

WILL ASQUITH RESORT TO COMPULSORY ACTION?

Said That Strike Legislation May Be Passed.

NO BRITISH MINERS

WILL WORK TILL ALL DISPUTES SETTLED.

Charity Alone Keeps Thousands From Starving—Six and a Half Millions are Affected by the Great Strike.

London, Eng., March 15.—It is believed that Premier Asquith's suggestions propose that a representative of the government should attend the district conference of the miners. The men fear that this will open the door to compulsory arbitration, which they unanimously resist. If the premier's suggestions are accepted, the district councils will meet at once and come to an agreement in England, but not in Wales and Scotland, but no British miners will return to work until the Welsh and Scottish disputes are settled, hence the crucial question is whether the government will resort to legislative action, compelling the recalcitrant minority to accept the terms agreed to by the majority as reasonable.

While the opinion in the best-informed quarters is that England has been saved from a prolonged national coal strike, it is feared that the efforts which have already resulted are much more serious than the public generally has any idea of. To begin with, it will take at least a fortnight, according to good judges, to effect a settlement along the present projected lines, and in the meanwhile the slow paralysis of the industries of the country will be eating its way to the heart of general prosperity like a canker.

Again, the settlement of the present labor trouble will be not a palliative, but an incitement to further industrial unrest, and though another great strike may not come immediately, the example set by the miners is bound to be followed by other labor federations.

Premier Asquith's new proposals are that as local settlements are secured the men in those districts shall resume work, leaving Wales and Scotland to be dealt with by further conferences.

It is estimated that since the coal strike began Great Britain has lost the sale of 180,000 tons of bunker coal to the world's coal stations.

Charity alone is keeping thousands from starvation in South Wales. For instance, many hundreds have nothing left to pawn, for the pawnbrokers refuse their worn and valueless clothing.

reckoning three persons dependent on each workless man, about six and a half millions are gravely affected, irrespective of the greater masses of small retail shop-keepers now lamenting absent customers, and the other millions who must pay more for every necessary of life.

German Miners Very Bitter.

Berlin, March 15.—The German coal strike is spreading rapidly to other coal fields besides those in Westphalia. Over 300,000 miners have now laid down their tools, and the socialist unionists are being joined in many places by the members of the Christian Miners' Union.

The feeling against the authorities is growing in intensity, owing to the killing of two miners by the police in the course of disturbances at Herne and Buer.

Gave Life to Save Child.

Dauphin, Man., March 15.—Rev. D. Cattanach, a superannuated Methodist minister, and three-year-old Walter Blackburn, the child of a neighbor, were burned to death at the Cattanach household. The minister perished while trying to save the child.

Girl Shot Her Father.

Moose Jaw, Sask., March 15.—Miss Ella Perry, a pretty seventeen-year-old girl, was acquitted of shooting Louis Perry, her father, on the ground of self-defense. Perry, who is a merchant, struck his daughter, and she fired two shots into his body.

St. Patrick's Day.

Come and get real good Irish songs. Dutton's music store.

Mrs. Richard Elliott, aunt of Henry and Peter Lever, of Brockville, died at Dyer's Bay, Ont., in January, aged 100 years and 29 days.

Campbell's hair for good dressers. Camie Foster, formerly of Moira, died at Calgary, Alta., on the 16th of February, aged fifty-four years.

Campbell's for great hat values. Colvin Wedemark, Smith's Falls, has purchased an interest in a mineral water business at Petron.

John Joseph Fenlon, of Toledo, died on the 9th March, aged thirty years.

Miss Ann Robery, of Brockville, died on Wednesday.

Carnations cheap this week. Purdy's.

THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE.

The Citizens Coal Company is to be Re-Organized.

Gananoque, March 15.—The monthly session of the W. M. S. of Grace church was held at the home of Mrs. John A. Webster, Brock street, yesterday afternoon. A fine programme was rendered and an interesting lecture was rendered on the subject of a life membership in the society to Mrs. Horace Griffin by her society associates, as a mark of appreciation for past services.

