

## ABANDON ATTEMPT TO SECURE BODIES OF EMPRESS VICTIMS

One Diver Lost Life in Work—Decision Reached Yesterday.

NO BONUS TO COLLIER FOR QUICK VOYAGE.

Gratuities Went to Ship Carrying Greatest Tonnage—Hearing Interrupted to Give Commissioners Chance to Attend Reception to Duke of Connaught.

Quebec, June 22.—All attempts to get the 300 bodies entombed in the sunken hull of the Empress of Ireland were abandoned today, following the conference between Lieut. Commander Forbes of H. M. S. Essex, and the divers of the man-of-war at the scene of the wreck as a result of the death of Edward Cosshon, of New York, on Sunday from his fall off the slimy hull of the ship.

Lieut. Commander Forbes reached Father Point today and his investigation showed that the accident happened while the water was at low level, that every caution for deep sea diving operations was properly carried out, and that no better conditions for carrying on the work could be expected.

Lieut. Commander Forbes notified Captain Walsh, marine superintendent of the C. P. R., of these facts, and suggested that the divers from the Essex be sent back to their ship here.

Captain Walsh after consulting with Captain Watson of H. M. S. Essex, reluctantly decided that everything possible had been done to secure the bodies, and nothing could be gained by the divers remaining at Father Point. They were accordingly ordered to return to their ship.

This decision of the C. P. R. does not affect the operations of the company attempting to salvage the ship, but it is thought here it will also be compelled to give up diving operations.

Maintaining its record for producing contradictory statements that cannot be reconciled to one another, the Empress of Ireland wreck inquiry today unearthed a fact which was flying in the face of the hull of the St. Lawrence, which again drew attention to the different explanations of the positions of the ships at the time of the disaster. On the map it was found that the resting place of the Empress is one mile and a quarter south of the location where the collision happened. The location of the wreck was explained by Captain Gasmon of the Dominion marine department, who buoyed it.

The taking of evidence was interrupted twice today because the members of the commission and the lawyers for the government, the C. P. R. and the Storstad had to attend a reception given His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught in the court house and a luncheon given to the governor-general by Mr. Justice Lemieux and the Quebec district judges in the Chateau Frontenac.

This morning an effort was made to get further details about the operation of the Storstad from Chief Officer Tutten, who had fled his scrap and deck log books. The attempt was temporarily abandoned because it was discovered that, like the engine room log, a number of important facts referred to had been written up after an interval of some hours and the officer was hurried off to Montreal for the memoranda he had made at the time the orders were issued. One important fact came out, however, and that was that the first officer, who was in charge of the collier immediately before the collision, was not told by his Third Officer Base, that he had put the helm hard a port when the ship failed to respond to the port helm order.

This afternoon a quietus was given to the suggestions made in questions asked during the inquiry that the Storstad was speeding because the officers and crew got a bonus for a quick passage. G. R. McIsaac, general traffic manager of the Dominion Coal Company, which chartered the ship, said that while gratuities were given they went to ships carrying the most tonnage, speeding not being considered.

The cause of the tremendous inrush of water into the punctured hull of the Empress was again obviously the motive for a number of questions asked by Lord Marley of William Mair, a night watchman on the Empress, who was examined as to how many port-holes were left open. His witness could supply no definite information, though the presumption was left that, the night being fine and the river calm, many of them were not closed, and that when the list grew great the flow of water through the hole in the hull was augmented by the rush through the cabin port-holes.

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**SOUTH AFRICA LOAN**  
London, June 22.—The issue of a loan of \$20,000,000 at three per cent is expected shortly to be made by the Union of South Africa. It is understood the issue price will be 97 1/2.

## STRIKE OF RAILWAY ENGINEERS AND FIREMEN PROBABLE

Winnipeg, June 22.—An evening paper this afternoon says: "Local members of Locomotive Engineers' and Firemen's Unions are discussing the possibilities of a general strike of their unions following the failure of the railway companies and unions to agree upon a schedule at the recent conference in Chicago.

