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HOUSE OF COMMONS TAKES UP THE COAL STRIKE

BRITISH COLUMBIA DELIVERED TO RAILROAD CORPORATIONS, CHARGES SIR CHARLES H. TUPPER

Noted Conservative Leader, in Just Indignation, Severely Excoriates Legislative Acts of Province That Give Away Lands and Rights of the People to the Trio-Headed Octopus That Controls the Govt.

(From the Vancouver Sun.)
No keener criticism of the provincial government has yet been uttered than that by Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, who has in the subjoined interview made a statement to the Sun which should be of interest to every thoughtful citizen who takes any interest in public affairs.
The analysis of the railway agreement is especially valuable, though the criticism of the general financial policy of the government is no less sharp.
Speaking with respect to the railway legislation of 1910, Sir C. H. Tupper said:
"There is nothing in the history of corporations, colonies or nations where relatively such expenditures and liabilities have been incurred. We all rejoice in the prosperous condition of British Columbia, and believing in its potentialities, desire a progressive policy.
"While concurring with those who are ready to mortgage our future to a reasonable extent, it appears to me greatly to be deplored that with a sparsely settled country, situated as we are, with an imperial tract to administer, there exists generally such a spirit of reckless speculation. To such an extent is this spirit rampant that any proposed ex-

penditure for hastening railway development will be overwhelmingly approved by the electors. This regardless of the results involved.
"We must not overlook the fact that the majority of the voters are practically exempt from the prevailing system of provincial taxation, and under these circumstances a bold and reckless and unprincipled government has the opportunity to squander public money, waste our resources and involve us in titanic burdens. The argument I observed used for the buccaneering policy in the last general election in British Columbia, when the government was in the hands of one railway corporation. It was that we had the money and the resources to warrant the liability then involved, and if one believed in a prosperous future for the province there was no risk. We had a government which was able to do things. The same argument is put in service for additional outlay and additional guarantees.
"When the government is now in the hands of three railway corporations, those of a religious spirit who are not carried off their feet by visions of millions of money, reduced freight rates and all sorts of philanthropic

works to be done for British Columbia by the railway corporations, should thank Heaven that under the circumstances the railways for the time being have been comparatively merciful in their exactions.
"At a time when railways are so successful in the money market it is an extreme statement that no better terms could have been made, or a more reasonable policy devised.
"Party government has long ceased to exist in British Columbia. For instance, with its inception there was the avowal of the principle of government ownership of railways in British Columbia. We are now in the hands of a government owned by railway corporations.
"Any mountebank who succeeded by the influence of party or otherwise in gaining office could well do all that is being done for the railway kings. It needs but to do their bidding and retain power until the deluge comes. If matters under the act of 1910 become troublesome he can bring on another election and promise increased expenditures before exposure comes and be re-elected. Does any one suppose Laurier could have been beaten in September if the G. T. P., C. P. R. and C. N. R. had unitedly supported him?"

FEARFUL EXPLOSION

Several Bodies Were Blown Over a Hundred Feet.
(Special to Daily News.)
San Antonio, March 18.—Fourteen persons are known to be dead as a result of the explosion in the Southern Pacific engine yards here this morning. Some of the bodies were blown over a hundred feet.

TEN SEAMEN ALL PERISH

Wreck of U.S. Fishing Schooner "Patrician" of N.S. Coast Results in Loss With All Hands.
(Special to Daily News.)
Shelburne, N.S., March 18.—Ten men were drowned when the American fishing schooner Patrician was wrecked on Bull Rock, two miles off Jordan Bay, near Shelburne. They are the captain William Harding and nine members of the crew of the Patrician. Their fate was told by the survivors of the schooner when early today they reported the Jordan lost.

NEW BUSINESS HOUSE

Store to Be Opened as Soon as Location Can Be Secured.
Among the commercial travelers coming to Rupert Fred W. Renworth is one of the best known. For nineteen years he has looked after the interests of the Ames, Holden Shoe Co. Mr. Renworth, recognizing the potentialities of Prince Rupert, has concluded to resign his position and engage in the retail shoe business.
Associated with Mr. Renworth will be Mr. W. J. Jefferson, the firm name being Renworth & Jefferson. Mr. Jefferson has been connected with the Wallace Fisheries at Claxton for over eleven years and is very well known in the north. For the present he will not take an active part in the firm, continuing with Wallace Bros. in charge of their cold storage plant at Alberni.
As soon as a location can be secured and stock arrives the new firm will open up.
Grand hard times ball given under the auspices of the Cooks' and Waiters' Local 825, A. F. of L., McIntyre Hall, Wednesday evening, March 20th. 3t

READY FOR ATTACK

Turkish Fleet Mobilizing to Meet the Italians.
(Special to Daily News.)
Constantinople, March 18.—The antiquated Turkish fleet is mobilizing ready for the attack of the Italian fleet, which is assembling off Mitylene for an attack on the Dardanelles.

