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Rich Gold Find Reported Near Abitibi Lake---Forest Fires in North Frontenac.

Winnipeg, Aug. 22.—The provincial immigration authorities expect about 5,000 men to arrive within the next week, and at present they are busy apportioning the men so that they will not be crowded in any special locality. The demand for farm hands this year is great.

Big Incinerator.

Winnipeg, Aug. 22.—The big incinerator put in by the Decarie Company is to be tested to-morrow, and will then be taken over by the city. The general opinion is that it can carry out the contract, but friction at the city hall is responsible for all the trouble to date.

Gold Strike.

Cobalt, Ont., Aug. 22.—The camp is agog with the report of a very rich gold find near Hawk lake, a large sheet of water west and slightly south of Abitibi lake. It is stated that two Swedes have found a vein of gold-bearing rock, 130 feet across, and have already traced it two miles. Lurid stories are told of its wealth.

Accidentally Shot.

Edmonton, Aug. 22.—While A. T. Palmer was cleaning his revolver last evening, unaware that it was loaded, it was discharged, the bullet entering the leg of his mother, who was standing near. Mrs. Palmer was removed to the hospital and the bullet removed.

Forest Fires Raging.

Kingston, Aug. 22.—Forest fires are raging about Reynoldsville, in North Frontenac. There is great danger, and the farmers are fighting hard to suppress the flames. It is thought a careless smoker let a match drop in one of the large marshes around Fifth and Echo lakes, and as a result the whole countryside is ablaze. Already much property has been destroyed.

Cutting Wheat.

Brandon, Man., Aug. 22.—Wheat cutting commenced in this district yesterday, when Thomas Jobb, two miles southeast of Brandon, started on a 60-acre field that was ready for the binder. It will be another week before wheat cutting is general.

Threshing Barley.

Portage la Prairie, Aug. 22.—Yesterday morning R. A. Cuthbert, of Rosedale, started threshing barley, the product of one 130 acres being ready for the separator. The grain was a good sample and turned out well.

Stores Burned.

Macleod, Alb., Aug. 22. — Riley's gents' furnishing store, also occupied by J. Doney, jeweler, was destroyed by fire. Insurance $1,000, loss $3,000. Doney lost $1,000, insurance small. George Farquhar owned the building and his loss is heavy.

Civil Engineering.

Halifax, Aug. 22.—The chair of civil engineering in Dalhousie University, recently made vacant by the resignation of Prof. Brydone-Jack, who has gone to Winnipeg, has been filled by the appointment of R. A. Stone, of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers of the Canada Foundry Company at Toronto.

Strike Spreading.

Montreal, Aug. 22.—A large extension of the garment workers' strike is expected. Business Agent Miller, of the United Garment Workers, stated at a gathering of strikers to-day that he had been informed that the clothing contractors had decided to lock out their employees at noon to-morrow. This action, if taken, will involve nearly 1,000 workers.

Coming to Coast.

Ottawa, Aug. 22.—Comptroller White, of the Northwest Mounted Police, left Ottawa to-day for a three weeks' inspection trip. He is going through to the Pacific Coast, and returning will take in most of the important police headquarters, going as far north as Edmonton.

MONSTER PATROL AUTO.

Is Being Built for the Chicago Police Department.

Chicago, Aug. 22.—The city of Chicago is building an automobile which it is promised will be to other automobiles what the English battleship Dreadnought is to other naval vessels. It is on account of the auto's size that the city is doing the work itself, as special patterns had to be made for it. The machine si to be used as a police patrol wagon. It is to be of steel body, 70 horsepower and large enough to carry 18 policemen and the chauffeur. The use expected to be made of the vehicle is to carry a good-sized squad of policemen to any point where there is more serious trouble than the men immediately available can handle. It will be able to go much faster than the present patrol wagons and carry more men.

WORKMAN KILLED.

The Hague, Aug. 22.—The cupola on the site of the Carnegie peace palace, which was erected over the platform upon which the signers stood when the foundation stone was laid, collapsed yesterday owing to the snapping of a cable. One workman was killed and four were injured.

BANK RATE UNCHANGED.

London, Aug. 22.—Contrary to expectations the Bank of England's rate of discount was not changed at to-day's meeting of the directors of that institution. Consols further improved at the opening.

Fifty-five vessels are constantly employed in laying and repairing the submarine cables of the world.

LOGGERS FINED.

Convicted of Using Steam Under Hand-Loggers' License.