"According to present information received by the men a general strike on all lines west of Chicago, including the United States and Canada, will be ordered on July 15. This covers 95 different railways, and hundreds of thousands of men. In Western Canada all systems are involved and 3,000 men, roughly estimated, will go out.

"While the general statement is that Canadian lines will be involved in the strike, there has been no confirmation of this received from the headquarters of the organizations. In the past all disputes between the company and the men have been submitted to a court of arbitration provided under the Lemieux Act. Whether the Canadian unions will appeal to this court before a general strike is called is not known."

## THE STORSTAD WILL BE SOLD AT AUCTION

Judge in Admiralty Court Orders Sale of Collier Which Collided With Empress of Ireland.

Montreal, June 22.—Mr. Justice Dunlop, in the Admiralty Court here today, with the consent of both parties, ordered the sale by auction of the collier Storstad which rammed and sank the Empress of Ireland near Father Point on May 27th.

This follows the seizure of the vessel on her arrival here on June 1st at the instance of the C. P. R. owners of the Empress of Ireland.

The sale will follow due notice of same in newspapers in Montreal, Halifax and New York.

## U. S. SUPREME COURT DECLARES VOWS OF POVERTY ARE VALID

Reverses Decision Which Held They Are Void Because Opposed to Public Policy.

Washington, June 22.—The Supreme Court today reversed the decision of the Eighth United States Circuit Court of Appeals, which held that the vows of poverty in Catholic orders were void because against public policy.

The point arose in the case of Augustin Wirth, a member of the Order of St. Benedict, for sixty years, who died while serving as a priest in charge of the parish of the German Catholic church at Springfield, Minn. He had taken a vow of poverty to turn all his property over to the order and all that he might thereafter possess, in return for his support and education.

Upon his death he was possessed of more than \$5,000 received from several copyrighted books written by him. Wirth's nephews and nieces, as his heirs, claimed the property. The Circuit Court of Appeals held that the agreement of poverty with the society was void as against public policy, and held that the nephews and nieces were entitled to the property.

Niagara Falls, Ont., June 22.—The United States government has invited representatives of General Carranza and General Huerta to meet at an informal conference here with the hope of bringing about peace in Mexico. The House of Representatives today informed the American delegates through the mediators that they were willing to deal with the Constitutionalists in this way.

## KILLED WHILE TRYING TO SAVE FRIEND

Montreal Dock Laborer Swung Against Steamer's Side and Knocked Unconscious Into River.

Montreal, June 22.—Arthur Lemoyne a dock laborer for the Elder Dempster line in this city, lost his life in a peculiar manner while at work this afternoon assisting to unload the steamer Kwarras at the Elder Dempster pier at Hochelaga. A neighbor of his, S. Lange, also a dockhand, became entangled in the ropes as the winchman on the vessel began to haul up, and with heels up and head down in desperation Lange grabbed Lemoyne, and pulled him off the dock.

The latter was swung against the vessel with a crash and Lange had to let go his hold. Lemoyne dropped out of sight, probably killed before his body touched the river, which swallowed him up. Lange escaped serious injury. Lemoyne was instrumental in obtaining the job for Lange only two days ago. The pair were neighbors and friends.

## HEAVY FINE FOR THOSE WHO EVADE TAX

Law Imposing Tax on Income Received in France on Foreign Stocks and Bonds Effective July 1.

Paris, June 22.—The French government today issued regulations under which a tax of five per cent. is to be collected upon income received in France from foreign stocks, bonds and securities of whatever form, including government bonds. The regulations go into force on July 1.

The law by which this tax is levied was passed in March. Since then enormous pressure from financial interests has been brought to bear upon the French government to delay the application of the legislation, while various changes have been proposed. The arguments put forward it has been urged that the law would drive out of France an indefinite number of thousands of Frenchmen and others resident in France who will prefer to leave the country rather than lose the twentieth part of the income they derive from capital invested abroad. Those thousands, it is declared, will remain in France and evade the law, which is in some quarters deemed impossible of enforcement.

