

A NEW IDEA IN IRON SMELTING

Electric Process To Be Investigated by Government.

GOOD FOR CANADA IF FEASIBLE

It Would Develop Immense Quantities of Iron Ore Deposits in Ontario and Quebec.

Ottawa, Dec. 4. — The Minister of the Interior contemplates sending a commissioner to Europe to visit the places where the electric smelting of iron ore is carried on, and to report whether the several processes would be commercially feasible if adopted in Canada. The question is one of the very greatest importance to Canada. There are in Ontario and Quebec immense deposits of iron ore, which at present cannot be developed owing to the cost of fuel for smelting. It is true that in the west, and also in the Maritime Provinces, coal is found in abundance, but the cost of transportation to Ontario or Quebec renders its use impossible in these provinces. Hence the problem of cheap fuel or economic treatment has to be solved before any progress can be made in the utilization of the iron ore with which Providence has so bountifully endowed this country. The problem seems to be on the eve of solution. If there is no call in either Ontario or Quebec, any number of water powers exist. This means that electric energy can be easily developed, so cheaply as to permit of iron ore being smelted at a profit. But this is not all. Where smelting is done by electricity, deleterious ingredients, which are always present in coal or coke, are got rid of, and a pure pig iron and a better class of steel are obtained. Furthermore, in the case of blast furnaces it is impossible to reach such a high degree of temperature as will enable use to be made of the basic slags, which are necessary for retaining titanium and phosphorus in the slag, and the electric process of smelting, ores containing as much as 12 per cent of titanium have been turned out free of that material.

Accordingly, it does not require any demonstration to show the immediate possibilities of electric smelting in Canada. In Europe considerable progress has been made in the matter of electric smelting, and it is determined now is, is the process commercially feasible? If it is, Canada is on the eve of a new development of its iron resources. Judgment must be suspended, however, until a thorough inquiry has been made into the matter. It would be surprising if Hon. Mr. Sifton were to choose Dr. Haanel, the Superintendent of mines for Ontario, as one of the experts in question.

GERMANY IS IN LINE

Will Agree to the Reform Plan for Macedonia.

Berlin, Dec. 5.—Referring to the London report that Germany may object to the proposition of Russia and Austria for an international administration of Macedonia on the lines of the present government of Crete, the foreign office here said today that, on the contrary, Germany had done all in her power to secure the acceptance and enforcement of the Muzetzer programme, which remains the basis of Russo-Austrian action. These powers, it was added, had arranged the programme to suit their own interests above all, and it cannot be supposed that they have altered the same into an international administration similar to that of Crete to suit other powers. The foreign office also referred to Chancellor Von Buelow's speech at the opening of the Reichstag, saying that Germany had consistently done everything possible to prevent serious complications in the Balkans.

BRIDE DIED OF GLANDERS

Caught the Disease From a Horse—Had Been Married a Week.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 6. — Mrs. Richard T. Mueller, nee Ritchie, a bride of just one week, died as a result of glanders, which she contracted from her father's horse. The day before the wedding, Thanksgiving, she drove to the business part of the town to chase some wedding clothes. As usual, she unharmed and stabled the horse when she got home. It is believed that she became infected through an abrasion on her right hand. She was married next day and the disease soon developed. A physician treated her for rheumatism at first, and then for varioloid before the real character of her ailment was discovered after a consultation of doctors. It was too late to check the malady, and the young bride, who was 24 years old, died yesterday. It is said that a veterinary surgeon warned the girl's father that the horse had glanders, and that it was a disease that human beings could contract.

THIEVES KEEP AWAY NOW

Horse-Stealing Stopped by Vigilance Committee.

Pickering, Dec. 5. — The annual meeting of the Pickering vigilance committee will take place on the evening of Tuesday next in the town hall, for the election of officers and the transaction of general business. The society, which was organized two years ago on the town line between Pickering and Whitby, and later moved its headquarters to Pickering village, has a membership of about 100. The object of the association is to protect its members in case of theft. The large amount of horse-stealing which took place a year or two ago rendered such an association almost necessary, but since its organization no cases of theft have been reported. Its very existence seems to be a preventive.

