, 128 and 199 Yonge St

REPORT IN JANUARY.

Dawson, Sept. 24.—The Treadgold Commission will report about the first week in January. The season's output of gold will be $10,000,000.

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PREMIER BECOMES JUDGE.

London, Sept. 24.—(C.A.P.)—Sir Edmund Barton has been appointed one of the judges of the Australian Federal High Court and has resigned the Premiership. Mr. Deakin is new Premier.

Imported German Lager—Thomas.

DIED AT ST. CATHARINES.

St. Catharines, Sept. 24.—(Special.)—J. W. Cronyn, formerly editor of The Kingston Whig, died here to-day. He was a prominent citizen and publicist.

Pleasure in a Pipe

There's a lot of comfort in a pipe of Clubb's Dollar Mixture. It's the [illegible] tobacco that smokes cool and with good relish from the bowl. The [illegible] [illegible] 1 oz. [illegible] 10c. [illegible] 1 oz. [illegible] 10c. [illegible] 1 oz. [illegible] 10c.