Two loggers from the North were heavily fined by Magistrate Alexander at Vancouver on Wednesday for logging with steam under hand-loggers' license, says the Vancouver News-Advertiser. The cases came up in sections. William Whalen appeared in the morning and James Larkins also appeared, but in a condition of merriment rather than wisdom, and with considerable difficulty he was deposited by Provincial Constable Smith in a cell in the basement of the court house, where in a few hours he slept himself into sobriety.

Whalen pleaded guilty to the use of steam, but said that he was under the impression that he was working on regularly licensed limits, and claimed that some mistake must have been made in registering his license in the timber office.

Magistrate Alexander showed that he had advertised for a certain claim, and had taken an affidavit that this was the claim he was applying for, so that he must very clearly have known what he was doing. "I think," he added, "you are making a false statement, and I might go a great deal further. I think the less you say about this matter the better it will be for you. The sooner you hand-loggers realize that this sort of thing has to stop the better."

In order to make an example of a first case the magistrate imposed the full penalty of $100, and added to it $112.50 for costs of serving the summons and bringing down witnesses. The high costs were occasioned by the use of a special launch and other necessary expenses incurred by Timber Officer Murray in ferreting out the loggers from their fastnesses in the vicinity of Greenway Sound.

When Larkins was brought up in the afternoon, he admitted that he had used steam, but it was only an old, broken down donkey engine, and he had got out less timber with it than he could have done by hand.

The magistrate reminded him that no matter how he used it it was against the law, and imposed a fine of $100 and $115 costs.

CONGESTION IN CITY SCHOOLS

ANOTHER BUILDING MAY BE NECESSARY

Trustees Will Discuss Matter at Meeting To-night---Assignments of New Teachers.

Lack of accommodation in the Central and South Park schools is the subject that will be dealt with by the board of school trustees at a special meeting which has been called for this evening. The number of applications for permits in these schools has been phenomenally large up to the present, and, as the re-opening of the schools takes place on Monday, the trustees will probably be compelled to hire the most suitable available bufiding, in order to provide sufficient room for the scholars.

One of the chief reasons for this congestion is the exceptionally numerous applications which are being made by Chinese residents for their children. Only once before have so many permits been applied for by these people, and that was when the head-tax was first placed upon incoming Chinese. Since the tax has been in force the number of applicants each year has not been large, but, through the natural increase in the local Chinese population, the applications are again swelling. At present the school officials are refusing permits for these children until the trustees have decided upon a course of action to provide accommodation.

As far as possible the children will be distributed among the various schools so as to avoid a congestion of the Chinese in any one institution. Should applications continue to pour in, it is possible that the trustees will find it necessary to provide separate accommodation for them.

To-morrow will be the last day for the issuance of permits for attendance and, as a big rush is expected at the last moment, the total number of new applicants cannot be correctly estimated. F. H. Eaton, M. A., superintendent of city schools, however, places the total approximate number of new scholars at something over three hundred. From all indications it is safe to say that the total number of new pupils will be much greater for this term than at the beginning of any corresponding time in previous years.

The congestion of scholars is happily confined to the Central and South Park schools, the Victoria West and other schools being slightly under the full quota. Just what steps will be taken to equalize the attendance is hard to say, but it is certain that the trustees will decide upon a course which will obviate any over-crowding in the schools referred to.

The new teachers that have been engaged during the vacation have been distributed among the schools as follows: E. R. Paterson, South Park school; Miss Kate Pottinger, 8th division of the Girls' Central school; Miss S. Hiscocks and Miss K. Andrews, 3rd and 5th division respectively, of the Victoria West school; Miss A. Johnson, 9th division of the North Ward school.

In addition to these assignments Miss Elizabeth Lovell has been transferred from the Boys' Central school to the 6th division of the Girls' Central.

CONSERVATION OF RESERVES.

Will Be Principal Subject Before the Sacramento Irrigation Convention.

Sacramento, Aug. 22.—A programme of set speeches is being prepared for the Sacramento fifteenth annual irrigation convention, which will be broader in scope than any convention ever held in the United States for the purpose of promoting public welfare. Conservation of reserves will be the keynote, and the programme will include addresses by the representatives of all the great national organizations which seek to promote conservation and development along broad and national lines.

CANADA AS FIELD FOR INVESTMENT

GERMANS ARE TURNING ATTENTION TO DOMINION

Special Press Correspondent Will Make a Trip to the Pacific Coast.

