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DEEPENING OF ST. LAWRENCE FROM MONTREAL TO THE SEA WOULD COST TWENTY MILLION

Announcement by Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, in Commons—Vote Two Millions for New Ice-Breaker, to Replace One Lost En Route to Russia—Franchise Bill Furnishes Theme for Long Debate.

By Canadian Press.

Ottawa, April 23.—For three hours again today the franchise bill was under consideration by the house. An amendment proposed by Hon. W. S. Fielding to one of the clauses was under consideration the whole time. Mr. Fielding's amendment proposes that the returning officer shall be chosen from among certain public officials. Opposition members pressed the amendment.

The claim was made that the question was one, not of abolishing patronage alone, but of "re-establishing public confidence in parliamentary institutions." One opposition member, J. J. Denis of Joliette, further threatened that if the Fielding amendment were rejected, members on his side of the house would oppose the clause as long as they possibly could.

For Deeper St. Lawrence.

In supply in the evening, there was discussion on the St. Lawrence channel just before committee rose. It would cost another $20,000,000, Hon. C. C. Ballantyne said, to complete the proposed 35-foot channel from Montreal to the sea. In view of aerial transport possibilities, D. D. McKenzie suggested a 30-foot channel up to Port Arthur would be preferable.

Mr. Ballantyne said there were 29,000,000 cubic yards of dredging to be done in the St. Lawrence channel, curves also had to be widened. An item of $478,000 for dredging carried.

Replying to Mr. Dechane, Montmagny, the minister said he regretted the fact that the financial condition of the country would not permit of a partially built dredger being completed now, or any new dredger being built this year.

Grant for Ice-breaker.

A vote of $2,000,000 to provide for the construction of an ice-breaker to be used on the St. Lawrence River was also passed. It will possess 8,000 horsepower and will carry a complement of 90 men.

Answering to J. A. Robb (Huntingdon), the minister said his department had been trying for three months to trace the whereabouts of the ice-breaker, which was sold to the Russian government, after costing $1,000,000. It was to replace this vessel that the new one was being built.

Desertions from Montcalm.

Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, minister of marine, was sharply questioned in respect to desertions from the Montcalm when she was on her way to the Magdalene Islands with food. Captain Power, of Quebec South, complained that the men had not been given a hearing. It was using harsh words to call them deserters. He was informed that they had gone for a walk on the ice and could not return because of a break in the ice.

"They did go for a walk and a long walk," warmly replied Mr. Ballantyne. "They had no intention of coming back. I cannot find words strong enough to express my feelings on the action of the men. The vessel was on an errand of mercy, taking food to people on the verge of starvation, and they deliberately left their ship." Had they been in the army at the front they would have been shot.

Government Business First.

On the motion of Sir George Foster, the house this afternoon passed

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CLASHES A FEATURE OF PENSION HEARING

Col. C. G. Davis Refuses to Discuss Appointments—Later, Withdraws Statement.

FAVORS PRESENT SYSTEM

Ottawa, April 23. — (By Canadian Press.) — This afternoon's session of the special committee on pensions and re-establishment was featured by a clash between Col. C. G. Davis, director of medical services department of soldiers' civil re-establishment, and several members of the committee. Col. Davis, who was a witness at the morning sitting, was recalled at 4 o'clock, when the committee resumed. Before giving any evidence, he read a statement in reference to appointments to the medical staff of the D.S.C.R., in which he informed that committee that the head office at Ottawa was solely responsible for appointments. He had no objection to discussing any matters of policy in making appointments, but he would refuse to discuss matters in connection with the appointment or

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This is going to be a record hat selling day at Dineen's, 140 Yonge street, where values and variety of styles are positively superior to anything ever offered at this well known house. There are hats by the foremost makers in England, Canada and the United States, all in the season's latest styles and a truly representative display.

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GOODS FROM U. S. WILL COST MORE

Montreal, April 23—Notices were sent out today by all United States Railways sending goods to Canada, that on and after May 1 next, all consignments of goods to Canada must be prepaid in United States funds.

This will be an advance of ten per cent. on all goods imported from the United States to Canada.