Town Councillor James Karr is in Brockville on the grand jury at the spring assizes.

The special evangelistic services under the auspices of the Holiness Movement, held for the past ten days in Turner's hall, were brought to a close last evening. The services for the balance of the week will be held in their hall on Garden street.

Miss Counter, who has spent the past month here, guest of her nephew, George Dowsley, returned home to Portsmouth this week. D. Dowsley, who has been visiting his brother, J. Dowsley, Sycamore, has returned home. Mrs. Davidson, of Lynn, was the guest of her mother, Mrs. H. Clow, this week.

Miss Maud McLellan is spending a few weeks in Fonda, N.Y., guest of her sister, Mrs. (Dr.) White. Miss Mattie Harpell, Kingston, spent a few days this week in town, guest of Miss Hannah McCalpin, Mrs. Robert McBroom, who has been at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Elliott, in Toronto, for the past few weeks, has returned home.

The Citizens Coal and Forwarding company organized late last season, with the object of furnishing coal to the workmen, at actual cost price but starting too late in the season, could not get the amount of coal necessary to furnish their customers, is to be revived at once, and a meeting of the shareholders to elect directors for this year will be held in March 25th.

BIG BRITISH SURPLUS

IT IS ESTIMATED IT WILL REACH SOME £7,000,000.

Lloyd-George Will Report Increased Revenue and Decreased Expenditures, But No Remission in Taxes.

New York, March 15.—A London cable says: "The British surplus is now possible to calculate roughly prospects for the budget when Lloyd-George will introduce April 2.

Judging from returns of national income and expenditures up to and including the week ending last Saturday, which leaves three weeks of the fiscal year yet to be heard from, there should be a revenue surplus above the estimates of about £5,000,000, and a saving in expenditures of £2,000,000, thus making a colonial budget surplus of £7,000,000, which should operate automatically to reduce the national debt.

No remission of taxation is expected in the new budget.

YUAN'S APPEAL TO CHINESE.

Appeals to Them to Sink All Past Differences.

San Francisco, March 15.—The Chinese consulate here has received a message from President Yuan Shi Kai, transmitted through the Chinese legation at Washington, as follows:

"The change of the Chinese government from a despotic monarchy to a liberal republic was accomplished by the united forces of the people. It is now the duty of Chinese to unite and support the government thus formed, forgetting all differences that may have existed in the past and co-operating with the officials appointed by the people to work out the destiny of the republic in order to obtain the respect of the world."

GOMPERS TO TOUR ONTARIO.

President to Deliver Addresses in This Province.

Ottawa, March 15.—Announcement was made at local international labor headquarters that arrangements are under way to bring Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, for a tour of the principal cities of Ontario to deliver addresses.

THE WILD STORM OVER THE COUNTRY

It Will Soon Be Over And a Thaw Will Come Quickly On—Trains Stalled.

Toronto, March 15.—Draw a circle of two hundred mile radius with this city as the centre, and you have a section of North America that is in the grip of one of the worst snow storms of this winter. From Chicago to Montreal and North Bay to New York, the whole country seems to be paralyzed with stalled trains and grounded telegraph and power wires. Trains from all directions are hours late. Very few wires are working. The observatory officials say it should be over to-night and that a quick thaw will immediately follow.

The famous painting "The Magic Circle," was destroyed at Niagara Falls, N.Y., on Thursday.

PITNEY CONFIRMED.

Fight in Senate Against New Jersey Jurist.



COURTESY PACIFIC NEW YORK

Washington, March 15.—Mahlon Pitney, chancellor of the state of New Jersey, President Taft's nominee to succeed the late Justice Harlan on the supreme-court bench, was confirmed by the senate by a vote of fifty to twenty-six. Justice Pitney will come to Washington on Monday.

