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INTRODUCING BILL FOR NAVY

A Semi-Official Announcement Today of Legislation to Give Canadian Navy of Twelve Cruisers and Destroyers

COST $20,000,000 AND $3,000,000 YEARLY

Nine to Go to Atlantic and Three to Pacific—Fight For Esquimalt Station — Other Business

OTTAWA, Oct. 7.—It was semi-officially announced by the Ottawa Free Press today that a bill embodying in effect the decision of the defence conference will be introduced at an early stage of the session to open in November. It will be entitled "A Naval Defence Act," and will be followed by proposals for the construction of twelve vessels of the cruiser and destroyer class, nine of which will be placed on the Atlantic and three on the Pacific.

This will involve a capital expenditure of twenty million dollars, as well as an annual outlay for maintenance of over three million dollars.

While no decision has been reached as to where the new navy will be built, strong pressure is being brought to bear upon the government to ask parliament to consider the desirability of expending the whole sum in Canada under the supervisionance and revision of British experts loaned to Canada for that purpose.

The details of the proposed training ship and enlarged drydocks have not yet been worked out, but the admiralty is said to take the view that bigger docks are more a necessity than the construction of a fleet. It is hoped that some arrangement on this point may be reached before Parliament meets.

Other Legislation

Other legislation will include bids to amend the Bank Act; to amend the Insurance Act; to consolidate the Immigration Act; to fatify the French Treaty, and it is hoped as a result of the coming conference between the Hon. Mr. Lemieux and the British postmaster-general in London next week, to include a bill for the reduction of cable rates, in the session's business.

There will also be a bill to amend the Militia Act to give effect to the military end of the defence conference.

It is understood that the admiralty takes the view that the location of a drydock at Esquimalt is not satisfactory in that it is not sufficiently protected. Negotiation on this point has not yet been completed, but Canada is holding out for the present site as one which was chosen by the admiralty itself years ago and which ought to satisfy its needs now.

To Assist Birth of Navy

Lieut. R. V. T. Stephens, imperial gunnery expert, is coming to Ottawa to assist two other British naval officers, Messrs. Stewart and Lingin, lending a hand to the Canadian authorities in the inauguration of the navy.

Fortnight of Flying

PARIS, Oct. 7.—The Grand Quinzaine aviation De Paris (Grand aviation fortnight) opened today under favorable auspices at Port Aviation, near Juvesy. It is organized on the same model as aviation week recently held at Rheims. Several kinds of aeroplanes are to take part in the races. They include Bleriot monoplanes, Voisin bi-planes, a Wright bi-plane and a Breguet double monoplane.

The entries comprise a number of well known aviators, Delagrange, Henry Fournier, Voisin, Count De Lambert, Jacquelin, Louis Breguet, Paul-Han, Heney Rougier, and Herbert Latham. Up to the hour of opening, thirty-four entries had been received, but several late entries have since come in and it is believed that about forty different machines will participate in the contests.

J. M. Barrie Seeks Divorce.

Special to The Evening Post.

NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—The news of J. M. Barrie's divorce suit contained in a cable despatch from London last night, comes as a great shock to persons who had personal acquaintance with the Scotch author and playwright. The idea of divorce in connection with the author of "When a Man's Single" seemed incongruous and painful. Mrs. Barrie has appeared little in public life. When still Miss Mary Ansell she was on the stage and appeared in Mr. Barrie's first play "Walker London," which achieved instantaneous success when played by John L. Toole in London seventeen years ago. She married Mr. Barrie in 1894 and retired from the stage. Since then they have always appeared to be a most devoted couple. They had no children, but adopted Miss Pauline Chase in place of a daughter of their own. The wonderful grasp on feminine character which Mr. Barrie has shown in his books and plays has always been supposed to have been inspired to a great degree by his perfect agreement with his wife.

ALL BODIES OUT OF MINE

Rescuers Bring Five Dead to the Surface Early This Morning and Mine is No Longer a Morgue

RUMOR THAT LIVING MAN WAS ENTOMBED

Official Investigation Commenced This Morning and Cause of the Disaster Will Be Probed

Extension's big mine is no longer a tomb—the last bodies were brought out this morning at 6 o'clock. They were those of Herman Peterson and Michael Daucolovitch. John Wargo, E. Remcolovitch and Thomas Parkin had been brought out before midnight last night, and the last of the thirty-two victims were carried out this morning. Three victims were buried at Ladysmith today.

