

desires the miners, considerably more than a million of whom have ceased work. It is estimated that there are upwards of 200,000 workers in other industries idle as a result of the strike, and the number is increasing hourly.

One Railway Line Tied Up.

The crews of coal-carrying vessels lying in the coaling ports are being discharged as the ships are unable to get cargo, and the railroad employees are suffering in a similar way because of curtailments in the company's train service. One short-line railroad in Yorkshire has discontinued its service entirely.

In isolated instances the striking miners have refused permission to enter the mines in order to feed horses which are left below or to keep the workings clear. Generally, however, the utmost good feeling prevails between the men and the owners.

The Industrial Council has been summoned to meet today. It is a body of twenty-six business men and labor representatives and has no compulsory powers. Unless arrangements are altered there will be no discussion between the government and the miners' executive committee until tomorrow. Whatever the executive committee decides must be ratified by the federation, which usually takes two days to assemble. No settlement is in the least likely before Thursday or Friday at the earliest.

Premier Asquith made his promised statement concerning the coal dispute today in the House of Commons, but did not announce any settlement or an immediate prospective settlement. He declared that the British Government was strongly of the opinion that the best way to fix a minimum wage scale was for the government to set up machinery for ascertaining the necessary facts, but the miners still refused to recede from their own schedules. Mr. Asquith denied that he had said that the government regarded the granting of a minimum wage in the coal trade as the first step to the attainment of a minimum wage for all industries.

German Miners Strike.

Borkum, Germany, March 4.—A miners' strike which was totally unexpected and which has not been ordered by the miners' union, broke out in three mines here today, the men leaving work because, as they asserted, unjustifiable deductions had been made from wages.

The incident, it is feared, may precipitate a general strike of miners on the question of wages, which the leaders of the miners' union and the mine workers are just now endeavoring to prevent.

The executive committee of the National Miners' Federation has issued a proclamation censuring the strikers for committing a breach of discipline by leaving work without the consent of the union. The proclamation orders the men to resume work but there is great apprehension that the situation will get beyond control.

Trouble Possible in France.

Paris, March 4.—The possibility of the French miners following the example of the English workers, while remote, nevertheless exists. This subject was discussed by the National Congress recently held at Angers, but a decision was left entirely to the action of the executive committee of the Miners' Federation which it is said will order a strike only in the event of a militant acting unfavorably to the reforms, for which the miners are now agitating. So a strike could not, heavy pay

HINDUS APPEAL FOR THEIR WIVES

Would Prevent Deportation of Two Women on Wednesday.

Application for Writ of Habeas Corpus Made to Mr. Justice Morrison.

THAT the Hindus of Vancouver are determined to exhaust the possibilities of the law to prevent the deportation of Hindu women and their children now in the city was made apparent this morning when an application was made before Mr. Justice Morrison for a writ of habeas corpus to be served on Superintendent J. H. MacGill of the department of immigration, in connection with the detention of two Hindu women.

The women in question are Kartar Kor and Harnan Kor. Kartar Kor, who is accompanied by her two children, Udum and Narazan, is the wife of Balmant Singh, priest of the Sikh temple. In his affidavit Balmant Singh describes himself as a missionary, an owner of real estate in the city and a shareholder in the Guru Nanak Mining & Trust Company. Harnan Kor, who has with her one child in arms, is the wife of Bhag Singh, treasurer of the Guru Nanak Mining & Trust Company, and former secretary of the Kahalsa Dinan Benevolent Society. Both of the men have been residents of the city since early in 1906.

The men some time ago went home to bring out their wives. They arrived on the steamer Montague from Hongkong, on January 21, and were detained by the immigration authorities under the regulation denying admission to Canada to those who do not come direct from the land of their birth or adoption.

In their affidavits, both men state that they tried at Calcutta and at Rangoon, the two principal seaports of India, to secure tickets for a direct passage from India to Canada, offering to prepay a full passage, but that it was impossible to purchase tickets as there is no direct line of steamers from India to Canada. They claim that it was physically impossible to comply with the conditions laid down by the immigration authorities so they complied with its spirit as best they could by coming by the shortest and most direct route.

