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STRIKERS AND POLICE FIGHT IN A PITCHED BATTLE

Five Hundred Men Made Fierce Attack on Laborers in First Avenue Cut with Rocks and Guns

Were Pluckily Fought by a Handful of Police---Three Strikers Shot Down and One of the Victims May Die

Citizens Rally to the Aid of the Local Authorities

Stagnation is ended. The strikers have come to blows with the police. Guns were drawn yesterday afternoon, and drawn none too soon. For several minutes after vainly trying to keep the strikers off the Messrs. McInnis and Kelly contract the police stood a hail of jagged rocks, stones and bottles flung from the rear ranks of the mob. Then in an effort to arrest a striker rushing the ground, a constable was downed. Another rescuing his comrade was stoned, and an instant later shooting began. Strikers mauling the police were fired on, and that there

were guns used on the strikers side is also asserted by eye witnesses of the struggle.

Hot Work and Gun Play

There was bloodshed. Revolvers were emptied more than once or twice, and one striker was shot through the body. Others were wounded, one through the shoulder and others less seriously. Many of the policemen were struck by the missiles. Bleeding hands and faces were seen amongst the citizens who rushed to the aid of the force when the situation looked the ugliest. One of these had his hand pierced by a bullet. Savage treatment was served up to Sergeant Phillipson who got in a hot corner for a minute or two, and had a bullet wound across the temple from a strikers' revolver.

In the rush up the hill to the Sergeant's aid the fiercest passage in the tussle was fought.

MINERS DESERT DISTRICT

Lille and Lethbridge Camps Emptied Rush Back to Europe

(Special to the Optimist)

Lethbridge, April 7.—Miners are now deserting the camps in the district by train-loads. They are certain that the coal strike is going to be a long one. Already Lille, and other small towns in the pass are practically deserted, and the sale of tickets for Europe in Lethbridge is unprecedented.

Splendid Police Discipline

Magnificent work was done by the police under Chief Vickers, who met the situation admirably. The constables kept cool and exerted themselves unsparingly to arrest leading strikers at grave risk. Special constable George Leek, color sergeant in Earl Grey's Rifles, effected some most difficult arrests though hurt in the back by a huge rock. Early in the fight he had to use his gun. Constables Mansell, McArthur and Morrison behaved

with splendid courage and self-restraint in the face of savage attacks. The whole force well earned their victory.

Odds Were Twenty to One

It seemed for a minute as if the mass of the mob would force the police and citizens over the edge of the cut, a sheer drop of forty feet. Sergeant Phillipson was battling for his very life with his back to the wall of a shack under a hail of heavy blows. Ragged looking roots were brandished, fists and stones were freely used. On the crest of the high bluff a dozen fierce conflicts were raging at once. Constables and special constables with truncheon, makeshift club, and revolver fought for advantage grimly. The strikers, hurling rocks from behind the fighting line, hurt their own men and the police alike. Shots spattered here and there, and some white-faced men crouched with hands up under the gun

muzzles. The strikers outnumbered the police by twenty to one.

"Shoot if Need Be!"

"Shoot if necessary" was the order and to shoot was necessary. Sergeant Phillipson was cruelly mauled before he drew gun at all, and having fought his way free from half a dozen strikers by main strength, only fired to prevent a still uglier attack than he had just weathered. Hardly a word of good, clean English was heard from the ranks

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CITIZENS HELD PUBLIC MEETING

AGREED TO STAND BEHIND CHIEF OF POLICE VICKERS

Arrangements Were Made to Assemble at the Police Station on the Sound of an Alarm from the Public Whistles.

To meet the exceptional circumstances of the day, a special public meeting of citizens was held in the Provincial Court House last night. The proceedings were short and to the point.

Mr. Tom Dunn took the chair and Mr. O. H. Nelson led the brief speech-making. "This is not the time for making speeches or for criticising," he said. "It is time for action." He suggested that the meeting pledge itself to stand behind Chief Vickers in any steps he might take to quell and preserve order.

This sentiment was heartily agreed to and the citizens present arranged to turn out to aid of the authorities on hearing an alarm to be sounded from the whistle at the electric light plant, and other steam whistles. Most of the citizens were armed, and ready for immediate service.

This precaution was made necessary for fear lest any of the rioters might make an attempt to burn or injure property. A special staff of constables guarded Lynch Bros.' store during the night. Many merchants stayed all night near their stores, in armed preparation to defend their property.

