

Pythian Gathering

Grand Lodge of Knights Templars Up Business With a Banquet

Vernon is Fixed Upon for the Meeting Place Next Spring

Delegates for Methodist Conference Gather at Vancouver - Stationing Committee

Chicago labor unions have decided to enter politics. By a referendum vote, unions have authorized the action.

Statistics in Minnesota show that the number of women wage-earners in that state increased 73 per cent. from 1890, while men wage-earners increased only 6 per cent.

The pen used by President Roosevelt signing the Chinese Exclusion bill has been turned over to Representative Kaba (California) and sent by him to the Golden Gate Museum, in San Francisco.

The plumbers' new scale of wages set into effect last week without any strike. The demand was for an 8-hour day and 50 cents a day advance in wages.

A notice of motion is on the minutes of the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council to amend the by-laws so as to prevent any person acting as a delegate to any convention.

The Typographical Union issued nine orders in April.

Antonio Iglesias, representative of the American Federation of Labor, who was sentenced to three years imprisonment for attempting to raise the price of flour in a United States colony, has been acquitted by the Supreme court of Rio.

An arbitration agreement between the International Typographical Union and the American Newspaper Publishers' association went into effect. It guarantees industrial peace in 150 of the great newspaper offices for five years.

The building trades' unions of Winnipeg will pay a business agent \$100 a month.

TRACKLAYERS GO ON STRIKE

V. V. and E. Men Have Stopped Work Three Miles From Grand Forks

From Our Own Correspondent. Grand Forks, B. C., May 14.—The V. V. and E. tracklayers gang after reaching a point three miles below this city, went out on strike today, alleging that the railway contractors had refused to pay them for working overtime. Sixteen strikers came to town and related their grievances. They report that another party of strikers had started off in another direction.

MINERS' CONVENTION. No Decision Reached at Meeting Yesterday. Hazelton, Pa., May 14.—The miners' convention adjourned until tomorrow without taking any definite action.

LEASE MAJESTY. Gardeners Decline to Work at Spencer Wood For Small Wages. Quebec, Que., May 14.—Gardeners and their assistants at Spencer Wood, the pleasure grounds of the governor, have gone out on strike because the governor refused to increase their wages.

PRESIDENT LOUBET. Gets Fine Reception at Brest on His Way to Russia. Brest, France, May 14.—President Loubet, who left Paris yesterday evening on his way to St. Petersburg, arrived here today and was welcomed by cheering crowds. He proceeded to the prefecture and was subsequently entertained at lunch.

Replying to a toast wishing him success on his journey, M. Loubet paid a warm tribute to the administration, whose services had earned the prestige of the French Republic. Referring to the republican election, he said: "France is now unanimously Republican. Not a single candidate solicited the suffrages of the electors as a Royalist or Imperialist."

Ontario Crops. General Outlook Is Good—Oatmeal and British Tax. Toronto, May 14.—The first crop and live stock bulletin of the year, issued last evening by the Ontario government, says prospects are favorable for fall wheat, winter rye and clover. Spring seeding was completed by the end of May. Crops of live stock have come through the winter in good shape, and if frosts and heavy rains keep during the period of bloom, a record fruit crop is assured.

At a large meeting of Ontario oatmeal millers here yesterday, a resolution was passed, and will be forwarded to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, asking that at the approaching conference an effort be made to obtain preference for Canadian foodstuffs.

The mining output of the province for the first three months of the present year is \$1,254,680, as against \$824,076 last year, according to the Bureau of Mines.

How the New Issue Is Taken Up. Montreal, May 14.—It is stated that a new issue of stocks of the Montreal & Steel company, which was underwritten by the Bank of Montreal, Bank of Commerce, and the Royal Bank, has been sub-underwritten by gentlemen closely connected with the company.

Dr. Andrew Carnegie left New York today to spend a long vacation at Skibo Castle, his home in the Scotch Highlands. Before leaving he had all the reporters he could get of, placed them in a semi-circle, and made it right with the press. More free advertising is sure to follow.

The Barbers' Union of San Francisco has more than 1,000 members.

Executed. Russian Murderer Pays Penalty of Death

London, May 14.—A despatch from St. Petersburg to the Central News says that Bal Schanoff, who assassinated Mr. Siplankine, the Russian minister of the interior, on April 15, was executed on Monday last.

DAMAGE TO FRUIT. Loss in Ontario Worse Than Reported. St. Catharines, Ont., May 14.—Fruit growers of this district report damage by the frost of Saturday greater than at first imagined. Apples were very badly damaged and the crop will be light. Grapes will be about half to two-thirds of a crop. Early vegetables are killed; plums and cherries about half a crop.

