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LOCAL ELECTIONS SATURDAY, FEB. 28.

AL STRIKE EVIDENCE IS ALL IN, AND NOW COUNSEL WILL BE HEARD.

There Have Been 566 Witnesses Heard—Five Days Allotted for Legal Representatives' Addresses—Five Specimens of Miners' Lungs Shown by Pathologist—They Were Black as Coal from Dust Inhaled.

Philadelphia, Feb. 5.—After a sitting of five specimens of lungs, one a normal organ and the other four those of mine workers which were as black as coal from coal dust. The professor explained the diseases of the lungs and said that where lungs were clogged up with foreign substances the person was easily susceptible to disease.

BATTLE OF VOTES THE LAST DAY OF THE MONTH.

New Brunswick House of Assembly Dissolved, and Writs for Election Have Been Issued.

Fredericton, Feb. 5.—(Special)—The house of assembly has been dissolved and writs have been issued for a new election. Nominations will take place on February 21st and polling one week later, Saturday Feb. 28th.

Also at today's meeting James E. Porter, of Andover, representative of Victoria county, was heard regarding the obtaining of a charter from the legislature to erect a dam for electric lighting purposes, across the Aroostook, about seven miles from Andover.

There will be a meeting of the government and the asylum commissioners here today. Premier Tweedie confirmed the Fredericton announcement of the dissolution of the house and the date of the elections.

DANGEROUS HITCH AT WASHINGTON; ALLIES REFUSE TO TREAT WITH BOWEN.

If Roosevelt Won't Deal With Their Claims for Preference They Will Take That Matter, and Probably the Whole Dispute to The Hague—Irritated by American Minister's Refusal of Terms.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Irritated by the note of Minister Bowen, addressed to the British ambassador Monday refusing to accept the allies' proposal for the scheme of preferential payments, the allied powers have instructed their representatives here to submit the question of preferential treatment for settlement to President Roosevelt and if he declines to act as arbitrator to take this and possibly the entire Venezuelan controversy to The Hague, thereby breaking off negotiations with Mr. Bowen.

At 10 o'clock at the British embassy there will be a conference of the representatives here of the allies. In view of the fact that the London government is now taking the lead in the negotiations the British ambassador will preside at this conference. In the meantime he expects to have an interview with the secretary of state whom he will sound as to the probability of the president's acceptance of the allies' request.

It is found that President Roosevelt is not disposed to accept the instructions of the allies as such as to permit them to forego the embarrassment of a rejection by Mr. Roosevelt and instead of making known their wishes to him, steps will be taken to draw up a protocol with Mr. Bowen for a reference of the case to The Hague.

The British ambassador was the first of the representatives to receive instructions to this effect and the matter was discussed at the noonday conference between the three representatives of the allies. Announcement of the decision of the allies to abandon further negotiations with Mr. Bowen has not been received with surprise by the few officials of the Washington government who have been advised of it.

AMHERST'S MAYOR MUST FIGHT TO RETAIN HIS LATELY-WON SEAT.

Count Demanded by Ald. Moffatt, the Defeated Candidate—Cumberland and Colchester Teachers' Institute in Interesting Session—G. U. Hay, of St. John, Among the Speakers.

Amherst, N. S., Feb. 6.—(Special)—The city of Amherst civic election does not bear satisfactory to A. W. Moffatt, the defeated candidate for the mayoralty. Before the election he entered a protest against his opponent, G. A. Leary, under the name of the town corporation act, claiming that the latter had failed to file a return which would take effect on the day of the election.

LONDON CABLE ON MATTERS OF INTEREST HERE.

Champion for the British Officer in Dealing With Our Boys.

A PLEA FOR MARCONI.

Deal Out British Fair Play, Says Henneker Heaton, in the Times—Shipping House Doubles Staff Because of Immigration Rush to the Dominion.

MILITIA WITHDRAWN FROM WATERBURY.

Conference of Strikers and Railway Officials in Session Trying to Arrange Settlement.

Waterbury, Conn., Feb. 5.—Waterbury has assumed a less warlike aspect this evening than at any time since the militia took a hand in the control of affairs.

FATAL SHOOTING ACCIDENT EAST OF GRAND FALLS.

Lumberman Mistook Companion in the Woods for a Caribou.

SHOT HIM IN THE BACK.

Three Had Been Sent Out to Pick Up Hay Left on Portage Road at Cedar Brook, Near Salmon River—One Went Into the Woods to Pick Gum, and Met Death.

MAY SELL NOVA SCOTIA COAL PROPERTY.

Rumored Negotiations With Americans for Purchase of Kempton Mines—Truro News.

Truro, N. S., Feb. 5.—(Special)—The junior bachelors' ball tonight was chaperoned by Mrs. Martin Dickie, wife of Manager Dickie of the Royal Bank, and Mrs. Harry Crowe. About 70 couples were on the floor and more than \$100 was raised for the hospital fund.

WERE THE COLOMBIAN INSURGENTS BOUGHT OFF?

Reported That United States Offered \$3,000,000 to Them to Stop Fighting.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Senator Morgan today introduced a resolution asking the secretary of the navy to supply the senate copies of any correspondence that may have occurred between the naval officers of the United States and persons on shore in Colombia during the recent stay of American vessels in Colombian waters.

