

MR. STEVENS FEARS A RIOT IF HINDUS ARE LANDED

Ottawa Is Apprized of Serious Condition of Outlook in Telegram.

Hindus Have Paid Up Immediate Demands of Komagata Maru's Charter.

Scene of Conflict With Immigration Authorities Changed Today.

Argument on Specific Case Tomorrow—Mass Meeting of Citizens.

The Hindus arrived in Vancouver harbor just a month ago today. They have spent that month knocking at the door of the immigration department. This morning they commenced knocking at the front door of the big courthouse on Georgia street.

Mr. H. H. Stevens, M. P., is trying to get the government to head off any appeal the Hindus can get before the courts. He wants the Hindu steamer towed out beyond Canadian jurisdiction where the Japanese can take charge of her and work her back to Hongkong.

"I am trying to get the government to strengthen Malcolm Reid's hand in getting them out before the courts have time to deal with them," said Mr. Stevens at noon today. "It appears, however, that it is not possible to invoke the section of the act which provides for action independently of the courts. I have heard today, however, that the Hindus have paid up their charter, and the owners can not therefore go away voluntarily until a new bunch of charter money comes due."

Proceedings in Court.

The battleground of the Komagata Maru Hindus was transferred to the courts this morning, when motion was made for a mandamus to compel the immigration authorities to bring down their ruling in the case of Wazir Singh. Ref. M. MacDonald appeared on behalf of Wazir Singh, and W. H. B. Lester, for the immigration department. An Inspector Rana has not yet been served with papers in connection with the case, and as sufficient time has not been given to counsel to prepare affidavits it was agreed that the motion should stand over until tomorrow for argument. In the meantime efforts will be made to serve notice on Inspector Rana and to prepare the affidavits. The section of the immigration act under which the applicants are basing their claim for the order of mandamus, reads:

"At the conclusion of the court of enquiry the board shall immediately give their decision."

In the case of Wazir Singh, the board heard the evidence ten days ago, but has not yet given its decision and did not intend to give any until all the cases in the Komagata Maru had been heard. The argument tomorrow will be conducted by Mr. J. Edward Bird for the Hindus and Mr. W. A. Ritchie, K. C., for the immigration department. The proceedings today were before Mr. Justice Murphy, who is the judge in chambers for this month.

Public Meeting Tuesday.

Mayor Baxter has been asked to call a meeting of the citizens to discuss the Komagata Maru situation. It is probable that the meeting will be held on Tuesday night, following the departure of the Japanese cruisers, which are expected to leave on Tuesday morning. It has been thought better not to have any such meeting until after the warships have gone.

"I have been told that a proposal to get up a subscription for the purpose of chartering tugs to tow the Komagata Maru out of the harbor will be made at the meeting," declared Mr. James Carnahan this morning. Mr. Carnahan is one of the citizens responsible for the proposed public meeting.

The mayor this afternoon issued an official notice that the mass meeting would be held in Dominion Hall tomorrow night.

Ottawa Hears of It.

Ottawa, June 22.—The government is in receipt of a long telegram from Mr. H. H. Stevens, member for Vancouver, in which fear is expressed of a serious riot in the city in the event of the Hindus on board the Komagata Maru being allowed to land as the result of an unfavorable finding being given by the court against Malcolm Reid's action as immigration officer. Mr. Stevens fears that the citizens of Vancouver will resist the landing of the Hindus in such an event to the extent of bloodshed.

Mr. Stevens is very anxious to get rid of the Hindus to the extent of having them towed out of the harbor and turned over to a Japanese guard beyond the three-mile limit. Mr. Stevens asks that the department give complete backing to Malcolm Reid in his efforts to get the Hindus out, in view of the possibility of at least a long delay if the matter sets into the courts.

Mr. Stevens also asks that section 23 of the act be invoked to give the officials power to over-ride any order the court may make. "It is stated that the last proposal is not possible from a legal standpoint."

In the absence of Hon. Dr. Roche, minister of the interior, in Manitoba, Hon. C. J. Doherty has been acting minister. He also left for Quebec today and the Prime Minister has to take charge, there not being sufficient ministers at Ottawa to form a cabinet quorum.