FAILED TO AGREE

The Quebec Shoe Factories Are Still Tied Up.

Quebec, Dec. 5.—The boot and shoe employees this morning refused point blank to sign the contract drawn up by the Manufacturers' Association, and offered their own contract as substitute, which was refused by the manufacturers. The situation, consequently, remains the same. The factories will remain closed.

The shoe men are not willing to bind themselves for six months, they want to be free to quit the scene any time they choose.

THE REDDEN INQUEST

A Warrant To Be Issued for Arrest of Ed Slaughter.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 5. — The verdict of the coroner's jury impelled to inquire into the death of John Redden, of Madstone, was that the man came to his death as the result of a blow on the head alleged to have been struck with a billiard cue by Edwin Slaughter (colored). The blow was inflicted at the "Tommy" Hotel, kept by Wade Hill. The jury recommended that the license of the hotel be revoked so long as the hotel is run by Slaughter. The jury also recommended that the killing of Redden constituted murder.

A warrant for Slaughter, who is supposed to be at present on the United States side, will be asked for today.

ARTIST FOUND DEAD

Well-Known Lady Dies Under Peculiar Circumstances.

New York, Dec. 5.—The American says: Early this morning the dead body of Miss Virginia L. Thornton, a well-known artist, was found at full length, beside the bed, in her apartment on the second floor of No. 22 East Sixteenth street.

Great mystery surrounds the case because through the room was filled with gas, the single jet in the room and the gas heater were burning brightly. The police officers, after a searching investigation could not discover whence the gas was escaping.

Miss Thornton was apparently prepared to retire. The bath tub was filled with water which was very warm. Dr. Reid, who responded to a call from the New York Hospital, said the woman had been dead only about five or ten minutes. The janitor, who was notified by a tenant of the odor of escaping gas, traced it to Miss Thornton's apartment, and on forcing the door, found the body in the condition described.

DIMS CIRCUS GLORY

Billposters Decree That Art, Not Fancy, Must Rule.

New York, Dec. 5. — Art has placed its snuffer on the flaming circus "bills." In future the bill posters, who for generations have blazed a way for "the most stupendous aggregation of human talent and animal marvels ever gathered under canvas" must respect the canons of nature and the conventionalities of twentieth century dress.

In other words, the Hippopotamus must not be all yawn, nor the camel all hump, while the lady in pink lights and gauze skirts who has galloped through many generations on her prancing steed must come down and don a walking skirt. The art world, indeed, the wonders of youth in this iconoclastic age.

These revolutionary changes were decreed yesterday at the meeting of the directors of the American Bill Posters' and Distributors' Association at the Auditorium. At the same meeting, the new set of the bill boards—the artist—was disclosed.

HE INHERITS MILLIONS

Mr. Cawthra Mulock Will Marage Estate Himself.

Toronto, Dec. 5. — On coming into his inheritance a few months ago Mr. Cawthra Mulock decided to take over the estate and administer it himself. All the arrangements to this end were practically completed last week, the various transfers and other details having been effected yesterday.

Mr. Cawthra Mulock is the youngest son of Sir William Mulock, Postmaster-General. Under the will of the late Mrs. Cawthra-Mulock he was left a fortune variously estimated at from three to four million dollars.

When the will was probated in November, 1897, Mr. Cawthra Mulock was but 15 years of age. His father, Sir William Mulock, was named as the sole executor, but it was stipulated that Mr. Cawthra Mulock was to receive his bequest on coming of age.

Mr. Cawthra Mulock stated that his father rather welcomed being relieved of the charge of the estate. With his parliamentary and other duties he found that he had quite enough to attend to.

Mr. Cawthra Mulock is a graduate of Toronto University, and is possessed of good business ability. He purposes devoting himself to the administration of the estate. He was recently married to Miss Falconbridge, a daughter of Mr. Justice Falconbridge.

