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MEN KILLED BY BOILER EXPLOSION

GORDON WILL BE HANGED ON FRIDAY

The Presbyterian General Assembly—Nominations for New Positions—Boy Dies of Injuries.

Parry Sound, Ont., June 16.—By an explosion of one of the large boilers of the Ontario Lumber Co.'s mill at French river on Saturday, two men, Geo. Webster, a sawyer, and Geo. Campbell, fireman, were instantly killed.

Coal Famine Imminent.

Toronto, June 16.—An anthracite coal famine is imminent here owing to the strike. Prices next winter will probably be very high.

Seeking Men.

Agents of the Toronto street railway are in Kingston and Montreal attempting to secure men for the Toronto lines in case of a strike.

The Assembly.

In the General Assembly to-day, the debate was interrupted to allow the question of the next meeting to be brought up. Rev. R. G. MacBeth invited the assembly to meet in Vancouver at St. Andrew's church. He urged Easterners to come West and see the young giant whom they had been nurturing. He added figures as to railway expenditure. The matter was debated at some length. The railway arrangements not being regarded as definite. It was finally decided to defer decision for a day to permit of further inquiry as to this point. Following are the nominations of the committee for the three positions created by the General Assembly to cover work done by the late Rev. Dr. Robertson. The assembly will consider the nominations in the morning, but approval may be taken for granted: For field secretary Rev. Dr. E. D. McLaren, of Vancouver, to live in Toronto. For superintendent of home missions in work in Manitoba and the Northwest synods, to live in Winnipeg, Rev. J. A. Carmichael, Knox church, Regina, who was the unanimous nominee for the position of synod of Manitoba. For superintendent of Home Missions in British Columbia, Rev. Dr. G. C. Herdman, Calgary. The name of Mr. McQueen, of Edmonton, had been prominently mentioned for this position, but he is building a large church in Edmonton, and stated he could not leave the pastorate. He nominated Dr. Herdman for the position.

Overcome Difficulty.

Montreal, June 16.—Montreal invited nine or ten regiments from outside points to visit Montreal for Coronation Day. The Dominion government has granted $15,000 for transportation. It was then found that the city charter did not allow the city to appropriate money for the entertainment of visitors. The difficulty has been got over by Mayor Cochrane, Ald. Laporte, Sadler and Payette each subscribing a thousand dollars. They take chances on the city securing authorization from the Quebec legislature to reimburse them.

Proposed Tunnel.

C. W. Monson, of Boston, chief engineer of the Montreal-Longueuille subway, has arrived in the city and will begin borings in a few days. The proposed tunnel will be nearly two miles long, a double tube each measuring 27 feet by 21 feet, and the cost is placed at about three million dollars.

Walter Gordon.

Winnipeg, June 16.—Walter Gordon, the Whitewater murderer, upon whom the death sentence will be carried out on Friday of this week at Brandon, has of late become more reconciled to his fate, and has paid the closest attention to the ministrations of his spiritual adviser. In spite of his changed attitude, vigilance has not been relaxed. Gordon has been watched with the greatest care since the death sentence was imposed, as he at one time showed some desire to make away with himself.

Boy's Death.

Donald Eddy, aged 13, died in the General hospital at 3 o'clock this morning as the result of injuries received from falling under a C. P. R. freight train near the Louise bridge yesterday. He was stealing a ride.

Canada Cup.

The next Canada cup races will be held here from August 15th to 19th.

Mr. Charlton's Proposal.

An interesting proposal was brought before the Presbyterian general assembly here yesterday by John Charlton, M. P. for North Norfolk, in a resolution to reduce the educational institutions of the church into an Eastern and Western university and divinity school.

New Invention.

Galt, Ont., June 17.—J. P. Elliott, now of California, but formerly of this city, is on his way to England. He stopped off here en route and announced he had invented a new explosive more powerful than lyddite, which he will offer to the British government. He says he can destroy the largest man-of-war afloat.

