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PREMIER HOLDING CONFERENCE WITH STRIKERS

WINNIPEG VISITED BY AN IMMENSE FIRE

Five People Lost Their Lives and the Damage Done to Building and Manufacturing Plant Amounts to Three-Quarters of Million

(Special to Daily News.)
Winnipeg, March 11.—The fire fighting force of the city was hurriedly called out Saturday night to a threatening fire in the International Harvester works. It resulted in the loss of six lives and property valued at over three quarters of a million.
The fire was reported at 10:30 having first broke out in the company's warehouse at the corner of Sutherland avenue and Main street. The huge building was soon an immense blaze and a very short time there was an explosion which blew out the end of the northeast end of the building, filling the air with a shower of sparks and machinery, building and bricks, many persons on the street being injured.
Clarence Vicker, who was catching the fire from an adjoining room, was hurled by the concussion through a skylight and killed.

A fireman named Archie McPherson was also killed, and four citizens whose names are unknown were buried in the mass of brick and tangled wire. Three bodies have been recovered from the ruins so far.
The flames spread to adjoining buildings and destroyed the Radford, Wright Company's shops and those of the Stuart Manufacturing Company, the Canadian Plow Company and Parlin & Orndorff. The flames were not entirely subdued until an early hour Sunday morning.

A coroner's inquest is being held today to determine the cause of the explosion and fire late Saturday night, when six were killed and six seriously injured. It is believed to be the work of a firebug, as seven different alarms were rung in. Of the dead three were firemen and three passersby.

Was It a Political Upheaval?

Washington, March 11.—(Special.)—A severe earthquake was recorded here this morning about two thousand miles away. It was the strongest recorded for several months.

A special meeting of the Baptist Brotherhood will be held in McIntyre Hall tonight at 8 o'clock. All members please attend. It

DINKY AMBULANCE

Almost Worth Breaking Leg to Have a Drive in It!
M. Rootjes has now taken charge of the new ambulance which is safely housed in the Pony Express wagon sheds. Mr. Rootjes has had his team for this wagon clipped and equipped with new harness so that the ambulance is a smart looking turn-out.

The Princess May is due to arrive at 5 o'clock. George Black, the new commissioner of the Yukon, is one of the passengers for the north.

For sale—Soda fountain and all appurtenances. C. H. Orme. If

WM. MANSON HAS SPLIT UP SKEENA TORIES

Clayton, the Independent Supporter of McBride, Calls Him a Disorganizer and a Devil and Deplores the Disruption

Quite a number of people missed the burning oratorical fare provided for them on Saturday night in the Westholme opera house by Alderman Clayton, but a fair crowd attended and applauded vigorously, showing that a good deal of the candidate had to say in criticism of Mr. Manson was appreciated. As chairman, Mr. Tom Dunn said some cutting things about Mr.

Manson, and W. H. Montgomery, the Socialist candidate, present by invitation of Alderman Clayton, also hit hard at the late member for Skeena. Mr. James Call, from up river, condemned Mr. Manson's representation of the settlers' needs, and George Hie, a worker from the railway construction, added some vehement opinions from his experience of conditions under the McBride regime. Alderman Clayton took his stand as a supporter of McBride, but a decided opponent of Mr. Manson.

Points From the Speeches.
"Mr. Manson has not represented the needs of Prince Rupert and the district as they should have been represented."—Tom Dunn.

"Mr. Manson went to Victoria knowing the urgent needs of the city and district. He came back like a good boy, saying: 'You owe the government so many thousand dollars,' while all the time

the citizens were strong to have the sale of the government lots in Section 1 effected without one atom of result."—Tom Dunn.

"Mr. Manson says the government is in for the real estate business good and hard. You talk about your real estate sharks—the government is the biggest shark in the business."—Tom Dunn.

McBride Government Rotten.
"I am glad to hear the chairman affirm so clearly that the McBride government is rotten to the core."—Alderman W. H. Montgomery.

"Nobody the people elect in support of the McBride government can do anything to repair the evils of it because whoever they elect must do exactly what Dick McBride tells him."—Alderman Montgomery.

