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SIXTEEN MEN ENTRAPPED IN BURNING MINE

Miners Are at Least Three Miles Back Beneath Burning Mouth of Pit.

LITTLE HOPE OF ANY RESCUES

Defective Wiring is Blamed for Tragedy That Will Cost Sixteen Lives.

Earlington, Ky., Nov. 16—Fire near the opening of the Arnold mine, one half mile east of here, has entrapped sixteen men, and with the conflagration growing in extent, little hope is held of rescuing them.

The fire, discovered late this afternoon, was started from defective wiring in a room near the opening and quickly spread. The mine is a drift mine with no shafts, making rescue possible only through the one opening. The fire can be heard blazing under the ground and smoke is pouring forth in large volumes.

Three Miles Under Ground

The men entrapped, consisting of three white men and thirteen negroes, are three miles back from the entrance and it is feared that they will suffocate from the thick smoke.

Any attempt at rescue thus far has been without result, and an effort is now being made to reverse the air through the air-shift, thus keeping the smoke from the miners.

The mine is owned by the St. Bernard Coal Company of Evansville, Ind.

A call was sent to Evansville for the mine rescue car there, but the car is at Winslow, Ind., too far from the fire to be taken there in time for use.

Fear Men Are Dead.

At nine o'clock tonight, when the fire had been raging almost seven hours, the mine officials held little hope of rescuing the entombed miners alive. It was feared that they already were dead, due to suffocation. The rescue workers, however, expressed the belief that the men might still be alive if they were able to barricade themselves against the flames and smoke and get some of the air being forced through an emergency pipe from compressors to the imperilled men.

LITTLE WORK IN SIGHT NOW FOR WINTER MONTHS

Dominion Employment Service Reports a Steady Tendency to Use Fewer Men.

SAWMILLS CLOSING DOWN FOR WINTER

Great Lack of Work in Clothing and Boot and Shoe Industry Reported.

Ottawa, Nov. 16.—The unemployment situation in Canada is causing much alarm in certain quarters, but according to the information available at that department of labor the situation, while not without its grave aspects, is not one which should cause alarm.

Mr. Bryce Stewart, director of the Dominion Employment Service, in a brief general review of the situation said today that he did not consider the situation alarmingly serious. One indication of the general situation in Canada is obtained from the figures on percentage of unemployment in the various trade unions.

Steady Decline.

The latest figures show that while certain industries show an increase in the percentage of unemployment the great staple industries are maintaining a steady showing of a low percentage of unemployment. Unemployment is small in the mining industry, on steam railways, in the building trades and the painting and metal industries. It is greater and is growing as the year advances, in the boot and shoe industry, the clothing industry and such occupations as piano and furniture making, jewelry and kindred trades.

Mr. Stewart also pointed out that the seasonal depressions were now being felt, and these had a tendency to increase the number of unemployed and cause alarm where none was justified.

Saw Mills Close.

Ottawa, Nov. 16.—Coincident with the advent of wintry weather, all the saw mills operating in the Ottawa district have closed down and will not resume operations until next May. The situation resulting from the low water in the Ottawa and Rideau rivers has nothing to do with the closing of the mills.

GUN HAS BEEN FOUND.

Annapolis, N. S., Nov. 16.—The German field gun which was to have been unveiled at Port Anne, and which mysteriously disappeared during the previous night, has been found near the Lequille school house, two miles from the fort.

'Tino All Smiles Because Venizelos Is Out of Power

Ex-King Not Sure However That He Will be Permitted to be King.

Lucerne, Switzerland, Nov. 16.—Former King Constantine of Greece and Professor Georgios Stret, former Greek Foreign Minister, who is with the ex-King here spent a wakeful night, last night receiving hourly telegrams on the result of the Greek elections from Athens. They were greatly pleased at the defeat of their arch-enemy Premier Venizelos.

Constantine, it is known, hopes to return to the throne, but he is still doubtful whether the opposition will call him.

MINE LEADERS URGE WORKERS TO TAKE WAGE

"Best We Can Get" Delegates Say as They Relate Struggle at Conference.

