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# TWO MEN KILLED IN SERIOUS TRAIN WRECK

## Second Accident in Lake Superior Vicinity Within Week OTHERS MAY DIE

### Fireman is Missing and Trainman Lost May Not Recover—Misinterpretation of Orders Cause.

North Bay, Mar. 24.—Another serious wreck occurred on the Canadian Pacific Railway, Lake Superior division, Saturday morning following closely the accident to a colonial special on Thursday last. Yesterday's wreck was a head-on collision between a freight train with settlers' effects and stock going west, and an east-bound freight train. It occurred near Amyot, a station 352 miles west of North Bay, through misinterpretation of orders.

Both trains had orders to meet and pass at Birch Station, six miles west of Amyot, near where the accident occurred. One of the trains had two engines and the east-bound train passed Birch Station instead of waiting for the other train. They met with a frightful impact, demolishing a number of cars and tearing up the track for a considerable distance, a farmer named Jamieson, of Owen Sound, was killed.

J. Smith, engineer, of Toronto, was taken to Toronto Hospital where he has since died. A fireman named Naylor is missing and supposed to be killed. Engineer Boomer was injured. Trainman Loyst was so seriously injured that he may not recover. He was taken to Chapleau. A farmer named Conley was also seriously injured. Six or seven cars of settlers' effects were demolished and many horses and cattle killed.

The scene of the accident was 100 miles east of the place where Thursday's accident occurred and the two accidents coming so close together, seriously disrupted traffic on this section of the Canadian Pacific.

# VACANCY IS LIKELY IN EAST KENT

## Old Seat of Liberalism Gives Steadily Declining Majorities.

### D. A. Gordin Has Little Liking for Opposition Benches and Seat May Be Opened By Resignation.

Ottawa, March 24.—It seems assured that D. A. Gordin will drop out of the representation of East Kent and will cause a bye-election to be held in that constituency. Mr. Gordin has extensive business interests, his health is not of the best and he has no particular liking for life on the opposition benches of the House of Commons.

East Kent is a riding with a strong liberal history. The old constituency of Kent did not elect a conservative after 1882. After 1900 East Kent gave liberal majorities of 372 and 382 in 1904 and 1908. It is one of the even dozen constituencies which voted for reciprocity in 1911, the majority dropping to the neighborhood of 300. It is understood that Mr. Gordin's personal strength had much to do with the saving of this constituency for the liberals.

The name of the anxious and over-ready Mr. McKenzie has of course been mentioned for the vacancy by several persons, including Mr. King. Indeed Mr. King's canvass for a seat has led to his applying for assistance from all sorts of people, including his political opponents. The impression here is that the local liberals will insist upon a local candidate. The conservatives will make a strong fight, though they realize that the riding is one of the old time strongholds of western Ontario liberalism.

# CONFERENCE TODAY MAY EFFECT SETTLEMENT OF COAL STRIKE

## Both Sides in Dispute Seem in More Conciliatory Mood.

### DRASTIC MEASURES NEXT RESORT

#### Pressure Exerted From All Quarters to Hasten End of Present Deadlock—Theatrical Business Suffers.

London, March 24.—A hopeful feeling prevails that the conference tomorrow between the coal owners and the miners will prove successful and bring to an end the strike which is affecting millions of people of the United Kingdom. Several of the miners' leaders addressing meetings today spoke more encouragingly than for a long time. At Gateshead, Joseph English, president of the Northumbrian Miners' Association, believed that some understanding would be arrived at between the government and the owners with regard to the minimum wage.

Albert Stanley, M. P. for Staffordshire, secretary of the Midland Miners' Federation, and a member of the joint conciliation board of coal owners and miners, speaking at Stoke, thought that the end of the struggle was near. James Haslam, M. P., agent of the Derbyshire Miners' Association, in an interview, also spoke hopefully, but said that it would be imperative to have a ballot of the men on any agreement, and that the miners could not resume work under another week.

The South Wales owners and miners are still skeptical. They believe that nothing will come of the conference in North Wales the strike seems to be collapsing. Three hundred mostly members of unions, have returned to work in the colliery at Chirk. A similar disposition is apparent at other collieries.

The feature of the week end has been the wild cry of protest against the arrest of Tom Mann, the labor leader who is charged with having incited the King's forces "to commit traitorous and mutinous practices," by articles published in the Sanford paper called the Syndicalist.

At Glasgow, Liverpool, Huddersfield and elsewhere big demonstrations have been held in protest, and fiery speeches have been made denouncing the government for invoking an obsolete 17th century law to suppress syndicalism.

London, March 23.—The government minimum wage bill as it stands will not settle the coal strike. That is the opinion of all sides. Therefore with the gravest anxiety the country awaits the result of the joint conference of the coal owners and miners on Monday. The miners' leaders have consented to waive their district schedules which heretofore they have maintained as the only basis of settlement which they would accept, but they will insist upon their demand for the five and two shillings minimum.

