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FIFTIETH YEAR

NEARLY CAUGHT BY SNOWSLIDE

Coroner's Jury Investigating Rogers Pass Disaster Has Perilous Adventure in the Mountains

FOREMAN McDONALD'S STRUGGLE FOR LIFE

Had Nearly Made His Way to Surface—Avalanche at Field Engulfs Switch Engine and Injures Switchman

VANCOUVER, March 9.—After dodging another snowslide which all but tipped them, the coroner's jury chosen to investigate the Rogers Pass slide, returned to the scene of the disaster this morning. The jury had a lively day, and made a careful investigation of all available facts about the scene of the slide. Their inquiry developed one pathetic feature. Bridge Foreman McDonald, one of the victims of the slide, was an exceptionally heavy and strong man, and after being buried in the snow he had evidently retained sufficient consciousness to start to fight to the surface. He had evidently struggled to force the snow under his feet and to raise himself towards the surface. He had gained two feet, and a shell of only three feet of snow remained between him and the open air when he was suffocated, there was not a bruise on his body.

An avalanche descended at Field yesterday and engulfed a switch engine. Engineer Howard McRae and Fireman William Leung escaped, and Foreman Mainprize escaped by crawling through the cab window. The only injured man was D. K. Patterson, a switchman, who was buried under the slide. Mainprize was rescued and was last seen, and the man was rescued. He was unconscious when found and sustained a broken leg.

DECLARES FOR GENERAL STRIKE

Convention of Pennsylvania States Federation of Labor Wants All Unionists of Country to Quit Work

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 9.—Following the striking meeting today of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor, at which resolutions were adopted asking that the American Federation of Labor call a nation-wide strike, some of the delegates tonight expressed their opinion that the meeting was too precipitate in its action, and some are openly charging that the convention was stamped by W. B. Morgan, president of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees.

Mr. Morgan came here with a delegation from Philadelphia and after explaining the strike conditions in that city and assuring the convention that he was holding the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor in the palm of his hand, he aroused the delegates to a high pitch of enthusiasm, and when the resolution was passed by the committee of ten in Philadelphia was presented, it was carried unanimously.

President E. E. Greenawald, of the Federation, appointed a committee of nine to confer with the Philadelphia committee as to whether the strike should be begun in other cities. The committee of nine held a meeting tonight and formulated a report, which will be presented to the convention tomorrow. It contains the following: "The contents will be made known to the public. The delegates who are averse to a strike object to the grounds that the present is a poor time to engage in an industrial war to such an extent, and it is regarded as uncertain that the strike will be successful. President Morgan addressed a large mass meeting today.

May Retire from Yukon. VANCOUVER, March 9.—It is currently reported in the city today that Commissioner Henderson of the Yukon will shortly retire from that office, and will remain resident at Vancouver. The report states that he is to be appointed to the post of collector of customs for this port, and that the present collector, J. M. Bowell will be superannuated.

King Edward at Biarritz. BIARRITZ, France, March 9.—King Edward arrived here this evening and was warmly greeted by the people, who had gathered in most numbers at the station.

Usury Charged. TORONTO, March 9.—German C. Kehr, manager, and Christian Donaldson, clerk, have been committed for trial on a charge of usury. They are charged with having loaned money at an interest of 100 per cent. interest.

Big Theft From Mail. WINDSOR, Ont., March 9.—The theft of about \$18,000 in drafts from a mail bag in transit between Windsor and Toronto on the evening of February 5 has just been made public as the result of a visit to Windsor of Inspector Fisher of the London district. The trail will now be taken up at the Toronto end. All the banks in Windsor are losers. The Dominion Bank alone posted letters containing \$18,000 in drafts. John Curry, a prominent ex-banker, also lost cheques. It is believed that the thief of the mail was to secure currency for the missing paper has turned up.

Liquor Transportation. OTTAWA, March 9.—Sir Richard Scott announced in the senate today that he proposed to offer an amendment to the bill relating to the transportation of intoxicating liquors. The amendment would limit the sale to provinces which had declared prohibition and had enacted prohibitory legislation. The effect was that the bill would be limited to Prince Edward Island, which had asked for it.

Failure at St. Stephen. ST. JOHN, N. B., March 9.—The St. Croix Jewellery Co. at St. Stephen has failed for \$25,000. The St. Stephen Bank is creditor for \$20,000.

Coffey's Conviction Upheld. SAN FRANCISCO, March 9.—The conviction of former Supervisor H. M. Coffey in connection with the graft disclosure of the Ross-Schmitz administration. Coffey was sentenced to five years in San Quentin.