RAILWAY MANAGERS WILL NOT MODIFY THEIR ULTIMATUM

Strikers Determined to Hold Out Unless Seniority Rights Are Conceded.

NO SETTLEMENT YET

New York, April 23.—Refusal of the railroad heads to modify their ultimatum to the strikers and the equal determination of the latter to hold out for seniority rights, tonight virtually destroyed all hope of an early and complete settlement of the railroad labor difficulties in the Metropolitan district.

A statement today by J. J. Mantell, spokesman for the railroad general managers' association, that "intercession by all the mayors of cities in the east could not alter the railroads' position," apparently did not discourage strike leaders. Tonight, after a meeting in Jersey City, the strikers placed hope in the meeting of the mayors of New Jersey in Atlantic City tomorrow, at which they expect a resolution will be passed urging the roads to extend the ultimatum and grant the men seniority rights. A strikers' committee, it was announced, also would call on Mayor Hylan tomorrow to enlist his aid in their behalf.

"As far as I can determine," said Edward McHugh, chairman of the strikers' executive committee," the men will remain out until some assurances are given that they will be taken back in regular order. The only asset a railroad man has is his seniority right, which belongs to him and costs the company nothing."

McHugh tonight gave the following

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CARLOAD OF WHISKEY SEIZED IN CHATHAM

Chatham, Ont., April 23—(Special).—License Inspector T. M. French and High Constable Peters at noon today seized a carload of whiskey at the C.P.R. freight sheds, the value of which is placed at about fifteen thousand dollars. The owner of the valuable cargo is unknown, as ex-Alderman Sam Kovinsky, a junk dealer of this city, whose name appeared on the shipping bill, has absolutely denied all knowledge of the booze. The liquor has been confiscated and was expressed to Toronto tonight.

SCHOOL FORMS SAFETY LEAGUE

Older Boys of Kew Beach See Youngsters Safe Over Crossings.

The protection of school children crossing the roads has been taken in hand by the principal and teaching staff at Kew Beach School, and a Safety Control League has been formed. Since its inauguration the scheme has worked well, and no accidents have occurred. The mode of operation is as follows: A squad of senior boys, under a captain, is stationed at the crossings on East Queen street, from Woodbine avenue to Kenilworth avenue, at noon and closing time. Their duty is to conduct the smaller children across the dangerous crossings, and take note of speeding automobiles and drivers who ignore the speed regulations at passenger crossings.

HUGE MERGER WILL BECOME A REALITY WITHIN FEW WEEKS

Col. Morden Said to Have Practically Completed Tentative Arrangements.

HALF BILLION CAPITAL

Deal Will Be by Far the Largest Ever Worked Out in Canada.

Montreal, April 23.—In banking circles here reports are in circulation that Col. Grant Morden and his associates have completed tentative arrangements with practically all the concerns which will be included in the new big Canadian steel merger. It is stated that the whole deal will be arranged within the next two or three weeks and that there is a possibility of an official announcement regarding the big undertaking by May 1. Earlier estimates of a possible capitalization of $250,000,000 are now regarded as far below what it will take to swing the many big concerns to be included in the proposed deal and developments at the present time would indicate a total capitalization of an amount closer to $500,000,000. This would make the deal by far the greatest that has ever been planned or worked out in Canada and would indicate that it will be along the lines of the United States steel corporation. As a result the new British and Canadian concern will include in addition to the steel and coal companies, complete transportation concerns and shipbuilding undertakings.

LARKIN PRAISES COMMUNIST IDEA

Agitator, on Trial for Criminal Anarchy, Says Lenine Government is the Best.

New York, April 23.—Presentation of evidence in the case of James Larkin, Irish Labor leader, on trial in supreme court here on a charge of criminal anarchy, was completed late today. Court was then adjourned until Monday, when Assistant District Attorney Rourke will sum up for the prosecution, and Larkin, who is acting as his own attorney, will present his case.

Credentials which he claimed he received from the Irish Labor party here as its representative were introduced in evidence by Larkin, who conducted a redirect examination of himself after the prosecution ended its cross-examination this afternoon. The credentials were signed by the secretary of the organization, under date of Oct. 29, 1914.