The government adheres to its refusal to embody these rates in the bill. If the owners agree to concede this demand, it is the general opinion that the strike will be speedily settled. If they do not it will make little difference whether the bill in its present shape is passed or withdrawn. Bill or no bill the men remain with the minimum demand until a satisfactory agreement is reached. Previous joint conferences, which were attended by members of the cabinet, resulted in the absolute deadlock. Since then both sides have been subjected to the pressure of public opinion and great financial loss, with the prospect that the government will be driven to resort to drastic measures to end the intolerable situation.

That these considerations have brought the disputants to a more reasonable and more conciliatory frame of mind is evident and therein lies the hope that the conference will reach a satisfactory agreement. A curious feature of the coal crisis is found in the fact that American theatrical managers in London are being besieged by prominent English stage people, including actor-managers, anxious to obtain American engagements immediately to escape the depression incidentally to the strike. The continued curtailment of the suburban train service has hit the theatres badly. The managers fear that the future holds out a worse prospect.

Charles Hawtrey has accepted an American engagement and will sail next week. Seymour Hicks also has taken a similar step to escape the hard times in England.

# HILLSVILLE OUTLAW HAS ELUDED HIS PURSUERS

## Claude Swanson Allen Garbed in His Gala Apparel and With the Contents of the Family Cash Box in His Pocket Makes Good His Escape—Brothers, However, are Cornered.

Calax, Va., Mar. 24.—Claude Swanson Allen, the 22 year old son of Floyd Allen and one of those indicted for the Hillsville court house murders, has eluded all pursuers, but his uncle, Sidna Allen and cousin, Wesley Edwards and Fred Allen are so closely pressed on the south side of the Blue Ridge that they will probably be captured within a few days.

This information came today from leaders of the hunt for the gang who on March 14 swooped down on the Carroll county courthouse, killed Judge Massey, Prosecutor Foster, Sheriff Webb, Juror Fowler and Miss Nancy Ayres and wounded two bystanders.

Claude Allen, who once attended a military school at Raleigh, N. C., and knows more of the outside world than the average mountaineer, was learned today, took a pocketful of gold from the family cash drawer on the night of the tragedy, put on his best clothing and vanished on horseback beyond the North Carolina line. Hope of finding him in the mountain region has now been abandoned.

Not so, however, with the three other outlaws who are dodging about in the crevices of the Blue Ridge between here and Mount Airy, N. C. They have been seen at a distance, detectives having been within thirty minutes of them.

# TWO MEN BURIED IN SPRINGHILL MINES

## ROOSEVELT'S PLATFORM IS BROKEN DOWN

### Structure Collapses But He Says His Political Stand Is Unshaken.

#### Ex-President Scores Taft For Connection With "Bosses" Enthusiastic Audience at Portland.

Portland, Me., Mar. 23.—The most direct criticism yet levelled by President Taft by his predecessor in office was contained in a speech delivered here tonight by Col. Roosevelt. The colonel spent 12 hours in Portland and received a cordial welcome. He was the chief guest at a luncheon and a dinner, shook hands steadily for two hours in the afternoon, attended a conference of Maine politicians and tonight spoke for an hour before a crowd which filled the armory auditorium.

Col. Roosevelt repeated the statement which he made in his New York speech on Wednesday night that President Taft had declared in favor of a government "by a representative part of the people."

"In its actual workings," he said, "the president's scheme would be a government of the people for the people by the people."

The collapse of the speaker's platform in the auditorium created some excitement, although Col. Roosevelt was uninjured. The platform which was elevated about three feet from the floor, was crowded with about 20 persons. As Col. Roosevelt ascended the platform on entering the hall it gave way with a crash. The middle portion sank to the floor. Col. Roosevelt stepped quickly to the front of the structure which did not give way, and waved his hand at the crowd to show that he was uninjured. As Col. Roosevelt entered the hall, the people rose to their feet with a cheer. For two minutes the applause continued. When Walter E. Brown, president of the Roosevelt committee of Maine, introduced the colonel, there was another outburst of handclapping. Frequently during his speech he was interrupted by applause.

Col. Roosevelt's opening remarks in which he referred to the collapse of the platform, brought a laugh from his hearers.

"The platform broke down," he said, "but it was not our platform. Our platform won't break down. In the end the servants of the people will have to stand on that platform or the American democracy will be a confessed failure."

# Jabez Graham and Hector McKenzie Meet Death Suddenly

## ENTOMBED FOR HOURS

### Companions Find Bodies Beneath Mass of Soft Coal—Cause of Accident Will Be Probed.

Amherst, N. S., March 24.—The Springhill mines were the scene of a distressing accident with fatal results on the afternoon or morning of Friday last, when two employees of the company met their death while at work in one of the mines. The two men were working together in a section of the mine and so far as can be learned, they were buried in a slide of slack coal.

