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N. SYDNEY GETS BIG CONCERN

Farquhar & Co. of Halifax. Open New Branch There and Will Make it the Canadian Port for the "Seal" and "Sable" Trading to Points in Newfoundland.—Latter Ship Just Built for Trade.

"As intimated in these columns some time ago, the well known firm of Farquhar & Co. Ltd., have opened a branch of their extensive business here, and have fitted up offices in their large warehouse on the Dominion wharf, says The North Sydney Herald.

Representative Appointed. Mr. C. H. Miller, who is the Cape Breton representative of the firm, has already taken up his residence here, and in a short time will up all the fresh herring that may be taken, either in the waters of the harbor, or elsewhere, and will in a general way contact a branch of their extensive fish and brokerage business.

In addition to this the company will make North Sydney the headquarters in Cape Breton for their steamers. The new steamer, a sister ship to the Seal, will be finished and expected here from the Old Country about the first of June, and probably at an earlier date. She is named the Sable, is about 150 tons heavier than the Seal, is fitted with all modern conveniences, with some thirty-five or forty excellent staterooms. She will ply on the South coast of Newfoundland and Nova Scotia, calling at Cape Breton ports and here.

NEWFOUNDLANDERS ABROAD CONTRIBUTING TO THE FUND

Terra Novans in Springfield, Mass., Get Together and Plan to Help Good Work.

MR. T. T. CARTWRIGHT IS ACTIVE Gets Collecting Work Organised on a Systematic Basis.—Tells of The Big Disaster.

Funds for the relief of sufferers from the disaster that overtook the sealing steamer Newfoundland off Cape Race will be received in this city by The Union and forwarded to Newfoundland. Already a meeting of Newfoundland people has been called for this evening and a general appeal for funds is being made throughout the United States. The cause is a most worthy and humane one.

Meeting of Newfoundlanders This evening there will be a meeting of all Newfoundland people at 8 o'clock in the office of the Fleischman Company, 17 Besse Place. Plans will be made for the relief of sufferers from the disaster and active work will be undertaken.

Thomas T. Cartwright, 53 Chase Avenue, a commercial traveller, has been in Newfoundland since the first week in January. He returned to this city Tuesday evening. Through his company to enter into the local trade on an elaborate scale this year; but as they do an extensive business in the West Indies and elsewhere, it is but natural to expect that North Sydney in a short time will be the distributing centre of one of the biggest concerns, with markets in almost every clime, doing business in Eastern Canada. There are few business institutions sounder, financially or otherwise, doing business in these parts than the well known firm who have taken advantage of the great possibilities of the town of North Sydney affords.

Good Contribution From Montreal

Public Subscription is \$3000 of Which Newfoundlanders Give \$1200.

Montreal, May 4.—Subscriptions to the Newfoundland sealing disaster, collected by the Board of Trade, amount to over \$3000.

Those collected by the Newfoundland Society of this city, amount to \$1200.

activity and that of several other local men plans were started for the raising of a relief fund.

According to the version of the affair given by Mr. Cartwright, the sealers were unable to return to the Newfoundland after being overtaken by the blizzard of March 31 or thereabouts. The steamer Southern Cross has since been given up as lost with its crew of 170 men.

"I saw the 77 bodies brought in from the Bellaventure rescue ship," said Mr. Cartwright. "The first news of the blizzard and its consequences left the city paralysed. Men left work at the factories and besieged all possible sources of information. The new Seaman's Home, established a few years ago with funds from the United States and England, was turned into a morgue. There were 77 bodies laid out in coffins there at one time. The sight was a terrible one.

N. F. BOYS SUCCEED AT COLLEGE

Stanley Martin Leads Class of Sixty-Five in Medicine at Queen's, Kingston.—Harold Tait Wins His Medical Degree at Dalhousie University.—Great Record of Hal. Chaplin, at London, England.

The examinations on the work of the past year are now being held at various Canadian Universities, and some of the results are now to hand.

We are pleased to note the success attending the studies of Mr. Stanley Martin, at Queen's University, Kingston, Ont., where he has graduated in medicine with high honors.

Out of a class of sixty-five, Dr. Martin was leader pathology and chemical medicine.