Imperial Limited.

Winnipeg, June 17.—The First Imperial Limited of the season arrived from Montreal sharp on time this morning. The train, which consisted of tourist and sleeping cars only, was well filled with passengers, most of whom were bound for the Pacific coast. The train pulled out at 7 o'clock.

Serious Landslide.

Montreal, June 17.—A serious landslide occurred in the parish of St. Valier, Bellechasse county, to-day. It was near the railway station on the second range and close to the River Blanche. The flour mill, Raymond Bilodeaux's residence, the bridge, a part of the highway, half a farm and the bed of the river were all buried. Mr. Bilodeaux and a five-year-old girl are dead. The cause was the high spring tide. No sign is left of the river.

The Review.

The coronation day review will be the largest held in Montreal since the days of the Imperial troops. Outside regiments numbering 3,446 officers and men have accepted the invitation of local regiments, numbering 2,940 officers and men. The Quebec and Belleville regiments will bring the total up to about 7,000.

Ice House Burned.

Fire, which started at 3.45 o'clock this afternoon in an ice house of the City Ice Company, on the canal bank, wrecked the house, burned nearly a million feet of lumber belonging to G. A. Grier, and badly damaged the pattern and storage warehouse of the Singer Sewing Machine Manufacturing Company. The losses are: City Ice Co., $20,000; insurance, $2,500; Singer Co., $25,000; fully insured; Grier, $15,000; fully insured.

Trying to Avert Strike.

Toronto, June 17.—The street cars were running to-day as usual. The meeting of street car men did not close until 4 o'clock. President Ames, of the board of trade, stayed until the last and used his utmost influence to avert a strike. This was finally done for 24 hours at least. In the meantime the company has agreed to take off, during negotiations, all spare men they have put on the cars during the last week.

Quit Work.

About 250 plumbers, gas and steam fitters, employed by city firms, went out on strike this morning, and practically all the shops in Toronto are tied up. The men are asking higher wages, but the employers claim the men are bound by a three-year agreement which went into force in January, 1901. About three months ago the Plumbers' union sent word to the master plumbers, demanding that a new wage scale be arranged, with a flat rate of 37½ cents per hour, an advance of 5 to 10 cents. The employers were prepared to stand by the agreement, and they took no action. Three months' notice was given by the men, and the union last night unanimously resolved to strike.

General Assembly.

This was an important day in the General Assembly. Attention for a quarter of an hour was given to a report from committee on retiring allowances to professors. Following this the assembly dealt with the matter of the general secretary and missionary superintendency which the Presbyterian church considered necessary owing to the death of the late Dr. Robertson. Dr. Gordon was convener of the assembly's special committee appointed last week to examine the situation and make nominations to the assembly. For general secretary the name proposed was Rev. E. D. McLaren, D. D., of Vancouver, at a salary of $2,400, with traveling expenses. For missionary superintendent to the district covered by the synod of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories the name proposed was Rev. J. A. Carmichael, of Regina, and for the district covered by the synod of British Columbia the name proposed by the committee was the Rev. J. C. Herman, of Calgary. The salaries of superintendents were suggested at $2,000 a year with travelling expenses. These nominations were cordial and unanimously approved by the assembly, and these three gentlemen were called to work then and there. The newly-appointed officials were called to the platform and addressed in congratulatory terms by the moderator, and were asked to say a word on their new circumstances. Dr. McLaren, on accepting the position, thanked the assembly for the honor conferred, and the confidence expressed, and remarked in closing that the most important influence for the past in his judgment in the Western part of the Dominion was the Presbyterian church, and his aim and hope would be to make the church influentially important and formative in coming times. Dr. McLaren's headquarters will likely be in Toronto, Mr. Carmichael's in Winnipeg, and Mr. Herman's in Calgary. In assembly this afternoon the question of a place of meeting next year came up. Dr. Warden gave the result of the negotiations with the C. P. R. From Toronto, Hamilton and all points in Western Ontario, as far as Detroit river, for instance, the rate offered was $67.75. Rev. Dr. Caven took the ground that these rates were prohibitive and they would not be justified in accepting the invitation to Vancouver. No other invitation was before the assembly, which thus found itself in a rather peculiar position. Dr. Caven suggested leaving the matter in the hands of a small committee. Further discussion followed. John Charlton, M. P., suggested dealing with, for instance, the Great Northern railway. Finally Dr. Warden's motion of a committee to consider the matter further, to report Wednesday, was carried.

