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FIFTIETH YEAR

STILL HOPEFUL OF AGREEMENT

Coal Mine Workers to Hold a Convention at Scranton Next Week

POSITION OF OPERATORS

Say They Will Not Recognize Union or Give Increase in Wages

Philadelphia, March 13.—After issuing a call for a tri-district convention at Scranton, Pa., on Tuesday March 23, to take the question of a new agreement between the anthracite mine workers and operators, the members of the three executive boards of the United Mine Workers of America, left for their homes today, and no important developments are looked for by them until the convention meets. Thomas L. Lewis, international president of the union, left tonight for Indianapolis, where he will remain until the eve of the Scranton meeting. Mr. Lewis, before departing, said he was still hopeful of reaching an agreement with the operators that will be satisfactory to both sides.

Russian Newspaper's Office

St. Petersburg, March 13.—The newspaper Russ today has published extracts from Count Leo Tolstoy's latest work "Christianity and the Death Penalty."

Australian Navy

Melbourne, March 13.—The Commonwealth government has ordered the construction of two torpedo boat destroyers at a cost of \$412,000 each, including armaments.

Franco-Canadian Treaty

Paris, March 13.—Mr. Fletcher, chairman of the Canadian section of the British chamber of commerce, hopes that the ratification of the Franco-Canadian convention by the French senate will be an accomplished fact in a few days.

Empire Rifle Match

Wellington, N.Z., March 13.—Premier Ward, speaking at the rifle championship meeting, expressed the hope that as the New Zealand and Australian teams would soon be competing in the Empire rifle shooting meeting in Australia next October, Canada and Great Britain would also be represented.

Trade Preference Beneficial

London, March 13.—The council of the London chamber of commerce passed a resolution affirming that the preferential treatment accorded by the various self-governing colonies has been a distinct advantage to British manufacturers, and that the withdrawal of such preferences would be most detrimental to trade between the various parts of the empire.

Food Adulteration

Ottawa, March 13.—Major Currie (North Simcoe) has introduced a bill to amend the adulteration act. It proposes to take away with the deposit of money by a complainant to cover the cost of obtaining samples of goods alleged to be adulterated. It also proposes to simplify prosecution proceedings. The bill was read the first time.

FLOOD THREATENING ALABAMA'S CAPITAL

River Reaches High Stage and City May Be Left in Darkness

Montgomery, Ala., March 13.—Montgomery is threatened with a serious water famine. The Alabama river tonight is nearing the fifty-foot stage, and the weather forecast indicates that it will rise to the fifty-foot stage by tomorrow morning. There is danger tonight of the city being thrown into the water. The water threatening the city is being held back by a dam at the mouth of the river. The dam is being operated by the Alabama Power Co. The dam is being operated by the Alabama Power Co. The dam is being operated by the Alabama Power Co.

Operators' Position

New York, March 13.—A statement of the attitude of the anthracite coal operators on the question of recognizing the United Mine Workers of America was given out here today by the operators' committee of seven. The statement says that the operators will treat union and non-union men alike, and that they will exercise no discrimination against or in favor of any man because of his membership or non-membership in any labor organization. They will make an agreement only with the representatives of the anthracite mine workers.

FIRE AND PANIC

Girls Employed in New York Factory Building Rescued With Difficulty by Firemen

New York, March 13.—A fire which broke out late today on the fourth floor of a manufacturing building on lower Broadway, caused the escape of the hundred or more girls employed there. Smoke filled the halls and out of the narrow window ledges overlooking Broadway. Most of them were rescued by the firemen, who ran up scaling ladders as soon as they arrived, and also spread the fire nets.

Playing for \$1,000 Prize

New York, March 13.—The Ottawa of Ottawa, champion hockey players today, tonight will play a two-day meet here with their rivals, the Wanderers of Montreal, taking the \$1,000 prize which was offered for the two games. The game tonight was a tie, 8 to 8. Last night's score was 6 to 4, Ottawa winning. The two teams will play two games, Ottawa 14, Wanderers 12.

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ABOLITION OF LEVEL CROSSING

Government Proposal to Provide Twenty Per Cent of Expense

CIVIL SERVICE DECEPTION

Ministers Sharply Criticized For Deliberate Evasion of New Act

Ottawa, March 11.—In the House of Commons today Mr. Graham introduced his resolution in respect to the abolition of level crossings, which ways in populous centres, under the government intends devoting \$200,000 per year for five years to the expenditure to be made under the authority of the railway commission.

Death Caused by Coughing

Cowanville, Que., March 11.—Mrs. Fred Huntley, 60 years old, is dead as a result of rupturing a blood vessel by violent coughing, caused by a pill lodging in her throat.

