

INVESTIGATION OF PAPER TRUST

Newspaper Publishers Lay Case Before Congressional Committee

CHARGE COMBINE TACTICS

Say Price is Artificially Kept Up By the Paper Manufacturers

Washington, April 25.—The actual investigation of the wood pulp and paper question involving in respect an examination into the affairs of the Paper Trust to determine whether or not it is, as alleged by the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, a combination in restraint of trade, was begun to-day by the select committee appointed by Speaker Cannon. Representatives of the committee of fifty appointed by the American Newspaper Publishers' Association arrived in Washington to-day in response to a telegram sent yesterday by Chairman Mann of the committee, to President Herman Richter of the Association, and General Manager M. E. Stone, of the Associated Press, inviting testimony.

The newspaper delegation appeared before the investigating body at 10 o'clock and the presentation of the publishers' case was at once begun by John Norris, business manager of the New York Times. Mr. Norris says that he and his associates appeared as representatives of substantially all the daily newspapers of the United States. "We consume," said Mr. Norris, "at least eighty per cent. of the news print paper used in the United States, and represent the seventh largest industry in the country, an industry that has been menaced by an extraordinary aggregation of law breakers."

"We will," added Mr. Norris, "produce figures to prove our assertion that the papermakers plan to add sixty millions of dollars per annum to the burdens of the country, and Mr. Norris declared that "we will show you a plan to increase the price of paper to 25 per cent."

Mr. Norris charged that the increase was made by the International Paper company in the face of an announcement in 1907 that a committee was to be formed to investigate the matter. "A famine that came according to schedule," the association declared, "was the result of the committee that they have glutted the Canadian mills with orders, and have kept the Canadian laborers employed in the mills."

Mr. Mann, chairman of the committee, said that while the committee desired to get at was whether the publishers claim that the removal of the duty on wood pulp would cause a decrease in the price of paper, and whether the publishers proposed to support before the committee the charge that the International Paper trust is a conspiracy in restraint of trade within the meaning of the law.

Mr. Sims asked whether the removal of the duty on wood pulp would not be a discrimination against American woods. Mr. Norris replied: "My information is that the price supply in this country is largely owned by paper manufacturers, and they are holding for the future the buying their supply in Canada."

Mr. Norris said the consular board of Canada has fixed the price of mill paper at \$2 a ton f.o.b. at the mills. He said that Canadian companies have been selling their product in the United States at one dollar less a ton, duty paid than it can be bought from producers in the United States. He said that the International Paper company and other manufacturers have been buying extensively the woods and timber in Canada.

Insane Man's Suicide. Monday, Ont., April 25.—Wm. Low, committed suicide by hanging himself on Thursday night. No reason was given for the act other than that he suffered from temporary insanity.

Dynamite Suspects. Grand, Cal., April 25.—One of two men skulking near the hay store of a house a few minutes before explosion on Wednesday night, is arrested. The arrest is pronounced to be an important one. The identity is not given.

Heavy Fog at New York. New York, April 25.—A dense fog settled down over the bay this morning, interfering seriously with the work of shipping, and made it difficult for half a dozen big ocean liners to get out of the harbor. The President Grant and the Olympia, with thousands of passengers from European ports, are being held at anchor to await clearing.

Dominion Archives Office. Ottawa, April 25.—Edmund Roy, of Levis, well known as the author of French Canadian historical works and other writings, has been appointed assistant Dominion archivist.

Canadian Northern Finances. Toronto, April 25.—Wm. Mackenzie leaves tomorrow for England in connection with the carrying through of certain financial proposals for the Canadian Northern railway.

Murderer's Disappearance. London, Ont., April 25.—Conflicting reports come from western Ontario as to the whereabouts of Moyer the soldier murderer. Tavistock, Maplewood, Ingersoll, Senfirth, Stratford and Goderich are among the places where correspondents say he was seen yesterday or the day before.

Alleged Jewelry Thieves. London, April 25.—William O'Connell, supposed to be an accomplice of Claude Heritier in the theft of jewelry from the residence in New York of Mrs. David P. Morgan, was arrested in Liverpool last night. Like Heritier, O'Connell had a number of diamonds in his possession. Heritier's case will come up in the Bow street police court on April 27, and O'Connell will probably be arraigned at the same time.

