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MASKED MOB AT FERNIE

Rout Men From Bed and Drive
Them From Town by Violence.

Miner Strike Assumes Serious Phase—Gov-
ernment Will Swear in Police to Pro-
tect Life and Property—There Were
400 Men in the Mob, and They Assaulted
Mines Superintendent Drinnan and
His Wife—One Arrested.

Victoria, B.C., March 23.—A de-
spatch from Fernie, dated Friday,
says: The strike situation took on
an extremely grave aspect here early
this morning, when a masked mob
of 400 men assaulted the mine super-
intendent, his wife, drove half-a-
dozen men away from town at the
point of revolvers, and committed
other acts of lawlessness. One arrest
was made, and it is expected that
several others will be apprehended
for participation in the outrages.
Chief McMullen of the Provincial
Police has wired the Attorney-General
for permission to enrol special con-
stables, in fear of further trouble.

According to the despatch, the
mob proceeded to the mines, and
compelled the half-dozen men who
were in charge of the mine to leave
the closed mines to leave town, after
first going to the home of Superin-
tendent Drinnan and assaulting him
and his wife. A number of shots
were fired in the air for intimidation.
After driving the men away from
the mine, the mob entered several
houses and forcibly took men from
their beds and chased them eight
miles with clubs and stones. They
were brought back under police pro-
tection. The women were also
threatened. Some of the men were
seriously hurt. At the home of J. W.
Morrison, is under arrest.

As soon as the Provincial police
at Fernie, under Chief McMullen,
heard of the trouble they went to
the mine posthaste. Later a special
train was made up and went as far
as Morrissey, bringing back the men
who had been driven out. Their
names are: J. Hunt, F. Spence, T.
Evans, E. Tamm, W. Dupree and
G. Serimox, and some were seriously
hurt. It is expected that several ar-
rests of the suspects will be made
at Fernie this afternoon, and the
Attorney-General's Department at
Victoria has been notified.

Settlement Follows the Riot.
Fernie, March 23.—The coal strike
at Crow's Nest mines was practically
settled Saturday evening, and every-
one is jubilant. The Conciliation
Committee that morning interviewed
Mr. Tonkin, who asked for another
interview between the district union
and himself. This immediately fol-
lowed, and negotiations were taken
up in rapid order from where they
left off on Wednesday. In the even-
ing another meeting took place, and
the District Executive agreed to a
final settlement, subject to the ratifi-
cation of the local unions, which will
be easily secured. The settlement in-
volves some slight adjustment of the
old rates and the recognition of the
union. The settlement is to run for
two years, subject to two months' notice
by either party to "be British
Columbia Mining Association." The
strike has lasted 30 days. "This was
gay day, but little money was paid
out."

CASTRO ABDICATES.

President of Venezuela Hands in His
Resignation—Believed He Will Be
Induced to Withdraw It.

Caracas, March 23.—The Congress-
ional Hall was crowded Friday after-
noon, and all the members of the
dignitaries were present, when
President Castro received his message to
Congress. He passed in review the
terrible conditions which prevailed in
the country and denounced the errors
of his countrymen.

He proceeded to say that now that
the sovereignty of the nation had
been safeguarded, "I deliver my ab-
dication in order that you may pro-
ceed legally to call on him who
should take my place, so that there
may remain to no Venezuelan the
slightest pretext for hostility to his
country, or for connivance with for-
eigners who, without any ground-
save force, fell upon unfortunate
Venezuela, trampling under foot reason
and justice to the detriment of
civilization, and the beautiful con-
quests of right."

Confirmed at Washington.
Washington, D. C., March 23.—
Secretary Hay received a message
from Mr. Russell, the United States
Charges at Caracas, confirming the
report of President Castro's resig-

DECISION FOR COAL MINERS

United Mine Workers Gain Nearly
Every Point Fought For.

Higher Wages, Shorter Hours and Arbi-
tration to Settle All Disputes—Presi-
dent Mitchell Expresses Himself as
Entirely Satisfied—One of the Com-
missioners Tells of Several Remark-
able Phases of the Investigation.