PREACHER DECLARES HE PERJURED HIMSELF

After Fifteen Years Says He Swore Falsely to Get Divorce From Wife.

Atlanta, Ga., March 15.—Conscience-stricken because of the crime of perjury, which he says he committed fifteen years ago, at Rome, Ga., in suing his wife for divorce, G. W. Thompson, a preacher, of Portland, Ore., has written to Governor Brown that he is ready to come back to Georgia and stand trial.

Thompson says that he loved another woman and told falsehoods to get rid of his wife. "I can never be clear with myself now," writes Thompson, "until I wiped away that stain by lying all the world know of my crime."

Governor Brown has not indicated what action he will take in the matter.

Heid Up Regulations.

Ottawa, March 15.—That parties interested in fishing on Lake Erie have sufficient influence with the United States senate to prevent the placing of close seasons for fishing on those international waters was stated by the Canadian department today, in answer to protests of Game Warden Tinsley, of Ontario, to the effect that Lake Erie was being depleted of fish because there were no close seasons on either side. The marine department said the close season on the Canadian side was removed because the United States senate, as aforesaid, held up the close season regulations on the American side since 1908. It will likely be made an international question.

Threw Himself From Window.

Peterboro, March 15.—An hospital patient named Cornelius O'Brien, cited by throwing himself from an hospital window.

ONTARIO WILL HAVE ONE TEMERE COUNSEL

Adam Beck Would Compel Municipalities to Appoint Power Plant Commissions.

Toronto, March 15.—On the opening of the legislature yesterday afternoon, Hon. Adam Beck gave notice of a bill to compel municipalities taking jurisdiction from the hydro-electric commission to appoint commissions to administer the municipal power plant under the water works act.

Hon. J. J. Foy gave notice of a motion to amend the law reform act. Hon. W. H. Hoyle ruled out of order an awkward question by T. Marshall, of Monck, who had an inquisitiveness as to whether Hon. J. J. Foy had on November 20th, 1911, at Toronto, made a statement that there could not lawfully be any bi-lingual schools in Ontario.

In answer to a question from J. C. Elliott, of West Middlesex, Hon. Mr. Foy informed the house that he intended to appoint counsel to represent Ontario before the supreme court on the marriage question, that no counsel had yet been appointed, and that no action had yet been taken as to the stand crown counsel should take.

Your New Hat.

Let it be one of Campbell Bros' new styles and you'll have fashion's very latest.

Best's Short Stop Cough Cure, 15c. Choice smoked meats at Pickering's. Mrs. J. W. Loyd died at Pickering, on Saturday last. She was a comparatively young woman, and leaves a sorrowing husband and a little girl three years old.

Daffodils in variety. Purdy's.

Miss Cairns is leaving Napanee, and with her parents, will very shortly take her departure for one of the western cities.

Campbell's for Buckley hats. G. A. Sears died at Rocouville, N.Y., after long illness. He was a former Belleville resident and will be buried there.

Prime western beef at Pickering's.

Miss J. W. Coster, of Prescott, passed away on Thursday, after an illness of two days.

KILLING OFF ENGLISH NAMES.

French-Canadian Aldermen Make Several Changes.

Montreal, March 15.—The annual crusade against the English names on streets in Montreal, which is conducted, generally most successfully, by the French element in the city council, has just taken place. Here are a few changes: Adeline to Fallon, Albert to Amyot, Aqueduct to De La Verendrye, Dorchester (Longue Pointe) to Honneur, Edward VII, avenue (Emard) to Dumas, Elizabeth to Dubuc, and Maple to Normand.

Originally the committee wanted to call a street Kruger, but even the French-Canadian papers objected.

The Quebec legislature has just changed a well-known English name—Lake Magantic county—into Frontenac county.

LATEST TIDINGS

Despatches From Near and Distant Places

THE WORLD'S EPISODES

GIVEN IN THE BRIEFEST POSSIBLE FORM.

Matters That Interest Everybody—Notes From All Over—Little of Everything Easily Read and Remembered.

