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VOICE OF LABOR GETS NO HEARING.

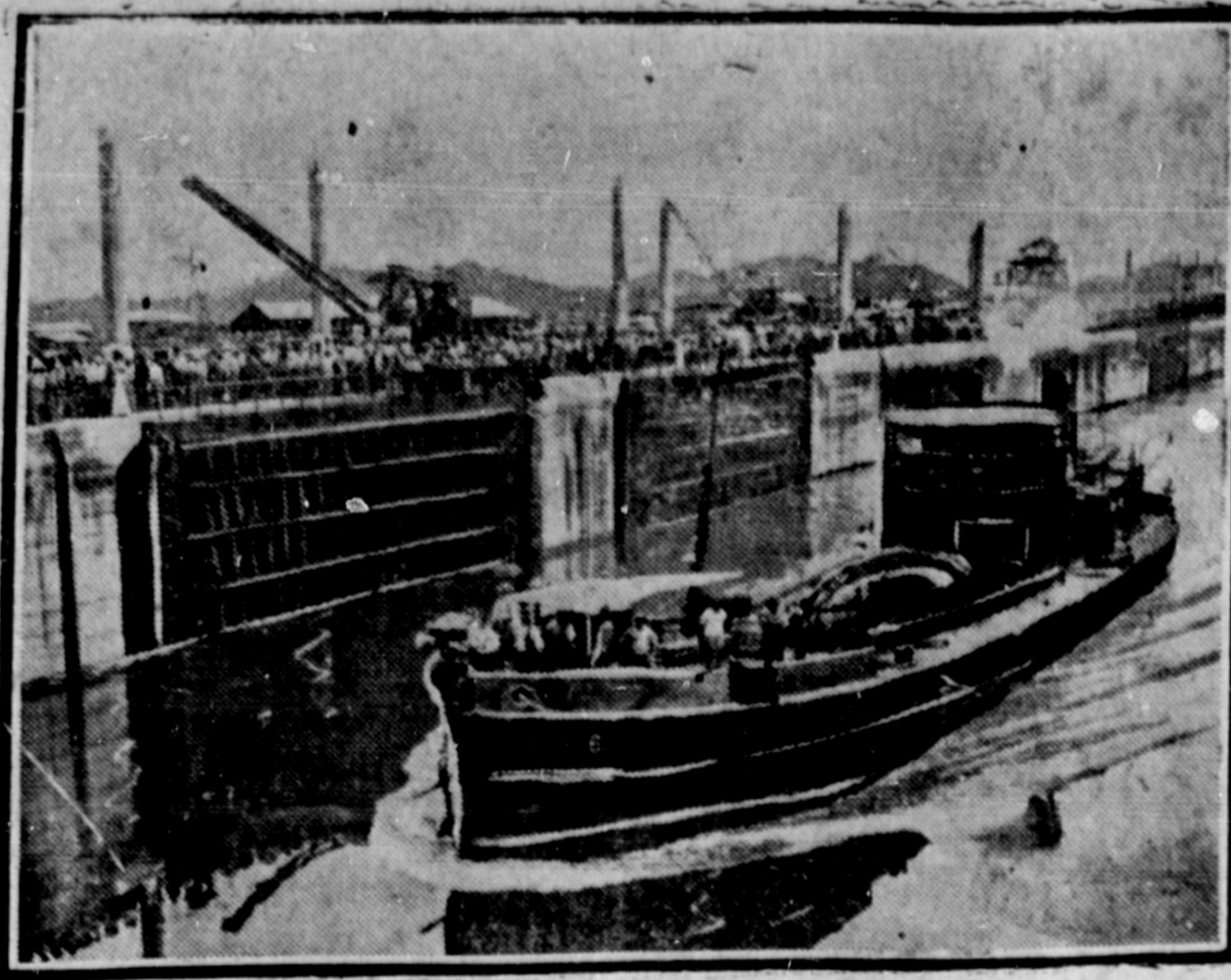
The labors of the minister of labor in the cause of labor since Hon. T. W. Crothers assumed the portfolio are chiefly represented in the public accounts under the head of "travelling expenses," points out the Canadian Liberal Monthly.