Regina, Aug. 22.—Kurt Koecher, special correspondent of a combination of Liberal newspapers in Germany, known as the Associated Press, spent yesterday in the city and left during the evening on his way to the principal towns of Alberta and British Columbia. Thence he will proceed to Idaho and South Texas, east to the cotton growing states and north to New York, whence he will embark for Germany early in November. Mr. Koecher was deputed to make such extended inquiries as the time at his disposal permitted with regard to Canada as a field of investment for German capital. He expressed great interest in many phases of western growth. German capital, he said, contemplated a considerable outlay to the enterprises of the Dominion, and it was partly on this account and in part to investigate cotton growing in the States of America that he was making the tour.

EXCITING EVIDENCE.

Head Nurse of Rock Bay Hospital Had Two Narrow Escapes From Drowning.

Vancouver, Aug. 22.—After being lost half the night on the waters between Shoal Bay and Rock Bay, Miss Franklin, head nurse of the Rock Bay hospital, was dropped from a log boom into sixty feet of water by one of the men who rescued her from a drifting skiff. Rescuer and rescued came to the surface and clung desperately to a log until they were fished out and taken ashore.

Passengers by the Cassiar to-day from the north reported that Miss Franklin and another young lady went out last Monday evening in a rowboat with a young man named Henry. A short distance from Rock Bay Henry was unable to propel the boat against wind and tide and hours afterwards lost his bearings in the darkness. About midnight the party was rescued by Joseph Fisher's launch Cruiser, it was when landing at Rock Bay that Miss Franklin and her rescuer fell into the water.

TRADE PROSPECTS OF STEAMSHIP LINE

British Columbia Coast Company Will Commence Sailings Under Happy Auspices.

But rarely will a marine enterprise have commenced under happier auspices than those which invest the B. C. Coast Company, which will start operating vessels on this seaboard within the next few weeks. With freight offering for a year's time, with the vessels operating upon a trade route where the traffic is increasing by leaps and bounds, there is every reason to believe that this essentially local enterprise will be attended by immediate success.

As already noticed in these columns, the setamer Transit, which has been chartered by the B. C. Coast Company, is now on her way to these waters. She left Japan on August 9th, and is expected to be signalled from the Columbia river bar on Saturday. It was at first intended that she should proceed to Portland to discharge a cargo of coal for the Pacific Coast SS. Company. Instructions have now been sent to the Columbia river bar to order her to make for Seattle, as the Pacific Coast SS. Company is experiencing a considerable shortage of fuel at that point.

At Seattle the Transit will remain for about five days discharging coal. She will then proceed to Vancouver, and may call at this port en route. At the Terminal City she will load with a cargo of construction freight, which will be taken to Prince Rupert for the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company. This operation, it is expected, will occupy her about a fortnight, after which time she will load with a cargo of lumber from British Columbia ports for Mexico for the immense railway construction which is now being carried on along the western seaboard of the southern states.

The second vessel which has been chartered by the company, the Thordis, is still in Chinese waters, but is expected to leave for here in a couple of weeks' time. She will be in these waters to take up her sailings on the new trade route on approximately October 1st. Neither of the vessels will sail on a regular schedule, but go wherever the cargo is offering. They are both steamers of 3,000 tons, with a capacity of 2,500 tons dead weight.

To-day Captain Foelimer leaves for Seattle, where he will take charge of the Transit on her arrival on behalf of the charterers.

MINERS FOR IRON RANGE.

Eleventh, Minn., Aug. 22.—Eight coach loads of strike breakers arrived here last evening, and it is expected that they will all go to work to-day at the Adams Spruce mine. As this mine had approximately 5,000 men at work on Monday, the arrival of the recruits will mean that the mine will soon be turning out ore as before the strike.

WIDOW FOUND DEAD.

Police Believe She Was Murdered by a Rejected Suitor.

New York, Aug. 22.—In the death of Mrs. Lena Scham, a widow 29 years old, whose body was found in the bedroom in the rear of her flat, the Williamsburg police have another murder mystery on their hands. In this case there is evidence that the woman, who lived alone, was attacked by a man hidden in her flat when she returned from a picnic at Ridgewood Park Sunday night. That was the last time she was seen alive.

Mrs. Scham's neighbors became anxious, because they had not seen her about, and the police were convinced from the circumstances that she had been dead at least two days.

