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FIRE DESTROYED A NUMBER OF THE CARS

Commercial Business by Wireless Telegraphy Will Be Established Within Two Months.

Toronto, Jan. 29.—The G. T. R. added to its list of disasters by another wreck between Port Hope and Newmarket this morning near the scene of the wreck of a few days ago.

Carnegie's Offer. Toronto, Jan. 29.—So far 15 aldermen have expressed themselves favorably in regard to Carnegie's offer of \$350,000 for the Toronto library.

Judge Dead. Judge McDougall, of Toronto, senior County court judge died at the Welland House, St. Catharines, at 3 o'clock this morning.

Fire. Montreal, Jan. 29.—Fire to-night gutted the small office building at 18 Hospital street, doing damage estimated at \$15,000.

Stole Gas. Four more young slot gas metre thieves received sentences to-day aggregating 20 years.

Wireless Telegraphy. Marconi arrived here to-day to consult with the directors of the Canadian company.

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OPPOSED TO SPRINGS.

Hostile Demonstrations Against the Premier of Cape Colony.

Kimberley, Cape Colony, Jan. 31.—Since his arrival here with Colonial Secretary Chamberlain and Mrs. Chamberlain, a series of demonstrations against Sir John Gordon Spriggs, the Premier of Cape Colony, have occurred.

RUN DOWN BY CRUISER.

Torpedo Boat Destroyer Cut in Two—Fifteen Men Were Drowned.

Corfu, Island of Corfu, Jan. 31.—The British cruiser Pioneer ran into the torpedo boat destroyer Orwell near the channel of Corfu.

THEFTS OF ORE.

Organized Gang of Thieves Have Been at Work for Years—Minor Arrested.

Baker City, Ore., Jan. 31.—Peter Peterson, a miner in the employ of the Columbia mine at Bourne, near Sumpter, was arrested yesterday with taking 150 pounds of ore from the Columbia mine.

REDUCING THE PRICE.

New York Retail Dealers Will Sell Coal at \$7.00 a Ton Next Week.

New York, Jan. 31.—Retail coal dealers have decided to sell coal to consumers at \$7.00 a ton, beginning Monday next.

TROOPS IN READINESS.

Strike at Amsterdam Leads to the Reinforcement of the Garrison.

Amsterdam, Jan. 31.—Cavalry and marines from various stations have been brought here to reinforce the local garrison in view of the strike of the coal miners.

JOCKEY HURT.

London, Jan. 30.—King Edward rode in an automobile from Windsor to Kingston Park to-day to see his Grand National Steeplechase favorite, Ambush II., run in the "Weymouth" Steeplechase.

ON VISIT TO KING.

London, Jan. 31.—Henry White, the United States charge d'affaires, and Mrs. White, went to Windsor to-day to spend the week end with King Edward.

A TOTAL LOSS.

Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 31.—The freight steamer Gulf Stream, of the Clyde line, from New York for Philadelphia, which went aground yesterday on a sand bar near Foxden, N. J., is a total loss.

WANT NEW GROUNDS.

Fernwood Association Will Ask the Council to Set Aside Another Park.

At a meeting of the Fernwood Y. M. A., held Thursday evening in the club rooms at the close of the basketball game, the following resolution was passed: "Resolved: That the Fernwood Y. M. A. be so far removed from the northern portion of the city, and whereas the larger portion of the population of the city resides in the North Ward and suburbs, and whereas the necessity for a park and recreation grounds in this vicinity has been long felt by the young men of this association and the other residents of the North Ward, therefore be it resolved, That this association urge upon the Mayor and council the desirability of setting aside an open space in the North Ward for a park and recreation grounds; and further be it resolved, That the secretary be instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the city council; and further, That a committee of two members of this association be appointed with others to wait on the council in regard to this matter."

FOR ARMY IN AFRICA.

London, Jan. 30.—The British war office has decided to invite tenders from Canadian firms for the supply of fresh meat to the British army in South Africa.

THEY HAVE SECURED NOVA SCOTIA ROAD

ANOTHER DEAL BY MACKENZIE & MANN

Vancouver Lumberman Passes Away at Ottawa—Railway Fireman Crushed to Death.

Franklinville, Ont., Jan. 30.—The barns of Wesley Soper, two miles east here, were struck by lightning and burned last night, together with 21 cattle and 30 hogs and farming implements.

DIED AT OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—Ed. C. Carhill, a lumberman of Vancouver, died in this city this evening. Deceased came to the capital about two months ago on business with the government, having entered an application with the Marine and Fisheries department for the shore front on Vancouver harbor, upon which to erect a sawmill.

FIREMAN KILLED.

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 30.—Thomas Johnson, 24 years old, fireman on the Grand Trunk, was fatally crushed yesterday while cleaning out the fire box of his engine at Harrisburg. Before going under the engine, he failed to notify the engineer, who started the locomotive, Johnson shouted to the engineer to stop, but the former could not do so in time to prevent the fatal crushing.

