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NATURAL GAS GETS BIG INDUSTRY FOR HAT

Western Canneries, Ltd., Will Establish Packing Plant in That City Which Will Employ 65 Hands—Natural Gas Will Save Company \$62,000 a Year in Fuel—Cattle Losses are not Heavy.

Medicine Hat, May 9.—The Western Canneries, Ltd., capitalized at \$1,000,000, has decided to lease the packing plant and many subsidiary industries at Medicine Hat. A deal was completed last night by which the company becomes the owner of the old woolen mills site, the price paid for the property being \$17,000.

A telegram despatched to Chicago this morning starts the first ear load of machinery on the way. It will be installed in the woolen mill building, which is three stories in height and 52 by 104 in size. Three other buildings of a similar size will be erected during the summer. The demonstration that a saving in the fuel bill of \$62,000 a year could be effected through the use of natural gas decided the company to choose Medicine Hat as the point of location in preference to Brandon, Calgary or Edmonton, which cities were all under consideration.

The city council will prepare a by-law to be submitted to the people in connection with the privileges to be granted the company, which include track facilities and an adequate supply of water at cost, and natural gas at 5 cents per thousand feet, proper fire protection, drainage facilities, purchase of \$20,000 worth of preferred stock, exemption from taxation on value of buildings over \$25,000. The company will employ 65 hands at the start, who will handle 50 or 65 head of cattle a day.

The cattle losses amongst the ranchers south of the Cypress hills is nothing like what was rumored earlier in the spring. The riders have been out for the last couple of weeks and report that the country is better than was thought to have perished of cold and starvation. One rancher alone reports the recovery of eighty odd head which a friendly American gentleman fed all through the winter.

Work was begun this week on the new \$25,000 Bank of Commerce building and on the new post office.

FIERCE FIGHT IN ITALIAN QUARTER

Striking New York Longshoremen Attacked Strike Breakers and Many Were Hurt.

New York, May 8.—Not since the Brooklyn car riots has there been such street fighting on the other side of the river as happened tonight, when nearly 600 Italians and Poles joined in battle with the Italian quarter in Williamsburg.

Three patrolmen were seriously injured, and when their comrades had broken up the riot, thirty-five rioters had been sent to the Williamsburg Hospital and twelve more locked up in a police station.

Vain Effort to Shelter Strike Breakers
Under cover of darkness an attempt was made by the steamship lines to run their new men through the strikers' pickets to their homes. At a late hour a covered lighter with more than 300 strike-breakers from the Manhattan filled the streets at Metropolitan avenue. All was quiet as the lines were passed ashore, but lying in wait were striking longshoremen or sympathizers.

The strikers from the Havemeyer Sugar refinery, who had been paid off during the day, had reinforced the longshoremen until there were close to 300 lurking about the pier. When the strike-breakers were clear of the pier and it looked as though they were safely through the enemy's lines, men armed with clubs, pistols, and having stones and guns appeared. From the roofs came a volley of stones which poured down on the heads of the frightened Italians.

A Desperate Street Fight.
The Italians began to drop and the rest scurried to doorways, or backed up against trees or buildings, where they had a chance to defend themselves with knives and dirks. These are poor weapons against stones and clubs, and while the surgeons afterwards spent most of the night sewing up knife slashes, the strikers did great damage with their clubs and revolvers. Eight blocks away, at the sugar house, were four mounted patrolmen. Whistling for help, they charged into the thick of the riot and used their night sticks on the heads of everybody in sight.

A Hundred Men Injured.
Half a dozen policemen nearby were attracted by the firing and hurried to aid their fellow officers. One of these was knocked down by a cobbler stone, and before he could be rescued, half a dozen men had seriously injured him. Meanwhile ambulances and police reserves were hurried to the scene. They found a hundred men strewn on the ground. The patrolmen in three minutes had the rioters in flight. As they fled

the rioters virtually seized four trolley cars and carried off perhaps a hundred of their wounded companions. The police had twelve well battered prisoners and thirty-five injured. Two or three of them are in a critical condition. One policeman was dangerously and seriously injured.

MICHEL MINERS WILL NOT RETURN

To Work. They are Sore on Sherman and Demand Explanation of Some Things

Fernie, May 8.—Notwithstanding the fact that all the other miners have gone to work Michel miners still steadfastly refuse to return, stating as their reason that Mr. Sherman had it in his power during the Calgary conference to accept an agreement which would have benefited the men to a great extent, but that he later advised them to accept.

Instead of doing this he refused to sign the former agreement and promised that it was over to the power of the district board to accept any satisfactory agreement at Calgary conference, but that he was not offered to them, and claims that through the agreement that is now in force the men will benefit materially.

