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## COBALT'S FIRE LOSS IS \$300,000 ONE FATALITY; HOMELESS CARED FOR

### 2000 Sufferers to Be Aided as a Result of a Conflagration Which Sweeps Foreign "Shacktown" District.

### FINLANDER BLOWN UP IN DYNAMITED HOUSE

COBALT, July 2.—(Special.)—Cobalt is painfully familiar with the iron clang of the fire bell in the early morning hours, and when the white town was aroused at four o'clock today, people found a blaze already painting the early morning sky red and knew that the inevitable had happened, and that a fire had broken into the jam of shacks and crazy wooden buildings on the Halleybury road, and fanned by a slight breeze, was cracking up the buildings around it like a orange box.

For six hours the fire raged, and the result is the destruction of about 200 buildings, rendering homeless 2000 people, in a district about half a mile long by 100 yards wide, known as "Frenchtown" and tenanted chiefly by foreigners. The loss is placed at about \$300,000, but the insurance will be less than \$50,000. This is because the insurance rates have been almost prohibitive—from 10 to 15 per cent.—and in some cases the companies cancelled the risks held.

The fire originated in Joe. Lee's Chinese restaurant. Two waitresses, who roomed in the building, heard the flames crackling, and aroused the other inmates. As previous serious fires here originated in Chinese buildings, there is a decidedly anti-Oriental sentiment here to-day.

The local volunteer firemen were assisted by the brigades from New Liskeard and Halleybury, which arrived by special train about 5.30. The water supply was inadequate and recourse was had to dynamite to blow up buildings in hopes of checking the progress of the fire.

It was during the dynamiting of one building that a Finlander, who did not understand the warnings given him, and who rushed back into the house, was blown up and killed.

The Principal Sufferers. Had the fire gone south of "The Square," the damage would have been much greater. The principal losses are:

- Buffalo dry goods store.
- Canadian Northern Stores warehouse, Catholic Church and schoolhouse, \$1500.
- Shamandy Bros., fruit store.
- Chambers-Ferland mine shaft No. 4 (frame work).
- Campbell's tailor shop.
- Cobalt restaurant.
- De Wolf's blacksmith shop.
- Father Forget's residence.
- International Meat Market.
- Jamieson's Meat Market.
- Karam Bros., dry goods.
- Keelan's drug store.
- Meredith & Myler's jewelry store.
- Meyer shaft of the Nipissing Mine, loss \$5000.
- Moran & Frere.
- Miers' Home.
- Montreal Dry Goods Store.
- S. G. Madden's residence.
- New York restaurant.
- Poppleton's machine shop.
- Rentfree boarding house.
- Separate school.
- A. T. Short, machinery warehouse, with many thousand feet of lumber.
- T. N. O. Railway bridge, partially destroyed.
- Tripp's livery.
- Wingham Hotel (formerly the Lakeview), cost \$5000.

In addition there are dozens of restaurants, boarding-houses, small stores, beer saloons, dives and private houses.

Had a Good Start.

Altho the firemen made a prompt response to the alarm, when the Chinese dynamited the mine shaft, the fire was already well under way.

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## FIRE FACTS.

- 2000 homeless.
- One fatality.
- Area—Half a mile long by one hundred yards in depth.
- Loss—\$300,000; insurance, under \$50,000.
- Cause—Overheated stove in Chinese restaurant.
- District—Known as "French Town," occupied chiefly by foreigners; buildings chiefly small wooden structures.
- Relief measures well under way.

## TORONTO RUSHES AID TO STRICKEN COBALT

### Special Train Leaves at Nine o'Clock for North With Meat, Milk and Bread—Board of Control Harkens to Appeal of Mayor Lang for Relief.

Two telegrams tell a tale of two cities, one reeling under a sudden blow, and the other ready and willing to give much needed aid.

Here is the first:

"Two thousand homeless Cobalt fire victims, Ontario, send us car food to-night's train? Bread, milk, vegetables, fresh meat mostly needed."

H. H. Lang, Mayor Cobalt, Ont.

The message was received at the mayor's office yesterday afternoon. Mayor Oliver called a special meeting of the board of control at 4 p.m. and it was agreed to act at once. This telegram was then despatched:

H. H. Lang, Mayor Cobalt, Ont.

"Citizens of Toronto express sincere sympathy with you in your calamity. Arranging to send provisions required by to-night's train and trust same will reach you in good order."