DISSATISFIED WITH THE ARRANGEMENTS

POLICE REGULATIONS REGARDING PARADE

It Is Claimed Many Seat Holders Will Be Unable to Get Their Places.

London, June 17.—The coronation as a public spectacle threatens to be a farce. So serious has this possibility become that the London Times and other papers are printing alarmist letters, urging the authorities to take steps to prevent its failure before it is too late. The rapacity of the hotel-keepers and the greed of the seats speculators are the reasons. With scarcely more than a week before the coronation, not 50 per cent. of the seats on the stands have been sold. Frightened by exorbitant demands thousands of people residing in the suburbs and country, who had planned to come and see the King crowned, have now decided to stay away, while a large proportion of Londoners will avail themselves of the opportunity to enjoy a holiday at the seaside or elsewhere in preference to submitting to the inconvenience of the extraordinary police regulations which will be enforced on coronation days. The hotels and health resorts on the south coast, and rooms in quiet county clubs throughout the United Kingdom, which are generally empty at the height of the season, are all booked for coronation week.

It is freely said that unless the stand proprietors admit the public in a body and gratis, or practically gratis, the King will pass to his coronation through an array of half-filled benches. But what chiefly contributes to to-day's serious state of affairs are the police precautions to make the procession to Westminster Abbey one which ticket-holders only can witness, except in the case of St. James, where but a few thousand will be able to see the royal party.

The published regulations, whereby all traffic within about a miles of the first day's route is to be stopped at 3 o'clock in the morning, and pedestrians are to be stopped at 8 a.m., is terrifying enough. Solid timber barricades, 20 feet high, rise ominously at the entrance of all streets and alleys leading anywhere near the route, and barriers with entrances for foot passengers and archways for vehicles await the gates which are to be swung on them. By the eve of the coronation these will be in place.

The loyal British crowds will be huddled together by thousands, and be unable to see anything but the bare sides of the barriers. As a correspondent in to-day's Times points out, the police have framed rules calculated in effect, if not in design, to keep hundred from taking their places, owing to the probability of being unable to get to their destinations. This applies to seat-holders who, having perhaps paid several guineas for places on stands, will be unable to occupy them. What will happen to the unfortunate general public is a problem which has caused many of these protests in the papers. In the first place even ticket-holders must all stop in London on coronation eve and be got out in the streets about 5 a.m. According to the present arrangements only ticket-holders will be allowed through the barrier wickets, so the streets within will likely be scenes of camps of patient enthusiasts who will take up their places on June 25th. Even these may be driven out by the police should they think the route too thickly lined. As these conditions are becoming known thousands are relinquishing all idea of trying to see the show.

DANISH WEST INDIES.

Those Opposed to Sale to the United States Meet With But Little Success.

Copenhagan, June 18.—The opponents of the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States are again active, but privately they admit that they are meeting little success. The response to the appeal made for funds to aid in the movement in opposition to the sale was decidedly weak. The meetings are held secretly, but beyond a few politicians, they have been attended mostly by business men interested in the proposed steamship line to the Island of St. Thomas. The government discountenances the anti-sale agitation. The Danish West Indies treaty will be a prominent issue of the campaign preceding the election to the Landsthing which has already commenced. The Premier, Dr. Duntzer, starts on his speech-making tour next week.