The official examination into the causes of the disaster began this morning, when F. H. Shepherd and A. Dick went into the mine to begin their examination, which is expected to occupy two or three days. The after damp has been practically dispersed, and when the inspectors complete their examination it is expected work will be resumed. The wrecked timbering is now being restored. While no official statement is made, the general idea is that the disaster was due to a dust explosion fired by the flare from a blown-out shot in 22 stall.

A general committee has been formed at Ladysmith to carry out any relief found necessary, and a public subscription for the bereaved has been started there. The company will pay $1,500 compensation under the law to dependents and $300 under the accident fund to which the miners contribute.

(Staff Correspondence.)

EXTENSION MINES, B. C., Oct. 7.—This morning at 6 o'clock the wearied workers came from the mine with the bodies of Herman Peterson and Michael Daucolovitch, last of the thirty-two victims of the explosion Tuesday morning in No. 2 mine.

When midnight came and the worn-out shift squatted in the little coal trucks behind the motor whose glimmering headlight had been anxiously awaited by the litte knot of men at the pit-mouth, bringing with them two sack-covered forms huddled in the bottom of the foremost truck, they told a story which brought everyone there to a tense state.

They heard a voice, which said: "I've seen thirty bodies," and, a bratticeman to whom this was repeated, came out, stating that a living man had been found, but he was penned back in a stall.

Unfortunately, this proved incorrect. For a time though it created a feeling of excitement among the few at the pit-mouth—there was never a throng at any stage. Only little knots of three and fours stood, stubbing their toes against the rail beneath the shed at the mouth of the slope, watching afar down the slope, which extended nearly a mile straight in, for the first faint glimmers of the headlights of the motors. The first far-away flicker brought them to attention and they watched the glowing light as it neared and gathered around the motor and the trucks, some to hurriedly lift the sacking to see if the body they awaited had been brought out.

"There's someone alive," whispered one, and then the rumor grew.

"Well, if a mule could get out, there's a chance," said another.

"He's behind a twelve-foot wall, but they heard him, and are getting in to him," said another—and then came the contradiction, and the hopes that one victim, at least, had been saved, went glimmering. The voice heard was that of one of the workers seeking the dead, who had been separated from the others.

When the remains of Peterson and Daucolovitch were brought out this morning and added to the three others, Wargo, Remolovitch and Parkin, in the temporary morgue over the company's office, they were coffined and conveyed to Ladysmith on the mining train, following the other bodies which had been sent shortly before midnight to Ladysmith, where most of the funerals will be held during the next few days. Most of the bodies were found thrown forward, many on their faces, some with the hands tearing at their shirts as though instinctively trying to get air when the gas-laden smother blotted them out as they had ran for safety. Few were in their own workings.

Official Examination.

After the bodies had all been brought out, early this morning, the mine inspectors, H. F. Shepherd and A. Dick, began their official examination. The

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The First Pictures of The Terrible Mine Disaster

Carrying a Body, Sheet-Wrapped Into Temporary Morgue at Mines

Rescue Workers Pushing Cars Containing Bodies From the Mine

WORLD'S BASEBALL TITLE TO BE DECIDED

Pittsburg Nationals and Detroit Americans Ready For Great Struggle Tomorrow—All Reserved Seats Sold

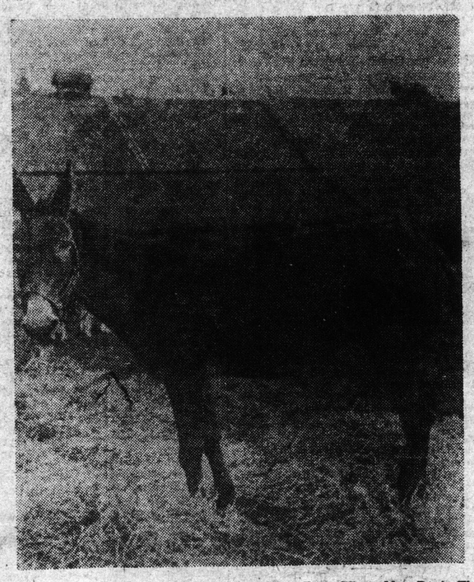
PITTSBURG, Oct. 7.—A dense fog held Pittsburg in its grasp today, and the great army of baseball followers is worried as to the weather conditions tomorrow, when the first game of the Pittsburg-Detroit post season series is scheduled. A part of the Detroit team arrived here today and members of the National commission reached the city about the same time. All is in readiness for the first game.

More than 250 policemen will be stationed in and around Forbes field under the direction of the assistant superintendent of police, and the various inspectors. For the purpose of advertising as much as possible the anticipated congestion at the park, the newspapers today are publishing a diagram of the seating arrangements with instructions to seat-holders regarding the entrances and exits. A number of new openings have been constructed and practically every section of the immense stadium has its individual gate.

