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Railwaymen Sign a Working Agreement

C.N.R. and G.T.P. Employees Join in Arrangement with Canadian National Railways; Two Thousand Men Affected.

(Special to The News via G.T.P. Telegraphs.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Though the operators and miners of the central competitive fields remained hard locked all day yesterday in the negotiations for a new wage scale contract, the prospects for an agreement that would settle the coal strike were considered brighter than at any time since the strike was called.

The operators offered the miners a flat increase of fifteen cents a ton on coal mined and twenty per cent increase for day workers.

John L. Lewis, acting president of the mine workers' organization, outwardly stamped the concession as wholly inadequate but both sides plainly took the offer as the breaking of the ice and an opening for trading with the Government to hold off. Fuel administrator Garfield took no steps openly to ration or restrict coal consumption.

Others Are Shown Mercy by Magistrate and Fined Ten Dollars.

SECOND OFFENDERS GET SEVERE PENALTIES.

The Chinese charged with offences under the Drug Act came in the Police Court this morning for sentence.

Chong Kee pleaded guilty to being the keeper of an opium den and got a fine of \$200 or the alternative of two months hard labor. Chew Seh, Lem Saut, Lee Sing, Chow On, Chai Tick and Jong all pleaded guilty to being inmates of an opium den and were fined \$10 or twenty days.

W. Patmore appeared for the defendant and asked for leniency. The magistrate was inclined to give that it was really hard on Orientals to get lodging where they are not being smoked, but advised any who did not want to be arrested for being inmates of an opium den and then would not be liable. If any of the Chinese before him appeared in court again they would get no mercy.

PREMIER TO SAIL WITH THE PRINCE

Return to Canada From New York on the Battle Cruiser Renown.

(Special via G.T.P. Telegraphs.)

OTTAWA, Nov. 21.—Sir Robert Borden has accepted the invitation of the Prince of Wales to accompany him on the Renown from New York to Halifax, where the Prime Minister will be present at a farewell dinner to His Highness on Monday, November 24.

The Premier will remain in Halifax until the Renown sails, after which he will return to Ottawa and resume his official duties.

The health of Sir Robert has greatly benefited during his trip to the south.

TO STEAM ENGINEERS
Members of the International Steam Engineers' Union are notified of an important meeting to be held on Friday night in the carpenters' hall. Smoker in connection. Every member is urged to attend.

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MAKES TRIP IN GALE'S HEIGHT

Leila Falls to Get Anchorage at Metlakatla and Makes Rupert at 2 a. m.

Howard Birnie, engineer of the Department of Indian Affairs' gasoline launch, the Leila, probably had one of the most exciting experiences due to the windstorm of yesterday. On Wednesday afternoon he started out to take Indian Agent Perry to the Indian village on a trip of inspection. Landed safely at the "City of the Good" plans were made to stop overnight and return to town in the morning so the boat was tied up. About two o'clock in the morning Mr. Birnie visited the boat to see that all was well, and found that she was beating against the wharf rather badly and had already broken a couple of her planks. He took her out from the wharf to anchor, but failed to get anchorage and was unable to get back to the Metlakatla wharf. The only alternative was to bring the boat right to the city in the dark and during the height of the gale. This was done successfully, but the navigator says that it was just as thrilling a trip as he would wish to make. On landing here he found that his tender had gone, but he congratulated himself that that was all.

Mr. Perry returned yesterday afternoon, having been brought over by one of the Metlakatla boats.

ENCOUNTERED GALE MAKING FOR RUPERT

Fish Boat Republic Bucks Big Gale Coming South for Fish Sale.

There was only one boat in for this morning's fish sale. This was the Republic with 35,000 lbs. of halibut which she sold to the Atlin Fisheries at 18c and 12.2c. The Republic came south from the Yakutat banks and was not outside at the time of the big blow, but encountered it in the narrows between Petersburg and Ketchikan.

The big fish boat made hard going for about four hours on Wednesday night. It took her four days to come south from Yakutat.

Nich Gurvich's liquor case again appeared before the Magistrate this morning. Ed. Mann, of Orme's Drug Store, took the witness box and testified that no test could be made locally to differentiate between brandy and rye whiskey, on which the case hinges. The case was adjourned till the 29th to allow the samples to be sent to the Government Analyst at Victoria.

Conference of Powers To Consider Russian Situation to be Called

(Special to The News via G.T.P. Telegraphs.)

LONDON, November 21.—An Allied conference will probably be called to sit in London soon to consider the Russian situation, Premier Lloyd George announced yesterday in the House of Commons.

The condition in Austria is also causing anxiety. There is no hope of ameliorating the economic situation in that country without aid from the allied powers, Lloyd George declared.



Coal Strike May be Settled Very Soon

Operators Offer Flat Rate Increase of Fifteen Cents a ton which is Declared Inadequate.

(Special to The News via G.T.P. Telegraphs.)

WINNIPEG, Nov. 21.—The Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees signed a new schedule yesterday with officials of the Canadian National Railways. The contract covers 2,000 men on the Government railway system between Port Arthur and Vancouver on the C. N. R. and between O'Brien and Vancouver on the G. T. P. line.

The C. N. R. and the G. T. P. systems formerly had separate committees and it is understood that the consolidation of the two committees and the making of a single agreement to cover both systems has had a great deal to do with the protracted negotiations which lasted for several months.

