

GOVERNMENT MAY WITHDRAW GRANT IF SEA WALL PLANS ARE INTERFERED WITH

Investigating Committee Hears Important Evidence About Contractors and Inspector

(From Thursday's Daily.)

After several hours' discussion and examination yesterday afternoon into the cause of the dispute in regard to the construction of the Dallas Road...

Although the committee was not able to complete the work at one session the important fact was revealed that the main point of issue between the inspector and the contractors in regard to the construction of the wall...

This attitude drew from Mr. Higgins the explanation of the company's position in regard to the tight-laced situation of the inspector. He claimed that the plans of the wall were not so that they ought to be, and that the company was desirous of remedying the defect by completing the work in a cheaper and better method...

On being further examined by the members of the committee Mr. Foreman brought some additional light on the subject. He stated that some of the changes which the contractors had proposed to make in the execution of the contract had been reported by the city engineer and the government engineer and the latter gentleman being warned of the proposal...

RAILWAY PASSENGERS FIGHT FLAMES

Led by Engineer They Extinguish Fire and Save Lives of Two Women

Chicago, Mo., May 11.—Leaving his train on an outbound Washburn passenger yesterday led a party of fifty passengers to the burning home of Miss Daisy Whitaker near the track...

LIBERALS

At a meeting of the Fort Victoria branch of the Liberal Party, President W. J. McIntyre, Secretary J. H. Flynn, Executive Committee Blair, W. Flynn...

IN PRISON

John Mosca, one of the countrymen, was sentenced to a term of one year in the Victoria penitentiary by Judge Young on a charge of being an accessory to a year's imprisonment...

REBELS ADVANCE TO MEET FEDERALS WILL ENGAGE TROOPS MOVING TOWARD JUAREZ

Machine Guns, Field Pieces and Much Ammunition Fall Into Hands of Insurgents

Juarez, Mexico, May 11.—The insurgents are determined not only to hold Juarez against any attack, but to prevent a fight in this vicinity if possible. Plans are being laid at the insurgent headquarters today to send several hundred men south to meet Col. Rabago, the federal leader, who is reported to be on his way here from Chihuahua with a large force...

It is not known who will command the detachment sent from Juarez. The town was quiet to-day for the first time since the armistice expired. The inhabitants slept peacefully in their homes while insurgent sentries guarded the town.

General Navarro, who was paroled with officers last night, spent the night in the same house with Gen. Francisco I. Madero, Jr., though the federal commander now has been given the liberty of the city. He does not deem it safe to walk openly through the town, as many insurgents still cherish a grudge against him for alleged bayonetting of the wounded in other battles of the revolution.

The capture of Juarez is the most important event of the revolution, not only because it is a port of entry to the United States, and the insurgents believe that in the next 24 hours food and supplies will be crossing unmolested, but because they are now in possession of about 450,000 rounds of ammunition, several machine guns and field pieces, about 700 Mauser rifles and enough ammunition belts and other equipment to make them an effective fighting force.

On the American side of the line they have been killed and about seventeen wounded, some of them being innocently engaged at a distance from the river bank.

MAY DIE FROM INJURIES

Woman Caught by Hair in Flywheel and Whirled Around Shaft

Hoboken, N. J., May 11.—Mrs. Margaret Walsh, a forewoman in the American Lead Pencil Company's factory here, is dying in St. Mary's hospital today of injuries received when she was caught by the hair in a flywheel and whirled a dozen times around the shaft.

NEW YORK'S SICK LIST

New York, May 11.—New York's sick list averages 135,000 names daily, or one person in 35, and within a year 530,000 cases of illness occur within the boundaries, says a statistician compiled by the city health department.

CONSTITUTION REJECTED

Berlin, May 11.—The bill providing a constitution for Alsace-Lorraine was rejected in its entirety in the committee of the Reichstag today. The Reichstag now will attempt to settle the matter out of court, but the outlook for the bill is dubious.

FLYING RECORD

Mourmelon, France, May 11.—M. Nuport, the French aviator, yesterday made what is recorded as a new world's record for 100 kilometers. Officially timed he covered 82.1 miles in 51 minutes and 4 seconds.



"MORE TROUBLE FOR LITTLE JOHNNY JINGO." -New York Herald.

