

likely Contract Will Be Formally Awarded Within the Next Few Days

(From Wednesday's Daily.) The Pacific Coast Construction Company...

The bid of the Pacific Coast Company was \$2,288,000 and the lowest tender was \$1,777,777...

The work of erecting a retaining wall at Dallas Road is not being undertaken a moment too soon...

PROPOSED COMPULSORY INSURANCE OF WORKERS

Australian Government Favors the Scheme Now in Operation in Germany

Melbourne Oct. 5.—A far-reaching proposal for the insurance under compulsion of workers of all classes...

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BIG CEMENT PROJECT

New Westminster, Oct. 4.—According to those interested, the largest cement works in the world are to be erected on the Chilliwack river...

The property was discovered by Captain Pubbrook of this city some year ago and was examined last week by D. McKee...

WARNS INVESTORS

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DEAD BODY ON SHOTBOLT HILL

ELDERLY MAN SHOT IN BACK OF HEAD

Police Unravelling Mystery of Tragedy Discovered by Henry Martin—May Be Suicide

(From Monday's Daily.) The police of the city and the Oak Bay municipality are working to unravel a mystery arising out of the discovery yesterday of a body of an elderly man found lying dead and with a bullet in his head on Shotbolt hill, in the Oak Bay municipality.

Whether it is a case of suicide or of a murder is unknown, but the fact leads to the supposition that either hypothesis may be proved correct when the police have pursued their enquiries further.

The theory which leads to the belief that murder may have been committed is the fact that the bullet is still in the skull, lodged in the front lobe, and having torn a pathway through the brain from the point of entry at the back of the head.

Clutched tightly in the hand of the deceased, whose name is unknown, was found a revolver, which but for the fact that the bullet entered the rear of the head would lead the police to believe it was the murder weapon.

The body was discovered by Henry Martin, 30 St. Charles street, who was passing along the shore front and found the body close to McNeil's rocks. The city police were communicated with, and Detectives Hutchison and Handley went to the scene and took charge of the body.

Entirely without papers of any kind or jewelry by which the body could be identified, the police were baffled in their attempt to establish its identity.

From the state of the body the police believe the man has been dead for about two days. It is that of an elderly man, aged about 55 or 60 years.

The clothing was of good quality and the body was dressed in a very fashionable manner. In the clothes the detectives found four American ten dollar bills, and about four dollars in silver.

It is possible that the man had been killed, however he came by his death, may have come here from the United States. This belief is enhanced by the finding of an American money in the pockets of the body.

The Oak Bay constable has been making enquiries which have thrown no further light on the matter, other than the information gained by the city detectives. An inquest will be held to-morrow.

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The government called the first reserves to the colors to-day. It is believed this was done to test the loyalty of the troops.

The Republicans are fostering an insurrection. Armies have been established in secret places where arms and ammunition have been collected.

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FIFTY-ONE MEN ARE ENTOMBED

IMPRISONED BY EXPLOSION IN MINE

Escape Out Off by Fall of Earth—Afterdamp Retards Work of Rescuers

(Times Leased Wire.) Trinidad, Colo., Oct. 10.—Fifty-one miners are in a living tomb to-day at Starville, with absolutely no hope for their rescue alive save through a miracle.

All night long the workers toiled in the glare of acetylene torches and electric lights, to aid the imprisoned men, but the rescuers, impeded by afterdamp, were compelled to abandon their places at daybreak to save their own lives.

While the men worked in the glare of the flickering lights a temporary morgue was being prepared. Under the direction of the coroner of Las Animas county, deputies transformed a machine shop of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, owners of the mine, into a charnel house, while women relatives of the entombed men daily watched the ghastly preparations apparently unable to comprehend their significance.

The men in the "Old Stope" or eastern wing of the mine, which was destroyed by an explosion, presumably of fire damp Saturday evening, are in two blockaded chambers. One band has been located about two and a half miles from the mouth of the mine and the other a mile further on. There are six Americans and one negro among the doomed men. The remainder are Italians, Mexicans and Poles.

The main tunnel fills repeatedly with the deadly fumes, even though a large fan on a motor car frequently is sent in to clear out the gases. The explosion is believed to have occurred five miles from the mouth of the mine but the shock dislodged great masses of earth which splintered the stopes and shut off the escape of the men.

