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THE MAJORITY ARE LOOKING TO HAVE PEACE

Strikers' Executive Will Have Important Meeting This Morning.

SETTLEMENT EXPECTED.

Strikers Determined to Lose No Ground While Negotiations Are In Progress--Outline of Plan Under Which Wind-up of Trouble is Looked For.

Pittsburg, July 29.—Everybody is on the qui vive tonight in strike circles and the coming conference of the leaders of the two contending forces is looked forward to with mingled hope and fear. Peace is expected by the majority of those interested.

"The executive committee of the Amalgamated Association will meet in the headquarters of the organization at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning or as soon as possible thereafter and take up the propositions of the United States steel corporation for a settlement of the steel workers strike."

This statement was made today by Secretary Williams, of the Amalgamated Association. Both sides today held firmly to the plan of watching each other. The officials of the wood mill of the American Sheet Steel Company did not attempt to start the plant and indications pointed to their remaining inactive until the strike negotiations are decided. The first report of the day that the American Tin Plate Company was making an effort to start the Demler plant with non-union men and that one set of rolls was being operated was afterwards explained as being a rumor that started from the fact that the company had some men at work repairing the plant with the expectation that the strike will be settled shortly.

President Shaffer was firm in his determination not to talk until after the meeting tomorrow. It was intimated, however, that there was a very strong likelihood that the committee would not adjourn tomorrow until they had met with the manufacturers and formally discussed the settlement. If this should be the case actual peace is possible in a short time.

One of the most apparent facts in the status of the strike today was the determination of the strikers to lose no ground in their struggle while peace negotiations are being conducted. It was explained that this plan was absolutely necessary in order that the position of the Amalgamated Association should be strong when the settlement takes place. Most of the officers expressed confidence that the strike was near an end.

News received from all points where the strike is in progress today was reassuring.

The Plan of Settlement.

The following terms of settlement of the strike come from an authoritative source and can be relied upon as the probable outcome for the meeting of the conferees:

The Amalgamated Association is to drop contention for the signing of a scale for all mills.

All mills are to be open mills in the fullest sense of the terms.

The company is to have the right to place a non-union man in any plant and keep him there.

In addition to the plants covered by the expired scale it is to be signed for the following:

W. Dewees Wood, of McKeespot; Paine, Lindsay and McCutcheon and Clark Mills, of Pittsburg, and Monessen plants of the American Steel Hoop Company.

The question of making the Wellsville Sheet plant and the Monessen tin plate plant directly covered by the scale is to be settled by the conferees.

The Amalgamated Association is to have the privilege of organizing the men in any of the plants.

A telegram from Wellsville tonight says:

Seven men went to work today who were members of the Wellsville Lodge of the Amalgamated Association, making it possible for the American Sheet Steel Company to put in another crew on mill No. 4.

EXPELLED FROM RUSSIA, COMES TO NOVA SCOTIA.

George Kennan's Criticisms of the Siberian Exile System Were Too Sharp.

London, July 29.—Mail advices received here today from St. Petersburg give details of the expulsion from Russia of George Kennan, the American author.

Mr. Kennan arrived at St. Petersburg three weeks ago after an absence of 15 years. He entered the country by way of Finland, on an American passport. The Russian press referred to Mr. Kennan's return courteously, no paper suggesting that he was not welcome. Thursday evening a high police official placed him under detention in his room and read a notice requiring Mr. Kennan's departure by 10 o'clock the next night. There is only one explanation for Mr. Kennan's expulsion and that is that the Russian government has not recovered from the effects of his criticisms of the Siberian exile system which has been greatly modified and restricted since Mr. Kennan first wrote of it.

Mr. Kennan is going to London and thence he will go to Nova Scotia.

PORTLAND BARBER WHO SOLD ON THE SLY.

Clever Way He Had of Hiding Liquor--A Big Seizure.

Portland, Me., July 29.—The most ingeniously arranged hiding place for intoxicating liquors unearthed by Sheriff Pearson's liquor deputies in many months was found this afternoon in John H. Thompson's barber shop on Commercial street. The officers had examined the walls and ceiling and were about to give up the search when a hidden spring in the ceiling caused a section of the sheathing to loosen and slowly descend.