WOULD THROW THE WHOLE DISTRICT INTO CHAOS

Unseating of Reeve Kerr Would Have Far-reaching Effect, Says Counsel.

Councillors of South Vancouver Would Also Have to Leave Office, He Says.

New Council Could Not Be Installed Until Sitting of the Legislature

Messrs. Hannington & Woodworth Argue on Validity of Declarations.

If the election of Reeve Kerr of South Vancouver is upset by Capd-date Edward Gold through his attack upon the voters' list, the whole Municipal Council will have to vacate office, and South Vancouver will be without any municipal government until next January. This was the startling statement made by Mr. R. W. Hannington, counsel for the municipality, this morning in argument before Mr. Justice Murphy.

Mr. Hannington argued the matter out in this way, using the celebrated case of Messrs. Perry and Morley and the City of Victoria three years ago as legal authority. If the voters' list is set aside on the ground that it has been improperly compiled, then not only will Reeve Kerr's election become void but also the elections of the aldermen who were elected on the same voters' list. Before an election could be held a new voters' list would have to be prepared. Before a new voters' list could be prepared for use before January, a special bill would have to be put through the Provincial Legislature authorizing a voters' list to be prepared. The Legislature is no longer in session and is not due to meet again until after next January. Therefore South Vancouver would be left without a reeve or council until next January.

Gold Could Not Sit.

"It means not only that Mr. Gold will be unable to sit in the reeve's chair which he covets so much," it means that there will be a state of chaos in the South Vancouver Municipality until next January," said Mr. Hannington.

"I am not concerned with the results. I am only concerned in seeing that the law is carried out. The results will have to be left to the Legislature," said Mr. Justice Murphy.

In the Perry and Morley case at Victoria, Mr. Hannington pointed out that the Legislature happened to be in session at the time and it appointed a commission to take charge of the affairs of the city of Victoria until such time as a special bill had been put through the House, a new voters' list prepared and a new municipal election held.

The statement in regard to the dis-governing of the South Vancouver municipality was made in the course of an application for further and better particulars of matters alleged in Mr. Edward Gold's petition.

Mr. C. M. Woodworth, counsel for Mr. Gold, had previously furnished the particulars of fourteen alleged cases of impersonation, intimidation and duplicate voting, and Mr. Hannington asked that the names and particulars of all the declarations attacked be given. "Mr. Woodworth told us that there were 700 or 800 of these. I find out that there are actual count 2060 of these. I examined 154 and found them all to be, in my opinion, perfectly good declarations. I want to know which of the 2060 are to be attacked," said Mr. Hannington.

Nearly All Bad, He Says.

"I examined about 800 and I found all but 15 of them to be bad," retorted Mr. Woodworth. "Not one of them stated whether the property was in South Vancouver. They just have the lot and block number and do not say whether they are in Timbuctoo or Chinese Tartary. We attack them all."

Mr. Justice Murphy ordered that Mr. Woodworth must deliver by Wednesday evening a list of all the names he wishes to attack, together with a description of the property and the ward of the voter.

"And," he added, "I shall not force Mr. Hannington on to trial on Monday next if he can show me that he had not had proper time to prepare for trial."

If the issues raised by the election petition are not tried on Monday they can not be tried until early in September, owing to the legal vacation intervening.

