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TWO HUNDRED ARE ENTOMBED BY BIG MINE EXPLOSION TWENTY-FIVE DEAD

Signals Exchanged With Bottom Seam Where Majority of Miners Are Safe—Cause of Disaster, Fire-damp.

Durham, England, Oct. 15.—As a result of an explosion in the Wingate colliery, near here, at about midnight last night, 250 miners have been killed and 200 are entombed temporarily. It is fortunate that only a small portion of the thousand men employed in the mine were down when the explosion occurred.

The cause is supposed to have been fire-damp. The explosion was one of terrific force, and in Wingate Town many windows were broken.

Immediately the news of the disaster became known crowds of half-clad persons were rushing towards the mines and there were heartrending scenes at the mouth of the pit among those whose loved ones were below.

At daylight signals had been exchanged with the bottom seam, where a majority of the men were entombed to the effect that they were safe, and with this message a sense of relief passed over the crowd of anxious relatives waiting at the mouth. As the morning advanced, the bodies of dead men slowly were brought up. The first dead to appear were mostly old men who had been employed as shifters and stonemen. The work of rescue was continued through the day.

Eighty men were brought out alive. Many of these, however, were in a critical condition and unconscious. Later supplies of coffee and sandwiches were passed into those still entombed.

At a late hour to-night, to the joy of their relatives, four men were brought up from the lower seam, where the deaths had occurred. These men had been reckoned among the dead. Altogether they were exhausted they probably will recover.

The shaft is still blocked with wreckage, but the ventilation is good, and it is hoped that all the entombed men will be rescued during the night.

BALLOON RACE ENDED.

Fourteen Out of Seventeen Reported, Winner Going 200 Miles.

Berlin, Oct. 15.—Fourteen of the seventeen balloons which started from Tegel, near here, yesterday, in the race for Emperor William's cup, have been reported landed.

It appears to be certain at this moment that the Ernst, the smallest of the balloons, 680 cubic metres, of the Berlin Air Navigation Society, Dr. Brockelmann, has won the contest, it landed at Brieg, Austria, 200 miles away.

COAXING AUSTRALIA.

German Paper Advocates Suspension of Frozen Meat Prohibition.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.) London, Oct. 15.—The Cologne Gazette advocates the suspension of the prohibition of the importation of Australian frozen meat into Germany, provided the commonwealth will refrain from according a preference to Britain and as the best means of inducing the commonwealth to accord the most favored nation terms to Germany.

TWO DIE ON PERUVIAN.

British Steamer Reports Illness From Ptomaline Poisoning

Queenstown, Oct. 15.—The British steamer Peruvian, Captain Mason, from Penarth for Boston, put in here today and reported having two men dead and four men sick on board.

The deaths are alleged to be due to ptomaine poisoning, but the vessel will be detained here pending an investigation by the port authorities.

IMPORTATIONS FROM CANADA.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.) London, Oct. 15.—Twenty thousand five hundred and fifty-three more sheep, 748 less of sheep, 148 less of cattle were imported into Liverpool from American and Canadian ports last week.

If you consider experience in manufacture ours is the oldest in Canada. The Dalsey.

Harper, Customs Broker, 5 Melind Ave. OPINION OF CANADA. (Canadian Associated Press Cable.) London, Oct. 15.—The Leader says Laurier's opinion on home rule without doubt is the opinion of Canada, and all the self-governing colonies.

UP TO THE AUTHORITIES WITHOUT EXPENSE TO SHAREHOLDERS TO BEGIN A PROSECUTION

Agreement Formally Signed After Futile Endeavor by Ontario President to Arrange to Have the Small Shareholders Paid Off at Once—Advisory Board of Bankers Appointed.

MCGILL TELLS OF LONG FIGHT TO MAKE THE BANK A SUCCESS

The formal agreement transferring the assets of the Ontario Bank to the Bank of Montreal was engrossed and signed at the head office of the bank, Scott and Wellington-streets, at 9 o'clock last night.

