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DEATH ROLL MAY BE INCREASED

INURED SAILORS IN CRITICAL CONDITION

Number of Bodies of Victims of Explosion on French Battleship Recovered.

Toulon, March 13.—The efforts to recover the bodies of those killed by the explosion on board the battleship Jena here yesterday, which have been conducted with energy for twenty-four hours, have not yet resulted in finding definitely the number of casualties, but after the last roll call to-night there were still unaccounted for eight officers and one hundred and ten men. There is little doubt that all the missing men perished. The roll call was applied to the crew of the Jena, but as they were recovered during the day, but only twelve of them could be recognized. The remainder were formless masses of charred flesh. On account of the large number of yards they had been able to get better prices from the Mountain Mills Association than others.

LAIID OVER TILL NEXT MEETING

Request for More Pay

School Trustees Take Different Views With Regard to the Teachers' Application.

The petition of the local school teachers for an all-round increase in salaries was received by the board of school trustees at their regular monthly meeting last evening. With the reading of the letter placing the claims of the teachers before the board, instancing the fact that, owing to the increase in the cost of living, a dollar had little more purchasing power than 75 cents formerly, the debate commenced.

HERRING FOR ORIENT.

FORESTRY CONVENTION.

"ACCIDENTAL DEATH."

PROBABLY MURDERED.

STRIKE MAY RESULT.

Winnipeg Builders' Exchange Decline to Grant Increase in Wages.

Winnipeg, March 12.—Everything points to a big building strike in June when the present agreement between members of the Builders' Exchange and the building trades of the city runs out. Carpenters, bricklayers, builders, laborers and other unions are

WANTS SCOPE TO BE EXTENDED

MOVEMENT TO OBTAIN LOCAL UNIVERSITY

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WORKING ON THE ISLAND OR MAINLAND ACTUALLY SAW HIM FALL, BUT JAMES PATTERSON, WHO WAS WASHING THE MUD FROM HIS BOOTS ON SHORE SAID IT WAS ONLY A FEW SECONDS FROM THE TIME HE LAST SAW HIM WHEN THE DECEASED FELL INTO THE WATER.

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MANY PERSONS PERISH IN FLOOD

NUMBER OF TOWNS ALMOST SUBMERGED

Rivers in Pennsylvania and West Virginia Rising Rapidly—Danger Not Over.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 14.—The stage of water reached in the rivers here to-day was thirty feet, and it was rising eight inches an hour. The stage at 5 o'clock was eight feet over the danger mark. The low portions of Pittsburg and Allegheny and surrounding towns were flooded. Skiffs and wagons are being used for transportation in the flooded districts.

THE WEATHER BUREAU SAYS THE PRESENT FLOOD IS THE MOST REMARKABLE ON RECORD, AND THE SITUATION IS SERIOUS. THE HEALTH BUREAU HAS NOTIFIED THE PEOPLE TO BOIL DRINKING WATER AS THE WATER IS POISONOUS OWING TO THE FLOOD CONDITIONS, AND A TYPHOID FEVER EPIDEMIC IS FEARED.

ALARMING REPORTS ARE BEING RECEIVED FROM ALL PARTS OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA AND WEST VIRGINIA. EVERY STREAM IS OVERFLOWING ITS BANKS. MANY TOWNS ARE ALMOST SUBMERGED, AND HUNDREDS OF HOMES ARE BEING SWAMPED BY WATER, AND THE PEOPLE ARE LIVING IN UPPER FLATS. COAL MINES ALONG THE RIVERS IN THE MONONGAHELA VALLEY ARE FLOODED, AND THOUSANDS OF MINERS ARE IDLE. MILLS AND BUSINESS HOUSES HAVE ONE OR THREE FEET OF WATER ON THEIR FIRST FLOOR, STOPPING BUSINESS.

THE DAMAGE TO PROPERTY WILL BE AT LEAST \$20,000,000.

IN ALLEGHENY MANY FATALITIES HAVE OCCURRED ON ACCOUNT OF THE FLOOD, AND OTHERS ARE REPORTED IN MANY SECTIONS.

THE TERRIBLE SLUMP ON WALL STREET HAS ITS EFFECT ON THE CANADIAN SECURITIES, BUT NOT TO AS MARKED A DEGREE. C. P. R. FELL FROM 174 TO 167.

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NEW MEMBERS ELECTED.

The Canadian Club at Its Special Meeting Elects Many New Members—Luncheon To-Morrow.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

A special meeting of the executive of the Canadian Club took place yesterday afternoon in the Tourist Association rooms to consider applications for membership.

THE FOLLOWING WERE UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED, A BALLOT BEING DISPENSED WITH: Hon. Wm. Templeman, Hon. (Dr.) H. E. Young, Captain J. W. Troup, John E. Langley, S. C. Dyke, Alan P. Moffatt, E. B. Jones, George Jay, R. M. Palmer, J. K. Worfold, J. W. Peppett, Andrew Wright, J. Smart Yates, Jas. A. Harvey (Cranbrook), Harold F. Nation, Herbert Stanton, Isador Lancaster, P. R. Brown, Rev. D. MacRae, Thomas Davis, W. L. Chaloner, W. Leslie Foote, Hugh R. McIntyre, Arthur Davies, Dr. Ford Verrinder, G. W. Dean and H. S. Crotty.