The province is to be divided into ten health districts.

There is a revolutionary movement agitated in the East.

The intercolonial railway will be double-tracked from Montreal to Halifax.

Serious disturbances are occurring in some of the British coal strike districts.

Dr. Sen now said that Dr. Sen got a million dollars for relinquishing the presidency of China.

Stanley street Presbyterian church, Montreal, was sold for \$125,000 to A. G. Fowler Ross, representing a syndicate.

The Duke of Connaught has advised Dr. Thompson, M.P., that he will be unable to visit the Yukon this summer.

The Duke of Connaught has consented to become patron of the Canadian branch of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society.

Dr. S. Mungar, aged eighty-one, of Rodney, Ont., died of heart failure Wednesday night. He had retired from practice only a month ago.

An official of the Grand Trunk reports that the recent blizzard cost the snow from around the tracks.

Mrs. Kathie Barkin, to cure a rash on her body, put tobacco leaves in her bath water. She is in St. Mary's hospital in Brooklyn suffering nicotine poisoning.

At Lincoln, Neb., Warden Delebrant on the Canadian side was removed because the United States senate, as aforesaid, held up the close season regulations on the American side since 1908. It will likely be made an international question.

George Bowen, Watchmaker, Staten Island, says lumps of hail that fell on the roof of his house weighed as much as six ounces, and that one piece was as big as a baseball.

D. C. C. Steison, Pueblo, Col., and his bride rode to Salina, Kas., the first stage of their wedding journey on a snow plow. Fifteen inches of snow had blocked all the trains.

To save a nickel William Schroff, an electrician, gave his life. He entered the wrong platform in a New York subway station, and a train struck him as he attempted to cross the tracks.

Displeasure makes the blood leave the feet and causes them to become cold, says Prof. Walter D. Scott, of the North-Western University. Cowardness causes the same blood action, he declares.

Rev. Robert Passley, negro preacher, who carried a foot and a wish was killed in a New York jail. The police charge that he collected money from prisoners, telling them he could "charm" judges.

Burglars blew the safe in the New York Central station at Phelps, N.Y., and secured \$150 in nickels and other small change. The iron and steel books and thirteen 500-mile books. The safe was completely shattered.

The steamer Kansas, of the Northern Michigan Transportation line, carrying a crew of twenty-five, is reported to be sinking in Lake Michigan, three miles from Chicago. One side of the boat is said to have been crushed by the ice.

At Hamilton, Ohio, two firemen were killed, one was fatally hurt, and a number of others are missing in a fire which partially destroyed the Butler county court house. The men were buried when the high clock tower crashed over.

Rochester's reputation as the stronghold of new religious cults has received more vindication. Twenty members of the local Christian Science church have revolted and under the name of the Church of Faith have set up a separate form of worship.

The benefit game to Bruce Ridpath has been cancelled by the Ottawa Hockey Club, who banneted the thing badly. The Quebec Wanderers and the Ottawa Senators are to play in New York and Boston Saturday night, so their players will not be available for a game.

The work on the erection of the new shops for the Canadian Pacific railway at Calgary has already commenced, and the construction will be completed by December 1st. The cost of the buildings will absorb nearly three million dollars, and the additional improvements and extensions which are scheduled for Calgary this year will mean the spending of over five million dollars.

SHERIFF'S POSSE FIGHT MOUNTAIN MURDERERS

CHURCHILL MUST RELY ON UNIONIST SUPPORT TO CARRY HIS NAVAL PROGRAMME.

London, March 15.—It looks as though the Right Hon. Winston Churchill will have to rely upon unionist support to carry through his policy of countering Germany's comprehensive naval programme. He adopts, in fact, though not in words, the principle of two new British keels to every new German keel, and the radical section of the ministerial press is expressing unflinching hostility.

The radicals and laborites in parliament are also working every possible influence against Mr. Churchill's policy.