Friends of Mr. Harold Tait will be pleased to learn that he has successfully passed his final exams in medicine at Dalhousie University.

The young doctor did well in the exams.

Yesterday we referred to the great success of Dr. Chaplin, at London, England, and it is pleasant indeed to congratulate our young countrymen on the success that has attended them in their efforts to qualify for practising the noble art of healing.

UNITED MEXICAN FORCES WOULD NUMBER 125,000 MEN

Huerta Has Two Hundred Pieces of Field Artillery and Plenty of Ammunition.

MEN TRAINED AND EQUIPPED Villa Has But Little Ammunition For Either His Men or His Guns.

Washington, D. C., April 27.—In case the United States army invades Mexico it will have to cope with approximately 125,000 men under the direction of Huerta and Carranza.

Huerta and Carranza both will oppose invasion by an American army. It is doubted, however, that such invasion would force them into concerted action against the common foe.

Huerta forces are estimated by the War Department at 85,000 men and 200 pieces of artillery. He now has 65,000 men in the field.

Carranza has about 40,000 men under various generals. Obregon on the Pacific Coast has 10,000 men with twenty pieces; Villa has 12,000 men with sixty pieces; the younger Carranza and Gonzales have 8,000 men and twenty guns, and scattering commands probably will swell the force to 40,000 men.

In addition to this Federalists and Constitutionalists, Zapata, south of Mexico City, has a force of about 10,000 men armed with rifles. He has no field guns.

Army Well Trained Huerta's army is well trained, well equipped and ready for stubborn fighting. Huerta has experienced generals in Velasco, who is now campaigning against Villa, the two Maases, Maure and Blanquet. The last named is Minister of War and has immediate charge of the defence of Mexico City.

Huerta has an abundance of both arms and ammunition for his men and plenty of ammunition for his 200 field guns.

Of the Constitutionalists, Obregon is the only one with a really efficient force. He has sufficient ammunition for his men and plenty for his field pieces to operate for a number of months without further supply. Also his men are well drilled.

Villa has only a limited supply for his men and practically none for his 60 field pieces. The latter are of many calibres, and he has found it impossible to assemble ammunition enough to keep them in action.

The younger Carranza and Gonzales have practically no ammunition, either for men or field pieces. There are many hand-to-hand commanders with small forces of men operating in every State in Mexico. These hands probably would harass an invading army to some extent, but there is little likelihood of their merging, as their principal aim is loot.

Mexico City the Goal It is believed Mexico City again will be the goal of the American troops, as in the former war with Mexico. From Vera Cruz to Mexico City is approximately 300 miles. The Atlantic fleet would be able to make a landing there possible. Also it could give sufficient protection to the army until the latter is ready to move on.

There are two routes from Vera Cruz to Mexico City. One is the Jalapa route, taken by General Scott

mittes, and the other at the different departments, and colleries of the N.S.S. & C. Co. Ltd., as well as in no small measure to Mr. T. J. Brown himself for the excellent result. The appeal met with a hearty reception wherever presented, as is well shown by the figures.

The Sydney Mines town band have also forwarded to the Newfoundland government the sum of \$80.00, the result of a subscription taken at an open air concert on Thompson's corner two weeks ago.

Thanked the Workers. At a meeting of the committee on Wednesday evening a hearty vote of thanks was extended to all who responded to the call, and for the cordial manner in which the collectors were received.

There was a meeting of the citizens held last evening at which a vote of thanks was extended to Mayor Stewart, T. J. Brown, Jos. Wood, the P.W.A. committee, the collectors of the different colleries, and all those who assisted in any way.

2 N. F. MEN HAVE LUCKY ESCAPE

Were Buried in Debris Created by Collapsing Travelling Crane, But Got Off With a Few Minor Injuries.—One of the Operators Dropped Forty Feet to a Heap of Twisted Steel.

The travelling crane at the west of the Steel Company's rail mill, buckled and crashed to the ground yesterday afternoon about three o'clock, burying three men in the debris.

The accident is one of the most disastrous that has happened at the plant for some time. The valuable piece of machinery is a heap of ruins and the escape of the three men, Delaney, Brockerhurst and Doucette is nothing short of miraculous.