Ontario Nominations. Montreal, April 25.—The following nominations for the legislature took place in Ontario yesterday: North Huron, J. T. Currie, Liberal. East Hastings, A. A. Richardson, Conservative; South Lanark, Hon. A. J. Matheson, provincial treasurer; East Wellington, Major Craig, M. P. P. Conservative.

GRANTS MUCH LAND IN AID OF RAILWAYS

Quebec Government Introduces Bill on the Eve of Prorogation

Quebec, April 25.—A bill was introduced by the government yesterday providing for grants of from 4,000 to 2,000 acres per mile for new sections of railway to be built in the province. A total of 2,375,000 acres of the public domain is available for the purpose. The bill provides for the grant of 4,000 acres per mile for the first 100 miles, and 2,000 acres per mile for the remainder of the line. The bill also provides for the grant of 100 acres per mile for the construction of a branch line from the main line to a point on the coast.

The bill was introduced by the minister of the interior, Mr. J. G. Bourque. He said that the government was anxious to encourage the construction of railways in the province, and that the grant of land was a necessary step in this direction. He said that the bill would be introduced on the eve of the prorogation of the legislature.

Members of the opposition took strong exception to the introduction of the bill on the eve of prorogation. They said that the bill was a piece of legislation that should have been introduced at an earlier date, and that it was a waste of time to introduce it now.

Thaw's Case. Poughkeepsie, N. Y., April 25.—J. C. Graham of Newburgh, attorney for Harry K. Thaw, appeared before Justice Murchercher in the Supreme court today and secured an amendment to the indictment in the Thaw case. The amendment is that Thaw's half making it returnable in this city May 4 instead of May 9, the date originally set for this hearing. The amendment was made to suit the convenience of witnesses.

Guard Against Rats IS STILL NECESSARY. Impression Gained by Dr. Underhill on Tour of American Ports

Inspector Dr. Underhill, who has just returned from an official tour of inspection of Seattle and San Francisco, declares it is of the utmost importance in Vancouver and Victoria to guard against inroads of the plague during the coming summer. No cases have been reported in this city, but rats are being daily captured which are infected with the disease.

Dr. Underhill will insist on maintaining rat guards against steamers, and will have a fumigation of Seattle steamers every few weeks during the hot weather.

CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS. Three of New Westminster's Residents Injured in Misadventures With Horses

New Westminster, April 25.—Mrs. Edward Coombs, of South Westminster, was badly injured yesterday. She started to open a large gate to admit a horse and buggy. In some way the horse was frightened and she was thrown from the gate being thrown back. The wheels of the buggy passed over her head and she was severely injured. Her right leg was fractured and her neck injured.

Two lives were nearly lost in an exciting runaway which occurred on Columbia street yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Parks, of Layton, was badly injured by jumping from the wagon while the horses were dashing along Front street. The horses went on the sidewalk and it was only by a miracle that two women who were walking just in front of them escaped.

L. Pillock, of Bon Accord, was the victim of another accident with horses yesterday by being kicked in the face by an animal tied in its stall. Pillock's lower jaw was fractured and his face is badly cut and bruised. He is receiving treatment at the Royal Columbia hospital.

STEAMER SINKS BRITISH CRUISER

Gladiator Rammed by American Liner St. Paul in the Solent

SOME OF CREW DROWNED

Collision Occurs in Blinding Snowstorm—Cruiser at Anchor

Southampton, April 25.—The American liner St. Paul, which left Southampton on her regular voyage, bound for New York this afternoon met a dense snow storm, rammings and destroyed the British second class cruiser Gladiator of the Isle of Wight. The first reports stated that from twenty to thirty of the Gladiator's crew had been drowned, but later intelligence reduced the number of casualties greatly. The exact extent of the disaster, however, cannot be accurately known until tomorrow. No one on the St. Paul was killed or injured.

The bodies of Steward Widgery, Walter Cowdery and a Maltese steward named Dieblas, all attached to the cruiser, have been brought ashore. One officer, Lieut. Wm. Graves, an Irishman, who attempted to swim to land, is missing, and eight injured sailors are being treated in hospital at Golden Hill for treatment. It is believed that only a few others are unaccounted for.

