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BETTER FEELING IN COAL FIELDS

Good Prospects of Agreement Between thte Miners and Operators

SUSPENSION NOT LIKELY

President Lewis Cordially Received By Officials of Companies

Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 6.—Having completed arrangements, so far as the miners' representatives are concerned, for the meeting between the officers of the United Mine Workers and the anthracite coal operators in Philadelphia on Thursday next for the purpose of making a new agreement between the men and their employers, Mr. Lewis, national president of the miners' organization, left late today for Indianapolis.

Mr. Lewis will remain at the national headquarters until Tuesday, and will reach Philadelphia on Wednesday afternoon. He put in a busy day in this vicinity, visiting Pittston and Hazelton for the purpose of inviting the individual operators to participate in next week's conference. Mr. Lewis called upon W. L. Cake, president of the Individual Operators' association, and extended him an invitation to attend the meeting, and it was accepted. The organization of which Mr. Cake is the president represents practically all the independent operators in the region, and he participated in the negotiations three years ago, when the present three years' agreement was arranged. This agreement expires on March 31.

There is a distinctly better feeling in the hard coal fields regarding the outcome of the negotiations. This is no doubt due to the cordial manner in which Mr. Lewis says he was received by the president of the coal-carrying roads when he met them individually in New York and Philadelphia to arrange a conference. Business men say they feel there will be no suspension, that does not follow, it only a suspension of work, if, indeed, there is any stoppage in the mining of coal. The business interests of the mining region are almost unanimous for a three year agreement, in order to avoid an annual disturbance in business.

Neither Mr. Lewis, his associates, nor the operators in this section will discuss the situation in advance of the negotiations.

Not Talking.

Hazelton, Pa., March 6.—Asked whether he believed there would be a strike in the anthracite coal fields, President Lewis, just before leaving for the west, said: "Even if I knew I could not talk."

A meeting of the district executive board was held here this afternoon. It is reported that operators are willing to make certain concessions if the miners sign a long term agreement.

Defrauded Bank.

Toronto, Mar. 4.—In the criminal sessions this morning J. M. Poole, who was president and business manager of the defunct Poole Publishing company, of Toronto, was found guilty of obtaining from the Farmers' bank by false pretences the sum of $2,000. Sentence was deferred.

B. C. Southern Tax Case.

Nelson, March 4.—The hearing of the appeal of the B. C. Southern Railway versus the provincial government is definitely fixed for March 12, before R. S. Lennie. The injunction asked for in the supreme court to restrain the government from making an assessment of the lands in question will not affect this hearing. The case is arousing much interest, owing to the huge sum involved.

McGill Libraries Robbed

Montreal, March 4.—The spoliation of the library of Lincoln Inn, London, is as nothing to the students and friends of McGill university, who learn that thieves have been in their midst, and that the Redpath and science libraries have suffered to an extent that is heart-breaking. While the authorities are loath to admit that the libraries are crippled to any great extent, it is known that hundreds of volumes have been carried off, and many of them have been sold for ridiculous sums.

Alleged "Dumping."

Washington, March 6.—The alleged practice of foreign manufacturers selling goods in this country at a price lower than that obtained at home was the subject of an inquiry introduced today by Mr. Galligen. The resolution, which was agreed to, directs the secretary of state to "procure through consular and other representatives abroad all available information relating to the practice of foreigners selling in this country at a price lower than the domestic prices set, and to communicate the information to the senate at the earliest possible date."

New York Opinions

New York, March 5.—Memorial resolutions were adopted by the New York chamber of commerce, protesting against the adoption of ad valorem duties under the new tariff on the wholesale market price in the United States, instead of on the price abroad, urging a provision in the new tariff law for securing from France minimum rates of duties on American exports, and favoring the bill for providing adequate

New York, March 4.—Memorial resolutions were presented to the diplomatic officials. The appointment of a committee was authorized to study the question of Panama canal construction, and to report on what should be done to make the canal subservient to all time needs and expanding accommodation.

South Australia Wheat Field.

Adelaide, S.A., March 6.—The Earl of Dudley anticipates that the Malee wheat district will rival Manitoba in the future.

