

PHILADELPHIA CARMEN'S STRIKE NOW NEARLY OVER

Company Claim That They Can Now Handle the Business and Report More Cars Running than Ever.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 16.—Despairing of making progress towards a settlement of the street car men's strike, through conferences with Geo. H. Earle, one of the city's representatives on the board of directors of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co., the committee of ten today renewed its efforts to make the general strike so effective that the transit officials would be forced to come to a satisfactory settlement with the striking motormen and conductors.

Carrying out the action taken by the state federation of labor at its convention at Newcas.le last week, with the State President Greenawald, it has sent out a call for a vote on a state strike.

The traction company officials claim that the strike would have been

over by this time if false hopes had not been installed in the minds of the men by the conferences, at one of which President Mrurger of the Traction Company, met President Mahon of the Carmen's Union, in the office of Director Earle. The company's representative say they are constantly increasing the number of cars in operation, and that many of the old men would have returned to work today had it not been for the reports that a settlement was in sight.

There has been no disorder for several days and more cars are running today than at any time since the strike began. Numerous accidents, however, caused by inexperienced motormen have occurred and the company would welcome a return of many of its old men.

STANDARD OIL CASE IS ABOUT FINISHED

Washington, March 16.—The closing arguments in the great contest over the dissolution of the "Standard Oil" are being made this afternoon in the Supreme Court of the United States. By 4.30 o'clock the last word will have been said by the counsel according to arrangements made Monday and the entire case will be before the high tribunal for final decision. How long the court will take to consider the question no one professes to know but many are guessing that the decision will not be announced earlier than the first or the middle of May.

SERUM FOR RABBIES MAY CAUSE MENINGITIS

New York, March 16.—A medical question of whether serum injected to prevent rabies may cause spinal meningitis has developed through the death of Virginia E. Vogelius, a thirteen year old girl. Several weeks ago a pet spaniel afflicted with rabies bit the girl and licked the hand of all the members of the family. They were treated with serum and discharged as cured two weeks ago. Recently Miss Vogelius developed spinal meningitis and died last night.

A WESTERN CLERGYMAN POSES AS AN ALARMIST

Hamilton, Ont., March 16.—Speaking here last night at the annual conference of the Adult Bible Class federation on Canada's foreign population Rev. J. I. Woods of north Winnipeg stated that it would be but a short time, before the West from the Great Lakes to Pacific Coast was controlled by foreigners and that the entire Dominion would be dominated by that stretch of territory. It was time, he declared that Canadians did something to save the country as foreigners would vote any way for a bottle of whiskey.

FUNERAL OF LATE H. PERCY CHESTNUT.

The funeral of the late H. Percy Chestnut took place this afternoon, and was largely attended. Service was held at the residence of Mr. C. Fred Chestnut, brother of the deceased, beginning at 2.40. Rev. J. W. McConnell, assisted by Rev. Dean Schofield, conducted the services. Interment was made in the Rural Cemetery. Among the mourners were: Mr. Joseph Bullock, Sr., Mayor T. H. Bullock, Mr. Joseph Bullock, Jr., and Mr. D. F. McLean, of St. John; Mr. C. Fred Chestnut, Mr. W. T. Chestnut, Mr. D. T. Whittaker and Mr. Chas. S. Whittaker.

BODY SENT TO HAVERHILL.

The body of the late George Albert Russ, was sent to Haverhill, Mass., on last night's train. Mr. Hartley French accompanied the body. A magnificent floral tribute from the shoe factory employes was sent to Haverhill.

ENGLISHMEN FAVOR TARIFF REFORM

London, March 16.—The Association of Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom in session here marked its jubilee annual meeting by adopting today resolutions in favor of a system of tariff reform "in the interests of British trade, increased employment and colonial preference." There was an animated discussion of the resolutions which developed considerable opposition but the vote by chambers showed the tariff reformers to be in the majority, 51 to 12. Forty-one chambers took a neutral attitude.

BRITISH AND PORTUGUESE CLASH IN AFRICA

Lisbon, March 16.—The Diarie announces that a serious conflict between Portuguese and the British officials engaged in delimiting the frontier has occurred at Tete, a town on the southern bank of the Zambesi river in Portuguese East Africa and that as a result lively notes are now being exchanged between the governments of Great Britain and Portugal.

