

AWFUL ACCIDENT IN CHATHAM MILL

Henry Dumont Caught in Machinery and Whirled to Death. Unfortunate Man Literally Torn to Pieces by Rapidly Revolving Shaft --W. S. Loggie Chosen as Grit Sacrifice.

Special to The Standard. Chatham, June 15.—Henry Dumont, aged 45 years, a teamster employed by W. J. Groat, met death in one of its most horrible forms early yesterday afternoon. Caught in the shafting of a mill, he was hurled round and round until reduced to a mere battered mass of humanity with legs and feet literally torn off from his body and portions of his anatomy flung the width of the building. The accident took place in the portion of the mill where the cogs receive their loads of edgings and slabs. Dumont had driven in and the wood fell down in the cart. Some spilled over the front and the side. He was stopping down picking up these slabs when the end of his jumper jacket caught in the shafting close at hand. No one saw the start of the accident, but it is a second the unfortunate man was pulled off his feet and as he struck for the first time against the platform above, a great "Oh" burst from his lips. The two men nearest him, Charlie Martin and Ernest Dick, heard the terrible half groan, half cry and when they saw what had happened they rushed to the engine room and had the machinery stopped. The shaft makes about 150 revolutions per minute, but before the mill could be stopped the man had been flung around a hundred times, his limbs outstretched striking against the platform above at every revolution. Probably he was mortally dead after the first few turns, but the terrible power of the machinery had torn his feet clear of his body and left the skin hanging in shreds. As quickly as possible the remains were taken down and carefully covered by a cloth. Dr. Byrne and Coroner Benson were soon on the spot and after all investigations declared death was accidental and there was no need of an inquest. The coroner however suggested that some covering should be placed over the shafting at the place where the teams are loaded as the space is narrow and the same accident might occur again any time. The mill was closed for the afternoon. Manager Morris said this was the first accident in twenty years occurring in the mill. The deceased is a native of France and came here from St. Pierre, Mig. He had been working for Mr. Groat for two years. He was married by his wife, who heard of the terrible news at their home in King street. At the Liberal convention held here today, W. S. Loggie, M. P., was unanimously elected as standard bearer for the Liberal party in the next federal election. John W. Vanderbeck declared he would not stay with the Liberal party if the line between Blackville and Chatham Junction was abandoned, as reports declare it will be. Mr. Loggie assured him that he did not think this would be touched.

OTTAWA CARSMEN TO HENLEY RACES Senior Ottawa Eight Which Will Row at Henley, left Ottawa Last Night to Sail From Quebec.

Ottawa, June 15.—The senior eight of the Ottawa Rowing Club which is to row for the grand challenge cup at Henley on August 5th and 6th, left for the old country tonight. They pulled out of the central station about 8:30 and will sail for England from Quebec via the Empress of Britain tomorrow afternoon. President Cameron, Secretary Skoad Coach Kent and the following rowers comprised the party: Harvey Bulford, Martin Kilb, Billy Morrison, Jim McCaug, Fred Sowden, Thayer Jolliffe, D. J. O'Donohue, Ed Phillips and Bob Green. Chester Paine will act as coxswain, and if necessary Kent himself will row with the senior four.

SUNDAY BAND CONCERTS LED TO LEGAL ACTION Toronto, June 15.—The charges brought by the morality department against the bands at Scarborough Beach and Hanlan's Point, which played last Sunday, were tried by the police court, and adjourned until tomorrow. Staff Inspector Kennedy stated that it was unlikely any steps would be taken against local residential bands.

SHIP OWNERS CONCEDE PART OF WAGES ASKED

The White Star, C. P. R., and Other Lines Agree to Increase of \$2.50 Per Month in Seamen's Wages.

Coastwise Sailors To Strike. New York, N. Y., June 15.—American seamen on coastwise vessels who have threatened to strike, sent a committee of six to ship owners today to present their demands. The delegation will report at a mass meeting of sailors, firemen, cooks and stewards to be held tomorrow night, the success or failure of their mission, H. P. Griffin, vice-president of the international seamen's union of America, said today that 20,000 men would be involved in the proposed strike and that coast trade from Maine to New Orleans would be tied up, unless the ship owners acceded to the union's demands. Empress Can Sail.

London, June 15.—The White Star and Canadian Pacific Railway made an advance of \$2.50 per month to the seamen's union, and it is stated that these concessions will enable the Teutonic, the Baltic and the Empress of Ireland to sail on time. Steamer Secures Crew. Antwerp, June 15.—The Atlantic Transport steamer Marquette sailed for Boston today with an ample crew. The Red Star Line officials say that they are assured of sufficient firemen and trimmers to permit the sailing of the Finland for New York on Saturday.