Severe penalties are to be inflicted on persons seeking to evade the new law. The extreme limit is a year's imprisonment, and there is a series of heavy fines.

## PROBE INTO ALBERTA MINE DISASTER

Dominion Government to Be Represented at the Inquiry into Calamity at Hillcrest.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, June 22.—Sir Robert Borden stated this afternoon that he had sent a message to Senator Loughheed in Calgary, asking if a relief committee had been appointed in connection with the Hillcrest disaster and intimating that the government was prepared to contribute \$50,000 to help the families of the unfortunate coal miners.

While the safety of mines is a matter for provincial jurisdiction, the investigation into this calamity will be made by the Alberta authorities, the department of labor and the department of mines will both be represented at the inquiry.

The mines department has sent J. S. C. Hudson, an experienced official, to report on the facts as sought out at the inquiry and the cause of the accident. J. D. McEwen will represent the labor department at the inquiry. He will also ascertain the names of those miners who came from the old country and from Italy. This had been asked for by the British colonial office and the Italian government.

## ON TRANK OF A GRAVE NATIONAL CRISIS

Sir Henry Lucy, Liberal, Says Govt at End of Tether Unless Home Rule Bill Modified to Suit Ulster.

London, June 22.—Sir Henry Lucy, a prominent Liberal of long parliamentary experience, whose relations with ministers are often intimate, writing in the Observer says: "The Irish question has drifted into what looks like a hopeless impasse, and except by modifying the home rule bill in favor of Ulster, the government are at the end of their tether. Ulster still insists upon the absolute and final exclusion of the province from the bill. This Mr. Asquith cannot, and will not grant, and a remarkable Nationalist volunteer organization exists to prevent it.

Moreover, Mr. Lucy says considerable and influential sections of the ministerialists in the House of Commons would turn and rend the government if they thus nullified the fundamental principle of home rule, namely, the ultimate unity of Ireland under a parliament in Dublin.

"As things are now moving the home rule bill will be rejected by the statute book without any agreement as to the amending bill.

After that, the deluge. We are on the brink of a grave national crisis. The duty of all citizens is to recognize, and prepare to deal with, impleasurable facts."

## WILSON SENDS GREETINGS TO HIS MAJESTY

Congratulates King George and Conveys Good-Will of American People Towards England.

Washington, June 22.—President Wilson today, in recognition of the official celebration of the birthday of King George, sent this congratulatory telegram to the British monarch:

"I beg of your majesty to accept my hearty congratulations on this birthday anniversary and my best wishes for your continued happiness and well-being, and at the same time I wish to convey to you the expression of the goodwill which this government and people bear to your great country."

## TWO THOUSAND "AD" MEN AT CONVENTION

Formal Opening Yesterday Morning—Delegates Combine Pleasure and Business.

Toronto, June 22.—President Woodhead of San Francisco officially opened the convention of the Associated Ad Clubs of America in the Transportation Building of the Canada National Exhibition grounds at 10 o'clock today. There were about 2,000 delegates at the opening.

The convention opened with the singing of "God Save the King," and "My Country."

Sir John M. Gibson, lieutenant-governor of the province of Ontario, read an address of welcome to the delegates on behalf of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, governor general of Canada.

## A SHOOTING FATALITY IN NOVA SCOTIA

Port Greville Man Fatally Wounded by Discharge of Rifle—Companion Badly Injured.

Special to The Standard. Parrsboro, June 22.—A shooting accident which resulted fatally occurred in the woods between Sand River and Port Greville Saturday afternoon.

Four men, Charles Dow, David Cole, Clifford Spitzer and Wells Cole, belonging to Port Greville, had been working in the woods at Sand River and started to go home to spend Sunday. Dow undertook to show the others a short cut through the woods but found the path grown up with bushes. In attempting to crawl through a picket fence the Winchester rifle he was carrying was discharged; the ball shattered his arm badly and then passed through Wells Cole's thigh, inflicting a dangerous wound. One of the men came to Parrsboro for a doctor as quickly as possible, but before aid reached the wounded men Dow had died from the effect of his wounds.