Starve Prince Rupert.
"McBride is taking the re-

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NO SETTLEMENT YET IN SIGHT

More and More of British Industries Closing Down for Want of Fuel---Suburban Trains Stop and All Trams Crowded---All French Miners Strike in Sympathy With British Strike---Westphalian Miners Strike

(Special to Daily News.)
London, March 11.—There are no signs of an immediate settlement of the coal strike, although Premier Asquith is still optimistic that an agreement will shortly be come to. Saturday, the ninth day of the strike, saw one hundred thousand more men thrown out of employment in addition to those previously reported. Sunday passed quietly and this morning brings no apparent change in the situation. The conference of the strikers and operators with Premier Asquith is to be continued this afternoon.

London, March 11.—(Latest.)—Despite the fact that the coal struggle shows no signs of ending,

everything remains quiet and much confidence is expressed in the result of the conference between the operators and miners, which is just going into session, at which Premier Asquith is to be present.

The large paper mills in the Midlands had to close at noon today. The fuel shortage is being felt in the pottery districts and their early closing is expected. Nothing is doing in the furnaces and iron industries about Wolverhampton.

London suburban traffic is tied up and the authorities have allowed the rule against standing in trams to be lifted, owing to the fact that few suburban trains are running and many thousands have to travel by the surface cars.

Last week only thirty thousand tons of coal were shipped from North Wales into England, while shipments generally are half a million tons.

Berlin, March 11.—The Westphalian miners, numbering two hundred thousand, struck this morning. Most of the factories have coal to last three weeks. The police and soldiers are keeping strict order. The fight really is between the Socialist and anti-Socialist leaders.

Paris, March 11.—The Miners' Federation of France has ordered a strike to show the government the strength of the union and as a measure of sympathy with the British miners.

ANOTHER WHOLESALE HOUSE ADDED TO RAILROAD AVENUE

PRINCE RUPERT THE GREAT DISTRIBUTING CENTRE FOR HUNDREDS OF MILES NORTH AND SOUTH AND HUNDREDS OF MILES OF HINTERLAND.

Tourists will begin to arrive soon and, if they have been here before, will see a new Prince Rupert. After the steam roller has been at work again they will have the opportunity of admiring the broad avenues, which they were unable to appreciate last year when these avenues and adjacent streets in the business section were dirty holes filled with rubbish on each side of the plank roadway.
But what is sure to impress them in the first place are the great wholesale warehouses on railway avenue—merely a beginning but still impressive for a town so young. The number of such buildings must rapidly increase in the natural order of things, for this is bound to become a really great wholesaling and distributing centre. The quantity of goods shipped up Skeena valley during the short time the hundred miles of railway has been in operation was astonishing to the railway company itself. What it will be this fall, with the rails extending to Hazelton and beyond, the development of the mining industry and the crowds of new settlers coming in, scarcely be approximated.

With this rapidly developing trade the number of wholesale firms must grow to cope with it, and to bring into the business a healthy competition. Another wholesale house is announced today, that of Fred G. Manson. Not a word need be said to Mr. Dawson personally. He is too well and favorably known to need it. He is one of the shrews and has been in the brokerage and manufacturers' agency business for four years. He is also one of the many of the early business men of the city who have "made good" and are now branching out on a larger scale. He has leased two whole houses, 50 by 50 feet each, of the Grey-Morris warehouse on Rail-

way avenue, and will carry a full line of teas, coffees, cocoas, spices, extracts, jams, pickles, biscuits, confectionery, nuts and grocers' specialties, commanding a wide field for business over which he is personally acquainted.

Beatrice Had Good Load.
The C. P. R. steamer Beatrice left here on Saturday night for Vancouver with the following passengers from this port: W. J. McMillan, E. S. Cottingham, Mrs. P. A. Bignall, Mrs. Merrill, Captain McGoskie, S. A. Fletcher, R. Higman, G. Larson, M. Karkin, A. Ness, J. Doyle, F. A. Livingston, A. W. Tharp, J. W. Coovert, H. Reynolds, O. H. Mantell, W. L. Barker, A. R. Fraser and J. G. McNab.

New spring styles in ladies' wash waists. At Wallace's. 3t

COUNTY COURT SAT TODAY

Order of Cases Arranged for by Judge Young—Docket Is a Short One—First Case to Be Heard Tomorrow at 10:30 A. M.