MERCHANTS TOOK PROMPT ACTION

INTOXICATING LIQUOR AND GUNS DENIED STRIKERS

Central Hotel Bar Closed Before the Trouble Began. Clark's Wholesale Liquor Store Voluntarily Shut. Tom Dunn Refuses Guns.

Before the trouble started on the contract by the Central Hotel, Chief Vickers had requested that the bar be closed. Mr. Peter Black at once had the blinds drawn and the doors shut. This was a wise precaution, and by order of the Mayor every bar in the city was shut soon afterwards. Already Messrs. Clarke Bros. had of their own accord closed their wholesale liquor store.

Even while the shots were ringing out on First Avenue and the police were fighting for their very lives, Tom Dunn was standing in his hardware store with an expression harder than any of his hardware, sternly refusing to sell guns to the strikers who besieged him for them. He has set an example which will make it hard for any non-Briton to get a gun for some time in Prince Rupert.

Policemen Arrest Forty-Four Ring Leaders

WILL DEPORT ALL ARRESTED

WILL NEVER BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO CANADA

Immigration Authorities at Ottawa Will be Asked to Deal With the Men on Their Release from Jail.

Any foreigner who falls into the hands of the police and is proved to have taken a part in yesterday's disturbance in addition to any sentence in the penitentiary which may be imposed on him is to be deported from Canada at the conclusion of his sentence, and never allowed to re-enter Canada.

This was decided upon. The authority to act in the case rests with Dr. Reddie as Immigration Officer for this port. Under the immigration law, any foreigner coming into Canada and qualifying for a jail sentence can be deported as an undesirable by the Government as soon as his sentence is up. Dr. Reddie informs the Optimist that this course will be rigidly followed in the case of the men under arrest or any other men who may be arrested.

Pat's Never-Failing Wink

Even though he was shot over the eye with a bullet and blood streaming all over his face Sergeant Phillipson found time to turn round to his friends and give them a smile and a wink of encouragement. Then he went into the fight like a Trojan with bullets and rocks falling round him.

STRIKE LEADER IN THE TOILS

CHIEF VICKERS PERSONALLY ARRESTED SECRETARY MORSE

The Chief Was Sent for by Morse to Come and Talk Over the Situation Morse Was Surprised at What Happened.

By one of his lieutenants, A. O. Morse, secretary of the Prince Rupert Industrial Association, and alleged leader of the strikers, sent a message soon after the battle to Chief Vickers with a request to see the chief. This proved Morse's undoing. He was the very man for whom the chief was looking.

Guided by the trusty lieutenant the chief went to the P. R. I. A. Hall and there found Morse surrounded by a gang of Bohunks gleefully discussing the situation.

"I place you under arrest for inciting to riot," said the Chief. Morse commenced to splutter all kinds of things but the chief quietly took the man alleged to be at the bottom of the disorder to the lock-up.

No one would think to see the way Sergeant Phillipson tried to keep the peace he had not slept for over 48 hours

List of Injured

Nick Pavich, striker, under arrest in hospital. Wounded in the stomach and may die.

Biago Mulavich, striker, in jail. Shot in left shoulder.

Mike Sekovich, striker, in jail. Shot in left shoulder.

Sergt. Phillipson, shot over left eye.

W. A. Casey, civil engineer, shot in right hand.

Geo. Leek, special constable, back bruised with rock.

S. H. Watson, contractor, hand injured by rocks.

Wm. Watson, bruised with rocks.

Several citizens sustained minor injuries.

PICTURESQUE INCIDENTS OF YESTERDAY'S FRAY

Forty-four Arrests Made

At eleven last night forty-four arrests had been made. Special constables visited all the known haunts of strikers and singled out men they knew to have taken active part in the fighting. Chief Vickers himself arrested the Secretary, A. O. Morse, who was hurrying to the hall to secure the P. R. I. A. papers. These were afterwards taken possession of by the police.

Earl Grey's Rifles on Guard

Armed and uniformed, the men of Earl Grey's Rifles marshalled and patrolled the city all last night. All premises likely to be endangered by the strikers were sentinelled by Special Constables.

Old Warrior "Bill"

It was a sight to see old Bill Lynch on the top of the cut facing singlehanded about three hundred of the rioters. Covered with rocks and glory he stood up alone, as if he enjoyed the fun. Three times his gun snapped but failed to go off. Then he spoke two words at it. The last one was "it," and it went off.

Dan McInnis Has a Reputation

Dan McInnis handed his gun over to another man and went after the rioters with rocks and his fists. "I heard of that chap down in Montana two months ago," said one of the strikers as he watched Dan put the crowd to flight.