FASHIONABLE CLERGYMAN DISAPPEARS FROM CHURCH

New York, March 16.—The five elders of the Church of the Redeemer, a fashionable Presbyterian church in Patterson, N. J., are hunting for their pastor, the Rev. B. Canfield Jones, who, it was learned today, has been missing for five weeks. When the news of his disappearance became known it was discovered that his wife had filed suit for divorce in Montreal. It is said that two young women well known in Patterson society are involved.

Mr. Jones went to Paterson four years ago from Erie, Pa. He was married shortly before he went to Paterson and for two years the young pastor and his wife lived apparently in happiness. Then Mr. Jones went to Europe for a vacation and Mrs. Jones remained behind. Shortly after his return his wife left Paterson and joined her parents who had moved to Montreal.

SWORN IN THIS AFTERNOON.

His Worship, Mayor Thomas was sworn in this afternoon by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and immediately afterward swore in the aldermen who were elected on Monday. Mayor Thomas was sworn in at the lieutenant governor's office at the Parliament Buildings. Mr. J. W. McCready, the city clerk, Ald.-elect Weddall and Ald.-elect Calder accompanied him. After the ceremony the civic party went to the City Hall where the Mayor swore in the aldermen in the council chamber.

According to a long established custom the Bible used for the administration of the oath of office was presented to the Mayor by the City Clerk.

GOVERNMENT HOLDING UP THE INVESTIGATION

No Meeting of the Accounts Committee Today--Cannot get Through by Next Week.

The Public Accounts Committee did not meet this morning though a sitting had been called for ten o'clock. At first this morning it was announced that the committee would sit at eleven o'clock instead of at tea. Then eleven came and the committee was not called together. Noon came and still nothing was done, and so the committee has lost a morning just at the time when there is a good deal to be done into.

It is explained that there were so many other committee meetings this morning that the members of the Public Accounts body could not very well be brought together. That is a very plausible story, and, of course, no one would think for an instant of suggesting that there was any other reason for the failure to go on with the investigation of the accounts. Just the same, the fact remains that none of the road accounts have yet been taken up. In these accounts the total expenditure was \$60,021.11. Possibly it may be that these accounts are not of a kind which will stand the closest inspection. If the House is prorogued on Thursday of next week, it will be impossible thoroughly to investigate all the road accounts, the remaining bridge accounts and the other matters into which the committee should look. Perhaps a cursory examination, rather than a thorough investigation would tend to keep publicity from being given to various matters which may look better now when only some of the facts are known than they would if all the information possible was obtained in the committee. Perhaps too the reverse is true, but the situation today in regard to the accounts would seem to indicate that the government is not consumed with burning zeal to have a thorough examination take place. When it is remembered what effort was made to prevent the facts in regard to the special expenditure on a St. John county roads at the time of the bye-election from being brought to light one may be excused for feeling that in the interests of the people whose money it is that the government spends, there should be the fullest possible investigation of all the road accounts.

CORPORATIONS COMMITTEE.

The corporations committee met this morning, Mr. Slipp in the chair, and took up the bill to incorporate the Hartland and Mirimichi Railway Company. A provision of the bill to give the company power to dam the Becaguimic stream for power purposes, so that the railway could be run by either steam or electricity, met with opposition from F. E. Sayre on behalf of Sayre and Holly, who claimed that is the stream were dammed it would be impossible for the company to get logs to their mill thereon and Mr. F. R. Taylor, of St. John, on behalf of the New Brunswick Railway Company, claimed that any injury to Sayre & Co's business would work against the New Brunswick Railway Company in so much as it would interfere with their selling stumpage to the company on land in that vicinity.

Mr. M. L. Hayward of Hartland, appeared for the promoters of the bill.

The committee after considering the matter in private, referred the bill to the promoters to be redrafted, omitting the power clause.

The bill relating to the International Railway was taken up.

The bill was agreed to with an amendment making it necessary to have the approval of the lieutenant-governor-in-council before the road is leased and another making the interest on the bonds guaranteed by the province a priority payment before the interest on the third bonds, which it is now proposed to issue.

The bill gives the company authority to issue bonds to the amount of \$30,000 per mile on the company agreeing to pay off the bonds of the province guaranteed to \$8,000 per mile or to issue bonds to the extent of \$22,000 per mile without an agreement to pay off the province's guaranteed bonds.

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE.

The Agricultural Committee this morning met and spent some time discussing apple growing and fruit raising in the province generally.

Mr. A. G. Turney, Provincial Horticulturist, delivered an address with information as to fruit growing and with suggestions as to improvements which might be made.