RULING ON SUNDAY LAWS IN TORONTO

Restaurant Keepers May Sell Soft Drinks if Consumed on Premises, But no Cigars or Candies. Toronto, June 15.—In reference to the sale of soft drinks, ice cream and cigars on Sunday, the Crown attorney in a letter addressed to the staff inspectors states in part: "On Sunday a restauranter cannot sell candy to be taken away, this being the trade of a confectioner. Neither can he sell soft drinks or cigars to be taken away. He may as part of his business, sell soft drinks to be consumed on the premises. Judge Middleton says nothing about selling soft drinks with a meal in his judgment, nor does he dispose of Sunday ice cream sales, which question was not before him. The proprietor of a cigar stand in a hotel may not sell cigars on Sunday."

TO BUY RIGHTS OF CANADA AND JAPAN IN SEAL FISHERIES

Washington, June 15.—Indications are that an agreement will be reached by the International Seal Conference on the basis of a compensation by the United States and Russia to Canada and Japan for the relinquishment by them of the taking of seals at sea, a certain proportion of the profits derived from the killing of seals on the rookeries being diverted for that purpose. The meeting of the conference arranged for today was postponed until next Saturday, because of the rookeries being diverted for that purpose. The meeting of the conference arranged for today was postponed until next Saturday, because of the rookeries being diverted for that purpose. The meeting of the conference arranged for today was postponed until next Saturday, because of the rookeries being diverted for that purpose.

Raising the U. S. S. Maine.



Havana, June 15.—That the shattering of the hull of the battleship Maine, expressed by the mute testimony of steel ribs bent apart, decks upheaved and hurled far from their original positions, bulkheads crumbled like sheets of paper and apparently inextricable and hardly identifiable masses of construction material, is evidently far greater than supposed was revealed this afternoon as a result of a superficial observation made possible by the lowering of the water's level in the cofferdam, a total depth of seven feet. On account of this unforeseen revelation, of the terrific character of the explosion which sent the battleship to the bottom of the harbor, all plans heretofore prepared for dealing with the ultimate removal of the explosion are being merely conjectured until a considerably greater amount of water has been pumped out. As the water receded today, every successive foot revealed worse and worse condition in that portion of the hull forward of amidships which was subjected to the main force of the explosion. It is probable that the searchers may be able to enter the officers' quarters in the after superstructure tomorrow, where they may find the remains of ensign Merritt, the only officer missing.

THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE

"All Red" Route of Cables Discussed — Project for State Cable to Canada Will Come up Again. London, June 15.—The Imperial Conference today discussed resolutions providing for cheaper cable rates throughout the Empire and the laying of a state owned cable between England and Canada, thus securing an "All Red Route," linking up all the British dominions. The postmaster general, the Right Hon. H. L. Samuel, explained the steps that have recently been taken to secure reductions in Atlantic cable rates. He said that in view of this the government was not justified at the present time, in incurring the expense of laying a new cable. A resolution was adopted that if considerable reductions in trans-Atlantic cable rates were not effected in the near future the project to lay a state owned cable between England and Canada should be considered at a subsidiary conference.

THE PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY CLOSED

Committee Appointed to Make Effective Assembly's Stand on Ne Temere Decree—Will Co-operate With Others. Ottawa, June 15.—The Presbyterian General Assembly ended its sittings today. Action was taken towards making effective the stand of the assembly on the "Ne Temere" decree and a committee was appointed to co-operate with other Protestant denominations. The reports of the committee on finances declared that the salaries paid to ministers and missionaries were insufficient and recommended that steps be taken to provide substantial increases. Reference was made to semi-religious campaigns which reduced the giving power of church membership and gave others an excuse to refuse subscriptions in aid of the church.

DIVERS EXAMINE THE WRECK OF LAKE BOAT

Ogdensburg, N. Y., June 15.—Divers today examined the hull of the steel steamer Gen. Devy, the Montreal Transportation Company which sank on Tuesday, in 15 feet of water after striking the lighthouse shoal near Clayton. Several plates were found to be pierced. The cargo of 50,000 bushels of corn is being pumped out and the steamer it is expected, will be speedily raised. She is the fourth vessel to be wrecked on the shoal.

NOTED EDUCATIONIST DEAD

Ithaca, N. Y., June 15.—Prof. Hiram Corson, educator and author, died at his home here this afternoon, aged 83. He was instructor of English literature at Cornell from 1879 to 1903, since when he has been a professor emeritus.