Joseph Oliver, Mayor Toronto.

Property Commissioner Harris sought to arrange with the Grand Trunk to have a special refrigerator freight car attached to the Cobalt train, leaving Toronto at 9 p.m., but the railway officials said it would be dangerous, and Mr. Harris, acting under the board's instructions, arranged for a special train, which left at 8.20, traveling ahead of the Cobalt express. The cost to Toronto will be \$1600.

Mr. Harris then sent this telegram:

"Under instruction from Mayor and board of control, have arranged to you, charges prepaid, via C.P.R. cars 4870 and 1134, special train leaving here 8.20 to-night, 8200 pounds beef, 240 gallons milk, 2700 loaves of bread and 100 bags potatoes. Two thousand loaves of bread follow by express 2 a.m. Use refrigerator car containing beef and milk for storage."

R. C. Harris, Property Commissioner.

The Grand Trunk hope to have special in North Bay at 4 a.m. to-day, and arrangements are being made for special engine on T. & N. O. to carry the train to Cobalt.

### BRITISH MANUFACTURERS WANT INFORMATION BUREAU.

LONDON, July 2.—(C.A.P.)—British manufacturers will hold a meeting shortly with the object of establishing an information bureau in Canada.

### MONEY IN AUTOS.

DETROIT, Mich., July 2.—(Special.)—Astonishing profits are credited to one Detroit automobile concern, which, capitalized at \$200,000, has made a million dollars in eleven months.

## CITY BOND SALE BUGGLED BY MAYOR

### Debtors Brokers Say His Neglect of Courtesy to London Financial House Has Cost Toronto \$9600.

Neglect of courtesy by Mayor Oliver and City Treasurer Coady while floating \$1,925,000 civic bonds in London, England, cost the city of Toronto \$9600.

This is practically the charge made by Henry O'Hara and Company, stock and debenture brokers and members of the Toronto Stock Exchange, in an open letter to the mayor. It is asserted that the civic financiers who floated 4 per cent. bonds at par, net, could have obtained 100-1-2 by simply taking advantage of an offer a bank was ready to make.

The letter is as follows:

"Dear Mr. Mayor: We have just received a letter from our Mr. W. J. O'Hara, who says that he called on you at the Hotel Cecil and left his card and wrote you for an appointment, but you did not have the courtesy to see him.

"He says our bank would have given 100-1-2, London delivery, unstamped, for the bonds, which is 1-2 per cent. more than the city received net for them. We think, in future, bonds should be offered for sale by tender, giving everybody a chance to bid, and not having to London and sold in a private deal."

"By advertising the sale by tender, banks, bond-dealers and other financial institutions who are large taxpayers, will have the chance of competing for the investment."

"This is an open letter and given to the press quoted the terms of the letter, which amount to 1-2 per cent. and would have netted only 9600."

City Auditor Walter Sterling, to whom was quoted the terms of the letter, gave the opinion that the city would have had to deduct stamp charges, which amount to 1-2 per cent., and would have netted only 9600.

City Treasurer Coady, who arrives at New York to-day, should be able to throw some further light on the subject.

## ONE MAN'S MISFORTUNE

### Demented Wife and Four Small Children to Care For.

John Skipper last night walked into Court-street police station seeking shelter for his wife and four small children. They were finally housed by Mrs. M. E. Piggins, superintendent of the Bellamy Homes, East Queen-street.

Skipper comes from England and has been in the country three years. He has been living in St. Catharines and Merriton. Leaving his wife money to care for the children, aged 9, 4 and 2-1-2 years, and a baby 8 months old, he went to work on a lake steamer, but hearing that the children were being neglected, he returned and found his wife ill and demented. He wants to put his family in a home where they will be cared for.

## CHOPPED WIFE TO PIECES.

REGINA, Sask., July 2.—An atrocious murder was committed near Wadena, Sask., yesterday, according to a meagre report which reached the Royal Northwest Mounted Police. According to the story, a foreign settler murdered his wife, literally cutting her to pieces.

