

**COMPANY REFUSES DEMAND
OF MEN FOR WAGE ADVANCE**

Cannot Grant Increase in Scale, Owing to Great Outlays To Be Made—Manager King Points Out That Company Is Facing an Expenditure of \$165,000.

The London Street Railway Company met its employees on Saturday night after all the cars had been placed in the barns, and after going into the matter very thoroughly. Manager King refused the request of the men for an increase in wages. Vice-President Smallman also attended the meeting, and of the 110 employees, almost every man was present. The men who now receive 15-17 cents an hour or the first year, and 17 cents an hour thereafter, asked for an increase to 20 cents an hour flat for all men.

The meeting was called by Manager King on the purpose of giving the men some light on the new rules which he intends to place before the employees, and also to discuss the wage question which has been brewing for some months past. In his address to the employees he first took up the expense they would be put to this year, as follows:

Company Must Spend \$165,000.

Repairs to be made to the boilers and engines at the power plant, \$12,000. For motor repairs, \$12,000, each single truck motor costing \$1,200, and a double truck motor \$2,500.

Five new cars at a cost of \$4,000 each, making a total of \$20,000. Cost of new South London line, \$30,000.

Mr. King also took up the matter of damages the company has had to pay. Last year they amounted to \$10,000, or just one-third of the total amount paid to the employees in wages in a year.

The collision at the South street crossing had cost the company \$3,200 in October last, while the collision at the intersection of the line on Dundas street cost the company \$350.

All these things had to be considered. Mr. King also spoke of the expense of pavements—\$1.40 a yard for the paving of their portion of the street which would be increased by about 55 cents a square yard by the repaving of the track.

In all the total expense will be about \$165,000 this year.

Ten miles of overhead wire are also needed, some of the wire being worn to half its thickness in many places, owing to the great cost of the wire, not more than the cost of a new wire, would be strung this year.

He spoke of the need of politeness on the part of the conductors to passengers, and said that if the employees would work in harmony with the company, he thought he could improve the service in a great many ways. By putting their shoulder to the wheel they could help the company along.

**CHARGED UNDER
FLAG OF TRUCE**

Americans Whip Filipino Band, But Lose Half of the Command.

Manila, March 26.—Gov. Curry has reported to the Government on the recent engagement with Puljanas for the capture of the constabulary, lost half his command, but gained a magnificent victory in the face of overwhelming odds. The Puljanas, under a flag of truce, and while promising to surrender, immediately opened fire, charging the constabulary. He says: "The constabulary is safe and well, but the particulars of his rescue are not available at this hour. Gen. Buchanan, commanding the Department of Visayas, has left for Cebu, and the aid of the Federal Government to the insular authorities, if desirable. Small detachments of Federal troops are now assisting the constabulary in the pursuit of the fugitive Puljanas.

Major Gen. Wood has learned the constabulary 500 Krug-Jorgensen rifles, to supplement the single-shot Springfield they have been using.

**Deluge in California;
Floods Menace Cities**

Los Angeles, Cal., March 26.—A dispatch to the Times from San Jacinto, Cal., says: Raging down its course in the maddest fury known in 25 years, the San Jacinto River threatens great damage to the town of San Jacinto, to the extensive ranching regions nearby and to many other places down the valley.

Bridge have been washed away, lands have been flooded, and it is feared only with the greatest difficulty that the waters have been prevented from sweeping through the main street of San Jacinto and entailing heavy loss.

For the first time in its history, the steepest dam is pouring from the sluiceways and augmenting the flood.

San Francisco, March 26.—Heavy rains continue in California. In San Joaquin Valley, the rivers and creeks are very high. At Sonora it is the trip to Los Angeles on the tracks estimated that \$100,000 damage has

the receipts would grow, and the company, the public and the employees would be greatly benefited.

Merit System To Be Adopted.

Manager King also spoke of the introduction of the merit system, to govern the employees, whereby they would not be suspended for minor offenses, but would receive marks, favorable or unfavorable, according to their conduct, and when the unfavorable marks exceeded the favorable by 100, they would be dismissed. Reinstatement would be possible by doing some act of bravery.

The Employees' Side.

