

MEXICANS POISONING PROVISIONS

Then Insurrectoes Abandoned Food To Enemy—Plot Discovered And Supplies Were Burned—The Situation.

Mexicali, Mex., April 10.—Col. Mayot, commander of the federal forces near here today, burned all provisions abandoned by Stanley Williams, filibustering American band after the flight of Saturday. According to survivors of the latter force, Mayot's suspicion that the food was poisoned was well founded. One guerrilla said enough cyanide had been mixed with the flour to have killed the entire federal army. Both Col. Mayot and Gen. Salinas, the latter in command of the guerrilla garrison here, returned to the Cudary ranch the stock stolen by Williams' raiders. Part of the stock was abandoned after Saturday's fight and the rest brought here. Captain John Price, an English veteran of the Boer war has taken command of the Williams band.

New Orleans, Fla., April 10.—Twenty thousand dollars will be paid for the delivery in Mexico at a point between El Paso and Chihuahua of a consignment of \$70,000 worth of ammunition for the Mexican revolutionists. A New Orleans business man today was appealed by a member of the revolutionary junta to devise some way of guaranteeing the delivery of the big shipment of ammunition said to be waiting on railroad sidetracks in Pennsylvania. Men experienced in the revolutionary game in New Orleans had never had serious trouble in getting guns and ammunition to Central American countries by steamer, but they are without experience in overland shipments and the agent of the junta was unable to make satisfactory arrangements for the movement of the ammunition.

Cananea Sonora, Mexico, April 10.—A messenger arrived here today and reported a battle between Commandante Barron and his 200 federal rurales and about 300 insurrectoes under Gen. Juan Cabril, a point on the border of Batachich, 25 miles south of here. The federal report says 15 rebels were killed and a number wounded, and that one rebel officer was taken prisoner.

PREPARING TO MARK CANADA'S BOUNDARIES

Outside Work Of International Boundary Survey For Year Is Assuming Shape—Officials Appointed.

Ottawa, April 10.—The outside work of the international boundary survey for the year is commencing to open up. Within the next week A. G. Stewart, D. L. S., and J. B. Craig, D. L. S., have left for Alaska there to complete survey work on the 141st meridian.

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MANY DROWNED IN WRECK OF PASSENGER STEAMER

The Iroquois Foundered in the Pacific Ocean—Boilers Exploded and Between Twenty-five and Forty Lives were Lost—Impossible to Get Correct Estimate.

Victoria, B. C., April 10.—The steamer Iroquois, Capt. Sears, which plies between Sydney and the Gulf Islands, was wrecked shortly after 9 o'clock this morning, and a large number of passengers and members of the crew were drowned, estimates varying from 20 to 25.

First bulletins had stated it was believed that all those on board had been saved, with the exception of A. C. Munro, the purser at 1 p. m., was estimated that there were between 20 and 40 passengers aboard, the first estimate being made by Captain Sears, and the second by the officials of the Victoria and Sydney Railway Company. The crew numbered twelve.

The known drowned of the crew are A. Olsen, Robt. Hornbull, Chinese cook, D. N. Davidson, A. G. Munro, Purser and Dryden. One man's body has been recovered. He was wearing a ring bearing the initial P. M. Eight women are reported missing. These names are obtainable. Captain Sears came ashore with a number of others who were on a raft, which was part of the wreck.

The accident occurred in the channel near Mary Island, opposite Captain Curtis' house, which has been turned into a morgue and hospital. Captain Curtis put off in his launch and saved a number of lives. Geo. Chiffo, brother of Sidney, also put out launches and did good rescue work. Many Indians also put out canoes.

When the Iroquois foundered part of the upper works were left above water and people ashore could see the survivors clinging to the portion of the wreck. The swirl of the waters soon tore off the housework, the scene being covered with wreckage and people struggling for their lives. The bodies drifted ashore, many were equipped with life belts. A number of launches put off for the scene, but were unable to get near the wreck.

The first of the survivors to be landed was Captain Sears, who with the mate, Isabeter, and two Indians belonging to the crew, were towed ashore. The boat is believed to have foundered in comparatively shallow water, her boilers blowing up and part of her housework remaining unwaterlogged.

Capt. Sears said, "We left dock at Sydney at the regular hour this morning with a heavy load of general freight, including considerable hay, fertilizer and iron. The wind was blowing rather strong from the south-east, but have gone in far worse storms than the one this morning. When we were about to make the entrance to Cance channel, the wind struck us on the beam and together with the seas gave the vessel a slight list. Her cargo then shifted to the lee side, and when an officer informed me of this I sent the first mate with deckhands to try and right her."

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MAY PROVIDE NEW BRIDGE AT THE FALLS

Local Government Passes Bill to Rebuild Suspension Bridge.

Permission Is Obtained For Securing Of Enough Money To Build New Structure If Needed—Plan To Develop Queens Co. Coal Fields.

Special To The Standard. Fredericton, April 10.—If Mr. Robinson, leader of the opposition, and the press supporting him wish to make an issue as between the people of the province and the lumber operators, the government have no objections to his and their doing so; there is no question as to what the decision of the people will be.