When the automatic contrivance had concluded its operation there was a short ladder leading through a hole in the ceiling. In the dark room above were several boxes of liquor, 152 half pint bottles, six pints and 13 quarts. Thompson was arrested and the liquor confiscated.

TO CROSS MEDITERRANEAN IN A BALLOON.

Aeronaut in Paris Making Preparations--Santos Dumont's Trial Monday.

Paris, July 29.—Comte De La Vaux, the aeronaut, who will attempt to cross the Mediterranean in a balloon about the middle of August, has arrived in Toulon to superintend the preparatory arrangements. President Loubet, M. De Lanessan, French minister of marine, and many other prominent persons have contributed to the cost.

Santos Dumont, the aeronaut, started at 4.35 p. m. in his new motor propelled balloon. He descended at 4.55 p. m. The exhibition, though successful, was disappointing in that he did not go around the Eiffel tower, though he had announced his intention of attempting that feat. An hour later a heavy rain squall swept over the Eiffel tower and the Bois, which justified the prudence of M. Santos Dumont.

LUMBER BUSINESS POOR AT BANGOR.

Vessels Leaving to Get Cargoes Elsewhere--The Market in Bad Shape.

Bangor, Me., July 29.—For the first time in many years, vessels are leaving the port of Bangor to seek freights in other ports along the coast of Maine, there being no business here for them. All but one of the large spruce mills on the river have been shut down for periods varying from four to seven weeks, owing to scarcity of logs, and there is scarcely a stick of lumber available for shipment. It is doubtful if they would be started today even were there a good supply of logs, in the present condition of the lumber market.

It is expected that there will be a revival of the Penobscot lumber trade in the fall.

LOCAL SMALLPOX OUTBREAK.

Four Cases Near Woodstock—Supposed the Disease Was Brought by Visitor from Montana.

Woodstock, N. B., July 29—(Special)—Information has been received this evening that smallpox has broken out about seven miles from Woodstock, at Red Bridge. Four cases are already reported. John McBride, aged about 42 years, is afflicted. Mrs. Judson Briggs and her daughter have been afflicted with the dread disease but both are somewhat better this evening. Her son is down with the disease now.

Clergymen have visited the houses and other neighbors, not knowing the disease was smallpox, and it is feared the disease will spread.

Dr. Hand is in attendance this evening. A visitor from Montana is supposed to have brought the malady here.

A DAY WITH EARL AND COUNTESS MINTO AS THE CITY'S GUESTS.

Formal Welcome, Civic Address, Turnout of Fire Department, Drive, and Evening Reception—Those Who Were Present.

Their Excellencies Earl and Countess Minto arrived in the city at 7 o'clock Sunday evening on the government fishery cruiser Curlew, Capt. John H. Pratt, and were given a grand reception by thousands of citizens who lined the water front from Reed's Point to the custom house wharf.

It was not long before the gangway was placed aboard and Earl Minto was the first to step ashore, followed by the Countess and their daughters. They were met at the gangway by His Worship Mayor Daniel and Col. Dunbar, and as the party made their way towards the barouches, the crowds cheered.

When their excellencies entered their carriage, there was a renewed outburst of enthusiasm, which was recognized by his excellency who removed his hat. The vice-regal party consisted of 12 persons and with Mayor Daniel and Col. Dunbar were driven to the Royal Hotel. There was a large crowd awaiting the arrival at the Royal and this crowd was increased by hundreds of people who rushed from the place of landing to the hotel.

The Trip Across the Bay.

The vice-regal party arrived at Digby by special train Saturday night about 9.30 o'clock and were met at the station by a large crowd of people. The party remained in the cars all night and were served with breakfast there. In the forenoon their excellencies attended divine worship in one of the Digby churches and, shortly after noon, embarked on the Curlew, which was lying at anchor in the harbor. At 3.30 o'clock the anchor was weighed and the cruiser steamed out of Digby gut headed for St. John. A very large crowd of Digby's citizens and American tourists watched the steamer's departure. The voyage across the bay was a most enjoyable one, the water being smooth and his excellency expressed himself as delighted with the trip. Luncheon was served on board the Curlew on the trip across. The Curlew made a good run across the bay, steaming on an average about 11 knots.