SPREADING RAILS CAUSE TRAIN WRECK

One Person Killed and Twenty-Seven Injured—Two Coaches Thrown Down Embankment

Glenwood Springs, Colo., May 11.—Mrs. Katherine J. Martin, of Albany, N. Y., was the only victim of a wreck which occurred last night at Rex, four miles east of Minturn, on the Denver & Rio Grande railway. Twenty-seven others were injured, only three of them seriously.

FIVE SUFFOCATED IN COAL MINE

OVERCOME WHILE TRYING TO ESCAPE FLAMES

Wilkesbarre, Pa., May 11.—Five miners lost their lives by suffocation in the Boston mine of the Delaware and Hudson Company at Larksville, near here today.

SIX MEN SAVED BY RESCUERS WHO RISK LIVES TO BRING OUT COMRADES

Fire broke out last night in a section of the mine where rock miners were employed. Eleven men were at work in the burning section. All made their way to the main entrance, but smoke had become so dense that all were overcome.

EIGHT PERSONS KILLED BY LIGHTING

Berlin, May 11.—During the storm that occurred throughout Germany yesterday, lightning killed eight persons in and near Hamburg, and wrecked a natural gas well which had been recently capped with the greatest difficulty.

DESPERATE MAN'S SUICIDE

New York, May 11.—Charles D. Granet, said to be a retired paper manufacturer of St. Louis, shot and killed himself early today in Riverside park. Mr. Granet came to this city six weeks ago. He had been in poor health. He was missed last night and a search resulted in the discovery of his body underneath a clump of shrubbery along Riverside Drive. There was a bullet wound in the head and a revolver lay beside the body.

MANY BUILDINGS WRECKED BY STORM

People Take Refuge in Cellars to Avoid Flying Timbers—No Fatalities Reported

Moorehead, Minn., May 11.—A great funnel shaped cloud, bringing with it a terrific wind, bore down upon Felton, a small town twenty miles north of here, yesterday afternoon, tore down a dozen buildings, blew in nearly every window in the town and tore up many trees. Only one person was hurt, so far as could be learned. He was a farmer living two and one-half miles west of Felton, who sustained serious injury. He was in his barn when it was overturned.

WRECK BLOCKS LINE

Redding, Cal., May 11.—Six carloads of lumber attached to an extra freight train were derailed today six miles north of Lamont. No one was hurt in the wreck, but the Shasta route will be blocked for six or seven hours. Two northbound trains will be delayed by the wreck. Wrecking trains have been dispatched from Redding and Dunsmuir.

OBSTRUCTION ON TRACK

Cobalt, Ont., May 11.—Motorman Berry, of the Niipissing Central, yesterday found a large log lying across the rails about a mile south of here. A little further on a huge rock was placed. The T. & N. O. commissioners were expected to make a tour of inspection over the electric road yesterday, and the incident pointed to designs on their safety.

TWO KILLED ON RAILWAY

Stour City, Ia., May 11.—Two persons were killed and four injured, two seriously, on the Northwestern Railway near Lyons, Neb., today. The dead were Mrs. A. L. Craig and son, of Lyons, Neb., whose wagon was struck by a passenger train. Pieces of the wrecked wagon lodged in a switch and derailed the train, injuring four members of the train crew.

METHODIST PAPER

Toronto, May 11.—At the annual meeting of the book committee of the Methodist church in Canada held yesterday, it was decided that instead of appointing a western editor for the Christian Guardian, one minister from each of the four western conferences should be selected to be responsible for the church news and editorial matter of his own conference. Rev. Dr. Creighton, the editor of the Guardian, will, on his approaching trip to the coast, confer with each conference regarding appointments to be made. The report presented to the committee showed a most successful year.

GERMAN AVIATOR INSTANTLY KILLED

Aeroplane Crashes Into Building Hidden From View by Heavy Fog

Berlin, May 11.—Herr Bekemuler, an aviation pupil, was killed today when his aeroplane crashed into a building hidden from view by the mist. He had been manoeuvring over the military field at Johannisplatz, and unexpectedly flew over the enclosed fence. He had no time to save himself from the building which loomed out of the mist. The machine was wrecked.

WAGES OF CROW'S NEST MINERS

MORE EVIDENCE BEFORE CONCILIATION BOARD

Secretary of Union Tells of Grievance of Men—Relief Fund Distribution

Fernie, May 11.—The conciliation board did good work again yesterday and the attendance was larger if possible than any previous occasion. The first witness was the ex-president of Gladstone Union, who gave evidence as to the difference between wages paid now and several years ago when the camp was young. He had received sixty-five cents a ton for digging coal and \$5 for opening rooms. Hardly any double shifting was formerly done.

