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ALL CLASSES DEMAND WAGE INCREASES

90,000 Employees of Canadian Railways Seek Wage Increases Ranging From 10 to 12 Cents an Hour.

(Canadian Press)
MONTREAL, Que., Jan. 6.—Wage negotiations involving more than 90,000 men and wage increases ranging from 10 to 12 cents an hour, confront Canadian railways in the opening weeks of the year.

One party is proceeding, another dispute is the subject of board of conciliation proceedings, and other negotiations will follow in due course.

Negotiations opened yesterday around the request of 35,000 maintenance of way men on Canadian lines, for an increase of ten cents an hour. Three representatives of the men are meeting the wage committee of the railway association of Canada on this matter, and certain working conditions are also the subject of discussion. Previous negotiations had been adjourned.

Rail shodmen in Canada, to the number of 35,000 employed on all Canadian lines, are looking also to the railway association for an increase of ten cents an hour. Their representatives will put forward their request for an increase of ten cents an hour. Their negotiations also will be resumed with the railway association of Canada.

The Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Employees are looking to negotiations with the Canadian railway company in August last. Their request involves 18,000 Canadian National Railway employees including office staffs, freight shed employees, roundhouse men, ferry boat crews, etc., and is for a ten cent per hour increase for hourly rated men and \$20 a month for monthly rated men.

Negotiations are expected to open towards the end of this month between the Canadian National Railway and representatives of some 800 employees in the sleeping, dining, and parlor, car services of the railway. The employees are seeking wage increases of approximately 12 per cent as well as a uniform schedule instead of the four schedules for this class of workers in use at present.

The wage requests of some 6,000 railway and steamship clerks employed on the C. P. R. became the subject of Board of Conciliation proceedings towards the close of last year, and working conditions being the issues. The proceedings, it is understood, are not yet completed.

The prospect for wage increases by the various classes of railroad employees following the compromise on wages effected by the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Canadian National Railways with conductors and trainmen which averted a strike of those classes recently foreseen by the railways at the time of the settlement of the threatened strike. In a statement they issued the railways expressed the realization that the wage concessions then made might make inevitable consideration of requests of other classes for increases.

Doris Duke World's Richest Girl

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Jan. 6.—Fifteen year old Doris Duke probably the richest girl of her age in the world, is worth \$53,451,069, it is shown in an accounting of the estate of her father, James Buchanan Duke, tobacco magnate.

U. S. WAR CRAFT ORDERED TO NICARAGUA

(Canadian Press)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6.—Six additional naval vessels have been ordered to Nicaragua, carrying an expeditionary force of 400 marines.

The ships are the cruisers Cincinnati and Marblehead, the destroyers Barker, Smith, Thompson and Osborne, and the submarine tender Argonne.

They will report to Rear Admiral Latimer, in command of the United States forces in Nicaraguan waters for such disposition as conditions warrant. Two other destroyers left Norfolk yesterday, and although they were to replace two other ships of their type they doubtless will be used temporarily to increase the total United States naval strength available to Admiral Latimer. The Navy Department said the purpose of the dispatch of additional troops and ships was to enable Admiral Latimer to "thoroughly protect" American lives and property in the war torn central American country.

AIR MINISTER AND WIFE REACH INDIA

Flight from London to Karachi Accomplished in Eleven Days, Shortest Time on Record.

(Canadian Press)
KARACHI, British India, Jan. 6.—Sir Samuel Hoare, British air minister, and Lady Hoare, on a 20,000 mile flight in the air liner Hercules, from England to India, arrived on Indian territory today. They came from Jask, Persia. It was their intention to get to Karachi yesterday, but soon after they left Jask they encountered a heavy sand storm and had to return to that place.

The flight from London to Karachi was accomplished in eleven days, the shortest time on record. It is also the first long passenger flight carried out on a pre-arranged schedule, and the Hercules adhered so closely to its schedule that it was ten minutes ahead on its arrival at Jask, where the first delay was encountered. Sir Samuel Hoare hopes to reach Delhi before the end of the week.

Women and Children Removed To Shanghai

(Special to the Guardian)
SHANGHAI, Jan. 6.—All the British women and children were removed from Hankow, Ichang, and Kichang last night as a matter of precaution in view of the anti-foreign agitation among the Chinese. Two steamers are bringing 300 of them to Shanghai. All the men in Hankow are being concentrated at safe points along the waterfront. There have been no disturbances in the French and Japanese concessions, where foreign officials continue to function.