CONFESSION OF FAITH. Presbyterian Synod in United States to Consider Action. New York, May 14.—The General Assembly of the Presbyterian church will be begun at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church, this morning. The session will last 100 days. The greatest interest centers about the report to be made by the committee on the revision of the confession of faith. This revision is to be the final one by the committee. The following officers were elected this morning for the ensuing year: G. C. Hofmeister, Vancouver; G. V. C. Chas. Nelson, New Denver; G. P. A. G. Creelman, Rossland; G. K. B. P. McFarlane, Victoria; G. M. B. F. P. McFarlane, Victoria; G. M. A. J. Thompson, Camanche; G. L. G. George Johnson, Nanaimo; G. O. G. Wm. Irvine, Nelson.

Homestead Entries For Two Months Double Same Period Last Year. Winnipeg, May 14.—The homestead entries which have been made in Western Canada during the months of March and April of the present year convey some idea of the great rush of settlement into Manitoba and the Territories. The returns show that during these two months of 1902 more than double as many entries were made as during the corresponding months of last year. The settlers who are making entries this year are of a superior class. They in many cases are farmers who have sold their property in the Western States and are coming to Canada with ready money and invaluable experience in farming.

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UNDESIRABLE IMMIGRANTS. Despite the demerits which have been pointed out by the Department of Immigration, it seems clear that the number of undesirable immigrants is steadily increasing. It is estimated that within the past few years there has been a large increase in the number of immigrants who are considered undesirable by the United States government. These immigrants are generally of the "undesirable" class, and their presence in Canada is a source of concern to the government.

HOSPITAL FIRE. One Unfortunate Inmate Perishes in Flames. Montreal, May 14.—At Bale St. Paul, Que., a portion of St. Antoine's hospital was destroyed by fire today. The fire broke out in the kitchen and spread to the main building. Fifty other inmates were rescued with difficulty. The loss is \$85,000.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS. Australian Foresters on the Way to Toronto. Toronto, May 14.—The delegates from Australia to the Supreme court of Independent Foresters, who met in Los Angeles, Cal., are now on their way to this city in charge of Dr. Rosebury. They reached Chicago last night, and will be here tomorrow. They are Hon. Robert Bryce, Hon. J. H. Gilmour, a former Premier of Queensland; Mr. Rowan, a former Premier of New South Wales; and Mr. Gilmour, a former Premier of New South Wales.

MEYER ARRESTED. Signal to the Senatorial Drop in His Company Stocks. New York, May 14.—A. L. Meyer, the promoter of the Hackensack Meadows and of other companies, the stock of which has been sold in private sales about a week ago, and against whom an order of arrest was issued, was arrested today at \$4,000, and was furnished.

THE FURNAL OF DR. GRANT. Thousands in Kingston Do Honor to the Good Man Gone. Kingston, Ont., May 13.—This city paid a singular tribute to the memory of Dr. Grant today, for at 2 p.m. all over the city the bells rang and the streets were thronged with people. The streets of the city were thronged with people, and the bells of the city were rung in honor of the good man who had just passed away.

TO PREVENT STRIKES. Mr. Mulock has introduced a bill to prevent strikes and lockouts on Canadian railways. The bill is designed to prevent strikes and lockouts on Canadian railways by simply declaring that strikes and lockouts shall not occur in future, and by attaching a penalty to any violation of the law in this respect. Accompanying this, there is elaborate machinery for enforcing the law.

LOSS OF APPETITE. A person that has lost appetite has lost something besides—vitality, vigor, and health. It is a sign of a weak and diseased system, and it is a sign of a weak and diseased system. It is a sign of a weak and diseased system, and it is a sign of a weak and diseased system.

BRITISH BEST. United States Locomotive Failures in South Africa. A recent Bloemfontein despatch to the London Times states that United States locomotives are being used on the Orange River railway. It says: "Forty-nine locomotives were used on the Orange River railway. They will be of heavier build than those now in use, and will be of heavier build than those now in use, and will be of heavier build than those now in use."

ACCIDENT TO LOOKS. Operations on Red River Works Delayed. Winnipeg, May 13.—(Special.)—A large frame dwelling house collapsed while being raised today and six men engaged in excavating narrowly escaped death. Wm. Gordon, a city railway contractor, was injured in the accident.

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Various Topics That Have Been Receiving Attention in the House.

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