The exact cause of the break is unknown, but without the least warning, Doucette who was operating the crane from the cabin near the centre of the span felt the girder give way. How he escaped death in his forty odd foot drop into a heap of twisted iron is one of the peculiarities of the accident.

The other two men, Delaney and Brockerhurst were working beneath the crane and were buried underneath it. Neither was seriously hurt and both were discharged from the hospital last night. Delaney will probably be discharged to-morrow.

N. Y. Policeman Shot By Bandits

Was Endeavoring to Arrest Hold-Up Men Who Killed Restaurant Keeper.

New York, May 4.—Policeman Wm. B. Kelly was mortally wounded by two hold-up men in Brooklyn to-day, after they had shot and killed a Greek restaurant-keeper.

The Greek was shot, when he refused the gun-men's demand for money, and Kelly was shot when he pursued the murderers.

Christopher Dunn was arrested charged with participation in the crime. His companion escaped. Kelly died in the hospital.

50 Lives Lost In Valparaiso Fire

Valparaiso, May 4.—More than fifty lives were lost in a fire which broke out to-day in the commercial section of the city.

in his advance in the former war. The other is the Orizaba route, used by the French when Maximilian invaded Mexico.

The Jalapa route has a narrow gauge railroad from Vera Cruz to Mexico City. The distance is approximately 300 miles.

WILL APPEAR TO-MORROW.

An important letter from Mr. Joseph Spurrell of Pools Island relating to the Disaster will appear in The Mail and Advocate to-morrow.

Every reader should look out for Mr. Spurrell's letter.

Quebec Again Faces Big Graft Scandal

Quebec, May 3.—Once again Quebec is the scene of a graft scandal. This time it is the marine department, thought to have been investigated to the bottom in 1908, that is to be the subject of investigation. The padding of pay lists for eight years with names of those who were not working for the departments at the time, constitute the irregularities now alleged and, as a result, four of the chief officials have been relieved of their duties so as to allow a clean field for examination. These four are local agent, the accountant, a clerk and the timekeeper.

Mr. Droue, of Ottawa, the purchasing agent of the department, has arrived at Quebec and it is expected a commissioner will be appointed to conduct a sweeping investigation and examine witnesses, of whom there will be no lack under oath.

HUERTA PLANS TO SEIZE ALL AMERICANS

Who Remain in Mexico City and Hold Them as Hostages.—U. S. Representative Thinks That Huerta Can Do But Little to Checkmate the Yankees.—Shortage of Food and Water Reported.

Vera Cruz, April 28.—General Huerta plans to seize all the Americans remaining in Mexico City and hold them as hostages, according to the belief expressed by refugees who have just arrived from the capital. This bold stroke, designed to prevent an attack upon Mexico City, may have already been put in execution. Even if Huerta did not actually arrest Americans in the Capital, he could hold them virtually prisoners by refusing to allow trains to leave the city. Nelson O'Shaughnessy, the American Charge d'Affaires, discussed at length the situation in Mexico City with Rear Admiral Fletcher and Rear Admiral Badger.

Can Do Very Little Before going on board Admiral Bad-

WEATHER REPORT. Toronto (noon).—Moderate winds, fair, a little milder to-day and on Wednesday.

Walter Parsons Killed By Sad Gunning Accident

We learn from Portugal Cove this morning that Walter Parsons, of Freshwater, Lance Cove, Bell Island, was accidentally killed yesterday. He went out bird shooting with his brother, and the gun exploded killing him instantly.

The brother rowed back to land, but nothing could be done, as life was extinct. Deceased was only about 28 years old and was recently married to Miss Tucker, school teacher at Broad Cove. The sad event has cast a deep gloom over the settlement.

Disaster Fund Now \$145,292

Today's Acknowledgements Include Thousand Dollars From T. & M. Winter.

Contributions to the Marine Disasters Fund acknowledged to date bring the amount in the hands of Hon. Treasurer Watson up to \$145,292.26. To-day's acknowledgements include \$1,000 contributed by T. & M. Winter.

Uncle Sam's Big Family Party

The Inhabitants of the Union Number 98,000,000 With Colonies 169,000,000.

Washington, April 30.—Continental United States now has a population of more than 98,000,000, while the country, with its possessions, is peopled with more than 169,000,000 persons, the census bureau announces.