PROBING THE SUGAR TRUST

Head of Mormon Church Summoned as Witness in Case Against the American Sugar Kings. Washington, June 15.—Joseph F. Smith, head of the Mormon church, has been summoned to appear before the house sugar trust investigating committee to tell what he knows of the formation of the Utah Idaho Sugar Company, a combination. Other prominent witnesses summoned by the committee today include Horace Havensmyer, New York; John D. Spreckles and Adolph Spreckles. A resolution adopted in 1888 by the directors of the American Sugar Refining Company authorizing their committee to fix the price of sugar and buy the output of "outside refineries" at terms to be fixed at their discretion," confronted the officials of the company today when they appeared before the house committee.

POLICE RAID STOCK TAKERS

The Mutual Brokerage Co. of Toronto a Huge Swindle — Scores of Victims Will be Heavy Losers. Toronto, June 15.—Charged with fraudulent use of the mails, Thos. Barrett, a young man about 22 years old, was arrested this morning when Detective Wallace raided the office of the Mutual Brokerage Co. in the Dufferin building. The Mutual Brokerage Company incorporated, had had their head office in Toronto for only two months or so. Previously they have had their office at 77 Broad street, New York, but they were forced to get out of there, as the police got too inquisitive. The police have been receiving complaints during the past few days and started to investigate. According to Inspector of Detectives Duncan, the firm sold stocks on the installment plan. There are said to be scores of victims, principally poor women. "It's one of the most colossal swindles that we have ever run up against," said Inspector Duncan. "We got a wagon load of papers and letters when we raided the place and the firm must have got thousands of dollars that way."

FORGED CAR TICKETS THE NEWEST WRINKLE

Chicago Men Arrested on Charges of Nation-wide Attempt to Swindle the Street Railway Companies. Chicago, June 15.—The arrest of John E. Farris, a conductor on the Illinois Central Railroad, and later his brother William L. Farris, revealed what United States secret service men said today was a nation wide plan to swindle the transportation companies in the big cities by counterfeit car tickets. From Farris' home a complete outfit for printing street car tickets was seized. John Farris is said to have admitted the charge against him and declared that there has been a systematic counterfeiting of transportation tickets for years. The men will be taken to Cleveland for trial.

DENY REPORT THAT CASTRO IS IN HAITI

Port Au Prince, June 15.—It is officially denied that Cipriano Castro, ex-president of Venezuela, is aboard the steamer Consul Grostuck. The Grostuck arrived here at 3 o'clock this afternoon, flying the German flag. She fired a salute, and the officers of the vessel came ashore and were received by President Simon.

MURDERER TO HANG TODAY

Edward Jardine of Goderich, Ont., Will be Executed This Morning for Murder of Lizzie Anderson. Goderich, June 15.—Arrangements are completed for the execution tomorrow of the sentence of Edward Jardine, for the murder of Lizzie Anderson on the night of September 30th last. Sheriff Reynolds is very non-communicative regarding the details of the arrangements which have been made. But it is understood that the execution is to take place at 7 o'clock in the morning. The hangman Ellis, of Toronto, has been here for several days and has seen that the scaffold and its appurtenances are in proper order. Mrs. Jardine, mother of the condemned man and several of his brothers paid their last visit to him yesterday. Jardine, who has been almost careless in his demeanor up to the last few days, is now said to be showing some realization of his position, and it is believed he will make a statement before the execution. Sheriff Reynolds has announced that the press will be absolutely excluded.

CONVENTION OF THE GAS MEN IN QUEBEC

Fourth Annual Meeting Opened Yesterday and Officers Elected — Entertained at Luncheon on Strm. Empress. Quebec, June 15.—The fourth annual convention of the Canadian Gas Association opened here today. J. S. Norris, of Montreal, presiding in the absence of the president, Arthur Hewitt, Toronto. Mr. Norris delivered the president's address which was referred to the nomination committee which shows the officials of the association for the coming year to be as follows: President, Arthur Hewitt; first vice-president, E. J. Phillips; second vice-president, A. W. Moore; secretary-treasurer, John Keillar; executive committee, J. S. Norris, R. A. Wallace, P. E. Cootie, A. A. Lion and J. M. E. Young. The committee recommended Toronto as the next place for the annual meeting providing the manufacturers' exhibits be held there. The delegates were entertained at luncheon on the C. P. R. steamer Empress of Britain, a courtesy extended them by Sir Thos. Shaughnessy and J. G. E. Moore, local representative of the C. P. R.

SMALL STEAMER BURNED.

Paducah, Ky., June 15.—Capt. John J. Lowry, owner of the steamboat of the same name arrived in Paducah this morning, and reported the destruction of his boat by fire early today at Hamlettsburg, Ill. Six passengers and a crew of 20 men escaped. The loss was \$15,000.

