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WESTERN CANADA COAL MINERS STRIKE SETTLED

WATSON SNOWDEN KNOWN AROUND PRINCE RUPERT

Wife of Man Arrested on Murder Charge Says He Was Always Afraid That Someone Was After Him—Lived in Terror of Arrest at Porcher Is.

Watson Snowden, the man whom the Vancouver police have arrested and charged with the murder of William Urquhart is well known in Prince Rupert. He was, in fact, supposed to be on his way here when arrested, as the following wire received by Chief Vickers shows.

The telegram was sent from the chief of police at Vancouver, and reads: "Arrest Watkins (Watson) Snowden, murder suspect. Forty years. Five feet eight inches. One hundred and ninety. Stout built. Large, red face. Clean shaved. Heavy drinker. Left Nanaimo for Rupert. Known through wife and child, left him August, 1910."

Chief Vickers knew the man quite well. In Rupert's early days he used to be always in trouble over threatening his wife, etc. He also ran a blind pig, and his name is on the records of the provincial police. He had a pre-emption on Porcher Island, and kept scrapping over

there with the neighboring settlers. On receipt of the wire from Vancouver, Chief Vickers had Porcher Island searched for him in case he should be back in his old haunts.

The life of Watson and his wife was most wretched. They came to Rupert from Seattle and the woman sought and obtained employment in a laundry. She supported not only herself and her small baby boy, but Snowden as well. He would do nothing to support his wife and child, she declared.

All the time they were in Prince Rupert, Mrs. Snowden declares has husband insisted on keeping a gun at the head of the bed in case of an emergency. When she asked what he did it for she was told that there were some men who were trying to "get him" and that he would "never let any one get him without shooting 'em full of lead."

One day when six men arrived in a boat at Porcher Island he hid all day in the bush for fear they were after him.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PLANS TO BREAK UP STEEL TRUST

Long Contemplated Action is at Last Begun in the Circuit Court at Trenton, N. J.—Promises to be a Memorable Action

Trenton, N. J., Oct. 28.—The United States government's long-planned suit to break up the so-called steel trust has begun here today in the circuit court. It is the most sweeping anti-trust action ever brought by the department of justice.

The plaintiff not only asks for the dissolution of the United States Steel Corporation, but for all the constituent subsidiary companies which are alleged to be in the combine in violation of the Sherman law against maintaining or attempting to

maintain a monopoly of the steel business.

The action promises to be one of the most memorable in legal history, owing to the great array of legal talent, the commercial standing of the witnesses, and the results that are being attempted by the probe of justice.

The office of C. H. Handasyde, Jr., manufacturer's agent, will be closed until Nov. 1st, while Mr. Handasyde is south on business.

A DERELICT IS SIGHTED

Fishing Schooner Adrift Off West Coast of Vancouver Island—Snohomish to the Rescue.

Victoria, Oct. 28.—The Steamer Empress of Japan outward bound has reported by wireless sighting a derelict fishing schooner off the west coast of Vancouver Island. The U. S. steamer Snohomish has gone to investigate.

"HOMESPUN" IS WRECKED

Captain Oliver and Engineer John Woodward Seriously Burned—Mission Boat Beyond Repair.

The Methodist Mission boat "Homespun," which only recently was in Prince Rupert, when members of the Conference visited this city, is wrecked.

Captain William Oliver and Engineer John Woodward of the Methodist Mission boat "Homespun" are lying in the hospital suffering from serious burns as a result of a gasolene explosion which wrecked the craft as she was lying on the beach near Hastings Mill, Vancouver, the other day. Neither man is in danger, but the burns are painful.

SIR WILFRID VACATES QUEBEC

Will Now Represent Soulanges in the House—Means Saving a Seat for the Liberals.

COAL STRIKE IS SETTLED

So Announces Hon. Robert Rogers in Telegram to Hon. Martin Burrell.

(Canadian Press Despatch)
Nelson, Oct. 28.—Hon. Martin Burrell on his arrival here last night from the coast announced the receipt of a telegram from Hon. Robert Rogers stating that he had succeeded in bringing to an end the Western Canada coal strike. His message said that the settlement had been signed by both parties.

IMPERIAL OIL TANK FOR PRINCE RUPERT

Will Be Erected on Wharf to Serve G. T. P. Boats When Converted to Oil Fuel.

