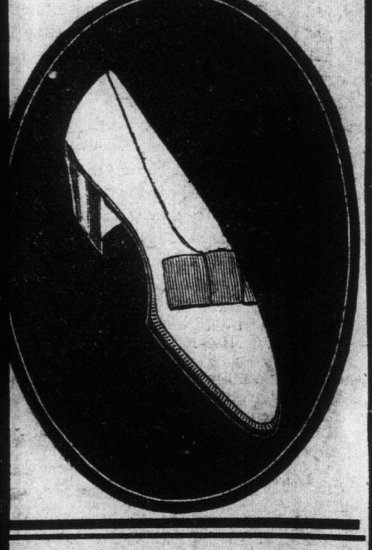


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FRANCO-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATION.

Paris, April 28.—The Franklin celebration at the Trocadero this afternoon was the occasion for a notable Franco-American demonstration. Former presidents Loubet and Casimir-Perier, the cabinet ministers, the diplomatic corps, the presidents of the senate and chamber of deputies and prominent leaders and admirals, were present. The grand stand was richly decorated. A battery of artillery fired a salute of 21 guns as the statue was unveiled.

THE STRIKE IS NOW NEARLY SETTLED

Deliberation of Miners' Delegates Reveals No Prospects of Agreement.

CONSTABULARY IS BLAMED

For First Time Since Trouble Began, Mitchell Uses the Word "Strike."

SCRANTON, Pa., May 3.—Today's sessions of the miners' district convention were unprofitable except in so far as they revealed that the sentiment of practically all of the 600 delegates in attendance is for a strike. Tonight it is believed that nothing short of a miracle can prevent a strike from being declared either tomorrow or Saturday. At the conclusion of the afternoon session President Mitchell made a statement, in the course of which he used the word "strike" for the first time since the present negotiations began.

"There is not much to say at this time," he said. "As was indicated at the opening of the afternoon session, the sentiment seems strong against accepting the conditions and restricted arbitration scheme proposed by the operators, or renewing the award of the anthracite commission for three years. The strike feeling has been intensified by the

unfortunate and unjustifiable action of the state constabulary at Mount Carmel, as well as their conduct in other regions. It cannot, of course, be stated positively what the vote will be, that will not be known until tomorrow or Sunday."

At the afternoon session the committee made a report on the strike. It was adopted. Then Mr. Mitchell made a brief speech, briefly reviewing the negotiations. He said the committee had perhaps even gone further than it should have done, endeavoring to bring about a peaceful settlement of the strike. He said that the propositions made by both sides, and then said: "We have offered to arbitrate the conditions and terms upon which, or in other words, we have offered to arbitrate the differences between us, either through the anthracite commission, or through the anthracite arbitration committee."

Must Be a Full Commission, not a part of it. That gentlemen, in the status of affairs at this time, and I am sure I am speaking in the interest of every man when I say that I regret that we have not been able to make a report that would be satisfactory to both sides. We have not been able to make a tentative agreement that would secure for you better wages and conditions of employment. A motion to adjourn was then made and discussed at some length. A large number of delegates were opposed to adjournment, but in the end their objections they gave an insight into their feelings as regards a strike. The delegates left the afternoon session moved that the suspension be turned into a strike, but was not seconded. At 5 o'clock an adjournment was taken until tomorrow. As far as could be learned, the discussion was general.

THREE SAILORS DROWNED.

Owen Sound, Ont., May 3.—The tug Clipper, belonging to the Spanish boom company, sprung a leak and the crew of three men and a dog were drowned. The vessel was carrying a load of lumber and was bound for Owen Sound. The body of a fisherman was recovered after a search.

NICHOLAS HESITATES.

Russian Emperor Has Not Accepted Witte's Resignation.