BIG FIRE IN ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Mo., June 15.—Two blocks were burned and a number of residences threatened by fire that started tonight in the plant of the Hutter Sash and Door Co. The damage is \$100,000.

A REFORM ERA FOR MEXICANS

SENATE TO KILL ROOT'S AMENDMENT And Then it is Believed Reciprocity Will Easily be Adopted by United States — Debate Continued Yesterday.

Washington, D. C., June 15.—The second day of debate on the Canadian reciprocity bill, proved a hot day for those opposed to the measure. Led by Senator Nelson in a prepared and exhaustive speech, a number of senators took part in a running debate that marked the closing period of the address. At adjournment Senator Penrose, in charge of the bill, felt that this had cleared the atmosphere considerably and he expressed the opinion that the general debate would not be of such great duration as had been predicted. A spirited debate among Republican senators was precipitated over the effect of the Root amendment dealing with paper and wood pulp. Senators Lodge, Clark of Wyoming and Smoot, were all on the floor and talking simultaneously. They agreed that the provision only restored the terms of the tariff, as submitted to congress. "How then did that feature of the agreement disappear?" asked Wm. A. Smith, of Michigan. "Ask the whispering winds," responded Mr. Clark. Apparently pleased with the poetic character of his response, the Wyoming senator at first seemed disposed to leave it there, but later added, that the amendment was not only in harmony with the original compact between the two countries, but in consonance with the Canadian bill carrying the agreement into effect. Mr. Smith was not satisfied and demanded from Chairman Penrose an explanation of the disappearance of that feature from the bill. Mr. Penrose had adopted the policy of allowing the opponents of the measure to do the talking, and reluctantly he arose to reply. "The change," he said, "occurred in the ways and means committee of the house, and the senator from Michigan knows as much about it as I do." "The effect, then, is to give the Canadians free trade in paper and pulp and not to give it to us," commented Mr. Smith. "And yet," he continued, "we are told by the house that we must not change a word in the bill as it was passed there, for fear of impairing it." The debate will be resumed at noon tomorrow. If any senator is ready to speak. This appeared doubtful tonight.

Foreign Mineral and Timber Monopolies to be Restricted. Under New Regime Mexico will Secure to Itself Benefits Arising from Development of Its Natural Resources. Chihuahua, Mex., June 15.—Reforms immediately affecting millions of dollars worth of foreign property in Mexico were announced tonight. Governor Gonzalez declared that under the new regime foreign concessions which would not be regarded as monopolies would not be extended or renewed and that every legal effort would be made to restrict foreign monopolies now existing in Chihuahua, one of the richest states in minerals and timber. The properties are largely controlled by American, British and German interests. The Americans are the largest holders. "All foreigners who grieved at the downfall of the Diaz administration will find that their grief was well founded," said Governor Gonzalez. "We do not intend to take away the riches of any foreigner who legally holds them, but we realize that under the Diaz system the granting of concessions with their ruinous payments of large sums of money to Mexican politicians, was a virtual selling out of Mexico. For years Mexico has been exploited by foreigners until the great body of the people have nothing. We were on the verge of a nation of paupers. Now all special privileges shall cease. If they can accomplish it, we hope to maintain the friendly relations with all nations, and we shall invite all foreign capital to come in, but there will be no more selling out of our country by piece-meal concessions. We will have no more piece-meal concessions, no more monopoly."

MONARCHISTS ACTIVE BUT NO ALARM IS FELT

Portuguese Government is Not Disposed to Treat Seriously The Threatened Rising of The Royalists. Lisbon, June 15.—Owing to the persistent rumors of an invasion by monarchists from the Spanish provinces to the north of Portugal, the Portuguese Minister of Interior has made an inspection along the frontier, visiting Viana do Castelo, Valença do Minho and other towns, for the purpose of studying the situation. Foreign Minister Machado today received despatches from his colleagues and the plotters would not attempt to cross the border. The despatches added that quiet reigns in the whole northern district. Military precautions, however, will be maintained.

PRESIDENT TAFT AND RECIPROCITY ROUNDLY SCORED

Washington, D. C., June 15.—Senator for Nelson, Minnesota, spoke at length today in opposition to Canadian reciprocity. He contended the president had no authority to undertake negotiations with Canada and charged that the chief executive had usurped the treaty-making power of the senate. Disasters for the farmers of the country, he declared, would follow the passage of the reciprocity bill. "The conduct of the president in this case is not only novel and without precedent," he said, "but to me it seems to be of such serious moment, and of such dangerous consequence, that I have felt it my duty to bring it to the attention of the senate. It seems that the president is depriving the farmers of this country of their constitutional protection in a two-thirds vote of the senate. This agreement would not be ratified if it were submitted to us for ratification pursuant to the spirit of the constitution."