Railway Bills Passed

Ottawa, March 6.—The Commons has passed the bills respecting the Southern Central Pacific Railway company (Dr. McIntyre, Strathcona) and the Hudson's Bay and Pacific Railway company (Mr. Cash).

Head of Rubber Company Dies

Toronto, March 6.—H. D. Warren, president and treasurer of the Gutta-percha and Rubber Manufacturing company, died at his home here last night after a lingering illness. He was born in Brooklyn in 1861.

Sale of Fish Prohibited

Ottawa, March 6.—An order-in-council has been passed prohibiting the sale and export of black bass, maskinonge and speckled trout for five years from May 30, 1909, taken from the waters of the province of Ontario.

Conservation Commission.

Washington, March 6.—The conservation commission will continue its existence under the Taft administration. This conclusion was reached today at a conference between President Taft and the members of the joint committee representing the state conservation organization and the national organization appointed last December.

Clemency Refused.

Regina, Sask., March 6.—Word has been received from the department of justice at Ottawa refusing the petition for clemency in the case of the Evers brothers, serving two years and two and a half years in Prince Albert and Edmonton penitentiaries respectively for theft. The petitions were widely signed, and were headed by Hon. Walter Scott, premier of Saskatchewan.

CASTRO FORBIDDEN TO ENTER VENEZUELA

Ex-President Plans to Use Nicaragua as Base of Operations

Paris, March 6.—Senor Jose Paul, the Venezuelan envoy to Europe, has let it be known that President Gomez has forbidden both Cipriano Castro and his wife to enter Venezuela. He is of the opinion that Castro will proceed from Europe to Nicaragua, to consult with President Zelaya, of that country, who is a friend. He hopes to get in touch with his partizans in Venezuela from Nicaragua, but Senor Paul does not think he has any chance of success. The director of the French Cable Company, who was expelled from Venezuela some time ago by President Castro, has left France on the steamer Guadeloupe, for La Gueira and Caracas. He has full powers to treat directly with the Venezuelan government in settling the dispute with the cable company. As soon as this is accomplished, France and Venezuela will sign a procotol referring to arbitration all questions still pending.

DANGERS OF AFRICA

Chicago University Professor Thinks Mr. Roosevelt Will Fall Victim to Fever

Chicago, March 6—"Theodore Roosevelt will never return to the United States alive if he carries out his announced intentions of exploring the dark regions of Africa in quest of big game."

This is the opinion of Professor Frederick Starr, of the University of Chicago, whose prophecy is based upon his knowledge of the dangers of that country, particularly the insidious fevers, through his expedition to the Congo Free State. The ex-president according to the educator, will invade a section of the country where few white men have dared to venture heretofore, on account of the fatal nature of the prevailing epidemic and the Sleeping Sickness.

"His danger," said the professor, "will not lie in the ferociousness of animals which dwell there, but in the fever which every explorer has come to fear and which have taken the lives of many adventurers. I have visited Africa and have known the extent of these. I had a fever peculiar to that portion of the country. I visited there nine different times and narrowly escaped with my life. The ex-president has not the temperament or the temper of a man who would withstand the dangers of the climate he plans to visit."

Will Reduce Wages.

New York, March 5.—It was learned today that the Eastern Pig Iron association had practically agreed to reduce wages ten per cent, and the notices will be posted on March 15. It is said that similar reductions will be made on the part of all the blast furnaces in the country and that between 50,000 and 75,000 men will be affected.

Death of Jacques Grenier.

Montreal, March 5—Jacques Grenier, ex-mayor of Montreal, died today, aged 86. He was twice mayor of the city, and was finally defeated by Hon. James McShane. He was very wealthy at one time, but lost his fortune when the Banque du Peuple, of which he was president, failed. His death took place in an institution for the deaf and dumb.

Lunatics From Yukon.

Vancouver, March 4.—When the Princess May arrived from the north this morning she landed four lunatics, three men and a woman, who had lost their reason in the wilds of the northland. They were from various points in the Yukon, and the woman especially was troublesome. Sergeant Scard, of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, was in charge of the unfortunate people and they were removed to New Westminster asylum this morning.