She was not known to have any admirers, although the police have a theory that some suitor whom she rejected or whom she made jealous committed the crime.

TRAWLERS TAKE RECORD CATCHES

FISH PLENTIFUL IN EASTERN WATERS

Fire Destroyed Elevator and Flour Mill---Loss Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars.

Sydney, N. S., Aug. 24.—From all sources comes reports of phenomenal catches of fish, and the indications are that the present season will be a record one on the fishing grounds. All of the Gloucester boats to call here so far have had a full catch and the French trawlers eclipsed all expectations. One of the latter vessels now in port, the Ladorne, had on board twenty-five hundred quintals, which makes a total catch for this one vessel alone up to the present of 4,300 quintals of fish. The Sacho is also in the stream with 2,700 quintals on board, a result of the successful efforts of the trawlers last year and again this season. The French concern which own the fleet of trawlers now prosecuting the industry in these waters will send four or more vessels of the same class to join the present fleet.

Destroyed by Fire.

Russell, Man., Aug. 22.—A flour mill and elevator which adjoined it, was gutted by fire last night, entailing a loss of over $25,000.

Winnipeg Clearings.

Winnipeg, Aug. 22.—Winnipeg clearing house returns for the week ending to-day totalled $11,337,947. In the same week last year the clearings amounted to $8,206,385.

Found Remains of Indian.

Calgary, Aug. 22.—While excavating for the approach of the new bridge across the Bow river this morning the workmen discovered the skeleton of the famous Stoney Indian, Black Deer. An old ex-mounted policeman who knew Black Deer at the time of the latter's sudden disappearance some seventeen years ago, identified the remains by trinkets and paraphernalia found on the skeleton. The remains will be given a big funeral by the Stoney tribe, whose reserve is forty miles west of Calgary.

BIG LAND FRAUDS IN CALIFORNIA

Some Sensational Disclosures Are Promised When Grand Jury Meets Next Week.

San Francisco, Aug. 22.—Most astounding land fraud exposures are promised as the result of the inquiries of the United States grand jury which is to convene next Tuesday.

Charles P. Snell, former land cruiser, now special agent of the department of justice, whose testimony was the mainstay of the government in obtaining the conviction of Millionaire Edward B. Perrin and John A. Benson, promises to go before the inquisitorial body and lay bare secrets which will bring the indictments of many in high places. He declares he knows and will reveal the names of those that supplied Benson with money.

It is known that a secret agent of the land department has been at work in California for several months gathering evidence that will be presented to the graud jury.

The grand jury was called by Judge De Haven earlier than usual, it is said, because Attorney-General Chas. J. Bonaparte urged United States District Attorney Devlin to ask immediate impanelment to consider these land frauds.

The operations of several large land owners and millionaires of California have been under investigation and the revelations, it is said, will be startling.

Dr. Edward B. Perrin and John A. Benson were not sentenced by Judge De Haven to-day.

The defendants filed motions for an arrest of judgment and for a new trial.

The maximum penalty for the crime upon which Benson and Perrin were convicted is two years in prison and fines of $10,000 or both, in the judgment of the court.

DRINK CAUSED TRAGEDY.

Soldier Wounded His Wife and Afterwards Ended His Life.

New York, Aug. 23.—Bernard Delaney, first sergeant of Company H, Sixty-ninth regiment, and assistant Brigadier of the armery, shot his wife in their apartment here this morning, and then killed himself. The woman may recover. Drink caused the tragedy.

VICTORIANS AT ONTARIO MEETING

RICHARDSON WON THE BANKERS' MATCH

Scores of Other Local Marksmen in Competitions at Long Branch Rifle Range.

Toronto, Aug. 22.—When firing commenced in the Ontario Rifle Association's meeting at Long Branch to-day conditions were more favorable to high scoring than on the opening day. The targets stood out well defined in good light, and while a fairly strong easterly breeze prevailed it was steady and did not interfere with shooting. Three competitions, exclusive of extra series, were decided during the day. They were Osler, Bankers and MacKenzie.

