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MONTREAL TELEPHONE SYSTEM IS DESTROYED

Whole Financial and Business District Tied Up.

SWITCHBOARD FIRE CAUSE OF TROUBLE

Over Nine Thousand Instruments Affected when Small Blaze Ruined Central Office—All the operators Escaped to Safety—Big Loss.

Montreal, July 29.—The entire main exchange of the Bell telephone system in Montreal was put out of commission by a fire which started in the multiple switchboard late this afternoon. Only the main exchange is affected, the other branches and the long distance system being undisturbed.

The fire was of short duration, and did little visible damage to indicate the tremendous resulting inconvenience to subscribers. The damage, however, will be heavy owing to the intricate and expensive nature of the property destroyed.

Over two hundred and fifty girls were in the room at the time the fire started. All marched out in order without any trace of a panic. The cause of the fire has not been ascertained and officials of the company advance no theory to account for it.

The main exchange is the largest in the city, and its importance depends not only on the number of the telephones installed, but also on the nature of the establishments deprived of the service. It includes practically all the banks, the stock exchange, the majority of the big wholesale houses, the Canadian Pacific, Grand Trunk and Canadian Northern head offices, all the important steamship lines, both ocean and inland, the City of Montreal administrative offices, including the office of the mayor and the board of commissioners, police and fire headquarters and four other police stations, the court house, the offices of the great majority of lawyers, and notaries, the insurance office stock brokers, newspapers, in fact, the entire business and financial district. There are nearly nine thousand telephones affected.

MEXICANS HAVE RELEASED MEN ORDERED SHOT

Charles Bissel and Bernard McDonald Were Sentenced to Die—Arrested for Aiding Refugees From Parral.

Washington, July 29.—Charles Bissel and Bernard McDonald, the two mine managers, held by Mexican federals under sentence of death at Chihuahua, have been ordered released by the Huerta government.

Charge Algara, of the embassy here, so informed Secretary Bryan today. It was said Mr. Bryan expressed gratification at the prompt action the Huerta government had given to American representations in the cases, as well as that of Dixon, the immigration inspector, shot at Juarez.

McDonald is an Englishman, Bissel's chauffeur, an American, has also been ordered released. The three men were arrested by General Orozco while attempting to take American refugees out of Parral.

BIG INCREASE IN WOOL PRODUCTION LAST YEAR

Lethbridge, Alta., July 29.—According to figures compiled here today one hundred and sixteen thousand dollars' worth of wool was handled through Lethbridge during the past few weeks. This amount represents the south only, and does not include McLeod or Claresholm. The average price was four cents, so the amount represents a clip of 826,283 pounds.

Fully 100,000 pounds has been allowed in addition to this, for the clips of McLeod and Claresholm districts, making the southern Alberta total 926,283 pounds. Last year the total clip was 604,053 pounds, or an increase in production in twelve months of 322,320 pounds, representing nearly $50,000.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER IS SERIOUSLY ILL.

Ottawa, July 29.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier is confined to his home here suffering from stomach trouble, which developed after his recent visit to Toronto. His condition is stated to be in no way alarming.

SUFFRAGETTE REFUSED ALL ASSISTANCE

Would Not Go to Hospital When Very Sick

REMAINED IN CAB FOR EIGHT HOURS

Mrs. Mary Wyman Has New Stunt in Resistance Line that Proves Obstacle to London Police.

London, July 29.—A curious scene was witnessed in the west end of London tonight. The authorities of Holloway jail desired to liberate under the "cat and mouse" act a suffragette hunger striker, Mrs. Mary Wyman. The woman refused to leave the prison, however, unless she was unconditionally liberated, whereupon she was sent in a taxicab in charge of wardresses to a West End nursing home.

Arriving there she resolutely refused to enter the home and sat outside from afternoon until midnight, surrounded by a small crowd of sympathizers and curious onlookers.

Despite all the persuasion of the police, who were warned by a doctor that Mrs. Wyman was in a very dangerous condition, she still refused to move until, she declared, "the government undertook its responsibilities."

Finding their efforts unavailing the police brought an ambulance to the nursing home at midnight and removed Mrs. Wyman to a police station, and thence to the Kensington infirmary. At the infirmary Mrs. Wyman declared that she would continue her hunger strike.

TO CHOOSE A PRINCE FOR NEW ALBANIA

Ambassadorial Conference Makes an Important Decision — Bulgarian Army Still Retiring Before Greeks.

London, July 29.—The Ambassadorial conference today settled the status of new Albania. A prince will be nominated six months hence to rule over the new state. In the meantime a commission of control, composed of one representative of each power will organize the administration with the aid of a Swedish officered gendarmerie.

