

POSTAL STRIKE IS LIKELY AVERTED

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MINISTER OF LABORS PROFITABLE VISIT TO C.B.

SIDNEY, N. S., Dec. 6.—The Hon. T. H. Crothers, Minister of Labor, leaves here for Halifax to-day after what he has described as a profitable visit to Cape Breton.

He was to have addressed a meeting of labor men at Glace Bay last night, but owing to many pressing engagements he was unable to do so.

One of his last acts while here, however, was to address a meeting of the Sydney Trades and Labor Council.

During the day he made a tour of the city and visited the plant of the Dominion Steel Corporation when he impressed him greatly with its magnitude and the air of prosperity.

In the afternoon he paid a visit to the works of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company at North Sydney and Sydney Mines.

At a meeting of the Sydney Board of Trade on the previous night, Mr. Crothers promised that he would use his influence with his colleagues in order to have improved railway terminals established at this port.

Mr. Crothers said he was glad to be here in Cape Breton and to be enabled to see for himself the wonderful development of industry in this island as he was a strong believer in going over the actual ground in order to get first hand knowledge of conditions.

As they were aware he had come particularly to see the working people who were his special care as Minister of Labor, and from what he had seen he could sincerely and unreservedly congratulate Nova Scotia and Cape Breton in particular on its industrial populace.

He found here a contented and comfortable people and there was entire agreement between employers and employed. There was nothing more important than that those conditions should continue and for himself he did not agree with those who tried to insist that the interests of capital and labor were incompatible and irreconcilable.

He had nothing in common with the industrial agitator and declared against war of all description. If he read the Canadian character aright, he thought he found in him a wholesome distaste for war and militarism. The great progress made in industry, in agriculture and in the study of arts had engendered in the Canadian mind an utter abhorrence of that way of settling differences which was a standing disgrace to humanity in the twentieth century.

BRIDGE BUILDING BY GOVERNMENT

OTTAWA, Dec. 7.—The Government is carrying out a policy of extensive improvements to the roadway and the Intercolonial Railway, with respect to bridges being replaced at many points along the lines. At Saturday's Cabinet Council a batch of contracts aggregating several hundred thousand dollars was awarded. The Dominion Bridge Company secured a contract for four bridges over the DeCamour River, one over the N. T.R. and also for bridges on the Riviere Du Loup and Riviere Du Sud.

The Canadian Allis Chambers Company will build three bridges at West River, Barney's River, and French River, N. S., while McKinnon Holmes and Co., will build bridges at Black River, Riviere Le Bras, Sayabec, Ivory Road and at Oxford subway. The head of the McKinnon, Holmes and Company is a P. E. I. man.

EIGHT YEAR OLD GIRL DELIVERED BY MAIL

NEW LEXINGTON, Ohio, Dec. 6.—When the mail arrived here one morning recently, post office employees were surprised to find in it an eight year old girl bearing a tag which had been placed on her by New York immigration officials, reading as follows:—'This child, Julia Kohan, is going to her father, John Kohan, 117, R. F. D., No. 4, New Lexington, Ohio.'

After a breakfast supplied by the postmaster, the child was taken in care of a rural delivery carrier to the home of her father, who lives six miles south of here. The trip of 7000 miles from Bavaria was made by her alone.

ON HAT OR OFF AIGRETTES BARRED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Aigrettes will not be admitted to the United States either on hats or detached, according to a final ruling sent today to all collectors of customs.

Game birds will be admitted with feathers, but the feathers must be destroyed.

SO POOR! AND SO HUNGRY! YET A WALKING GOLD MINE

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—A wisp of a woman, her thin, gray hair drawn tightly back beneath an old-fashioned poke bonnet, walked feebly into the emergency ward of Harlem Hospital at 10.30 o'clock Monday morning and sank into a chair. She sighed and closed her eyes.

Dr. Charles S. B. Cassassa hurried to her side. Two nurses joined him. "Poor woman," said a nurse; "she is hungry and cold."

The old woman shivered in her thin gray jacket and rubbed her blue-veined hands together slowly. Dr. Cassassa's professional gaze swept the shabby garb.

"A case of insufficient nourishment and exposure," he said. "Before we do anything else give her a cup of bouillon."

"I am old and tired and poor," the old woman gasped, as a nurse held the cup to her lips. "And so hungry."

When her eyes closed again the nurses, at a sign from Dr. Cassassa, took off her jacket and began gently to remove her shabby flannel shirtwaist. Something tinkled to the floor. The doctor rubbed his eyes.

"Twenty-dollar gold pieces, as I'm alive!" he cried.