Unofficially, but with considerable ground for definite statement, the news has reached the city that the Imperial Oil Company will erect a big oil tank to serve the G. T. P. flyers when they are converted to oil fuel for next season. There is to be a tank at their wharf at Vancouver, and one at Rupert. The immense saving in time and labor of the oil fuel will be appreciated by passengers, and the increase of efficiency and speed will place the G. T. P. boats in the forefront of the northern coast fleet.

"LAKE CHAMPLAIN" AGROUND

Liner Refuses to Budge From Shoal Even With Eight Tugs at Her.

Montreal, Oct. 28.—The steamer "Lake Champlain" ran aground this morning on the Southside channel. In spite of the efforts of eight tugs to get her off, she is still stranded. It is feared she is badly damaged.

BURGLARS IN VANCOUVER

Enter the Ramage Store During Night and Steal \$3,000 Worth of Diamonds.

(Canadian Press Despatch)
Vancouver, Oct. 28.—Burglars entered the Ramage jewelry store early last evening and stole two dozen diamond rings valued at \$3,000.

Pantorium Pioneer Cleaners, Phone 4.

ARE RETURNED TO CABINET

Eleven of Mr. Borden's Ministers Are Allowed Return by Acclamation.

Toronto, Oct. 28.—Eleven Dominion cabinet ministers who presented themselves for nomination today in the various provinces were returned by acclamation. Three more need re-election, namely, Messrs. Burrell, Cochrane and White.

J. P.'s ARE APPOINTED

Preparations Made to Instill Law and Order East of the Yellowhead Pass.

(Canadian Press Despatch)
Victoria, Oct. 28.—The Government today appointed four justices of the peace for the country east of the Yellowhead Pass through which the G. T. P. will run, also two additional constables.

GOVERNMENT TO RETAIN WHARF

That is What the Committee of Citizens Decided to Request After a Long Discussion Yesterday Afternoon

ARE OPPOSED TO PRIVATE LEASING SYSTEM

Mayor Manson Thinks That the City Could Not Administer the Wharf to Advantage, and Urges That the Government Retain Control—A Commission of Three Will be Asked for to Assist the Wharfinger—Subject of Great Importance to Prince Rupert Shippers is Fully Reported

Resolution No. 1.—"That this gathering of representative citizens of Prince Rupert is opposed to any leasing of the Government Wharf."

Resolution No. 2.—"That this meeting approves the running of the wharf by the Government."

Resolution No. 3.—"That this meeting suggests that the Government appoint a commission of say three, on which the city shall have representation, which shall act with the wharfinger appointed by Government in the management of the wharf."

Above is the compact concrete result of the discussion in open meeting yesterday afternoon, of the general situation regarding the Government Wharf at the foot of McBride street now approaching completion, which took place at a meeting between W. W. Foster, Deputy Minister of Public Works for the Province, and about thirty leading citizens interested in waterfront affairs.

Mayor Manson presided, and opened the meeting with a short statement of its purpose. The idea of calling this meeting, was the Mayor's own suggestion acted upon readily by Mr. Foster.

"The Government Wharf which had been delayed for a long, long time is at last nearing completion," said the Mayor, "and the time has come for the Government to do something in regard to the operation of the wharf. Therefore, Mr. Foster has come here to meet you and freely discuss the situation."

Only One of Its Kind

Mr. Foster remarked in commencement. "This is the only Government owned wharf in British Columbia at the present time. Its cost will come to upwards of \$160,000 to \$170,000 before it is complete, and it is the only ferro-concrete structure of the kind in Northern B. C. if not along the entire Pacific Coast as far as 'Frisco."

"The Government is anxious to have the best information regarding the administration of the wharf, and accordingly I have come here, and at the suggestion of the Mayor this perfectly open discussion has been called. It may be your idea to have the wharf leased to a private corporation, and so run, or run by a specially appointed board. It is for you to mention your views now."

Government's Position

Here S. M. Newton inquired: "The Government then has not decided to have the wharf a Government-operated concern?" Mr. Foster—"No, not yet. That is what I am here to gain information for."

The Mayor read the resolution passed by the city council to the effect that the city council appreciated the visit of the Deputy Minister of Public Works and desired that the new Government wharf here should be administered as economically as possible in the

interests of the city and people of Prince Rupert.

Pertinent Questions

Major Gibson asked if the Government would be responsible for the wharf just as if it were run by a private concern.

Mr. Foster replied: "Yes" that it would.

Mr. D. G. Stewart asked if the idea of the city's leasing the wharf would be entertained by the Government.

Mr. Foster replied that the object of his mission was to ascertain the feeling of the people on this particular point also as regards private management of the wharf under lease.

"I think you will find the citizens generally are in favor of the city's leasing the wharf."

