

AFFAIRS OF FIRE DEPT. TO BE INVESTIGATED

Hot Session of the Safety Board To Result in Sworn Enquiry.

Question of Transferring Frank Shannon to No. 4 the Cause of Trouble.

Chief Kerr and Ald. Potts and Wilson in Lively Debate.

The difference of opinion between John Kerr, Chief of the Fire Department, and certain of the aldermen with regard to the transfer of Frank Shannon back to No. 4 company reached an acute stage at the meeting of the Safety Board yesterday afternoon.

After the other business of the board had been disposed of, Ald. Potts said that there was little matter in connection with the Fire Department, that he wanted to speak of. He had seen a piece in the Globe on Saturday commenting on the discipline in the department, and the name of Frank Shannon had been mentioned.

Case Up Last Year. Ald. Kelly brought up Mr. Shannon's case last year, and the chief explained his position.

Chief Kerr: "Yes, and the Board decided that I was right in what I did."

Ald. Potts: "Probably the matter is just as fresh in his mind now."

There was some discussion as to what was the minutes of the meeting which had been referred to as having taken place last year, and Chief Kerr said he could tell them the resolution passed. The chairman said they knew that.

Ald. Potts said the statement had been sent out broadcast by the chief, that the aldermen had no authority to over him at all. He said the union act he claimed that they had authority. Personally, he was willing to abide by the decision of the board, but he was looking into the matter in the interest of the citizens, and the men were entitled to fair treatment.

The chairman said that he was quite willing that the chief should give his explanation.

Chief Kerr said that he was glad that Ald. Potts had brought the matter up. It was not his desire to get contrary to the wishes of the aldermen. He would give them all the information he had so that they should not be pestered by false reports.

CANADIAN MINERS' UNION MEETS WITH DISAPPROVAL

Proposal of Cape Breton Divines to Have An All Canadian Union with Better Ways Clause is Turned Down by Miners and the Dominion Coal Company Management—The Fourth Week of Strike Opened Today with the Situation Unchanged.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, N. S., July 26.—The great struggle in the Cape Breton coal fields between the Dominion Coal Company and the U. M. W. enters upon its fourth week tomorrow with little if any change in the situation.

The reverend gentlemen previously submitted a proposition to Mr. Dugan which was based on the formation of a Canadian union which should absorb the P. W. A. and the U. M. W. and which should provide for a ten per cent. advance of wages to men who received \$2 per day or under. This was also turned down by Mr. Dugan.

A meeting was announced at Dominion No. 1 and it was intended to be an open air meeting. The U. M. W. men report that they were howled down by an organized band of hoodlums and were compelled to assemble in the hall where quiet prevailed and speeches were made by Messrs. McCullough and Simpson. At the close of the meeting nine men were initiated into the U. M. W. Union.

A stir occurred in the square here tonight about 10 o'clock when a large crowd of men gathered in a mass and surged up and down the street for a time. It was said that a Chinaman was being hustled. The police arrived on the scene and the crowd dispersed. It could not be found out who was making the trouble.

MAY BUILD OWN TENT SAYS HAYS

Special to The Standard. Montreal, July 26.—Very optimistic as to the outlook, and enthusiastic over the success of the recent G. T. R. bond issue, was Mr. C. M. Hays, of the Grand Trunk, on his return to headquarters this morning, after a visit to England.

"Of course," he remarked, in the course of an interview, "you have heard how well our bond issue of two million pounds was taken up. The bonds were issued at 121-2 at 3 per cent., and they proved such an attraction that we had to cut down the underwriters forty per cent. That is to say, the loan was practically subscribed for twice over. That gives you an idea of the standing of good Canadian securities, in the English market at the present time."