REWARD OF BRAVERY

Chief Officer Thompson and Boat Crew of S.S. Tees Complimented Substantially by Underwriters for Heroism.
(Special to Daily News.)
Victoria, March 18.—Chief Officer Thompson and the boat crew of the steamer Tees have been awarded a bonus by the underwriters for their heroic effort to reach Estevan when the steamer stranded at Kyuquot last December. One month's pay is being given to each member of the boat's crew, and a suitable compliment in substantial form to the chief officer.

GERMAN STEAMER LOST

Two Passengers Drowned off Coast of Morocco Homeward Bound.
(Special to Daily News.)
London, March 18.—The German steamer Axenfels, which sailed from Rangoon for Hamburg on February 1, is ashore near Ciries Point, Morocco, according to advices received here today. Two persons are reported drowned, but others were rescued and landed at Ceuta. The vessel is badly damaged.
Don't forget the grand St. Patrick's concert, Westholme Opera House, tonight at 8:15. 4t

COAL STRIKE COMES BEFORE HOUSE OF COMMONS TOMORROW

PREMIER ASQUITH ANNOUNCES THE GOVERNMENT MINIMUM WAGE BILL—STRONG OPPOSITION TO MEASURE EXPECTED—TALK OF GENERAL STRIKE MAY 1ST.

(Special to Daily News.)
London, March 18.—Premier Asquith announced today in the Commons that the minimum wage bill will come up tomorrow, with second and third readings the following days. It is likely the government will have a strong opposition to the passage of the measure.
Many of the British miners signify their intention of returning to work this week, despite their leaders. The association's loss to trade union funds, outside of the miners' association, was last week over a million and a half dollars.

More railways have curtailed their services today and hundreds more men are thrown out of employment. The talk now is of a general strike of all trades in May, when the unions meet in joint conference.
Miners Strike in France.
Paris, March 18.—Many of the miners of the Denain district have voted to strike despite the decision against a walkout by the federation. The union officials are attempting to prevent a spread of the movement, but seem to be unsuccessful.

MONKEY SCRAMBLE NOW

Latest Ballroom Menagerie Sensation Invented in Gay Paree.
Paris ballrooms have a fresh sensation to follow the "turkey trot" and the "grizzly bear" dances—the "monkey scramble." This dance opens with the two-step played very fast, then changes to the lancers. At a given signal the music stops and the ladies join hands in a circle with all their partners inside.
The men go down on hands and knees and scramble out of the ring as best they can. Once outside they run to the other end of the room to a tall Christmas tree, on top of which is a hollow cocoa nut containing a pretty trinket.
The highest jumper obtains the prize, and many are the falls on the slippery floor before the winner, tired and flushed, with crumpled collar and torn gloves, returns in triumph with the prize to his partner.
Warm, clean rooms at Savoy.

CLAYTON UP RIVER

Voters at Hazelton Give Him a Rousing Reception
Dr. Clayton, after his meeting in the Westholme Opera House in this city, immediately started on a campaign of the constituency. He first visited Port Eslington, returned to Prince Rupert and went by train up the Skeena, holding meetings at several points. Today he is visiting Bulkley Valley points. H. H. Clarke received the following telegram from the Independent Conservative candidate yesterday:
Hazelton, March 17, 1912
H. H. Clarke, Prince Rupert
Splendid meeting here last night. Starting for Telkwa today.
CLAYTON.
Don't forget the Sons of Norway dance at the K. of P. Hall Saturday, March 23rd, at 8 p. m. sharp. Good music and refreshments. All are invited. 4t

DAILY NEWS AGAIN SENDS GOOD NEWS INTO THE EAST

EXCELLENT "WEATHER BOOST" FOR PRINCE RUPERT APPEARS IN AN ONTARIO PAPER, WHICH QUOTES FROM "TWENTY MINUTES AGO."

"Summer time at Prince Rupert" is the heading in the Windsor Weekly Record over the following first rate weather boost for the city. The Record says:
"In the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway's terminus on February 1st the thermometer registered just 64 degrees in the shade and it is stated that there have been only two inches of snow there during the entire winter, while the temperature has only been below zero during a single week.
"The Daily News under a heading "Prince Rupert Twenty Minutes Ago" puts the matter very trenchantly: "Thermometer in sunshine registered 66 degrees, still rising. Big sacrifice sale of slickers and overshoes."
"From this it is very evident that all construction work, or indeed work of any kind, can be carried on throughout the entire year in this summer climate."
The conclusion come to by the Windsor Weekly Record that work of all kinds can be carried on in

Prince Rupert during the entire winter season is of course quite correct. As residents in Rupert know, work on the Acropolis Hill reservoir and pipe trench, building work, railway construction work and a very considerable amount of concrete and cement work have all been carried on without interruption during the winter. The progress of the government wharf was not hindered by weather.
In referring to Prince Rupert's as a "summer climate" the Record is right. Since the end of January the atmosphere has been more summery than in many an advertised summer resort. The other night, after weeks of superb sunny weather, there was a sharp little fall of hail. A few clouds crept up and citizens wondered if the vanished winter were on the way at last. But today we have still the unclouded sunshine and spring-like air. Morning rime is the only indication of winter at all appreciable in Prince Rupert at present.
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\$200 REWARD
City of Prince Rupert will pay a reward of two hundred dollars for evidence which will lead to the conviction of party who assaulted the Rev. W. H. McLeod on the night of March 14, 1912.
ERNEST A. WOODS, City Clerk.