Decision in Ferry Case.

Toronto, Jan. 30.—Justice Street yesterday gave judgment in Perry vs. the Algoma Central railway case, which involved the question of Dominion and provincial government rights to issue ferry licenses. Perry held a license from the Dominion government to operate a ferry at the Soo and sought to prevent the Algoma Central railway with a license from the Ontario government from operating a similar ferry.

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Constantinople, Jan. 30.—A detachment of Turkish troops has defeated a strong band of Macedonians near Lake Ohrid in Albania.

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COAL OUTPUT.

All Collieries of Philadelphia & Reading Company in Operation—Trying to Reduce Price.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 29.—The Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company had all but one of its active collieries in operation yesterday, and to-day the full quota of 43 collieries is being worked. The output averages from 1,300 to 1,400 cars daily.

General Manager Henderson, of the coal company, is beginning to take an optimistic view of the situation and expects that a break in present prices asked by the independent operators is bound to come very soon.

It is stated on good authority that the railroads are going all their power to accomplish that object. They are said to be determined to break up the speculative features of the anthracite business. The increased output of the big mining companies and the mild weather is beginning to have an effect upon high prices.

STEAMER ASHORE.

Ran Aground During Night and Will Probably Be a Total Loss.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 30.—The Clyde line steamer Gulf Stream, from New York and Philadelphia with a general cargo, is ashore 11 miles north of Cape May, N. J. She is expected to be a total loss. The ship left New York yesterday, and is presumed to have stranded during the night.

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GERMANY HAS NO ULTERIOR MOTIVES

MINISTER COMES ON A SPECIAL MISSION

Emperor Is Not Trying to Obtain Coal Station in Venezuela—Monroe Doctrine.

New York, Jan. 31.—The World prints an interview with Baron Speck von Sternberg, which contains the following among other remarks of the German diplomat: "I bear the title of envoy-extraordinary and minister-plenipotentiary, and not that of ambassador. While I have the title of minister, I have come on special mission. It is probable that Ambassador von Holleben will not come back, and I may take his place. I wish to deny that I said Dr. Von Holleben withdrew from his post because he could not sympathize with the ideas of the American people. Dr. Von Holleben is 70 years old, and not in good health, and that is why he thought best to retire."

"It has been said that the German Emperor has ulterior designs and motives in Venezuela. That is absolutely false. The Emperor admires and understands the Monroe doctrine as well as anybody, and would not think of acting contrary to it in Venezuela, or of trying to obtain even a coal station there."

The Monroe doctrine is a peace-maker. It is the best safeguard for peace the United States ever had. Foreign powers recognize that the point beyond which they must not go is the taking of territory in South America.

"Land grabbing by Germany would only result in disaster to her. There has been a lot of nasty smoke in the air, and I have to try and clear some of it away. I know that the Kaiser is most anxious for the American people that he is friendly to them. Every time I have seen him he has emphasized his desire to win their affection."

Hopeful Feeling.

Paris, Jan. 31.—Official sentiment here to-day is more hopeful of an adjustment of the Venezuelan question, owing to the receipt of advices to the effect that representatives of the allies have requested their respective governments for further instructions. There probably will be a simultaneous presentation of France's position through the French representatives in London, Berlin and Rome.

The authorities are examining the plan for aggregating the claims of the powers which did not participate in the blockade, as suggested by Minister Bowen, and are inclined to regard it favorably.

TRAGEDY ON THE SEA.

Seamen Charged With Murder of Three Officers and Four of Crew of Barque.

Liverpool, Jan. 30.—Four seamen of the barque Veronic, brought here yesterday by the British steamer Brunswick, were remanded at a police court in this city to-day on the charge of murdering Captain Shaw, two of his officers and four seamen of the Veronic. Two of the seamen have made a statement implicating themselves and the others. Another of the accused men, W. Smith, an American, who shipped at a Mississippi port, declares their statements to be untrue.

INDIAN CHIEF DEAD.

White Calf Passes Away in Washington Hospital of Pneumonia.

Washington, Jan. 30.—White Calf, chief of the Blackfeet, who played a part in the Indian wars of the West in the sixties, and who won General Miles's regard for his military abilities, died at Providence hospital in this city last night of pneumonia, aged 80 years. He had been in Washington for a week on business for his tribe. White Calf was one of the chiefs who participated in the historic and bloody battle of Wounded Knee.

COLLIERY OFFICIALS.

Western Fuel Company Has Appointed the Members of Its Staff at Nanaimo.

"The Western Fuel Company has made the following permanent appointments on its local staff," says the Nanaimo Free Press. "Superintendent, Thos. Russell, formerly manager; assistant superintendent, Wesley Bryan; underground manager, Joseph Randle; master mechanic, W. H. Wall; chief accountant, D. McKay."

"Of the above-named the first four are all old employees of the New Vancouver Coal Company. Mr. McKay arrived recently from San Francisco."