"In the event of the Government's running the wharf," said Mr. Newton, "what would be the system of management?"

Mr. Foster sketched an outline of wharf management showing that a well thought out scheme existed in his mind for the running of the wharf in the manner to suit coasting and other vessels calling regularly and occasionally and for tramp steamers—also with regard to the delivery of goods from steamers to wagons, etc.

About Freight Rates

The question of freight rates came up Alderman Newton and Major Gibson asking how the Government proposed to deal with these. The Deputy Minister stated that this was the most vexed question of all, and said that his idea would be that freight rates should be fixed by estimates gained of the rates prevailing at other ports and based upon the calculation of a fair return on the capital outlay for the wharf. The question of freight rates was not one to be answered off hand, but he could state that Prince Rupert's present freight rates were exactly the same as those prevailing at Vancouver—he knew that Vancouver had rather higher freight rates than prevailed at other ports.

Cheaper in the End

Alderman Douglas enquired if the rates were to be based on the original cost of the wharf—if they were he thought they might be higher because the wharf was more costly than the wood pile wharves of the G. T. P. Mr. Foster pointed out that the wharf was really a cheaper wharf in the end than the wood piled wharf, and the basing of the freight rates would be calculated in a manner consistent with this.

Mr. J. Rogers gave it as his opinion that the handling of the wharf by the city was a scheme likely to be of great advantage in the reduction of rates, ease of management, and said that he fancied both Government and city might make a little profit besides reducing rates.

For Whose Benefit?

A. J. Morris asked if it was not the case that the wharf was intended by the Government for the direct benefit of the citizens of Prince Rupert. Could this be effected by leasing the wharf?

In reply Mr. Foster thought

that a leasing system properly handled under public completion would result in benefit to the citizens and city.

"There will never be any higher rates at the Government wharf than at the other wharves in Prince Rupert," said Mr. Foster in reply to a question by Major Gibson.

Wants a Commission

Alderman Douglas suggested a commission system—the board to be composed of members of the city council and Board of Trade. He said this system prevailed in San Francisco.

Waterfront Bottled Up

The question of coal shipments and handling was brought up by the Mayor who asked if the G. T. P. did not intend to give leases of their waterfront to coal merchants.

Mr. J. Rogers replied from his own experience that the G. T. P. were not to do this. "They have the waterfront bottled up," he said.

A. E. McMaster said that the retailing of coal from the waterfront was allowed by the G. T. P. "Yes, but look at the revenue you are getting from it," said Mr. Rogers. (Laughter.)

Wants Citizens to Benefit

"The wharf was offered to Prince Rupert for the benefit of the citizens, and it would be best to have it run by the city council. We want the benefits of the wharf to accrue to the citizens of Prince Rupert, not to the citizens of British Columbia," said A. J. Morris.

"Why give it to the city council to manage?" asked Major Gibson. "Haven't they got enough to do?" (Laughter.)

The Province's Interest

Mr. Foster replying to Mr. Morris said that he thought that the interests of the province demanded some consideration if only the interest on the public money invested by the Department in the wharf. Mr. Morris explained that he quite intended to imply that interest at the rate of 4 to 5 per cent on the cost of the wharf would be allowed.

Mr. Foster went on to say that the position was unique in British Columbia and the wharf under discussion was the Provincial Government's method of relieving the situation occasioned by one corporation's owning nearly the whole waterfront. He explained that Mayor Manson who had been instrumental in getting this means of relief through Government established competition might be able to explain further.

The Voice of the Government

The Mayor stated his personal view that the wharf was better run by the Government, at least, at first. If put up for lease the certainty existed that either the G. T. P. or the C. P. R. would outbid every other concern for the possession of the lease, and much as they might love these two companies they hardly wanted that. Mayor Manson agreed that the council had enough to do for

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REPORTED TROUBLE OVER HYDRO-ELECTRIC BY-LAW

Question of Its Legality Comes Up Again Over the Difficulty the City is Having to Obtain Advances for the Scheme

There are a number of rumors afloat as to the reason for the trouble that the Finance Committee is experiencing over its undertakings. Not merely the hydro-electric scheme, but a number of very minor civic improvements are at a standstill. The council so far has not taken the people into their confidence.

The News is informed that the trouble is over the hydro-electric by-law; that the city's bankers refuse to advance money on it, taking the position that the form in which the bylaw was drafted makes it illegal.

It will be remembered that The News offered this criticism to the bylaw at the time it was submitted, and was latter endorsed in its attitude by legal opinion, although the Mayor and the City Solicitor had announced they would take full responsibility for its legality.