"Come Along," Said the Cop

All of the Special Constables did good work. One of them, Constable Bainter went singlehanded with a scribe at his heels after "a big man with a big head, wearing a blue suit." He walked into the P. R. I. A. hall. Nothing doing. Then across to the Grandview Hotel into a crowd of thirty of the strikers. A big man with a big head and a blue suit was in the far corner. "Come along," said the cop with a determined air, and he came.

Cleared Out Strikers' Hall

At nine o'clock last night Chief Vickers sent a detachment of specials under Constable Morrison armed with rifles to clear out and lock up the hall on Third Avenue. They had orders to arrest W. Fraser. The hall was found empty, but in the kitchen behind Fraser was found reading a book. He was hand-cuffed and led off protesting, but without resistance.

Doctors Kept Busy

Doctors Eggert, McNeill and Reddie, zealously worked fixing up the wounds of the injured.

Incendiarism Was Feared

It was feared last night that the strikers would do a lot of sneaky work under cover of darkness such as set fire to buildings in the city. A force of men kept an eye on the City Hall.

Rush for Diamonds

(Special to Optimist)

Princeton, B.C., April 6.—The report of the geological survey of the Dominion Government that there are diamonds in Mount Olivine has stimulated a great interest in this district. While the diamonds found by the Government geologists are small in size and said to be of small commercial value, the prospectors are acting on the theory that there are better fish in the sea than ever came out. Most of the district is being staked for precious stones, several of which on being uncovered show the conglomerate olivine formation in which the Government Survey party found the diamonds.

Innocent Dumb Victim

In the hail of jagged rocks hurled by the strikers, a terrified dog padding full belt for shelter, was hit and cruelly hurt about the hind-quarters by a huge fragment. Yelping piteously the poor creature dragged itself away. There was no time to end its agony with a bullet and besides the bullets were busy elsewhere.

Strike Is Ended Say Citizens

The consensus of opinion of the citizens is that the strike is now at an end.

Mayor Preserving the Peace

"I am doing all in my power to have the peace preserved," said Mayor Manson last night. He gave Chief Vickers a free hand.

Extension to Jail

City Building Inspector McNeil was up all last night getting lumber together for building an addition to the jail to house the big batch of prisoners. The jail is being built by the Mayor's orders.

Coal Oil Confiscated

Sergeant Pat Phillipson saw two Bohunks outside the jail with a big can of coal oil last night. They were unable to give a satisfactory explanation as to how they came with it and what they intended doing with it so it was promptly confiscated by the officer.

Gaol Accommodation Scanty

As there are only six cells in the Provincial Government gaol the strikers arrested had to be packed pretty tight. A temporary prison is being constructed at once.

Prisoners as Songsters

The big batch of prisoners arrested after the trouble beguiled the time in jail by singing songs in their native tongues last night.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 7

The Strike is Over Now

The strike is over. It ended yesterday afternoon at ten minutes to four, with the first shot that was fired by a striker upon the defenceless men in the First avenue cut. Now the strikers haven't three contractors to deal with, nor an apathetic council. They have to deal with the awakened indignation of the white citizens of Prince Rupert. And this is a British town.

This is a British town, and any man in it has a right to go on strike if he is dissatisfied with his wages. That is his right, and British law will preserve for him that right, no matter what his race, or the amount of his wages. But the same law which preserves for him that right, insists that he must not trample on the rights of others. Above all he must not trample on those institutions of law and order which have protected him, and given him equal rights with British-born subjects.

By their outrage yesterday, the strikers have put themselves outside the pale of sympathy. They outlawed their cause in the public estimation. There was a strike on in Prince Rupert yesterday. There is no strike today.

There is one good thing which will come out of the riot. It will do more than the promises and arguments of every politician and theorist in British Columbia to guarantee for us a white man's town. Cradled in the midst of tyranny, many of the foreign laborers who come to our shores seem not to understand and appreciate the meaning of liberty. To them it means license. They make a great mistake if they imagine the quiet policy of non-interference is a token of weakness, or an evidence that they can carry things with a free hand. The answer to that was the spontaneous rallying—without request—of the entire British population of Prince Rupert to the side of law and order, on the first outbreak of violence.

In appealing to violence the strikers made a great mistake. They appealed to an arbitrament which puts them in a hopeless minority. They have ended the strike. By their action they made it necessary to vindicate the law. Chief Vickers and his men backed up by the citizens have showed themselves capable of handling the situation.