Will Cross Canada On Homeward Journey

(Special to the Guardian)
MONTREAL, Jan. 6.—Rt. Hon. G. G. Coates, Prime Minister of New Zealand, who is now on the Atlantic and due at New York on Tuesday next, will travel across Canada on his homeward journey. The Premier will leave New York on the "Montrealer" and reach Montreal on the morning of Wednesday, January 12th, via the Canadian National railways. Mr. Coates will remain in Montreal until the night of the 13th or in the morning of the 14th and will then leave for Ottawa. From Ottawa, Mr. Coates will go to Toronto, being due there on the 15th, thence to Niagara Falls, leaving the latter point on January 17th for Winnipeg. After a day at Winnipeg, the Premier will leave on the night of the 19th for Vancouver. On January 23rd, the party will leave for San Francisco.

Plot Feared

(Canadian Press)
CALCUTTA, British India, Jan. 6.—Discovery of thirteen bombs and two revolvers with ammunition in a house in the northern quarter of the city today was said by the police to have "considerable political importance." Two Bengal youths were arrested.

Baron Says Mermaids Are An African Fish

LONDON, Jan. 6.—Mermaids exist, says Baron de Fernig, a Dutch nobleman now visiting England. Baron Fernig has spent most of his life in South Africa and Kenya.

Mermaids, according to the baron, are queer fish that are caught by Swahili fishermen off the coast of East Africa, north of Mombasa. They have heads with protruding eyes and a growth strangely like the body down to the middle has a quite distinct likeness to the human form. They are more than five feet in length.

The flesh was very shrivelled and scaly but to the touch was quite the texture of skin." Baron Fernig said. "The natives are very fond of the meat. So marked is the resemblance of the fish to human beings, the natives are fond of giving very particular descriptions to the officials before the fish can be sold in the market."

AIR JOURNEY COMPLETED



Sir Samuel Hoare, British air minister, and Lady Hoare, yesterday completed their 20,000 mile air journey from England to India.

THREE MEN PAY GOULD CHARGES DEATH PENALTY AND THE U. S. SENATE FOR SLAYING

(Canadian Press)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6.—Arguments over the powers of the Senate under the constitution to deal with its own members was argued today before the Senate elections sub-committee investigating bribery charges against Senator Gould, Republican, Maine.

Senator Walsh, Democrat, author of the resolution for the inquiry, contended that the Senate had the power under the constitution to expel a Senator for any cause which it considered justified and he cited numerous precedents to bear out his argument.

Counsel for Senator Gould contended the Senate was limited by the constitution in its powers over its membership and that in the Gould case it did not have the right to expel for an alleged offense committed long before his election, involving a railroad contract in the province of New Brunswick.

Hamilton, the novelist, dictates to a secretary, but revises his manuscript with a pen, sometimes rewriting whole paragraphs in that manner. Several successful playwrights are said to use the pen.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to His Honor Governor Frank Hertzog on his 56th birthday.

INTERESTING LECTURE ON EUROPEAN TOUR

By Mr. Reginald H. Bell in the Caledonian Club Series Last Night.

There was a large attendance at the Caledonian Club lecture last night, the subject being: "Seeing France and Belgium on Bicycle." Mr. Reginald H. Bell was the lecturer. Mr. Jas. Paton occupied the chair and at the close of the lecture a cordial vote of thanks moved by Mr. C. M. Shannon seconded by Mr. P. W. Clarkin and supported by Mr. C. G. Duffy was tendered the lecturer for his instructive and interesting description of a most interesting tour.

Mr. Bell began his remarks in a happy humorous vein telling of his and his companions departure from Charlottetown on May 1st and after spending a week in Montreal left that port May 8th on board the Manchester Regiment arriving in Manchester, Eng. After a voyage of ten days from Manchester they went to London where they spent several days after which they proceeded with bicycles via Canterbury to Dover thence by steamer to Ostend. Here Mr. Bell described the sights along the way from London particularly the Cathedral which they visited. Leaving Dover they sailed for Ostend where they landed on Sunday afternoon. Here he gave out a humorous description of the ignorance of the foreigners who of course do not understand the language of the tourists and whom the latter could not make understand.

From Ostend they visited the battlefields of Belgium taking in all the places made famous by the Great War, the cemeteries in which lay the bodies of thousands of British and Canadian soldiers in well marked graves and in artistically arranged and flower bedecked rows, all the cities including Ypres, Arrmeters, Vimy, the different battlefields all the way from Ostend to Paris were described minutely and most interestingly recalling scenes familiar to his hearers during the anxious days and months of 1914-18. A stay of several days spent in Paris with its interesting scenes had historic places was graphically described together with their historic surroundings. A number of interesting excursions familiar to hearers by places including the palace of Versailles with its wonderful halls, stairways, galleries and gardens were interestingly outlined; then the return to England and the voyage home.

The lecture which occupied over an hour in delivery was entertaining and informative and in whose first public appearance in the role of a lecturer was most highly complimented for his excellent effort.