The conference has done nothing officially in the direction of coercing Turkey, and as the strongest feeling is being manifested at indignation any attempt to drive the Turks from Adrianople, it is not likely that the British government would be anxious to initiate such coercion.

The Greeks are still operating by sea and by land. The Bulgarians, who were defeated recently at Kresna Pass, turned upon the pursuing Greeks to the northwest of Djuma. Furious fighting occurred, the reinforced Bulgarians making a desperate attempt to recapture their lost positions.

The battle lasted throughout Sunday, during which the Greeks thrice were ejected at the point of the bayonet from one position. The fighting took place over an extended front and both sides suffered heavily.

According to a Greek account of the battle, neither side had gained a decisive advantage at nightfall, Sunday, but under the cover of darkness the shaken Bulgarians retired after abandoning and setting fire to the town of Djuma, which the Greeks later re-occupied.

A correspondent with the Greeks says that their losses in the previous battle for possession of the Kresna defiles were 2,500 men killed and wounded.

The losses in Sunday battle are not given. The correspondent adds that except for rear guard actions, the Bulgars can make no further stand this side of Dubnitza, 22 miles south of Sofia, and that now not a single Bulgarian soldier remains in Macedonia, except as prisoners.

The Greek fleet has occupied the ports of Lagos, Maronia and Makri on the coast of Thrace, and a Greek force has captured the town of Gumurjina, twelve miles inland from the Aegean Sea, and about 75 miles southwest of Adrianople.

The Daily Telegraph's Athens correspondent declares that the Greeks must bring all their supplies from Demirhissar by wheeled traffic over a single mountainous road with a bad surface, and that if the Bulgarians are given a respite they might reform their beaten forces and with the six fresh divisions of troops, around Sofia, start the war again with the chances in their favor.

SEARCHING RUINS FOR BODIES IN BINGHAMTON FIRE HORROR

SEARCHING FOR BODIES IN THE RUINS

While the horror of the Binghamton factory fire continues to grow, the work of recovering bodies from the ruins continues. Many of the unfortunates taken from the remains of the charred wreck are beyond identification, and some have abandoned hope for their missing ones. Night and day the heroic work is continued. In the meantime the authorities are making a thorough investigation to find out the direct causes and negligence in connection with the awful disaster.

QUARTERLY STATEMENT EXCELLENT

United States Steel Corporatio Pays Out $12,658,700 in Dividends for Three Months, Ending June 30th.

New York, July 29.—The quarterly statement of the United States Steel Corporation for the three monhs ending June 30 last issued today, was altogether satisfactory in that the total earnings amounting to $41,219,813, and the income of $31,920,611 were well in excess of the most favorable estimates.

The quarter shows a gain in total earnings over the preceding period of $6,024,256, and in net income of $6,208,356.

Compared with the corresponding quarter of 1912 total earnings are increased by $16,117,548, net income by $13,491,317, and the quarterly surplus by the unusually large sum of $13,562,882, that item a year ago having dwindled to $56,483.

The statement submitted today shows the largest total earnings of any similar period since the quarter ending September 30, 1907, when that item aggregated $43,804,285, and net earnings as net income was then known, amounted to $35,695,105.

Analysis of the last quarter shows that May was the most active month, with April the dullest. The usual quarterly dividends of 1 3-4 per cent. on the preferred and 1 1-4 per cent. on the common shares were declared those items involving an outlay of $12,658,700.

ENGLISH CADETS WILL BE DOMINION'S GUESTS

Party in Command of Lt. Col. Ludlo wHarrison, Now in South, Will Visit Camp at Petawawa.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, July 29.—A party of English cadets, constituting what is known as a cadet fire unit, are en route to Canada and will be the guests of the government. They will visit Petewawa. Before leaving England it was necessary for these cadets to obtain the permission of the Colonial Secretary and of the army council. They are under the command of Lt. Col. Sudlow Harrison.

WESTERN PROVINCES SHIP MANY HOGS.

Calgary, July 29.—During the first six months of this year, Canadian Pacific stations shipped 118,000 head of hogs to market. The same stations shipped 72,000 during all of last year. It is estimated that the total swine crop for this year will be considerably in excess of 400,000.

INQUIRY INTO BINGHAMTON FIRE HORROR

Failure to Sound Alarm Properly One Contributory Cause—Girls Did Not Know Until Warned.

Binghampton, N. Y., July 29.—It was developed at the coroner's inquiry into the cause of the loss of life in the factory of the Binghampton Clothing Company one week ago today, this afternoon that failure to properly sound the fire drill was one contributory cause.

Four girl witnesses testified this morning. They were unanimous in their statements that there was no fire, smoke or unusual heat in the building at the noon hour, when after lunch they passed through the lower floors. They also asserted that the fire alarm rang continuously from the first stroke instead of giving signals as had been taught.