The St. Paul left Southampton at 12:30 o'clock. She was an hour behind her usual time of sailing, the delay being due to the belated arrival of the passenger train which was blocked by snow drifts on the trip from London. The weather was comparatively clear in Southampton waters, but immediately the St. Paul turned into the Solent, which runs parallel with the Isle of Wight, she encountered a terrific snowstorm. Capt. Passow, her chief officer, with the American liner's regular pilot, were on the bridge, and a lookout man was posted in the bows.

The St. Paul's sharp stem rammed the anchored vessel amidships. She quivered and reeled, and the British cruiser, on deck in great alarm, the women on the verge of a panic. The officers and crew acted with the greatest coolness. Quick action was taken to prevent a display of discipline as though she were the best trained man-of-war. Five lifeboats were lowered within a few minutes, and the rescue of the Gladiator, which had sustained a death blow.

The cruiser began to sink almost at once. Her men gave a magnificent demonstration of discipline. At the captain's command they formed in line on the deck and stood in ranks while the cruiser settled in the water. In order, successive batches marched to the gangways and entered the St. Paul's boats until practically the whole crew had been taken off. The British cruiser was then abandoned at Yarmouth, on the Isle of Wight.

The Gladiator's crew numbered 450 men, and Capt. Walter Lumsden, true to naval traditions, was the first to leave his ship. Only a few men then were missing, and it was thought that most of them were saved by a boat which had put out from Yarmouth. Capt. Lumsden on landing at once sent a message to Capt. Passow thanking him for his promptitude in lowering boats and speaking in the most complimentary terms of the conduct of the St. Paul's seamen.

The Gladiator soon lay low. Only her upper works are now visible. The St. Paul returned to Southampton, and her passengers were put ashore seeking accommodation at various hotels. They will sail by the Teutonic on Wednesday, special arrangements having been made by the American company. The fact that the American liner sustained no worse damage than a badly buckled bow and a comparatively small hole on her port side is the most remarkable feature of the whole occurrence. Her injuries were temporarily repaired by putting on a second set of the municipal power plant this summer.

Stowaway Drowns Himself. Halifax, April 25.—An unknown stowaway who was being deported jumped aboard from the Lake Michigan as she lay off her dock. No trace of the body has been found.

Haywood Dismissed. Denver, April 25.—William D. Haywood has been ousted by the executive committee of the International Brotherhood of Miners on account of going to the city and his too great activity in spreading socialism.

HOUSE COMMITTEE TO MAKE INQUIRY

Major Hodgins' Charges to Be Sifted—Marine Department Cleansing

Ottawa, April 25.—The correspondence of Major A. E. Hodgins, formerly district engineer on the National Transcontinental, with headquarters at Kenora, which he charged that the government was paying padded accounts on their portion of the G.T.P., and other irregularities, has called attention to the fact that the continental Railway Commission an unqualified denial. Mr. Parent asks in a letter to Sir Wilfrid Laurier that all that time had been spent by the committee of the House, to which the Premier has agreed. Five members will be appointed to enquire into the matter. Major Hodgins will be summoned before the committee.

amazingly slight in comparison with the damage to the cruiser. In accordance with the admiralty regulations, the St. Paul was proceeding at reduced speed.

The Gladiator was a twin screw protected cruiser of the second class. She was of 5,750 tons, and was 320 feet in length. She was built at Portsmouth in 1896.

Jumped From Window. New York, April 25.—Eugene Munsie, a wealthy manufacturer, killed himself early today by throwing himself from a seventh story window in the Vandyck apartments in West 32nd street, where he lived with his family. He had been greatly worried by financial matters, members of his family declare, and had suffered severely from insomnia. Mrs. Munsie sat up with him all last night, as he was unable to sleep. Early this morning he asked his wife to get him a glass of milk, and while she was out of the room he threw open a window and hurled himself to the street. He was instantly killed.

Sir R. Cartwright's Loss. Napanea, Ont., April 25.—The large foundry, formerly used as an agricultural implement works, of Sir Richard Cartwright, was destroyed by fire yesterday. A small brick house three blocks away caught fire from flying cinders and was badly damaged.