The only hope for the entombed men is to dig a way through the closed and gas-filled main tunnel or make their way to an old tunnel leading to the Engleville mine, which adjoins the Starville workings. Several years ago, during a fire in the Engleville mine, this tunnel was walled up.

Scores of workmen are now frantically tearing into the masonry with picks and small charges of powder in the hope of aiding the men to gain their freedom.

Throughout the night the helpless miners wandered from group to group of exhausted and resting workers, reiterating hopelessly "any news?" Always the answer was that rescue was impossible. Human life cannot exist in the gas-filled tunnels, the only hope being that the men found refuge in abandoned workings free from the fumes.

One Italian mother, crazed by the strain of watching and waiting, bade her eight children kneel in prayer. She was seized just as she prepared to plunge a knife into the heart of the child kneeling nearest her. Similar harrowing scenes occurred in other parts of the property, as most of the entombed men are married.

Working with the fan, the rescuers reached within a mile of the imprisoned men and State Mine Inspector Jones said he expected to reach the scene of the explosion late this afternoon.

"There is still a chance that the men are alive," he said. "There are many cross-cut airways in the labyrinth of the tunnels and it is possible that some of the men are in safety chambers. A discrepancy in the estimates of the number in the mine at the time of the explosion has developed. The company claims that it is 100 in the mine, while the miners declare that there were 90 men in the workings.

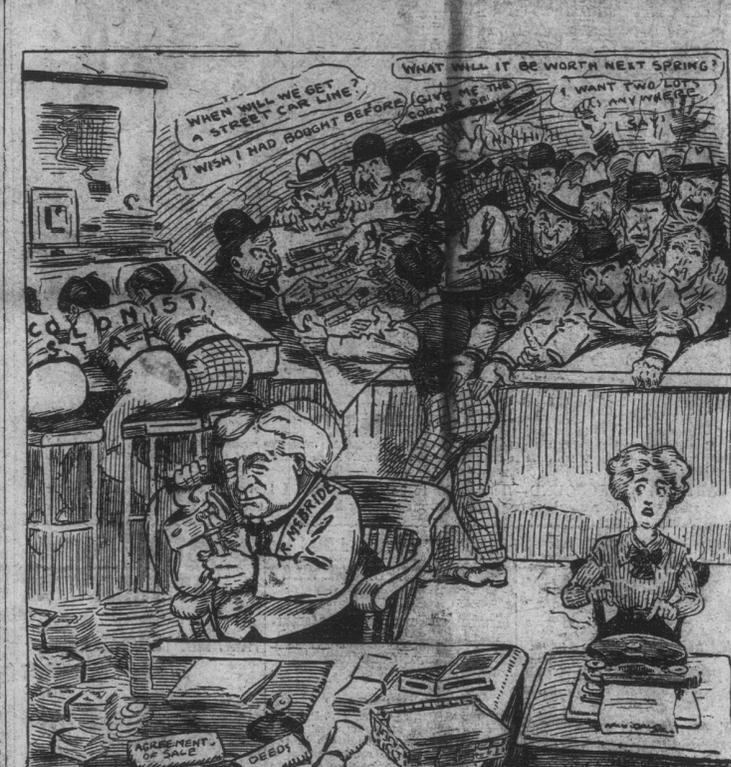
The miners assert that the dust was very thick and that three weeks ago the company began laying pipe to the farther stopes to allow the dust.

Anta Gonzales, wife of one of the entombed men, walked near a live wire with her infant. The baby seized the wire and was electrocuted. When told of the child's death the mother became insane.

TWO KILLED IN WRACK. Everett, Wash., Oct. 10.—The Great Northern Kansas City train at Skokholm crashed into a freight train, killing Engineer J. W. Miller and brakeman B. E. Wiles. Both were members of the freight crew. The accident was due to the fact that the freight train failed to entirely clear the main line.

SOLDIERS GUARD MINES. New Orleans, La., Oct. 10.—Honduran soldiers guard the mining properties of Americans at Amapala, according to a private message received here. It is expected that United States garrisons at Amapala will be withdrawn to the United States. The United States government will land marines to regain the properties. There is no evidence to connect the former president Bonilla with the present trouble.

