

SNOWSTORM IN SOUTH ALBERTA

SCARCITY OF COAL ADDS TO HARSHNESS

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This is the center of the coal miners' strike and the scarcity of coal makes conditions severely felt.

SOCIALISTS WILL HOLD STREET MEETING

In Spite of Recent Convictions Are Determined to Speak in Open Air.

Vancouver, B. C., May 18.—After two convictions of Socialists within a few days for obstructing the public thoroughfare by street speaking, the second case resulting in the heavy fine of \$100 on the ground that the law had been deliberately disobeyed, the Socialists of Vancouver will again assemble at Carrall street corner to-night and address the public. This will probably be regarded by the police as a defiance of the recent court proceedings and the results may be specially interesting. The Socialists are supported in their course by the success of a mass meeting which was held in the city hall last night to protest against the alleged discrimination in which the magistrate was called anything but just.

REFUGEES WILL RETURN TO MESSINA

Authorities Urged to Take Action to Prevent Disorder.

Rome, May 18.—It is feared that the return to Messina of the refugees who have been supported in various Sicilian and Italian towns by the relief fund, will be marked with rioting and disorder.

The present population of the stricken city is 20,000 and the refugees who will return numbered about 15,000. There are but 6,250 huts in the city, and many of these are occupied by foreigners. An effort to secure government action to insure preservation of the peace probably will be made.

Yesterday the Roman earthquake relief committee paid the final grants to the Messina and Reggio refugees and closed up the temporary shelters. The sufferers now will be compelled to shift for themselves. During the period of activity the committee received \$202,765. For food, clothing, medicines and other charities, \$136,040 was spent. Hate costing \$30,000 were built in the destroyed cities. The surplus funds were turned over to the central relief committee.

CORPS DATES FROM BLUFF KING HAL'S DAY

Gentlemen-at-Arms, Body-guard of Sovereign, Celebrate 400th Year.

London, May 18.—Members of the King's bodyguard of Gentlemen-at-Arms, the most aristocratic military organization in the world, gathered in the banquet hall of St. James Palace last night for the 400th anniversary banquet of the organization. Among those who, as guests of honor, were present or represented by special envoy, were the Archbishop of Canterbury, Premier Asquith, Colonial Minister Crewe, and Lord Lansdowne, Conservative leader in the House of Lords.

The corps was founded by King Henry VIII, and admission into its ranks is an honor eagerly sought by army officers. None is admitted who has not attained at least a captain's rank.

It is the duty of the body guard to attend the King at all state functions. It is superbly uniformed and magnificently armed, but its actual military efficiency is minimized by the age of a majority of its members.

ENGLISH POLO TEAM BEATEN BY AMERICANS

London, May 18.—The Mead-Brook Long Island polo team yesterday defeated a team made up of Great Britain's best players at Hurlingham, by 8 to 4, and as a result English players fear the outcome of the contests in which the Americans are to compete next month for the American cup, a trophy that has been held by the Hurlingham club since 1888.

The Americans played a wonderful game. M. Waterbury and L. E. Stoddard each scored two goals, while H. P. Whitney and L. Waterbury scored one goal each.

TO INVESTIGATE MARINE DEPARTMENT

Colonel Gregory is Appointed to Go Into the Subject.

Ottawa, May 18.—Colonel F. B. Gregory has been appointed commissioner to investigate certain charges against Captain Gaudin, agent of the department of marine and fisheries, Victoria.

Certain charges have been made against Capt. Gaudin, agent of marine and fisheries for the Dominion in this province. These are somewhat similar in character to those which have been investigated by Judge Cassels at Ottawa in connection with other officials in the marine department, and relate to certain commissions he is alleged to have received.

Capt. Gaudin, who is one of the oldest officers of the department, and has asked for an investigation.

The department has acceded to the request, and an investigation will take place shortly.

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WILL CARRY CASE TO APPEAL COURT

Decides to Begin Serving Sentence While Awaiting Judgment.