Nothing approximating a definite statement of the extent of the fortune left by the late Mrs. Cawthra-Mulock has been given to the public. Under the terms of the will the estate was divided as follows: Mrs. (Dr.) Ryerson, \$500,000; Mr. W. C. Crowther, a nephew, \$500,000; three children of Mr. James Cawthra, \$500,000; Mrs. Wm. Murray, a daughter of Mrs. Cawthra-Mulock's second husband, \$2,000; Sir Wm. Mulock and Mrs. Mulock, the children of who were named, \$500,000 each. The balance of the estate was left absolutely to Mr. Cawthra Mulock.

A HUGE CONFISCATION.

San Francisco, Dec. 5. — The United States Government authorities have confiscated 14,000 Mexican cigars in a private warehouse here, many of them valued at 25 cents each. It is believed the cigars were brought in concealed in cases by members of the crew of the cruiser New York upon her last arrival here from Mexican waters.

EMPLOYERS UNITE AGAINST UNIONS

Stand for Open Shop and No Sympathetic Strike.

Dayton, Ohio, Dec. 5.—To eliminate the evils of the union is one of the specific purposes of the recently organized Citizens' Industrial Association of America. The organization included in its basic principle an open shop, no sympathetic strikes, no restrictions in the number of apprentices and output, and the enforcement of the law.

These facts were developed at the meetings of the executive committee, which were concluded yesterday, clearly indicating the line of battle between the employers and labor unions.

A resolution was adopted asking Congress not to endorse the eight-hour bill, when that document comes up for action. Another resolution requests all employers' associations throughout the country to affiliate with the national body. The determined stand to be taken by the association is indicated in the passage of a resolution instructing all members of employers' associations affiliated with the national body not to place the union label on any of their output. It is proposed also to establish a labor information bureau, where there can be a tabulated record of all law-breaking and undesirable workmen.

The present methods employed by unions in conducting a boycott were bitterly denounced. A bureau of organization, publication and education will likely be located at Dayton, although the headquarters will be at Indianapolis.

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The work of organization for Mr. Dunlop is in the hands of Mr. Robert Birmingham, who has for several months camped in the constituency. Recently the official organizers of the party, Messrs. A. W. Wright and F. Leavitt were, so report says, requested to take up the work, but have not yet acceded to the request. It is understood that the riding is not very large and a number of these gentlemen are at the same time. A petition against the election of Mr. Mahaffy, the recently-elected Conservative, P. M., in Muskoka, was requested to take up the work, but have not yet acceded to the request. It is understood that the riding is not very large and a number of these gentlemen are at the same time. A petition against the election of Mr. Mahaffy, the recently-elected Conservative, P. M., in Muskoka, was requested to take up the work, but have not yet acceded to the request.

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BROWN'S REMAINS WERE EXHUMED

Inquest to Determine If Deceased Met With Foul Play.

South River, Ont., Dec. 5. — The remains of Charles Brown, whose body was found lying near the railway track near here, were exhumed, and an inquest opened to determine whether he was the victim of foul play. He was last seen boarding the baggage car of the midnight express without money or ticket. The body of this man, who was the victim of the post-mortem was to the effect that death was caused by hemorrhage and exhaustion. The inquest was adjourned till Wednesday.

JUST LIKE REAL WAR

U. S. Officer Consors Newspapers in Strike District.

Victor, Col., Dec. 5.—A censorship of the press has been established here. Major Naylor called at the office of the Victor Daily Record, the only daily paper in Victor, and informed its editor and proprietor that a censorship had been placed upon the columns of the Record. The editor was told that he was not to publish anything but ordinary news matter, and was compelled to sign his proofs. Major Naylor prohibited the publishing of the leading editorial Mr. Knorr had written commenting on the situation. He likewise forbade the editor to print the official statement of the miners' executive committee.