The old woman started up in time to snatch a large packet of twenty-dollar and fifty-dollar bills from the floor. Then she scrambled after the rolling gold pieces. Her shirtwaist, flying open, revealed a dinky, yellow mass of bank notes sewed into th lining.

From the back of the waist three bank books dropped. The doctor and the nurses picked them up and restored them to the now frantic old woman, but not before they had noticed on the well-thumbed pages records of deposits that ran into the thousands.

"A POOR WOMAN!" HER CRY "No!" shrieked the old woman, fumbling over the gold and bank notes. "I am too poor to pay for treatment here. I won't tell you who I am. It's none of your business. I am just a poor, hard-working woman. Oh, deary me! Oh, deary me!"

"But you need food and attention and warm clothing," said the doctor. "Come, let us take care of you."

"No, no," she mumbled, concealing handfuls of gold and bank notes about her. "No! No! Let me out of here!"

"And she went in a hurry," said Dr. Cassassa to a reporter for The World in the afternoon. "I know she carried at least \$5,000 in gold and bank notes. Some who saw her said she carried at least \$10,000. CALLED HERSELF MARY HOWE "I tried to call some of the other doctors to see her, but she wouldn't wait. She had told us first that her name was Mary Howe. But she refused to answer any questions after that."

"It is not unusual for patients to apply for free treatment here when they have a little money concealed about them, but this old woman was a walking bank. I never saw anything like it."

The nurses who peeped into the bank books said they were certain the strange patient had more than \$50,000 in savings institutions. Her clothes were in a condition to warrant the belief that she had been sleeping on park benches.

When she entered the hospital she told an attendant that she was sixty-two years old.

15,000 MILE RUN ENDS IN ARREST

(Canadian Press.) NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Morris Gutman, indicted here for grand larceny, ended tonight a journey of 15,000 miles, begun as a fugitive from justice and guarded by Bernard Flood, a detective from the District Attorney's office. Gutman arrived on the steamer Vaidick from Rio Janiero. He had been arrested there after a chase by sixty detectives aided by the State Department, which communicated with several Central and South American Governments in an effort to catch him. Gutman is accused of swindling seven New York banks out of \$25,000. Several days before the indictment last summer he fled to Montreal when he was finally located in Canada. He fled again to New Orleans, thence to Chile, Peru, Guatemala, and across to Brazilian cities. He tried suicide when arrested at last.

BRUCE ELECTION IS PROTESTED

(Canadian Press.) TORONTO, Dec. 7.—Conservatives have protested South Bruce, where R. E. Truax, the Liberal candidate, was elected over Mr. Cargill, Conservative. In the petition filed Saturday there are 150 counts of which almost 50 are against Truax personally. They cover the whole ground of election rascality, including bribery.

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PRE-VOCATIONAL EDUCATION SYSTEM

CALGARY, Alberta, Dec. 6.—The pre-vocational education system which will be inaugurated in the Calgary Public Schools at the beginning of the new year has been heartily endorsed by the Hon. John R. Boyle, Minister of Education for Alberta, who recently paid a visit to this city and inspected the school system.

Mr. Boyle paid a warm tribute to Calgary as the first city to start pre-vocational work in Canada. He also announced that it was the intention of the government to appoint an inspector of technical education for the province. At present Calgary is carrying on this work in its night schools and over fifteen hundred pupils are now in attendance.

HON. MR. FISHER SERVED WITH PAPERS

MONTREAL, December 6.—The bailiff charged with the duty of serving notice on Hon. Sydney Fisher that a counter petition had been filed in Chateauguay, charging him and his agents with corruption during the election campaign, located the defunct candidate in that contest, and served the papers last evening. The counter petition was filed at Valleyfield on Monday at noon, two days before the expiry of the time allowed for such action.

Besides the counter petition there have also been filed preliminary objections on behalf of James Morris, M. P., to the main petition of Mr. Fisher to have the election invalidated, and it is understood that the first hearing on these objections has been fixed for Saturday, the 13th instant, at Valleyfield.

SERIOUS FIRE IN AMHERST

AMHERST, December 6.—A fire broke out in the Canadian Beverage company's building this morning and at one o'clock it looked like a total loss. The fire broke out suddenly and it was quickly seen that nothing could be done.

The building is located off Spring street and is a wooden frame structure on a high stone foundation. Together with its equipment the place was valued at about \$20,000.

The business has not been a financial success recently. A meeting of the shareholders was held some time ago which developed into a rather stormy scene. The manager's resignation was asked for. The manufacture of aerated waters is carried on at the place and the company consists altogether of Amherst people.

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The first quarter of the moon was on Friday, Dec. 5th at 10.59 a. m. The moon will be full on Saturday, Dec. 13th at 11 a. m.