In regard to Mr. Hays' announcement in England as to steamship connections for the Grand Trunk Pacific, he remarked: "A reporter asked me if it was true that we had absorbed the Allan Line. I told him that seeing that we absorbed the White Star Line last year and the Cunard the year before it certainly looked as though it was time we absorbed the Allan. Speaking seriously, though, I may say that when we get the Grand Trunk Pacific connected through from coast to coast, we will either make arrangements with some existing company to supply Atlantic and Pacific connections, or we will build our own fleet. That, however, is not a matter that is pressing just at present."

RECENT RAINS IMPROVE VALLEY CROPS

Special to The Standard. Annapolis Royal, July 26.—The crop prospects in the Annapolis Valley have been greatly improved by the recent heavy rains, and what threatened to be a bad year generally will prove to be a very light in some sections amounting to 50 per cent. of the average yield, but this deficiency will be made up by the productiveness of the ground crops.

Strawberries were quite up to the average, and the raspberries and blueberries promise to give one of the largest crops for many years.

Potatoes are clean and of large size, and like all other root crops will yield a rich harvest.

The apple crop promises to surpass that of many previous years, and orchardists are looking for the heaviest crop in the history of the province. The trees are well set, and the fruit is exceptionally clean and free from blemish. Pears and plums also promise heavy crops.

SPURNED LOVE THE CAUSE OF THIS TRAGEDY

Montreal Man Shoots Girl That Repulsed Him and Then Suicides.

Victim Removed To Hospital But Not Expected To Live.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, July 26.—Because the girl with whom he was in love, spurned his offer of marriage, John Smith, or Schmidt, shot Marie Monet, at the latter's home in St. Henri, a Montreal suburb, tonight and turning the pistol on himself blew out his brains.

The girl was removed to the Western Hospital, but is not expected to recover. Schmidt, who was a blacksmith, came here from New York a few weeks ago, and became acquainted with the girl in the restaurant where she worked. At St. Henri, and Schmidt called there on Sunday stating that he would call tonight, to say good-bye, as he was leaving the city for a short time. He called tonight and appeared to be quite rational, the sister, Mrs. Grize, leaving Schmidt and Miss Monet alone in the parlor while she left the house for a few moments. On reaching the street she heard a shot and Miss Monet rushed out of the house and fell to the ground with a bullet in her back. Another shot was heard and when Mrs. Grize rushed in she found Schmidt lying on the floor dead with a bullet through his brain.

GR'DAUGHTER OF JOS. HOWE DEAD IN WEST

Miss Josie Howe Succumbs to Tuberculosis—Former Halifax Teacher.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, July 26.—J. D. Ross, of Moncton, received a telegram from Calgary this evening informing him of the death of his niece, Miss Josie Howe. The deceased lady was a granddaughter, on her father's side, of the late Hon. Joseph Howe, the Nova Scotia statesman, and on her mother's side, of the late Principal Ross, of Dalhousie College.

Miss Howe was for some years a teacher in the school for the blind, Halifax, and went to her home in the West, on her father's side, in 1907. She was a devoted and successful teacher, and her death is a great loss to the community.

WATERVILLE HAS UNIQUE INSTITUTION

Special to The Standard. Waterville, N. S., July 26.—A colonial training school has been established at Waterville, with Miss Eunice Watts as principal. The object of this school "is to give women with capital who desire to buy land, a thorough knowledge of the country and its customs before settling in Canada." The course will include anti-culture in all its branches, poultry raising, agriculture, dairying, forestry and many other subjects, a knowledge of which is necessary on a farm. Already a number are on their way from England to take this course.

BOBBY KERR'S TRAINER HOME MINUS MEDALS

Special to The Standard. Hamilton, July 26.—George Anderson, Bobby Kerr's trainer, who arrived home on Saturday, was robbed of medals valued at several hundred dollars after leaving Boston. The medals were presented by the various clubs in the old country where Kerr ran. Anderson says that Kerr was six or four days on the trip over and to this, with the fact that he had not been in the country long enough he attributes the cause for his defeat, by Walker, in the English championship.