\$1,000 FOR DAMAGED HAND.

Brockville Workman Gets Verdict—Circular Saw Defective.

Brockville, March 15.—At the sittings of the spring assize court here, a jury awarded Norris Westlake \$1,000 damages and costs for injuries sustained to his hand while operating a circular saw in the factory of the James Smart Manufacturing company, of this town. The saw was proved to be defective and Judge Latchford charged strongly in Westlake's favor.

FACES SERIOUS CHARGE

CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD A DEAD MAN'S FAMILY.

Dr. J. G. Evans Under Arrest in Toronto—Absence of an Englishman, Who Died, Led to Arrest.

Toronto, March 15.—Charged with conspiracy to obtain certain moneys from the estate of a dead man, Dr. J. G. Evans and Mr. Harvey, of the Empire School of Ophthalmology, 358 Queen street, were arrested yesterday.

James Smart, a Canadian, who died in Toronto on November 4th, 1911, resided in rooms of the above named school, with the wife of another Englishman, who left her husband. His relatives desired to know if he was still alive, and investigation by the Toronto police resulted in the discovery that he had died and that a will, purporting to be a forgery, was made by Revell, leaving everything to his supposed wife, Mrs. Spurr. Dr. Evans claims that several cheques were given as donations by Revell to the school, but one of the cheques was dated ten days after Revell's death. About \$15,000 is involved.

The woman performed some duties in connection with the institution, while Revell, spent most of his time in bed. He was a hard drinker, taking a quart of whiskey a day.

Friends of his claim that the woman has declared that on occasions she had given him nearly double this quantity.

Four days after his death, it is said that a cheque for fifty pounds sterling was cashed at the Bank of Hamilton at Spadina and Queen for collection from an English bank. Ten days later this was followed by another for 250 pounds, and then another for a large amount. All the cheques were signed "Revell, and all were honored when presented in England.

The woman packed up her belongings and returned to England, where she met Revell's relations and told of his death. Equities were set on foot there, and when the cheques were produced they were declared by the relations to be a forgery.

Both donations disputed by the man's relatives. The chief point of the matter is that the money which came into the possession of the Spurr woman at the time of her supposed husband's death was illegally obtained through the forged cheques and children in England.

FIRST DISSENTIENT VOICE RAISED FOR BOUNTIES

Cockshutt of Brantford Thought They Should Have Been Continued.

Ottawa, March 15.—The first dissentient voice against the omission of the iron and steel bounties in the budget was heard last night in the course of a speech delivered by Mr. Cockshutt (Brantford), a conservative member, on the debate following delivery of the budget. In the course of his remarks he regretted that the budget speech contained no mention of the iron and steel bounties. The iron and steel industry was a most important one to Canada and should not be allowed to suffer. "When a man is drowning," he said, "it is not a time to investigate but a time to act." The bounties, he thought, might have been granted and the causes for it, weakness of the industry investigated and set right afterwards.

Hon. J. D. Hazen introduced a bill to amend the fisheries act. He explained that there had been a great falling in the output of oysters in the maritime provinces and that the bill was intended to meet that situation. It provides that the federal government may, on terms to be agreed upon, authorize the governments of the maritime provinces to lease areas on the seacoast for the cultivation of oysters, and that the lessee of such areas shall be entitled to the oysters found or produced thereon.

Arthur Boyd, a Winnipeg lineman, was electrocuted while working at the power house.

Who Killed a Judge as He Gave Sentence.

THE OUTLAWS WAGED A BLOODY BATTLE IN VIRGINIA COURT ROOM.

Troops Called to Assist in Capturing the Murderers—Several Casualties on Both Sides are Reported.

Hillsville, Va., March 15.—There was a pitched battle, this morning, between a sheriff's posse and Allen mountaineers, who, yesterday, shot and killed a judge, a sheriff, and two other judiciary officials who were trying one of their number. There were casualties on both sides, it is stated here, although both parties are still entrenched in their mountain ridges.