POWERS WATCH HARBIN AFFAIRS

Diplomatic Circles Feel Hopeful of Settlement Being Reached

RAILWAYS MAKE TROUBLE

Ambition May Be Curbed By Foreign Office at St. Petersburg

Washington, March 6.—The diplomatic view of the situation at Harbin, where the railroad companies are trying to control local affairs, was more hopeful in tone today among the representatives of those powers having interests in the far east, and which are determined that the terms of the Portsmouth treaty shall be complied with and China's rights in Manchuria preserved.

This optimistic feeling is prompted by the fact that the Russian foreign office, as stated in last night's despatches from St. Petersburg, has taken a hand, looking to the amelioration of conditions by advocating a modification of the railroad policy and the option of the foreign office plan for the government of all towns in the railroad zone.

That the situation is complicated by political features is realized in well informed diplomatic circles, due to the powerful influences exerted by the railroads, whose interests are paramount in Manchuria, and which if eliminated from participation in local affairs will lose much of their prestige. No information on the general subject is being given out at the state department, where the belief is expressed that an amicable settlement of the whole controversy may yet be reached.

VARIOUS RUMORS

Movements of Prominent Wrestlers Shrouded in Mystery

Montreal, March 5.—The latest movements of the big men in the local wrestling business are shrouded in mystery. Wittig, the Chicago promoter and match maker, arrived in town and had a secret conclave with Frank Gotch and the directors of the Canadian Athletic club. He then immediately decided to sail for England. The Canadian Athletic club has discovered through a friend of theirs at present in the Sultan's domains, a Turk that is more formidable than the present tourist, Mahmout.

The new Turk it is claimed is stronger all around than Mahmout, and that he is capable of throwing Youssiff in ten or twelve minutes at the most. The club immediately on the receipt of the news cabled the man an offer that is not likely to be turned down.

It will be remembered that Wittig is the man that brought Hackenschmidt and Gotch together in Chicago some time ago, and perhaps the Chicagoan has induced Frank to take on the new Turk and left for Turkey via England to return with him to America.

GERMAN SUSPICIONS REGARDING LIBERIA

Trade Circles Inclined to Expect Annexation By the United States

Berlin, March 6.—The proposal made in Washington to send a special commission to Liberia, to investigate and report on conditions there, has aroused suspicion in some German trading circles as to whether the United States does not meditate the ultimate annexation of that republic, after first assuming a protectorate over it. The Westphalian Gazette, which represents manufacturing and commercial interests, goes at length into the subject. It alludes to what it calls the American policy of conquest, and warns the German government to be watchful. The foreign office has been informed of the conditions that led to the proposal to send out this American commission.

Wireless for Storm Times.

Philadelphia, March 6.—One result of the wire prostration due to the blizzard of Wednesday night will be the establishment by the city of a wireless plant on top of the city hall tower. The top of the tower is 537 feet from the ground, and a powerful wireless outfit would put Philadelphia in touch with any municipality or sea station operating a wireless plant within a radius of a thousand miles. Profiting by the examples furnished by the plight in which Baltimore now finds itself, cut off entirely from wire communication with the outside world, city officials today began the work preliminary to the erection of a plant that will keep Philadelphia in touch no matter to what extent land lines may be prostrated.

PLAGUE AT GUAYAQUIL

Sixty New Cases Reported During the Month of February—Yellow Fever Also Raging

Guayaquil, Ecuador, March 6.—During the month of February sixty new cases of bubonic plague were reported in Guayaquil, of which eleven were fatal. Thirty-one cases of yellow fever also were reported during that month, of which sixteen were fatal.

Struck by Engine.

Biggar, Sask., March 6.—Robert Heavy, night coal watchman on the G.T.P., was found dead on the track half a mile west of the station this morning. It is supposed that he was walking to his work facing a snowstorm when the engine struck him. His wife is in Ireland, and a married daughter lives here.