Census experts have calculated that the population of continental United States on July 1, 1914, will be 58,781,254, against 91,972,266 on April 15, 1910 when the last census was taken. For the United States and its possessions they estimate that the population this July will be 109,621,993, compared with 161,748,269 in 1901.

Mr. Richard Walsh, 74 years old, of Cape Broyle, arrived in the city last night to enter hospital.

Lloyd George's Big New Budget

Announces That He Has to Meet a Deficit of Over Twenty-Six Million Dollars.

London, May 4.—David Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, introduced his sixth Budget into the Commons to-day with the announcement that he had to meet an estimated deficit for 1914-15, aggregating \$26,650,000.

The Nation's total reserve he estimated at \$1,002,375,000, while he placed the expenditure at \$1,029,025,000.

AMERICANS ARE REPORTED TO BE SEIZED

Were Taken from Railroad Train and Four Are Said to Have Been Executed.—British Subject Reported to Be Amongst the Prisoners.—More Executions are Expected to Be Ordered by Mexicans.

Chicago, April 28.—Many Americans have been taken from a train on the Vera Cruz Isthmus railroad in Mexico by soldiers of President Huerta, and at least four of them are believed to have been shot, as according to a telegram received from Secretary of State Bryan by Dr. Herbert A. Parkyn, and made public here to-day. Secretary Bryan's message is as follows:

"Herbert A. Parkyn, President Montzorong Company, Chicago: 'The following dated April 24 at 10 a.m., and received from the American consul at Vera Cruz, is sent for your information:

Taken Prisoner "Am just reliably informed that at 8 o'clock Tuesday night, soldiers stopped a train in the vicinity of Tierr Branch, on the Vera Cruz Isth-

mus railroad, and the following prisoners were taken: W. Mangum, railroad superintendent; Elliott, engineer; Riley and Hart, conductors. All are Americans. These persons were taken to Cordoba or Orizaba and believed ordered shot.

May Be Executed "Some eighteen or more Americans left for Tierra Blanca, among them Chover, secretary of the Isthmus railroad, wife and three children; J. O. Cook, chief engineer; and Mrs. Arthur Macomber. Some soldiers stopped a train at Hacienda Montzorong, on the same railroad, taking prisoners Edward Wuschmand and his son Sidney, and A. M. Turner, secretary of the Hacienda Montzorong, all Americans. They also captured a man named Boyd, a British subject. All were taken to Cordoba or Orizaba. It is reliably stated that the prisoners may be executed."

Winnipeg Gives \$2000 To Fund Sydney Mines Does Much For Fund

Sum Raised at North Sydney For Fund is \$2191, Scotia Employees Giving \$1800.

The splendid response by the people of Sydney Mines to the call for help of the sufferers in the recent sealing disasters, has been the cause of much favorable comment. The treasurer, Mr. T. J. Brown, has completed the following statement and forwarded to The Post for publication:

Many Contributions. Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company Ltd., employees at Florence, Scotia and Sydney Mines—Railway, \$89.00; General Office, \$76.00; Blast Furnace, \$77.25; Open Hearth, \$131.25; Bernard Owens and Laborers, \$42.10; Shops and Carpenters, \$86.75; Electric Dept. and Pipe Fitters, \$30.00; Wash Plant, \$47.95; Princess Colliery—Surface, \$94.67; Underground, \$204.90; Lloyds Colliery—Surface, \$29.25; Underground, \$172.20; Florence Colliery, \$78.90; Underground, \$246.25; Scotia Colliery—Surface, \$41.05; Underground, \$197.30; Queen Colliery—Surface, \$17.25; Underground, \$86.50; Jubilee Colliery "A", \$54.50; "B", \$52.30; Company's Store, \$35.00; Total \$1890.38. Citizens: Ward 1, \$82.75; Ward 2, \$93.25; Ward 3, 42.45; Ward 4, 32.70; British Can. Co-operative Society, \$50.00. Total \$301.15.

Where Credit Is Due. Much credit is due to the P.W.A. committee and the various ward com-

London, May 4.—A wild woman ruined the portrait of Henry James, by Sargent, in the Royal Academy.