The leading scores were as follows:

The Bankers match—$20, Staff Sgt. Fred Richardson, 5th C. A., Victoria, 68; $15, Capt. A. Elliott, 12th, 68; $12, Sgt. S. W. Russell, G. G. F. G., 67; $10, Lt. H. C. Chamberlin, C. O. G., 66; $5, Sgt. Major J. Caven, 5th C. A., Victoria, 66; S. S. Brown, Edmonton, 66; Capt. W. Webster, 16th F. A., 65; Col. Sgt. Jas. Freebourn, 13th, 63; M. S. Youhill, 16th F. A., 65; Capt. W. H. Forest, 6th, D. C. O. R., 65; C. McLaughlin, 77th, 65; Lt. F. H. Dunham, 12th, 65; Sgt. H. Wellford, 90th, 65; Sgt. Holsworth, 12th, 65; Pte. George Milligan, 48th, 64; Sgt. Major W. Dymond, R. C. R., 64; Pte. W. Short, G. G. F. G., 64; Lt. W. H. Semple, 78th, 64; Lt W. G. Jeffreys, 48th, 64.

Osler match—$10, Pte. W. E. Patterson, 77th, 35; $7, Major N. R. V. Debury, R. M. C., 34; Corp. P. A. Davidson, 91st, 34; Lt. H. E. Smith, Q. O. R., 35; $5, Sgt. B. H. Gale, 43rd, 33; Pte. R. May, 15th L. H., 33; P. M. Sgt. D. Craig, 100th R. C., 33; Lt. W. C. A. Harvey, 15th L. H., 33; Pte. E. Elmes, 13th, 33; Pte. W. H. Nichol, 13th, 33; Sgt. S. Dawson, G. G. F. G., 33; Staff Sgt. H. Kerr, 48th, 33; Capt. J. Dover, R. L., 33; Gunner F. B. Fisher, 5th C. A., Victoria, 32.

Mackenzie match—$14, Staff Sgt. C. O. Nicholl, 13th, 35; Capt. W. A. McCrimman, 7th, 35; Pte. J. W. Smith, 24th, 35; Sgt. S. Dawson, G. G. F. G., 35; $5, Q. R. Sgt. John Phillips, 10th R. G., 34; Capt. W. Webster, 16th F. A., 35; Sgt. G. W. Russell, G. G. F. G., 34; Lt Chas Milde, 6th D. C. O. R., 33; Lt. N Smith, 24th, 33; Sgt. A. H. Stone, 13th, 33; Major W. Henderson, 4th, 33; Lt. A. J. Miklejohn, 43rd, 33; Major J. S. Thomas, R. L., 33; A. Scott, Seaforth Cadets, 33.

MATTER HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED

Conference on the Proposed Laying of Wires Underground Proved Abortive.

The conference which took place between the members of the civic light and telephone comittee and the representatives of the B. C. Electric Company in connection with the proposed laying of wires underground, last evening proved abortive, no agreement being reached. James Milne, general superintendent of the company at Vancouver, and A. T. Goward, local manager, were in attendance on behalf of the electric concern, R. H. Sperling, general manager, being unable to attend. The matter was discussed at some length but was finally left with the company to give it further consideration and investigation.

The main objection raised to the proposed change by the company is that the undertaking would involve large expense. The city council has, however, intimated to the B. C. Electric Company that the city is not looking for an immediate undertaking of the whole work. Should an agreement be reached the company will only be asked to change the wires on one street at a time, the whole undertaking to cover a considerable period.

The company has calculated that it will cost in the neighborhood of $15,000 to $17,000 a mile to lay conduits and place the wires underground, but this figure was not based upon an accurate calculation. The cost of conduits, and the other incidental expenditure necessary for the work, have yet to be estimated, and when this has been done the company will be able to give a definite reply to the city's request. The corporation officials have two very strong reasons for wishing an early statement from the company as it is desired to comence further street paving at an early date, and the conduits should be laid before this work is done.

Another reason is, that there are a considerable number of poles in places where boulevards will be constructed in the near future, and it will be necessary to remove these poles before the work is done.

STREET CARS COLLIDE.

Montreal, Aug. 22.—Beneath the demolished framework of two street cars which met in a head-on collision last night, Miss Mabel Bethune, a passenger, was pinned for twenty minutes, and her companion, Ewart McIlwrick, sat beside her for three-quarters of an hour before the members of the street railway wrecking crew could clear away the debris with crowbars. The collision occurred between a Notre Dame car and a special car. The vestibule of the Notre Dame car was demolished, and Miss Bethune and McIlwrick, who were sitting together behind the motorman, were both pinned beneath the framework. The dashboard and brake had bent over and hemmed in the young woman, while the wood work heaped over on her escort, pinning one leg so that he could not extricate himself. Neither was seriously injured.

