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WORK ON THE G.T.P. WILL START SOON

Construction Work on the New Brunswick Section of the Transcontinental Road Will Be On in Earnest in a Few Days

Construction work on the G. T. P. transcontinental railway will be commenced in earnest in a few days, or just as soon as the snow is out of the woods. Over one hundred men will be employed on the work and residences for the men are now being erected. Every ten miles between Chipman and Moncton one of these residences is being built and also between Grand Falls and the Quebec boundary. There will be eleven houses in all, to accommodate about eight or ten men each. Mr. Babin is the resident engineer for the first-named district and will have his headquarters at Moncton. Mr. Langley will be in charge of the Grand Falls-Quebec boundary section with his office at the former place. At present but little can be done toward construction owing to the long winter and the great amount of snow still in the woods. The section between Chipman and Moncton is the worst in this respect on account of the small bush through which the line runs. Lyons and White, the contractors on the Edmonton section have men at work now. About the 15th of May, four parties are to be sent to make the final locations between Chipman and Grand Falls. Four right-of-way commissioners are at work now arranging for the purchase of the right-of-way on the Chipman-Moncton and Grand Falls-Quebec boundary sections, two in each district. The construction work on the various sections will no doubt be a good thing for the province, as although most of the labor will have to come from outside, owing to the scarcity of men all over Canada for this kind of work, local teams will be hired and the provisions for the men will be purchased here. At least 111 miles of the road will be under construction this year.

OUTLOOK IN COAL MARKET

Probability is That Spring Prices Will Rule About as Last Year.

Now that the season of cold weather is drawing to a close, the householders' thoughts turn toward the price of coal for next winter. Many were caught napping last winter with the very severe weather and had to replenish their supply during the late winter, and early spring months. At the present time the stocks of both consumer and dealers are very low. The probability is that prices this spring will be about the same as last year. The spring prices of American coal have been nominally about the same as last year, but owing to the very late spring, or perhaps it would be better to say, to the winter holding on so late, the demand all through April has been so great that stocks both wholesale and retail are very much lower than usual at this time of year. April has been spent here, as elsewhere along the Atlantic coast, in filling orders for winter business. At the present time it is difficult to get coal to supply the demand. While the prices are nominally the same as have prevailed all winter, in many cases the dealers have had to pay an increase over the circular rate to obtain prompt delivery of coal. Under these circumstances the spring coal business has been very backward and people have not yet begun to lay in supplies for next winter, and they will probably not commence doing so until well on in May. The summer naturally do not want to start buying for next winter until all this season's stock has been used up. In a few days the new spring prices will be announced, but just now the coal dealers are supplying the black diamonds in small quantities and consumers are waiting until the coal bins before placing their next winter's orders. Last week's issue of the Coal Trade Journal says: "John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, and a company of organizers are expected to arrive in the anthracite region next week to commence an active campaign on behalf of the union. A systematic effort will be made to revive interest in the organization among the rank and file of mine workers, many of whom stay away from the district meetings and refuse to pay their dues when there are no pending labor troubles to hold them in line." This looks as if there might be trouble in the wind. The same journal referring to the much heralded scheme of burning ashes instead of coal says: "The fuel-saving, largely exaggerated, is arrived at chiefly by a laboratory trick and can have no practical value. If you doubt this statement, just calculate what the value, or cost price, of ashes would be if many persons showed their source of fuel supply. Where ashes are in demand for making cement sidewalks, it is hard to get an adequate supply of them, even now. The price would soar if new value were added to them. What would be the estimate in buying ashes at \$2 per ton in preference to coal at the same price, to say naught of cost of chemicals and boiler of mixing? As might be expected, the whole plan is chemical and theoretical." The opinions of prominent chemists are then given to show that there is nothing in the scheme which would be the faintest hope of relief from coal bills.