THOSE OF THE ABOVE WHO HAVE NOT PAID THEIR MEMBERSHIP FEE OF \$2 ARE REQUESTED TO CALL AT THE IMPERIAL BANK TO-DAY AND PAY THE TREASURER, MR. J. S. GIBB, SO AS TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LUNCHEON TO-MORROW. LUNCHEON TICKETS ARE ON SALE AT HIBBEN & CO.'S, AND MEMBERS ARE ADVISED TO BUY EARLY, TO ENABLE THE CATERING COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE FOR THEM.

TWO BOYS PERISHED.

Alvinston, Ont., March 13.—Charlie, the 18-year-old son of Mrs. Archibald McKellar, and Milton, 16-year-old son of James Wallis, were drowned in the river here to-day. With a companion the boys were crossing on the ice when one of them went through, and the other was trying to rescue him also when he fell in and both were drowned. The bodies were carried under the ice and have not yet been recovered.

THE PROPOSED IMPERIAL COUNCIL MISUNDERSTANDING AMONG COLONIES

Canada Not Favor to Formation on Lines Which Have Been Suggested.

Ottawa, March 14.—A cable from London says that Premier Ward of New Zealand, is enthusiastic over the appointment of an Imperial council at the coming colonial conference, and that Premier Deakin, of Australia, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier are also in favor of this.

THERE IS EVIDENTLY SOME MISTAKE AS THE POSITION OF THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT IN REGARD TO AN IMPERIAL COUNCIL HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE KNOWN IN A MINUTE OF THE COUNCIL, AND IT IS NOT FAVORABLE ON THE LINES SUGGESTED. IN REGARD TO A BETTER UNDERSTANDING WITH GREAT BRITAIN AS TO TREATIES THE OTHER COLONIES WILL SUPPORT CANADA.

A FAREWELL DINNER.

Local Basketball Team Gives an Enthusiastic Send-off to Manager Major.

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William Major, the manager of the Y. M. C. A. basketball team, was the recipient of a farewell dinner and a presentation at the Palms restaurant last night. The occasion was his departure in company with R. Crompton, W. Naysmith and W. Webster, to tour the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan in the interests of the weekly paper Success.

E. M. White, chairman of the dinner, presented W. Major with an address, the thanks of the team for his valuable services, and a solid gold locket suitably inscribed. In reply, the recipient made a bright little speech in which he recounted many humorous anecdotes of what had befallen the basketball team during its recent tour through the Sound cities. The Rev. W. E. Dunham, R. H. Horn, and A. J. Brace were responsible for other speeches.

THE DINNER WAS BROUGHT TO A HAPPY conclusion with three cheers for the ladies, the basketball team, Mr. Major and the members of the Success newspaper party. W. Major and his companions left this morning for Vancouver en route for Alberta.

HONDURAN WARSHIPS.

Puerto Cortes, Honduras, March 14.—The Honduran gunboat Tambla and the Mexican steamer Olympia, under charter, both equipped with rifles and cannon and with a large and well-armed force, including American gunners, under the command of General Quiroze, left here yesterday and steamed in the direction of Trujillo. The reports that American troops have been pressed for service in the Honduran army are untrue.

TERRIFIC SLUMP ON WALL STREET

RUMORED TROUBLE IN EUROPE THE CAUSE

Millions of Dollars Shrinkage in Values of Securities—Many Fortunes Annihilated.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

A panic that has not had its equal since the famous Black Friday in the history of Wall street began late yesterday afternoon just prior to the closing the stock exchange, and has ranged all day to-day. Hundreds of people have been rendered penniless, fortunes have been lost and perhaps some few fortunes made in less than 24 hours. The origin of the slump is a mystery.

RUMORS WERE CURRENT ON THE AMERICAN EXCHANGE OF SOME SERIOUS EUROPEAN COMPLICATIONS. CONSOLS FELL AND EUROPEAN SECURITIES GENERALLY FELL AWAY, HAVING ITS INEVITABLE EFFECT ON THE AMERICAN SECURITIES.

THE MARKET HAS BEEN A WEAK ONE FOR THE PAST MONTH, AND A SHRINKAGE IN STOCKS AMOUNTING TO MILLIONS HAS BEEN FELT, BUT THE CULMINATION CAME TO-DAY. BEGINNING WITH THE OPENING OF THE NEW YORK EXCHANGE THIS MORNING THE SECURITIES WERE THROWN ON THE MARKET, AND BEARS BEGAN TO MAKE THEIR KILLING.

UNION PACIFIC, WHICH CLOSED YESTERDAY AT 155 1/2, DROPPED TO 135 1/2, AND WAS STILL FALLING.

Reading fell from 124 1/2 to 91. St. Paul dropped from 149 1/2 to 125. Southern Pacific fell from 86 to 69 1/2. American Smelting tumbled from 115 to 75.

New York Central dropped from 121 1/2 to 111 1/2. Amalgamated Copper fell from 104 1/2 to 80.

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