During cross-examination Larkin declared that while he had never seen a copy of the program and manifesto of the Third Internationale of Moscow, he believed he would subscribe to its principles as he understood they were based on the doctrines of Karl Marx. He admitted he had advocated the stoppage of work in all industries, but explained that communists "do not think in terms of force and violence," but "in terms of intelligence." He declared the only government in the world at present which conforms to the communist idea is that of Soviet Russia which he asserted, "is the ideal government of the world today."

CANADA NOT OFFERED MANDATE FOR ARMENIA

Ottawa, April 23.—(By Canadian Press.)—Reports that Canada has been offered the mandate for Armenia are authoritatively stated here to be without foundation.

"The government has received no such offer," the Canadian Press was informed today, "and has certainly not intimated its willingness to accept any such mandate."

MUSIC TO RYAN'S EARS TO HEAR BEARS SQUEAL

New York, April 23.—The protective committee organized to safeguard interests of 58 stock exchange houses under contract to deliver Stutz Motor Car Company stock, tomorrow morning will seek authority to settle with Allan A. Ryan, at $520 a share, it was announced late today. Mr. Ryan is said to have agreed to settle at that figure last Wednesday, but later withdrew the offer.

WILL ADMIT LIQUOR FOR PERSONAL USE

New Brunswick Legislature Amends Bill Providing for Prohibition Plebiscite.

Fredericton, N.B., April 23.—By a vote of 22 to 18 the legislature late today adopted an amendment to the bill providing for a plebiscite on the question of prohibition that no vote shall be taken by the electors at the same time on the issue of forbidding the importation of liquor for personal use in the province.

The vote was not on party lines. Premier Foster, Hon. P. J. Venoit, Hon. Dr. E. A. Smith and most of the north shore members supported the amendment. The amendment means that the popular vote will be solely on the issue of prohibition as it exists now. The vote is expected to be taken in June.

TWO U. S. WARSHIPS RUSHED IN HASTE TO MEXICAN PORTS

Request Made for Protection of American Interests, But Reason Not Given.

MAZATLAN IN DANGER

Washington, April 23.—Two warships from the Pacific fleet were en route tonight to Mexican waters to protect American citizens and interests at Mazatlan and Topolobampo. They were despatched from San Diego today on orders from the navy department after a request for protection had come from state department representatives at those two Mexican Pacific ports.

A similar request came from the government agent at Frontera, on the gulf coast, but was not acted upon pending furter investigation of the situation there. The cruiser Sacramento is at Tampico, only a short distance away.

The exact situation at Mazatlan and Topolobampo was not known here. There had been no report of disturbances at either place, and latest advices said a federal force of 350 men, and two cannon had arrived at Mazatlan.

Sonora state forces, in rebellion against the Carranza government, are known to be pushing on towards Mazatlan, the most important Mexican gateway on the Pacific. This force is now well south of Topolobampo, but

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Legislation to Restrict Rents Demand of Manitoba Veterans

Winnipeg, April 23.—The provincial government, in a resolution passed Thursday by the executive of the Manitoba command of the G.W.V.A., is asked to immediately enact orders-in-council restricting house rent increases thruout the province, and to take action to prevent landlords from discriminating against tenants with families.

ARMENIA TOO BIG A LOAD FOR CANADA

Reports Circulated Apparently Designed to Influence Sentiment in United States.

Ottawa, April 23—(Special).—Recently, cable reports have credited the league of nations with a desire to place Armenia under a Canadian mandatory. The latest has gone so far as to attribute to Lord Curzon the statement that Canada was willing to assume this responsibility. So far there has been no intimation to Canada, either from Great Britain or the league of nations, that this country should become mandatory for Armenia.

It is believed that these persistent reports are being circulated to influence sentiment in the United States and to have that country assume some part of the burden of reconstruction in Europe and Asia. Canada, even if requested to do so, would not become mandatory for a country so distant and fraught with so many difficulties.

NEW YORK FUNDS UP

Settling for Canadian Losses in Stocks Explains Advance in Premium.

New York funds were quoted yesterday at a premium of 11 per cent., against 9¼ per cent. on Monday last The jump of two cents on the dollar is directly attributed by those who think they know to the heavy Canadian losses in the recent slump on the New York Stock Exchange.