TO SWIM SAN FRANCISCO BAY. San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 10.—Harry Hauley, a French swimmer, will make an attempt to swim across San Francisco Bay Thursday. Hauley has medals from the French government for swimming from Dunkirk to Calais, France, a distance of eight miles, which he covered in 6 hours and 30 minutes.



WHEN THE "ANNOUNCEMENT" COMES. (With Apologies to the Winnipeg Free Press.)

PATCHING UP RAILWAY PLAN

"ANNOUNCEMENT" MAY BE EXPECTED VERY SOON

Thought That Mackenzie & Mann May Run Trains Over Victoria & Sidney Line

(From Monday's Daily.) Strenuous efforts are being made to patch up some sort of a railway project to satisfy the people of Victoria and Vancouver Island. A week or two ago the Times gave a semi-official report on the proposals in regard to the route of the Canadian Northern railway, in so far as the negotiations had progressed at that time.

It was then proposed by the railway company to run the line from Fort Mann to Mill Bay, and construct the railway up the Cowichan valley, and going north of Cowichan lake, pass on to a point in the neighborhood of Nitinat lake. Then turning short to the right, the mouth would come out at a point near the mouth of Alberni Canal on Barclay Sound. Running powers were to be secured over a line which is to be built by the B. C. Electric railway from Deep Bay, until such time as the other line was constructed, and then Mill Bay would be connected with Victoria by way of Coltsdam.

Negotiations have been going on since that time, and the latest rumor is that the Canadian Northern railway will have running rights over the Victoria & Sidney railway in the city, and that the line will then be constructed by way of Metochin to Peddler Bay. Turning to the right at that point it will skirt Sooke Harbour, and from that point to the Cowichan valley, and south of Cowichan Lake to Barclay Sound or Alberni Canal. This route would open an entirely new country and would be of more service to Victoria than would the route first mentioned.

What gives color to this proposal is the fact that L. C. Gilman, representing the Great Northern railway, was in town last week, and that he was in consultation with the representatives of Mackenzie & Mann in this city. On the other hand, Manager Van Sant, of the V. & S., has heard nothing of the arrangement, and says he considers it very improbable, although possible. It is doubtful, too, if the citizens of Victoria would consider this a fulfilling of the pledges of the premier. There was at the time of the election no hint of this plan, which would be simply the transference of one line to another, and not the introduction of anything new. There is already a ferry running to and from the Fraser river and Sidney.

Should the railway take the route suggested via Sooke, it will at once kill any possibility of a railway by the coast route, which Mackenzie & Mann would be only too glad to do. It will serve that country and also pierce the lumber districts of the Interior. On Alberni Canal it is hardly expected that the railway will make their terminal point at Alberni, as it is always the policy of the Canadian Northern to open its own townships, this being one of the most fruitful sources of income for the promoters. The townships are held, not by the railway, but by the promoters of the line.

MINERS STRIKE IN NOVA SCOTIA

INJUNCTION AGAINST PICKETING IGNORED

Seven Officials of Union Are Arrested—Hearing of Case Adjourned

(Special to the Times.) Halifax, Oct. 10.—The troubled mining centre of Spring Hill had unlocked for excitement during the past week. Following an injunction granted by Judge Drysdale which virtually stopped picketing, a period of lethargy set in. Men came to Spring Hill and found employment with the company without interference by strikers. Last week the scene changed. James B. McLennan, provincial organizer of Glace Bay, arrived in Spring Hill early in the week. A mass meeting of strikers was held behind closed doors and the morning following picket duty of an aggressive although passive character was resumed in greater force than ever before. Those of the strikers who did not live behind the palisade had to run the gauntlet of from 200 to 300 men.

The company acted quickly and had warrants issued for eight of the principal United Mine Workers. The men arrested were J. D. McLennan, provincial organizer; J. E. Moss, of Nova Scotia, United Mine Workers executive; A. C. Bonnyman, president of the local lodge; Emil Michelson, local organizer; Richard Richards, W. A. MacDermid and David Colwell. The last mentioned is an elder of the Presbyterian church and is one of the most highly respected citizens in Spring Hill.