The Countess of Minto's maid was confined to her berth during the trip across the bay with rheumatic fever and on arrival here was removed to the Royal Hotel.

At the Royal.

Special apartments had been provided for their excellencies and party at the Royal Hotel. These apartments consist of 14 rooms including private parlor, dining room, sleeping rooms, the Countess of Minto's dressing room, etc. The rooms are situated on the floor above the ladies' parlor and are elaborately fitted up. The gentlemen's parlor has been transformed into a private dining room and, like the others, has been fitted up with excellent taste.

While here their excellencies will be attended by their own servants, but the Royal has provided a special corps of waiters for their accommodation. The party will dine in their private apartment and their meals will be served at hours different from those of the regular guests of the house. No pains or expense has been spared to furnish these apartments which will be utilized by the vice-regal party in the very best style. Always charming and luxurious in their appointments, Messrs Raymond & Doherty have on this occasion made them more so.

Those of the Party.

The vice-regal party consists of the following:

The Governor General and the Countess of Minto.

Their daughters, Lady Ruby and Lady Irene.

Capt. Bell, A. D. C.
Mr. Guise, A. D. C.
Mr. Sladen, A. D. C.
There are five servants.

Formal Welcome.

The vice regal visitors had a day of varied interests Monday. They were formally welcomed, saw a fine exhibition by the fire brigade, had a drive about the city and suburbs and held a reception in the evening. Throughout all popular enthusiasm was most evident.

A great crowd gathered in King square to see the vice-regal party on the way to the city council chamber in the Court House to receive the city's formal welcome.

Drawn up on Sydney street in front of the Court House was the guard of honor, one hundred men from the 62nd Fusiliers under the command of Major Magee. As the coach containing their excellencies neared the building the guard presented arms and the band played God Save the King. The Governor General dismounted and inspected the guard. His excellency, as he passed the colors, raised his hat. The inspection over he complimented Major Magee on the fine appearance of the men and then passed into the Court House, where he was greeted by His Worship Mayor Daniel and escorted to the beautifully decorated council chamber, where were gathered many prominent ladies and gentlemen, who applauded heartily. Lady Minto wore a dress of blace lace and insertion, the neck and sleeves of the gown being transparent. The only contrast was a small bunch of red poppies. Her hat was of black chiffon and feathers. The Lady Eileen Elliott and Lady Ruby Elliott were dressed in white.

Mayor Daniel read the address, which was engrossed on parchment and bound in a blue morocco case, bearing the city arms embossed on the cover. The penmanship was the best work of Mr. D. R. Willet.

The governor general, in replying, said it was a great pleasure to meet with the descendants of those who played so distinguished and loyal a part in the history of North America." His excellency referred to the part Canada had taken in sending her splendid contingents to South Africa. His excellency hoped that the lives we had given and the sacrifices the dominion had made for the mother country were to be fully repaid by what they had gained in the mother country and by the strength they had shown to the world. He referred to Queen Victoria's death. Speaking of our harbor, he said, he had been struck not only with its magnificence, but by the extent of its shipping, and felt he could join in the view that a fast ocean service, coupled with the energy of the citizens, would gain for the city great future prosperity. He again thanked the mayor and aldermen and the people for their magnificent reception of himself and the Countess of Minto.

There was an enthusiastic outburst of applause, after which the members of the city council present, the common clerk, Mr. Wardroper, and Recorder Skinner were presented. Led by his worship, the large audience then gave three hearty cheers and a tiger for the Governor General and Countess Minto, and this was repeated again by the great crowd outside.

The Firemen Turn Out.