THE CUBAN FLAG NOW FLIES AT MADRID.

But the Spanish Minister Won't Hoist His at Havana.

Madrid, Feb. 5.—The minister of foreign relations has positively that any representations have been made to the Cuban minister at Madrid, Senor Merchan, regarding the hoisting of the Cuban flag at his residence. The Cuban minister declared to be acting within his rights in displaying the flag the day he presented his credentials and the government recognizes both the Cuban minister and Cuban flag.

SOFT COAL MINERS OFFERED 12 PER CENT RAISE.

The Men Have Not Yet Accepted the Proffered Increase in Wages.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 5.—The soft coal miners of Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and West Virginia were today offered an advance in wages for the ensuing year by the operators that for the most part will be 12 per cent. As a settlement of the wage scale in this district is the basis on which all other districts make settlement, the proposition can be said to be the soft coal miners of the country. The offer has not yet been accepted.

TO LIFT CATTLE EMBARGO.

British Board of Agriculture Will Soon Let Animals Be Brought Through Maine to St. John.

Toronto, Feb. 5.—(Special)—The telegram's cable from London says: "The board of agriculture, after having made special enquiries at Washington, is satisfied there is not any danger from proximity of foot and mouth disease in Maine. In consequence of these enquiries, it is expected the Canadian government will give explicit approval and the board of agriculture will remove the embargo on transport of cattle over the C. P. R. route to Portland and St. John (N. B.)."

Montreal, Feb. 5.—(Special)—A London cable to the Star says: "Charles Ross, M. P., presiding at the Canada Club dinner last night made his first Canadian speech since his election. He contrasted Canada's attachment to the empire today with her position of seemingly preparing for independence in the days of his youth."

"Other speakers included General Sir Reginald Thynne and Captain Joly De Lambese, who denied the allegations of want of consideration by the British in the treatment of Canadians in the army. He said the Canadians were invariably treated by the authorities with the utmost kindness and were given every chance to gain experience and distinction."

"In other speeches, Canada was warmly congratulated on the success of Admiral Douglas in Venezuela. As one speaker said, 'Admiral Douglas was not in Germany, but in Canada and Canadians were very proud of him.'"

Waterbury, Conn., Feb. 5.—Waterbury has assumed a less warlike aspect this evening than at any time since the militia took a hand in the control of affairs. The late afternoon was marked by the beginning of the withdrawal of the troops, the First Regiment of the Connecticut National Guard, consisting of nine companies commanded by Colonel Schulze, leaving for Hartford at 5.05. The departure of these militiamen, together with the fact that a committee was at work trying to bring about a settlement increased, in the minds of many citizens, the hopeful feeling which had prevailed since last night's peaceful conditions seemed to indicate that the unruly spirits of the mobs had been subdued."

Following out the order of Governor Chamberlain for the removal of the soldiers from the city, the preparations were made in the afternoon for the departure of the First Regiment. Shortly before 6 o'clock the soldiers started from the armory on the march to the railroad station, where a special train of 12 cars was in waiting. There was no demonstration, hostile or otherwise."

Grand Falls, N. B., Feb. 5.—(Special)—A shooting accident, which resulted fatally, occurred near Cedar Brook, Salmon river, about 20 miles east of here, yesterday. It appears that three men working in Montgomery's lumber camp were sent out by the boss to pick up some hay which had been left along the portage road, and one of them named Day, went off the road to gather some gum, his companions continuing on to their destination. Some time after Day had left them, his companions noticed an object in the woods near where they then were and, taking it for a caribou, one of them named Butler, having a rifle, fired. It transpired that the object fired at was Day, who was shot in the back and died from the effects a few hours later. His body was brought into town this morning and an inquest will likely be held by Coroner Wilson. All of the men are from California Settlement, this county."

United States Cutter at Liverpool, N. S. Halifax, Feb. 5.—(Special)—The United States revenue cutter Seminoe, which is coming to Bay Islands (N.B.) to try to release the American fishing vessels which are frozen in the ice there, put into Liverpool (N. S.) today for a harbor. There is a heavy sea running off the coast of Nova Scotia."

MONTREAL HAS A STRIKE.

Conductors and Motormen on Street Railway Run Cars Into the Sheds and Knock of Work.

Montreal, Feb. 5.—(Special)—Conductors and motormen of the Montreal Street Railway ran their cars into the sheds at midnight and declared a strike. Increased wages and recognition of a union formed three days ago are the questions involved. The motormen and conductors were earning from 164 to 172 cents per hour and the demand is for 18 and 20 cents."

BAD FACTORY FIRE AT PEABODY, MASS.

Peabody, Mass., Feb. 6.—A fire in the shoe factory of Bowers & Shaw, in South Peabody this morning, destroyed the factory, jumped to an adjoining one of F. W. Lord & Co., and in three-quarters of an hour that building, as well as several small dwelling houses, were in flames. At 2 o'clock the firemen were making every effort to keep the flames from spreading as all the dwelling houses in the immediate vicinity of the factories are located very close to one another, there seemed at that time but little chance of saving any of them."

GERMANY PAYS A PRETTY PENNY.

Berlin, Feb. 5.—The total cost to Germany of the Ostia expedition up to date is \$54,200,000, and the further requirements are estimated at \$1,500,000.