TIMES TOO UNCERTAIN TO GO ON STRIKES

Dominion Steel Refuses to Make Any Long Term Agreement With Men.

Truro, N. S., Nov. 16—"We are sailing through dangerous seas and careful navigation is necessary," said President Robert Baxter, opening the first session of the United Mine Workers' conference called for the purpose of making a recommendation on the recent agreement at Montreal between representatives of the Unitde Mine Workers and certain Nova Scotia operators here this afternoon. 'We are in a position that needs calm and cool deliberation. My advice is that we should be as cool as we can."

The early part of the session was devoted to a discussion of some technical difficulties which arose over the matter of the convention being called "re-convened" and verbal reports from the wage scale committee dealing with the action of that body prior to the time of the departure of President Baxter and Secretary MacLachlan for Montreal for a conference with the coal operators.

Defends His Action

Secretary MacLachlan the last member of the wage scale committee to report, vigorously defended the actions of himself and President Baxter in going to Montreal and making the much 'discussed agreement with the operators 'It was the best we could get," he said. "We ask the right to tell you why we brought this agreement to the men and why it is better than striking."

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CANON ARMSTRONG SPEAKS AT MONCTON

Special to The Standard

Moncton, Nov. 16—Rev. Canon Armstrong, of St. John, was the speaker at the regular weekly meeting of the Moncton Rotary Club today. Among the outside guests were Geo. Margetts, St. John, and A. E. Trites, of Salisbury. Canon Armstrong gave an interesting and inspiring address on "The Principles of the Rotary." With a resume and impression of the great international celebration of Rotary Clubs of the world held at Atlantic City in June last.

HALIFAX TRIMMED ST. JOHN TEAM

Amherst, N. S., Nov. 16.—The old rivals in bowling, Halifax and St. John met here tonight, and, before a large crowd, rolled three strings, resulting in a victory for the Halifax team, the total pin falls being: St. John, 1,267; Halifax, 1,293.

VISITED THE MASONS.

Fredericton, Nov. 16.—Lt.-Col. J. B. F. McKenzie, Grand Master of Chatham and other grand lodge officers, paid an official visit to Hiram Lodge of Masons here tonight.

PICKED U PDRIFTING SHIP

Beaufort, N. C., Nov. 16—The steamship Makanda, which was adrift off Cape Lookout with a breakdown of her boilers since Sunday, has been picked up, according to advices received here tonight.

PREMIER MEIGHEN FOR EAST ELGIN

Winnipeg, Nov. 16 — Premier Meighen will address a meeting at Aylmer, Ont., on Saturday of this week in the East Elgin by-election campaign.

BANDITS GOT $3,500,000 IN CAR ROBBERY

First Report Was That Less Than One Million Dollars Had Been Taken.

HIGH OFFICIALS RUSH TO SCENE

Busy Checking off the Insurance Rifled Mail Bags Contained.

Council Bluffs, Iowa, Nov. 16—Loss in the Chicago-Burlington and Quincy mail car robbery here last Saturday night will total at least $3,500,000, according to a story published today by the Council Bluffs Evening Nonpareil. This, according to the newspaper, became known today when additional post officials came to assist local investigators in a check of the insurance the stolen mail pouches.

WIRE FLASHES

Telegraphic News Condensed from Last Minute Messages for Quick Reading.

Priest is Captured.

London, Nov. 16.—A despatch to the Central News from Dublin says Father Griffen, a curate of Bushy Park, Galway, has been kidnapped from his residence by three unknown persons and that his whereabouts is unknown.

Ukrainians Are Defeated.

Tarnopo, Galicia, Nov. 15.—The Soviet troops have occupied Kamotz Podolesk, and the Ukrainian forces are retreating in disorder.

Stand By Railwaymen.

Dublin, Nov. 16.—The Irish Trades Union Congress held a session here today at which the 1,000 delegates passed a resolution of moral support for the railwaymen in their determination not to move the military or munitions.

Spracklin Case Again.