New York, May 18.—Capt. Peter C. Hains, sentenced to from eight to sixteen years' imprisonment for slaying Wm. E. Annis, was taken to Sing Sing prison today. He decided not to appeal for a writ of reasonable doubt, going to prison and beginning his sentence while his case is being carried to the appellate division of the Supreme Court. In the event that he loses his appeal he will have a portion of his time already served by adopting this plan, while if he refused to go to prison he would be confined in the toms and still face his full term.

Hains was accompanied to prison by his father and brother.

Still an Army Officer.

Washington, May 18.—After sounding the sympathies of the army, line and staff today, it is apparent that although Capt. Peter C. Hains has been convicted of slaying Wm. E. Annis, there is little likelihood that the officer will be brought before an army board of inquiry because of the crime. Accordingly while Hains stands convicted and sentenced, and even while he serves his sentence he still will remain an army officer with the entry following his name, "detained by the civil authorities."

DAYLIGHT SAVING.

President Taft Will Be Asked to Begin Movement.

Washington, D. C., May 18.—One of the matters to be discussed at to-day's cabinet meeting is the question of more daylight. A delegation from Cincinnati, representing the national daylight association, yesterday called upon President Taft and requested him to begin a reform movement directed against the clock.

The idea of the movement is to begin the day two hours earlier during the summer time in order to give longer hours for afternoon and evening recreation. It is proposed that on May 1st, the clock shall be turned back two hours, the re-adjusted time to remain in effect until October.

BANNERS YIELD OF WHEAT PREDICTED

Favorable Weather for Grain in Washington, Idaho and Oregon.

Spokane, Wash., May 18.—With the fertile wheat fields of the inland empire soaked six inches from the surface by precipitation during the last two days, ground at greater depth dampened by snows, the weather turning warmer and the growing grain well started, jubilant ranchmen throughout the district predict the greatest wheat yield in years. Telegraphic report gathered today from sixty towns in eastern and central Washington, northern Idaho and Oregon, tell of a heavy "warm rain" in the past three days, giving fields sufficient moisture to last until fall seasons bring cooler weather.

Trops of fruit have been aided and with wheat, peaches, prunes, cherries, apples, pears and apricots will be harvested in abundance.

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STEAMER RUNS INTO ICE FIELD

DRIFTS FOR DAY AMONG BIG BERGS

Wind Veers and Opens Channel Through Which Vessel Proceeds on Voyage.

New York, May 18.—Passengers on the British steamer Voltorno, which arrived here Sunday, told of remarkable experiences with icebergs in mid-Atlantic.

On Sunday, May 9th, at three o'clock in the morning Capt. Harrison found that his vessel was completely surrounded by icebergs and floes. The engines were ordered slowed down and the Voltorno was so completely hemmed in that the engines were stopped and all of Sunday the vessel drifted as a prisoner with the ice.

"A wind blew at early the next morning and a channel was made through the ice, through which the steamer quickly fled to clear water. There was great danger during the ship's imprisonment of the bergs crushing the vessel.

The Voltorno carried 200 passengers and a large cargo of freight from England.

HENEY PUTS SPRECKLES IN WITNESS STAND

His Appearance in Calhoun Case Leads to Verbal Warfare.

San Francisco, Cal., May 18.—True to his declaration that he would be subject to the bars of the graft prosecution and invite a thorough investigation of its methods and its backers, Francis J. Heney called Rudolph Spreckels to the witness stand in the Calhoun bribery trial today.

The throwing down of the bars precipitated the demonstration anticipated and resulted in a verbal exchange between Heney and defence attorney, Earl Rogers, that was quieted only by the determined efforts of Judge Lawlor.

Heney, for the prosecution, took personal charge of the examination of Spreckels. Every phase of the present case including Spreckels' alleged conversations and conferences with persons connected with the prosecution or the defence, were laid bare. Nothing of discredit to the witness nor the prosecution, upon which the defence might seize, was brought out.

Heney broke the testimony, Attorney King for the defence, leaped to his feet and objected to the recording of the testimony regarding a conversation between Spreckels and President Cornelius of the Carmen's Union, on the ground that the prosecutor was choosing his questions and purposely skipping certain relevant questions.

"You know we can't contradict this witness," he added.

"I'll show you the way we are 'skip-ping,'" Heney hotly replied.

