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AFFECTS 150,000 MEN.

Increased Wages Asked by Railway Men West of Chicago.

ANSWER RETURNABLE BY JAN. 5.

Although No Strike is Threatened Situation Is Considered Critical—Men Say Trains Are Heavier and the Work More Onerous Than in Former Years—The Demand Made Saturday.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Demands for a 20 per cent. increase in the wages of passenger and freight conductors and brakemen were presented Saturday to the officials of forty railroads running west from Chicago. The proposed increase affects 150,000 employees who are members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors. Accompanying the demands, notice was served that an answer must be returned by Jan. 5. Although no strike is threatened, the situation is regarded generally by railroad men as critical. The trainmen give as their reason for asking for an increase in wages the fact that trains are much heavier now than in former years, and that more hours are required to run a given number of miles. It is asserted that the work of conductors and brakemen has been almost doubled.

ELI HYMAN BURIED.

No Further Authentic Information About the Extent of His Estate.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Eli Hyman, the Hebrew who lived in abject misery while he was the possessor of an immense fortune, was buried on Sunday in the Little Jewish cemetery on Pape avenue. The interment was witnessed by about a dozen persons, who were relatives, or people otherwise interested in the disposal of the estate. The funeral was very simple, but a large number of curious persons viewed the remains.

There is no further information as to the extent of Hyman's estate. A bond for ten thousand dollars has been supplied to cover the succession duties on the big fortune left by the miserly beggar. Five per cent. must be paid to the Province. This will probably amount to \$5,000. Half of the estate will be inherited by Mrs. Sophia Hyman, the wife, and the balance will go to the children. They are said to be in California. There are two girls and a son, the issue of the first marriage. This marriage has not been established, however, and the children will be forced to make the necessary showing. There is no record of such marriage, but many Jews in the city are sure the old degenerate had a family before he married Miss Hamilton, the wife known here. This promises to develop a lawsuit, especially if a prior marriage is established and the present Mrs. Hyman cannot show a divorce.

SOLD WIFE FOR A WATCH.

Percy Township Man Consented to Her Marrying His Brother.

Cobourg, Dec. 22.—George A. Reynolds of the township of Percy, sold his wife to his brother Walter for a gold watch, and the latter agreed to purchase the household effects belonging to George and assume the responsibilities of the head of the family. Walter and Mrs. George Reynolds were married in Norwood, and a few days later both were committed for trial by John Miller, J. P., the woman being charged with bigamy, and her brother-in-law husband with having incited her to commit the crime. Walter Reynolds is about 20 years of age, and recently returned from Michigan, going to live with his brother. He fell in love with his sister-in-law, and as his brother didn't care, the attachment developed until a proposition of marriage was made. While George stayed at home with the two children, Walter and Mrs. Reynolds visited the clergyman. They now plead ignorance of the law.

IN A FEW DAYS.

Resolutions Passed by the Inter-Provincial Conference Will Be Published.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—The resolutions will be published in a few days, but further I cannot say, was the reply given yesterday by the Hon. George H. Murray, speaking of the Quebec conference. He said that the conference would not doubt be productive of good, and added that the question of federal representation of the lower provinces had not been taken up by the conference.

MILNER NOMINATED.

Brampton, Dec. 22.—The Liberals of Peel met in convention here Saturday. There was a large delegation from all parts of the county. The nomination of W. E. Milner for the House of Commons, which had been agreed upon at a recent meeting of the executive committee, was ratified. Mr. Milner accepting the nomination. A public meeting was addressed by the Postmaster-General. Mr. Milner is a native of Brampton.

SUCCESS TO MARCONI.

Several Wireless Messages Sent Across the Atlantic.

LORD MINTO TO KING EDWARD VII.

The Inventor Makes an Announcement of His Success—The London Times Announces Receipt of Message From Dr. Parkin—Canada Interested in the Greatest Achievement of the Century.

New York, Dec. 22.—The following despatch from Mr. Marconi, dated Glace Bay, N.S., Dec. 21, has been received by the Associated Press:

"I beg to inform you for circulation that I have established wireless telegraph communication between Cape Breton, Canada, and Cornwall, England, with complete success.