When the girls were instructed in the fire drill, the witnesses testified, they had been told to prepare to leave their seats on the first ring, but not to rise until the second ring, to pause for the third ring before stepping forward.

On the afternoon of the fire there was one continuous ring without intermission, and most of the girls remained seated until warned by Sidney Dimmock and Nellie Conner to hasten down stairs.

REAL ESTATE CONVENTION SUCCESSFUL

Many Excellent Addresses Heard on Important Subjects—Next Meeting Will be Held at Pittsburg.

Winnipeg, July 29.—The second day's convention of the National Association of Real Estate Exchanges was, if possible, even more successful than the opening. Weather conditions are ideal. The address of Jas. Schermerhorn, of Detroit, was the feature of the morning session. The speech of J. A. M. Aikins, K. C., and M. P., of Winnipeg, also elicited storms of applause.

The afternoon's session was taken up with committee reports. The election of officers and choosing of the place for the 1914 convention will take place tomorrow. Pittsburg is looked upon as being the likely winner in the race for next year's meeting with Buffalo a strong second. C. L. Simpson, Kansas City, will probably be chosen as head of the National Organization.

N. J. Upham, of Duluth, is tonight dealing with the formation of the "National Realty Association Limited." The formation of this company is to provide a source of maintenance for the National Association. It will be capitalized at half a million dollars, and before the meeting practically $100,000 had been subscribed.

SAID BONDS DEPRESSED BY BANKERS

Secretary McAdoo's Statement Will Probably be investigated by U. S. House Banking Committee.

Washington, July 29.—Investigation of Secretary McAdoo's charges that New York bankers have organized a campaign to depress the price of government bonds, was demanded in a statement issued today by Representative Henry, aide to the so-called insurgent democrats on the house banking committee.

Chairman Glass, however, declared the committee had its hands full considering the administration currency bill and did not propose to be diverted. He and other members of the committee, however, made it plain that they shared the secretary's opinions as to the reasons for the depression.

"The secretary of the treasury should be summoned before the committee on banking currency instantly and reveal the facts to the American people as their agents," said Henry's statement, "and the head of every great bank in New York should be sent for at the earliest possible moment. Placed upon the stand before the committee and grilled most thoroughly in order that the American people may know the exact facts about the controversy.

"The secretary can, and doubtless will, demonstrate exactly how these gentlemen manipulated the market, put up and down the prices of United States bonds and control the financial destinies of the American people."

CHANGES IN STAFF OF INTERCOLONIAL

Moncton, N. B., July 29.—Taking effect August first, H. B. Fleming is appointed assistant superintendent of the National Transcontinental Railway between Moncton and Edmundston. Mr. Fleming is at present assistant district superintendent between St. John and Truro.

L. S. Brown is appointed superintendent of the Truro, Sydney and Oxford district, vice Y. C. Campbell transferred. Mr. Campbell is assistant district superintendent at Newcastle.

HOME FROM COLORADO.

Waterborough, N. B., July 29.—Mrs. Stone-Wiggins Bice has arrived from Denver, Colo., and will occupy her beautiful summer home at Princess Park, on the shore of the Grand Lake. She was accompanied by Mrs. W. L. Waring of St. John.

Mrs. Bice has entertained several guests since her arrival, among them being Sir Thomas Tait, Mr. Jones, of the C. P. R., and Mr. Allen, of Fredericton, Mr. and Mrs. D. Stewart, Miss Lydia Victor Wiggins, of Lakeside House, Miss Leslie and Miss Gwyn Leslie, of Ottawa, Mr. Hugh McKenzie, of the G. T. P., and Mr. McInerney, of Fredericton, the Misses Louise and Stella Wiggins, and H. Earle Wiggins.

STEAMER LADY SYBIL REPORTED ASHORE.

Quebec, July 29.—The steamer Lady Sybil, which carries passengers and mails between Pictou, N. S., and the Magdalen Islands, ran ashore near the latter place this morning, and was still fast at last reports.

HON. FRANK COCHRANE TO SETTLE I.C.R. QUESTION

Demands of Employes Will Be Dealt With

STRIKE IMPROBABLE GENERAL OPINION

Ultimatum of President of Canadian Brotherhood is Considered Ill-advised at Ottawa — Minister of Railways and Canals at Capital Today

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, July 29.—With the return of Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of Railways and Canals, to the capital tomorrow, from his recent trip through the Trent Canal, the question of the demands of the employes of the I. C. R. will be dealt with. It is not felt here that there will be any strike.

At present the employes of the I. C. R. are as well paid, if not better in some branches, as those on privately owned railways, and any legitimate grievances will be considered by the Minister. It is considered here that, after the Minister has gone into the matter, there will not be much left about which to arbitrate and that matters will be amicably settled.