Fire early this morning destroyed the malt house of the Duluth Brewing & Malting Company at Duluth. The loss is $50,000, covered by insurance.

BODY FOUND IN RIVER.

Remains of Young Woman Who Committed Suicide at Minneapolis Recovered by Police.

Minneapolis, Aug. 22—Policemen who had searched the river for two days found the body of Ida Frenette late yesterday a few feet below the steel arch bridge from which she jumped into the river on Monday night. The body evidently had not been carried by the current after the girl was dead, for it was found about thirty feet below the place where she struck the water.

Mrs. Frank Adamson, a sister of the dead girl, identified the body, which was turned over to relations after the coroner had been summoned.

Neither friends nor relatives can learn of any love affair in the girl's life that would cause her to take her life, and the theory is that thy suicide of Grace Adamson two years ago preyed on her mind.

DISEASE IN DUST.

Germs Disturbed By Automobiles Responsible For Death at Long Island.

Eastport, N. Y., Aug. 22.—A death here, directly attributed by physicians to latent disease germs in the dust raised by autos, has increased the hostility of the farmers and other living in the eastern end of Long Island against automobile owners. Early in the season many of the residents contracted a disease of the throat due to germs in the flying dust raised by automobiles. Characterized by chills, sore throats and nausea, it generally terminated in a few days, leaving the victim the same as before. The recent death of one of its victims, however, and the serious illness of others from the same malady have produced more antagonism against the automobiles than ever before existed.

PROSPERITY OF COMOX DISTRICT

DEEP COAL BORINGS MADE IN VALLEY

Extensive Logging Operations Being Carried on---Government Employees Dissatisfied.

The Comox district, of which the city of Cumberland is the centre, is one of the most flourishing parts of Vancouver Island, according to Robert Grant, M. P. P., who came down yesterday on the City of Nanaimo. The mines are working regularly, yet the demand for Comox coal exceeds the supply. The Wellington Colliery Company in which Lieutenant-Governor Dunsmuir is the principal shareholder, is about to erect eighteen new houses; twelve at Cumberland and six at Union Bay. These are for the use of miners and other employees of the company.

In the Comox valley about eight or ten miles from Cumberland, a Vancouver company is boring for coal on the Parkin farm. A depth of 1,000 feet has already been reached, and the company intends to go 500 feet deeper. Naturally the prospecting company is reluctant to tell the result of its work, but it is understood that there is good coad there. Gas, which burns like a candle, is coming from the hole, and this is a pretty sure indication of coal.

Although not quite as heavy as in former years, the crops in the Comox valley are prosperous and the farmers are getting good prices for everything. There is a general tone of prosperity everywhere.

Logging operations are being conducted at a good many points. The firm of Grant & Mounce, of which Mr. Grant is one of the members, has just secured a large limit near its mill. The Williams Logging Co., and a man named Doane are getting out a lot of logs just below Union Bay. Kilpatrick and Brydon are logging on Denman Island for their Courtnay mill, and Piercy Brothers and McFarlane are also operating on Denman.

Macdonald and Marpole of Vancouver, have had cruisers operating around the Trent river with the ostensible purpose of buying a large block in that district.

Speaking of labor conditions, Mr. Grant said that wages were very high in his district. Loggers that formerly earned about $2.50 a day now were getting from $4 to $5 a day. The Sikhs were a failure up there, only about three being left of the fifty who came in. Some Japanese have arrived, and in the absence of white labor they are the best workers that can be obtained.

The labor question is partly responsible for Mr. Grant's visit to the city. It seems that there is great dissatisfaction among the government employees in that district, who are paid only $2.50 a day, while everyone else is earning more. Mr. Grant intends to impress upon the government the advisability of increasing the pay of these men.

Mr. Grant, when discussing the game question, gave it as his opinion that the season for hunting should be shortened to open on October 1st instead of as at present. He also was inclined to favor a gun license, but he thought most of the miners in his constituency would be opposed to it. Grouse, he says, are fairly plentiful in the district, but pheasants are scarce.

Mr. Grant is staying at the Dominion hotel while in the city. He expects to return next Tuesday.

WARSHIPS ORDERED.

British Firm Will Build Several Vessels —Are Believed to Be For Russia.

London, Aug. 22.—A foreign government, supposed to be Russia, says the Chronicle, has awarded to a British firm of shipbuilders, a contract for several battleships, cruisers and gunboats. A record insurance of nearly $35,000,000 has been effected on the building and launching risks, the policies covering two years.