"Inaugurating messages, including one from the Governor-General of Canada to King Edward VII. have been transmitted and forwarded to the King of England and also to the King of Italy.

"A message to The London Times has also been transmitted in the presence of its special correspondent, Dr. Parkin.

(Signed.) G. Marconi."

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The following message was received yesterday afternoon for the Governor-General from Marconi. Glace Bay, N.S., Dec. 21.—"His Excellency the Governor-General: Have honor to inform Your Excellency that your message to His Majesty has now been transmitted by me from Cape Breton to Cornwall by wireless telegraph and has been forwarded to destination (Signed.) Marconi."

The Governor-General's reply to Signor Marconi said: "Delighted at your message, just received. Warmest congratulations on your splendid success. (Signed.) Minto."

Message to Mr. Fielding. Hon. W. S. Fielding, who had made an engagement to meet Signor Marconi at the state of Tabla Head, Glace Bay, received from the inventor yesterday a message reading as follows:—"Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance, Ottawa: Regret you were unable to visit station here. Governor-General sent me a message for His Majesty, which I have already been able to transmit to England by wireless telegraph with complete success. Should be glad to send short message from Canadian Government if desired. I leave here very shortly for my Cape Cod station. (Signed.) G. Marconi."

Mr. Fielding answered Signor Marconi in the following terms:—"Message from Government has already been sent. Accept my warmest congratulations on the success of your great work. I rejoice that Canada has been able to co-operate with you in such a splendid achievement. (Signed.) W. S. Fielding."

The message from the Government, to which Mr. Fielding refers, was signed by Sir Richard Cartwright, acting Premier. It congratulated the British people upon the new method of communication between the two continents, and referred to successful transatlantic transmission by wireless telegraph as one of the greatest achievements of the age.

The Times' Confirmation. London, Dec. 22.—The Times confirms the receipt of a message by wireless telegraph from Marconi at Cape Breton, N.S.

A UNION PROPOSED.

Premier Porter Suggests One Between Trans-Canada and Canadian Northern.

Quebec, Dec. 22.—Two railway magnates, Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann, proprietors of the Canadian Northern, were in the city Saturday with the object of placing a proposition before the members of the Inter-Provincial Convention, which was held in this city. It is the hope of the proprietors of the Canadian Northern to make this line a transcontinental one, and they were here to urge the advisability of the scheme with the gentlemen in conference. The Prime Minister of Quebec, Hon. S. N. Parent, has advised them to come to an understanding with the provisional directors of the Trans-Canada Railway Company, so that both companies and enterprises could be united and made one by mutual concessions, because they have common interests, and that then the country would enjoy quicker the great benefit of a new transcontinental railway.

MAIL WAS RECOVERED.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 22.—Capt. V. Fletcher, Postoffice Inspector, received a letter yesterday, dated Dec. 12, from Superintendent Fulham, in charge of the northern mail service, which states that the mail lost when Mail Carriers Abbie and McIntyre were lost through the ice on the Atlin trail has been recovered by the men dragging for the bodies of the mail carriers, together with the sleighs, but the bodies have not yet been recovered.

HAGUE OR ROOSEVELT PREMIERS' MEETING. NON-UNIONISTS' TALE.

Arbitration Court Proposed in re Venezuelan Affairs.

COUNTER PROPOSITION MADE.

Britain and Germany Ask Him to Do the Arbitrating—Early This Morning It Looked as If President Roosevelt Would Accept Offer of Alternative Proposition—Official Announcement of Blockade.

Washington, Dec. 22.—President Roosevelt has submitted to the allied powers that the Venezuelan dispute be submitted to the arbitration of The Hague Tribunal.

The powers have replied with a counter proposal that President Roosevelt himself arbitrate the issues.

President Roosevelt does not wish to act as arbitrator in this dispute, for as such, it is felt here, he would be alone judge, jury and constable and would be under the moral obligation to execute his own judgment.

The President feels that a reference to The Hague Tribunal would vastly strengthen the cause of arbitration. Still, rather than see the present dispute proceed to extremes, it is probable the President will reluctantly assume the duties of arbitrator.