Judge Young sat in the county court this morning and made arrangements for the disposition of cases to be heard at this month's session of the court. The first case up will be Third Avenue Cash Meat Market vs. Director, to be heard Tuesday, the 12th, at 10:30 a. m. Denda vs. Rocovich comes up on Wednesday at 10 o'clock and Reda vs. Boron at 12 o'clock of the same day. Latrace vs. City is set for Thursday at 10 a. m. and Norman vs. Martinson stands to be spoken to. Stephens vs. Rootjes is put to the foot of the list.

PRINCE RUPERT TWENTY MINUTES AGO

Progressives are holding a convention and a new candidate may be expected any moment.
Delegation of Christians waiting on Manson to ask him to have McIntyre Hall fumigated in time for next Sunday's service.
"Buddy" again all smiles. Cooks have put on clean aprons and gone back to work.
Wireless from steamer Princess May: 5,000 straw hats on board for Prince Rupert.
Will the Progressives be bought off? is the burning question of the moment.
Hazelton mail arrives rather pulpy.

FUNERAL TODAY

Late Ed. Sherer, Who Fell Dead, Buried at Garden Island.

Today the funeral of Ed. Sherer, who fell dead after ordering a meal on Friday night, was held to Garden Island. E. L. Fisher took charge of the arrangements. Services were held in the funeral chapel on Third avenue and at the graveside by Rev. Charles Sing. Deceased was 52 years of age, and death resulted from natural causes. He had no immediate relatives in the district.

Best meal in town at Savoy.

New Power in China.

Nankin, March 11.—(Special.)—According to the constitution drawn up, the national assembly will have full power in the new republic to veto even the President's commands. North China situation is causing much anxiety to republicans.

Pekin, March 11.—(Special.)—Yuan Shi Kai was inaugurated yesterday, no members of the legation being present, though many foreigners were.

The Trades and Labor Council will meet tonight at 8 o'clock in Carpenters' Hall.

ROCOVICH ON BAIL

Committed for Forgery Charge, Release on \$3,000 Sureties.

Nick Rocovich, accused of having forged the name of Nick Martinovich to a deed of sale, has been released on \$3,000 bail. Unless he elects for speedy trial, which it is open to him to do, he will be tried at the forthcoming assizes in Vancouver.

The musical and dramatic entertainment in celebration of St. Patrick's Day will be held at the Westholme opera house on Monday evening, March 18th. It

MONTGOMERY HITS MANSON AND M'BRIDE

Land Policy of the Two-Man Government Comes in for Scathing Condemnation by the Socialist Candidate

Alderman Clayton fired the first campaign gun on Saturday night. On Sunday afternoon Alderman W. H. Montgomery, who had lent his presence at the Clayton meeting, held a meeting of his own in the Empress Theatre. Walter Shaw and W. Dinny, both of whom had been aspirants for the nomination of the Socialist convention, were present, lending their support to the candidate. That this was in striking contrast to the attitude toward each other of the rival aspirants for nomination in the Conservative ranks was pointed out by Mr. Montgomery in his address.

The candidate's speech was from the word "go" an attack on the McBride administration, which panders, he said, to speculators and capitalistic exploiters of labor while neglecting the most primitive needs in the way of roadways, wharves, etc., of pioneers who are really developing the province.
Montgomery smote Mr. Manson hip and thigh with the scourge of accusation. Mr. Manson, he said, met every ap-

peal made to him with the time-worn phrase: "I will see into it." He could not give a straight reply. He is essentially a politician at a time when politics had sunk so low that rather than be called a politician Mr. Montgomery would prefer to be called a rogue and vagabond. Mr. Manson's "see into it" policy never resulted in the doing of a thing for the worker or the constituency. He merely sat dumb and numb in the legislature, bobbing up like a marionette to say "Aye" when a vote was necessary on a Bowser-McBride measure. He has not the courage to stand up for the rights of the people. He is fit only to assent to the doings of the McBride government, and the McBride government, said Mr. Montgomery, "has gone through on nothing else but fraud."
Mr. Montgomery pointed out that under the McBride government it is next to impossible for a pre-emptor to secure a few acres of land because though he locate them and stake them he is time and again out-surveyed by

some vast timber or coal claim coming after him to keep the land a shaggy wilderness for years when it might become populous and cultivated simply because some moneyed land grabber has purchased it from the McBride-Bowser administration for a twentieth part of its real value. McBride's boasted bank surplus swelled thus but lay idle when it should be devoted to the encouragement of the development of the resources of the province by the people.
"Given the land," said Mr. Montgomery, "labor can get along and make good without capital, but capital without labor is helpless. Vote for me," he said, "if you would work toward the better administration of the resources of the province, and against McBride's two-man government, of which Mr. Manson is a supporter."