The ultimatum of A. R. Mosher, president of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employes, is regarded here as going too far and rather impeding than helping the demands of the employes. Its tone is regarded as likely to antagonize sympathetic consideration of any legitimate demands. It is not likely that Mr. Gutelius will come to the capital specially to consult with the Minister, and it is hoped that all difficulties will be settled in a very few days.

SOUTHERNERS IN CHINA ARE DETERMINED

Long and Terrible War Now Seems Certain

DR SUN YAT SEN IS SURE OF VICTORY

Former Provisional President Believes His Cause Good—Fierce Battle Still Raging at Shanghai.

London, July 30.—"The Southerners, profiting by their earlier mistakes, are repairing defects and getting in large supplies of ammunition," says the Daily Telegraph's Pekin correspondent.

"Long and wearisome war seems certain. I understand a hundred Japanese officers will join the Canton army, which consists of forty thousand good troops."

The Daily Telegraph's Shanghai correspondent reports the native city there on fire in three places as a result of the terrific cannonading of the arsenal. The despatch bears no date, and probably refers to Monday's fighting.

The correspondent had an interview with Dr. Wu Ting-Tang, Chinese minister to Washington, who thinks President Yuan Shi Kai's uncompromising policy dangerous but blames both sides to the warfare for rejecting proposals for a compromise. In another interview with the correspondent, Dr. Sun Yat Sen declared that he would leave southward in a few days on business. He was quite unconcerned, according to the correspondent, with a settlement of the war or the threat of expulsion against him. He said he regards Wu Ting-Tang's peace mission as hopeless.

RUSSIA NOT AMONGST THE FAVORED ONES

Bryan Asked to Decide If England is One of the Countries to be Granted the Privilege.

Washington, July 29.—Secretary McAdoo today announced that wood pulp, and paper, would not be admitted free of duty from Russia under "most favored nation" clause, the treaty of commerce and navigation between the United States and Russia having been abrogated.

The custom court recently decided that European countries, with favored nation treaties with the United States, were entitled to free wood pulp and paper, because that provision was granted to Canada. The Treasury Department has accepted that principle but for the time being will apply it only to Norway, Austria-Hungary and Germany, which, aside from Russia, were the only countries directly involved in the decision.

Secretary McAdoo has asked Secretary Bryan to ascertain whether Sweden, Belgium, Finland, Newfoundland, England and Denmark are entitled to free entry by virtue of their treaty rights. Wood pulp and paper come from all these countries, but as they were not specifically mentioned by the court, the state department is asked to decide whether they come within the perview of the decision.

In view of the abrogation on December 31 last, of the treaty of 1832 with Russia, wood pulp and paper importations from that country since that time will be assessed for duty.

Acceptance of the custom court's decision ultimately will result in the United States surrendering three million dollars in duty already collected.

GEOLOGISTS VISIT THE RAILROAD CITY.

Moncton, July 29.—The geologists who arrived in Moncton Monday night were taken by auto today to the oil and gas wells in Albert county. They also visited the Albert Manufacturing Company's plaster quarries and the Albert mines. At the plaster quarries they were lunched by Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Osman, and the ladies of Hillsboro. The party returned to Moncton this afternoon and left for St. John tonight.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS DUE IN OCTOBER

Governor General Guest of King Before Coming, and Visit of Prince of Wales Will Be Arranged.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, July 29.—The reconstruction of Government House is being rushed day and night in an effort to have the work completed by the time the Duke and Duchess of Connaught return to Canada. Their Royal Highnesses are expected to sail during the latter part of October, following the marriage of Prince Arthur. Before returning to Canada the Duke will be the guest of the King, when, it is expected, details of the contemplated visit of the Prince of Wales to the Dominion will be considered.

So far as is known now the Prince of Wales will be in Canada next summer and will cross the continent, and the probability is that the Duke of Connaught will accompany him on part of the tour.

Nothing is known here of the talked of visit of King George.

NO WORD AT OTTAWA OF ARBITRATING THE PANAMA TOLL QUESTION

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, July 29.—Reports that the Dominion government had been advised of the intention of the United States to arbitrate the question of the Panama Canal tolls have created a demand for positions on the staff of representatives which this country would send to The Hague, legal officers, clerks, etc. The answer to these applicants is that so far as the government has been advised no such reference is taking place.

ERECT SHOE FACTORY AT ST. STEPHEN.

St. Stephen, July 29.—At a meeting of the town council held this evening tenders for the erection of the new shoe factory were opened. The tender of Thomas Toal was $10,855 and that received from J. H. Neabitt and Sons called for an expenditure of $11,145. The tender of Mr. Toal was accepted. Work on the erection of the building will be begun at once. David Johnson was appointed inspector for the construction work.