## MRS. JACQUES BUREAU INJURED.

MONTREAL, July 2.—The wife of Hon. Jacques Bureau, solicitor-general, was injured yesterday by falling downstairs at her residence, Three Rivers.

## WHAT COBALT IS SHOWING

BY WILLIAM STARR BULLOCK.

COBALT, July 2.—The official figures of ore shipments from the producing mines of Cobalt from January 1 to May 31, 1909, are given as 12,088 tons. The record for June is not yet at hand, but on this basis June shipments would be somewhat in excess of 2500 tons, giving a total output for Cobalt shipping mines for the first six months of the present year as 14,546 tons of ore, which is 68 per cent. of the present year's production for the first six months of 1908. The Ontario Department of Mines report for 1908 gives total silver content of Cobalt shipments for that year of 19,424,781 ounces, of which the share of La Rose alone was 19,774 per cent.

Cobalt output by years shows wonderfully rapid development by the camp.

1904	191 Tons
1905	2,326 Tons
1906	2,826 Tons
1907	14,851 Tons
1908	25,472 Tons

or a total from the time Cobalt first came in as a shipper of silver up to December 31, 1908, of 48,678 tons.

During 1908 the La Rose property alone produced from one of its claims 4.44 per cent. as much silver as the entire United States. The present output of the La Rose mines is between 23 per cent. and 24 per cent. of the entire production of the camp, and Nipissing output is better than 20 per cent. of this production. These two properties have contributed nearly 40 per cent. of all the dividends of the camp, which, including the dividend declaration of the leading properties announced last month, total over \$13,000,000. The non-dividend paying mines at Cobalt represent but 6.49 per cent. of the entire tonnage output of the camp.

The average value of the ore shipped from Cobalt since the first carload left the camp in 1904, is \$450 per ton. Naturally this includes quite a percentage of low grade ore, since some of the shipments from La Rose and Nipissing have run from 10,000 to 15,000 ounces of silver per ton. The dividends of the camp have totalled \$227 per ton of ore shipped, a record which has never been equalled by any silver camp in the world's history.

With Cobalt shipping to-day at the rate of 30,000,000 ounces per year, comparisons with the official figures for the United States during 1908 are of interest as showing the steadily increasing importance of the Cobalt camp. When it is recalled that the proven mineral area of Cobalt is hardly five miles square and that all of its shipping properties are included in this area, the comparison becomes all the more remarkable.

In 1908 the United States, including Alaska, produced 51,798,953 ounces of silver, valued at \$27,382,640. Of this total Montana, which is the banner silver producing state, outputted 11,518,913 ounces—a little more than one-third of Cobalt's present output; Colorado came next with 10,161,318 ounces, and Nevada followed with 9,323,828 ounces.

As will be noted, Cobalt is now producing approximately as much silver as the three leading silver-producing states of the U. S. The figures given for Utah, 7,718,872 ounces; Idaho, 6,289,585 ounces, and Alaska, 3,046,137 ounces, total hardly more than one-half of Cobalt's production for the current period. The entire territory of Alaska produced in 1908 but 36,000 ounces more than the record for the last twelve months production of the latter property, while the entire State of California outputted last year but 1,823,588 ounces—less than one-half of output of Cobalt's leading shipper.

The official figures of the world's silver production for 1908 are given as 200,655,334 ounces, of which Cobalt alone produced one-twentieth. At its present rate of shipment the Cobalt camp will output three-twentieths of the entire production of the world for 1909, a record which has never been approached by any silver camp in history.

## FIRM HAND WITH INDIA IS URGED UPON MORLEY

### Strong Feeling Aroused in Britain By the Assassination of Col. Wylie.

LONDON, July 2.—The murder of Lieut.-Col. Sir Wm. Hutt Curzon Wylie and Dr. Cawas Laccasa of Shanghai by Madar Lal Dhanagari, an Indian student, Thursday night at the Imperial Institute, has stirred England in a manner unknown since the Phoenix Park murders.

It had been a subject for self-congratulation by Englishmen that Great Britain was immune from political crimes of this nature, and it is a great shock to feel that public men no longer are safe from the attacks of assassins.

Great sympathy is felt for Viscount Morley, secretary of state for India, the difficulties of whose position will be greatly increased by reason of the murders.