CONFEREES AGREE TO EX-EMPT HIDES

Washington, D. C., July 26.—The conferees on the tariff bill late this afternoon agreed to report a provision for free hides providing the house in advance authorizes its conferees to reduce the leather and shoe schedule below leather rates.

IS MEXICO VERGING TOWARDS CIVIL WAR?

Political Riots Are Reported from Guadalajara and Other Cities.

Two Hundred Arrests Made—Two Killed and a Score Injured.

Riot Most Serious That Has Occurred in Mexico in Years

Mexico City, Mexico, July 26.—More than two hundred arrests were made, a score or more were injured, including two Americans and two were killed in political riots in Guadalajara yesterday and last night.

A mob broke up a meeting which was addressed by orators who spoke in behalf of the re-election of Diaz. The rioters shouted "Down with Diaz, we want Reyes."

During the night they stormed the hotel Garcia where the Diaz orators stayed. Every window was smashed and the lower floors were looted. The police charged the crowd repeatedly, but were repulsed. State troops were called out and a number of volleys were fired in the air without effect. The members of the mob erected a barricade on one of the side streets and shots were exchanged between them and the soldiers. Six mounted gendarmes and two policemen were wounded. A boy, four years old, is said to have been killed. Considerable American property was destroyed and two Americans were wounded. The Americans asked the American consulate for protection. The names of the Americans wounded are thought to be W. Hinton and H. Murphy, though the despatches are so garbled as to make their identity uncertain.

A later despatch from Guadalajara said that all was quiet. A heavy hail storm has dispersed the mob, which has taken up a position in the Plaza de Armas after breaking up all the benches and the grand stand. The riot is the most serious that has occurred in Mexico in years and is looked on as significant by those who have closely followed the political situation. The official press says that it was planned and carried out by the Democratic party, known as the Revolucionarios, from the name of its candidate for vice-president, General Bernardo Reyes, formerly Minister of War in Diaz's cabinet.

WHITE BOY'S SENTENCE IS SUSPENDED

Special to The Standard. Hampton, N. B., July 26.—In the preliminary examination into the charge against Fred Bell of stealing a light wagon and a set of driving harness from the barn of Dr. J. Scott Murray at Hampton, on or about Saturday the 24th inst., was gone into, identification of the property was made by James H. Spry and evidence given by Sheriff Fred W. Frazier to the effect that on learning of the theft on Saturday morning he instructed Constable D. O. Lurvey to proceed to wards Belleisle and arrest the party described and hold the jury until the sheriff's arrival. Following another route, the sheriff and J. H. Sprull reached the residence of a Mr. Bates, in the parish of Springfield, where he found Laughey and his prisoner, with the outfit intact, and drove with his man back to Hampton and placed him in jail. This morning the prisoner pleaded guilty and was sent up for trial before the Supreme Court.

U.N.B. MAN GETS CHAIR OF HISTORY

Special to The Standard. Winnipeg, July 26.—The University has appointed C. B. Martin, of the Archives Department at Ottawa, to the chair in history. Professor Martin is a graduate of the University of New Brunswick.

OUTBREAK DUE TO BAD SPUDS SAYS DOCTOR

Provincetown, Mass., July 26.—That the outbreak of typhoid fever among the men of the battleship fleet was due to bad potatoes was the official verdict rendered today by a naval physician on the supply ship Celtic, after a thorough investigation.

FALLIERS TO MEET KING

Berlin, July 26.—A despatch to the Lokal Anzeiger from Pilsen says that President Fallieres will arrive at Marienbad, August 18, to meet King Edward.