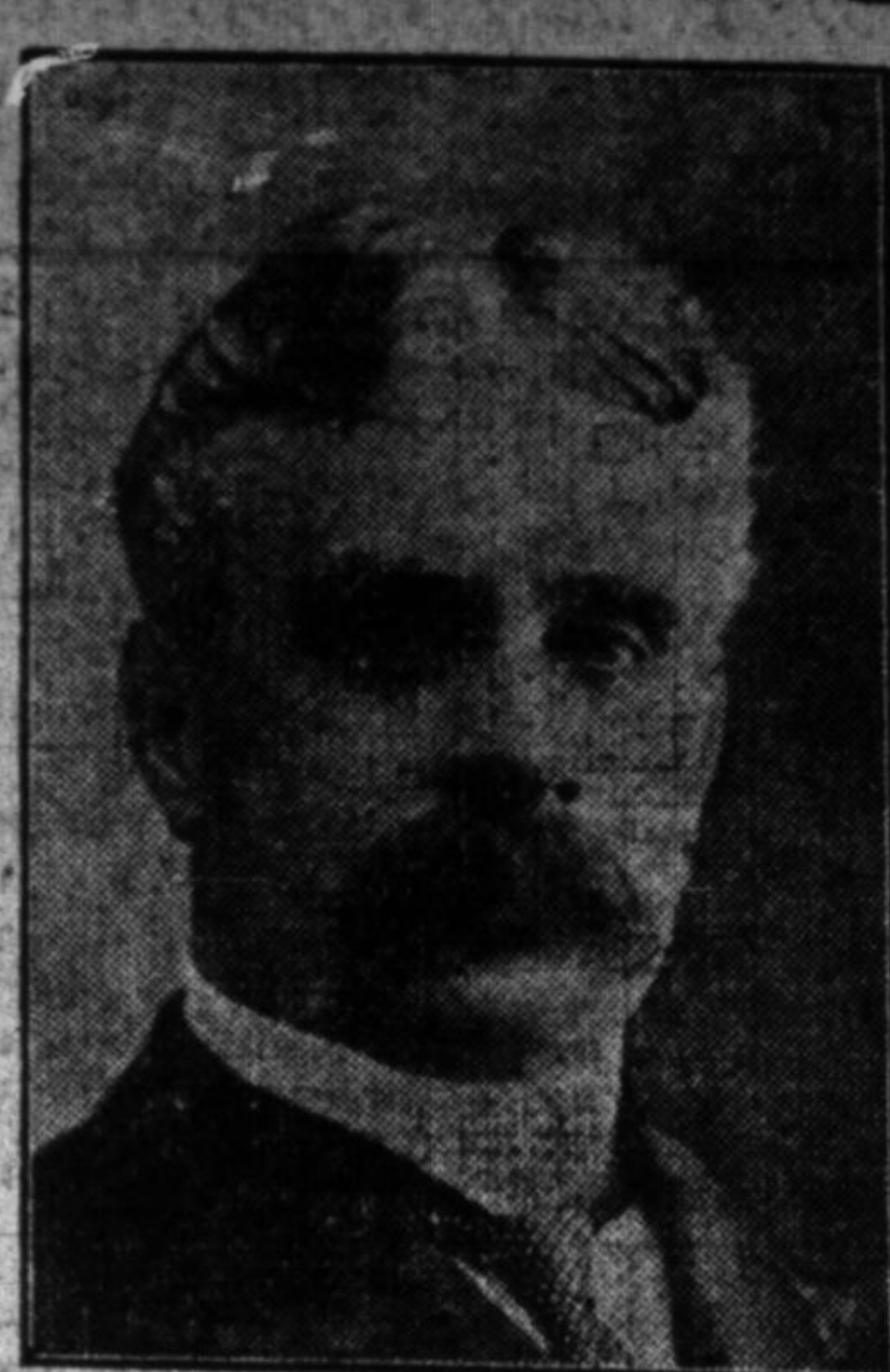
RECOVERY OF DEAD NUMBER 181 AT MINE

Fifty Bodies Found in One Tunnel by Rescuers at Hillcrest.

Hillcrest, Alta., June 22.—Discovery by rescuers of fifty bodies in one of the tunnels of mine number 20 of the Hillcrest Collieries Limited, today brought up to 181 the total of recovered dead at the mine, wrecked by an explosion Friday.

Eighty gravediggers worked all day in the little mountainside cemetery just outside the village, and by night it is expected the greater part of the former male population of the mining colony will be resting there.

Men Who Figure



SIR ROBERT L. BORDEN, G.C.M.G.



SIR DOUGLAS MAWSON, K.B.

MINERS SECEDE; FORM NEW UNION

Butte, Mont., Organization Is Disrupted by Labor Troubles.

Five Thousand Men Attend Meeting — Federation Makes Threat.