DETERMINED TO DIE

Winnipeg Man Drinks Carbolio Acid in Lobby of Salvation Army Church

Winnipeg, March 11.—Morris Ampherson, a man of middle age, drank almost the full contents of two six-ounce bottles of carbolio acid last night and still lies in a hospital, no fault of his, however, that the determined attempt to end his earthly career was a failure, and even yet there is a possibility that he will not recover.

MEN ARE LAID OFF FROM LE ROI MINE

Management Decides to Carry Out Extensive Plan of Exploration

Roseland, B.C., March 13.—The Le Roi mine laid off a number of men yesterday, though the manager at Northport is running as usual. It is generally understood that this is done in order to carry out an extensive plan of exploration to thoroughly explore the property down to 2,400 or 3,000 feet from the surface, the present lowest level being at 1,650 feet, where some rich ore has been mined and shipped during the last few months.

MADE IN NEW YORK

Inquiry Into Saskatchewan School Book Deal Discloses Remarkable Facts

Regina, Sask., March 11.—That the Morning Educational committee of Regina, while ostensibly contracting for the publication and supply of the Alexandra readers of the Saskatchewan public schools, is in reality only acting as one of the middlemen in the deal, was the startling fact disclosed by the crown witness, W. F. Brainerd, of New Jersey, at the royal commission investigation today.

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HIS DEATH WAS DECREED

Murder Will Cause Vigorous War on Criminal Secret Societies

Palermo, Sicily, March 13.—Lieut. Joseph Petrosini, head of the Italian Squad at the New York police headquarters, was shot to death yesterday at 10 o'clock last evening, under the shadow of the trees of Marine square, in this city, by a man who has been on the records of the Sicilian criminals, had gone to the square in the hope of securing information which he considered of the utmost importance.

PROPOSED COMBINE IN SHINGLE TRADE

Washington State Manufacturers Seek Means of Keeping Up Prices

Vancouver, March 13.—A proposal from the shingle manufacturers of the Canadian shingle trade, it is understood, is to be made to the Washington shingle men that mills on both sides of the line should combine to save themselves from financial ruin at the hands of the brokers, whom they accuse of playing one side against the other in order to keep prices high.

DOMINION CROPS

Statement Issued Shows Proportion Left in Hands of Farmers at End of February

Ottawa, March 13.—The census and statistics office has issued a statement of the quantities of grain, hay and oats on hand in Canada at the end of February. The quantity of wheat then in farmers' hands in the whole of Canada was 28,222,000 bushels, or 43.87 per cent, being 109,222,000 bushels left out of a total product of 250,877,000 bushels. Or barley there was 15,544,000 bushels. Of oats there was 46,782,000 bushels. Of buckwheat there was 2,905,000 bushels. Of turnips and other roots there was 1,818,000 bushels. Of fodder corn there was 36.88 per cent, being 1,179,800 out of 2,929,000 tons. The condition of livestock in the Dominion at the end of February was 81.40 for Jerseys, 78.70 for milch cows, 73.79 for other horned cattle, 78.22 for sheep, and 74.94 for swine, 100 being taken as the standard for comparison.

SEARCH FOR ASSASSIN

Rome, March 13.—The United States ambassador here has submitted to the Italian foreign office the report received from the American consul at Palermo of the assassination of Lieut. Petrosini, and has urged that the greatest energy be employed to discover the murderers and to bring about their punishment. The general director of police at Rome has sent several bodies to the prefect of Palermo to leave nothing undone to identify the murderers and arrest them.

Goldwin Smith Writes on Sport

Ithaca, March 12.—Declaring that in the case of university men muscle does not count for much in life, and that entry games in football cannot be recalled, Goldwin Smith, in a short letter to the Cornell Era, tells of his own athletic career. "I see that the number of athletes falling to pass a university examination is less than it was. The number of Ezra Cornell will rejoice. What our founder wanted was not show of muscle, but preparation for life, and in the case of university men muscle does not count for much. The force that football cannot be recalled for study. Let us have games by all means, but games which exercise, not exhaust, and which are not a clearly defined part of the student's life. Into some universities the betting ring has crept; never, I hope, into ours."

Head of Lazarotto Dead

St. John, N.B., March 13.—Dr. Albert C. Smith, for many years head of the medical department of the Ipperley Hospital at Tracadie, died at 88 years of age. He had been at Tracadie since 1885.

Foster vs. the Globe

Toronto, March 13.—The master-in-chambers has allowed Hon. G. E. Foster's statement of claim as proposed by his counsel, in the libel case against J. A. Macdonald. Commenting on his statement of claim, the master-in-chambers stated that the usual time will be allowed Mr. Macdonald to deliver new pleadings. "A man and especially one in civil or political life, cannot be compelled to assume the burden of defending himself against a charge which is clearly untrue, and which may be called in question."

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