Toronto, Nov. 16.—Dr. Forbes Godfrey, M. P. P. for West York, in an address tonight, denounced Attorney-General Raney for not prosecuting Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin for shooting and killing Beverly Trumble, of Sandwich.

New Greek Premier

London, Nov. 16—A Reuter message from Athens says M. Rhellis has accepted the task of forming a cabinet. The former opposition leaders, it was added, were expected to meet today to decide whether they would recognize Admiral Coundourotis as regent.

S. S. Convention

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Nov. 16—Maritime Sunday School convention held its first regular session here tonight. The feature of the evening was an address by Dr. M. A. Hortine of Dayton, Ohio.

Hanged in Barn

Yarmouth, N. S., Nov. 16—The body of William Churchill, a resident of Lake Darling, was found hanging from a rafter in the loft of his barn today. He had been missing since yesterday.

Ship is Destroyed

Monte Video, Nov. 16—The United States shipping board freight steamer West Eagle, loaded with naptha, kerosene and coal, caught fire in the harbor here today and probably will be a total loss.

Russians Take City

London, Nov. 16—A military communique dated Monday and received by wireless from Moscow confirms the report of the occupation of Simferopol 37 miles north east of Sebastopol.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 16.—Refined sugar dropped from $10.50 to $10 a hundred pounds at the refineries here today. Refined beet sugar was quoted at $9.50.

Down Another Dollar.

Vancouver, Nov. 16. — Vancouver sugar prices dropped again today. Standard granulated is now selling at $14.50 a hundred pounds wholesale, a drop of $1.00 from yesterday's quotation.

The New York Price.

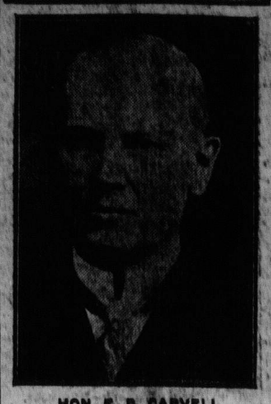
New York, Nov. 16.—The local market for raw sugar was unchanged early today. Prices were quoted at 5 1-2 cents for Cuban, cost and freight equal to 6.65 for centrifugal. The range of prices is now $9.75 to $10.50 for fine granulated.

Sugar futures were very quiet, although the undertone was steadier and prices at midday showed advances of 10 to 20 points on trade buying.

ANTI-JAPAN LAW ILLEGAL

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 16—The British Columbia Court of Appeal today declared to be ultra vires legislation enacted by the government of the province for the purpose of preventing the employment of Japanese under logging and timbering licenses.

COMING TO ST. JOHN THURSDAY MORNING



HON. F. B. CARVELL

Chairman of the Railway Commission of Canada, which will sit in this city tomorrow to hear arguments relative to the proposed raise in express rates.

MEIGHEN SPOKE TO OVER 40,000 WHILE IN WEST

Premier Ends His Tour With Meeting for Farmers to Explain Tariff.

SPEAKS IN TORONTO ON FRIDAY NIGHT

Free Trade Crerar is Criticised Sharply by the Hon. Mr. Meighen.

Winnipeg, Nov. 16—Having concluded his tour of the four Western Provinces, Hon. Arthur Meighen, prime minister of Canada, accompanied by Mrs. Meighen, tonight is traveling east with engagements to speak on Friday night at Massey Hall, Toronto.

The prime minister in the past three weeks has addressed more than a score of public meetings between Winnipeg and Victoria, exclusive of brief luncheon speeches, and it was estimated by his party today that he has spoken to well over 40,000 people.

Hon. J. A. Calder, who has accompanied Mr. Meighen throughout his tour, also left for the east tonight. It is probable that the prime minister will be supported at the Toronto meeting by Hon. Hugh Guthrie.

The final meeting of the western tour was held this afternoon in the village of Holland, in Macdonald constituency, Manitoba.