Calls Prohibition Class Legislation

(Canadian Press)
OAKLAND, Calif., Jan. 6.—General Smedley Butler who spent months fighting graft and bootleggers, as director of public safety in Philadelphia, denounced prohibition in an address yesterday at a class legislation, saying it really favored the poor man and favored the rich one. Its principal demerit, he indicated, is the manner in which enforcement has grown out of it.

FREIGHT RATES HEARING RE-OPENS TUESDAY

(Canadian Press)
OTTAWA, Jan. 6.—Alberta will have the floor on the resumption on Tuesday morning of the general freight rate equalization case before the Dominion Board of Railway Commissioners. The hearing which is a final one on the present freight rate situation through-out the Dominion will not likely be terminated until the latter part of February.

The Province of Saskatchewan, is expected to follow Alberta in the presentation of its case on the issue. Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, the next to be heard in the order named, although there is no definite agreement yet on the question of precedent between these provinces.

British Columbia, subject to the right to present rebuttal evidence, cross examination of opposing witnesses and argument on its behalf, completed its case before adjourning for the Xmas recess. The Pacific coast province occupied three weeks in procuring their evidence in support of a lower rate on west-bound grain and flour to Pacific ports and on fruits and vegetables coming east.

At the reopening of the hearing on Tuesday Alberta will ask for a revision of eastbound Crows Nest grain rates and in this request is expected to be supported by Saskatchewan.

42 YEARS AS CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT

Was Record of James Lawson, Who Died in a Massachusetts Hospital at the Age of 70 Years.

(Canadian Press)
WESTFIELD, Mass., Jan. 6.—James Lawson who at the time of his retirement in 1923, had completed 42 years as docket and records clerk of the Supreme Court of Canada was buried here yesterday. Mr. Lawson, who was 70 years old, died at the Noble Hospital here, following his wife in death by loss of two months. The funeral was held from the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles Russell, and burial was in Pine Hill cemetery.

Mr. Lawson was a native of Halifax. His father, William Lawson, was a member of the firm of Lawson, Farrington and Company, which sailed the brig "America" between Halifax and Boston.

Mr. Lawson attended Upper Canada College and was with the Hudsons Bay Company in Labrador for a number of years. Later he served on the staff of Donald Smith, later Lord Strathcona.

No More Vodka For Natives Of Yakutia

(Canadian Press)
YAKUTSK, Russia, Jan. 6.—Prohibition has been proclaimed in the vast autonomous republics of Yakutia one of the ten autonomous republics within the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

The reason given by the Govt. of Yakutia was the people of the district are spending so much money for vodka that they are unable to pay their taxes.

The natives who are akin to Eskimos have been struck with consternation by the proclamation since formerly they were willing to part with their best reindeers and even their wives for vodka.

Competition From European Countries

(Canadian Press)
SAINT JOHN, N. B., Jan. 6.—Charles Maurice, of the Quebec Pulp and Paper Company, Chicoutimi, Que., who arrived here on Sunday last from six months trip abroad, said that Canadian Pulp and Paper was meeting with considerable competition from the Scandinavian countries. Mr. Maurice said the proprietors of the London times were soon to erect a large Pulp and Paper mill in this country.

Announcements, Coming Events, Meetings, Etc.

- **Special instructions. Pupils giving private tuition. Apply H. W. Yeo Phone 20-Y. 3601-1-5-31
- **Wanted—Goose and Duck feathers, not mixed. Henry McFarlane and Co. Furniture Upholsterers, 187 Kent St., next Eldon Hotel. 3633-12-28 ct.
- **The annual meeting of Union District Lodge, No. 1 meets in Thistle, L. O. L. Eidon, on Jan. 11th at 2 o'clock p. m.—A. A. Martin, Sec'y. 3637-1-7-31
- **Come to the Measuring Party at Mr. Benjamin Craswell's Habel Grove, Tuesday evening, Jan. 11th. If not fine, first fine night following. 3638-1-7-21
- **The annual meeting of the Lake Verde Dairy Co. will be held in the factory, Wednesday, Jan. 12th at one p. m. 3634-1-7-41
- **Members of Winslow Shipping Club take notice meeting, January 11th. Members intending to ship must list hogs at or before each meeting or they cannot be accepted. 3611-1-6-31
- **Lessons in Home Nursing will be given by the Red Cross. For information apply 59 Grafton St. 3625-1-4-51
- **Public Temperance Meeting in the Temperance Hall Kensington, on Monday next, Jan. 10, at 7.30 (addressed by Rev. A. A. McLeod, G. W. F., and others. Silver collection. 3622-1-7-31

UNIVERSITY COSMOPOLITAN

HONOLULU, Jan. 6.—The University of Hawaii is a cosmopolitan institution. Its 728 students represent 43 of the United States, Japan, Korea, China, India, Guam, the Philippines, Mexico and France. Caucasian students comprise 41 per cent of the enrollment, Japanese 43 per cent, Chinese 14 per cent and Hawaiian 12 per cent.

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