Winding-Up Order

Toronto, March 6.—An order for the winding-up of the Canada Tinplate and Sheet Steel Company, Limited, of Morrisburg, Ont., has been granted by Chief Justice Mulock, on petition of the American Securities company, a creditor to the extent of $78,000. The liabilities are $225,000, but the assets when realized on may show a small surplus. The liquidation entered upon is directed at the old company, not the new one.

For Criminal Negligence

Guelph, Ont., March 6.—Engineer Conrad Kennedy was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment this morning on the charge of criminal negligence in connection with the collision at Harriston on Jan. 27, in which Brakeman Smith and Fireman Root lost their lives. Sentence was suspended in the case of Conductor Fleming, Fireman Alexander and Brakemen Jackson and Burgman, who were also charged with criminal negligence.

P. E. I. Finances.

Charlottetown, P.E.I., March 6.—Premier Haszard in bringing down the budget last night estimated the ordinary expenditure next year at $362,786; capital expenditure, $30,423; revenue, $370,195, a net increase of $3,593 from last year. He expected the revenue to be increased over the above amount through refunds from the Dominion on account of certain payments in connection with the administration of criminal justice. The total debt of the provice is $850,611, against which there are assets at Ottawa of $893,000.

BALKAN PROSPECTS SOMEWHAT GLOOMY

Austria Refuses Intervention By Powers in Dispute With Servia

Berlin, March 6.—The situation between Austria-Hungary and Turkey, arising from the efforts of the latter country to secure compensation for the annexation by the dual monarchy of Bosnia and Herzegovina, was today acknowledged to be disquieting. There is, however, this advantage, the issues are more clearly defined than before. It can be said with authority that everything now depends upon the position Russia takes in the matter.

The situation stands as follows: Servia has undoubtedly renounced all her direct demands, both territorial and economical, but at the same time she charged Russia to place these demands before an international conference. Austria-Hungary declined to accept such a conference before the points at issue with Servia are settled.

Austria-Hungary is prepared to grant favorable commercial and economical compensation to Servia if Servia consents to negotiate direct, but should a conference be called to deal with these questions Austria-Hungary, with the support of Germany, will oppose any concessions. Austria-Hungary and Germany consider that a conference should be called to ratify agreements already made, and they do not recognize the right of the powers in any way to intervene in the questions concerning two independent nations. It is affirmed also that Turkey is inclined to hold to a similar view. The Porte fears that if such a conference awarded Servia compensation from Austria-Hungary, then Servia would demand territorial compensation from Turkey.

The provisional commercial agreement between Austria-Hungary and Servia expires on March 31st, and Austria-Hungary is willing to make the new agreement more advantageous if Servia will abstain from seeking foreign intervention, and settle the question alone. Up to the present time Russia has not intimated whether or not she will accept the Servian mandate to approach the powers.

Although there is no serious anxiety regarding the eventual peaceful outcome of this controversy, a certain disquieting tension was evidenced today in official circles.

Vienna, March 6.—Count Forgach, the Austro-Hungarian minister at Belgrade, has been instructed to inform the Servian government that owing to the attitude maintained by Servia for the last month the government of the dual monarchy, to its regret, has not been in a position to submit a renewal of the commercial treaty with Servia which expires on March 31st, for parliamentary sanction. The Austro-Hungary government, Count Forgach is instructed to add, cherishes the hope that Servia, as it is generally understood, has in accordance with the advice of the powers, decided to change her policy with regard to Bosnia and Herzegovina, and will notify Vienna of this wise resolution as well as of her intention to maintain peaceful and neighborly relations with Austria-Hungary. As soon as this notification is received, Austria-Hungary will be prepared to negotiate the questions of trade intercourse pending between the two countries.

Berlin, March 6.—The comments of the evening papers on the Austro-Servian situation are pessimistic, but hope is expressed that Russia soon will make known her intentions to favor a peaceful solution. The Vossiche Zeitung summarizes the situation as follows: "Russia has an unthankful task. If she refuses to carry out the wishes of Servia, it is to be feared that Servia will throw herself upon the Austrian bayonets. If, on the other hand, Russia exercises the slightest compulsion on Austria-Hungary, it is probable that the dual monarchy will grasp the sword as the only means of cutting the Servian knot."