DEAD BODY OF BABY FOUND IN A HALLWAY

In a hallway leading to an upstairs store at the corner of Dundas and Bathurst streets, the body of a stillborn baby was found last night, wrapped in a sheet of brown paper. The hall is usually deserted, and it was not until a lad was returning from an errand at 8 o'clock that the gruesome parcel was found. The police at Claremont street station are investigating the matter.

HASSAN'S FRIEND BRINGS NEW NAME INTO MURDER CASE

Selim States Nury Emin Disappears Shortly After Hassan's Death.

HAD MADE THREATS

The second session in the official inquest concerning the murder of Ramoden Hassan, whose body was found in the cellar of the premises at 159 Wolseley street last Saturday afternoon, was held last night at the morgue with Coroner Dr. Geo. W. Graham occupying the chair. Due to the fact that nearly all the witnesses are foreigners and consequently that their evidence has to be reinterpreted, the investigation is proceeding very slowly. The first witness called last night was Abraham Selim, a close friend of the murdered man, and to whose untiring activities his body was eventually unearthed.

Mr. Selim, who has lived at 159 Wolseley street, the scene of the crime, for upwards of four years, and who is employed by the Harris Abattoir, gave his evidence as follows:

On the morning of the date of the crime, which was on or about March 4th, as nearly as can be judged, he was preparing to go to his work, and on the way down to the kitchen to secure his breakfast he called to Hassan to get up as it was getting late. This was about 7.30 a.m. Hassan answered him and told him that he was going to get up right away, and so he proceeded to the kitchen where, according to his own statement, all that he had for breakfast that morning was bread and tea.

At the time of his leaving his boarding house, Hassan had to all appearances not yet arisen, and so he left him alone with Nury Emin, another roomer in the house, who had not been working for two or three weeks previous to this date. He returned to his boarding house about 4.30 in the afternoon and when he inquired after Hassan, Nury Emin, who was still in the house, stated that Hassan had had a phone call around eleven o'clock, and had left shortly after that hour with a small bundle of clothes, telling him (Nury Emin) that he would be back shortly, and not to lock the door. He

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NOTED JOURNALISTS COMING TO CANADA

Imperial Press Conference Will Be Held in Ottawa in August.

Montreal, April 23.—A preliminary list of the delegates who will attend the imperial press conference in Canada this summer has been received by C. F. Crandall, honorary secretary of the executive committee of the Canadian Press Association. There will be 31 delegates from Great Britain and 21 from the dominions. The main body of the visitors will sail from England on the Victorian and arrive at Halifax on July 25. Seven of the Australian delegates will come via Vancouver. The conference will be held in Ottawa on August 5, 6 and 7, and the delegates will tour Canada from coast to coast, the tour ending at Quebec about September 15.

Among those coming are: Viscount Burnham and Lady Burnham, Viscount Northcliffe, Lord Riddell, Sir Roderick Jones, K.B.E., managing director of Reuter's; Lord Apsley of The Morning Post; Sir Emsley Carr, News of the World; Sir Frank Newnes, Sir Harry Britton, K.B.E., M.P., chairman, Empire Press Union conference committee; R. D. Blumenfeld, Daily Express; Dr. Ellis T. Powell, Financial News; A. H. Watson, Westminster Gazette; Robert Donald, chairman, Empire Press Union, representing The Globe, Yorkshire Observer and other papers and proprietors, and representatives of Lancashire, Sheffield, Wolverhampton, Liverpool, Glasgow, Aberdeen, Leicester and Dublin papers. Representatives of papers in Australia, South Africa, Ceylon, Egypt, West Indies, Straits Settlements, the far east and India will also attend the conference.

INDUSTRIAL WORKERS ON STRIKE IN VIENNA

Vienna, April 23.—Industrial workers to the number of 70,000 went on strike here today, having failed to obtain the increase in pay they had demanded. The workers in the gas and electric plants and those having to do with the production and distribution of bread, milk and other necessities will continue at their tasks until Monday, when they declare they will join the strike if no settlement of the demands has been reached.

It is expected that the movement will spread to the provinces.