A strong feeling has been aroused against a number of the members of the house of commons and others who have encouraged the Indian agitation against the government.

Another consequence of the tragedy distasteful to Englishmen is that henceforth it will be necessary to afford police protection to public men in New York, and that Scotland Yard already has detailed detectives to follow Lord Morley and others connected with the Indian administration when they appear in public.

Newspapers of all shades of opinion urge the government not to avert a halfhearted in the direction of weakening the executive authority in India and above all never to allow the extremists to suppose that Great Britain could be frightened into granting political concessions by such murders.

Premier Asquith, speaking at Southport to-night, expressed his deep sympathy for the relatives of Lieut.-Col. Wylie and the country's abhorrence of the detestable crime committed upon a distinguished officer of blameless character and universally beloved. He said it was startling evidence of the character of a conspiracy which happily was confined to a small number of people, but was desperate and determined in its methods.

## C.P.R. WOULD ENTER NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, July 2.—(Special.)—The Canadian Pacific Railway are reported to be seeking an entrance to New York, and are said to have secured control of the Buffalo, Rochester and Eastern Railway. Also the C.P.R. is seeking to get the Washburn it is said that control has already been secured.

The Dr. F. S. Pearson Syndicate of Toronto and Montreal have got another big timber tract in Mexico.

## RAINY RIVER BANK IS ROBBED OF \$10,000

### Manager of Branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia Held Up By Three Armed Men—Posse Now in Pursuit.

RAINY RIVER, July 2.—(Special.)—At 11.40 this morning, the local branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia, was held up by three men, and robbed of \$10,000. The robbers had their plans well laid, choosing a time when the Manager, J. A. Templeton, was alone in the bank. The robbery was a most daring one, as there were many people on the streets at the time. The robbers ran up Fourth-street, crossed the C. N. R. tracks and disappeared in the woods. It is thought they will either attempt to cross the Rainy River into Minnesota or work north to the C.P.R. The river is being patrolled and every available man is out searching the woods.

The revolver with which the hold-up was accomplished was stolen from the John Weeks Hardware Co., Spooner, on the night of June 20, the men having previously visited the store to look at fire arms.

Three men, answering the same description as the robbers, purchased cartridges from the Rat Portage Company's store at this point this morning.

The posse pursuing the men have a good description of them and every effort will be made to capture them. The country is densely wooded and difficult to travel.

A remarkable accident occurred during the arming of the posse. A rifle was accidentally discharged in the hands of one of the men, the bullet passing thru the leg of Mr. Field, the accountant of the bank. The wound, though not dangerous, is a very serious one. It is believed the bandits were from Spooner, Minn.

Mr. McLeod, the general manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, had received no details last night, a telegram from Mr. Templeton simply stating that the robbery had occurred.

## TWO MILLIONS IN BOUNTIES

### Those on Lead Show a Large Increase.

OTTAWA, July 2.—(Special.)—During the last fiscal year the government paid total bounties of \$2,467,306 on pig-iron, steel, lead, petroleum and Manilla fibre. Iron and steel bounties were \$1,861,614, compared with \$2,303,152 during the preceding year. Bounties on lead were \$307,435, compared with \$51,001 during the preceding year.

Six hundred and nine thousand four hundred and thirty-one tons of pig-iron were produced, a decrease of 74,248 tons; and 570,588 tons of steel, compared with 512,251 tons. For the manufacture of pig-iron, 178,736 tons of Canadian ore were used and 1,087,585 tons of foreign ore.

## PERISHES IN WELL

### Mother of W. H. Shaw Meets Death in Tragic Form.

CHATHAM, July 2.—Mrs. Oscar Shaw, aged 78, mother of W. H. Shaw of the Central Business College, Toronto, met her death at her home at Morpeth by falling into a well while getting a pail of water. Either dizziness or heart failure caused her to fall.

The accident happened about 9 o'clock yesterday morning, and W. H. Shaw, after receiving word of the sad affair, left on yesterday's train, accompanied by his wife, to attend the funeral. The deceased was the widow of Oscar Shaw, who died about seven months ago. W. H. Shaw is the only surviving member of the family.