C. N. STEAMERS. Avonmouth Chosen as Terminal Port for Atlantic Service—To Be Called Royal Line.

LONDON, March 9.—Canadian railway magnates are making the most of the Canadian popularity of royalty. D. B. Hanna, vice-president of the Canadian Northern Railway, who returns to Canada next week, will report in favor of Avonmouth, near Bristol, as the terminal port for the proposed Atlantic service, to be called the Royal Line, and to be inaugurated this spring by the Royal Edward and the Royal George. These vessels, formerly named the Humber and the Heilopolis, were built by the Fairfield's in the Mediterranean service eighteen months ago, with a speed of twenty to twenty-one knots.

President Hays of the G. T. Railway, left London for Newcastle this morning with a Grand Trunk party, for the christening ceremony of the Prince George, the British Columbia coast service, which Miss Louise Hays performs at Swan and Hunter's. The line, Mr. Hays said, would be discussed in the United States tariff mission to Ottawa. Mr. Hays urges the inclusion of the proposed arrangement, and especially insistent on the point that the Grand Trunk line should be included in the party settle seriously on Atlantic coast. The line, Mr. Hays said, should be through to Allowhead Pass by the end of the year. Mr. Hays expressed the view that there will be an increase of 25 per cent. in immigration to Canada this year.

GERMANY'S AGENT REPORTS DEBATE

Said to Listen in Gallery of Commons While Members Discuss Navy Question—Sends Daily Report to Berlin

SEVERAL SPEECHES MADE YESTERDAY

Mr. Emmerson Dissatisfied With All Proposals—Member for North Simcoe Quotes Some Enlightening Statistics

OTTAWA, March 9.—The new leaked out here tonight that a secret service agent in the employ of the German government has been a constant listener to the debate on the naval bill in the House of Commons during the past few weeks. He has been in daily communication with Berlin, and not a move has been made in the parliamentary chessboard without being fully informed of the facts across the ocean in code form. The fact that this agent is here watching the intentions of parliamentarians, many members of parliament have been the subject of comment, and while most of the supporters of the government side have been congratulated on their hostile intentions toward England on the part of the German empire, the opposition have pointed out the interval of idleness with merchant ships. The men will soon go back to the water, and the British navy will be left in a precarious position unless it is on a sound basis.

Mr. Emmerson's Lonely Furrow. Mr. Emmerson, who continued the naval debate today, declared he was not wholly in accord with the government side, but he was completely out of tune with the Borden and Monk amendments.

He was afraid in this instance he would, like the famous peasant from Lord Dunsyre, have to flock by himself. He had been a faithful supporter of the Liberal party for 35 years, and the one thing about the party which compelled his allegiance, was the liberty of conscience accorded every member of it.

The first division on the naval bill took place at midnight, the amendment of Mr. Borden to ratify an agreement before committing the country to any expenditure for naval defence, being defeated.

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PROGRESS MADE WITH LEGISLATION

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ORIENTALS AND TENURE OF LAND DISCUSSED

Resolution of W. H. Hayward Not Accepted by the Government—Many Acts Passed Yesterday

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FIND TWENTY-ONE BODIES IN SNOW

One-Third of Victims Uncovered by Work of Searchers—The Others May Remain Buried for Some Time

PROBABLY CARRIED DOWN INTO CHASM

Slide Packed to Hardness of Ice—Track Now Cleared so as to Permit Resumption of Traffic

VANCOUVER, March 7.—With the track cleared and traffic resumed at midnight, the rush work of rescue came to an end this evening. Canadian Pacific line at the snowslide scene in Rogers Pass.

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ALBERTA CRISIS BECOMES ACUTE

Premier Rutherford Compelled to Resign—W. H. Cushing to Be Called on to Form Cabinet

PORTLAND CANAL RAILWAY

D. D. Mann and Associates Active at Work—Application for Title Filed

EDMONTON, March 9.—"I have nothing to say," said Premier Rutherford in the legislature today just before adjournment, when Mr. Bennett asked that the premier take the members into his confidence and explain the startling political developments that have transpired since yesterday.

The vacant government benches spoke for themselves. Attorney-General Cross occupied his seat for two days, and after the resignation of Mr. Borden, the premier refused to inform the house of the press, as to the present situation or what the next move in the crisis would be.

Mr. Cushing will be premier of Alberta in 48 hours, and his cabinet will be Premier and minister of public works, W. H. Cushing; attorney-general, J. E. Boyle; minister of agriculture and provincial secretary, Dr. Warnock; minister of education and provincial treasurer, Geo. F. Smith; minister of lands and survey, J. A. Macdougall and E. J. Riley. Tonight a caucus was held, and although the opposition intimated that he would like to stay he finally placed his resignation in the hands of members, and left the caucus.

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SCANDAL IN FRANCE

Liquidator of Dissolved Congregations Found to Have Taken \$1,000,000

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