INDEPENDENCE OF ARMENIA DECIDED BY SUPREME COUNCIL; NO ONE WOULD TAKE MANDATE

ITALY ALOOF IF WAR WITH TURK

San Remo, April 23.—"You will have war in Asia Minor and Italy will not send a single soldier nor pay a single lire," said Signor Nitti, the Italian premier, in an interview today following a critical analysis by him of the Turkish peace treaty.

You have taken from the Turks their sacred City of Adrianople," said Signor Nitti. "You have placed their capital city under foreign control; you have taken from them every port and the larger part of their territory, and the five Turkish delegates whom you will select will sign a treaty which will not have the sanction of the Turkish people or the Turkish parliament."

BOTTLE'S VALUE DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON CLEAN LABEL

Whiskey Dead 'Uns of Well-Known Brands Enjoy Inglorious Resurrection.

BOOTLEGGERS' GAINS

Thrifty housewives can reduce the high cost of living by storing the empty bottles which dear husband has brought home full of whiskey, wine and other "stuff" obtained from the vendors—and other places not recognized as legal by the O.T.A. When a carload of these bottles has been collected, it is possible to obtain 65 cents a dozen for them f.o.b. Toronto. Before Ontario became partially dry, the same bottles could be purchased new for 15 cents per dozen. One word of warning, however, must be given, the labels on the bottles must be clean and good, or this price cannot be obtained for them.

As the government vendors of the stuff that makes the heart glad and the spirits cheer do not buy empty spirit bottles or take any in return, and as they sell many million of full bottles during a year, The World has for some time past been endeavoring to ascertain what is the ultimate fate of all the dead 'uns. These bottles have an almost spiritualistic existence — they are born, live a life of usefulness, become dead, and then come to life again. How many times this is repeated all depends on the condition of the label denoting the brand. Distillers using dark labels are the more favored, as they do not show the dirt so quickly as the lighter ones.

Established Exchanges.

When Montreal opened up, after the order-in-council preventing importation into Ontario was revoked, it quickly became evident that the Quebec city did not contain sufficient

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REJECT DISCUSSION ON LIQUOR QUESTION

I.L.P. Refuse to Consider Motion Protesting Referendum Before House.

Hamilton, April 23.—At tonight's meeting of the Independent Labor convention a resolution was offered that the branch go on record as being against the liquor referendum, now before the legislature, and the mover suggested that Hon. W. R. Rollo, who was present, be heard on the subject. This caused a mild protest, and a resolution was passed almost unanimously that there be no discussion on the liquor question.

A feature of the evening was a debate on city life, in which J. Roberts and R. Ram were opposed by J. Halcrow and H. Johnson. The latter pair won.

German Troops in Ruhr Reduced To Number Fixed in Treaty

London, April 23.—A note has been despatched to Paris by the German government, according to a Berlin wireless message received here, stating that the German troops in the Ruhr district no longer exceed the number stipulated by the peace treaty.

Boundaries Will Be Contracted to Better Enable Her to Take Care of Herself—Canada Might Have Been Offered Mandate for League if Funds Forthcoming — Greece to Administer Smyrna.

San Remo, April 23.—Armenia is to be created an independent state. This decision was reached by the supreme council of the allies today, because neither the United States nor any other power was willing to accept a mandate over the country.

The boundaries of Armenia have not yet been defined, and the new republic will probably be rather contracted, as it is believed that the smaller the country the more easily can it take care of itself, because if too many Turks are left within its confines they might overthrow the government.

The comment of those in close relation with the council is that the league of nations has been rather slightingly treated respecting Armenia. The council sent a somewhat vague letter to the league, asking it to take the mandate. The league executive, at a meeting in Paris, replied favorably, but called attention to the fact that it had no funds and no staff, suggesting that the council should authorize an international loan guaranteed by the powers composing the council.

It was pointed out that the new states ought not to be burdened with a large debt to begin with, and the council was also requested to eject the Turkish forces from the borders of the new state. These proposals have not been accepted by the council, which thus declines to avail itself of the league as a suitable mandatory.

Might Have Been Canada.

It is understood that if the league had been provided with money it might have arranged with neutral governments to exercise the mandate under supervision of the league. Among the smaller powers so mentioned are Canada, especially, and if Canada would not accept, then Sweden or Spain.