The trial was called for Saturday afternoon before Stipendiary Ross but before any evidence was taken an adjournment was made until next Saturday at 10 o'clock. Mr. Moss expressed the view that the men would ultimately win out, that the mines could not be successfully operated by the class of labor employed, and that the longer the company operated under existing conditions the more money it would lose.

Against the statement of Mr. Moss must be placed some facts. The company is steadily increasing its coal output, it has about as many men employed as it desires and while the portion of them are far from desirable citizens, many are from Glace Bay and other Cape Breton collieries, and are experienced miners. There is no sign of yielding on either side.

JAPANESE DESTROYER. Tokyo, Oct. 10.—The largest torpedo boat destroyer in the Japanese navy was launched to-day at the Matsura naval station. The new vessel was named the Unkaze. It has a 1,100-ton displacement and a speed of 33 knots an hour. The launching ceremonies were witnessed by a large crowd, including the Crown Prince.

FEAR OUTBREAK. Hongkong, Oct. 10.—British naval officials are apprehensive of anti-foreign outbreaks at Canton. Inquiries have been instituted with a view to taking measures for the protection of British subjects there.

ATTEMPT TO ROB STREET CAR PASSENGERS. Seattle, Wash., Oct. 10.—John W. Clark, 29 years old, who says he is unemployed in a local brewery, is held in jail here to-day and is believed to be the leader of the street car bandits who have terrorized passengers on the Owl street cars running into the suburban districts during the early morning hours.

LOCK SHERIFF IN CELL AND ESCAPE. Santa Ana, Cal., Oct. 10.—Armed posses are searching the foothills around Santa Ana to-day for Basilio Sains and Aljo Malris, prisoners in the county jail, who escaped after overpowering Sheriff Lacy and locking him in a cell with Miss Christine Kerl, formerly a missionary, who was holding a religious service in the prison. Sains was awaiting trial on a charge of murdering Jose Machado on a sheep ranch near Huntington Beach. Malris was charged with forgery, and according to the authorities, has a long police record.

The men escaped when Lacy came to their cell to open the door for Miss Kerl, who had concluded her service. As the sheriff opened the door Sains struck him a stunning blow on the eyes. Malris dragged him into the cell, and after springing through the door, turned the key.

The men rushed from the jail and seized two bicycles from the curb. On their way they secured a rifle and a revolver from the street car bandits who have terrorized passengers on the Owl street cars running into the suburban districts during the early morning hours.

Three men, of whom Clark was one, burned a street car at 2 o'clock in the morning and started a fight. One of the men pulled the trolley from the wire, and in the darkness tried to hold up the passengers. The conductor and motorman fought the men off, although all were armed, and managed to hold Clark until the arrival of the police.

HUNDREDS REPORTED TO HAVE PERISHED

Appalling Loss of Life in Forest Fires—Many Are Missing in Zone Swept By Flames—Number of Towns Wiped Out.

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Oct. 10.—Seven towns, Beaudette, Spooner, Gracetown, Pitt, Cedar Spire, Swift and Roosevelt have been wiped out. Five hundred persons are reported to have perished.

The first Canadian Northern train in several days reached here at 11:05 this morning from Fort Francis, this being the Duluth special. Traffic has thus been resumed through the fire swept zone, but through traffic has not yet been established from Fort Francis east to Fort William. Telegraphic communication, however, has been restored, the wire being strung along the trees in sections where poles were burned.

J. K. Cameron, general superintendent of the Canadian Northern, says the published reports placing the total dead at five hundred are probably conservative. He returned from the scene of the disaster on a special train this morning. If the fire has reached Rapid River no settler can have escaped, and the loss will be great.

It will be a month before a list of the total deaths will be available and even then the fate of many transient laborers in mills may never be known. Many Homeless. Fifty houses and two mills burned at Rainy River. Several hundred persons are homeless. Lumbermen declare that lost standing timber will total many millions.