The length of today will be eight hours and forty-six minutes.

THE CRISIS IN FRENCH CABINET

(Canadian Press.) PARIS, Dec. 7.—Although Senator Gaston Doumergue has postponed until to-morrow, notifying President Poincare that he will take the responsibility of forming a ministry, it is believed he will accept the task imposed on him. He formed a provisional cabinet this afternoon which included for Minister of Foreign Affairs either Alexander Felix Ribot, Jean Dupuy or Theophile Delcasse.

This proved a stumbling block as neither Ribot nor Dupuy would accept office. It is generally thought Delcasse will also refuse. Possibly the Premier will take office himself, following the example of Poincare when he was head of the Government.

Other members of the cabinet include General Dubois as Minister of War; General Harris as Minister of the Navy; M. Noulens, Minister of the Navy; M. Nivani, Instruction; Jos. Caillaux, Finance; Ferdinand David, Commerce; Louis Malvy, Agriculture; M. Tebrun, Colonies; M. Lhopiteau, Works; Rene Renault, Labor.

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THEY WILL BE REIMBURSED.

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TRY TO BRING DOWN PRICE OF MILK.

BERLIN, Ontario, December 5.—Mayor Euler notified the general public today that Saturday morning, December 6th, has been fixed for beginning of the milk strike for the purpose of bringing about a reduction in the price from eight to seven cents a quart. Quite a number of citizens have already stopped their supply of milk, the mayor being one of the first to be reported to the milkmen.

ROOSEVELT ARRIVES.

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Dec. 6.—Col. Roosevelt arrived to-day at Bahia Blanca on the Argentine coast, after passing through the territory of Neuquen without incident.

FOXES IN FILMS THE LATEST ADVERTISING MEDIUM

In connection with the proposal to advertise the Fox Industry on Prince Edward Island more generally throughout Canada and the United States Mr. R. L. Cleveland has entered into a contract with Mr. Joseph Knowles the "man of the woods" who is the centre of the Boston controversy between the Boston American and Boston Post over his exploits of and Boston Post over his exploits of "Nature Living" in the woods of Maine, and the International Film Company.

Mr. Cleveland's proposal is to visit the majority of the larger and most important fox ranches in Queens and Prince Counties and to take films in which Mr. Knowles appears. The idea of having Mr. Knowles in such a conspicuous position as a name alone is at present a sufficient attraction to draw crowded houses in Picture Palaces of the Eastern States and their managers will be induced the more readily to take the Fox Ranch Films for Exhibition.

But while Mr. Knowles will thus be prominently represented, he will be by no means the principal attraction in the moving pictures. Mr. Cleveland has arranged to have films made containing most of the prominent people in the province from the Lieutenant Governor down in officialdom, and from the Hon. Charles Dalton downward in the fox world.

Already Mr. Cleveland has secured pictures of the Dalton and Dennis Ranches and also of the Karakule sheep of the Dennis and Jenkins Syndicates respectively. It is Mr. Cleveland's intention in the early part of this week to visit by invitation other prominent ranches and to obtain a series of what are sure to be most interesting pictures. In order to avoid monotony from the public point of view, Mr. Cleveland has arranged to introduce a "side incident" such as a bear at the Dalton Ranch, and a battle between two Karakule rams at the Upton ranch.

Now is the city of Charlottetown and the inhabitants in general thereof to be over looked for tomorrow (Tuesday) Mr. Cleveland will take a number of films of the principal streets at the busiest time of the day probably between 12 and 1 o'clock, so if any citizen would be desirous to go down to posterity as a representative Islander of the year 1913, all he or she has got to do is to be on the move on one or other of the principal streets during that hour tomorrow.

It is the intention of Mr. Cleveland to syndicate this Picture Story of the Island and its great industry and to accompany the films, giving a twenty minutes lecture before their throw on the screen.

It may be added the pictures will be exhibited in the first instance in Charlottetown and Summerside where everyone here will have an opportunity judging of the truthness of Life.

SPECIAL SERVICES SALVATION ARMY

The week end meetings conducted by Colonel Albert Gaskin, in the Salvation Army Citadel, have been characterized by unusual interest, the best and attendance increasing till at the evening service, though every available foot of space was occupied, many were turned away, being unable to gain admission.

In the afternoon the Colonel gave a most interesting address on the subject, "Leaves from my Diary," relating some of his early experiences in the Salvation Army when its work was little known or appreciated.

Mr. F. J. Nash presided and with him on the platform were, among others, Mr. W. C. Turner, Mr. Goff, and Mr. McLean.

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