A Thorough Understanding. Berlin, Dec. 22.—A semi-official statement made Saturday night says: "The invitation to President Roosevelt to act as arbitrator was made after a thorough consultation between Germany and Britain. An understanding has been reached by the two powers on the reservations attached to the offer, and the German note will agree with the British note on all essential points."

The Possibilities. London, Dec. 22.—It is believed that President Roosevelt's answer to the proposal made by the allied powers that he arbitrate the Venezuelan issues has been received in London. The strictest secrecy with regard to every phase of the negotiations is preserved, however, and it is impossible to make a definite statement, but such indications as are obtainable point to President Roosevelt's acceptance of the office of arbitrator.

A constant interchange of cablegrams is proceeding night and day between the United States Embassy here and the State Department at Washington. It is believed that the President's answer will be submitted formally to the Foreign Office today. By Wednesday, unless some unexpected complications arise, it is believed the negotiations will reach a stage assuming a definite arrangement and obviating hostilities.

It must be said that the acceptance of the office of arbitrator by President Roosevelt would greatly surprise the Foreign Office, which always has been doubtful of the issue of arbitration negotiations on account of the belief that President Roosevelt or the United States was not willing to undertake the responsibility thereby involved.

Castro Accepts. Caracas, Dec. 21.—In the name of Venezuela President Castro has signified acceptance of the appointment of President Roosevelt to arbitrate the Venezuelan difficulty.

Official Blockade. London, Dec. 22.—The official proclamation of the blockade of Venezuelan ports was gazetted Saturday morning and became effective the same day.

Blockade Is On. La Guayra, Dec. 22.—The blockade is on. A schooner belonging to a French subject was seized by the British Saturday.

HELD FOR MANSLAUGHTER.

G.T.R. Train Hands Did Not Send Back to Flag Train.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—William Robinson and Daniel Welsh, in the employ of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, are held for trial on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the deaths of James Murphy, the engineer, and Michael Devaney, the fireman, whose deaths were due to injuries in the recent accident at Morrisburg, Ont. Robinson was the conductor and Welsh the fireman on the train which collided with Murphy's train. At an inquest on the remains of Devaney, held here Saturday, it was shown that Robinson and Welsh, when their train was stopped by an accident, had not sent back to flag the approaching train, which they were required to do by the rules of the road. The jury returned a verdict of manslaughter, and the accused were released on bail to appear for trial.

LINER'S CYLINDER BURST.

Deutschland Badly Damaged and a Panic Followed.

Plymouth, England, Dec. 22.—The Hamburg-American Line steamer Deutschland arrived here at a quarter past two yesterday afternoon. When she was nearing the Sicily Islands a cylinder burst, and the starboard engine was badly damaged. It will require four months to effect repairs. One engineer was rather badly scalded. The steamer left here at 3 o'clock for Cherbourg and Hamburg. A panic ensued, but was stilled.

ANOTHER FARMERS' UNION.

Tara, Dec. 20.—A meeting of the farmers of the adjoining townships was held here yesterday for the purpose of forming a branch association to the North Bruce Farmers' Association of Canada. Mr. C. Swale, Reeve of the Township of Amabel, took the chair. Addresses were made by the chairman, W. Smith, editor of The Sun, Toronto; Col. Belcher, H. T. Potts, John Douglas, James Rughon and others. C. Swale was elected president; A. McRae, vice-president; Joseph Potts, secretary-treasurer, and one member from each township was appointed to form the executive. A good many farmers present joined the association.

Subjects for Consideration of the Conference at Quebec.

A PRELIMINARY MEETING HELD.

The Trains Were Late—Actual Business of Conference Begins To-Day—Quebec's Representation in the Commons May Be Increased—Plan to Settle Fisheries Question—Increased Subsidies.