The weather forecaster issued a special weather prediction at noon today as follows: "Fair and warmer weather will be had until tomorrow night. For Saturday, however, conditions are uncertain, as there is a storm headed in this direction."

There is to be a brief session of the National commission early tomorrow to select umpires for the contest. Mr. Herriman of the National commission said today that he considered the arrangements for handling the crowd as nearly perfect as it is possible to make them. "Every contingency has been provided for and I am sure that the series will be a great success," he said.

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 7.—More than one thousand people were in line patiently waiting for tickets when 5,000 pavilian seats for the world's baseball championship games here next Monday and Tuesday were placed on sale today. The 5,000 seats for each afternoon were disposed of as fast as the ticket sellers could push them through the windows in pairs. To avoid ticket scalpers, only two tickets were sold to one individual. Only general admissions are now left for the two games, all the reserved seats having been disposed of on Tuesday.



"Bess," the Mule Found Alive in a Stall Beyond Point Where Men Died—The Only Survivor.

ASKS FOR DISMISSAL OF PENTY CASE

On a charge of manslaughter, Joseph B. Penty, chief engineer at the Empress hotel, was arraigned in the police court this morning. The case is the outcome of the finding of criminal negligence by the coroner's jury which inquired into the cause of the death of Alexander Forfar, who was scalded while working at the C. P. R. hotel on the 9th of last month, dying from the effects.

The prosecution presented its evidence this morning, H. W. R. Moore, instructed by the attorney-general, acting as counsel, while R. T. Elliott, K. C., appeared for the defence. The witnesses examined were those who

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CHANG'S TASK GOES OVER TO BOARD NOW

PEKIN, Oct. 7.—The diplomatic representatives in Pekin have represented to the foreign board the regret of their respective governments in the death early this week of Grand Councillor Chang Chih Lung. The late councillor, in a valedictory memorial, refers to the fact that the negotiations for the foreign loan of $30,000,000 for the construction of the Hankow-Sze-Chuen railroad have not been completed, as a very acute personal mortification.

An imperial edict issued today turns over the loan negotiations that had been in the hands of Chang Chih Lung

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O'CONNOR IS COMING TO RECRUIT

Nationalists Predict General Elections Within Two Weeks and Prepare to Fight the Veto Bill

"LAST OBSTACLE TO HOME RULE"

T. P. O'Connor Coming to Canada to Explain the Situation to American and Canadian Supporters

LONDON, Oct. 7.—T. P. O'Connor, M. P., will sail shortly for America at the request of John E. Redmond, the Irish leader, to explain the political situation here to the supporters of the Irish cause in the United States and Canada. The Nationalists regard the approaching general elections as one of the most critical periods in their history, and the full power of their organization will be utilized in helping the Liberals deprive the House of Lords of the power of veto which they claim is the sole remaining obstacle to Home Rule.

Their Point of View.

The Nationalist point of view is set forth in an appeal by Mr. Redmond which is as follows:

"A great crisis in the Irish struggle has arisen. The House of Lords is engaged at this moment in destroying the Irish Land Bill with its promise of closing the land war of centuries and completing the restoration of all the land to Ireland and her people, and the banishing forever of misery and famine from the west of Ireland.

"General elections are certain within the next two weeks. In these elections the veto of the House of Lords will be at stake and with the veto of the House of Lords will disappear the last obstacle to Home Rule.

"In this fight Ireland will have arrayed against her all the forces of landlordism, wealth and privilege. Once more we appeal to our race to help us fight against these powerful enemies of our race."

DUDLEY BUCK, THE COMPOSER, DEAD

WEST ORANGE, N.J., Oct. 7.—Dudley Buck, the organist and composer, died at the home of his son yesterday. His death was sudden. He had just returned from a two years' absence in Europe. Mr. Buck was seventy years old. He was born in Hartford, Conn., and was educated at the Leipzig Conservatory. He composed the cantata sung by 300 voices at the opening of the centennial at Philadelphia and became famous as a composer of pastoral music.

SOUTH AFRICANS WOULD COME HERE

All coming in the same mail and arriving at the office of Mr. McGaffey, of the Vancouver Development League, this morning seven letters from South Africa contained inquiries as to the chances for a livelihood on this island. Most of the writers were men, who stated that the Boer war had cast such a depression over the South African country that hundreds of people were leaving for England and Australia and it was their desire to ascertain the opportunities offered here. The writers will be answered immediately by Mr. McGaffey and each will receive booklets telling of Vancouver Island.

"Didn't Know It Was Loaded."