HONOR IS PAID TO MR. BORDEN

Conservative Leader Guest at Dinner of Members of Opposition

GRAND TRUNK CAUTIONED

New Department of External Affairs Occupies Attention of House

Ottawa, March 4.—The dinner tendered this evening by the Conservative members of parliament to Mr. Borden was a great success. Over a hundred attended, and the Conservative leader was given a magnificent welcome. Mr. Borden's speech dealt with the recent campaign and the hopes of the future. A feature was the warning he addressed to a prominent railway corporation which had been particularly active during the campaign. The party desired no feud, and sought no alliance with any great railway corporation, but it was just as well that the directors of the railway in question should understand that the gage of battle thus thrown down might some day be picked up.

F. D. Monk presided and made a telling speech in proposing the health of Mr. Borden. The only other toast was that of new members, to which replies were made by Mr. Goodeve, representing British Columbia, Mr. Magrath for Alberta, Mr. Haggart for Manitoba, Mr. Stewart of Hamilton for Ontario, for Quebec by Mr. Blondin of Champlain, and Mr. Doherty of St. Anne's, and for Nova Scotia by Dr. Crossby.

The whole of today's sitting of the House was occupied in a discussion of the new department which it is proposed to create, dealing with external affairs. While on the whole the opposition did not object to a scheme which would simplify dealing with international correspondence, there was some criticism in regard to placing a new and untried minister like Mr. Murphy, the secretary of state, at the head of it. It is proposed to pay the deputy head of the department $5,000 a year.

After Mr. Murphy had explained the purpose of the new department, Mr. Borden asked if the secretary of state's department could not do the work.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said the department was necessary, and it was also necessary to have it independent of other departments. This was the case in Australia. The work was ever increasing and the present system was found inadequate.

Mr. Foster wanted to know if the confidential despatches intended for the eye of the premier alone were to be sent to the new department. He did not think that they should. The system would not be of any use unless it was expert, and it would therefore be expensive. The resolution was finally concurred in.

Mr. Oliver informed Mr. Monk that since the end of the last fiscal year up to January 31, 1467 immigrants had been deported. The expenditure by the government on deportation since March 31st, 1908, was $27,288.

POWERS ARE WARNED TO KEEP HANDS OFF

Austria Will Have No Interference in Negotiations With Servia

Berlin, March 5—A semi-official note issued here today points out the impossibility of Austria-Hungary accepting intervention by the powers in connection with her negotiations with Servia in the matter of the proposed commercial and railroad agreement between the two countries. It is declared also that the demand that the powers act in behalf of Servia in these matters cannot be fulfilled, and should not be proposed by any one seriously desirous of a rapid and peaceful settlement of the Balkan trouble. The note concludes with the statement that any attempt to humiliate or intimidate Austria-Hungary, whose government is supported by Germany, must result in failure.

PIONEER TELEGRAPHERS

Death Removes Two Old-Timers in Persons of Lyman Dwight and George Burnett

Toronto, March 5.—The death occurred in Detroit yesterday afternoon of Lyman Dwight, brother of H. P. Dwight, president of the Great Northwestern Telegraph Co., from pneumonia. Deceased was 72 years old, and up to a few years ago had been manager of the Great Northwestern office at Detroit, having been appointed to that position in 1868. Mr. Dwight was manager of the same company's office in Buffalo, prior to going to Detroit. A remarkable coincidence with Mr. Dwight's death was the death yesterday morning of George Burnett, who succeeded the former as manager of the Buffalo office. Mr. Burnett was 71 years old. Both Mr. Dwight and Mr. Burnett were employed as telegraphers in Toronto in the early fifties.

Bought By Grand Trunk.

Toronto, March 5.—The Central Ontario railway, from Picton to Maynooth, 132 miles, has been sold to the G. T. R., according to a story in railway circles here today.

Hastings Municipality

Vancouver, March 4. — Hastings townsite ratepayers and property owners have decided in favor of forming a municipality.

Two Children Burned.

Halifax, Mar. 4.—The house of John McNeil, at Florence, C.B., was destroyed by fire, and two children, a boy and a girl, aged respectively two and three, lost their lives.