No one saw the accident and the men, whose names are Jabez Graham and Hector McKenzie, were entombed for some hours before their companions missed them. They were both married men with families. Coroner Dr. C. W. Hewson, of Amherst, went to Springhill on Saturday afternoon to hold an inquest and empanelled a jury, who viewed the bodies and their adjoined until Wednesday next. A right investigation will be conducted to ascertain what led to the accident.

# STUDENTS IN ROLE OF YEGGS

## Medical Students Five Days Weekly and Amateur Cracksmen Saturdays and Sundays is New Departure.

New York, N. Y., Mar. 24.—Medical college students during five days of the week, and burglars and sneak thieves on Saturdays, is the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde role assumed, according to the police by two young men of well to do families, placed under arrest in Brooklyn, last night.

One prisoner is Oscar Jacobs, 20 years old, a student at the New York Homeopathic College and the other is Pierre C. Gibbons, 22 years old, a student at the Long Island Medical College.

Jacobs, who the police say, was expelled from the Long Island institution a year ago in connection with the disappearance of valuable instruments, was arrested by a detective in a Brooklyn apartment house after he had been unable to explain his presence there. He put up a fight and struck the detective over the head with a steel jimmy, the police say, before he surrendered. Jacobs admitted later, according to the police, that he employed his Saturdays in robbing apartment houses and named Gibbons as his accomplice.

# PLANS FOR NEW CANAL

## Weland Canal Will Be 200 Feet in Width and Reduction in Number of Locks is Proposed.

Ottawa, March 23.—Engineers who for the past three years have been surveying routes for the new Weland Canal have submitted their final report to Mr. Cochrane, minister of railways and canals. The minister on Saturday had a long interview with J. L. Weller, superintendent of the canal, who has had charge of the surveys.

The route recommended uses the old canal for several miles from the Lake Erie end, and then deviates, entering Lake Ontario, three miles from the present mouth. The depth will be 200 instead of 150 feet. The locks will be reduced from 23 to 7, saving eight hours in the passage of boats. The total cost is placed at \$45,000,000. Navigation will be little interfered with.

# CRISIS DEVELOPS IN THE ANTHRACITE COAL SITUATION

## Decision Affecting 450,000 Miners in States Will Be Reached This Week—Two Years Agreement Possible.

Cleveland, Ohio, Mar. 24.—A crisis in the coal situation determining whether more than 450,000 miners in the bituminous and anthracite fields shall strike on April 1st, or suspend until new wage agreements can be effected is expected this week. Members of the executive board and policy committee of the United Mine Workers of America, began to arrive here today to prepare to draw up recommendations for a referendum vote by the union.

They will not act, however, until after the operators and miners of the bituminous fields of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana, and Illinois at their session here Tuesday have decided whether they can agree on a two year wage scale.

# MEDALS LED TO EXPOSURE

## Dr. Evans Made Himself Too Conspicuous Before Caught With the Result That He Was Arrested.

Toronto, Mar. 24.—To be noticed by the Duke of Connaught at the recent review of the army and navy veterans would have brought joy to the heart of most veterans, but to one it brought trouble. This man was Dr. J. Gwalta Evans, now awaiting trial on charges of conspiracy and fraud in connection with an alleged attempt to secure large sums from the estate of John Revell, upon cheques said to have been forged after Revell's death.

When the review was held, Captain Evans was conspicuous by his display of medals and the Duke remarked to one of the officers that the man had a remarkable number and variety of medals for so young a man. Evans was called to account by the officers of the corps and at a meeting of the body two days before his arrest, his resignation was presented to the association.

Dr. Evans presented his application for membership in the corps last fall, and he was admitted to an honorary but non-operative membership upon his representation that he had served with the Royal Engineers in the rank of captain. This turned out to be false, but he was continued on as an honorary member while his case was being investigated. The medals which led to his ultimate removal from the corps are now in the hands of the police. The names of the original leaders have been partially erased and Evans' name engraved upon the rim.

# PLAN CANAL AT CAPE COD

## Proposals for Big Ditch Date From Antiquity but Project Seems to be Taking Definite Shape.

Boston, Mass., Mar. 24.—If present progress continues in the construction of the Cape Cod canal, and it is half done now, the stored terrors of the vengeful cape, will have nearly disappeared by the end of another winter. The engineers say that many of their hardest problems have been solved. Inhabitants who are familiar with various canal plans which date back almost to the days of the Pilgrims are becoming confident instead of skeptical. Backers of the plan are sure of ultimate success and declare that under no circumstances will they desire the government to acquire the canal. It is expected that the opening of the Cape Cod canal for coastwise shipping will be practically coincident with the completion of the Panama canal.