The Rat Portage Lumber Company's mill at Rainy River is practically an entire loss. It was valued at \$150,000. The Beaudette and Rainy River sawmills, valued at \$200,000, together with 50,000,000 feet of lumber, the biggest lumber pile on the continent, the plant being located at the junction of the Beaudette and Rainy rivers, has also been saved, owing to the splendid fire-fighting appliances of the mill.

New Beaudette and New Spooner are wiped out, but both old towns are saved. The Shevlin-Maxfield mill, valued at \$200,000, together with 50,000,000 feet of lumber, the biggest lumber pile on the continent, the plant being located at the junction of the Beaudette and Rainy rivers, has also been saved, owing to the splendid fire-fighting appliances of the mill.

A number of refugees were on the train, but although local charity associations had made preparations for receiving the injured, none of these were brought in, temporary hospitals having been established at various points near the scene of the calamity. Appeal for Assistance.

Among the passengers was W. A. Preston, M. P. E., who is wiring the Ontario government from here asking for help for Rainy River. He says the Beaudette wind and dropped the situation for the time being is under control, but that if the wind shifts to another quarter Rainy River must be destroyed.

Fort Francis sent up all fire appliances they could spare and big gangs of men have been contributed from all along the line to stem the tide of conflagration at the Canadian boundary. A regiment of state militia arrived at Beaudette to-day and has taken charge there.

Seventy-five dead are gathered in the morgue at Beaudette. John Woer, his wife and three children were burned to death while seeking safety.

John McAnny and Fred Breks spent all night in the river, submerged to the neck to escape the flames. The fire warden is mustering every man he can procure to fight the flames.

Winnipeg has sent thirteen men, two engines and 1,000 feet of hose in response to the appeal from Warroad. Warroad bridge was burned and a freight train plunged through, a drop of 30 feet.

Bodies Recovered. Rainy River, Ont., Oct. 10.—One searching party has returned from the fire zone bringing the nine bodies of the Bolen family, consisting of father, mother and children. They had only a short distance from their home when overtaken by the fire.

George Woer, Chas. Baker and Patrick O'Mara, who were missing, have turned up. Woer and Baker got to the Rapid river ahead of the fire. Woer plunged into the water and kept under as well as he could, but is burned badly about the hip, where his body showed above the water while the flames were passing over. Baker dug out a trench in the bank hastily with his hands and protected himself in front with a blanket. He escaped with minor injuries. O'Mara seeing he would be unable to keep ahead of the fire, went back to his log shack and started a fire on the edge of the clearing which advanced sufficiently to protect him, although he nearly suffocated.

Of the four Iowa men out looking for homesteads two of the bodies have been found, another member of the party is still living although badly injured. Chas. Baker counted 19 bodies on his way to town. These are all within a radius of six miles of Beaudette. How many will be found farther out, can not be ascertained. People are sending their families east.

MANUEL WILL LIVE IN ENGLAND. BANNISHED KING IS OFFERED HOME. Arrests of Priests and Nuns in Portugal Continue—Church Property Confiscated.

(Times Leased Wire.) Gibraltar, Oct. 10.—Exiled King Manuel and Queen Mother Amelie of Portugal have been offered an asylum in England and will depart immediately. It is reported that Manuel is verging on physical breakdown and is being treated by specialists who boarded the yacht Amelie.

Priests and Nuns Arrested. Lisbon, Oct. 10.—The arrest of monks and nuns throughout Portugal continued to-day, accompanied by looting and scurrilous on the part of the uncontrolled mobs. The government is at a loss for a place to send the priests condemned to exile. The Republican agents have confiscated church property but are unable to prevent looting. Priests and nuns, it is reported, have been subjected to indignities and many are said to have been slain.

Cardinal Netto, former Patriarch of Lisbon, and Bishop De Vasconcelos of Beja, were escorted across the frontier into Spain. The Marquis De Ombal, head of the Jesuits in Portugal, is under arrest.

Children in parochial, monastery and convent schools have been returned to their homes. Later it became known that Cardinal Netto had been released. The government is using every effort to protect monastic and conventual buildings. The United States cruiser Des Moines and the British cruiser Venus arrived to-day.

NEW CONSUL. (Special to the Times.) London, Oct. 10.—The King has approved the appointment of D. F. Walker as United States consul at Vancouver.