500 HOGS BURNED IN GALT BLAZE

Cider Mill and Roothouse of Mr. William Caldwell Also Destroyed.

Galt, Dec. 5.—The cider mill, roothouse and piggery, owned by William Caldwell, nurseryman, of the stone road, adjoining the corporation's boundary in the east end, were entirely destroyed by fire about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The fire brigade from the nearest hydrant. About 500 hogs were burned. The fire, which originated at the engine house, spread so rapidly that nothing could be saved except a span of horses and a cow. The loss will be heavy, but it is said to be covered to a considerable extent by insurance in the National Assurance Company of Ireland.

STATION BURNED

The G. T. R. Depot at Beachville Destroyed by Fire.

The Grand Trunk station at Beachville, between Woodstock and Ingersoll, was totally destroyed by fire early last evening.

The fire started shortly after 5 o'clock, and in an hour the building was in ashes. A lamp had just been lighted by one of the men employed at the station, and a few minutes later it exploded, setting fire to the structure. The station agent, Mr. Wm. Foulke, and a number of others, attempted to extinguish the flames, but found it impossible to do so. The building was of frame, and was only erected three or four years ago. It will be rebuilt at the earliest possible date.

RIVER RECEDED

Frack of the Mississippi Leaves Three Packets Aground.

St. Louis, Dec. 5. — By a sudden change in the channel of the Mississippi River, near Selma, Mo., 35 miles below here, three large steamers, on their way to St. Louis, have been caught in the old channel as the water receded and are now stranded. The U. S. lighthouse steamer has gone to their assistance. Passengers were landed at Selma and continued to St. Louis by rail.

BRAKEMAN KILLED

Crushed to Death While at Work Beneath Train.

Barrie, Ont., Dec. 5.—Brakeman Edward Lyon, second son of Capt. O. H. Lyon, was killed in the Allardale yards early this morning. He was fixing the air brake connections when a yard engine coming in on the same track struck his engine which had been disconnected, jamming it back up the track. The unfortunate man was crushed through the chest, and both arms were taken off. Death was instantaneous. Lyon was 30 years of age and leaves a widow and child. He had been on the C. T. R. only two months, coming here from the Algoma Central Railway.

GREAT MOUNTAIN FIRE

6,000,000 Feet of Lumber and Summer Resort Destroyed.

San Bernardino, Cal., Dec. 5. — A forest fire in the mountains north of this city has proved to be the most destructive in the history of this end of the range. The fire is by no means under control. All the lumber belonging to the Frooking Lumber Company, between 4,000,000 and 6,000,000 feet, has been destroyed, but as the flames have been kept away from the mills, Brookings' loss will reach \$100,000.

The fire reached Fredrick Park, a summer resort not far from Frooking's mill, and destroyed all the cottages there. Many thousands of acres have been burned. The fire started from a dining engine used by the lumber company, and a fierce north wind fanned the flames which soon got beyond all control. The fire is 20 miles from this city, and the sky is completely overcast by smoke.

WATCH THIEF SENTENCED

Wm. Cornell Gets Four Months in the Central Prison.

William Cornell stole a watch from Seymour Karn. Cornell had some phony watches on him when arrested, and this made the police suspicious of his method of making a living. When he refused to tell where the stolen watch was, protesting that he was innocent, the magistrate decided that leniency would be misplaced. So Cornell was this morning sentenced to spend the next four months in the Central Prison, where he will get all the watching he wants.

Mr. S. R. Mann, cigar manufacturer, had an apprentice summoned for a breach of the apprentice act. The defendant was an unfortunate young man, with but one leg, and he had been under the care of the Mount Hope Institute. When he had learned enough to make more money, he had wanted to break his contract. The magistrate saw merit in both sides, sympathizing with complainant and defendant alike. He adjourned the case for a week.

CANADIANS STILL AHEAD

Carry Off Many Prizes for Horses and Sheep.