St. Petersburg, May 3.—Much mystery has been aroused by the fact that Emperor Nicholas has not yet, in definite words, accepted Count Witte's resignation as premier. It seems that Witte received a letter from the emperor thanking him for his zealous and able services in the past, and Witte accepted this in connection with his resignation and the report of M. Gorenkyin's appointment to the premiership as appearance of a receipt accepting Witte's resignation is further cause for comment, and the theory is advanced that the emperor is still hesitating in view of the general expression of opinion in regard to M. Gorenkyin, to die in the old premier. At the same time it is known positively that Interior Minister Donovov's resignation has been tendered.

KNIGHTS OF THE GRIP.

Annual State Convention of Travelers Begins in Georgia.

Albany, Ga., May 3.—The annual state convention of the Travelers' Protective Association, which began its 27th session in this city today, was the occasion of a great demonstration, many visitors being present in addition to the regular delegates. Atlanta, Macon, Savannah, Augusta, Columbus and other leading cities of Georgia are well represented. The knights of the grip were royally welcomed to Albany. The buildings and business houses decorated in their honor. A number of important matters are to be considered and acted upon by the conven-

PLAIN TALK TO BRITISH OFFICIALS

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy's Address at Banquet in London.

IGNORANCE OF STATEMENTS

Imperial Ministers Who Never Visit Colonies of the Empire.

MONTREAL, May 3.—A special cable from London to the Associated Press says that on the principle that "half a loaf is better than no bread," Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and the Canadian Pacific Railway company welcomed the announcement of the colonial secretary, made at the Canada club last night, that the Canadian Pacific Express subsidy from the British treasury will be continued for two years. Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, in his speech, which was made late in the evening, created some stir by the outspoken way in which, in the presence of the colonial secretary, he commented on the neglect of British ministers and prominent officials to visit and become acquainted with the actual conditions of the Empire they were charged to govern, referring especially to the permanent head of the Canadian department of the colonial office, who was present. Sir Thomas Shaughnessy expressed astonishment that the official had never been in Canada, and said it should be incumbent on a man holding such a position to spend at least three months in Canada every year. (General cheers.) It was recently stated in the Canadian senate that

DISTRICT MEETING OF METHODIST CHURCH

Gathering Takes Place at Nanaimo Preparatory to Conference in Victoria.

NANAIMO, May 3.—(Special)—The Victoria district conference of the Methodist church is in session here. Rev. T. H. Wright has been elected moderator. The laymen in attendance are A. Lee, Victoria; D. Lehman, Seaside; W. Mans, M. P. P., and Thos. Bryant, Nanaimo. Today's session was devoted to routine business.

The first matter of importance was the transfer of the Soldiers and Sailors' home at Esquimalt from the Wesleyan church of England to the control of the Canadian Methodist church. The matter was brought forward by A. Lee of Victoria one of the trustees of the Wesleyan church. The transfer had been taken place between Mr. Sanford, Nanaimo and the church authorities in England and an agreement had been reached by which the home would be turned into the control of the Canadian church at the forthcoming conference. A resolution was passed expressing gratification at the result of the negotiations and urging the missionary authorities of the church to do their best to carry out the work at Esquimalt. Some hearty words of commendation were spoken regarding the excellent work done by Mr. Sanford in securing his result.

An earnest discussion took place regarding the methods of finance in the church and the home was generally taken part in, both by laymen and ministers.

INSURANCE INVESTIGATION CONTINUES AT TORONTO

Government Counsel Inquires Into Subject of Large Commission Paid.

TORONTO, May 3.—The failure of the policies of the Manufacturers' Life to pay profits which was estimated they would pay when they were issued, were inquired into by Mr. Shepley, government counsel in the insurance inquiry here today. Mr. Shepley had an expert account at his elbow and another, Mr. Pabbs, of the Manufacturers' Life in the box. Mr. Shepley asked Mr. Pabbs as to what extent the policyholders were affected by the heavy expenses in connection with the collection of the first year's premiums of policies, in other words, how are the large commissions paid to agents and others for new business, obtained. Mr. Pabbs admitted that a portion of the cost of collecting the first premium fell upon the other policyholders and that the large expense ratio had to some extent an effect on the profits. Mr. Pabbs was of the opinion that the recent legislation in New York state legislature to remedy certain insurance conditions would be a good thing if adopted in Canada.