Interviewed today Mr. Sherman stated to your correspondent that he had no intention of going to Michel. The strike of the past few weeks has been great and he intends to take a few days' rest before commencing work again when he will leave for Lethbridge to make an agreement between the men and the operating company.

He further stated that the matter was Michel's purely personal one, and that he had no fear but a couple of days would see all men back to work in the camp. He denied further that it was the use of the power of the district board to accept any satisfactory agreement at Calgary conference, but that he was not offered to them, and claims that through the agreement that is now in force the men will benefit materially.

Society Women in Role of Nurses.
Zanesville, Ohio, May 8.—Owing to a clash of authority between the matron, Mrs. Mary Jamison and Dr. J. E. Holston at the city hospital, the entire force of nurses went on strike today. Eight of the society women of the city donned the caps of nurses and went to work waiting on the sick.

Legislation and Heredity.
Associated Press Despatch.
London, May 8.—Premier Campbell Bannerman, replying to a question in the House of Commons this afternoon, declined to undertake any explanation of the law proposed in legislation America prohibiting marriage unless the aspirants are certified to be free from any disease which may be transmissible to their children.

Another Cruiser for the West Indies.
London, May 8.—In view of recent rioting at the Island of St. Lucia, and the fact that a British warship was not available for relief purposes at the time of the earthquake at Kingston, the British Government has decided to send a second cruiser in the West Indies. The Scylla, a third class cruiser, having a speed of twenty miles an hour and a crew of 275, has been selected.

Another Fire at Hailybury.
Hailybury, Ont., May 8.—The silver district which was nearly wiped out by fire a few weeks ago, suffered another heavy loss today, seven business blocks opposite the Vendome Hotel being burned with a loss of \$20,000 and small insurance. The losses are: Trimley's bakery, D. John's assay office, A. J. Carson's grocery, A. P. Budd's drug store, Chinese restaurant and laundry and T. Nicholson's barber shop.

Scarcity of Mill Hands in Ottawa.
Ottawa, May 8.—Owing to scarcity of labor the milling companies of Ottawa are unable to work their mills to the full capacity. Many men usually employed in the mills of Ottawa district have gone to take up mining work in Cobalt district during the season. The E. B. Eddy Company need two hundred, and the Booth and other companies are similarly in need of labor.

Georgia Convention of Trainers.
Atlanta, Ga., May 8.—At the first session today of the convention of railway trainers, addresses were heard from M. R. Fuller, national legislative representative at Washington, and E. A. Burgess, Assistant Grand Chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Boy Killed by Electric Wire.
Belleville, Ont., May 7.—Robert Thompson, a 18-year-old boy caught hold today of a broken guy wire that dangled across the feed wire of the Trenton Electric company, and was instantly killed.

Suicide at Ottawa.
Ottawa, May 8.—Wildham Butler, 55 years old, a government employee, was found hanging from a rafter in a shed on Russell road. It was a case of suicide.

Copper Market Dull.
Boston, Mass., May 8.—The copper stock market was dull and featureless. The close showed a slight shading of the best prices of the day.

Gift for Jamaica.
Associated Press Despatch.
London, May 8.—The British government has decided to make Jamaica a gift of \$750,000, and to guarantee them a loan of \$4,000,000 to assist the inhabitants of Kingston to recover from the effects of the recent earthquake.

Political Program in Ohio.
Cincinnati, Ohio, May 8.—W. H. Taft for president, J. B. Foraker for United States senator, and J. A. Harris for Governor in the program advised today by George B. Cox, former republican leader in Hamilton County, in an interview with the Associated Press.

Reporters from Columbus and Washington had described Mr. Cox as engaged in negotiations looking to a compromise between the Taft and the Foraker forces, but Mr. Cox denied such allegation.

Carnegie Will Recruit at Skibo.
New York, May 8.—Andrew Carnegie, accompanied by his wife and daughter, sailed on the White Star steamer Baltic for Europe, where he will seek to recover from his recent illness. Mr. Carnegie and his family will go direct to Skibo castle, Scotland, where he may remain the entire summer.

Mr. Carnegie broke his habit of giving an interview on his annual departure and sent out word that he could not be seen on this occasion. Henry M. Rogers, vice-president of the Standard Oil company, and his wife, also sailed on the Baltic. A later despatch states that the Baltic is aground off Sandy Hook. The fog is very heavy in that vicinity and the only possible communication with the steamer is by wireless telegraphy.

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ASKED FOR DELAY.

Canadian Publishers Do Not Like New Postal Convention.