STMR. CAINCRAIG, BOUND FOR BATHURST, ASHORE AT CANSO

Under Charter of Robt. Redford Co., of this City, Caincrag Was to Have Loaded Deals for West Coast of England—Steamer Struck on Snorting Rock Ledges and is Now in Perilous Position—Crew Rescued With the Greatest Difficulty.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, July 26.—In a dense fog, this morning the steamer Caincrag, Capt. Hyslop, with a crew of over 20 men, struck the rocks at "Snorting" Rock ledges on the Western end of Dover Island near Canso, a few miles west of White Point which spot has been the graveyard of many fine ships, notably the steamer Blauaman, Calras, Nobel Co. of that port.

Capt. Hyslop encountered thick weather all the way from Boston, and the ship had to be run on dead reckoning together. Judging that he had run down the coast far enough, Capt. Hyslop hauled up hoping to make Chedabucto Bay and the Strait of Canso. Just before daylight, breakers were sighted right ahead, and before the course of the ship could be changed, she crashed on the fatal rocks. The sea was very rough, following a week of almost continuous southeasterly winds, and the ship pounded badly, the seas making a clean break over her forward parts.

The crew with great difficulty launched their boats and reached the island where they found fishermen's huts. Messages were sent to the town by way of the village of Dover, and the captain is now waiting instructions from the owners. The Caincrag could not have struck a more exposed or creekly point than just where she lies. Water is well up in her hold, and has reached the engine room. There seems at present some chance of floating, as the sea is moderating very fast, with a west wind.

She has no cargo but is in ballast bound for Bathurst, N. B., to load deals. Most of the ship's stores were taken ashore and the crew are able to make themselves comfortable while they are keeping watch to report position and condition of the ship when the sea has gone down sufficiently to allow them to board her with safety.

The Caincrag is under charter of the Robert Redford Co. of this city, and Mr. H. C. Schofield left last night upon hearing of the disaster for Canso, where he will decide as to what dispositions to be made of the wreck.

RESCUER DIES IN SAVING RESCUED

Special to The Standard. Piquet, July 26.—Jumping from a dory on Quero bank to save one of his shipmates who had fallen overboard, Daniel Mulse, a native of Tusket, was drowned while the man he went to rescue was saved by other members of the crew of the schooner, Meteor, which both men were seamen.

The Meteor is engaged in salt bank dory fishing and was on the bank at the time. When the accident happened several of the crew had taken a dory and gone on board a French fishing craft to make a friendly call, and when they came to embark in their own dory and go back to their ship, the accident happened.

In getting into the dory one of the crew fell overboard and the boat was in the dory, fisherman like, without the slightest hesitation, jumped in after him, with all his clothes on. He was unable to reach the man and when they came to embark in their own dory, the man who he attempted to rescue being in the meantime rescued by other members of the crew. The body was not recovered. Mulse was twenty-seven years of age and a widower.

NEWSIES OUT IN FORCE TO SEE BENEFIT

New York, N. Y., July 26.—All the "newsies" in town who could spare time from crying "wuxtry" wuxtry," crowded American League Park this afternoon to see Mable Hite umpire a baseball game between two teams of chorus girls in full costume. There was some dispute as to the final score, but at the end of the third inning it stood 37 to 35. All gate money will go toward the maintenance of the newsboys' home club, at Woodland Beach, Staten Island.

MUNICIPAL UNION MEETS IN THE WEST

Special to The Standard. Medicine Hat, July 26.—The union of Canadian Municipalities assembled here today for its annual convention with delegates present from all parts of Canada. The meetings here will last over tomorrow, when the convention goes to Calgary, where the final session will be held.

Controller Ward, of Toronto, the president, and Mr. H. D. Lighthall, of Westmount, honorary secretary, and one of the founders of the union, delivered important addresses today, outlining what had already been accomplished and suggesting the lines along which progress should be made.

TOO LATE SAYS WICKERHAM

Washington, D. C., July 26.—Attorney General Wickerham says "it is too late to attempt to re-cast the corporation tax amendment bill," on the basis of a proposition, the bare statement of which "would be received with very great credulity by most minds." He so expressed himself in a letter written in reply to one from a number of firms of accountants in New York, who made a new suggestion to him.