

DAL QUESTION IN THIS PROVINCE

Legislators Have Taken
Subject Up in the
House.

Question of coal prices in British Columbia is giving the members of the legislature some concern this morning. The price charged in Victoria for cities on the coast are relatively high.

It has been reported that Vancouver Island coal companies considered the question of a reduction in price amounting to 50 cents per ton. This has not come into effect yesterday in the House of Commons.

Attention was given to the coal prices.

R. G. Tatlow and John Oliver referred to the price charged in British Columbia as compared with the California.

Guire has taken action to put an investigation by giving the following resolution in the House:

Resolved, That the members of the House of Commons be requested to inquire into the coal to the consumer in the province of British Columbia is out of proportion to the cost of production, and to the abundance of the coal deposits in this province.

The proximity of the sources of coal to the market, the cost of the coal to the consumer in British Columbia is much less than at the coast.

The excessive price of coal in British Columbia has the effect of retarding and preventing the development of the province of British Columbia.

Depending upon a fuel supply, much of the product of the mines of the province is exported to foreign markets and the price that enables it to compete with coal from other countries.

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Political Liberty Is Now Watchword

Situation in Portugal To-Day—Spain Guarding Her Frontiers—Funeral of Royal Victims on Saturday.

Lisbon, Feb. 4.—The condition of King Emmanuel, who was shot in the arms and face at the time his father and brother were killed last Saturday, is improving.

The official organ in its issue of today declares that the funeral of the late King and Prince will be held on February 8th at 10 o'clock in the morning, with all the solemnity possible at the Royal Pantheon of St. Vincent.

The Marquis de Soveral, the minister to Great Britain, has left there for Lisbon.

Material changes in the new cabinet have been made, only three members of the first ministry, as announced yesterday, being retained in the cabinet.

Francisco Joaquin Ferreira de Amaral, Jose Mathias Nunes and Dr. Venceslao de Perre de Lima, Rear-Admiral Ferreira de Amaral becomes minister of the interior, and retains the post of premier. Dr. Lima is still minister of foreign affairs; Manuel Antonio Moreira, Jr., is minister of finance; Alberto de Campos Henriques is minister of justice and worship.

Jose Mathias Nunes retains the ministry of war; Vice-Admiral Augusto de Castilho is minister of marine and colonies, and the Count of Berlendes is minister of public works, industry and commerce. Senor Henriques was minister of justice in 1902, and Senor Moreira was minister of marine in 1902.

The progressivist dissidents voted today to support the new government on condition that all political prisoners be freed, that the exiles be permitted to return to Portugal and that all existing laws be repealed, and that all existing laws be repealed.

Spain Safeguarding Herself. Madrid, Feb. 4.—King Alfonso and Queen Victoria are at present at Seville. They will return to Madrid only in case the situation in Portugal becomes worse, and it should be desirable for them to be near the ministry and parliament to facilitate the taking of

steps necessary for the protection of Spanish interests.

In addition to the strong force of Spanish troops kept along the Spanish frontier, heavy detachments of soldiers are stationed in all the important points of Spain, but especially at Barcelona, where the anarchists and revolutionists are said to be showing signs of restlessness.

It is reported here that King Carlos carried a life insurance to the amount of two hundred thousand dollars in an English company, and twenty-two thousand dollars in a Spanish insurance company.

Burial Place of Kings. Lisbon, Feb. 4.—The royal pantheon of St. Vincent, where the funeral obsequies of the late King Carlos and Crown Prince will be held next Saturday, is a massive structure in what is called the oriental section of Lisbon, in the cloister of the venerable and crumbling building repose the bodies of Portugal's monarchs who have ruled for the last two hundred and fifty years, from John the Fourth to Louis the First. Here also the niches contain the bodies of many famous statesmen, warriors, poets, philosophers and explorers, who flourished in past generations.

For many years the main edifice was used as a monastery for the Stagnone monks. It is now the official residence of the Cardinal Patriarch of Lisbon, the residential quarter being connected by gardens and vaulted corridors with a huge pantheon proper, in which the bodies of the monarchs of Portugal repose.