Talks to Farmers

Mr. Meighen presented to the attentive audience of several hundred people, mostly farmers, his argument for a moderate tariff, as advocated by his administration, declared that Hon. T. A. Crerar had a "frenzied fondness" for free trade and "preaches free trade through and through." The premier spoke emphatically against group government, which would result, he said, in "log-rolling, dickering and bargaining, the worst possible form of administration.

H. C. Henders, M.P. for Macdonald, speaking briefly, said he had been asked why he did not "follow Crerar." At a time, he stated, when the Union Government had made tariff reductions which saved the west $17,000,000 per year, Mr. Crerar told him he was "going to support the Government if they did not touch the tariff at all."

Satisfied With Government

He expressed the conviction that the Government had acted in good faith towards the west. He had supported the Government for the past three years and he proposed to continue that support while they lived up to their promises. He was in favor of a wheat board, but he had received no support when he had advocated it in the House. "A group from the Winnipeg grain exchange," he went on, "was lobbying at Ottawa in support of an open market. I sent appeals to the country, but got no support. The farmers listened to statements of four and five dollar wheat."

Mr. Calder reviewed in very brief style some of the government's legislation and took his stand with its tariff policy.

FLOOD OF LABOR BREAKS O. B. U. STRIKE IN SLOCAN DISTRICT

Nelson, B. C., Nov. 16—With unskilled labor from the prairie provinces flooding the Slocan district, the strike inaugurated by the miners of the One Big Union last spring is definitely broken. Mines have resumed operations and are running full force, it is stated. The mills connected with the various properties are also operating.

WANTS STRIKE INJUNCTION

New York, Nov. 16—Supreme Court Justice Hotchkiss today reserved decision on application of the Associated Fur Manufacturers Inc., for an injunction restraining Morris Kaufman, president and individual members of the International Fur Workers Union of the United States and Canada from continuing their strike in New York's fur trade before May 22.

IRISH KIDNAP ONE JUDGE OF T. MacSWINEY

Dragged Officer Who Served on Lord Mayor's Court Martial Out of Train.

REPRISAL POLICY FOR DEATH BEGUN

Irish Court Has Already Passed Sentence Upon Those in the Court Martial.

Cork, Nov. 16.—Three men, one an English officer, were dragged from a Cork-Skibbereen train last night by kidnappers.

The officer was believed to have been in the court-martial which sentenced Lord Mayor MacSwiney on charges of sedition.

A Sinn Fein court was reported to have passed sentence on the "murderers" of Terence MacSwiney. It was declared all those connected with his imprisonment would be sentenced and that the penalty would be exacted.

British officials have watched carefully for any attempt to carry out the threats. One "vengeance band" which set out for England immediately after MacSwiney's death was broken up, it is alleged.

TERRIFIC GALE ALL ALONG THE ATLANTIC COAST

Snow, Sleet and Wind Reported from Many Points —Ships in Distress.

Wilmington, Del., Nov. 16.—A blizzard gale is sweeping the Delaware coast. Many vessels entering or leaving the Delaware Bay have been forced to put into the breakwater for refuge. The tug John A. Hughes, of Philadelphia, put into Lowes in a badly battered condition late tonight. Throughout the state telephone and telegraph service was badly disarranged.

First Snow South.

Asheville, N. C., Nov. 16.—Asheville and immediate vicinity were visited tonight by the first snow of the season, which began falling shortly after seven o'clock. The night was the coldest of the season.

Maryland Hit, Too.

Cumberland, Md., Nov. 16.—The Allegheny Mountain section is blanketed by snow and sleet. At Frostburg the snow and sleet is about five inches deep, with the fall unabated. At Thomas, W. Va., on the Western Maryland Railway, it stands 12 above zero, with two inches of snow. On the big Savage Mountain the sleet is six inches deep.

OTTAWA REGISTERS DISTANT 'QUAKE

Ottawa, Nov. 16—An earthquake of fairly strong intensity was registered at the Dominion Observatory here this morning. The first preliminary tremors arrived at three hours, thirty-eight minutes, nine seconds, eastern standard time, and the distance to the epicentre was 3,990 kilometres, or 2,470 miles.

