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DOMINION STEEL COMPANY GLAD TO STOP OPERATIONS.

They Notify Government That Iron Market is So Depressed That They Were Running at a Loss—Willing to Arbitrate Wage Question, But Employers Are Not—Coal Miners Warn Dominion Steel Company Not to Aid Steel Company on Penalty of Strike.

Ottawa, June 6.—(Special)—Ralph Smith, of British Columbia, in the house of commons today, asked the government if it had taken official notice of the labor trouble at Sydney.

In reply, Sir William Mulock said that the department of labor had not received a request for its friendly offices from either the Dominion Steel Company or from the men who were out on strike.

On the receipt of this the minister of labor wrote to P. Nichols, vice-president of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company, as follows:—

The government much regrets the existing differences between the Dominion Iron & Steel Company and their employees, which have resulted in a strike and a shutting down of the works, and earnestly hopes that at the earliest moment harmony may be restored and the men be at work again.

On May 30, 1904, the directors of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company unanimously passed the following resolution:—

It was resolved that the directors of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company be authorized to appoint a committee of the P. W. Association and a committee of the employees of the company to meet the president and himself on Thursday, June 16 next, and to say to them that the directors of this company are of opinion that they are now paying the current rate of wages, and that in the event of the P. W. Association and the committee of the employees disputing the correctness of this statement as to the rate of wages, that the company will consent to a decision thereon by a board of arbitrators to be chosen, one by the company, one by the employees, and an umpire to be chosen by these two, and failing the choice, that he be a judge of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, named by the Lieutenant-governor.

The reply of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company to Sir William Mulock's offer was communicated by Frederick Nichols, the vice-president, in a letter bearing date of Friday last. In it he says: "I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst., and may say I share your regret at the existence of differences between the Dominion Iron & Steel Company and their employees."

TERRIBLE WORK OF INFERNAL MACHINE.

12 Non-Union Men Blown to Atoms.

Cripple Creek, Colo., June 6.—Twelve men were killed and seven were severely wounded today by the explosion of an infernal machine at the railroad station in Independence. Eleven men were killed outright, being blown to pieces, and one died later from his wounds. All the killed and injured, with the exception of two men from the Deadwood mine, were non-union miners employed on the night shift of the Findley mine.

The infernal machine, which the crime was committed, consisted of a quantity of dynamite, probably 300 pounds, and a loaded revolver fixed in position with the trigger connected to the dynamite.

Men Torn to Shreds and Flung Hundreds of Feet.

The men quit work at 2 o'clock this morning and were waiting to board a suburban train on the Florence & Cripple Creek railroad to return to their homes at Cripple Creek and Victor. Just after the engineer of the approaching train blew the whistle as a signal to the miners, according to custom, a terrific explosion occurred.

A special train, was sent from Cripple Creek carrying physicians, nurses, officers and many others, but when it reached Independence the injured had already been placed on board a suburban train and removed to a hospital in Victor.

Without explanation and with a suddenness that was great, a surprise, Sheriff Henry M. Robertson this afternoon resigned his position and Edward Bell was named to succeed him by the county commissioners. Bell is a member of the Citizens' Alliance.

City Marshal O'Connell, of Victor, was suspended by Mayor French, and Major H. A. Naylor was appointed provisional marshal. O'Connell's resignation, although he was strongly urged by union miners to resign.

ASSEMBLY GRIPS WITH DUTY OF CHURCH TO THE SEATS OF EARNING.

Eloquent Debate Follows the Report of Queen's University, But Decision Not Arrived At—Foreign Missions Absorbed Attention Last Evening—Movement for Increase of Minimum Stipend to Ministers.

The relation of the church to the colleges was made the subject of a very animated discussion in the Presbyterian General Assembly during the whole of Friday afternoon, over the report of Queen's University. The assembly last year refused to sever the tie between Queen's and the church, and is now faced with the question of what aid it is to extend to Queen's; and this also raises the question of the church's relation to other colleges and to higher education in general.

