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## MINERS ENEMIES CLEARED OF BLAME

Open Verdict Given by Jury After Investigating Panic at Calumet Which Cost Seventy Two Lives.

Calumet, Mich., Jan. 2.—An open verdict, including a finding that the Christmas eve panic, which cost 72 lives in Italian Hall, was caused by an alarm of fire raised within the hall was returned tonight by the coroner's jury, which for three days has been hearing the evidences of participants in the disaster.

Every allegation that enemies of the Western Federation of Miners were responsible for starting the panic or in any way hindered the work of rescue was rejected by the six men in an unanimous conclusion.

The taking of testimony ended shortly after midday, and it was well along in the afternoon before consideration of the testimony was begun. The jury wrestled with their problems for six hours.

"By the evidence of the witnesses we find that the cause of death was suffocation caused by being jammed on the stairway leading to the entrance of Italian hall, where a Christmas celebration was being held under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary of the Western Federation of Miners," the verdict said. "The stampede was caused by some person or persons unknown to the jury at this time raising an alarm of fire within the hall."

The jury decided the evidence showed that only those possessing union cards or vouchers for by some member of the union were allowed to enter the place. Rejection of the charge that deputy sheriffs, mine guards, and company doctors had held back would-be rescuers was contained in a paragraph commencing the work of the men who cleared the stairway.

An intangible note of optimism developed in the strike situation today. John B. Denmore, of the federal department of labor, said he had been encouraged; Congressman W. J. MacDonald, who is pressing a resolution for a congressional inquiry, said there was a rift in the clouds, and attorneys for the Western Federation of Miners thought that a way of settling the difficulty might be found soon. In company circles also there were more cheerful countenances in evidence.

## EAGLE OFFICERS WERE INSTALLED LAST NIGHT

The new officers for the current term were installed at last night's meeting of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. The ceremony of installation was performed by Deputy Grand Worthy President, Jas. R. McKinnell assisted by Deputy Grand Worthy Conductor, Deputy Grand Worthy Secretary Ross, and Deputy Grand Worthy, Inside Guard Jos. Booth the officers being as follows:

P. W. P. W. E. Rummung, President—J. Sullivan.  
V. P.—Handlen.  
Chaplain—H. L. Horne.  
Rec.-Sec.—C. Rawlinson.  
Fin.-Sec.—F. J. Stappard.  
Treas.—Thos. Cunningham.  
Conductor—H. P. Hocking.  
Physician—Dr. Drysdale.  
Trustees—J. Booth, J. G. Ross, Jas. R. McKinnell.

**WORKING GIRLS MEET**  
New York, Jan. 2.—More than 700 working girls yesterday attended the house-warming of the new club house of the vacation savings fund of the National Civic Federation. Miss Anne Morgan, one of the leaders of the vacation committee, said that it was hoped to make it a place of recreation for those of the 14,000 girls who are depositors to the vacation fund, and who are taxpayers. A tax payer, she explained, contributed \$1 yearly to the support of the house.

**PRINCE AT CLERICAL WORK**  
Berlin, Jan. 2.—The Crown Prince today begins clerical work in the room the great Von Moltke used occasionally. He will do the ordinary routine copying, etc., undertaken by young officers. He is already a skilled cabinetmaker and spends much of his leisure time making furniture.

## PYTHIANS HELD A BIG MASQUERADE

The big Masquerade Ball given on New Year's night by the local Temple of Pythian Sisters was an immense success in every particular. The prize winners were as follows:

Best Dressed Lady—Mrs. Ross.  
Best Dressed Gentleman—Mr. H. Eate.  
Best Flower Girl—Miss H. Jolly.  
Best National Costume—L. Powers.  
Best Sustained Character—Mrs. W. J. Ferguson.

Best Comic Character—W. Welsh.  
Best Comic Group—Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Rivers, Mrs. Quaggan, Mr. Harrison Mr. Aitken, Mrs. Perry.

The Pythian Sisters in the last group kindly returned their prizes to be given as special prizes, and these were awarded to Miss Johnston, (flower girl), Mrs. R. Russell (Indian girl), W. Marwick and Dyon Hirst.

### WAS HONORED

London, Jan. 2.—Mr. G. C. Casella yesterday assumed control of the London branch of the Bank of Montreal. Sir Frederick Williams Taylor, manager of the London branch since 1906, upon retiring, was presented with a silver service by the staff. Sir Frederick is spending a few days with Lord Roseberry at Dalmeny.