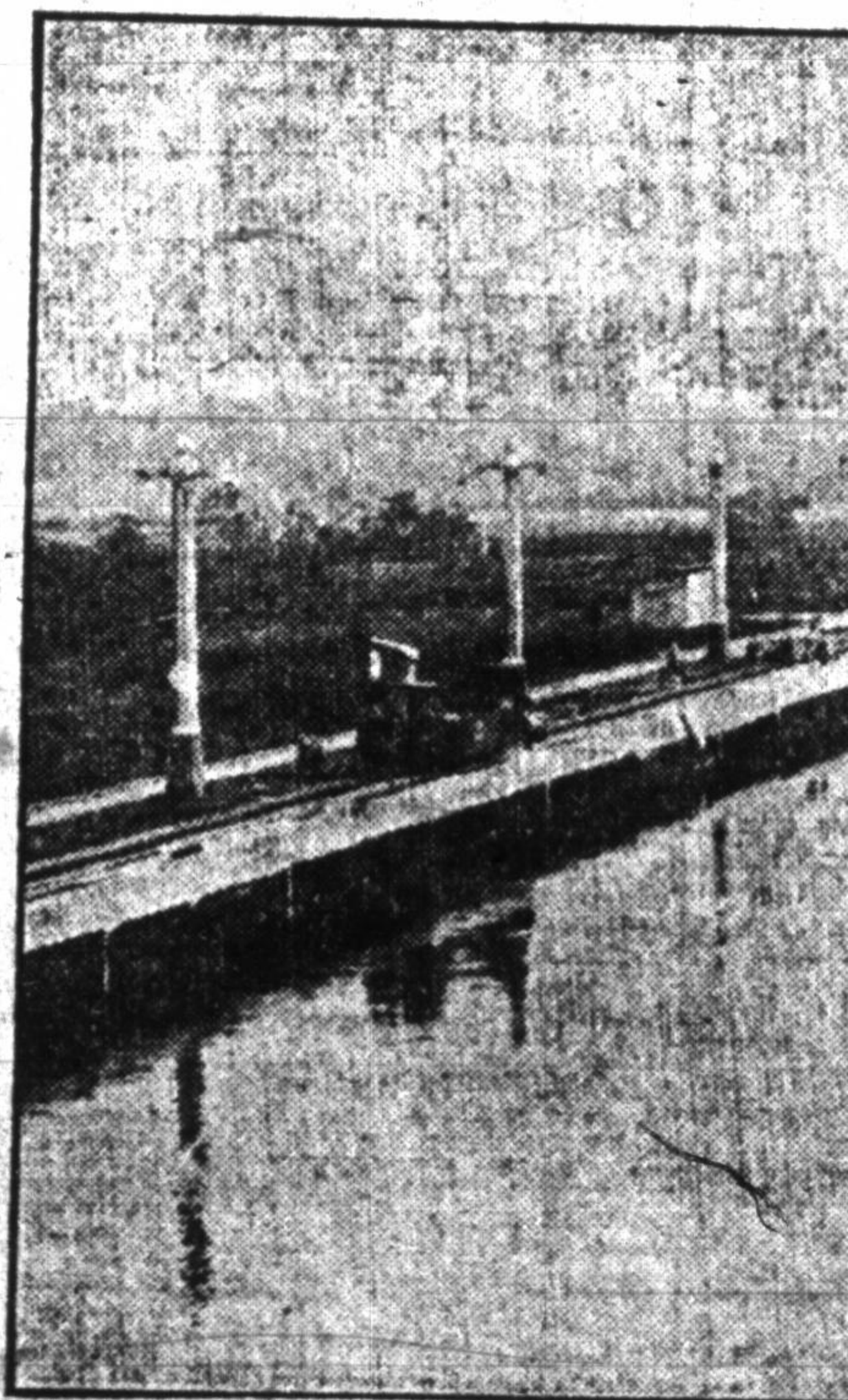
Butte, Mont., June 22.—Seceders of the Western Federation of Miners today launched an independent miners' union, rejecting peace overtures of President Charles H. Moyer, and associates and electing as temporary president M. McDonald.

There is little hope of compromising the two factions and with the issues sharply drawn, an open breach is expected within a few days. Federation officials threaten to import miners to fulfil their contracts with the operators.

The regulars of the Butte local, the Western Federation of Miners, under the leadership of Charles H. Moyer, president of the federation, obtained from the present officers of the local union and the recently elected officers who are to take office in July, their resignation hoping to save the Butte local from being disrupted.

The mass meeting was attended by five thousand miners. All voting was done by acclamation, the officers addressing the assembly through megaphones.

ON HER WAY



The merchant steamship Alliance, the first to