Washington, March 23.—The report
of the Commission appointed by the
President last October to investigate
the anthracite coal strike was made
public Saturday. The report is dated
March 18, and is signed by all
the members of the Commission, who
are: Judge Gray of Delaware; Labor
Commissioner Carroll D. Wright and
Brigadier-General John H. Wilson,
both of this city; Bishop John A.
Watkins of Pennsylvania; E. M.
Clark of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and
Edward W. Parker of this city.
The report is to be illustrated, and
it will be accompanied by the testi-
mony taken by the Commission, but
thus far only the proper report has
been printed. This alone covers 87
pages of printed matter.

Commissioner's Recommendations.
In brief the Commission recom-
mends a general increase of wages
amounting in most instances to ten
per cent; some decrease of time;
the settlement of all disputes by arbi-
tration; fixes a minimum wage and a
sliding scale; provides against dis-
crimination of persons by either the
mine owners or the miners on ac-
count of membership or non-member-
ship in a labor union, and provides
that the awards made shall continue
in force until March 31, 1906. The
Commission discussed to some extent
the matter of recognition, non-recog-
nition of the Miners' Union, but
declined to make any award on this
matter.

President Mitchell Satisfied.
Detroit, Mich., March 23.—"The
decision of the Anthracite Coal
Strike Commission is on the whole
a decided victory for the miners, and
I am pleased with it," said Presi-
dent John Mitchell of the United
Mine Workers of America, in an in-
terview with an Associated Press re-
presentative. "The anthracite min-
ers of Pennsylvania have reason to
be much pleased with the Commis-
sion's awards, and I am sure that
they are," he said.

"The most important feature of
the awards," he continued, "is, of
course, the increase of 10 per cent.
given the miners. This will result
in an annual increase in the wages
of the 140,000 anthracite miners of
Pennsylvania of \$6,000,000. The
sliding scale provided for by the
Commission is very satisfactory, in-
asmuch as a minimum of \$4.50 per
ton is fixed. With white ash
coal at \$5.50 per ton at tidewater,
the increase provided in the sliding
scale will be equivalent to 20 per
cent. more on the miners' wages."

Union Is Satisfied.
President Mitchell was asked if he
was disappointed because the Com-
mission did not recognize the union
formally, and he replied that he was
not, because the decision of the Com-
mission and its award were in them-
selves a recognition of the power and
influence of the United Mine Work-
ers.

"After the increase of wages given
the miners," said Mr. Mitchell, "the
most important of the awards, from
the miners' standpoint, are the ones
fixing a nine-hour day, and provid-
ing for a Board of Conciliation. The
award gives a nine-hour day, with
ten hours pay, directly to 90,000
men, and practically all of the other
employees of the anthracite mines will
get a nine-hour day by reason of
their comrades shorter hours. The
provision for a Board of Conciliation
will result in great good, and I am
much pleased with it. It will com-
pulsory investigation of both sides of the
controversies between the miners and
operators and bring the employers
into closer relationship with their
men. This cannot help but bring
most beneficial results."

Against Child Labor.
The Commission's recommendation
on more stringent enforcement of
laws against child labor in the min-
ing region would, Mr. Mitchell said,
result in great good. "I think that
this will result," said he, "in securing the passage
of a law that is now pending in the
Pennsylvania Legislature, raising the
age limit at which children may go
to work to 14 years for boys in the
breakers, and 16 for entering the
mines."

"Until I have read the entire re-
port," Mr. Mitchell said, "in con-
cluding the interview, 'I cannot com-
ment on it or discuss it at any
length. It is manifestly impossible
for me to do this, but I repeat that
on the whole the awards of the Com-
mission are very satisfactory and a
decided victory for the men.'"

A Commissioner's Views.
Washington, March 23.—"The most
remarkable feature of our entire in-
vestigation has been the extraor-
dinary unanimity with which every
member of the Commission made his
deductions from the facts present-
ed," said a member of the Anthracite
Coal Strike Commission yesterday.
"Not only has there never been the
least thought of a minority report,
but, point by point, as we have
arrived at our conclusions and made
our deductions, we have discov-
ered that each was impressed in the
same way with the same facts, and
to a very large extent, conceived
the same remedies for the same
evils."