Why Dictatorship Ended. Paris, Feb. 4.—The Petit Parisien declares today that on Saturday night, at a meeting of the council of state of Lisbon, Premier Franco guaranteed to restore order if he was given full power and allowed to deport three hundred persons. He was aware, however, that his request would not be granted, and he consequently preferred to retire and leave the country.

It is probable, the paper continues, that the influence of the British government, invoked by Queen Amelia, was mainly instrumental in causing the dictatorship of Portugal to be discontinued.

JOCKEY CLUB DEFENDS RACING

Answers to Governor Hughes,
Who Advocates Abolition
in New York.

New York, Feb. 4.—The Jockey Club has issued a pamphlet entitled "The Truth About Racing," which is intended as an answer to the various criticisms against the sport which have been used by Governor Hughes and others, who advocate the abolition of betting at race tracks in New York state.

The pamphlet defends racing as a sport and calls attention to the fact that it has caused a great advance in horse breeding and has greatly increased the value of American horses.

Of those who go to the track, ninety per cent., the pamphlet states, do not go for betting but for the sport.

"The question of betting on horse racing is one of morals," continues the publication, "yet the amendments asked for, aim at an act which is not thought to be prevented in other fields.

There is no more element of immorality in betting upon a thoroughbred election betting, wagers on poker and bridge, or speculation upon the rise and fall of the prices of stocks.

To confiscate the investment of the various racing associations and terminate the important industries allied thereto, would be akin to the abolishment of playing card manufacture, because wagers are being coupled with their production."

FARMER SHOT
BY CHINAMAN

Resident of Chilliwack May Die
from Wound—Chink
Arrested.

Vancouver, Feb. 3.—Richard Davis, a farmer of Chilliwack, will probably die as a result of a wound received last night from a rifle, fired by a Chinaman, On Leo.

Davis, accompanied by a friend named Richard Hall, was going home late in the evening, when the two men heard a rifle shot behind them.

This was followed by another, and later a third. By this time the men were running, for the shots were close at hand, and they were frightened.

Davis was hit in the back by the first bullet, which pierced his lung. It is not believed he can recover.

On Leo was arrested. He admitted firing the shots, but said he had been bothered by boys stealing.

FROZEN TO DEATH.

Chicago, Feb. 3.—William Brack, a lawyer, was found frozen to death yesterday within fifty yards of his residence in Highland Park, a suburb. It is thought that Brack slipped on the icy sidewalk and was stunned by the fall, succumbing to the cold before he recovered consciousness.

HURLED FROM TROLLEY POLE

Vancouver Telephone Lineman Is Fatally Injured in Peculiar Accident.

(Special to the Times.) Vancouver, Feb. 4.—Harry Baird, a telephone lineman, was fatally injured in a peculiar manner this morning.

He was assisting a gang in removing a telephone post on Hastings street when a pole crashed to the ground.

Baird was thrown from the top of the pole to a trolley wire where he hung for an instant and then fell to the ground.

HEARD THIRTY MILES AWAY.

Ontario Powder Company's Works Blown Up by Dynamite—No Lives Lost.

Tweed, Ont., Feb. 4.—The works of the Ontario Powder Company here were blown up by an explosion of dynamite this morning. No lives were lost. The explosion was heard for thirty miles.

PUBLIC WORK FOR UNEMPLOYED

McBRIDE'S PROMISE
TO NANAIMO MINERS

Impassioned Addresses at Socialist Gathering in Coal City.

Special to the Times.

Nanaimo, Feb. 4.—The Socialist party here is taking advantage of the number of unemployed, owing to a slackness in the coal trade, and held a meeting of unemployed last night, addressed by J. H. Hawthorthwaite, James Young and Rev. A. W. McLeod, the Baptist minister, a recent convert to Socialism.

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FORMER VICEROY IS OUTSPOKEN

LORD DUDLEY CONDEMNS
PRESENT IRISH POLICY

England's Only Course is Remedying of Admitted Grievances.