Chicago, Dec. 4. — Canadian sheep men had another successful day at the International Live Stock Exhibition, capturing the majority of first prizes in the Shropshire class, as well as a good many seconds. Mr. Robert Davies, of Toronto, won two first prizes for Clydesdales with his mare Lady Superior. The animal was greatly admired by the many thousands of visitors at the show. The winners from the Dominion were as follows: Cattle—Breeders, young herd consisting of bull and two ewes—first prize, one year old and under two, all except bull to be bred by exhibitor, second prize, \$35, Frank Hartline, Strasburg, Ont. Get of one sire, four animals of either sex—second prize, \$35, Frank Hartline, Strasburg, Ont. Horses—Clydesdale, special; best American-bred, any age; Silver Challenge Cup, value \$100—Lady Superior, Robert Davies, Toronto. Clydesdale, special — Best Clydesdale mare, any age, gold medal, value \$100—Lady Superior, Robert Davies, Toronto. Sheep—Breeding Shropshires, class 1; rams two years old or over—second prize, Lloyd Jones Bros., Burford, Ont. Class 2—Ram one year old and under two—second prize, \$8, Richard Gibson, Burford, Ont.; third prize, \$5, J. G. Hammer, Brantford, Ont. Class 3—Ram lamb under one year old—first prize, \$12, John Campbell, Woodville, Ont.; second prize, John Campbell, Woodville, Ont.; third prize, J. G. Hammer, Brantford, Ont. Class 4—Ewe one year old and under two—first prize, \$12, John Campbell, Woodville, Ont.; second prize, \$8, John Campbell, Woodville, Ont. Class 5—Ewe lamb under one year old—second prize, \$8, Lloyd Jones Bros., Burford, Ont.; third prize, \$5, John Campbell, Woodville, Ont. Class 6 — Flock consisting of one ram, one year old or over; two yearling ewes and two ewe lambs—first prize, \$30, John Campbell, Woodville, Ont.; third prize, \$5, Richard Gibson, Delaware, Ont. Class 7—Four lambs of either sex, the get of one sire—first prize, \$20, John Campbell, Woodville, Ont.; second prize, \$10, J. G. Hammer, Brantford, Ont.; third prize, \$5, Lloyd Jones Bros., Burford, Ont.

MARK TWAIN'S WIFE III.

Florence, Italy, Dec. 1. — Since Mrs. Clemens, wife of Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), arrived here, Nov. 8, she has been so indisposed that no one outside her family has been allowed to see her.

KAISER'S ILLNESS TROUBLES EUROPE

Viennese Court Prohibits Discussion of the Case.

Vienna, Dec. 5.—A throat specialist of world-wide renown is quoted as saying, respecting the illness of Kaiser William: "Prof. Schmidt's prolonged stay with the Kaiser is evidence of the serious condition of the patient, and of the gravity of the operation. The operation, as described in the newspapers, is the most insignificant imaginable. One day of rest and abstention from speaking should have been sufficient for complete recovery. From the duration of the Kaiser's convalescence and from Prof. Schmidt's three weeks' stay and also from other incidents intelligible to the professional mind, it is perfectly plain that a cleave of the larynx has been performed, and no surgeon decides upon such an operation, unless there is a growth of a pernicious character. "An order has gone forth from the court here that no Viennese surgeon is to express an opinion on the case, but at professional gatherings no reliable is placed in the assurances contained in the published bulletins. History will repeat itself. Some professional man of renown will have to be found who will inspire the Emperor with full confidence in himself. He will have to face the world with the assertion to the last that the Emperor's throat disease is harmless, just as Sir Morell Mackenzie did, who sacrificed his time, health and reputation in order to keep the Emperor Frederick in ignorance of his true condition."

It is believed that Prof. Schmidt has only returned to Frankfurt for a time, and will soon be in Berlin again. Doubts are expressed whether a second operation will not be necessary.

SURGEONS HINT AT CANCER

Prof. Smidt's Prolonged Stay With Kaiser Considered Ominous — A Second Operation.