Wells Cole is seriously injured but it is hoped he will recover. The accident has created a great awe here at Port Greville and vicinity.

## FOUR YEAR OLD BOY KILLED BY LOCOMOTIVE

Kingsclear Lad Run Over by Valley Railway Construction Train and Almost Cut in Two

Fredericton, June 22.—The first fatality on the St. John Valley Railway to be caused by one of the construction trains in this locality occurred late this afternoon near the ballast pit in Kingsclear, a few miles north of Fredericton.

One of the Hibbard Company's construction trains ran over a 4-year-old boy named Goodwin, almost completely cutting his body in two. Conductor Wm. McKinnon, formerly of the C. P. R., was in charge of the train and the child is said to have been crossing the track with his grandfather when he was hit by the locomotive which passed over his body.

Only meagre reports of the accident have so far been received here.

## SALVATION ARMY CONGRESS CLOSES

Message from Archbishop of Canterbury—Demonstration at Albert Hall Ends Conventions.

London, June 22.—The Salvation Army Congress closed last night with a corollary message from the Archbishop of Canterbury. The congress was indirect inasmuch as it reached General Booth in a letter from Bishop Boyd Carpenter. The Archbishop confessed he was unable to officially give the imprimatur doctrine to the ecclesiastical position of the army but the church appreciated the social and philanthropic work. The closing meeting was largely on the lines of the opening demonstration in Albert Hall with international features. The delegates will still attend meetings in Clapton Hall outside the city but the Aldwych Hall which was specially built for the purpose will now be dismantled.

## QUESTION OF MILITARY ESCORT FOR CARDINAL ON HIS ARRIVAL

Ottawa, June 22.—The minister of militia and most of the headquarters' staff being out of town a statement was not obtainable today in regard to a report that the minister of militia has refused to allow a Quebec regiment to turn out at the reception to Cardinal Bégin tomorrow.

## REDMOND APPEALS TO FRIENDS IN THE STATES FOR FUNDS

A TRIBUTE TO THE PREMIER OF CANADA

London, June 22.—Yesterday's evening newspapers and even those which are opposed to the present government, admit that the birthday honors list showed a wise selection. The Evening Standard caustically remarks that in their difficulty in regard to the distribution of peerages, the members of the government have fallen back on the desperately unusual course of selecting men who deserve such honors.

Referring to the honor accorded Sir Leonard Lyell, whose wife was a New Brunswickian, the Standard says that his really distinguished qualifications were not vitiated by his connection with Liberal politics.

The Globe, independent under new management, congratulates the government on the list as showing a desire to recognize genuine services to the country and the empire. It says that the most superficial study of the list will reveal many names notably those of Kitchener and Borden, upon whom the honors were conferred because they were justly due.

## GOV'T RELIEF FOR FAMILIES OF MINERS

Grant of \$50,000 for Sufferers in Disaster at Hillcrest, Alberta—Message from His Majesty.

Ottawa, June 22.—A grant of \$50,000 will be made by the government for the relief of sufferers in the Hillcrest mine disaster. This was decided at a cabinet meeting held this afternoon. Sir Robert Borden stated that Senator Loughheed had been communicated with in Calgary and that the money would be appropriated when he had notified the government as to the wishes of the relief committee which is being organized to care for the sufferers.

The Mounted Police force has sent doctors and medical equipment to the scene of the disaster. Mr. J. G. S. Hudson, the mines department expert on explosives, has also been sent to Hillcrest to inquire into the cause of the explosion.

The following message of sympathy was received today by the Duke of Connaught and forwarded to Sir Robert Borden from His Majesty the King:

"I am grieved to hear, through the press of the terrible disaster at Hillcrest coal mine by which it is feared many hundreds have lost their lives. Please express my sympathy with the sufferers and also with the families of those who have perished."

## FREDERICTON WANTS ISOLATION HOSPITAL

Government in Session at Capital—Delegation—Plans for Sussex Agricultural College Submitted.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, June 22.—A meeting of the local government was held here this evening. A delegation from the city of Fredericton appeared and asked for assistance for an isolation hospital. The government promised consideration of the request.