The vice-regal party then witnessed an exhibition run of the fire department, which equalled anything ever seen in larger cities. When all assembled on the city hall balcony, Ald. Seaton, chairman of the board of safety, sent in an alarm from box 26. The first piece of apparatus to appear in sight was No. 1 Salvage wagon, but just as it turned Market square one of the hind wheels collapsed. Two members of the corps who were riding on the backstep were thrown, but escaped injury. No. 2 hose wagon was close behind, and they galloped by in fine style, making a magnificent run, but the honor of being first went to No. 1 hose cart, which came down Duke street, and, closely following, was No. 3 hose and then No. 1 ladder cart, Chief Kerr's wagon, No. 4 hose, No. 3 ladder cart, No. 1 engine, No. 5 engine and hose. Each arrived quickly; in fact the entire department, exclusive of Carleton, was on hand inside of four or five minutes. The exhibition was a huge success, and his excellency was greatly impressed. There was a large crowd on the street, but a squad of men from No. 1 Fire Police and Salvage Corps, assisted by Police Sergt. Caples, kept the street clear.

After the exhibition, the vice-regal party returned to the Royal Hotel.

Out for a Drive.

After luncheon at the Royal, the party prepared for the drive about the city and the suburbs. They were to leave the Royal Hotel at 3 o'clock and for an hour before the time of starting a large crowd of citizens assembled on Germain street, opposite the ladies' entrance of the hotel, to witness the departure of the party. About 3.15 o'clock when their excellencies were about to make their appearance the crowd was very large and Chief Clark had policemen to keep the pathway from the hotel entrance to the carriage crear. When their excellencies entered the carriage there was a general rush of the fair sex to have a good view of the countess and the other members of the party.

The party were driven about Rockwood park, then through Judge Barker's beautiful grounds and then across the Suspension bridge to Union Point. They were escorted through the Cushing mill, which was in full operation. After the party had finished their tour through the mill they watched the falls for some time and returned to the hotel.

The Reception.

The Court House contained a brilliant assembly Monday evening upon the occasion of the reception tendered to the vice regal party, when nearly 200 ladies and gentlemen were presented to the earl and countess.

The richly decorated rooms formed a fitting background for the beautiful scene presented by the moving crowd—the beautifully dressed women, the gorgeous uniforms of the military element, the sombre evening dress of the gentlemen; the rooms were brilliantly lighted and the floral decorations were on an elaborate scale.

About 8.30 the guests began to arrive and when their excellencies arrived there was a brilliant and representative gathering assembled to greet them.

Earl and Countess Minto received on a dais at the upper end of the room, one of the suite presenting by card, the guests of the evening shaking hands with those presented to them. The presentation occupied nearly half an hour and at the close their excellencies mingled freely with the guests for some time. About 10.15 they took their departure, the way to the Royal Hotel being lined with people.

Harrison's orchestra was stationed in one of the rooms adjoining the reception room and gave an excellent musical programme of principally Scotch music during the evening. As the vice regal party entered the building the orchestra played Hail to the Chief, and at the close the national anthem was greeted with cheers. His excellency wore the G. C. M. G. ribbon and orders. Countess Minto was magnificently attired in white silk with black net overdress heavily sequined in conventional design. She wore a diamond coronet and a magnificent collar and stomacher of the same gems.

Those Presented.