FATAL DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

Four Men Killed in New Brunswick Logging Camp.

St. John, N. B., May 3.—Word has been received here of the killing of four men on the Aroostook river, near the Maine border, by a dynamite explosion. They were employed in cutting out ice in a piece of dead water, preparatory to beginning a log driving. While thawing the dynamite for this purpose, it exploded. Three of the men belonged to New Brunswick and the fourth belonged to Maine. Two leave-families.

BRITISH COLONIES RIGHTS.

American Fishermen Must Respect Newfoundland's Laws.

London, May 3.—Great Britain's position regarding the fishing of American fishing vessels by Newfoundland mariners for violation of the colonial fishing regulations is that American vessels must obey the regulations of

ANOTHER GRAFT IS CONDONED

Government's Faithful Followers Approve of North Atlantic Trading Contract.

AN ALL NIGHT SESSION

Hon. Mr. Templeman Defends Mr. Hendry's Charter Before Committee.

OTTAWA, May 2.—(Special)—This has been the culmination of the days of Conservative triumph. At 2 a. m. yesterday (Wednesday) the government followers, by a vote of 115 to 61, rejected Mr. Foster's motion to cancel the contract with the North Atlantic Trading Company. The debate had been prolonged in during the sitting by Messrs. McIntyre and Lake. Then Sir Wilfrid Laurier took the floor, and a more puerile argument was never offered by a first minister in Canada in favor of a government contract.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT THANKS THE NATIONS

Chief of Executive Acknowledges Sympathy for Bereaved San Francisco.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—A special message was sent to President Roosevelt, in which he explained the reasons of the government regarding the offer of contributions to the San Francisco fire and earthquake sufferers from foreign countries. The president says that where the contributions were made to the United States government he did not feel warranted in accepting them, but where they were made to the citizens' relief committee of San Francisco no official action could be taken in regard to them. The message indicates that the governments of the entire civilized world promptly responded to the appeal of the Japanese government, with contributions of money and supplies. The message is, in part, as follows:

The senate committee passed Vancouver, West Westminster and Yukon rail bills, notwithstanding the objections made by Senator McMillan and other members of the opposition. The bill for tapping Canadian trade, Hal McGovern, solicitor for the company maintained that it was purely a Canadian enterprise. Hon. Mr. Templeman speaking for the government said it did not matter whether it was a Canadian enterprise, he said no matter who built them, and it was only fair that the road should be built in Canada, and there is no reason to think they will be any let up to it until every tract of land that is capable of production will be put to some good use.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

(Before Hon. Mr. Justice Duff.)

Wallace vs. Flewin—Evidence and arguments were concluded in the case and judgment reserved. It is altogether probable, however, that a settlement will be effected between the parties, owing to the complexity of the evidence given during the trial.

YUKON ELECTION APPEAL.

The Yukon election appeal against the supreme court and judgment was reserved.

Mr. Aylesworth's policy as head of the postoffice department was discussed all afternoon. The dismissal of the postmaster of Cannington was held responsible for the debate. Mr. Talbot, Conservative had held the office for years but he was summarily dismissed four weeks ago, on a flimsy pretext. It was a mere pretext. In this connection there was quoted a recent statement of Hon. Aylesworth's theory if a postmaster should be dismissed, he was considered by the senate to strike out Yellowhead pass clause.

MR. SIFTON'S RETURN.

Mr. Sifton was in his place in the House this afternoon, and immediately after routine he rose to a question of privilege. He said he had telegraphed Premier Laurier from New York, asking him that the debate on the North Atlantic Trading company contract be held over until he could reach Ottawa. Unfortunately the telegram did not reach Sir Wilfrid in time. He therefore desired to give an emphatic and unqualified denial to any statements of Mr. Foster which might lead to the belief that improper relations existed between the company and himself. There was no justification for such statement or insinuation. He never had any relations with the company or its stockholders directly or indirectly, in any shape, form or manner. He challenged any member to make a charge in parliament, and he was ready to meet it at once. (Liberal cheers.)