New York, Dec. 5. — The World this morning publishes the following cables. Vienna, Dec. 5.—A throat specialist of world-wide renown is quoted as saying, respecting the illness of Kaiser William: "Prof. Schmidt's prolonged stay with the Kaiser is evidence of the serious condition of the patient, and of the gravity of the operation. The operation, as described in the newspapers, is the most insignificant imaginable. One day of rest and abstention from speaking should have been sufficient for complete recovery. From the duration of the Kaiser's convalescence and from Prof. Schmidt's three weeks' stay and also from other incidents intelligible to the professional mind, it is perfectly plain that a cleave of the larynx has been performed, and no surgeon decides upon such an operation, unless there is a growth of a pernicious character. "An order has gone forth from the court here that no Viennese surgeon is to express an opinion on the case, but at professional gatherings no reliable is placed in the assurances contained in the published bulletins. History will repeat itself. Some professional man of renown will have to be found who will inspire the Emperor with full confidence in himself. He will have to face the world with the assertion to the last that the Emperor's throat disease is harmless, just as Sir Morell Mackenzie did, who sacrificed his time, health and reputation in order to keep the Emperor Frederick in ignorance of his true condition."

It is believed that Prof. Schmidt has only returned to Frankfurt for a time, and will soon be in Berlin again. Doubts are expressed whether a second operation will not be necessary.

FOOLED THE CZAR

Russian Clique Attempts to Bring on a War in East.

Berlin, Dec. 4.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg, printed under reserve by the National Zeitung, says the Grand Duke Michaelovich has discovered that a court camarilla, or group of irregular advisers, has been misusing its great influence with the Czar for the attainment of personal advantage. The grand duke intends to endeavor to open the eyes of the Czar to the condition of the empire. The grand duke has acquired extensive tracts of forest land at Korea, and the underhand methods has sought to bring about a war with Japan in order to secure the enormous profits that would accrue to them in case of such a conflict.

HERE'S A QUITTER

American Sheep Exhibitor Says That Canadian Judge Was Unfair.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 5. — A special from Chicago, referring to Canada's victory in the sheep competition at the live stock show, says: Charles H. Hutchinson, of White Pigeon, Mich., believed the decision of the Canadian prize from him was unfair, and did not hesitate to charge that Judge Beattie, of the Willow Grove, Ont., official, had been influenced by favor.

"It was a clear case of favoritism," said Mr. Hutchinson, disgustedly, as he led his flock from the ring. "I expected to take second prize and would have staked my farm that I would get it. The Canadian sheep seem to be impressed by American sheep."

THE LUMBER EXPORTS

An Increase of 5,698,345 Feet in Season Just Closed.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 5. — The Canadian export trade in timber deals and lumber from all the St. Lawrence ports for the current season shows an increase of 5,698,345 feet. The increase is largely due to the expansion in trade at the wharves, as the exports from both Montreal and Quebec show decreases of 9,243,418 and 8,500,255 feet respectively. The shipments from Montreal are chiefly pine deals and boards, those from Quebec, chiefly square and Waney pine and other timber and spruce deals, and from the other ports, almost all spruce deals.

Shipments from Ottawa via Portland, Boston and other ports are not included.

WOULD FORGET THE PAST

Servians Told That Assassinations Were for the Best.

Belgrade, Dec. 5. — Col. Machen, commanding the Belgrade division of the army, brother-in-law of the late Queen Draga, and one of the leading participants in the assassination of King Alexander and Queen Draga, summoned a meeting of all the officers in Belgrade, Nov. 28, and made a speech requesting them to forget the past. He said the dissatisfaction was unjustified, as the assassinations were in the interest of the country. The speech has had little effect on those who disapproved of the assassinations, but the other members of the country who sympathized with the assassinations are now dissatisfied with Col. Machen's action. They insist that all Servian officers should be given to understand that the assassinations were for the benefit of the nation, and, therefore, anybody disapproving of them must leave the army. They also demand rigorous treatment of anti-regicides.