The Socialist candidate had a big audience and rousing cheers broke out during and at the conclusion of his speech, and the addresses in his support of Messrs. Dinny, Shaw and Leblanc,

THE CAMPAIGN IN KOOTENAY

Two-Man Government Addresses Supporters at Nelson and En Route Made Speeches Down Lakes from Deck of Steamer.

(Special to Daily News.)
Nelson, March 11.—On the way here from Nakusp Premier McBride and Attorney-General Bowser addressed the gatherings at Nakusp, New Denver and Arrowhead from the deck of the steamer. W. Hunter, late member for Slocan, has been renominated.

At this city there was large gathering of electors to meet the two members of the cabinet. It is stated that Harry Wright, late member for Nelson, who had declared his intention of running as an independent, will reconsider his decision.

Vancouver, March 11.—The following ex-members were nominated by the Conservatives at the convention here on Saturday: W. Hunter, Slocan; James Hayward, Duncan; Speaker Ebert, Saanich.

S. A. OFFICERS TO FAREWELL

Announcement Made Today Will Be Read with Regret by All Who Know Ensign Hamill and His Family in S. A. Work Here.

Ensign Hamill of the Salvation Army corps today announces with regret that he and his family will be farewelling from here on Thursday night.

Unfortunately though, the spirit has been willing and more than willing with the ensign and his family to serve the needs of the wide Prince Rupert district, the flesh has proved less robust than is required for the arduous work here.

In bidding farewell to the people of Prince Rupert the ensign voices warmly the appreciation of himself and family for the great kindness shown the army by all the citizens.

THE ASSIZE COURT

Chief Owen Receives Official Notification from Vancouver.

Chief Owen of the provincial police has received official notice of the assizes to be held on April 9th at Vancouver, a month earlier than was expected. There are four jury cases from the provincial police district.
The cookin gat the Royal is now better than ever, surpassing everything in the city. 3t

PLACE SMELLED LIKE BARROOM

Temperance Candidate's Beer Swilling Smoker Stigmatized in Strongest Terms by Rev. McLeod in McIntyre Hall.

At his service in McIntyre Hall last night Rev. W. H. McLeod was forced to apologize to his congregation for the beastly smell of liquor in the hall as a result of the Conservative beer swilling orgy there on Saturday night. The pastor said that where his hearers were sitting there had been puddles of beer and empty bottles and barrels strewn the night before. It was a shame and a disgrace to Canadian and British rights, he said, that electors should be enticed to a meeting where public issues were discussed and expected to sell their votes for a bottle of beer. Any party which could descend to such methods should be denounced, he asserted, by the citizens of Prince Rupert.

William Manson, late temperance mayor of Rupert and now temperance candidate for the district in support of McBride was prominently present at the meeting at which the flowing bowl figured so disgracefully.

Fiery Chariot.

Fire Chief McDonald notes with interest the fact that all except one of the City Fire and Water committee are prominent in the political fray. There won't be any free rides to the polls on the red devil all the same, he thinks.

Trouble in the kitchen of the Royal threatened its high reputation. The trouble is all ended now. 3t

RUN OVER BY A RED DEVIL

Sad Fate of a Small Dog This Morning When the City Fire Auto Was Out on Its Constitutional by Hart's Corner.

Red death was dealt out to an over daring doggie this morning by the red devil. The crimson fire fighter was swooping around Hart's corner when a shaggy little tyke, owned, it is said, by Messrs. Hayner Bros., snapped at the whirling wheels. Escaping the first two the poor doggie got in the way of the hind wheels and was killed instantly. Driver Gibson, who can run the red devil pretty well to a hair line now, fancied he had dodged the venturesome dog and is grieved at its untimely death.