FAMINE THREATENED.

There Will Be Very Little Rain in Bombay Presidency—Warning For Government.

Bombay, June 18.—The meteorological department predicts a deficiency of rain almost everywhere in Bombay presidency, particularly at Gugerjat, and warns the government to prepare for a severe famine.

BLAZE AT NEW ALBERNI.

The Wharf and Warehouse Destroyed—The Damage Estimated at Over Two Thousand Dollars.

Alberni, June 17.—There was a big blaze at New Alberni to-day. The warehouse and wharf, belonging to A. F. Waterhouse, were completely destroyed. Owing to the fact of a quantity of combustibles being stored in the warehouse, it made fighting the fire dangerous. The house and store caught, but the fire was quickly extinguished. The heat was terrific when the Queen City called from Victoria this morning. The loss is estimated at from $2,000 to $3,000, partly covered by insurance.

The fire is believed to have been caused by sparks from the steamer Willie, which had just left the dock.

SURRENDERS COMPLETE.

All Fighting Boers in Transvaal and Orange River Colony Have Laid Down Arms.

London, June 17.—Under the date of Pretoria, June 17th, Lord Kitchener announces that 700 Boers surrendered at Bloomfontein yesterday, and that all the surrenders in the Transvaal and Orange River Colony are now complete. In the Transvaal 11,225 men surrendered and 10,813 rifles were given up, while in the Orange River Colony 5,395 men surrendered and 5,280 rifles were turned in. The figures for Cape Colony have not been fully received.

BURNING OF BARQUE.

Violent Explosion Was First Indication That Vessel Was on Fire—Fighting the Flames.

San Francisco, Cal., June 17.—News of the British barque Fannie Kerr, reported last night as having burned at sea, was brought to this port by the steamer Alameda, which arrived from Honolulu last night. The barque was abandoned on May 29th about 800 miles northeast of the Island of Kauai. The Fannie Kerr left Newcastle on April 7th with 37,500 tons of coal. The fire was not discovered until a heavy explosion made the hull quiver and sent the ventilators high into the rigging at 2 o'clock on the morning of the 28th. After fighting the flames for 24 hours all hands took to the boats, making land June 7th.

MUST DEFEND THEMSELVES.

Bishop Says Every Negro Should Be Ready to Protect His Home, Wife and Children.

Chicago, June 17.—"The time has come when the black must depend on himself for protection. I don't stand for mobs, but every negro should be prepared to protect his home, his wife and children, even to the death."

This advice was given at a meeting of negroes last night by Bishop Alexander Walters, of the colored church of Ohio, after he had warned his hearers that all signs pointed to a time of great trouble for them. Bishop Walters is president of the Africo-American council. The meeting was held in the Olivet Baptist church, and was called for the purpose of taking action on the persecution of negro residents of Eldorado and Harrisburg, Illinois, and the lynching of Louis Wright in Missouri last winter.

A resolution was adopted and telephoned Governor Yates, calling him to take immediate steps to protect the lives and property of the colored people of Eldorado and Harrisburg, Illinois.

Governor Yates, who is in Chicago, said last night: "The authorities have been ordered to proceed against any persons who may have been guilty of assaults against the colored people of that locality, and law will be maintained."

SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Races Will Take Place on Different Days and Competitors May Enter All Events.

New York, June 18.—The amateur athletic swimming championships will be held this year under the auspices of the New York Amateur Athletic Club at Travers island. In order to allow competitors to compete in all five championships, the programme will be distributed over three days, July 12th, August 23rd and October 4th. On July 12th the 220 yards and half mile amateur athletic union championships will be given, also a 110 yard handicap and a novice 110 yards. On August 23rd the quarter mile and one mile national championships will be held, also a novice 110 yard and a 220 yard handicap. On October 4th the national 100 yard championship will end the amateur athletic union contests.

PRISONER REMOVED.