During July Mr. Crothers with his law partner, Mr. Samuel Price, of St. Thomas, and party had a pleasant trip across Canada in a government car, the law partner having been made a royal commissioner by Mr. Crothers before leaving so that they might travel together at the public expense. They visited the scene of industrial strife on Vancouver Island. The minister made a personal and fruitless investigation. He went back to Ottawa and left his law partner behind to continue the investigation. A few days after Mr. Crothers' return to Ottawa the riots occurred and the militia was called out. While things were in this condition Mr. Crothers hurriedly packed his grip and started for England. He spent six weeks there and returned to the capital at the end of September to find the strike still unsettled. He reported that there was also considerable labor unrest in Great Britain, but held out no hope of any new legislation in the interests of labor as a result of his "investigations."

Comment is almost unnecessary. Nero fiddled when Rome burned. Mr. Crothers goes away on a holiday jaunt, at the country's expense, while the most disastrous industrial dispute of years, involving millions of dollars in industrial loss is in progress, and when his whole energies should be bent on bringing about a settlement and fulfilling his responsibility for applying the provisions of the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act.

Meanwhile the minister's law partner spent two months in slowly writing a report at a substantial fee per day telling the minister what the latter already knows or should know from personal investigation.

Meanwhile the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress met at Montreal and voiced the protest of organized labor in Canada at the continued neglect of labor's interests by the minister of labor and at the lack of sympathy shown generally by the present administration with the workingman as compared with the solicitude shown for the interests of wealth and privilege. Indignation went so far as to take the unprecedented course of a demand for the minister's resignation. Mr. Crothers' cool reply on his return was that the criticism of the congress "might be answered in a few words." But he did not condescend to add the "few words."



FIRST BOAT THROUGH LOCK OF PANAMA CANAL

A government lighter had the honor of being the first vessel to pass through the Miraflores lock and that section of the Panama Canal, the picture of which is given herewith.

NANAIMO MINERS WILL AT ONCE APPLY FOR CHANGE OF VENUE

CLAIM THAT JUDGE AT NEW WESTMINSTER GAVE OUT A PUBLIC INTERVIEW ON SUBJECT OF RIOTS AND IS THEREFORE PREJUDICED

Vancouver, Nov. 10.—That the proposed trial of the Nanaimo rioters at a special assize at New Westminster to open on November 24, will be stoutly opposed by counsel for the prisoners was made apparent this morning, during the course of an application for bail before Chief Justice Hunter.

Mr. Leighton of Nanaimo was on his feet at the time making the application, and was opposed by Mr. A. D. Taylor, K.C., who said that he had just received a telegram stating that a special assize to try the men would be called at Nanaimo for November 24. Owing to the near approach of the trials and the serious nature of the charges he thought His Lordship should not grant bail.

"I may say that we will stoutly oppose any trial at New Westminster at all. When the trial is announced we intend to move for a change of venue on very serious grounds," said Mr. Leighton. After a moment's pause counsel went on: "The request for a change of venue will be made on very serious grounds. We do not object to a trial at Vancouver or Victoria, but we can not go to trial at New Westminster and expect a fair trial. A judge at New Westminster has gone to the most unusual course of giving an interview to a New Westminster paper, dealing to the extent of two columns with the Nanaimo disturbances."

It is displayed under a big headline and constitutes a bitter attack upon the men."

MOVEMENTS OF MINING MEN.

Mr. A. J. Beaudette has gone to New York to report to his principals the result of the 1913 season's prospecting work on a coal property situated in Dock-rill's Basin, southeast of Hazelton, Omineca Mining Division, British Columbia.

Mr. R. P. Featherstonhaugh, well known in connection with placer gold mining operations in Atlin district, B. C., lately returned to the Omineca Gold Mines Co.'s placer mining work on Quartz Creek, in Omineca Mining Division.

Mr. Royal Pullen has been appointed assistant superintendent of the operations of the Canadian-Klondike Mining Co.

Mr. William Fleet Robertson, provincial mineralogist for British Columbia, is making investigations in connection with placer gold mining about Barkerville, Cariboo District.

Congratulations from Premier.

Uxbridge, Ont., Nov. 10.—Michael O'Neill, 105 years old, today received the first letter given out from the new post office at Uxbridge. The letter was from Premier Borden and contained congratulations on his coming 106th birthday.

Will Be Minister of Roads

Quebec, Nov. 10.—One of the features of the Quebec government's bill of fare at the coming session of legislature will be the creation of a road department and the nomination of a new member of the cabinet. This will necessitate a by-election. J. E. Tessier, member for Three Rivers, is practically sure of getting the post and his friends are already conveying their congratulations.

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