Following their arrival, both women were released on bail bonds to appear in time for the return of the steamer Montague. The Montague is to leave on Wednesday on her return voyage. Mr. G. E. McCrossan has been retained by the Hindus to appear and argue their case.

Buying in New York.

New York, March 4.—The strike in the British coalfields has caused

SEATTLE TO CHOOSE A MAYOR TOMORROW

Hiram C. Gill and George F. Cotterill in Running—Single Tax Amendment.

Seattle, March 4.—Hiram C. Gill and George F. Cotterill, mayoralty candidates, practically closed their campaign for election on Saturday. Today both candidates are arranging their artillery to train upon the 281 precincts in the Seattle election district tomorrow. Followers of both men claim victory for their candidate, but conservative politicians predict the election of Gill, with all the way from 5000 to 10,000 majority.

The Socialist party has four candidates for places on the city council, and it is conceded that at least one of them will be elected, and perhaps two.

The Rush Terminal proposition, which is also placed before the voters, is likely to carry by an overwhelming majority. The voters will also pass on the Erickson single tax amendment to the city charter the essentials of which are as follows:

1. The Erickson amendment affects only city taxes, and not county or state taxes.

2. It exempts from city taxes all improvements on lands, that is, buildings of all kinds, factories, personal property, machinery, tools, stocks of goods, household goods, etc.

3. It taxes land values only, whether there are buildings on the land or not, and it taxes the franchises of public service corporations, such as the electric, gas and telephone companies.

The total tax rate for state, county, city and school is now \$3 on \$100 of assessment. The portion of this tax for city purposes is 14 mills, or \$1.40 on \$100 assessed valuation, nearly one-half of the total taxation.

The general effect of the Erickson amendment, if adopted, will be to take nearly half of the total tax for all purposes, state, city, county and school, off buildings and personal property, and this tax will fall on land and franchises.

MOTHER ABANDONED INFANT ON DOORSTEP

Baby Yelled Lustily and Finally Reached Police Station—Applications for Adoption.

A female infant, just about a week old was found on the steps of a vacant house in the 1400 block, Haro street, about 10:30 o'clock last night. Although last night was one of the coldest that has been experienced here for several weeks the child was well wrapped up and seemed to suffer no ill effects from being put to sleep in its strange bed chamber.

People walking along the street last night were attracted by a baby's cries

FINISH LINE AHEAD

Contract of Kettle Valley to Hope to Be Awarded in April

Construction So Hoped Thousands of Men Employed.

It was officially announced that the contract for the of the Kettle Valley line o Mountains will be awarded month, and that construction will be started not later

The section in question, length of forty-five miles, announced, that every effort made to finish the contract the end of 1913, or six months of the time limit, July 1, by the Provincial Government.

Construction will be started 25 of the branch line coming from Merritt in Nicola valley will extend ten miles Coldwater River valley to on a maximum gradient of 25 per cent. There will be this of line down the west slope of Hope range to Hope, where river will be bridged connection with the main C. P. R. The route west of Hope will follow the Coquema with maximum grade of 2.2 eastbound traffic. Construction both slopes will be very several thousand men will be employed. The survey has been from the starting point across the range and down slope to a point twenty-five miles. Several long tunnels to be driven.

The main line of the Kettle system between Midway and traversing the Kettle valley nagan and Similkameen a distance of 250 miles, will, announced, be completed by of 1913. Of this section of have been graded and sixty of steel have been laid.

The line south from Merritt miles long, will be a branch to the main line, which it will be 25 miles previously stated recently inspected by Mr. J. Provincial Government engineer pronounced it to be the best of railway he had ever examined reflecting great credit on the engineering staff of the railway.

The cost of construction of line down the west slope of the Kettle River is estimated at per mile.

the identity of the parents' youngest. The only fact distinguishes it in any way from ordinary foundling is that it is in which it was cradled was made and expensive.

As a preliminary step to having the child taken care of by the Child Society, Mr. C. J. South, tendent of the