Want State-Owned Cables.

London, Mar. 4.—The Associated Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom today adopted a resolution in favor of cheaper telegraphic communications throughout the empire, by the adoption of a policy of state-owned cables.

Central American Trouble

Washington, March 5.—Today's reports received at the state department from Central America say that everything is quiet in Honduras. Rumors of trouble in Salvador, the despatches add, are claimed to be due to the attitude of Guatemala and Nicaragua.

Alberta Elections.

Calgary, March 4.—The Conservatives of Didsbury have decided to oppose C. Hiebert, one of the Conservative members in the late house on account of his independent statements. R. B. Bennett has not yet announced his intention regarding the Calgary nomination tendered him some days ago. He may not run.

Marconi's Expectations

Rome, March 5.—King Victor Emmanuel granted a private audience to William Marconi today and afterwards entertained the inventor at dinner. His majesty congratulated his guest warmly on the results achieved by his system of wireless, and Mr. Marconi explained that by the erection of an extra powerful plant at Soltano, near Pizampe, he expected within twelve months to have direct wireless communication with America.

MULTITUDE HONORS FORMER PRESIDENT

Warm Demonstration as He Leaves For His Oyster Bay Home

Washington, March 4.—With thousands of his countrymen bidding him an affectionate adieu, Theodore Roosevelt, the retiring president of the United States, accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt, took his departure from the capital for his Oyster Bay home at 3.30 this afternoon. As he was leaving the scene of his seven years of strenuous activity, Mr. Roosevelt gave every indication of delight over being relieved of official cares. Looking somewhat tired, but happy, the former president was deeply moved by the affectionate demonstration in his honor while waiting for his train. "Good luck and good luck to you" were his farewell greetings to the thousands who witnessed his departure.

It was a magnificent spectacle when the great crowd waved handkerchiefs and shouted in union "Goodbye to you" all the way from the capitol to the union station, where he arrived at 1.50 p.m. Mr. Roosevelt, ascorted by the New York county Republican committee, 800 strong, received a tremendous ovation, which he greatly appreciated. A band played "Auld Lang Syne."

Pittsburg, March 4.—A telegram signed by 1,900 representative Pittsburgers was sent today to Theodore Roosevelt by the Pittsburg Leader. The message follows: "Appreciating the ability, courage and patriotism which have illuminated your administration of the office of president of the United States, and recognizing your unswerving devotion to duty and loyalty to the people, the undersigned residents of Pittsburg and western Pennsylvania desire, as you retire to private life, to express their esteem for you personally and their unbounded regard for you as the greatest president of the United States in modern times. Our interest in you will continue wherever you may be, and our good wishes will follow you through life."

DOING GOOD WORK

Victorian Order of Nurses Helps Much in New District—Financial Position Sound

Ottawa, March 5.—The eleventh annual meeting of the Victorian Order of Nurses was held here yesterday at Government House. Earl Grey presiding. The secretary's report was optimistic, and Treasurer Fraser showed that after meeting all demands, $2,500 could be given to the Lady Minto cottage fund.

Dr. Bruce Smith, Toronto, spoke most highly of the work of the order, more especially in Northern Ontario, where nurses and hospitals were an inestimable boon to lumbermen and miners. He stated that the Ontario government would take a general vote in support of the order for $2,500 in this year's estimates.

J. F. Orde, K. C., was elected secretary in place of Dr. Charles Morse. It was decided to carry out the provisions of the royal charter touching the establishment of an association for country district nursing, such association to be known as the Lady Grey Country District Nursing association.

A resolution was unanimously passed expressing the appreciation of the board of governors, officers and delegates of the kindly and practical interest taken by their excellencies in the affairs of the order.

Killed by Dynamite

Madoc, Ont., March 5.—Daniel Phillips was instantly killed and Felix Elore so badly injured that he died four hours later as the result of a dynamite explosion on the Vankleek Gold property in Madoc township, ten miles from here, this morning. Two other men were slightly injured. It is supposed that one of the blasts failed to go off, and that a mistake in the count was made.