Quebec, Dec. 19.—The Intercolonial train, which only arrived about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, caused a delay in the opening of the proceedings of the Inter-Provincial Conference. On board this train were: Hon. Messrs. Murray, Premier, and Longley, Attorney-General of Nova Scotia. A preliminary meeting was held last night, but the actual business of the conference will only commence today. Last night the delegates were the guests of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor. To-day Premier Parent will dine them at the Garrison Club. They will also be entertained at the Government House by the Provincial Ministers and by the Quebec Board of Trade. The conference will probably last till Saturday afternoon.

Subjects to Be Dealt With. The general anticipation is that the action of the present conference will be mostly on lines somewhat similar to those laid down in the Quebec resolutions of 1887, chief among which are the increase of the Provincial subsidies from the Dominion, the adjustment of the representation and the indemnity received by the Dominion from the fisheries award. It was rumored last evening that Premier Parent has a plan to submit to the conference for the settlement of the difficulties connected with the fisheries award, and there is no doubt that the feeling regarding the readjustment of the subsidies is unanimous, so far as known. The functions of the Provinces have greatly expanded since the amounts of the subsidies were fixed. The Provinces are now under a much greater expense for the maintenance of schools, and for many other things. The revenue of the Dominion, on the other hand, has greatly increased since the subsidies were fixed.

To Settle Representation. Then as regards the representation, it is believed that a rearrangement of the representation of the Provinces in the Federal House can be secured, without the reduction of the present representation of any of the Provinces, by increasing the representation from the Province of Quebec, which is now the basis of arrangement. The relative proportion could remain the same as provided for by the terms of the British North America act.

It is also stated that in the event of the conference agreeing unanimously on some matters of action the resolution will be given to the press for publication.

E. A. MACDONALD DEAD.

Ex-Mayor of Toronto Passes Away After a Year's Illness.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—After an illness lasting nearly six months, Ernest Albert Macdonald, ex-Mayor of Toronto, died last night at his home, 85 Grenville street. Deceased had been suffering from nervous prostration for nearly a year and on July 16 was confined to bed, gradually growing weaker until the end came shortly after 10 o'clock.

The late E. A. Macdonald was one of the best known men in Toronto, as he entered public life at an early age. He made and lost a fortune in promoting big real estate and other schemes and was practically responsible for the building up of the property northeast of the United States. On three occasions, 1891, 1898 and 1899, he ran for Mayor's honors, but was defeated. In 1900 he was elected Mayor, defeating ex-Mayor E. F. Clarke and Ald. Hallam. In 1901 he ran for a second term, and was defeated by Mayor Howland. Since then he has not taken an active part in any particular business, owing to a general breaking up of his health. Deceased was 45 years of age.

STR. MODOC STRUCK.

New Lies in Dangerous Position With 223 Passengers.

Toulon, Dec. 19.—The steamer Modoc, collided with the French cruiser La Touche Treville, as she was leaving Port last evening. She grounded on the rocks at the Mourillon arsenal and now lies in a dangerous position. Heavy seas are now breaking up the Modoc. On board the Modoc are 223 passengers for the East Indies.

A Seven-Cent Stamp.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The Postoffice Department will issue a 7-cent postage stamp on or about December 24. The stamp is of yellow color and will be especially convenient for postage rate letters. It may also be used for other postal purposes to the extent of its face value. The minimum quantity of the 7-cent stamp will be a half sheet of 50 stamps.

TRUE BILL FOR TREASON RETURNED AGAINST COL. ARTHUR LYNCH.

London, Dec. 20.—The Grand Jury summoned to consider the indictment of Colonel Arthur Lynch, member of Parliament for Galway, who was arrested June 11 on landing in England from the Continent on the charge of high treason in connection with the part he took in the South African war, where he is alleged to have commanded the Irish brigade, returned a true bill yesterday against the defendant. The Lord Chief Justice Baron Alverstone, in charging the jury, remarked that it was 62 years since a Grand Jury had to deal with such a charge, which was the highest crime known in law. Col. Lynch's trial at the bar is expected to begin Jan. 20.

A Reign of Terror Alleged During Coal Miners' Strike.

JUDGE GRAY'S STRONG WORDS.