The council leaves Smyrna under the suzeralnty of Turkey, but places the city and province under the administration of Greece.

The Turkish treaty has been almost finished by the council. Premier Nitti gave his opinion of the treaty in the remarks he made to the council, saying: "I am constrained to tell you that this treaty to my mind is a more imperfect production than anything the peace conference has done."

In its discussions over relations with Russia, it is understood the council will not treat the subject as an allied question. It has already been decided that as the allies were not at war with Russia, each ally is free to have such intercourse or non-intercourse as it may deem fit.

Marshal Foch will dine with Premier Lloyd George tonight, and Mr. Lloyd George with Premier Millerand tomorrow evening. The council now hopes to leave San Remo on Monday next.

To Fix Definite Sum.

Paris, April 23.—The supreme council at its meeting Saturday will discuss the principle for the fixing of a definite sum of reparation in the German treaty, which David Lloyd George, the British premier, has been urging. The despatch adds that an accord is said to have been reached in many of the important points outstanding. The council also will discuss questions relative to the enforcement of the treaty of Versailles, and a reply to the latest German note will be considered.

GERMAN ENVOY AT SAN REMO.

Paris, April 23.—According to a despatch to The Temps, Herr von Herff, German charge d'affaires at Rome, has arrived at San Remo.

The Journal des Debats, which also announces Von Herff's arrival, says it is probable that he was called to San Remo unofficially to give information to the council, but adds that he will not enter into the direct discussions of the body.

MINERS ARE FIRM ON CLOSED SHOP

Ucompromising Also on Check-Off Clause and Recognition of Union.

New York, April 23.—Anthracite miners backed by the international organization stand uncompromisingly for complete recognition of the union, a closed shop and a standard check-off clause, representatives of the mine workers notified the operators at today's conference of the sub-committee appointed to negotiate a new wage agreement for the hard coal region.

The operators vigorously opposed the closed shop proposal on the grounds that it was "undemocratic" and illegal. They did not, however, indicate whether they would decline to grant the demand. The agreements in detail, could not be learned, as the session was executive.

Representatives of carpenters employed on construction work about the anthracite mines presented to the sub-committee today a communication in which they ask that a clause be included in the new wage contract divorcing them from the United Mine Workers, and giving recognition to the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners.

MONTREALER ELECTROCUTED.

Montreal, April 23.—Constable Beredurenpaye, of the city police force, was instantly electrocuted this afternoon when a high-power tension wire broke and in falling struck him on the back.

Communists in Control of May-Day Activities

Anticipations were fulfilled last night at the Labor Temple, when the specially convened meeting of the executive of the Toronto Trades Council, representing 30,000 trades unionists in this city, decided to withdraw its delegates from the May Day committee, on the ground that the committee was in control of the Communist party, and, therefore, not in consonance with the ideals of labor as functioning in Toronto and eastern Canada. It was pointed out that there was no objection to the Communists holding what views they might choose, but that they had no right to inject any control of views into the committee, of which they formed only a unit.

It is anticipated that the O.B.U. and one or two other bodies represented on the May Day committee will also withdraw delegation from this committee. The voting at various recent sessions of the committee has been controlled by the Leftist group, being in proportion of two to one. Jack Macdonald and Tom Mellilieu represented the Trades Council and Mrs. Joe Knight the O.B.U.

Bodies of Russian Royalty Buried Secretly at Pekin

Pekin, April 23.—Seven bodies, four of them said to be those of members of the Russian imperial family, have arrived in Pekin from Harbin, and were buried in the Russian cemetery outside the city wall. The whole proceeding was surrounded with the greatest secrecy, even the Russian legation receiving scant information of the circumstances.

The bodies were declared to be those of Grand Duke Sergius Michaelovitch; Prince Ivan, husband of Princess Helene, daughter of King Peter of Serbia; Prince Igor, brother of Prince Ivan; Grand Duchess Elizabeth, a sister of the late empress, and three servants, who shared the fate of these members of the royal family, when, it is alleged, they were killed and their bodies thrown down into a coal mine near Perm.

The discovery of their whereabouts was said to have been made by a commission appointed by Admiral Kolchak last summer.