Architect Fairweather submitted to the government plans and specifications for the new agricultural school at Sussex, which the government has undertaken to build and maintain. Other business before the government was of a routine nature.

## PRINCE OF TECK AND HON. MR. PERLEY GUESTS AT BIRTHDAY DINNER

London, June 22.—Prince Alexander of Teck, Hon. Geo. H. Perley and W. L. Griffiths were among the guests of the colonial office at the king's birthday dinner. Hamar Greenwood was a guest at the attorney-general's dinner.

## Writes President of Irish League for Help For Volunteers.

PREPARING FOR ARMED CONTEST

An Outbreak With Bloodshed Awaited, Writer to London Paper Says—First Reading of Amending Bill Today.

London, June 22.—John Redmond's begging letter to the President of the United Irish League at Philadelphia is the first open admission to overseas sympathizers and friends that the Nationalists are preparing to fight for home rule, should the provincial ship between the cup and the lip occur.

The Irish Nationalist leader having committed himself to the volunteer movement, is anxious to find funds, as well as men, for the organization knowing full well that Sir Edward Carson's army is well provided with financial support by the Scotch and other Unionists.

That the latest development in connection with the Irish volunteers is inspiring the Nationalists with greater aggressiveness is made clear from a despatch from a correspondent of the Morning Post, who declares that the tension in Londonderry is due to the increasingly aggressive conduct on the part of the Nationalists. He says that it cannot be exaggerated that every one is awaiting an outbreak which will involve loss of life.

He tells of a young farmer who arrived in the district on a motor cycle, being assailed by a crowd, who believed him to be a despatch bearer from Carson's volunteer army. The young man had to be rescued by the police.

Today Lord Crewe will make a short statement in the House of Lords in regard to the amending bill, to which Lord Lansdowne is expected to reply. After these preliminary addresses, the bill, it is thought, will be given first reading without debate. The second reading will probably be fixed a week later. As June 30 was originally fixed as the date for the taking of the parent bill to the House of Lords, the government has already been obliged to meet the wishes of the Upper House which proceeds deliberately.

Redmond's Appeal. Philadelphia, June 22.—An appeal to strengthen the Irish volunteers and "enable them to confront adequately this audacious attempt of the British aristocracy and as Irish men to put down by force the liberties of the Irish people," was received tonight by Michael F. Ryan, president of the United Irish League of America, in a cablegram from John Redmond leader of the Irish Nationalists. The cablegram, which was sent from London, was in part as follows:

"Hon. M. J. Ryan, President, United Irish League, Philadelphia, Pa. "The Irish Volunteers have been called into being by the audacious movement on the part of the Tories of Great Britain and the Orangemen of Ulster to overawe by armed force the will of parliament and of the British and Irish democracies. The Orange movement has been financed by all the wealthy and aristocratic enemies of popular liberties and has been patronized by leading generals in the army. It has been further accompanied by an active and partially effective campaign to produce such a feeling in the army as to ensure that a rebellious body could count on the refusal of the army to maintain the law. This body of Orange volunteers have now succeeded in Ireland a considerable portion of their followers.

"Thus, then, the people of Ireland are faced by an armed force which threatens to stand between Ireland and the decision of parliament to give her liberty, and at the same time is a serious risk to the lives and property of our people. Such a movement made it absolutely necessary that the Irish people should be placed in a position to defend their country and to defend themselves."

The cablegram concludes with an appeal to friends in the United States to financially aid the Nationalist volunteers.

## MORE PAY FOR CITY LABORS IN MONTREAL

Will Get Raise of Twenty-five Cents a Day After First of November.

Montreal, June 22.—The extra twenty-five cents a day which the Board of Control has decided to pay city laborers after November 1st next, a total of \$2.50 a day, will mean an additional expenditure of only from \$75,000 to \$80,000 next year, not several hundred thousand dollars, as guessed at by the newspapers, according to a statement made to the city council this afternoon by Controller Hebert. The council approved of the increased wage.