The task set us by the President
was a gigantic one, continued the
commissioner, "and as the evidence
piled up it seemed appalling, but
the facility with which all the mem-
bers of the Commission worked and
the harmony which prevailed
throughout added materially to the
ease with which it was accomplished.
Generally speaking, the members
of the commission met as strangers. I

think I may say that, without ex-
ception, they part as friends. The
sincerity with which each has under-
taken to perform his duty and ren-
der a just and equitable decision has
resulted in the greatest respect be-
ing entertained by each and every
member of the Commission for every
other member.

"Quite apart from whatever good
may have been done for the persons
involved in the controversy we met
to settle, the experience has been al-
most a liberal education for us, and
one that, difficult as it has been, I
am glad to have taken part in."

Coal President's Refuse to Talk.
New York, March 23.—Presidents
of the anthracite coal roads refuse to
discuss the finding of the Strike
Commission until they have exam-
ined it carefully.

NO DIVISION YET.

The Legislature Still Continues to Debate
the Gamey Charges—Mr. Stratton Re-
signs—The Commission Named.

Toronto, March 23.—There has
been no division yet in the Legisla-
tive Assembly on the Gamey charges
of corruption.

Monday was characterized by reason-
ing of the fact that Mr. Gamey was
given his money and papers by the
leader of the Opposition, and the
failure of the Premier to impound
them. Mr. Gamey having left the
House before the Premier's motion
could get under way. The Speaker
on the main question was Mr. J. W.
St. John, and during the course of
his speech Mr. Stratton stated that
he had offered his resignation to the
Premier immediately upon the charges
against him being formulated.

Tuesday was a waiting day. The
instructions to the Commission were
half expected, but were not brought
down. The speakers of the day were
Messrs. E. J. B. Fense and M. G.
Cameron for the Government and
Messrs. I. B. Lucas and J. Downey
for the Opposition.

Wednesday the Premier introduced
the terms of the Commission, and
named Chancellor Boyd and Chief
Justice Falconbridge as the judges.
Mr. Whitney took the view that they
were not sufficiently wide to permit
of a thorough investigation. The
speakers of the day were Messrs. T.
H. Preston and A. Pattullo for the
Government and Messrs. Hugh Clark,
Macdonald and Lachner for the
Opposition.

Thursday it was evident that the
speech-making was a time killing de-
vice. Mr. Sam Clarke spoke for the
Government, and Messrs. Carstairs
and W. J. Hanna for the Opposition.
Friday saw a trial of speakers.
Mr. Gross for the Government and
Mr. Hanna and Dr. Beattie Nesbitt
for the Opposition.

The Government speakers during
the week would be a full and com-
plete record would be had by means
of the Judicial Commission proposed,
and those of the Opposition just as
strenuously that the House was the
custodian of its own honor and that
the charges should be referred to the
Committee on Elections and Privileges.

The end may come suddenly or may
be delayed for days and possibly
weeks. It is reported that Mr.
Foy will to-morrow move an amend-
ment to the Government's plan.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

Debate on Sir Oliver Mowat's Tenure of
Lieutenant-Governorship.

Ottawa, March 23.—There were
two exciting subjects of debate in
the House of Commons during the
past week. Monday, private mem-
bers' day, Mr. W. F. Maclean start-
ed one of them by referring to the
fact that Sir Oliver Mowat's term
of office had expired, and that his
heath was such that he was unfit to
cope with the present political crisis
in Ontario. The Premier defended
Sir Oliver, and said he was too
high-minded a gentleman to keep an
office after he felt himself unfit for
its duties.

Tuesday the subject was further
debated, the chief speakers being
Mr. Maclean and Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Wednesday Sir Wilfrid Laurier
made his ministerial explanations,
and gave the reason for Mr. Tarte's
dismissal from the Cabinet his pro-
tection speeches which were not in
accord with the policy of the Gov-
ernment on this subject—the Field-
ing tariff. Mr. Tarte claimed that he
had retired and had not been dis-
missed, and that he was perfectly
within his rights as a member of the
Cabinet, as he had made his strong-
est speech in favor of higher duties
in Sir Wilfrid's hearing, and without
rebuttal. Several other speakers fol-
lowed and the House adjourned at
10.30.