Most people think that the lumbermen have had the say, have dictated to the government, and have had things manipulated to suit their special interests too long for the good of the province at large. However that may be, whether such feeling among the people in general is justified or not, it is quite true that Hon. Mr. Grimmer is determined that the interests of the whole people shall determine his administration of the public domain, and he will not be deterred from that course by the objections, if there be such, of any combination of lumbermen.

In this course the Surveyor General has the united support and fullest sympathy of every member of the government and has behind him a united government party in the House and also the support of the electorate as a whole.

At the present moment Mr. Robinson is seeking to make political capital against the government because of a bill now before the House, and which is intended to protect the interests of the people against the speculations of those who would use the Crown Lands of the province for their personal enrichment, irrespective of the interests of the people.

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In the first place the lumbermen of the province are fully cognizant of the proposed legislation, and no attempt has been made to "railroad" the legislation through the House.

The bill was introduced several days ago, it has been public property long enough for everybody interested to become acquainted with its provisions and moreover, before the legislation was introduced the surveyor general conferred with the lumber operators, almost unanimously they approve of the section and

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RECIPROCITY DISCUSSED IN PARLIAMENT

One Speaker Points Out That Canadian Pork Producers Are Receiving Better Prices Than Those In U. S.

Special To The Standard. Ottawa, April 10.—Most of the day was spent on reciprocity. The House heard personal experiences of the old reciprocity period from Mr. Thornton, of Durham. The period fell into three parts. Part 1—The Crimean war was raging. It sent the price of wheat up to as high as \$2.25 a bushel. Good times. Part 2—From the end of the Crimean war to 1860 Reciprocity in force. Part 3—From 1860 to 1866. The American civil war was raging. The Americans were not producing and war prices prevailed once more. Good times.

But the prosperity was not due to reciprocity, but to war conditions. Mr. Thornton also discussed the comparative prices of pork in Canada and the U. S. He quoted the figures for the four years, 1907 to 1910 in two American and three Canadian markets. The average prices for the whole period worked out as follows: Buffalo, \$7.60; Chicago, \$7.02; Toronto, \$7.62; Peterborough, \$7.31.

E. B. Devlin was perfectly certain that there is nothing in the talk about annexation. Champ Clark was not to be taken seriously. The fact does not follow trade, he argued at length. Mr. Crothers made a vigorous speech.

Further inquiry was made in regard to the investigation of the Sorel shipyard the question being F. D. Monk. The departmental investigation now going on is not in public. It is being conducted by C. Doutré, purchasing agent; A. Boyle, chief accountant and R. A. Wiallard, agent of the department at Montreal and J. Perron, acting as counsel. One of the matters being investigated is a charge that government buys have been converted for private use.

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THOMAS L. JOHNSON DIED LAST NIGHT

He Was Four Times Mayor Of Cleveland And A Prominent Advocate Of The Single Tax Plan.

STRATHCONA AIDS HALIFAX

He Donates \$10,000 To Building Fund Of Y. M. C. A.—Association Has \$110,000 On Hand.

MONCTON MAN SHOT AND KILLED

Theodore Surett Found Lying Dead With Bullet Hole In Abdomen—Went To Woods With Gun.

SPANISH AND PORTUGAL WAR MIX IT UP

Spanish Government May Decide To Occupy Portugal As Result Of Insurrectionary Outbreak.

INDIANS IN QUARANTINE

Barney Somerville Has Smallpox And Indian Reservation At St. Mary's Is In "Splendid Isolation."

HARVARD MAN WINS SQUASH TENNIS TITLE

THE WESTERN CROPS.

THE ENTIRE WESTERN COAL COUNTRY IS IDLE

BALL OF FIRE CAUSES APPREHENSION IN SICILY

WON FIGHT ON POINTS

New York, N. Y., April 10.—Dr. Alfred Stillman, second of the Harvard club, today won the national championship at squash tennis in the tournament decided on the courts of the Harvard club of this city under the direction of the newly organized national squash tennis association. In the final Dr. Stillman defeated J. W. Frontis, of Boston and title holder of the racquet and tennis club of that city.

Winnipeg, Man., April 10.—The annual crop report issued by the C. F. R. today, declares conditions are unprecedentedly good in the three prairie provinces. It is expected seeding will be well under way by April 20.

Calgary, Alta., April 10.—The entire coal producing section of Alberta and British Columbia is idle, and both sides refuse to make the first move toward a conciliation board. Operators as well as men are apparently prepared to defy the Dominion government in its efforts to settle the difference.

Messina, April 10.—About 7 o'clock this evening in various districts in Sicily loud rumblings were heard. A sudden flash of lightning was observed also and an electrical condition atmosphere. No earth shocks were recorded, and it is believed that the disturbance was caused by the falling of a ball of fire.

London, April 10.—Before the National Sporting Club tonight Eddie McCarty, of Oshkosh, Wis., won a 150-pound round middleweight contest from Pat O'Keefe, welterweight champion of Ireland on points.