Among those who were presented were: The Mayor, T. D. Walker, M. D., Geo. R. Vincent, Dr. W. W. White, Major W. C. Magee, Dr. Murray MacLaren, Capt. J. O. Sharp, Chief Justice Tuck, Major M. B. Edwards, G. S. Mayes, J. B. M. Baxter, Sheriff Sturdee, Col. H. H. McLean, Surgeon Major Walker, John Willet, Arthur M. Irvine, Roy O. Skinner, Edmund D. Outram, Alderman Armstrong, R. H. Cushing, W. L. Waring, A. Robertson, T. H. Bullock, W. A. Lockhart, John H. Leah, Wm. Murdoch, A. H. Lindsay, Geo. W. Currie, James Dever, J. Gillis Keator, Beverly R. Armstrong, Dr. G. A. B. Addy, Chas. A. Clark, S. C. Lee, Senator J. V. Ellis, J. D. Seely, D. J. Purdy, M. P. P., Dr. A. F. Emery, Bowyer S. Smith, H. E. Wardroper, A. H. Hanington, Lieut. Col. Tucker, M. P., Capt. D. Churchill, Dr. H. G. Addy, Justice Barker, Harry W. Frink, Judge Ritchie, J. W. Roop, W. C. R. Allan, Bruce Scovil, Col. A. Markham, Wm. Murdock, T. B. Robinson, A. W. Baird, Sidney Smith, Hon. Wm. Pugsley, Dr. P. R. Inches, J. M. Robinson, Sherwood Skinner, Justice Forbes, George Robertson, P. S. MacNutt, James Oborne, Ralph F. Markham, R. B. Emerson, James G. Harrison, Thos. P. Pugsley, Major F. H. Hartt, C. N. Skinner, Capt. G. Anderson, Alex. McMillan, E. H. MacAlpine, Major E. T. Sturdee, J. Roy Campbell, Justice McLeod, Rev. W. O. Raymond, Dr. Stewart Skinner, T. H. Hall, J. Vernor McLellan, W. M. Jarvis, Ira B. Myers, Chas. Burpee, Miss Ford, Mrs. J. H. Pratt, Mrs. James Oborne, Miss Mitchel, Miss Emma J. Mitchell, Miss Miller, Mrs. Geo. W. Currie, Miss Charlotte Sydney-Smith, Mrs. W. Z. Waring, Miss Mabel Sydney-Smith, Mrs. Wm. Pugsley, Miss Edith Osborne Skinner, Miss Lillian Markham, Miss Walker, Mrs. Herbert E. Wardrober, Miss Grace Robertson, Mrs. T. H. Bullock, Mrs. J. R. Armstrong, Mrs. M. A. Durkie, Mrs. J. V. Ellis, Miss Margaret Outram, Miss Isla Tuck, Mrs. Thos. Walker, Mrs. Dever, Mrs. F. E. Barker, Miss Maud MacLean, Mrs. J. D. Seely, Miss Green, Mrs. J. W. Daniel, Mrs. A. J. Charlton, Mrs. G. R. Pierce, Mrs. John D. Wayne, Mrs. Peter Stewart MacNutt, Miss Inches, Mrs. P. R. Inches Mrs. H. L. Burton, Miss Pugsley, Mrs. S. Parker Tuck, Mrs. Leigh R. Harrison, Mrs. A. W. Baird, Miss Tuck, Mrs. W. W. White, Miss Beatrice Price, Miss Elizabeth Domville, Mrs. T. Barclay Robinson, Miss Isabel Domville, Miss Browne, (New York), Miss H. Casey, (Bellville), Miss Hilda Hannington, Mrs. J. M. Robinson, the Misses Robinson, Miss Jarvis, Miss Editn Hannington, Miss Seely, Miss Ethel Parker, Miss Georginnie Scammell, Mrs. Tuck, Miss McMillan, Mrs. Stewart Skinner, Mrs. J. Vernor McLellan, Mrs. Edward T. Sturdee, Mrs. W. O. Raymond, Mrs. Harriet P. Calhoun, Mrs. Albert R. Carr, Mrs. J. L. Marsters, Mrs. A. W. Baird, Miss Louisa M. McMillan, Mrs. Baxter, Mrs. R. H. Cushing, Miss Celia M. Armstrong, Mrs. Harriet P. Calhoun, Miss A. C. Seely, Mrs. Robert Gould, Mrs. E. H. Seabrook, Mrs. T. B. Robinson.

AT ANNAPOLIS.

Cheered by the Populace, But Received No Official Reception.

Annapolis, N. S., July 28.—(Special)—A special train having on board His Excellency the Governor General and Countess Minto arrived here about 7.30 p. m. and was received by High Sheriff Gates, Judge Owen, Rev. H. How, B. B. Hardwick, and others and a guard of honor from the 69th Battalion of volunteers, the militia of the province, the Annapolis Royal band playing God save the King. Their excellencies were taken in charge by the citizens' committee and driven in a barouche to Queen Anne Fort, where they were shown the objects of interest of what was once a scene of war, after which they were driven up Main steet, and out in the surburbs. His excellency expressed himself much pleased with the reception tendered him by the citizens of Annapolis, complimented the commissioners on the care taken in the preservation of the old fort and regretted inability to remain longer. Their excellencies were cheered to the echo by the populace. It is to be regretted that owing to some misunderstanding in not receiving official notice of their excellencies' visit to Annapolis there was no official reception by the mayor and town council, for never before in the history of the town has a governor general not received official recognition when on an official tour of the province. The people here are loyal to the core and would have been delighted to have them receive official notice thereby evincing their devotion as a town to the crown and loyalty to the flag under which they enjoy so much freedom.