Rev. Dr. Rochester. New Westminster, April 25.—Rev. W. M. Rochester, M.A., western field secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, will be touching the coast about the beginning of next month and will address meetings in this city on Sunday. The situation in India, but every confidence is felt that the rising sun will be suppressed. Lord Kitchener has been informed of the gravity of the situation in India, and every confidence is felt that the rising sun will be suppressed. Lord Kitchener has been informed of the gravity of the situation in India, and every confidence is felt that the rising sun will be suppressed.

NELSON SUB-STATION DESTROYED BY FIRE

The City and West Kootenay Power and Light Company Suffer Loss

Nelson, B. C., April 25.—Part of the city power and light substation was destroyed by fire this morning. The fire started in the boiler room, and spread to the main building. The loss is estimated at \$12,000. The fire was caused by a short circuit in the wiring. The fire department was called at 10 o'clock, but the fire was too far advanced to be controlled.

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LITTLE GIRL'S HEROISM

Saves Her Younger Sister's Life and is Crushed by Wheels of Automobile

New York, April 25.—Six year old Marguerite Maroney lost her life in Carmine street today in saving her baby sister, Katherine, from death under an automobile. Marguerite was knocked down by the machine, and two wheels passed over her body, killing her. Katherine, who was only two years old, was saved by her mother, and was returning with her purchases. Katherine, a little in the back when the automobile bore down upon them. The driver did not see them, and Marguerite rushed forward, seized her sister by the shoulder, and dragged her back out of harm's way. She herself had no time to escape, and was crushed to death under the wheels.

MINER INJURED

Crawford Thompson, of Ladysmith, Caught by Fall of Coal—Death of Dr. Dykeson

Nainaimo, April 25.—Crawford Thompson, a well known Ladysmith miner, was seriously injured in the Extension mine the day before yesterday, news of which has just been received. While working in place he was caught by a fall of coal, which practically buried him. When extracted his injuries were found to consist of bad cuts and bruises and serious injuries to his chest.

The death of Dr. Dykeson, a retired army surgeon who has spent the greater part of his life in India, occurred this morning at Denman Island, B.C., who was 74 years of age, has lived quietly on the island for some years.

FIERCE ATTACK BY TRIBESMEN

British Punitive Force From Peshawar Has Some Hard Fighting

A HEAVY CASUALTY LIST

Afghan Assistance to Hostile Tribes Makes Situation Grave

Simla, April 24.—A despatch received here from Peshawar says: "The column was attacked last night, but the enemy were repulsed. There was a heavy artillery fight this morning at Shabakot, and Gen. Anderson's brigade fought a big engagement. The casualties numbered 62, including several British officers."

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IN UNMARKED GRAVE

Memorial Tablet in Church Clears Mystery in Finding Skeletons

New York, April 25.—The mystery of an unmarked grave containing a number of skeletons, found the other day in the city, has been cleared up. The bones are those of a party of Englishmen who were killed in the battle of Hook in 1783 and buried under the benediction of old Trinity church.

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GREAT SNOWSTORMS IN UNITED KINGDOM

Remarkable Aberration of the Weather Experienced in Past Few Days

London, April 25.—The United Kingdom is experiencing remarkable weather. Snow has fallen in London every day since last Monday, and the thermometer has been down nearly to the freezing point.

Heavy falls of snow in the north have caused floods on the Scottish border, and early this morning the heaviest snowstorm for many years swept over southern Sussex and Hampshire. The snow in some places being two or three feet deep.

At Southampton business has been practically suspended, the street car service is snowed up, and gangs of men are digging the cars out from deep drifts. All trains at Southampton are late. The same conditions prevail at Portsmouth, and there have been heavy falls of snow at Bath and Bournemouth.

MINERAL OUTPUT

Substantial Addition to Product of B. C. Mines Made During the Past Week

Nelson, B.C., April 25.—Shipments from mines of the districts of South-eastern British Columbia for the past week and year to date are as follows: Boundary, week, 13,995; year, 334,992. Rossland, week, 3,727; year, 90,671. East of Columbia River, week, 1,526; year, 6,748. Total shipments for past week, 25,248; and for year, 462,411.

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