Foreign missions absorbed attention at last evening's meeting. The keynote was "The world for Christ," and with force and eloquence the speakers urged upon the church the needs of the foreign fields. The fact that some had labored on foreign fields added greatly to the interest of their remarks.

INCREASE OF MINIMUM STIPEND FOR MINISTERS

Assembly Favorably Sends Question to Committee—Prof. Falconer Made Principal, and A. S. Warden a Lecturer in Halifax College.

Dr. Warden moved for a committee to consider increase of the minimum of ministerial stipend from \$750 and a manse to \$800 and a manse.

Church and Manse Building Fund.

Hon. Colin H. Campbell, for the church and manse building fund, reported that the fund for the year 1903-1904, which was valued at about \$73,000. It now has an unimpaired capital of \$100,000, interest on which is sufficient to carry on the work.

RUSSIAN FLEET IS SHORT OF COAL.

Haven't Enough to Send Large Ships Out to Sea—Rumor That Sortie of Czar's Torpedo Boats Sank Three Jap War Vessels.

London, June 7.—The correspondent of the Times steamer Haiman, telegraphing June 6, says: "It is pretty certain from intelligence received by the Japanese secret service that even if the channel of Port Arthur is practicable for large draught ships there is not sufficient coal in Port Arthur for such vessels to take the sea."

Rumor That Russians Sank Three Jap War Vessels.

Paris, June 7.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Martin says that a naval officer repeats the story already in circulation at Liao Yang that the Russian squadron at Port Arthur has made a sortie and sank two Japanese torpedo boats and a battleship of the Shikima type.

Submarine Danger Signal Recommended at Partridge Island.

Conference at Montreal Between Lighthouse Board and Captains of Ocean Liners Select Many Places for the Bells.

Montreal, June 6.—(Special)—Today there was a conference between the government lighthouse board and captains of ocean liners in port, with a view of agreeing upon the most advantageous points in the St. Lawrence and Bay of Fundy for placing of the new submarine danger signals.

DOMVILLE'S KING'S SHILLING LEGAL TENDER BILL DROPPED.

Acting Governor General Assents to Forty-three Bills—News of Parliament.

Ottawa, June 6.—(Special)—Senator Domville's bill in the senate to make the king's shilling a legal tender, came up for its second reading. Hon. Mr. Scott said the department of the interior had made arrangements for the exchange of money at Halifax, St. John and Montreal, where authorized money changes gave the lowest rate of exchange.

NEW BRUNSWICK SUPREME COURT Session Opens at Fredericton: This Morning—The Docket.

Fredericton, N. B., June 6.—(Special)—The following is the docket of the Supreme Court which opens tomorrow morning: Crown Paper.

ONE THOUSAND EMIGRANTS A DAY COMING TO CANADA.

Such is the Statement of the London Daily Mail, and It Says It's a World's Record—General Hutton in Hot Water With Australian Government.

Montreal, June 6.—(Special)—A special London cable says: "The Daily Mail, referring to the wonderful emigration to Canada, says that before many weeks have passed emigrants will be arriving in Canada from all parts of the world at the rate of 1,000 a day. Never before in the history of the world has any country been peopled with such an astonishing swiftness. It advises no family man to settle in the west worth £200."

120 PASS RHODES' SCHOLAR EXAMINATIONS.

All the Candidates from Different Parts of Canada Qualified—Students from Four States in the Union Failed—No Territory Was Not Eligible.

Montreal, June 6.—(Special)—Doctor Parkin today received the report of the Oxford examiners upon the papers of candidates examined on April 13 and 14, throughout the United States and in those provinces of Canada which have no state affiliated with Oxford. Altogether, 120 candidates have passed from the different states and territories of the union, and thus became eligible for selection as Rhodes scholars.

STEAMER EVANGELINE ARRIVES AT HALIFAX

Halifax, June 6.—(Special)—The Purcell liner Evangeline arrived here this afternoon from London after a fine passage. She has 1,000 tons of cargo to land here, after which she proceeds to St. John.