As the Commission Wanted to Know If a Reign of Terror Really Existed While Strike Was on the Strict Rules of Evidence Would Not Bind—Summary of Testimony Given on Thursday.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 19.—In the Coal Strike Commission yesterday in reply to the lawyers for the miners, who objected frequently to the admission of testimony on hearsay, and some times objected because of irrelevance of certain other statements, Chairman Gray said the commission was not bound by any strict rules of evidence, but asked counsel to confine themselves in examining witnesses as far as possible to direct evidence. The commission, he said, wanted to know whether a reign of terror existed in the anthracite region, and it could not get that information if the strict rules of evidence were applied. "The coward who will go to the storekeepers," he said, "and tell them not to sell the necessities of life to a poor woman, usually seeks the obscurity that the law of evidence throws around him. If a girl is discharged from her position in a store, because she rode in a street car in inclement weather, while a street car strike was on, the coward who discharged her is coward enough to refuse to testify." He recognized, he said, why some merchants will not come forward and tell who forced him to refuse to sell necessities of life to certain boycotted persons, but if he (Chairman Gray) were a storekeeper, he thought he would risk his all, in order to assist in breaking up the cowardly business.

Several non-union witnesses that were called, testified that their wives were insulted in the streets; the children were beaten by other children and could not safely be sent to school; that local unions requested storekeepers to refrain from selling goods to anyone related to a man working in the mines; that they were stored, shut out and hung in effigy, and that life generally was made miserable for them and their families. Most of the witnesses connected strikers with the offences alleged.

The lawyers for the non-union men said last night they would continue calling witnesses to prove that a reign of terror existed during the strike.

The commission will adjourn at about noon on Saturday, and will reconvene in Philadelphia on Jan. 5.

BECAUSE FUEL IS SHORT.

South Kingston, R.I., Dec. 19.—The Peacelade Manufacturing Company, employing more than 700 hands in the manufacture of woollens, was forced to suspend operations yesterday because of the shortage of fuel.

THERE IS NO RELIEF.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 19.—Officials of the Reading Railway Company hold out no hope of relief this winter from the present anthracite coal strike.

PREMIERS TO CONVENTION.

Roblin Thinks Financial Relations With Dominion Must Come Up.

Montreal, Dec. 18.—Premiers Roblin of Manitoba and Peters of Prince Edward Island, and Attorney-General Pugsley of New Brunswick, left last evening for Quebec to attend the conference.

Premier Roblin said it was about agreed that the relations, financial and otherwise, between the Dominion and the provinces, would have to be readjusted in the near future.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley said he did not think the matter of Maritime Province representation in the House of Commons would be taken up.

WILL NOT SELL THE LAND.

Government Cannot Entertain Offer of English Syndicate.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—The proposition of an English syndicate to purchase 2,000 acres of land in New Ontario has been knocked on the head. Thomas Southworth, Commissioner of Colonization, stated yesterday that the Government could not entertain the offer, because they could only sell 160 acres of land to each individual, and the promoters of the scheme had been notified to that effect.

SUCCESSFUL BOYCOTT ON CHURCHES.

Lansford, Pa., Dec. 18.—During the coal strike several clergymen of this town and Summit Hill took sides with the operators and counselled the men to go to work. As a result a boycott was declared against the churches presided over by these pastors. In Lansford four out of the six churches have been placed under the ban. Every person who attends the services is called "scab," and all union men are requested to shun them.

WIRELESS WORKS WELL.

London, Dec. 18.—A news agency despatch from Rome says that Capt. Livione, Signor Marconi's representative there, has received a letter from Signor Marconi, dated ten days ago, saying that he is now in perfect communication with the wireless telegraph station at Poldhu, Cornwall, and that he daily receives and transmits several despatches, all of which are perfectly clear. The stations at Cape Breton and Cornwall will be opened for public business before the end of December.

MADE IN SCOTLAND.

London, Dec. 18.—Messrs. Neil, Reid & Co., the Glasgow manufacturers, have secured an important contract for locomotives for the Canadian Pacific Railroad. They had been competing from Canada and United States firms. The successful tenders promised the earliest delivery.

A GOOD HELPFUL LIST OF SUGGESTIONS.

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