The time at the original was three hours, thirty minutes, fifty-two seconds, eastern standard time. The duration of the tremors was about an hour and a half.

MISSING FRESHMAN FOUND IN TURKISH BATH AFTER WEEK

Providence, R. I. Nov. 16—Robert R. Frankel, the Brown University freshman who had been missing since November 1, was found today by the college authorities in a Turkish bath in this city, where he had been staying for more than a week. He gave no explanation of the reasons for his disappearance. He returned to his home in New York this noon.

CANADIAN MILLERS FORM ASSOCIATION

Montreal, Nov. 16.—As a direct result of the experience gained through the operation of the Canadian Millers Committee, which was created as an advisory board to the new domestic Canadian Wheat Board, prominent representatives of the Canadian Milling industry laid the foundations for a permanent organization which is to be nation-wide in its scope will be known as the Canadian National Millers Association. The headquarters will be in Montreal.

SENATOR SHATFORD BURIED

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 16—The funeral of the late Senator Shatford was held here today. All public bodies were represented at the funeral and floral tributes were sent by members of the House of Commons and of the Senate.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA.

Hon. Arthur Meighen, Premier of Canada, is on his way back from Western Canada to speak in Toronto on Friday night.

Quebec farmers ask tariff commission for lower duties on farm machinery.

Two men sent to prison for one year each and fined $2,000 each at Montreal for using false trade marks in the sale of "fake" whiskey.

UNITED STATES.

A great gale is sweeping northward along the Atlantic coast rapidly.

Sixteen miners are imprisoned in a burning mine in Kentucky and all are thought dead.

THE BRITISH ISLES.

Three men were dragged from an Irish train by a gang of kidnappers today. One of them was on the court martial that found MacSwiney guilty.

EUROPE.

Premier Venizelos, defeated at the polls, has resigned.

General Wrangel, defeated anti-Red leader in the Crimea, has arrived at Constantinople.

As the third army of General Wrangel is still intact it will be used as a basis for a new army to fight the Soviets.

BAD WHISKEY GOT PAIR YEAR AT HARD LABOR

Sentence Includes Fine of $4,000 for False Trade Marks' Use.

WHISKEY WAS DOPE MIXTURE

Detroit Buyers Thought They Were Getting Consignment of the Best.

Montreal, Nov. 16—Joseph A. Pesant and Rene Ricci, beer and wine merchants of this city, were today sentenced by Judge Basin to twelve months in jail each at hard labor, and to a fine of $2,000 each, or an additional twelve months each on a charge of false trade-marks. The charge of false pretences, made in the same case was dismissed on the ground of the accused being 'already acquitted."

Following this sentence, Pesant and Ricci were taken to the enquete court before Judge Leet, and proceedings tried in the case against them of uttering forged government seals. They were committed for voluntary statement on the 2376 on this charge.

Got a Mixture

The whole case arises out of the action of David Davis, of Detroit, who charged the accused with having sold him 500 cases of what was alleged to be Hiram Walker's Canadian Club whiskey, for which he paid $15,000, and which he later found on arrival of the shipment at Detroit to be a deleterious compound of wood alcohol, chloroform, etc., which had to be thrown away. Evidence adduced in the case caused the minister of justice to prosecute in behalf of the Inland Revenue Department for the placing of fictitious revenue stamps on bottles what was alleged to be whiskey bottled under government supervision.

BRITISH SHIPS WILL NOT ASSIST WRANGEL TO ESCAPE SOVIETS

London, Nov. 16—Although the Admiralty has issued no orders to the commanders of the British warships in the Black Sea, except carefully to observe strict neutrality, it was officially stated today that British ships would assist in rescuing non-combatants if they were really in danger. The question of rescue work is left to the discretion of the officers on the spot. No troops will be transported under any circumstances it was stated.

RECEIVED HIS SON'S MILITARY DECORATION

Special to The Standard.