STRIKE OF WESTERN COAL MINERS IS NOW PRACTICALLY SETTLED

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FERNIE, B. C., April 30 (Special)—The trouble between the coal operators and the miners in this district has been practically settled by an agreement which was reached last night. Since the conference between the operators and miners broke up last Thursday Mackenzie King, deputy minister of labor, has been working industriously to secure an agreement, and his efforts apparently have been crowned with success. The agreement has been accepted by President Lindsay on behalf of the operators and by President Sherman on behalf of the men. It will be submitted to the individual miners by referendum on Thursday next and probably will carry. The terms have not yet been given out, but the agreement is understood to be in the nature of a compromise. "I am pleased to be able to inform you that as the result of negotiation between the parties during the past two or three days, the outstanding points of an agreement have been so adjusted through conciliation as to make it acceptable to the operators of the seven companies comprising the Western Coal Operators' Association, and to the district executive board of the United Mine Workers' Association. The district executive has agreed to strongly recommend the agreement for acceptance by the men at all the mines and a referendum vote will be taken on Thursday of this week. In the meantime the settings of the board of conciliation which were to have commenced tomorrow, will stand adjourned." (Signed) MACKENZIE KING.

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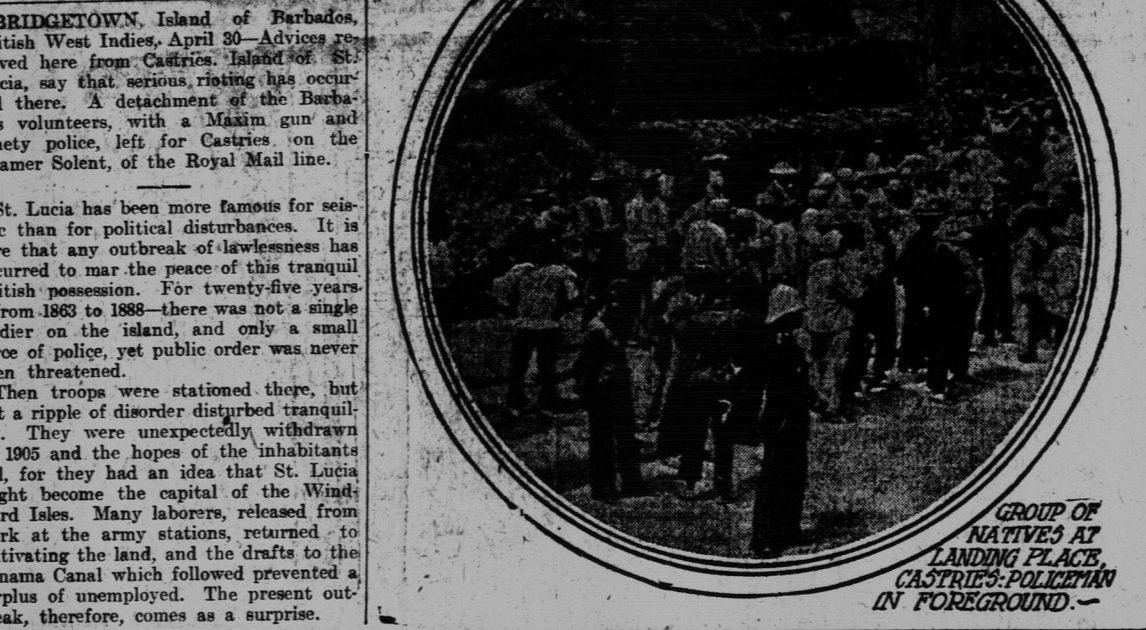
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POLICE COURT

Usual Prisoners Disposed of With Scant Ceremony This Morning.

Kenneth Manson, a ship laborer, was before Judge Ritchie this morning, charged with stealing a bottle of creme de caca from the hold of the steamship Montreal, lying at Sand Point. The prisoner pleaded not guilty. The stolen property is valued at \$1.20. William Graves, who on the 22nd inst. was arrested for being drunk on Church street and had been in remand, was again in court, and his honor let him out on suspended sentence of \$5 or 30 days. John McElvish was fined \$4 or ten days for drunkenness. John Fraykman, arrested by Policeman Scott for drunkenness and holding up pedestrians in the street, was fined \$4 or ten days. One other drunk was disposed of in the usual manner. The case against Wm. Kelter, reported for having a ferocious dog at large, which bit a lad named John McCormick, will probably be taken up tomorrow. Fred deForeux who was in remand for breaking glass in Sullivan's bar room on Douglas avenue, was fined \$20 or two months.