AT DIGBY.

An Address of Welcome Presented to the Vice-Regal Visitors—Town En Fete.

Digby, July 28.—(Special)—Lord and Lady Minto arrived at 10 o'clock last evening and were met at the train by the mayor, town council and other officials. They were driven to the Odd Fellows' hall in a fashionable landau from Buntie's livery. The Digby artillery company formed a guard of honor, the procession being headed by the Digby Cornet band. At the hall the mayor read an address of welcome. After the reply hundreds of tourists who had been invited by the mayor to attend the affair, came forward and were presented to their excellencies. A number of Digby people were also presented after which their excellencies returned to their private car where they remained during the night. Today they left for St. John on board the government steamer Curlew. The town was crowded with people last night, some of them arriving by train during the day and others driving miles to see their excellencies. The buildings along the line of march were tastefully illuminated and bunting was flying from private staffs and shipping all day.

The Bible used at Queen Victoria's coronation was sold at auction recently for $200.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER FOR GOVERNOR GENERAL.

The Choice of Mr. Chamberlain, Says Rumor -- Lord Strathcona Mentioned.

Toronto, July 29.—(Special)—The statement is current in the city that Hon. Joseph Chamberlain is determined the next governor general should be a Canadian and that the choice of the secretary for the colonies is Sir Charles Tupper, Bart. It is also added that another strong section of the British cabinet favor the appointment of Lord Strathcona. The rumor that the Canadian high commissioner will soon resign his position and that it will go to Sir Richard Cartwright is once more revived. It is known his lordship with Lady Strathcona, doctor and Hon. Mrs. Howard will visit Canada this fall.

Montreal, July 29—(Special)—The Star's special cable from London says: There is no foundation whatever for the rumor of Lord Strathcona's resignation of the Canadian commissionership. When interviewed today His Lordship said: 'I am not aware that I have resigned.'

"Asked whether he proposed resigning shortly he replied: 'I am not aware of it; this is the first I have heard of it.'

"Both Lord and Lady Strathcona are in the best of health.

"Hope is expressed in Anglo-Canadian circles that Lord Strathcona may retain the high commissionership so long as his health permits."

ANOTHER UPROAR IN BRITISH COMMONS.

Messrs. Redmond and O'Brien Named and Finally Suspended.

London, July 30—There was a wild uproar in the House of Commons between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning at the conclusion of the debate on the taxation of agricultural property. The Conservatives interrupted Mr. Walton (Liberal), with cries of "Divide." William Redmond, on a point of order, called the attention of the speaker to the interruption, but the speaker ruled that the point was not well taken.

Mr. Walton resumed, but quite inaudibly, owing to the persistent cries of "Divide."

Mr. Redmond shouted: "Police, police." The speaker said this expressionwas disorderly.

Mr. Redmond—"Why don't you keep order?"

The speaker directed him to leave the house and named him. Mr. Balfour, the government leader, moved Mr. Redmond's suspension and this was carried by a vote of 303 to 71.

Patrick O'Brien persisted in the same point of order and was in turn named and suspended.

The bill was adopted.

MEMORIAL TO QUEEN WILL BE 60 FEET HIGH.

Plans Accepted for Statue and Surroundings for Buckingham Palace.

London, July 29.—The committee on the memorial to the late Queen has accepted, subject to modification in details, Mr. Thomas Brock's design for a monument, and Mr. Aston Webb's plan for the treatment of the space in front of Buckingham Palace. The monument will be placed in front of the palace looking down the mall. The whole memorial will be 60 feet high, consisting of a platform approached by five flights of steps, and surmounted by a statue of the Queen, several times larger than life, flanked by symbolical groups representing Truth, Justice and Maternity, the army and the navy, etc. Mr. Webb's design calls for colonnades, gardens and gateways. It is regarded as likely to produce one of the finest entrances to any royal residence in Europe.

Gray Further Remanded.