Thursday there was nothing excit-
ing in the House, which spent most
of its time in Supply. Two bills were
introduced: One by Mr. Cowan re-
specting drainage on and across the
property of railway companies. His
bill aims to effect a compromise be-
tween the Dominion and the Provin-
cial Houses for carrying water across
railway tracks. He asks that this
power be granted to a municipality
to build drains without having to go
to the Railway Committee. Mr.
Cowan introduced his bill to regu-
late the size of milk-cans and to
have local size.

Friday, Mr. Bland introduced
his bill to constitute a new Com-
mission of three or five. He claimed
the power and scope of his bill
which was read a first time. The
House in Supply passed a number of
Items, and the House adjourned till
three o'clock Monday.

Ottawa, March 20.—The Senate
adjourned to-day to meet on Wednes-
day, April 15.

Picked Up at Sea.

Punchball, Madeira, March 23.—The
Norwegian bark Tabitha, Capt. J.
Danielson, Pensacola, Nov. 18, for
Buenos Ayres, was burned at sea,
March 1, in latitude 34 south 51
west. The British steamer Tarra-
gon, Rosario, Feb. 27, for Rotter-
dam, picked up the Tabitha crew
and landed them here. Two of the
crew died of exposure.

NEWS TOPICS OF A WEEK

Important Events in Few Words
For Busy Readers.

Who May World's Happenings Carefully
Compiled and Put Into Handy and
Attractive Shape For the Readers of
Our Paper—A Solid Hour's Enjoyment
in Paragraphs.

CANADIAN.

Kingston, March 23.—Saturday
night fire was discovered in McGow-
an's cigar factory. The damage is
\$25,000, with an insurance of \$18,-
000.

Gloucester, C.B.—The coal pit fire
here has not yet been extinguished.
Halifax, N.S.—A Board of Trade
and City Council deputation will try
to induce the C.P.R. to extend its
line to this city.

Winnipeg, March 21.—Fred T.
Gordon, the newly appointed Gov-
ernor of the Yukon Territory, who
has been the guest of his cousin
here, leaves to-night for the west and
north.

Toronto Junction—Friday night
the Young Conservatives banqueting
Mr. J. W. St. John, M.P. for West
York. Mr. Gamey was one of the
speakers. The affair was a great
success.

Victoria, B. C., March 21.—Stock-
ham Dawley's store and postoffice at
Courkwa was destroyed by fire on
Thursday night. The loss is \$8,-
000, with no insurance.

Fergus—The inquest on the Huston
and Irwin babies, victims of Wed-
nesday's accident on the G. T. R.,
reached no conclusion Friday. The
inquest adjourned till Monday after-
noon, when the jury will visit the
scene of the wreck.

St. Catharines, March 23.—The
body of Graham Scott, Government
water watchman, was found yester-
day morning under the railway
bridge at lock No. 4, old canal. The
water was drawn off to aid the
search. Scott disappeared on the
afternoon of the 21st inst.

St. John, N. B., March 23.—Loma
Jakobatz, a Hungarian, employed
as a guard at the immigration build-
ing, has confessed to accepting money
for assisting detained immigrants to
enter the United States. He will be
deported to Liverpool, from whence
he came here last November.

Kingston, March 20.—Elmer Bid-
dle at the police court on Saturday,
pleaded guilty to stealing two coats,
and a hat from Melville Revington,
and carrying a loaded revolver. Bid-
dle pleaded for a suspended sen-
tence. The magistrate sentenced
Biddle to three years in the King-
ston Penitentiary.

London, Ont., March 20.—An ex-
press freight train for Stratford, pull-
ing out of London East yards last even-
ing, was struck by a switch engine
coming out of the car shops, derail-
ing three cars of coal in the middle
of the extra train. Engineer John
Douglas of the switch engine had
both legs cut off. He died at the
hospital later.

THE UNITED STATES.

Washington—The Navy Department
has ordered the cruiser Atlanta to
proceed to Dominica and Hayti from
Pensacola.

Philadelphia.—A despatch from
Florence, announces the death of
Charles Godfrey Leland, author
and journalist.

Saratoga.—Friday's weather was a
record-breaker. The mercury reached
80 degrees in the sun, and averaged
70 in the shade.

New York, March 20.—United
States Commissioner Alexander von
Trotter refused bail for Whittaker
Wright, pending his examination.