Replying on behalf of the motormen and conductors, Mr. Hooper said the street car employees were the poorest paid men in London, many of them not receiving enough to exist on. Day men, he said, had to work nearly 11 hours a day for ten hours' pay.

I reply, Mr. King said every man was free to do as he wished. He did not want to see the men leave the employ of the company, but he could do nothing towards an increase in wages.

An employee of the company was asked this morning regarding the outcome of the meeting, and he said that if the company did not grant an increase in wages, there would certainly be a strike. Of the men who took the places of the men who struck a few years ago, only ten are now in the service of the company, and these are said to be prepared to stay with the remainder of the employees in whatever course they pursue.

Manager's Statement.

Manager King, when seen by The Advertiser this afternoon said that, while the company would only be too glad to do as the men asked, the receipts will not warrant an increase at present. At the meeting he pointed out to the employees that it cost the claims, and this amount might just as well have been added to the salaries of the men. When the reforms he has outlined are carried out, and when the employees put their shoulder to the wheel, so as to increase the receipts, he is ready to go to the directors and ask for an increase for the employees.

At the present run-down condition of the line will not permit of the wages being increased now.

**CHICAGO POLICE
IN FATAL FIGHT**

Greeks and Detectives in Fierce Street Battle—Several May Die.

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McGREGOR'S THE MAN

The Pictou Senator Slated for Nova Scotia Governorship.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, March 26.—It is very probable that Senator McGregor, of Pictou, will be appointed lieutenant-governor of Nova Scotia at today's meeting of the cabinet.

NEW PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS**Premier Scott at Ottawa Talks Over Police and Railway Extensions.**

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What Was It?

London, March 26.—In the course of a lecture before the Psycho-therapeutic Society, Dr. Ward announced that Prof. Elmer Gates, of Washington, D. C., who has been experimenting with light rays, has found about five octaves above violet a form of waves similar to "X"-rays.

Under these rays living objects throw a shadow, which exists only as long as there is life in the object. A live rat was placed in a hermetically sealed tube and held in the path of the rays in front of a sensitized screen. So long as the rat was alive it threw a shadow. When it was killed it became suddenly transparent.

"Here," said the lecturer, "there was a strange phenomenon. At the very instant the rat became transparent a shadow of exactly the same shape was noticed to pass, as it were, out of and beyond the glass tube and vanished as it passed upward on the sensitized screen."

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The joint convention probably will not be assembled before Monday afternoon. It will hear the report of the scale committee and determine whether negotiations are to be continued or ended at once.

The convention may order the scale committee to go out once more and make an effort to reach an agreement, but this is regarded as unlikely.

The opinion prevails tonight that a final disruption between the operators and miners will occur Monday afternoon.

With contracts affecting more than 200,000 miners in the country expiring within a week, the bituminous operators are occupying the time of the joint conference here in quarters of a personal nature among themselves.

Four hours were spent Saturday in viviparative exchange, while the miners representatives on the scale committee looked on in amusement.

The issue apparently has changed of a dispute between the two factions of the mine owners instead of a difference between the operators and miners.

President Mitchell is anxious to consult with the anthracite operators before breaking off business of the bituminous conference, and wished to make a trip to New York to meet George F. Baer and David Wilcox, of the anthracite operators' committee.

It is said that Mr. Mitchell has a proposition to make to the hard coal men, which, if accepted, would serve as a club over the bituminous operators who are standing out against an increase in wages.

The nature of the proposition is not known, but it is reported President Mitchell is willing to offer a renewal of the old scale in the anthracite regions, provided he can secure an agreement in the bituminous fields on a basis of 5.55 per cent advance.

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**BIG COAL STRIKE
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The Scale Committee Fails to Reach Agreement.

ONE MORE ATTEMPT AT PEACE

Today Likely to See Announcement of Oligant Walkout of Soft Coal Miners.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 25.—The deadlocked conference of the bituminous operators and miners finally was broken yesterday after five days. It was agreed on both sides that no settlement can be reached by the joint scale committee.

A mutual understanding exists that the whole matter will be referred on Monday to the joint convention of miners and operators for final disposal. The negotiations probably will be brought to an end there within a few hours.

This makes a strike almost certain, although F. L. Robbins may decide to carry his fight for peace into the large convention.

"If he does," said A. J. Moorehead, of Illinois, "the result will come speedily."

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