He Shot Two People and the Crowd Threatened to Lynch Him.

Wheeling, W. Va., June 18.—Charles Scott, a negro who shot and killed Samuel Jones and Mrs. John Dull last night at Connersville, and was threatened with lynching by the Hungarian friends of the woman, was spirited away by the sheriff during the night to the jail at Steubenville.

HIS MAJESTY MUCH BETTER TO-DAY

PROGRESSING TOWARDS COMPLETE RECOVERY

Hopes to Be Able to Attend the Races on Thursday—Royalty at Ascot.

London, June 17.—It is officially announced that King Edward is much better this morning. He passed a good night and his progress towards complete recovery is uninterrupted. Precautionary measures ordered by his physicians are due to the necessity for husbanding His Majesty's strength in view of the fatigues of the coronation week. Therefore the King will remain at Windsor Castle to-day. He was keenly disappointed at being unable to attend the Ascot Heath race meeting to-day, which he intended to open with all the state ceremonial of the early days of Queen Victoria. His Majesty hopes, however, to be present on Thursday, Gold Cup Day.

Queen Alexandra, and the Prince and Princess of Wales went to the races to-day. The Royal procession left Windsor Castle for Ascot Heath shortly before 1 p. m. Although King Edward was unable to attend the races, Queen Alexandra, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and the other guests at the castle and members of the court all participated. The procession was the first full state parade of that description since the death of the Prince Consort, and consisted of eight carriages each drawn by four horses. The mounted equerries and gaily liveried postillions and out-riders formed an imposing cavalcade. In spite of the inclemency of the weather immense crowds assembled about the course and the Royal party was everywhere warmly welcomed.

The Royal enclosure was brilliant with ladies dresses and the picturesque costumes of Indian princes. All the big houses in and around Windsor and Ascot contributed their quota to the fashionable throng.

The meeting promises excellent sport as a large number of horses have arrived. The Gold Vase, of 200 sovereigns, given by the King for three-year-olds, was won by George Faber's Ice Maiden.

Drove in Closed Carriage.

London, June 17.—6.40 p. m.—The King drove out from Windsor Castle in a closed carriage this afternoon. He appeared to be in good health.

VENEZUELAN REVOLT.

Revolutionists Capture a Town—Twenty-Seven Government Soldiers Killed.

13.—News reached here to-day of an im-

Willemstadt, Isle of Curacoa, June portant success of the Venezuelan revolutionists. After five hours' fighting on Wednesday, June 11th, one thousand revolutionists, commanded by Generals Rier, Pensiosa and Sierralta, captured La Vela de Coro, a seaport town on the Gulf of Coro, and a few miles from Coro, capital of the state of Falcon. Of the government forces 27 men were killed and 128 were captured.

Coro, where Vice-President Ayala is in command of the government troops, is besieged by the revolutionists, and when these advices left La Vela de Coro, was expected to surrender at any moment.

After a revolt of the government troops in the barracks at Ciudad Bolivar, situated on the Orinoco river, capital of the state of Bolivar, Governor Sarria retreated with his followers to Port Tables on the Orinoco, where President Castro had sent him 600 men with instructions to make an attempt to recoccupy Bolivar. The plan is here considered chimerical. The French cruiser Suichet is at Carupanox, Venezuela, while the British cruiser Alert is at Ciudagd, Bolivar, and the Dutch cruiser Koningin Regentes has arrived at La Guayra.

ASCOT RACES.

Big Crowds Again Present—King and Queen Expected to Attend in State To-Morrow.

London, June 18.—Sunny weather and the promise of good sport was quite sufficient to attract big crowds to Ascot heath to-day. Neither King Edward nor Queen Alexandra attended. The King has practically recovered from his indisposition, and their Majesties are expected to go to the races in state to-morrow. The Prince of Wales represented the royal family at Ascot to-day.

THE NELLIE THURSTON.