W. W. Hubbard, Secretary for Agriculture, was also heard on the same subject. A number of resolutions were

TRACES OF THE LOST DUTCH LINER

A Boat and Life Buoy Picked Up Which Settles the fate of Prinz Willem and 52 People on Board.

Amsterdam, March 16.—The first traces of the Dutch liner Prinz Willem II. since she was reported as missing were picked up at sea near Belle Isle, off the coast of France today and leave no doubt regarding the fate of the vessel. A life buoy and a boat's oar, both bearing the ship's name, were first found floating near Belle Isle. Subsequently a propeller blade and a name board evidently belonging to the mail steamer, were washed ashore at a neighboring island.

The Prinz Willem II of the Royal Dutch West Indian Mail Line sailed from Amsterdam for West Indian ports and New York on January 21, and some time ago was given up as lost. The crew and passengers numbered 52.

WM. J. CREWDSON DIED THIS MORNING

After an illness extending over a period of several months, Mr. William J. Crewdson, one of the best known of the older residents of the city, passed away at his home on Brunswick street this morning. He was a native of the old country, but most of his life time had been spent in this city. He was a man of high character, who filled many positions of trust and was looked upon him as a most exemplary citizen.

For many years the deceased gentleman was employed as an accountant about the city and was very efficient in that line of work. He also for a time held the office of Chief assessor of rates and taxes for the city. He had long been actively identified with the Fredericton council of the Royal Arcanum.

The deceased was a tenor singer of more than ordinary ability and had been a prominent and most useful member of the Methodist Church choir for many years.

He was seventy-five years of age, and is survived by a family of one daughter, Mrs. Walter Jennings of this city and one son Ernest L. Crewdson of Anaconda, Mont. The latter arrived home this week in response to a message informing him of his father's critical illness.

The funeral will be held on Friday, at an hour to be announced later. Rev. J. W. McConnell will conduct the service.

REGENT OF CHINA WANTS A PARLIAMENT

Washington, March 16.—The Prince Regent of China, according to official advices from Peking has issued an edict reiterating in the strongest terms the former declaration that a constitutional government and a parliament shall be opened in China at the end of the nine year period of preparation fixed by the late Empress Dowager. This edict is in answer to a memorial presented to the throne by certain delegates from the provincial assemblies asking for the opening of the Imperial parliament before 1915, the time fixed in the original programme.

VOTE WAS CLOSE.

A local statistician has figured it out that there was an average of just twenty-four votes difference between the rival tickets in the civic election here on Monday.

adopted, one recommending to the Department the advisability of taking over the supervision of a number of old orchards and demonstrating what could be done with them when intelligently managed according to modern methods; another recommendation was that permanent displays of fruits, grains and vegetables be placed on exhibition in prominent centres and a further recommendation was that a large provincial fruit show with a three days convention of Fruit Growers of the Province be held at St. John in November.

Chairman Dickson suggested that something be done to urge setting forth within and without the province, possibly by exhibits the agricultural and horticultural possibilities of the province and which work was as important as attracting sportsmen and tourists.

EX PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ARRIVES AT KHARTOUM

Teddy is Well and Was Heartily Greeted by His Wife and Family--More Trophies of His African Trip.

Khartoum, Soudan, March 14.—Khartoum is striving to conceal her disappointment because Col. Roosevelt did not come out of the wilds literally swinging his hat and whooping when entering the city today to make his first returning bow to civilization.

The people saw the usually strenuous ex-President pass between the lines of black, stoical soldiers, holding back a picturesque, gaping, silent crowd.

After an hour passed in meeting officials, Col. Roosevelt and Kermit were left alone to greet Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Ethel, who arrived from Cairo at 6 o'clock this evening. The scene, at least, was vivid for an event really impressive. The day was perfect, a cool breeze rippled the Nile in two days the mercury had dropped from 106 to 92 degrees.

Col. Roosevelt's garb would have made a popular hit under similar conditions in America, but here it caused the spectators to chuckle. It consisted of a weather-worn helmet, a suit of khaki, a green tie, a gray shirt, knickerbockers, leather knee caps and leggings and hob-nailed shoes.

The officials were in spick and span outfits. But instead of impressing the crowd as unfortunate that their famous guest had no other clothes to wear, Col. Roosevelt's costume provoked surprise and muffled laughter.

Hundreds of donkey boys raced along the embankment, while tarbrushed Egyptians and a few English visitors were massed along the marble terrace in front of the palace. The guard of honor of six-foot Soudanese, like ebony statues, their white uniforms brilliant with red trappings formed a lant.