DRANK CARBOLIC ACID.

Sinalta, Man., May 3.—On Monday a little daughter of George Pollock picked up a carbolic acid bottle and drank a portion of the contents. She died yesterday in great agony.

GRAND TRUNK TELEGRAPH LINE

Bill Incorporating Company Includes Telephone Service in the Franchise.

HON. PETER WHITE'S DEATH

Dr. Hart of the Fifth Regiment Appointed to Work Point Barracks.

OTTAWA, May 3.—(Special)—The bill to incorporate the Grand Trunk Pacific Telegraph and Telephone Company, which was introduced this morning, Hon. Mr. Emerson intimated that the company would be put under the control of the railway commission. A strong delegation representing the union of Canadian municipalities was present. Mr. Emerson, who spoke on their behalf and the committee inserted a clause in the bill that no local service should be established in any municipality except in accordance with the laws or regulations of the municipal council. This provision, however, is not to apply to trunk or main lines.

GENERAL BOOTH'S SECRET.

"Often," said General Booth at the Crystal Palace, London, to an immense throng of Salvationist and friends assembled to celebrate his seventy-seventh birthday, "people say to me that I have done a lot of hard work and should rest and take a rest. That is not my idea of happiness. There is no pleasure in hard work; it is the pangs for almost every ill."

KOOTENAY LAND.

Says the Wilmer Outcrop: "The acreage of land under cultivation in the Kootenay Central valley this year has broken new land and is the largest ever. From Golden right through to Cranbrook all of the ranchers are breaking new land and cutting a few acres. From Golden right through to Cranbrook all of the ranchers are breaking new land and cutting a few acres. From Golden right through to Cranbrook all of the ranchers are breaking new land and cutting a few acres."

CHANGES AT WORK POINT.

The following changes are gazetted in military district No. 11: To be acting principal medical officer, Lieut. Col. J. A. Grant; permanent army medical corps, Dr. Hart from the Fifth is appointed captain in the permanent army medical corps. Hon. Mr. Oliver has decided upon his proposal of cancellation of certain concessions in the Yukon. Notice has been given to Messrs. Broome, Anderson and Boyle (quartz, creek), Esaul and Scroggie.

PLANS OF DREADNOUGHT.

Reported Sale to U.S. Officials Officially Denied.

London, May 3.—United States Ambassador, Reid and Lieut. Commandant John N. Gibbons, naval attaché of the American embassy here, emphatically deny the reports that the British battleship Dreadnought were stolen by an officer of the British admiralty and sold to the United States. As a matter of fact the main outlines of the plans were already known to the representatives of all the powers who attended the launching at Portsmouth, they having been allowed to examine them freely.

MINER'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Held Prisoner For 26 Hours By a Fall of Rocks.

Glouce Bay, N. S., May 3.—Alexander McMillan, machinist went to an outcrop of rock on the Dominion colliery on Monday morning to attend to his duties, when some rocks came down and with them clay and coal. The rocks fell across his legs and the clay nearly buried him, his head and shoulders alone remaining out. To extricate himself was impossible. He was in this position for 26 hours before being rescued. He describes his experience as a terrible one, and says that the fall of the unsupported stone of the roof. His absence was not noticed until about noon yesterday when a search party was organized and he was extricated, injured, but not seriously.

WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

Winnipeg, May 3.—Salvator Macri was today committed for trial for the murder of G. Romani.

STEEL RAILS FOR C. P. R.

Port William, Ont., May 3.—The steamer Agawa unloaded six thousand tons of rails, being the largest cargo ever brought to this port. It will require 300 cars to transfer them west for the C. P. R.