Vancouver, June 18.—The steamer New England, which has arrived from the halibut grounds, reports that the schooner Nellie Thurston is fishing off Cape Scott. The crew expect to get one hundred thousand pounds and to arrive at Nanaimo next week.

CANADIANS PRAISED.

Roberts and Kitchener Speak of Their Bravery—Scarf For Lieut. Thompson.

London, June 17.—The Official Gazette to-night publishes a long dispatch from Lord Roberts, being a continuation of the field dispatches written when he was in command in South Africa. The communication throws no new light on the operations in the field.

Appended thereto is a long list of those signalled for distinguished mentioned. Lord Roberts speaks highly of the Canadian contingent, especially in connection with the unsuccessful attack on Cookson's camp, March 31st, in which he says the Canadian Mounted Rifles sustained the heaviest loss of the day. He particularly comments on the gallantry of Lieut. Bruce Carruthers.

In conclusion Lord Roberts says he wishes to record the fact that in April, 1900, Queen Victoria entrusted him with four wool scarfs, worked by herself, which she desired to be distributed to four distinguished private soldiers of the colonial contingents of Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. The selection of the recipients in each case was left to the colonial officer commanding the contingent. The Canadian scarf goes to private, now Lieut. Richard Rowland Thompson, of the Royal Canadian Regiment, for personal gallantry in the field.

The Gazette has published dispatches received from Lord Kitchener, dated April, 1902, which refer to the defeat and capture of General Methuen. In these messages Lord Kitchener expresses the opinion that General Methuen's reverse was due to the behavior of the bulk of the mounted troops of his command, who offered a feeble and inefficient resistance, and then left the infantry and the guns to struggle against superior numbers.

In another dispatch, dated March 31st, he refers to the action at Braksprait. Lord Kitchener praises highly the gallant stand made in this engagement by a handful of Canadians in an isolated position. In referring to this matter, Lord Kitchener remarks: "There have been few finer instances of heroism in the whole course of the campaign."

Kitchener's Message.

Pretoria, June 17.—Lord Kitchener has sent the following identical telegram to Generals Botha, Delarey and Dewet:

"Now that the surrender of the burghers is completed, I desire to place on record my high appreciation of the unflagging energy and unfailing tact with which you have facilitated the work of my commissioners. I recognize how much is due to your exertions that the burghers have everywhere displayed such a loyal spirit in accepting the change of government, and I can inform you that the manner in which the burghers surrendered has greatly pleased His Majesty the King, and deeply impressed the British people, who are heartily anxious to welcome them as fellow citizens. I feel confident that a new era of complete reconciliation between all races has now dawned in South Africa."

LAYING DOWN ARMS.

Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Boers Have Already Surrendered.

London, June 16.—Dispatches received here from South Africa show that the surrenders of Boers are proceeding with the greatest goodwill. The total of those who have already surrendered numbers 16,500, and the British are extending every possible kindness to the men who come in.

The appearance of General Dewet at the camp at Winburg was the signal for a great display of enthusiasm. When he arrived at camp General Dewet was at once surrounded by thousands of Boer men, women and children, who struggled and clamored to shake the hand of their hero. He warmly applauded the staunch support that women had given the burghers during the war, which he said had greatly encouraged the men in the field. Continuing, he recommended his hearers to be loyal to the new government. "Perhaps it is hard for you to bear this from my mouth, but God has decided thus," he said. "I fought until there was no more hope of upholding our cause, and however it may be, the time has now come to lay down our arms. As Christians, God now demands that we be faithful to our new government. Let us submit to His decision."

Neither General Dewet nor General Steyn, former president of the Orange Free State, was ever wounded during the war. General Dewet has not seen his wife for two years.

The concentration camps will be converted into supply depots, to provide the returning burghers with the means to rebuild and restock their farms. The wives and families of the Boers will, if desired, be maintained at the expense of the government while the burghers are preparing the farms for their reception. Two thousand of the national scouts who fought upon the British side during the war were immediately disbanded and each scout will be provided with a pony and enabled to return to his farm.

