

MONONGAHL MINE DISASTER.

Montgomery, W. Va., Dec. 11.—The excitement of the first few days following the terrible disaster at the Fairmont Coal Companies here has subsided, and the situation has settled down into a steady systematic search for the bodies of the victims.

Up to noon to-day 170 bodies had been brought to the surface and with large additions to the rescuing it is hoped to have the mines cleared very soon. Half a dozen relief stations are now in operation and supplies of all kinds are coming in rapidly and being as quickly distributed.

The cash contribution to date totals \$40,000. The relief committee estimates that there are three thousand widows and one thousand orphans as a result of the disaster and destitution among them will be very heavy.

FIGHTING IN CHINA. Strongholds Captured by Imperial Troops After Sanguinary Encounter.

Canton, China, Dec. 11.—The three strongholds between Fungchow and Luichow, in the province of Kwangsi, which were taken by imperial troops from Yungchow, have been recaptured by the imperial troops after a sanguinary engagement lasting two days.

TRADE WITH WEST INDIES. E. H. S. Flood, of St. John, N. B., appointed as Commissioner.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—Canada is making a strong effort to promote trade with the West Indies. With this in view E. H. S. Flood, of St. John, N. B., has been appointed trade commissioner for British Guiana, the Bermudas and the West Indies.

GREAT BRITAIN'S WHEAT YIELD. Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 11.—Canadian Trade Commissioner MacKinnon Bristol, in the report on the trade and commerce department says: "Great Britain has reaped the finest harvest this year known in history. The yield of wheat averaged 23.7 to the acre as against 31.5 bushels in the last ten years."

MAYOR ASHDOWN ENJOYS TRIUMPH. His Supporters Elected Along Line in Municipal Elections at Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Dec. 11.—One of the hottest municipal elections known here, was decided yesterday, and the mayor's policy of caution was vindicated at the polls. All the by-laws were defeated, not by want of the necessary two-thirds but by substantial majorities.

Revised returns of the municipal elections show the following vote for the Board of Control: Mayor, 3,855; Baker, 3,382; Harvey, 3,314; Latimer, 2,908; Garson, 2,589; Cockburn, 2,106; Burrige, 1,351.

Mayor Ashdown was elected by acclamation as was P. W. Adams, alderman in ward 1. The new aldermen are: F. W. Fowler, T. Riley, W. G. Douglas, A. D. McArthur, re-elected; F. Cox, re-elected; and Chas. McEwen, re-elected.

Four by-laws for public abattoirs, overhead bridge traction grounds, and conduit system, were all defeated. The school trustees elected were Dr. McMunn, W. H. Stone, grocer; J. F. Haig, John McKechnie.

IN THE SUPREME COURT. Case of Bridgman vs. Hepburn is Being Heard To-day by Mr. Justice Irving.

On behalf of the claimant, A. W. Bridgman, it is contended that it was through his introduction of Thos. Meredith to the transaction that the sale of the property was effected. On the other hand, on behalf of the defendant, John Hepburn, it was argued that the property was bought direct from A. W. Jones and that Mr. Bridgman had nothing to do with it at all.

AMUR WILL SAIL TO-MORROW NIGHT FOR QUATSINO—TEES TO BE OVERHAULED.

TEN FREIGHT CARS DERAILED.

Traffic East and Westbound Held Up at Collins Bay.

Collins Bay, Ont., Dec. 11.—Ten cars of wheat, pork, lumber and package freight were derailed here early this morning by a broken truck on an eastbound freight train. The express trains east and west from Montreal and Toronto were unable to pass until ten o'clock.

MURDER TRIAL AT SASKATOON. Saskatoon, Sask., Dec. 11.—The Supreme court opened yesterday before Judge Prendergast. There were upwards of seventy cases, the principal of which is a charge of murder against Sharpe, who shot a Galician neighbor last June.

WATER FAMINE OVER. St. John, N. B., Dec. 10.—The water famine here is in progress. One of the mains was repaired last night, and the other will be finished to-day.

BRIDGE COLLISION IN NEW YORK. COWARDLY CONDUCT OF MALE PASSENGERS.

Escaped to Steamer Leaving Woman and Children on Crippled Ferryboat.

New York, Dec. 11.—The Fall River line steamer Providence was in collision with, and narrowly escaped sinking, a crowded East River ferry boat last night. The latter craft lost a portion of her upper works and her passengers were thrown into a panic, during which it is reported a woman jumped overboard and was drowned.

The Providence's prow struck the ferry boat, a glancing blow on the starboard side, and the boats hung together long enough to permit many of the passengers to escape. The Providence was damaged to the extent of \$100,000.

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NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS. French Delegate to Hague Shares Honor with Theodore Montu of Italy.

Christiania, Dec. 10.—At a meeting today of the Nobel Institute J. E. Lovén, the Norwegian premier, announced that the Nobel prize which this year is equally divided between Theodore Montu, of Italy, and Louis Renault, of France.

RUSSO-JAPANESE TRADE. M. Shipoff, Who is Promoting Friendly Relations, Given Audience by Mikado.

Tokio, Dec. 11.—M. Shipoff, former minister of finance for Russia, who has been spending several days in Japan promoting Russian trade relations, was received yesterday by the Emperor to-day. He expressed a desire for the most friendly relations between Japan and Russia.

TROUBLE BREWING IN SEATTLE. Master Builders Declare for Open Shop—Accuse Unions of Violating Agreement.

Seattle, Dec. 11.—The Master Builders Association declared for an open shop last night, declaring that the unions had violated the agreement when the strike at the federal building was ordered several months ago. A bitter fight is probable.

KINGSTON EARTHQUAKE. Plaintiff Seeks Damages for Losses Sustained in Catastrophe.

Kingston, Jan. 10.—The second test case for the Kingston earthquake is being heard to-day in the Supreme court.

OXFORD V. CAMBRIDGE. Dark Blues Won in Great Annual Rugby Match in London To-day.

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