London, Feb. 3.—The Earl of Dudley, Conservative, who was Lord Lieutenant of Ireland in Mr. Balfour's ministry, 1902-05, created somewhat of a sensation among the Unionist benches of the House of Lords this evening by dissociating himself entirely from the policy of coercion in Ireland as advocated by the opposition.

The leaders of the present Liberal government, the Earl of Dudley said, were not going far enough in their policy of coercion to please him.

The policy of coercion was at the root of a thorough union between England and Ireland. It would mean war to the knife. In the long run, it would make the government of Ireland impossible.

The only real solution of the Irish question, the speaker contended, was to be found in the prompt and consistent remedying of the admitted grievances, and such a policy would gain the adherence and support of a majority of the parliament.

At the conclusion of his remarks, the Earl of Dudley was cheered heartily by the supporters of the government.

Referring to the same subject in the House of Commons, Augustus Birrell, Chief Secretary for Ireland, refused definitely to put the Crimes Act into operation. He said he loathed boycotting, but believing the disturbances in Ireland to be removable causes, the government proposed to continue its present policy of trying to gain the goodwill of the Irish people.

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FROM PEACE RIVER.

A few days ago Staff-Serjt. K. F. Anderson and a trooper of the R. N. W. M. P. brought to the provincial jail at Kamloops Frederick James Trumper, charged with the murder of Geo. W. Coleman on November 5th last in the Peace River district.

Coleman's partner, who was not at home when the crime was committed, returned, and finding the dead body, rode out and gave information to the police.

It was not at first thought that the scene of the crime lay in Alberta, but an examination of survey lines proved it to be two or three miles within the British Columbia boundary.

Some time must elapse before the preliminary hearing can take place, owing to the difficulty of bringing witnesses from that distance. It is assumed the trial will probably take place at the Clinton spring assizes. E. T. W. Pearce, Justice of the Peace for the province, has received instructions from the attorney-general's department to conduct the preliminary hearing.

Thrilling Story of Rescue.

New York, Feb. 4.—A wireless dispatch to the Times from the White Star steamer Cymric gives details of the burning of the steamer St. Cuthbert.

Soon after the Cymric sighted the burning vessel the steamer Cambrian also came up and the two ships lay by for several hours awaiting a chance to safely lower a boat, the terrific wind which was blowing at the time making it impossible for a boat to live. Finally at 2 o'clock the Cymric got a boat away in command of First Officer Stivey, and with a crew of six men.

Rescued Badly Burned.

After a hard fight with the waves, the boat which was brilliantly handled, succeeded, aided by the quantities of oil which had been spread on the water, in reaching the side of the burning ship. For ten minutes they lay, before a heavy fire was lowered into the boat, followed by a second. Then ten men made their way down a ladder and into the boat. All were frightfully burned.

Stove In By Wave.

The boat returned safely to the Cymric and the rescued were hoisted aboard. The same crew then made a second and third trip back to the burning steamer, rescuing 37 in all. On the last trip the boat was stove in by a wave and barely reached the Cymric in safety.

Terrific Explosion.

The officers and the crew of the St. Cuthbert had a terrible story to tell.

MILLIONAIRE DYING.

Small Hope For Recovery of James Oliver, the Plough Manufacturer.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—"Bulgarian Immigration to the United States is a failure, Bulgarians had better stay in Bulgaria. They are better off there than in America."

That will be the substance of a semi-official report to be made to the Bulgarian government by P. T. Daskaloff, editor of the Wetche Pechts, a leading newspaper of Sofia, who is touring this country for the purpose of studying the condition of Bulgarians here.

The Bulgarian government recently passed laws in restricting emigration and on seeing Mr. Daskaloff's report probably will take still further steps to detain the Bulgarians at home.

Mr. Daskaloff yesterday, "In the last four years about 30,000 Bulgarians have come to this country and this large loss has become a matter of concern to the government, the total population of Bulgaria being only 4,000,000."

RELIEF FOR FAMINE
STRICKEN RUSSIA