Gagetown, Nov. 16—R. H. Otty has received from the militia department the bronze oak leaves awarded to those mentioned in despatches for gallant and distinguished service in the field. This distinction, which was won by Lieut. Allen Otty, for bravery at Passchendaele, where he was twice wounded and afterwards killed in action, was recommended by Sir Douglas Haig. The decoration consists of a spray of oak leaves to be worn on the ribbon of the Victory Medal, when the medal itself is worn, and a similar spray to be worn on the ribbon alone. Lieut. Otty was also among the Gagetown soldiers awarded the 1914-15 Star.

NO BODY IN WELL

Langdon, N. H., Nov. 16 — When darkness stopped their operations tonight, county officials, who had spent the day in excavating another well, had found no trace of the body of Mrs. Blanche W. Whitney, the object of their search. They had not reached the bottom of the well.

WRANGEL HAS ONE ARMY YET ABLE TO HIT

Third Army, Never Broken Yet, Will Probably be Centre of New Force.

GENERAL ARRIVES AT CONSTANTINOPLE

Siberian Anti-Red is Being Hard Pushed in Big Battle in Manchuria.

London, Nov. 16 — General Baron Wrangel, the anti-Bolshevik leader in South Russia, has arrived in Constantinople on board the Russian cruiser Kornilloff, says a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Constantinople.

Still Able to Fight

Paris, Nov. 16—The defeat of General Baron Wrangel, commander-in-chief of the Russian volunteer army in the Crimea, will not end the fight against the Bolsheviki, Basile Maklakoff, special envoy in Paris for General Wrangel, declared here today: "We will never give up the struggle against Bolshevism," he said. "There are other ways besides the use of arms and munitions in which the Bolshevists can be put down, and perhaps the fight wil continue ning bloodless lines."

Third Army Intact

General Wrangel's third army is still intact in the Ukraine, M. Maklakoff explained, and this could form the basis of a new military movement.

M. Maklakoff said the attitude of the Russian peasants was daily becoming more actively antagonistic to Bolshevism, giving much encouragement to those who are waging war against the Soviets.

Semenoff in War

Harbin, Manchuria, Nov. 16 — For three days the Bolsheviki have been attacking the forces of General Semenoff, anti-Bolshevist leader in Siberia at Daura, a Manchurian station on the Chinese frontier. Japanese troops at the Manchurian station threaten to take part in the fighting in the event it is carried to Chinese territory.

General Semenoff is reported to have asked permission to enter Manchuria disarmed, but the Chinese local commander recommended adversely because of the danger of inviting a Bolshevik invasion.

FEAR FORMER QUEBEC M. P. IS MURDERED

Nine Detectives Have Been Sent to Probe Mystery of His Disappearance.

FAMILY THINKS MURDER COMMITTED

O. Morin Vanished Four Weeks Ago and Clothing Has Been Found Near Lake

Quebec, Nov. 16—Accompanied by eight provincial policemen, Detective George Roy left this afternoon for Villemontel, Abitibi, where, on instructions from the Department of the Attorney-General, he will investigate the mysterious disappearance of Mr. O. Morin, former M.P. for L'Islet, who has been reported missing for over a month and whose clothes were found by Detective Lavoie a few weeks ago on the banks of the lake. The search up to now has been fruitless of results, and foul play is suspected by the family.

SCHOONER ARRIVES BADLY BATTERED

Lunenburg, N. S., Nov. 16 — The Zwicker Schooner Lloyd George, Captain Carl Himmelman, is home in a battered condition after her longest West Indian trip. The vessel cut of Porto Rico, with fish and a passage of fifty-one days. She arrived with her main boom smashed in two places, her bowsay gone, and her fore sail and topsail badly torn. Lack of wind and for a time too much of it was responsible for her slow voyage. The Lloyd George is rated as one of the fastest working schooners out of Lunenburg and has many quick trips to her credit.

Dominion Sugar Cuts Down To $11.17

Toronto, Nov. 16—Still another cut has been made by the Dominion Sugar Company. A new low price of $11.75 per hundred to retailers, less 6 per cent to wholesalers, equal to 11.17 has been announced. Other refiners are quoting around 13 cents nominally. The retail price varies today between 13 and 15 cents.