New York, July 29.—Walter Lewis Gray, who is held on suspicion in connection with the murder of May Fosburgh in Pittsfield, Mass., was remanded for further investigation in police court today.

Gray was held at the request of a detective. Gray said he was innocent and had no objection to being held for the fullest investigation. Unless the police get something to corroborate the statement of the woman who caused the arrest of the prisoner he will probably be discharged when brought into court again Wednesday.

PEOPLE WATCHED GREAT DRAWING ALL THROUGH DAY

Twenty-five Thousand Gathered, Eagerly Waiting for Free Homesteads.

NEITHER ATE NOR DRANK.

But Were All Absorbed in the Drawing in Oklahoma--Some Won Properties Worth from $20,000 to $40,000--One Pioneer Who Got Married Forfeits Her Claim.

El Reno, O. T., July 2—Oklahoma's great land lottery was begun here in earnest today, and when the commissioners appointed by the Federal government adjourned the drawing for the day, one thousand of the choice of the thirteen thousand 160-acre claims in the Kiowa-Commanche country had been awarded.

The first name drawn from the wheels was that of Stephen A. Holcomb, of St. Paul's Valley, I. T., for a homestead in the El Reno district, and the second, Leonard Lamb, of Augusta, O. T. These two men select the two choice claims in this district. The capital prize winners, however, proved to be James R. Wood, of Weatherford, O. T., whose name was the first to come from the Lawton district wheel, and Miss Mattie H. Beals, of Wichita, Kas., who drew the second number in that district. They will have the privilege of making the first filings in the Lawton district and will undoubtedly choose the two quarter sections adjoining that town. These are considered the most valuable in the territory and are, it is estimated, worth from $20,000 to $40,000 each.

It is estimated that fully 25,000 persons saw the drawing. The immense throng was wrought up to the highest pitch. The drawing of the first claims was followed by a mighty shout. Each succeeding winner for a time was met with shouts of applause and merriment. All was pleasant.

The crowds fairly exhausted themselves and when the close of the drawing for the day was announced at 6 o'clock hundreds who had neither eaten nor drunk during the day, sank to the ground where they stood from sheer fatigue, or dragged themselves to places for rest or refreshment booths.

It has been found that many hundred applicants have "repeated" and that others have applications so illegible that they will be thrown out. From this the outcome may be an appeal to the courts.

Twenty-five names were first drawn from the El Reno district and then an equal number from the Lawton district. When all was ready, Ben Heyler placed his hand in a hole in the El Reno wheel and, drawing an envelope, handed it to Col. Dyer. It was passed to Chief Clerk Mackay, stamped and handed back to Col. Dyer. The commissioner walked to the front of the platform, raised his hand for order and in a loud tone, exclaimed:

"Stephen A. Holcomb, of Paul's Valley, I. T., draws the first number."

The crowd yelled for three minutes, apparently as much delighted as if every man had drawn a prize.

In quick succession other envelopes were drawn. The eighteenth winner in the Lawton district was Minerva McClintock, aged 25 years, of Oklahoma City. She was married yesterday, and by this act forfeits her right to her claim. She might have chosen a claim near a county seat worth several thousand dollars. The drawing will be resumed tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock and, it is believed, will have been completed by Thursday evening.

Lake Megantic's Quick Trip.

Montreal, July 29.—(Special)—S. S. Lake Megantic, from this port, Friday, 19th July, arrived at Liverpool at 3 p. m. yesterday, having made another splendid run. The time of passage from Father Point to Liverpool was, deducting difference in the time, 7 days, 18 hours and 10 minutes and is equal to 6 days 22 hours from Father Point to Queenstown. This is one of the quickest trips made this season between Liverpool and Montreal.

WHOLESALE JOINT SMASHING.

Kansas Threshers Make Wild Protest Against No Liquor on Sundays.

Wichita, Kan., July 29.—Eight threshing machine crews reached the town of Colwich, in this county, yesterday, and because they could not get liquor on account of the Sunday law, they smashed five "Joints" and wrecked a number of town pumps. The citizens organized a party to cause their arrest, but the threshers made their retreat. The rioting was resumed today when the citizens again tried to arrest the threshers but again they had to give up. The sheriff has been asked to come at once to the scene.