The sheriff's posse are being assisted by bands of other clans, who have lifelong grudges against the murderous Allens. Troops are being sent here from Charleston. It is an unprecedented situation in the history of this state.

A reward of \$1,000 for the capture of the band, made by Governor Mann, was increased to \$2,000. The governor's proclamation states that \$500 each will be paid for individual members of the band, taken dead or alive.

The shooting terrorized Hillsville to the point of paralysis. There was not a man to give an order of organization, a pursuit. Citizens fled to places of safety, and mothers gathered up their children while the assassins roared out of town.

Floyd Allen was before the bar, convicted of taking a prisoner from a deputy sheriff. Allen had struck the sheriff over the head with a butt of a rifle and the prisoner had escaped. Sheriff Webb had gone up into the mountains and taken Allen, and the warnings of what such a venture might mean. Attorney Foster had prosecuted him fearlessly, and a mountain jury gathered from the inland section, for no man in Carroll county cared to sit on the trial of an Allen, had convicted him.

Just as Allen was about to be called up for sentence, his two brothers, Sidney and Jack, at the head of a party of twenty mountaineers, rode up to the court house. Their hardy ponies, splashed with mud, testified to a long ride through the hills.

The two brothers, and their companions, some carrying rifles and others armed with revolvers, crowded into the small court room and stood behind the rail and about the door.

Judge Thornton L. Mann mounted the bench and Prosecutor Foster moved sentence upon Allen. There was a shifting of feet and a general movement among the mountaineers in the face of the room, but no sign to forestall the terrible tragedy impending.

Judge Massie began pronouncing sentence. The last words that fell from his lips precipitated the tragedy.

"One year at hard labor." Before the last word was cold the fusillade began. Allen, with an oath that he would never go to prison, firing out of the prisoners' dock as judge's massie collapsed upon the bench. Another roar of shots and Prosecutor Foster was on the floor in a heap. Sheriff Webb was springing forward for his prisoner when the lead found him.

Then, holding the panic-stricken jurors at bay, the assassins backed out of the court house and across the green to the trap of ponies. In a second they were galloping like mad through the aroused village and off to the hills.

With them the assassins half carried, half dragged one of their number, wounded, and it was said that this was Sidney Allen, one of the brothers.

Three jurors, Fowler, Fackis and Kane, and A. T. Howlett, Bruce Marshall and Stuart Worrell, by mistake, were wounded. They were killed. One of the jurors, probably not fatally.

When some semblance of organization came out of the chaos, some horsemen hurried down into Beaver Dam Valley to spread the news and get help. More intrepid ones rode off towards Betty Baker, where there is a railroad station and a telegraph wire.

ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF POISONING HORSES

George Cluff, Perth Road Stage Driver Charged With Serious Offence.

George Cluff, driver of a Perth Road stage, was arrested on Friday at 2:30 p.m., charged with poisoning three horses of Ernest Babcock, also driver of a stage to Perth Road. The horses were poisoned with strychnine about three weeks. Since that time much sympathy has been felt for the man who sustained the loss and a purse has been subscribed for him to replace the horses. The authorities have been following up the case and believe they have found the guilty party. Mr. Cluff denies the charge and claims he can prove his innocence. It is claimed that the prisoner purchased strychnine in a local drug store.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Toronto, Ont., March 15th, 10 a.m.—Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Easterly winds, with snow or sleet, clearing to-night. Saturday, northerly west winds, fine, with a little lower temperature.

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SMITH—At Westbrook, Ont., March 4th, 1912, to Mr. and Mrs. Guy S. Smith (nee Margaret Daryav), a son.

MARRIED.

GRAHAM—SOMERVILLE—In Kingston, on March 14th, 1912, at the home of the bride's parents, 448 Alfred Street, by Rev. J. W. McIntosh, M.A., Janet Somerville, of Mr. Graham, M.D., of Lloydminster, Sask., formerly of Kingston.

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