Odd Fellows' social evening advertised for Tuesday night has been postponed until further notice.

WEST INDIES' RECIPROCITY

Strong Protest Against the Measure Entered in New York—Merchants Fear Loss of Trade for Canada's Benefit.

Declaring that the enactment of the proposed reciprocal trade agreement between Canada and the British West Indian Islands will work havoc with important lines of American business, a special committee of the New York Produce Exchange has urged the State department at Washington to take immediate action.
Flour, the chief commodity in which the produce exchange is interested, has aroused the members of the West Indies trade. The proposal, it is said provides for admitting Canadian flour into the West Indies at a preference of 24 cents a barrel. Such a step, it is declared, would raise a barrier the American miller could not surmount. The loss of business in this community also would be several millions of dollars a year it is said.

Best room in town at the Savoy.

GERMAN MENACE

Winston Churchill Admits That It Is Real.
(Special to Daily News.)
London, March 18.—Winston Churchill, in presenting the naval estimates today, said he was sorry to refer direct to Germany, but was compelled to do so. Britain would keep up her power standards at whatever cost, and unless Germany retarded her program Britain would go on constructing.

FEAR U. S. A. IS TAPPING LAKES

Port Arthur Board of Trade Protests Against Widening of Chicago Drainage Canal Lest Level of Lakes Be Lowered.
The reported enlargement of the Chicago drainage canal caused the board of trade of Port Arthur to petition the government asking that immediate steps be taken to protect Canadian interests on the Great Lakes as they fear that any further diversion of water by Chicago will ultimately have the effect of lowering the waters of Lake Superior and thereby rendering useless many of the existing channels and necessitating a great deal of dredging being done at the docks. The Port Arthur Board of Trade has taken the initiative in securing the co-operation of all the other cities on the Canadian side of the lakes in a combined request to the government for immediate action to protect Canadian vested rights.

HOMESTEADERS, ATTENTION!
Settlers and homestead seekers throughout the whole district of Skeena are either calling in person or sending written reports to The Daily News of injustices done to them by the McBride government and its paid agent, William Manson. The News desires to let every one know that it will continue to receive all such evidences. Just write your experience, sign your own name and send to The News. If you live in town and do not care to write, just phone 98 and we will be pleased to call and get your story.

MERRY WEDDING IN K. OF P. HALL

Young Scandinavian Couple United by Swedish Pastor on Saturday with All Wedding Honors and Festivities.
A pretty wedding was solemnized by the pastor of the Swedish worshippers in Prince Rupert on Saturday night in the K. of P. Hall. Bride and bridegroom were both Scandinavians, and well known in Prince Rupert. The bride was Miss Mina Norman and the groom Nels Oman.
About sixty guests were present and made merry at the wedding. There was music supplied effectively by Prof. Kauffman, and dancing was kept up merrily during the evening. The wedding cake and refreshments served were of the finest, and altogether a real good time was spent. Alderman Dybhavn was there popular as ever with his own countrymen, as he is with Prince Rupert people generally, and the wedding festivities went off with a will.
The young couple will reside in Rupert, where the bridegroom has been a popular pioneer.
Experienced cleaner and presser wanted immediately. Sweder Bros., Helgerson Block. 3t

MONTGOMERY IN MAJESTIC

Socialist Candidate Had a Large Audience and Maintained His Reputation as a Strong Speaker and Hard Hitter at the McBride Government.
In the Majestic Theatre on Sunday night Alderman W. H. Montgomery, the champion of labor in the present City Council, and the Socialist candidate for Skeena riding, again took up the cudgels for the cause he so ably represents. He drove home to the workers in his large and appreciative audience that they need hope for nothing whatever from the McBride government or from Mr. William Manson, its acquiescent representative in the Skeena constituency. Mr. Montgomery after being spotted by an anxious citizen as an imaginary sandbagger was not certain whether he should descehw slouch hats, or cultivate a scholarly stoop instead of his massive chest development, in order to appear less formidable whether as alderman or candidate. Backed up by enthusiastic supporters, Alderman Montgomery made a good impression again at his meeting last night.

PRINCE RUPERT TWENTY MINUTES AGO
The wearers of the green this afternoon are declaring themselves "forinst the (McBride) government."
Did you see the blood red banner the Socialist candidate has hung to the breeze?
Wireless from Hazelton that Doc Clayton is playing merry halo with Farmer Manson's political fences.
Rumor that Hilditch is appointed postmaster not yet confirmed.
George Kerr failed to find Bibles enough to take that solemn oath on.
Nothing yet heard from the Falcon, commandeered to the south on vote hunting expedition.

Empress Theatre
BIG—LIBERAL RALLY—BIG
Tomorrow Night