CANORA, Sask., Oct. 7.—A sad accident occurred fifty miles north of this place on Sunday when Georgina Downs, an English girl 13 years old, was disembowled by a shot fired from a shotgun in the hands of a Russian youth, 15 years old. He deliberately pointed the gun at the girl, exclaiming: "Your money or your life!" at the same time pulling the trigger. He claims he did not know the gun was loaded. Neighbors, in the absence of the father, who is away working in the Manitoba harvest fields, came to Canora for a doctor, who went out accompanied by Constable Wilson of the R.N.W.M.P. to investigate the matter, but the girl had expired in the meantime. No inquest will be held.

Bank of England Rate Lower.

LONDON, Oct. 7.—The governors of the Bank of England today realised the minimum discount rate from 2½ per cent. to 3 per cent. This is the first change since the first day of last April when it was reduced from 3 per cent. It was decided to raise the rate to 3 per cent. owing to the large increase on the bank's reserve already made by exports to Egypt which were necessary for the financing of the cotton crop and the Argentine withdrawals and the governors were unable to offset these by fresh arrivals from the mines owing to the sustained demand from Russia which absorbed available quantities week after week, preventing the bank from building up the reserve.

REVOLUTION WOULD BE EASY

So Says Leader of Barcelona Republicans in Paris On the Way to Spain—Declares a Revolt is Necessary

CLERICALS SEEKING TO KILL LAY TEACHING

Gen. D'Amade Calls on France to Check Spain's Penetration of Morocco—Constitutional Guarantees Refused

PARIS, Oct. 7.—Alejandro Leroux, member of the Spanish Chamber of Deputies and leader of the Barcelona Republicans, who is now returning to Spain for the opening of the Cortes, after two years spent in exile because of his bitter denunciation of the Government, declared in an interview in Paris today that all the Liberal elements in Spain were concentrating and that a revolution was not only possible but necessary and easy.

He said that although Ferrer was not directly responsible for the rioting in Barcelona last July, he was convinced that he would be condemned to be shot as was Garcia, because the clerical reaction has the upper hand and is determined to put an end to lay education.

Leroux is of the opinion that King Alfonso is weak and without prestige except with the army and that the monarchy is irretrievably doomed, and he said that the only way to save Ferrer was through international agitation in favor of a public trial.

The French Socialists are calling meetings throughout the republic to protest against the Spanish repression.

France Should Intervene.

General A. G. L. D'Amade, the leader of the French expedition in Morocco, in a sensational interview in "Le Matin" this morning declared that the time has arrived for France to call a halt on Spain's penetration of Morocco and intervene to save the economic and political interests of Africa.

Maura Refuses Guarantees.

MADRID, Oct. 7.—Premier Maura has refused to consent to the restoration of constitutional guarantees in Catalonia, deciding that order must first be maintained.

Spaniards Fortifying Positions.

MELILLA, Morocco, Oct. 7.—The Spanish troops are today engaged in fortifying Nador and Zeluan. Blockhouses will be erected, guns of large calibre installed, and a railroad built between the two towns.

The searchlights on the fortifications of the city last night disclosed several groups of Moors hidden among the cactus in the surrounding country. When they were discovered the Moors opened a hot fire, to which the Spaniards responded with artillery and rifle volleys. They drove the enemy off after half an hour's fighting.

Boy Killed by Horse.

ALVINSTON, Ont. Oct. 7.—At the Alvinston fair held here yesterday, as the crowd were leaving the grounds, the ten-year-old son of Dr. White was kicked in the face by a horse and instantly killed.

Morgan Accepts Office.

NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—J. Pierpont Morgan it was announced today has accepted the honorary presidency of the exhibition of American manufacturers to be held in Berlin in 1910.

POST-MARKS

Foolish man to imagine that woman wants to "run things." She merely wants the right to do so!

Correspondence.

Percy Prettyboy: No, you are wrong; a woman's age has nothing to do with the date of her birth.

A Cornell student walked 300 miles away from New York. Thus is proved one advantage of university education!

It is given to some to do vaudeville acts, to some to "fill in" in the cast, to others to "fill up" between the acts.

The presidential messenger's motor slipped into the river yesterday—sort of stemming the tide of her enthusiasm!

"He who fights and runs away may draw a pension some fine day," says the Chicago News.

Well, what diff? The other chap won't need one!

Because necessity ignores every law anarchy is not therefore right.

That help which helps a man to help himself is the only help worth the while.

The foal of the racer will never know his powers nor discover his speed if always pastured with the common herd destined for the collar and the yoke.

If Cap Bernier saw the pole he isn't telling about it. Perhaps the Cap hates to butt in!