THE CONSERVATIVE LEADER'S SPEECH

COMMENTS OF THE TORONTO GLOBE

Nationalization of the Telegraph and Telephone Only Attractive Feature of Address.

(Special to the Times).

Toronto, Aug. 23.—The Globe, commenting on R. L. Borden's speech at Halifax, says:

"The only really striking and attractive proposal in Mr. Borden's address is with reference to nationalizing the telegrap and telephone. In Great Britain both the telegraph and telephone are part of the post office service, and it is so natural they should be that the change cannot be long delayed.

"Civil service reform was another of Mr. Borden's topics. That there are rivals connected with the filling of public offices will scarcely be denied. It would be wholly erroneous, however, to suppose that all difficulties vanish the moment the merit system is adopted and all promotions take place by seniority."

Montreal Views.

Montreal, Aug. 22.—Commenting on the Borden platform, the Star (Conservative), says: "He deals in hints rather than dramatically positive assertions. His platform contains several good ideas, but it is not too much to say that he appears to be a trifle afraid of handling them himself."

The Herald (Liberal) finds that in eight out of fourteen planks there is no new issue raised, and meets the proposal for government telegraph and telephones with the query "Why?"

The Witness (Liberal) devotes the entire editorial page to articles dealing with various planks, laying chief emphasis on the declaration for purer elections and expressing doubt of his ability to carry out the pledges, which are accepted as sincere. On public ownership the Witness does not think Mr. Borden can carry the party.

The Gazette (Conservative) approves, except for public ownership, concerning which it is doubtful whether the need has arisen for such action.

SHOT BY DEPUTY SHERIFF.

Bad Man Killed After Wounding the Officer With a Knife.

Tonopah, Nev., Aug. 22.—News was brought here last night from Arwood, in the Fair Play district, of a sanguinary encounter between a sheriff's posse and several hard characters. There was a fight, and the county was spared the expense of trying one bad man, who bit the dust in response to the crack of a deputy sheriff's gun. The dead man was Joe Lafleur, and the deputy who put the quietus on him is C. L. Emerson.

Lafleur, A. C. Barrows, Ben Reynolds, A. J. Smallwood and a woman got hilarious the other night and started to run the town of Arwood. They defied the authorities to come and get them. Deputy Sheriff Emerson and Deputy Sheriff T. M. Clark and Emil Wieland rounded up Barrows and Reynolds in a saloon kept by a woman, and put them and the woman under arrest.

Then Lafleur entered and defied the officers to arrest him. Emerson knocked him to his knees with a leather billy, but Lafleur arose, and, rushing on the deputy, stabbed him under the shoulder. Emerson grabbed the hand that held the knife. Lafleur had broke in the struggle and rushed at Emerson again with uplifted knife. Emerson by this time had drawn his revolver, and got the bad man with the bullet. Lafleur dropped, and expired in a few minutes. The crowd ran, but Barrows was subsequently captured.

The coroner's jury exonerated Deputy Sheriff Emerson.

MRS. T. F. RYAN HONORED.

The Pope Bestows Title on Wife of Financier in Recognition of Her Charities.

New York, Aug. 23.—Information has reached here from Rome that Pope Pius X. has bestowed the rank of countess on Mrs. Thos. F. Ryas, wife of the kell-known financier, in recognition of her charities and benefits to the church. The title, it is understood, was bestowed last December, but the fact did not become publicly known until now.

Mrs. Ryan's gifts to the church and to charity, it is stated, ran into millions. The bestowal of this rank is not the first favor she has received from the Vatican. Pope Leo XIII. granted her the dispensation of having a travel ing chapel. This is installed in her private car the Pere Marquette, and is the only one of its kind in this country. The only other one in the world belongs to the Queen Dowager of Spain.

NEW YORK BONDS.

Rate of Interest Will Probably Be Increased.

New York, Aug. 22.—The failure of the city of New York to dispose of its bonds even at private sale will, it is declared, result in an increase in the rate of interest. A special meeting of the sinking fund commission will be held to-day and the rate on the bonds probably will be raised from 4 to 4½ per cent.

A dispatch from Berne states that Francis Rea Macmillan, the American violinist, who was reported lost on Monday, is safe, and that no accident occurred.

Della Fox, the actress, is seriously ill at the Hotel Lincoln, Pittsburg, and may never be able to appear on the stage again. She is said to be suffering