Pepperell, Mass.—Over 300 are
thrown out of work by the burning
of the Griffin shoe factory. A score
of dwellings were also destroyed and
the loss \$300,000.

Washington.—A cablegram to the
State Department from Canton,
China, says that troops have been
despatched to suppress an incipient
rebellion at Yan How, in the pro-
vince of Kwantung.

Chicago, March 21.—One thousand
employees of Seitz, Schwab & Com-
pany, shoe manufacturers, were
thrown out of employment yester-
day on account of one fireman, who
struck for union wages.

Washington, March 20.—After ratify-
ing the Cuban Revolt, the Senate
adjourned sine die yester-
day at 5.15 p.m. Practically the
entire day was spent behind closed
doors in executive session.

Niagara Falls, N.Y., March 23.—
The wide channel between the Amer-
ican shore and Goat Island, known
as the American falls, was almost
dry yesterday. The shallowness of
the water was due to an immense ice
jam at the head of Goat Island.

Philadelphia, March 23.—Five men
of the crew of the tug Pilot of the
Cuba, were killed in a collision be-
tween the tug and the steamship
Winifred in the Delaware River, off
Marcus Hook, Pa., late Friday night.
The remaining three members of the
crew were saved.

New London, Conn.—Thursday
night, in a fog, the all Rival pas-
senger steamer, Plymouth, was run
down by the freight steamer City of
Taunton, and 100 feet of the star-
board side of the vessel was carried
away. Six men in the steerage were
drowned in their bunks, and other
injuries are feared.

Saratoga, March 23.—A serious
but not fatal railway accident oc-
curred Saturday morning on the
Grand Trunk line, just east of the
Onondaga station. An engine and
nine freight cars were derailed and
rushed down a steep ten-foot
embankment, but no person was
seriously injured. The cars were con-
siderably damaged, and the freight
carried was also more or less dis-
turbed. A switch had been left
open.

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

Montevideo, March 23.—Peace was
signed yesterday between the Urugu-
ayan Government and the rebels.
Paris—The French Government has
received a definite offer of \$200,000

from Venezuela as a settlement of all
the claims of France prior to 1902.
Havana, March 21.—The ratifica-
tion of the amended reciprocity
treaty by the Cuban Senate is re-
garded as doubtful, owing to the
provision against further reductions
in the sugar duty for five years.

Tokio, March 7, via Victoria, B.C.
March 23.—At least 150,000 people
are starving in the northern prov-
inces of Japan. Europeans and
Americans have led the way in ap-
pealing subscription lists and already
\$8,000 has been collected.

THE COLONIES.
Sydney, New South Wales, March
21.—Henson's bonded warehouse,
containing 10,000 tons of merchan-
dise, was gutted by fire yesterday.
The loss is estimated at \$3,500,000.

Kingstown, Island of St. Vincent,
March 23.—The Soufriere Volcano on
this island is very active, and is
discharging dense clouds of smoke,
which are rising in columns, miles
high.

GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.
Dublin, March 23.—North Fermanagh
has elected an Opposition mem-
ber to the House of Commons. In
place of the former Conservative
member, Mr. Archdale, who resigned,
Edward Mitchell, the new member,
defeated the Government candidate,
Captain Craig, by 152 votes. The
Nationalists voted solidly for Mr.
Mitchell.

DEATH OF DEAN FARRAR.

Noted English Churchman and Writer
Passed Away.

London, March 23.—The Very Rev.
Frederick William Farrar, Dean of
Canterbury, since 1893, died yester-
day. He was in his seventy-second
year.

Very Rev. Frederick William Farrar,
D.D., F.R.S., became Dean of Can-
terbury in 1893. He was a son of
Rev. C. F. Farrar, late vicar of
Sidcup, Kent, and was born Aug. 7,
1831. In 1860 he married Lucy
Cardew. He received his education
at King William's College, Isle of
Man; King's College, London, and
Trinity College, Cambridge. His
school career was very brilliant.