The board of directors of the Ontario Bank were in session yesterday afternoon with representatives of the Bank of Montreal, and it was decided that in the best interests of the shareholders, and as supplementing the agreement with the Bank of Montreal, a curator and an advisory board should be appointed by the Canadian Bankers' Association under the Bank Act of 1900 to co-operate with the directors of the Ontario Bank.

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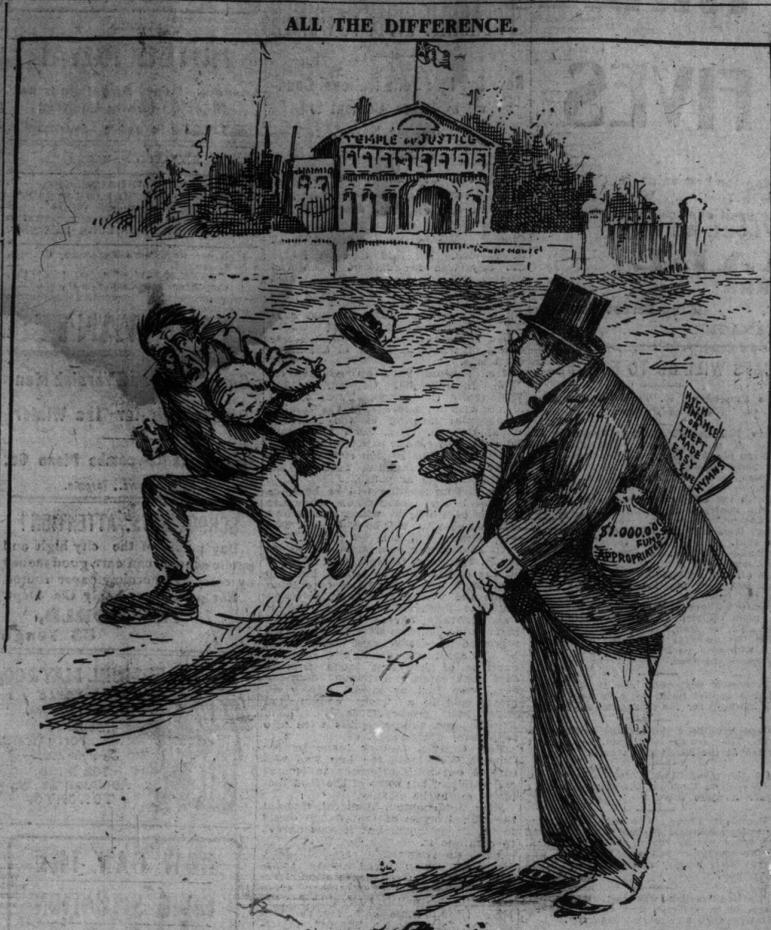
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High Financial Crook: "What you afraid of? They don't arrest me for stealing." Petty Purloiner: "But I've taken a loaf of bread."

NINETY-FIVE PER CENT. OF SUN LIFE'S PROFITS GOES TO POLICYHOLDERS

The Other Five Per Cent. of the Compensation to the Shareholder—Insurance Commission Resumes at Montreal With President MacAuley on Stand.

The insurance commission resumed at Montreal. President MacAuley of the Sun Life mentioned the investments permitted by the general insurance act, and outlined the policy of the company with respect to the division of profits.

The present proportion is 5 per cent. of actual realized profits to the shareholder and 95 per cent. to the policyholder. The former proportion was 6-2-3 and 93-1-3 per cent.

What was the reason of this increase—Montreal generosity? asked Mr. Shepley.

No, it was liberal disposition on the part of the board of directors," Montreal, Oct. 15.—(Special.)—The fact that the Sun Life Company has increased the proportion paid to its policyholders out of profits in the last few years was the subject of a prolonged discussion before the insurance commission this afternoon.

Commissioner Kent ended the controversy by suggesting the mutualization of the company, and President R. MacAuley and Secretary T. E. MacAuley were witnesses.

President Robertson MacAuley was the first witness called this morning. He testified that some parties had a plank inserted covering their beliefs, but were bitterly opposed by leading labor men.