Mrs. Jessie Sutherland, of New Westminster, is the guest of her son Mr. C. A. Sutherland, Albert street.

## CANADIANS IN NEW YEAR HONORS

Two Lieutenant Governors Made Knight Commanders of St. Michael and St. George.

London, Jan. 2.—Canadians remembered in the New Year's honor list were:

Knight Commanders of St. Michael and St. George: Sir Francis Charles Stanislaus Langelier, Lieut.-Governor of the Province of Quebec; Douglas Colin Cameron, lieutenant governor of the Province of Manitoba.

Commanders of St. Michael and St. George: Charles Jerome Jones, I. S. O., assistant secretary to the governor-general of Canada; Aubrey White, deputy minister of lands and forests, Ontario.

Knight Bachelor: Hon. Horace Archambault, chief justice of the court of King's bench, Quebec Henry Kelly Egan, Ottawa.

Prof. Ernest Rutherford, director of the physical laboratories at the University of Manchester also receives a knighthood. Sir Ernest is an Australian by birth, but is very well known in Canada, having been for several years connected with McGill University, Montreal. He is one of the world's greatest authorities on radium and radio-activity.

In addition to the Canadian list, Lord Chief Justice, Mr. Alexander Ure, Lord President of the Scottish Court of Sessions; Sir Charles Cripp, Unionist member of parliament for Buckinghamshire, and Sir Harold Harnsworth, a brother of Lord Northcliffe, are raised to the peerage.

Mr. Courtenay Walter Bennett, British consul-general at New York was created a knight.

The single appointment to the order of merit goes to Sir Archibald Geikie, ex-president of the Royal Society. Literature and the arts are rather conspicuously neglected, the only noticeable names being Mr. James Bryce, the former British ambassador at Washington, who becomes a viscount; Sir Archibald Geikie, Mr. Owen Seaman, editor of Punch, and Prof. Rutherford.

Commerce is largely represented, and there are rewards for political service as well as numerous distinctions for naval and military men.

Mr. W. Beardmore, head of the well-known engineering and ordnance firm, becomes a baronet and Lord Emmett is promoted to G. C. M. G.

The honor list is generally regarded as tame and uninteresting. The Daily Citizen, under the headline, "Nomenclature as Knights," and



THE MOTORCYCLE DISPATCH RIDERS OF THE ORANGE ARMY

This picture shows a review of the men training to carry war dispatches who will be used in case Sir Edward Carson and his army of men from the North of Ireland are called upon to resist the enforcement of the proposed Home Rule Bill. They are equipped with fast motorcycles and many of them come from the best families of Belfast. Their wives, mothers, and sweethearts are looking from the grandstand.

### HORSE FAILS

**SCULPTOR INJURED.**  
Roslyn, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Charles Cary Rumsey, a sculptor, who married Miss Mary Harriman, daughter of the late E. H. Harriman, in 1910, was brought to his country home near here yesterday suffering with painful injuries received while fox hunting in Virginia. Rumsey has a broken collar bone, severe cuts above his eyes and painful bruises. Rumsey's horse failed at a stone wall.

## ASSIZE COURT OPENS MONDAY

Stage Being Erected in New Westminster Court Building for Accommodation of Accused Miners.

New Westminster, Jan. 2.—When the assize court resumes on Jan. 5, the court room will present a novel sight. A stage is being erected, on which the accused in some of the Vancouver Island strike trouble trials will be seated.

This stage is being built in three heights, accommodations for a certain number of men being arranged on each tier. The structure will take up all the space on the eastern side of the court room, between the door giving entrance to the public portion and the entrance for counsel. When the trial of Anderson et al. commences, 37 defendants will be seated on this stage. In other cases an average of 20 defendants will occupy the stage.

## SPAIN FACES A POLITICAL CRISIS

Madrid, Jan. 2.—Rumors of an other crisis are persistent in political circles. It is said that the present government, realizing the impossibility of governing without the support of the majority, will consent to a compromise by which General Azoraga, one of the ultra-conservative leaders, will head a new cabinet, with the understanding that Senor Maura, the real leader of the party, will assume the government in a short time.

Meanwhile the opposition, especially in the newspapers, is becoming more aggressive. The attorney-general gave orders today for the prosecution of a political weekly which has been printing sensational stories concerning the private affairs of prominent officials.