He was a writer of note. For boys
he wrote, Eric, St. Winifred's and
Julian Home, all school stories. His
other works were: Seekers After
Christ, The Witness of History to
Christ (Hulsean lectures), The His-
tory of Interpretation (Bampton
lectures), The Life of Christ, The Life
of St. Paul, The Early Days of
Christianity, Darkness and Dawn,
Life of Christ in Art, Gathering
Clouds, Eternal Hope, Sermons: In
the Saw of Thy Youth, The Lord's
Prayer, The Voice of Sinai, The
Young Man, Master of Himself, The
Bible, Its Meaning and Supremacy,
1897; The Herods, 1897; The Life of
Lives, 1899, and others.

TO DELIVER RURAL MAILS.

Farmers of Ontario Believed to Be Re-
sponsible For This Feat.

Ottawa, March 23.—Jabel Rob-
inson, M.P. for West Elgin, will in-
troduce a resolution into the House
shortly, asking the Government to
establish a system of rural free de-
livery whenever an organized de-
mand for it is made. He believes
in the hands of the Ontario are anxious
for such a system.

Hen. Clifford Sifton and party left
for New York yesterday morning ear-
ly. They sail for England on Wed-
nesday to prepare the Canadian side
of the Alaska Boundary question.
Canada's side of the matter must be
in the hands of the United States re-
presentatives by May 8.

Bishop Rogers Is Dead.
Chatham, N.B., March 23.—Right
Rev. James Rogers, D. D., Roman
Catholic Bishop of Chatham, died
here yesterday morning at 5 o'clock,
after an illness of several weeks.

Bishop Rogers was born on July 11,
1826, in Donegal County, Ireland.
In 1831 his family emigrated to Hal-
ifax, where he received his general
and classical education. He was con-
secrated Bishop on August 15, 1860,
at Charlottetown, and was placed in
charge of Chatham, where he has
been ever since. During his adminis-
tration the diocese has greatly pros-
pered, and from seven priests under
his direction, at the start, the num-
ber has grown to 50. He was be-
loved and gained the respect of peo-
ple of all creeds.

Killed by Falling Timber.

Bothwell, Ont., March 23.—Friday
afternoon James Johnston, a far-
mer, residing a few miles from town,
with other men, were getting tim-
ber out of the woods, when a storm
suddenly arose, which caused the
men to run for shelter. Mr. John-
ston was unable to go with the rest.
He was trying to skid out a large
piece of timber. Not appearing when
the shower was over the men went
to look for him. They found him in
a swampy piece of ground, the load
upset, with Mr. Johnston lying dead
under the log, which had rolled upon
him. The deceased leaves a wife.

The Dominion Colliery Fire.

Toronto, March 23.—Senator Cox
last night received a telegram from
Third Vice-President Dugan, of the
Dominion Coal Company, dated from
Sydney, N. S.: "Report of fire af-
fecting other mines are false. It is
absolutely confined to No. 1, and en-
tirely in small portion of worked-out
area. Made some headway against
it yesterday. Can certainly extin-
guish it by flooding if necessary, and
only damage resulting from this
course would be delay and cost of
pumping out. Only 11 horses were
lost. No damage so far."

Drivers Miraculous Escape.

East Toronto, March 23.—Pete
Taylor, driver for J. Brandon, bak-
er, had a miraculous escape from
being killed on Saturday afternoon.
He was driving on the 3rd conces-
sion, Scarborough, with a team at-
tached to the bread wagon, and upon
crossing the C.P.R. track an engine
struck the horses, killing one out-
right and fatally injuring the other.
The driver was unhurt.

I Coughed

"I had a most stubborn cough
for many years. It deprived me
of sleep and I grew very thin. I
then tried Ayer's Cherry Pectoral,
and was quickly cured."
R. N. Mann, Fall Mills, Tenn.

Sixty years of cures
and such testimony as the
above have taught us what
Ayer's Cherry Pectoral
will do.

We know it's the great-
est cough remedy ever
made. And you will say
so, too, after you try it.
There's cure in every drop.

There's cure in every drop.
Send for it now, for the best
cough remedy ever made.
Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.
J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

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C. W. GAY, Principal
Brockville, Ont.

"Ho, there

Where you goin'?"

"Up to Eaton's after a
pump."

"Didn't know he made
em."

"Yes, and keeps all kinds of
wood and iron pumps, piping,
pipe-fittings; in fact, every-
thing you need around a well."

Saw-filing and general car-