SANDFORD'S YACHT HAS RETURNED TO MAINE

(Portland Advertiser.) Most unexpectedly, as the word had gone forth that the yacht of Sandford's disciples were to remain on the other side of the water, did the barkentine Kingdom, formerly the Hebecca C. Crowell, best in to Portland harbor this morning about 7 o'clock with Commander A. K. Perry in charge. Very few people were to be seen about the decks and few on the water front recognized the craft. A brand new American flag was flying at the stern. Soon after she came to anchor, everybody was below decks and no sign of life was apparent. Word came to the harbor master, however, that a vessel was anchored in the channel and the fireboat went down to order a change in her anchorage. Harbor Master Wallace was much surprised to find the barkentine Kingdom. His few questions as to her purpose in coming here were not answered by the men on board. One of the crew let drop the fact that the vessel was going to Freeport and when the fireboat came back the harbor officials were notified, and, with Dr. F. C. Kellook aboard, the harbor office went down to the vessel. While the officers were on their way down, a quarantine flag was raised. Capt. Skilling of the harbor office and Dr. Kellook went aboard the yacht. Though they were received in a rather cool manner, the officers were given all the facts they asked for but were told nothing about the business of the vessel here. A baby boy was born to Mrs. A. C. Slick Saturday last aboard the vessel. The baby's parents are converts and its father is one of the crew. The Kingdom has

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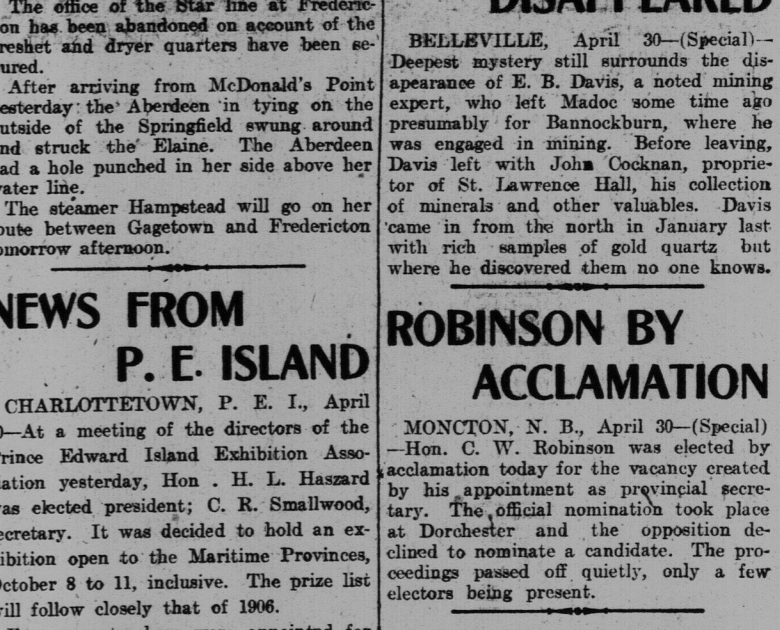
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NEWS OF THE WORLD AS TOLD IN SHORT METRE

The London Standard this morning says that the aspirations in the will of Cecil Rhodes, to which Earl Grey, governor-general of Canada referred in his speech at the national arbitration peace congress banquet in New York, April 17, were the ultimate recovery of the United States by Great Britain, British occupation of the whole of Africa, South America and of the seaboard of China and Japan. With the appointment of Lieutenant General Sir Edward Richell, military member of the Governor General's council in India as military expert; Capt. Charles Langdale O'Reilly, director of naval intelligence, as naval expert; and a large staff of attaches, included among whom is Sir Henry Charles Buller, the British delegation to the peace conference at the Hague is now complete.

It was announced at New Haven, Conn., last night by Manager Sumner of the Yale track team, that Yale and Harvard on Saturday last sent a joint letter to Oxford and Cambridge, suggesting July 4 as the time and the stadium at Harvard. King Leopold's visit to Paris at a time of political crisis in Belgium, and his lengthy conference yesterday with President Fallieres, Minister of Foreign Affairs Pichon, and Premier Clemenceau, have given rise to considerable gossip and speculation. The prevailing impression appears to be that the king intends to make a feint by offering the Congo Free State to France for the purpose of forestalling the Belgian parliament into complying with his wishes. President Fallieres gave a gala lunch at the Elysee Palace today in honor of King Leopold.