### ITALY AT PANAMA FAIR

Rome, Jan. 2.—Although the announcement officially had not been made, the Italian Government, it became known today, virtually has decided to participate, under certain conditions in the Panama Pacific Exposition at San Francisco.

### TWO NEW LINERS

Antwerp, Jan. 2.—The Red Star Line has ordered from Harland & Wolff, Belfast, two 32,000-ton double-stepped liners. It is also stated here that the Cunard Company will establish an Antwerp-Canada service next.

## POULTRY SOCIETY CANCELS SHOW

Nanaimo Poultry Society has Decided Not to Hold Any Exhibition This Year—Patrons Thanked.

For the first time in fourteen years the Nanaimo Poultry Society will this year forego its annual show. The regular dates on which the show would have been held in the ordinary course of events were Jan. 13, 14, and 15, but owing to circumstances which do not need to be related here the directors have decided to forego this year's show.

For the past fourteen years the Nanaimo Poultry Show has been a feature of the Island's Poultry exhibitions and the decision to hold no show this year will be learned with considerable regret. While deciding not to hold an exhibition this year the directors at the same time wish to thank the business men of the city and all others who have in the past contributed to the funds of the Society and in so doing materially assisted in making past years shows big successes.

**MOYER YET IN HOSPITAL.**  
Chicago, Jan. 2.—Whether Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, shared the hopes reported from the copper region of Michigan, that the strike will soon be settled, could not be learned from him today, as he declined to see reporters. Moyer expects to leave the hospital about the middle of next week.

Don't fail to procure your membership ticket for Arnold's Sunday afternoon concert in advance. No admission without it.

## PHANTOM BANDITS TERRORIZE FARMERS

Cannes, France, Jan. 2.—A further daring attempt at assassination was made last night by the criminals known as "the phantom bandits," who are infesting the country around Cannes. They fired two shots through a window of a large villa in the suburb of Ranguin belonging to a prominent Paris banker, and the bullets just missed two ladies seated at a table.

The bandits then disappeared, and no further trace of them was discovered, although the district swarms with detectives.

The terror inspired by these mysterious night outrages by the criminals, who recently killed a farmer and shot another, has attained such proportions that nothing will induce the peasants to leave their houses after dark. Doors and windows have been heavily barricaded everywhere in the vicinity, and the prevailing fear is spreading even among the foreign visitors in the winter resort. The police authorities believe the bandits form part of the gang which terrorized the district for years and whose operations were stopped about a year ago by the arrest of their leaders, who are now awaiting trial.

## CHINESE HEADS FELL THICK AND FAST

Peking, Jan. 2.—It is officially stated that 24,000 executions were carried out in the province of Sze Chuen alone in 1913. Most of those killed were robbers but a large number were political offenders. It is hinted by officials that the actual figures regarding the executions would largely exceed the estimate.

The customs collections at all ports during 1913 reached a total of approximately \$29,892,000.

### FISHERMAN DROWNS

Everett, Wash., Jan. 2.—Friends of Christian Schoyen have given up hope that he escaped death by drowning when he vanished from the deck of a fishing boat at Skagit Head on Christmas Day.

## PURCHASE SITE FOR DRY DOCK

Announcement Made by Government of Purchase at Esquimalt of Site for Four Million Dollar Drydock.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—An official announcement was made today by Hon. Robt. Rogers, Minister of Public Works that the Government had decided to purchase "Bullen" site on Lang Cave Esquimalt, for the construction of a new four million dollar drydock, capable of handling the largest ocean liners and Dreadnoughts afloat. Mr. Rogers has already given orders to prepare plans for the undertaking and engineers of the department are already at work on them.

The new dry docks will be 1150 feet long and will have 120 feet clear entrance. Forty feet depth of the sill at ordinary high water will have fifty feet depth at approach. Plans are being made with a view to the future and it is expected the new docks will be on a sufficiently large scale to accommodate the greatest vessels marine naval architects will design for many years to come. The announcement is regarded as having considerable significance at the Capital and it is believed that the government in building this drydock is carrying out one feature of the Borden naval policy.

## W.F.CO. ENDORSE THOS. R. STOCKETT

Directors Further Endorse Manager Stockett's Policy in Management of Affairs During Year 1913.

If any proof was needed to settle the rumors that have been set in motion by certain individuals in the hope of securing temporary advantage from their circulation the following telegram received New Year's Day by Manager Stockett of the Western Fuel Company is all that is required:

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 31 1913  
Thos. R. Stockett,  
Nanaimo, B. C.,

Directors wish you compliments of the Season and further endorse your policy in connection with the management of the affairs of the Company during year now closing and which they expect to be continued in the future.  
JOHN L. HOWARD,  
President.