Mr. Wilson submitted a statement showing that coal from No. 9 during the last two years ending in 1910 was \$2.48 per ton and the average selling price \$2.29. He promised to produce a statement which he was having prepared which would show the average cost, selling price and average wages in all mines.

Secretary Ross of Gladstone local union gave evidence regarding grievances of the miners, with which he had much to do, he being the man through whom most of them were taken to the company officials. The most frequent of these were lack of timber, cars and trackage. The matter of wages was another source of much trouble.

The method of arriving at the average earnings of the mine workers came under discussion. Mr. Stubbs contending that the statements of officials, was a better guide to real earnings than the statement presented by the company to the board. This was denied by Mr. McLeod and the operators. The statements covering time from April 1, 1910 to the cessation of operations at the end of last March, upon which the rate of compensation to injured men had been based and which had been applied to 90 men, was filed with the board. These show that an average of \$7.35 per week had been paid to these men, being half the earnings of each as shown by the average weekly earnings of the men during the previous twelve months. Ten of these men had received the maximum amount of weekly allowance under the act, indicating that their wages had run over \$20 per week.

The board adjourned at half past three o'clock and the operators and the chairman had a conference in private. The miners' meeting met Dr. Gordon, whose wagon was struck by a passenger train. The board will adjourn for several days after to-morrow's session and Dr. Gordon will return to Winnipeg for a short time before taking up the work again.

RAISING FORCE TO AID ALBANIANS

General Garibaldi Will Lead Ten Thousand Men Against the Turkish Troops

London, May 11.—A staff correspondent of the Daily Chronicle writes from Rome giving an interview with General Ricciotti Garibaldi, who says he has included a legion of ten thousand men, including Italians, Englishmen, Americans and Frenchmen, to fight in behalf of the Albanians in the struggle against Turkey. Each man is to contribute a minimum of \$15, while the sympathizers of the government in England, the United States and Italy are to subscribe funds for the purchase of arms.

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ANOTHER PROTEST AGAINST CONTRACT

BITULITHIC COMPANY NURSES A GRIEVANCE

Writes City Council Protesting Against Poor Consideration of its Tender

The city council of Victoria has not yet heard the last of its much-criticized action in awarding the contract for the paving of the streets to one single company, the Canadian Mineral Rubber Company. The Columbia Bitulithic Company of Vancouver, which was among the prominent tenderers for parts of the work, has developed a distinct grievance which its Victoria representative has placed before the council. The company claims that its reputation, as well as the fact that it has maintained an office in the city for a long time, and advertised extensively, entitled it to more consideration than it received when competing with a firm whose previous record of work accomplished in British Columbia is nil.

Of course, the contract is awarded now and cannot be withdrawn unless the terms of it are violated by the company. Still the letter of protest is of value. Not the least significant feature about it is the date. It was dated on Saturday, mailed by Fred C. Beckett on Sunday at the post office here, but somehow or other it did not arrive in time to be considered by the council meeting on Monday, when the contract was finally ratified. The letter to the council is appended in full:

"Gentlemen: We observe from a report in the daily press that it is the intention of the council to formally sign and seal the contract for paving 600,000 square yards of roadway at Monday night's meeting of the council and this being the case we desire to place on record our protest with regard to the matter.

"When our company was formed last May we brought from Toronto a representative who is permanently located in Victoria and who endeavored to secure a fair share of the city's paving for this company. Our representative worked quickly to secure the support of a number of ratepayers who are favorable to bitulithic, with the result that the contract for the whole amount of work is about to be let to a company who comes into the field at the last moment and a company which has not even done any work in British Columbia.

"We feel that we have been unfairly treated inasmuch as we have maintained a representative in Victoria since last July and have been trying since then to secure at least a fair share of the work. We have spent money in advertising in this city and have been induced to believe that our tenders would be considered when the contracts were let.

"Our president has invited the council to send a deputation to Vancouver, where we are engaged on close on half a million dollars worth of work, but we were not even favored with a reply—much less than the visit of a deputation.

"We have afforded the council every facility to investigate the merits of bitulithic, which, by the way, has been chosen by the convention of municipalities of the United States as the ideal form of pavement at its meeting last January, but we have never met with a reply.

"In view of this we enter a protest at the entire contract being awarded at eleven o'clock company and we consider that we should have been awarded at least a fair portion of the work. We are, your truly,

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