Ottawa, May 8.—A delegation from the Canadian Press association is here to-day and will meet Postmaster General Lemieux to present this afternoon resolutions passed at a meeting of the executive of the association at Toronto in reference to the new postal convention between Canada and the United States, which went into operation to-day.

The resolutions asked for delay in putting the convention into effect. This, however, cannot be granted as the United States would not consent to any delay. The resolution also asked that the department give publishers stamped wrappers for single newspapers by paying for the cost of the stamps, and also for certain reduction in domestic rates on newspapers.

The delegation comprises J. T. Clarke of Saturday Night; J. F. McKay, Toronto Globe; H. B. Donley, Simcoe Reformer, and C. W. Young, Cornwall Free Holder. It is understood that Mr. Lemieux is willing to do whatever he possibly can to meet the views of the delegates in regard to local places, but the convention cannot be interfered with.

HAYWOOD'S TRIAL WILL PROCEED

First Evidence Will be Taken Tomorrow. Judge Wood Clears the Way.

Boise City, Idaho, May 8.—By overruling to-day the motion of the defense for a bill particularly setting forth what overalls, if any, there were to connect those accused with the murder of former Governor Frank Steunenberg, Judge Fremont Wood of the district court of Ada county, cleared the way for the trial of William D. Haywood, secretary of the Western Federation of Miners, and it will begin to-morrow morning. Judge Wood held that the request of Haywood's counsel for an explicit statement of charges against the prisoners came too late, regardless of whether it might have been learned at an earlier stage of proceedings.

In cases wherein bills of particulars are allowable Judge Wood, who has been conducting the preliminary trials of the accused miners, declared that the actions must be made before the indictments are pleaded and before the cases are set for trial.

Haywood is the first of four men accused of complicity in the Steunenberg murder to be tried. The others, Meyer, Pettibone and Orchard, the last of whom is said to have made a confession, will be tried as circumstances dictate, following the completion of proceedings against Haywood.

Salvation Army Refuses Money From Suit.
Montreal, May 7.—The Salvation Army declines to accept any money arising out of the slander action instituted by Norman Murray against Dr. Torrey. Murray made Dr. Torrey pay costs in connection with his threatened action for libel, but the Salvation Army announced his intention of giving what was left over to the Salvation Army. This turns out to have been \$2. The local head of the Army wrote stating that under other circumstances they would have been glad to accept the gift, but as it was part of the fruits of a dispute between him and Dr. Torrey they felt bound to return it.

Newfoundland Fishermen Will Appeal to Privy Council.
St. John's, Nfld., May 7.—The Supreme Court of Newfoundland today gave a majority decision upholding the colonial government in its contentions respecting the so-called Bay of Islands fishing in which the right of Newfoundland fishermen to be employed by owners of American vessels within the three mile limit, was involved. Sir James Winter, counsel for the colonial fishermen concerned in the case, notified the court, after the decision had been given in the case, that he intended to make an appeal to the privy council of Great Britain.

Engineer Dies From Injuries.
Portage la Prairie, May 8.—Daniel McDonald, C. P. R. engineer, resident of Anbury street, died this afternoon from injuries received in a wreck at the depot.

The unfortunate engineer was in charge of the wrecking train which was going through to the scene of Saturday's wreck. A switch engine was at work in the yards and the men left one of the switches open. Into this the engine of the wrecking train plunged. The train hands jumped but McDonald hanging from a rafter in the head being badly crushed. He was taken to the hospital and died an hour later.

The remainder of the crew are not seriously hurt, and the damage to rolling stock was not heavy.

Neil Edwards Guilty of Forgery.
Chatham, May 8.—Neil Edwards, a farmer of Wardsville, pleaded guilty to forgery before Judge Dowling. He was remanded for a week for sentence. He represented himself as James Glasgow at the Merchants' Bank in Bothwell, Ont., and disclosed accounts of several farmers' checks for \$348.73.

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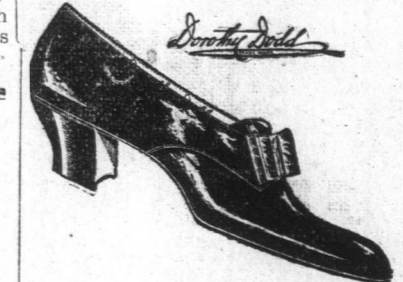
TROUBLE IN GETTING TEAM-STEERS.

The city coal dealers report great difficulty in getting teamsters to haul coal from the mines to the city. There are now large amounts at the mine shafts awaiting transportation, but it is impossible especially during the present week to get it to the city. As a result, the coal dealers are unable to supply the immediate demand, and will not agree to furnish coal sooner than two or three days after the orders are received.

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