"I'm opening the way for you to ask this witness any question you want. You can review his life from the cradle up."

Here Rogers interrupted with the quiet query: "You don't expect us to accept the repetition of these conversations do you?"

Heney leaned from his chair, moving toward Rogers and shaking a pointed finger as he walked, he shouted at the top of his voice:

"When a witness goes on the stand he is expected to tell the truth. Now you come in with your dirty insinuations."

At the court's emphatic intervention Heney ceased his outburst and resumed his seat. Rogers ventured no reply, nor did one of the attorneys who were lined up on the side of the defence.

Calhoun appeared today in the court surrounded by an escort of two bodyguards, his secretary and a clerk.

WOMAN FINDS OLD WILL WHICH BEQUEATHS \$100,000 TO HER HUSBAND.

Denver, Colo., May 18.—Horace Crow Hosford and his wife are to-day on their way to Rulo, Neb., where a fortune of \$100,000 awaits them. Yesterday they were penniless. Hosford, instead of being disinherited, as he believed himself, suddenly found that he was wealthy when his wife opened an old suit case and found a packet of papers given her by her father-in-law upon her marriage, with instructions not to open it until after his death. She had forgotten the papers. When opened the packet was found to contain the elder Hosford's last will, re-writing his son.

Mrs. Hosford is the daughter of the late Carl Youngerman, a millionaire of Des Moines, Iowa, and her marriage to Hosford was bitterly opposed by her parents. Mrs. Hosford was cut off with only a nominal sum by the will of her father. Mrs. Youngerman and her daughter became estranged upon the marriage of the latter to Hosford, and Mrs. Youngerman now resides in Los Angeles.

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Washington, D. C., May 18.—Walter E. Clark, of Connecticut, was nominated for governor of Alaska by President Taft today. Clark is Washington correspondent of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer and the New York Sun.

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St. John, N.B., May 18.—Rev. Robert Johnson, pastor of the American Presbyterian church at Montreal, addressed the Evangelical Alliance yesterday. In reference to Canada's immigration problems he said he would favor throwing Canada open to the people of all nations. He would admit Japanese, Chinese and Hindus without restriction. In the discussion following none of the members agreed with Mr. Johnson.

ELECTION PROTESTS.

Ottawa, May 18.—It is understood that all election protests entered will be dropped with the exception of Ontario, namely, West Peterboro and North Lanark.

CHARGES AGAINST ABDUL HAMID

YOUNG TURKS WILL JUSTIFY ACTION

Constantinople, May 18.—Convicted that the deposition of Abdul Hamid can be justified in the eyes of faithful Mohammedans only by his trial and conviction on specific charges, the Young Turks today are considering the filing of official allegations of misconduct in office. Details of the trial which logically would follow also are under advisement. According to the best information the charges brought against the former sultan when he was deposed will be presented formally in a charge. Among these probably will be:

That he eliminated certain clauses in the Book of Sheriat, or Sacred Law.

That he diverted public money into his own pocket.

That he was responsible for countless unjust executions.

That he swore twice to support the constitution, and each time violated his oath.

That he instigated the recent mutiny, and provoked disorders that resulted in the massacre of thousands in Asia Minor.

It is not thought that the Young Turks will cause a death sentence to be passed upon their former monarch. They have no desire to go down in history as regicides. Also, the incurable disease that has shattered the former Sultan's health lately has made rapid advances according to those who have accurate information and his death at any time would occasion no surprise.

It is stated that the calm Abdul maintains is the calm of stupefaction and not that of resignation. He is said to be subject to frequent fainting fits and often goes for several nights without sleep. In event of his early death, it is probable that the charges will be filed and acted upon to justify the deposition.

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Czar's Hand Believed to Have Been Forced by Recent Agitation.

St. Petersburg, May 18.—The Czar, yesterday ordered the release of Admiral Nebogatoff and General Stoessel, who were confined at Fortkm. Peter and Paul, under sentences of life imprisonment.

Nebogatoff surrendered his fleet to Admiral Togo and Stoessel surrendered Port Arthur during the war with Japan. They were tried for cowardice and imprisoned for life after the close of the war.