# PIRATES ATTACK PARTY OF AMERICAN TEACHERS IN CHINA

## American Consul Explains Outlaws to Blame for Killing of Missionary Not Anti-Foreign Feeling.

I'Chang, Province Hu-Peh, China, Mar. 23.—A telegram received here from Wushan, Province Szechwan says that three Americans, Messrs. Hicks, Hoffman and Sheldon, who are presumed to be missionaries, were attacked while exploring the gorges in the Yang Tse river in a boat, and all three were robbed and wounded.

Peiking, Mar. 24.—The American legation here received a telegram today from E. C. Baker, consul at Chang King, saying that the Americans attacked at Wushan were teachers.

The consul says Mr. Hicks, whose home was in Oskosh, Wis., was killed and that his companions, though wounded are taking his body to the legation. The consul adds that the attack was made by pirates and was not due to anti-foreign hatred. Chinese gendarmes are pursuing the pirates.

# EIGHT LETTERS ON GOVERNMENT LINES PROPOSED

## Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Mar. 24.—The government has decided to inaugurate a night letter service on its various telegraph lines, somewhat on the lines already adopted by the private companies. It will go into effect on the first of next month.

# MANY BENEFIT BY THE STRIKE

## Lawrence Labor Troubles Officially Off But Many Industries Increase Wages of Employees in Consequence.

Boston, March 24.—The great Lawrence strike, which brought in its train increased wages to 275,000 textile workers in New England, was declared officially off at all the mills in Lawrence today, having accomplished its purpose in the opinion of the leaders. That the strike had done this, and more, is acknowledged by several labor leaders not affiliated with the Industrial Workers of the World, which directed the Lawrence labor war. James Whitehead, secretary of the Weavers' Association of Fall River, declared today that the increase in wages which is going into the pockets of New England textile workers, is the direct result of that two months' contest.

In this connection it is generally believed also that advances in wages or reduction in hours of labor to paper mill employees, bagging and burp workers, machinists in shops manufacturing mill machinery, and operatives in other industries are all traceable, directly or indirectly to the movement which had its origin in Lawrence. The total number of persons thus to benefit is considerably upward of 300,000.

# MAY PAY VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

## Minister of Trade and Commerce to Visit Antipodes to Negotiate Better Trade Arrangement.

Ottawa, Mar. 24.—Negotiations between the Canadian government and the Commonwealth of Australia, looking to a better trade arrangement between the two countries, will in all likelihood necessitate a visit to Australia by a member of the cabinet in the near future. These negotiations are approaching a definite basis following the letter written to the Australian government by Hon. Geo. E. Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, last January.

Australia has shown a readiness to discuss a trade arrangement in detail with a Canadian representative. It is probable that the Minister of Trade and Commerce will be entrusted with the carrying out of further negotiations and may go to Australia before his work as a member of the Imperial trade commission begins. The Australian government, it is understood, has been advised. In the meantime the government is preparing to meet and confer with the West Indian delegation which should arrive here this week to discuss reciprocal trade concessions.

# ATTEMPT IS REPEATED

## Second Bomb Mailed to Judge Rosalsky of Brandt Case is Intercepted in the Mails by Police.

New York, Mar. 24.—Notwithstanding that it has become known that the police are in possession of a second package mailed to Judge Otto A. Rosalsky of the Court of General Sessions, the trial judge in the Brandt case, detectives today would not disclose what they are working on to solve two mysterious attempts upon the life of the jurist.

The new bomb, which fortunately was detected in the mails and kept intact, coupled with threatening letters sent to Delancy Nicoll, attorney for Mortimer L. Schiff, in the case of Poulke E. Brandt, Mr. Schiff's former valet, are believed to have encouraged the police to renewed efforts in running down the sender. The latest bomb is said to be identical with that which exploded a week ago in Judge Rosalsky's library while being examined by an officer. A list of bomb and dynamite outrages in New York from July, 1908, to date, shows a steady increase each year with a grand total of no less than 102 attempts to take life or destroy property by such means.

# LITTLE WORK FOR COMMONS FOR REST OF THIS SEASON

## Cabinet Passes Supplementary Estimates Home Stretch—Prorogation Expected About April Third.

Ottawa, Mar. 24.—The cabinet held its usual all-day meeting on Saturday and finally passed the supplementary estimates. These will be presented early in the coming week and parliament will then be definitely in the home stretch. In the last week main estimates to the extent of \$64,000,000 were passed and comparatively little of these remain for the commons to sanction. Prorogation is expected to take place not later than April third.

# THE FRENCH COAL STRIKE COMES TO END

Denain, France, March 24.—The striking coal miners here will resume work tomorrow, an arrangement between them and the mine owners having been effected.