## MOTOR BOATS MENACED CZAR

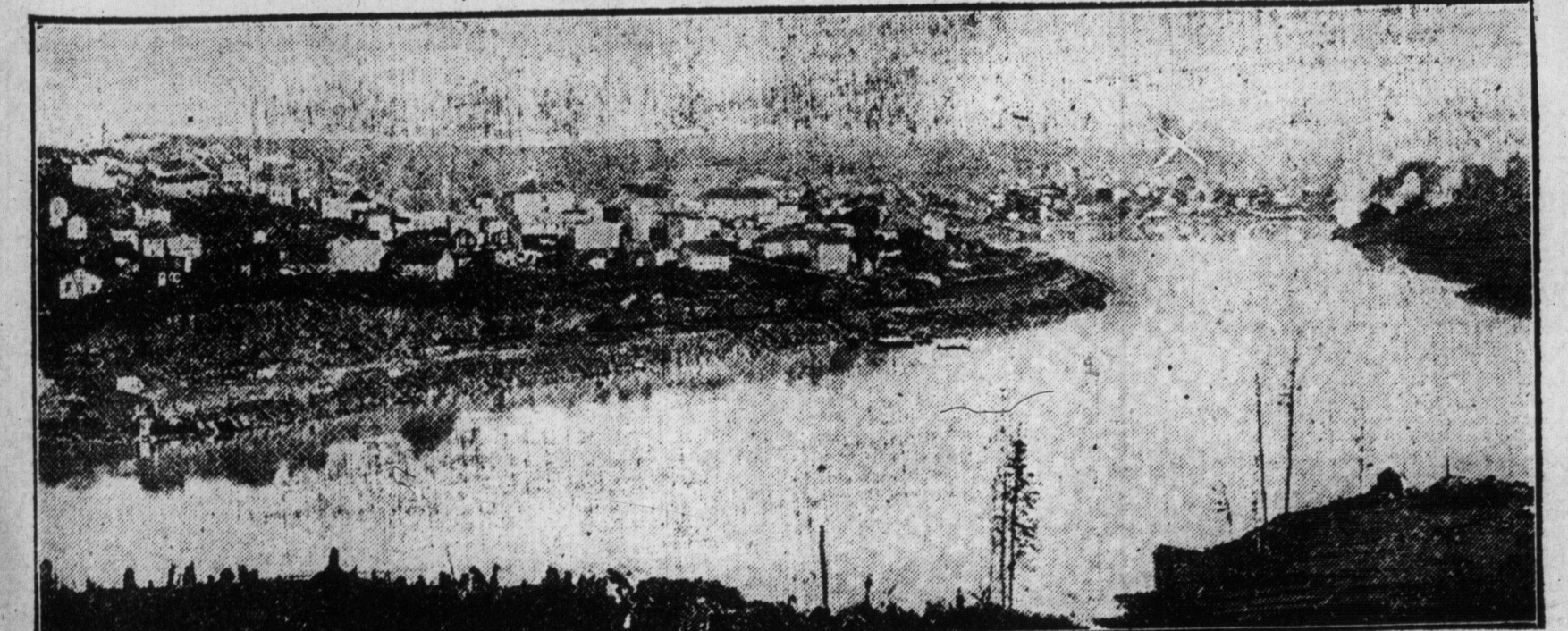
### That's Why British Ship Got Russian Shells.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 2.—In connection with the Woodburn incident, when the British steamer was fired upon by a Russian torpedo boat for approaching too close to the imperial yacht Standart, with Emperor Nicholas on board, in Phippas Bay, a Finnish newspaper publishes the following:

"The strict surveillance of the shipping near Phippas Bay was due to the information received by the Russian gendarmier that the Finns had purchased several 35-knot motor boats, with the intention of using them in sinking the imperial yacht."

Looks Like Luck.

They are in a mood to be extremely liberal. Mr. Dineen of the W. & D. Dineen Co., Temperance and Yonge-street, visited the New York market, and the different Panama factories the early part of this week, and succeeded in clearing out about 140 dozen Panamas. They have just arrived by express, and the goods are now on hand up and on sale. The prices will be \$5.00, \$7.50 and \$10.00, just about half their regular value. All sizes, and you are sure of a big bargain. Store open till 10-10-night for your convenience. He was taken ill while at dinner.



The Cross (x) shows the section of the town that was swept by the disastrous conflagration.

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