All chatter ceased as Col. Roosevelt appeared on Slatin Pasha's arm. Kermit followed them, but the rest of the party remained on board the steamer.

Apparently Col. Roosevelt was perplexed by the lack of cheers of enthusiasm, but Egyptian crowds never cheer, and the English and American correspondents decided that an at-

tempt by them to cheer would be ludicrous.

So the President stode forward amid heavy silence.

At the public entrance he made as if to doff his helmet, but there were few beside Soudanese to salute, so he let his arm fall stiffly and quickly stepped out of sight.

An English correspondent, commenting on the same said: "It was quite remarkable for your strenuous President, don't you know, not what we expected. He looks ripping funny in those shocking clothes."

Col. Roosevelt hurried through the reception in the palace, at which a dozen officials were introduced to him. He was eager to meet Mrs. Roosevelt and their daughter, who had arrived at the palace unobserved. The family dined alone with the Claytons.

Col. Roosevelt bade farewell today to the faithful blacks of his expedition, who came here in charge of the bargeful of faunal specimens. They will go to Mombassa by way of Cairo. He was much affected, as were the men, especially his two gun bearers, who have risked their lives with him.

The ex-President has announced that he must be received as a private citizen. But he is sleeping tonight amid regal splendor. The Sitar's Moorish palace, white and yellow, pillared and balconied, has the most beautiful gardens in the Soudan.

The social whirl begins tomorrow with a brilliant dinner at the palace. The guests will assemble in the famous drawing room, which is done in white enamel and has panelled walls. The furniture is of rose-colored brocade. Portraits of King Edward, Queen Alexandria, Queen Victoria and other royalties hang in the stately drawing room above the garden.

Col. Roosevelt is accepting all invitations. The officials are taking it as quite a lark to have him here, and the social season will be prolonged almost a week because of the distinguished visitor.

COUNCIL OF BOARD OF TRADE CONSIDERS BILLS

The council of the Board of Trade met last night and considered the bills before the legislature which affect the city of Fredericton and in which the board is interested.

The Creditor's attachment Bill was not discussed. However it has been intimated to some members of the council that the bill would be killed in the Committee or House. The opinion was then expressed that the bill was ultra vires of the local legislature being of the nature of an insolvency law.

A bill to amend the act of incorporation of the Town of Marysville is to enable the town to impose a tax on non-residents employed in was considered. The provision of the the town. It was considered that such a provision would bear hardly on people of Fredericton. It is understood however that this section will be withdrawn from the bill.

The Fredericton gas light bill was discussed at some length. The bill is to enable the company to cease manufacturing gas. A new committee of the council was then appointed to appear before the Corporation Committee. The board feel that if the company is to stop the manufacture of gas an all day electric service should be established.

It is understood that the city council and some of the churches will oppose the bill.

The Fredericton Street Railway bill was also taken up. Amendments similar to those of the city council were suggested.

FUNERAL OF MRS. DANIEL HAND

The funeral of Mrs. Daniel Hand will take place tomorrow at 2 p.m. Two sisters of the deceased, Mrs. James Mullin nad Mrs. H. F. Birch are expected to arrive from St. Paul on tonight's train. Interment will be made at the Hermitage.

C. P. R. PLANNING NEW LINE TO MONTREAL

(Special to The Mail.)

St. John, March 16.—It is reported but not confirmed, that the C. P. R. is planning a new line of railway from here to Montreal. It is common belief that the C. P. R. now owns the Shore Line from St. John to St. Stephen, N. B., just across the St. Croix River from Calais, Me. The rumored project is to straighten the Shore Line and build a new road from Calais to Mattawamkeag, Me., connect them at Calais and use this line to Montreal. It would be much shorter than the present route via McAdam. The story is that with the present road would be operated for local and Boston business.

DRY DOCK LIKELY FOR ST. JOHN

(Special to The Mail)

St. John, March 16.—No one in authority will speak but it is practically known now that St. John will have a dry dock soon. How big the project is cannot be said but it is known that a plan not heretofore spoken of is being figured on and negotiations for purchase may soon be opened. Meantime it is a fact that negotiations for a site for the Grand Trunk Pacific terminals are well under way.

WHERE IS HIS MONEY?

In connection with a death which took place in this city a short time ago two coroners viewed the body and declared an inquest unnecessary. Only one received the fee, however, and he was the coroner who officiated last. The St. Mary's coroner, who received the fee, is a prominent supporter of the local government. The city coroner is considering where his fee is to come from.