MEMBERS SEEK SOME CHANGES

Resolutions of Importance to Be Proposed in House of Commons

IMPERIAL STAFF SCHEME

Vote For Victoria Immigration Building Criticised in Supply

Ottawa, March 6.—Notice of three important resolutions was given in the Commons last night. Col. Worthington desires a committee to investigate the expenditure of the militia department since 1903, and to report whether additional safeguards should be provided in respect of it. Mr. McLean (Lunenburg) wants the Commons railway committee restricted to a membership of 50. It now numbers 200 and is considered cumbersome. Mr. Gordon will move for the appointment of a standing committee to pass upon all estimates before submitting them to the House. He sets forth in his resolution that this would not only facilitate the passage of the various votes but would prevent waste of time and safeguard the expenditure of unduly large sums where unnecessary. Mr. Gordon also sets forth that it would aid in the adoption of a policy of keeping the expenditures as far as practicable within the limits of income.

The senate yesterday gave the third reading to Senator Campbell's bill relating to the water carriage of goods. The second reading was given to the Grand Trunk Pacific bill for a union station at Portage la Prairie, to the bill to amend the Railway Act so as to facilitate actions against government railways by parties whose stock is killed, and the bill by Senator G. W. Ross to incorporate the governing council of the Salvation Army in Canada, for the purpose of enabling Army property to be invested in them.

Correspondence between the Dominion and Imperial governments in regard to the organization of an imperial general staff was laid before parliament yesterday. A memorandum from the Army council expressed itself as well aware that the self-governing dominions could not give a guarantee that contingents would be forthcoming for service in any part of the empire in the event of war. At the same time they fully realized that the feelings of loyalty and affection towards the Mother Country entertained by the overseas dominions would operate as powerfully in the hour of trial as they did during the recent war in South Africa.

In supply last night, on the British Columbian public buildings, Mr. Barnard (Victoria), criticised the further expenditure of $43,000 to complete the immigration building at Victoria. He argued that it was not needed, on account of the small white immigration.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley, minister of public works, claimed that it was needed for any immigration emergencies.

Mr. Taylor asked if the building was to be erected in view of prospective Oriental immigration in the future.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley said that there was no idea along those lines. The arrangement with Japan would hold, restricting Orientals.

Mr. Taylor urged that there should be no Oriental immigration at all. The building was absolutely useless.

Mr. Barnard asked why the building was requisitioned just at the time that the Japanese treaty went through. It looked as if the government thought that there would be a large influx of Japanese as a result of that treaty.

The item carried.

Mr. Taylor urged upon the government the necessity of a post office at Chilliwack. Might not a temporary building be put up?

Hon. Dr. Pugsley could offer no hope this year, but he might do something next session. An arrangement might be made for temporary increased accommodation.

Last of Fateful Steamer

New Brunswick, N.J., March 6.—The barge Maryland, formerly the steamboat General Slocum, on which more than a thousand persons lost their lives a few years ago, sank at South River yesterday. The barge was loaded with 500,000 brick consigned to a New York contractor. The weight of her load sank the boat so deep that the bottom scraped along a rock which tore a hole of considerable size. The Slocum was rebuilt and converted into a barge some time after the disaster in the East river, New York.

DISCUSSING CANADA

British Unemployed Who Do Not Care to Go on the Land—Emigration of Children

London, March 6.—At a meeting of the central unemployed body, Mr. Harley said that only fifty per cent of unemployed emigrants to Canada went on the land, and asked if greater precautions were now being taken. Mr. Halsell, chairman of the immigration commission, reported that the distribution of the people was arranged by the Dominion agents, and that it had been impossible to foresee the fact that the American crisis would upset everything.

At a meeting of Chorlton union board of guardians, Mrs. Garrett moved that the clerk should inform the Manchester boys' and girls' refuges, which had asked the board if they had any children for emigration to Canada, that they did not intend to send any children to Canada during 1909. Mrs. Garrett did this because of unsatisfactory reports as to wages and general labor conditions in Canada. A member of the board proposed that before the matter was discussed inquiries should be made among the children as to whether any of them wished to go to Canada, as they had been told it was like going to a park. This was agreed to.