City Solicitor Peters left hurriedly for Victoria on Friday, "on business for the city." The nature of his

mission was not revealed. The Mayor is out of town today, visiting Stewart in his capacity as member for Skeena. Under these circumstances a statement from them is not possible. Perhaps the Mayor will take the citizens into his confidence on Monday night.

DIED IN HOSPITAL

Daniel Stanley, Young Man Aged Thirty Years—Parents at Masset, Q. C. I.

Daniel Stanley of Masset died yesterday afternoon at the General Hospital. He was only thirty years of age, and his parents are resident in Masset, from where he was sent to the hospital here, suffering from an internal ailment. The parents are now on their way here from Masset, and the body is reposing at the Funeral Chapel, 317 Third Avenue, in the care of E. L. Fisher, undertaker. The remains will probably be shipped to Masset for interment.

TURKS ANNIHILATE THREE COMPANIES OF ITALIANS

Reports of Refugees from Tripoli State That the Turks Tortured the Italian Officers and Then Hanged Them—Serious Reports from Tripoli

Malta, Oct. 28.—Alarming reports from the seat of war have been received here from passengers on the steamers from Africa calling at this port. They state that on Monday last the Italians, outside Tripoli, were routed by the Turks, who inflicted serious losses upon the Italians.

It is said that three companies of Italian infantry were surrounded by the Turks and completely annihilated. Several hundred of them were wounded.

The reports state that after capturing the officers, the Turks tortured and then hanged them.

STRIKE RICH "DIRT"

Beach Near Nome for Four Miles Is Rich With Golden Particles
Nome, Oct. 28.—Another discovery of rich pay dirt is reported from the beaches at Nome. The gravel, which extends for four miles, is worth five cents a pan in gold.

COUNCIL FIGHTS MAYOR

City Engineer of Victoria Fired One Day, Re-engaged the Next.
Victoria, Oct. 28.—The city council last night unanimously re-engaged City Engineer Smith, who had previously been dismissed by Mayor Morley on a charge of incompetency.

TO DISCUSS "BETTER TERMS"

Premier McBride and Mr. Bowers Will Go to Ottawa to Interview the Cabinet.

(Canadian Press Despatch)
Victoria, Oct. 28.—Premier McBride is to leave on Wednesday for Ottawa where he will take up with the Federal authorities the questions outstanding in the province and Dominion, and known as "Better Terms," including that of the Indian lands and the jurisdiction over fisheries and water rights.

BRING FRENCH INTO PROVINCE

Col. Davidson of the C. N. R. Plans to Locate French-Canadian Colony in British Columbia.

Winnipeg, Oct. 28.—Col. Davidson of the Canadian Northern Railway is here in connection with a plan to take a large colony of French-Canadian families into British Columbia for the purpose of working at the mills, etc., in that province.

BUILDING PERMITS

Methodist Church Will Erect \$17,000 Meeting House

The building permits for the week include among others, one for the Methodist Church building on Musgrave Place at a cost of \$17,000, and an ornamental iron works on Ninth Avenue for J. L. Flanders to cost \$1,000. Several alterations to properties were sanctioned.

Methodist Pastor.

Rev. Charles and Mrs. Sing arrived this morning by the Prince George.

Mr. and Mrs. Spain arrived by the Prince George this morning.

C.P.R. ORDER NEW STEAMER

She Will Be Used on Vancouver Island Service—500 Feet Long to Cost \$250,000.

(Canadian Press Despatch)
Victoria, Oct. 28.—The C. P. R. are closing a contract with the B. C. Marine Railway for the construction of a steel steamer to be 500 feet long. She will be used on the Vancouver Island service. Her cost will be \$250,000.

ROAD TO HUDSON'S BAY

Manitoba Government Will Assist with Funds to Secure Its Construction.

(Canadian Press Despatch)
Winnipeg, Oct. 28.—Premier Roblin has announced that the railway to be built by the Canadian Northern from this city to Hudson's Bay will run along the east coast of Lake Winnipeg and that the Government would assist to assure its construction.

HYDRO-ELECTRIC APPOINTMENT

City Council Inundated With Applications From Excellent Men, Cannot Make Decision at Once.

Forty out of the fifty applications for the position of engineer in charge of the hydro-electric scheme have proved to be bona-fide applications from first class men.

City Engineer Col. Davis is going over the applications and credentials submitted and making a tabulated statement of each applicant's qualifications which will come before the council on Tuesday.