Henceforth any man can go to work on the streets of Prince Rupert without fear of molestation. Law and order has been asserted, and will be rigidly asserted. The strike is over now.

NARROW ESCAPES AT POINT GREY

NO ONE HURT BUT \$700 WORTH OF DAMAGE DONE TO GLASS

Tree Stumps Being Burned Exploded Violently Hurling People Right and Left. Unsuspected Dynamite. Workmen Blamed for Accident.

(Special to the Optimist)

Vancouver, April 7.—An innocent-looking tree stump near the Municipal Hall at Point Grey was being burned in the afternoon by some workmen engaged in clearing the land about the hall. Suddenly a terrific explosion

occurred. Men were flung down by the concussion within a radius of several blocks. Windows of every house and store in the neighborhood were shattered. The whole staff of clerks in the Municipal Hall was toppled head over heels amidst the chaos of their desks and papers.

By a sheer miracle on one was hurt, not even one of the workmen. Totally unsuspecting danger in the fire they had lit, the men were standing around it when the crash came, but after the smoke cleared they gathered themselves up deafened but not injured. For smashed glass there will be a bill of \$700 at least. It is thought that the tree stump contained dynamite left there by workmen who had been on the ground some time before.

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PEACE REIGNS IN CITY TODAY

WORK PROCEEDS UNDISTURBED ON SCENE OF BLOODSHED

Large Numbers of Strikers Left Town, and Citizens Are Satisfied that Trouble has Been Effectually Stamped Out Now.

Violence yesterday is followed by silence today. Not a striker has ventured to disturb the peace. Messrs. McInnis & Kelly's gang is at work unmolested on the cut where recently revolver shots figured. Several of the strikers compelled by the strikers to lay off yesterday have started work again today, the citizens everywhere are declaring the strike ended. In support of the assertion is the fact that about a hundred strikers made a hurried exit by the Princess May yesterday for the North, while about fifty cleared out by the Prince Rupert for the South this morning. Rumors exist that the remaining strikers have threatened to attract sympathizers from below, but this is probably only vain boasting. In any case any repetition of yesterday's behavior on the part of the strikers will be even more sternly dealt with for the citizens and police are determined to enforce order.

RUSH ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

TAXES ALL STEAMER OWNERS TO THE LIMIT

Every Possible Boat Crammed With Emigrants for Canada. Tide of Emigration Altered from U. S. to the Dominion.

(Special to the Optimist)

London, April 7.—Shipowners are taxed to the utmost to provide accommodation for emigrants bound for Canada. Advices from Antwerp report that thousands of intending passengers from the continent are held up there waiting for steamers to take them to the Dominion. Every steamship line is busy now, and will be busy for the summer. While the tide of emigration formerly ran in the direction of the United States it now flows to Canada, and there is even a probability of Atlantic lines altering their ports to meet the Canadian traffic. Among the European emigrants are numbers of wealthy people who will be of value to the Dominion both personally and potentially.

A PRETTY WEDDING

Miss Ethel Holtby Became Mrs. Arthur O'Neill Last Night

Before a large number of friends, Miss Ethel Holtby who has made many friends during her stay in Prince Rupert by her musical and social gifts, became the bride of Mr. Arthur Bernard O'Neill of Quebec.

The young couple left this morning by the Prince Rupert for a wedding trip taking in several of the southern and interior cities on their way to Quebec where they will reside.

A full detailed report of the wedding will appear in the social column of the Optimist tomorrow.

Pavich Doing Well

Dr. Eggert, who is attending Mick Pavich, the striker in the hospital, says his patient is doing well today.

Chief of Police Vickers and his force of men showed they were made of the right stuff.

THE WEATHER

Twenty-four hours ending 5 a. m., April 7.

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ENGINEER HERO DIED ON DUTY

NANAIMO EXPLOSION CLAIMS ONE BRAVE VICTIM

John Jones Who Gave the Alarm and Went Back to Try and Put Out the Magazine Fire Succumbs.—Lived for Three Hours.

(Special to the Optimist)

Nanaimo, April 7.—From the first the doctors had little hope that John Jones, the plucky engineer, who was on night duty when the Protection Magazine took fire, would recover. Burned and smashed up by the flame rush that hurled him backwards as he rushed to try and extinguish the fire after telephoning the alarm, Jones lingered on for three hours unable to speak or hear, and suffering much until death relieved him last night.

The Princess May, on her first trip north, went out last night. She will leave for Vancouver, Victoria and Seattle on Monday at 9 a.m. 76-77