## TWO KILLED IN THE GRANBY MINE

Phoenix, B. C., Jan. 2.—A fatal accident occurred at the Granby mine Wednesday afternoon when John R. Nelson and Angelo Catherine were struck by an electric motor and killed instantly. Nelson, who was a shift boss and Catherine, were at work in the No. 3 tunnel, thawing out some air hose. They were on the track and evidently failed to see the approaching motor, which was running at a good rate of speed. They were struck and ground to pieces under the wheels.

### MINERS MAY STRIKE

Johannesburg, Jan. 2.—A serious situation has arisen owing to a threatened general strike of the coal miners in Natal and Transvaal. Unless this is averted the coal supply in the gold mines will be exhausted within ten days and the railways will be seriously affected.

### HIGHER PAY.

London, Jan. 2.—With a view to making service in the regular army more attractive, the War Office has issued an order increasing the pay of commissioned officers and facilitating the promotion of non-commissioned officers to commissioned officers.

## SHACKLETON IS HERO OF MOMENT

Explorer Who Intends Making Trip to Antarctic Regions is Flooded With Applications

London, Jan. 2.—When Sir Ernest Shackleton announced his new Antarctic expedition last week he took offices in the West End of London and since that time has been receiving a constant stream of visitors, many volunteering to accompany him, while others offer all manner of unprofitable either to the expedition or to themselves.

One applicant, who has had experience in exploration, made a great hit by saying that he is a musician and master of several instruments. Musical talent is always welcome on such expeditions and one item to be included in the equipment of this one is certain to be one of the best gramophones obtainable, with a large number of records.

Experts agree that the main dependence for transport should be on dogs. Ponies are useful, but can not be taken up high glaciers and nobody knows what the surface is like on the shores of the Weddell Sea.

Sir Ernest says he will not take aeroplane sledges, or a special aeroplane unless they have stood the most rigid tests under Arctic conditions beforehand, probably in Canada. Another important point of equipment disclosed is sleeping bags. "We intend to have sleeping bags of young reindeer skin," said Sir Ernest, "enclosing a very thing, absolutely waterproof inner bag weighing not more than one pound. A new waterproof bag will be substituted as soon as one becomes coated with ice. It is possible that our sledges will be constructed of this metal tubing as strong as steel, but reducing the weight from sixty to thirty pounds, which means saving ten pounds weight on the ice, or the weight of twenty days' food for the party."

Sir Ernest and Lady Shackleton had an ovation at the Coliseum Music Hall New Year's eve, when he was recognized by the audience. He is the hero of the moment.

## PROGRAMME FOR ARNOLD ORCHESTRA CONCERT

The Arnold Orchestra gives another of its concerts tomorrow afternoon. The programme shows a fine diversity of numbers, and the performance should prove one of the best given. There is another trio for cello, violin and piano played by Messrs. Dyke, Owen and Arnold, while the vocalist will be Mr. Hyslop. Mr. Hyslop sang at the last concert and his return will be warmly welcomed. All those who intend to go to the concert should remember that it is necessary to have membership tickets to gain admission. The program is as follows:

Overture—Comedy-Drama (Lobart)  
Suite—"My Lady's Boudoir"  
(a) "Chiffon"  
(b) "High Heels and Buckles"  
(Luella Lockwood Moore)  
Trio—Serenade (Ch. M. Widors)  
Messrs. Owen, Dyke, Arnold.  
Song—"The Arrow and the Song"  
Mr. Hyslop (Belle)  
Shepherd's Dance from Henry Eighth (German).  
Solo for Trombone—"The Evening Star"  
(Tannhauser)  
Mr. C. Raine.  
"Glow Worm Kdyl" (Paul Linck)  
Selection from "Ermine"  
(Jakobowski)

### NAPHTHA DUTY FREE

St. Petersburg, Jan. 2.—The Emperor confirmed the ministerial decree permitting the import of foreign naphtha duty free.

The Dowager Duchess of Westminster is providing the newest thing in the way of entertainment for her house party at Combermere Abbey, where Hamel, the noted aviator has been engaged to give flying demonstrations. He has taken up the duchess and her guests and most of the family have taken flights, only the heir-presumptive to the dukedom being prohibited from taking the ship.