First Lieut. Welton von Graewert, who shot Dr. Aye, a lawyer of Eberling, causing instant death, in a duel fought recently, has been sentenced by a military court to two years' imprisonment in a fortress.

THREATEN TO STRIKE.

Railway and Tramway Employees in Holland May Quit Work.

Amsterdam, Jan. 30.—As a result of the strike of the employees of the transportation companies, a meeting of the Railroad Employees' Union has passed a resolution to the effect that if the Dutch Railroad Company persist in carrying the coal companies' freight it will proclaim a general strike of railroad men and tramway employees throughout the country. About 17,000 men would be involved.

Many freight cars of the Dutch Railroad Company are side tracked, and are unable to transfer goods on board ships. There is also some delay in the dispatch of passenger trains.

MINISTER IMPROVING.

Signor Prinetti Is Reported to Be Making Satisfactory Progress.

Rome, Jan. 30.—The following bulletin was issued this morning: "Signor Prinetti (the foreign minister who was stricken with an attack of paralysis of the left side while being received in audience by King Victor Emmanuel) was restless early in the night, but subsequently slept. His temperature this morning is almost normal. Yesterday's improvement is maintained. The patient is progressing slowly towards recovery."

PRIOR FAILED TO MEET MINISTERS

HAS NOT RETURNED TO FEDERAL CAPITAL

The Conference With Government Declared Off—Another Link in Mackenzie & Mann's System

Ottawa, Jan. 31.—Arrangements were made by the Dominion government for receiving the British Columbia delegation this forenoon, according to appointment, but Premier Prior, who was attending a banquet to Mr. Monk in Montreal, has not returned and the meeting was declared off. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Dominion ministers were waiting the delegation when R. E. Gosnell 'phoned that Premier Prior was not here.

Bought Road.

J. N. Greenfields to-day announced that the Canadian Northern railway, Mackenzie & Mann's system, had acquired the Great Northern, a railway running from Hawkesbury to Quebec, tapping the Canada Atlantic system. The purpose is most important, as the acquisition is a natural link in Mackenzie & Mann's transcontinental railway system. The purchase price is not given.

Seeking More Time.

The Kootenay Central railway is applying for an extension of time. Big Price for Potatoes. J. S. Larke writes from Australia: "Potatoes are selling at a high figure, warranting large shipments from British Columbia, but no space could be found on the steamers. At one time they were selling at from \$40 to \$50 a ton."

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

Outbreak in Electrical Power House Which Has Caused Shutting Down of Factories.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Jan. 30.—Fire which was started by the explosion of one of the big transformers in the power house of the Niagara Falls Power & Conduit Company late last night, destroyed thousand of dollars' worth of valuable machinery, and will doubtless mean great loss to most of the big factories here, some of which, it is stated, must remain idle for weeks. The fire is said to have been caused by lightning which prevailed throughout this section during the night.

Car Service Interrupted.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 30.—The trolley lines in this city, which got under way early to-day, but by the use of storage batteries a number of lines were operated, although but a limited number of cars were run on them. On several plants in this city were without light or power, among them the city hall.

More Factories Closed.

Lockport, Jan. 30.—Twenty of Lockport's fifty-five factories are shut down owing to the fire at Niagara Falls. Fortunately most of the large mills are run by water and steam power. The newspaper plants and smaller factories are idle. The street car service is at a standstill, except on a line which is operated by Buffalo power, and the Buffalo line, which is reduced to one car hourly. The city lighting is not affected. A terrific thunderstorm visited the city during the night, accompanied by vivid lightning and torrents of rain.

THEY WILL DISCUSS FINANCIAL MATTERS

DELEGATES TO MEET MINISTERS TO-MORROW

The Arbitration Commission—Report That Only One Canadian Will Be Selected.

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—Premier Prior and Attorney-General Eberts will wait on the government again to-morrow on the financial question. They are making a sort of political burlesque of the business, and whatever the province will get from Ottawa it will have to be transacted through some person who puts provinces before party. Nothing possibly can come out of the political farce which now is being played.

The Boundary Dispute.

It is learned on good authority that no one will be selected by the Canadian government to act on the arbitration commission between Great Britain and the United States over the Alaska boundary who has previously been mixed up with the matter. This means that Justice Mills, than whom no man in Canada is better posted on the subject, will be debarred from acting. Sir Louis Davies has also been mentioned on account of having been a member of the Joint High Commission. He also will be debarred from acting. No minister of the crown will be selected as an arbitrator. This will rule out Hon. Clifford Sifton, who otherwise would have been chosen. The case of Canada is too strong to require anything but a fair, full and final judgment. But it is said that Canada will only have one representative and Great Britain two. That being the case Lord Alverstone and Sir Francis Jemse, who are the British representatives. Just who Canada will name has not been mentioned.

Sir Eliezer Tascheranu and Justice Arbour have been mentioned. There is a feeling that Canada is to get the worst of it, and the sooner she knows it the better. There is