Stoessel is believed to be dying and Nebogatoff is very sick. While the illness of the pair was given as the reason for the Czar's pardon, it is known that popular agitation along other lines had certain bearing upon the case.

There has been an unusually strong undercurrent of unrest for some time and the imprisonment of the officers was used as a shield by certain agitators.

Another line of attack made on the government is criticism over the recent appropriation of \$8,841,000 for improvement of the army while no steps have been taken for the relief of the thousands of persons who are starving to death in the Klet district. Disasters are reported every day telling of frightful famine conditions in that district, but as yet no action has been taken by the government.

HON. W. PUGSLEY WILL VISIT COAST

Ottawa, May 18.—Hon. W. Pugsley expects to go through to the Pacific coast on an inspection trip of public works under construction, and will view a view to ascertaining what is needed for next year.

Solicitor General Bureau will also make a tour of inspection of penitentiaries, going through to Victoria.

CANADA'S TRADE IS IMPROVING

Ottawa, May 18.—April's trade amounted to \$35,000,000, an increase of over \$4,000,000 in the year. The imports amounted to \$25,500,000, an increase of \$2,500,000, and exports \$12,000,000, an increase of \$1,500,000. The customs duty totalled \$3,800,000, a betterment of \$500,000.

EIGHTY FRENCH UNIONS VOTE TO STRIKE

Paris, May 18.—Eighty unions at noon today voted to join the striking postmen and telegraphers. The membership of the organizations numbers thousands of workmen. They are awaiting orders to walk out.

SENTENCED TO DEATH.

Edmonton, May 18.—Gary Barrett, charged with killing Deputy Warden Stedman, of the penitentiary, has been sentenced to hang on July 14th.

PLANS COMPLETED FOR SEATTLE REGATTA

Sound City Preparing to Entertain Several Hundred Yachtsmen.

Seattle, Wash., May 18.—Final plans for the Seattle yacht and power boat regatta were completed by the committee of the Yacht and Motor Boat Association of Seattle last evening. The regatta will be held from June 26th to July 10th. Arrangements have been made for entertaining several hundred yachtsmen, representing nearly every American port on the Pacific. President Taft has ordered that foreign yachts which visit the city during the races may be entered in American waters without payment of the customary dues. In addition to the races which have been planned, the visiting yachtsmen will be entertained by excursions, barbecues, banquets and a ball to be held at Leach's park.

Beginning on June 26th a squadron cruise in two divisions will be made to Bellingham. On the arrival in that city the yachtsmen will be entertained by the Bellingham Yacht Club. On the following day the entire squadron will cruise to Vancouver, and on June 28th all boats which have not been measured will be prepared for the 225-mile race to Seattle. The stay in Vancouver will be marked by entertainment under the auspices of the Vancouver club. On June 29th at 8 o'clock the race to Seattle will be begun. Seventy-five entries have been received for this event.

On July 3rd and 4th the races between the American yacht Spirit and the Canadian Alexandra will be sailed in the morning, and in the afternoon on Lake Washington. The first of the world's championship motor boat races will take place.

SEVEN MEXICANS KILLED DURING STORM

Met Death While Asleep in Their Tent—Property Loss Heavy.

Uvalde, Texas, May 18.—Caught asleep in a tent in their camp several miles south of this city, seven Mexicans met death during the terrific hail storm that swept this section late yesterday, according to advices which reached here today. It is believed that others in the outlying country were killed.

Yesterday's storm was one of the severest ever experienced in this section. Enormous hailstones fell for nearly an hour and untold damage was done within a radius of miles from this city. Reports from neighboring towns are meagre.

GUARDING CANADA AGAINST FRUIT PESTS

Additional Inspectors to Be Appointed Along Boundary.

Winnipeg, May 18.—J. H. Ruddick, cold storage commissioner, is here on his way to appoint a number of inspectors along the boundary to see that the United States fruit importations are up to the standard under the new stringent Canadian regulations.

Mr. Ruddick controls the disbursement of subsidies paid to large cold storage plants and is in receipt of a request from a firm in Victoria which contemplates building a large plant.

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