The schedule applies to all men employed as freight handlers, clerks in all offices, storemen and round house employees. The brotherhood is also negotiating in Montreal with the Canadian Express Co. for an agreement respecting its employees in all territory between Halifax and Prince Rupert.

A substantial increase in wages is obtained as well as several beneficial changes in working conditions. Among the latter is time and a half in excess of eight hours, and for all Sunday and holiday work. The men who are paid a monthly salary are to be given two weeks' holiday with pay each year.

The agreement is to be retroactive to July 1 of this year.

NIGHT WORK FOR WOMEN ABOLISHED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Without a dissenting vote the international labor conference referred to the drafting committee a recommendation that night work for women employed in industrial establishments be abolished.

Cello Solo "Humoresque" at Westholme tonight by Will Edmunds.

B. C. Undertakers. Phone 41.

Unemployment Pay Cut off in England

120,000 Men are Affected by the Stoppage of Donations; Many Ex-service Men still on Unemployed List.

(Special to The News via G.T.P. Telegraphs.)

LONDON, November 21.—The Government's decision to completely abolish unemployment donations to all civilian workers next Friday and to reduce those to ex-soldiers to five dollars a week, has taken the laborites by surprise. It was thought that only the reduction of civilian doles was contemplated.

The latest unemployment figures available show that 120,000 workers will be immediately affected by the stoppage of donations. To this number must be added many thousands normally engaged in engineering trades, who have been thrown out of work through the ironmongers' strike since the last official unemployment return was completed.

Some 336,000 ex-service men were still on the unemployed list. The complete total of civilian and military without work in London is 124,000.

STEPHENS' LAUNCH BADLY BROKEN UP

Now Resting on the Sand at the Mouth of McNicholl Creek.

M. M. Stephens' boat, the Aileen is now resting on the sand near the mouth of McNicholl Creek. Yesterday Fred. Stephens and C. P. Riel went across to see what damage was done. The hull of the Aileen evidently was beaten against the rocks before finally landing on the sand, as it is badly smashed up. It will cost some hundreds of dollars to repair her and she will probably be out of commission the rest of the winter.

C. P. Riel's boat, the Imperieuse, is unharmed by her forced trip across the bay.

M. M. Stephens is at present in Vancouver, but is expected home next week. Both boats will be brought across this afternoon or evening.

FEARS EXPRESSED FOR THEIR SAFETY

Paul Aivazoff and Scotty Reid are Overdue on Hunting Trip.

On Wednesday of last week Paul Aivazoff and Scotty Reid set out on a hunting trip to Campana Island, about a hundred miles south of here. They went on Mr. Aivazoff's boat, Helen B., and were expected back before this time. If they do not turn up soon a search party will leave to look for them.

TRIPLE ISLAND MEN SAFE FROM STORMS

J. H. Hilditch's boat, the Tide, came in from Triple Island on Wednesday afternoon with the report that the cement machinery floor is up for the new lighthouse and the men working out there have moved into it from the old camp sites. Although they have been storm-bound for a week and have been unable to work because the materials could not be landed they are in condition to weather any kind of storm. The Tide is going out to Triple Island this afternoon.

REMEDY SITUATION FOREIGN EXCHANGE

International Financial Conference May be Called by President Wilson.

(Special via G.T.P. Telegraphs.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—The calling of an international financial conference to remedy the situation in the foreign exchange market is under consideration by President Wilson. Financiers and Government officials are alarmed at the swift depreciation of European money and the president has been urged to use his influence to halt the drop.

WELL KNOWN VANCOUVER MAN PASSES

F. L. Carter Cotton, Newspaperman, Finance Minister and Educationist, Takes Steps Into the Beyond.

(Special via G.T.P. Telegraphs.)

VANCOUVER, Nov. 21.—Francis Lacy Carter Cotton, for many years owner and editor of the Daily News-Advertiser of this city, died following an apopleptic stroke of six weeks ago.

He was a well known figure, not only in Vancouver but throughout the province. He was born in Yorkshire in 1847, came to Vancouver in 1886 and until 1910 was head of the pioneer morning paper of the city. In 1900 he became minister of finance in the Provincial Government. Four years earlier he had won an election while in jail in New Westminster on contempt of court proceedings in a civil suit. He directed his campaign from jail and was elected by a handsome majority.

Mr. Carter Cotton was a conservative of the old school. He was usually looked upon as a safe man, and it was for that reason he was given the position of minister of finance in the McBride Administration. He took a prominent part in the formation of the University of British Columbia and was the head of its first governing body.

PRESENTATION TO H. H. PHILLIPS ON HIS LEAVING CITY

Last evening at the usual prayer service at the Baptist Church the Rev. Dr. Grant, of the Presbyterian Church, performed a very pleasing duty in presenting to H. H. Phillips a handsomely bound copy of the Scofield Bible, and also Young's Analytical Concordance. The gift was from the members of the Presbyterian Church and was in appreciation of the work performed by Mr. Phillips during the absence of Dr. Grant.

After the prayer service, the company adjourned to the home of S. Dawson, where a silver tea service was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Phillips from the members of the Bible Class, of which Mr. Phillips was leader. General regret was expressed at the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips from Prince Rupert, where they had endeared themselves to a large circle of friends.

Special matinee at the Westholme Theatre tomorrow afternoon at 2:30, "Hearts of Humanity." Adults 75c, children 25c.

Toys, blocks, games, dolls, trains, children's books, mechanical toys, at Tite's Santa Claus headquarters.