ARRESTED AT DETROIT.

Young Man in Custody on Charge of Smuggling Chinese Into the United States.

Windsor, June 18.—United States officers have arrested George Richards, a well-known young man here, on the charge of smuggling Chinese into the States at Detroit. He is now locked up in Detroit.

WILL ALL MINERS BE CALLED OUT?

PRESIDENTS OF UNIONS WILL MEET TO-MORROW

Should They Decide to Extend Strike One Million Men May Quit Work.

Cleveland, O., June 18.—The Leader to-day says: "Advices from Columbus are to the effect that the purpose of the meeting of presidents of coal miners unions at Wilkesbarre, Pa., on Thursday is to determine whether a general strike of all coal miners through out the country shall be called to aid in winning the strike now on at the anthracite mines.

"The reason the strike was not as quickly settled as at first anticipated it would be, is because of the refusal of President Oliphant, of the Delaware & Hudson, and President Truesdale, of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, to co-operate with the several coal roads who were willing to accept Senator Hanna as an arbitrator. Realizing the hopelessness of a settlement without these two roads, the miners are going to bring to bear all the pressure possible in an effort to force a settlement as quickly as possible or, as an alternative, inaugurate a strike of all miners that will call out one million men in support of their contention."

Convention Called.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., June 18.—President Mitchell has called a national convention at Indianapolis at the earliest possible moment to consider the advisability of calling out all the soft coal miners in the United States. Mr. Mitchell says that he cannot give the exact date when the convention will be held.

Lace Mill Still Idle.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., June 18.—The big lace mill which was tied up yesterday because the management would not discharge several girls whose relatives are still at work in the mines, did not resume operations to-day. General Manager Doran said the firm was going to make an issue of the matter and fight it out. The girls whose dismissal is demanded by the lace makers' union will not be discharged.

POSTAGE TO AUSTRALIA.

There is Some Hitch With Regard to the Penny Rate to the Commonwealth.

Ottawa, June 18.—The Canadian government agent in Australia, J. S. Larke, reports here that the Australian government had given instructions to receive, subject to the approval of the country of origin, letters prepaid at one penny from all parts of the British Empire where the rate obtains, as fully prepaid. This was wired to the Imperial postmaster-general and was objected to by the Imperial authorities as interfering with the postal revenue of Great Britain. Mr. Larke wrote to the Commonwealth authorities asking why Canada was not included in this arrangement and got the above reply. Mr. Larke, however, thinks that the Canadian government might arrange this with the Commonwealth and Imperial government. Many of the Canadian letters are now received with the penny postage and owners have to pay three pence before receiving them.

The Eastern extension is still endeavoring to secure an arrangement with the Australian government.

The drought continues over the island and hampers trade.

TOOK MORPHINE.

Widow of the Slayer of Jesse James Ends Her Life.

Durango, Colo., June 18.—Mrs. Margaret Feeny, wife of a horse jockey, has commited suicide by taking morphine. She was separated from her husband. She was the widow of Bob Ford, the slayer of Jesse James, and lived with him at Creed during the wild days of that camp. She bore the scar of a bullet wound on her body given by Ford in one of his outbursts. Her husband was killed in a mine accident.

MANUEL TOBAR DEAD.

Was Vice-President of the Republic of Guatemala.

New York, June 18.—Guatemala dispatches state that Manuel Morales Tobar, vice-president of the republic, died on Monday at noon, cables the Panama, Colombia, correspondent of the Herald. The cause of the death is not stated.

A POOR OUTLOOK.

Dallas, Texas, June 18.—Rains are reported from only a small portion of northeast Texas, where the corn and cotton crops are said to have been in better condition than in any other portion of the state. Outside of this limit the outlook for any corn crop in Texas this year is gloomy.