After a bitter fight the socialists withdrew from the meeting and decided to form a party of their own. The labor men decided to oppose J. H. Ashdown for mayor and put up a candidate, not only for mayor but for aldermanic positions.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO. Oct. 16. McMaster University field sports, 2. The bounds, Heydon House, Carlton, 3. F. B. Girdlestone speaks on "Transportation," Board of Trade, 4. Victoria College charter day exercises, 5. Brotherhood of St. Andrew, local assembly, Church of the Messiah School, home, 8 p.m. Ontario County Old Boys' banquet at Hamar Greenwood, M.L., St. Charles, 8. Princess-E. S. Willard in "Col. Newcome," 8. Grand-Andrew Mack in "Arahan-Na-Pome," 8.15. Majestic—"Secrets of the Police," 2.15, 8.15. Shea's-Vanderbilt, 2.15, 8.15. Star-Burlesque, 2.15, 8.15.

HE MADE NO CONTRIBUTION BUT PAID "EXPENSES" OF FOUR WORKERS

President White of Ottawa an Interesting Witness in London Bribery Case—Is Led Into Admitting Payments to Ottawa Quartet.

The lengthy examination to which James White, contractor of Ottawa, and prominent in party organization there as president of the Liberal Association, was subjected by Mr. DuVerney in the London bribery case yesterday, was an apparent effort to get an answer to the pertinent query of "Where did the money come from?"

The results may be briefly summed up as the establishing of the fact that whereas Mr. White went to London with several hundred dollars in his possession, he returned with his finances in a depleted condition; that he personally paid the railway fares to London of four election workers and tenders, also payment for their hotel bills in London with a sum of money; that, so far as the recollection of the witness went, might have been anywhere from \$200 to \$400. What was more, he handed the bulk sum to one of the quartet, and had no personal knowledge as to whether or not the money was actually applied to the defraying of the bills referred to.

One of the four was stated to be a customs broker named Higginson, another, Stewart, a member of the railway commission staff, and a third, McGraw, is an alderman of Ottawa. Mr. DuVerney intimated that one of the four, presumably Higginson, to whom witness believed he advanced the expense money, will be subpoenaed to give evidence.

Mr. White, in replying to questions touching his share in contributing to the campaign fund, was taken to task by Magistrate Denison for the evasive nature of his answers, in disclaiming having made any such contribution, and it was then elicited that while the contractor had not made any direct contribution, he had "staked" the quartet from Ottawa, a mention of whom had hitherto been avoided.

Another feature of the day was the continued absence of William Spence, sr., whom it is desired to examine in events leading up to his being suspended in his post of deputy returning officer in the Ontario election. Mr. DuVerney expressed a belief that Spence had left the country, in which the magistrate concurred.

The result of the time was taken up with the deposition of voters who had "got theirs." A stumbling block was struck, however, in one Kallender, who had factually contradicted the evidence of Collins as to having been paid for voting for Hyman. A fresh

Continued on Page 3. STEAMER ASHORE. North Sydney, N.S., Oct. 15.—(Special.)—The Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co. have received word that the steamer Polino is ashore forty miles below Quebec, and is a total loss. She struck a large rock, now small.

The Norwegian bark, Vialas is reported a total loss at Port Au Basque. No particulars were given.

KILLED IN MINE. Glace Bay, N.S., Oct. 15.—(Special.)—George Sloan, white, a driver in the Hub colliery, was killed today in the mine. He whipped up his horse when a box of coal got off the track and, striking a large timber, was hurled to his death.

INST. JOHN'S WAD. First Citizen: From reading Mistah Co's ball in de papers, Ie abt concluin' he's de greatest banish in de world.

Second Dito: Sash! He talks about de bank bein' in such great shape dat de public mind is tumblin' with usef' to buy de stock. It makes me think of his speeches in McBride's Hall in de old days.

FINE AND WARM. Lower Lakes, Georgian Bay, Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Light to moderate winds; fine and warm.

THE BAROMETER. Time. Ther. Bar. Winds. 8 a.m. 49 29.98 calm. Noon. 50 29.98 calm. 2 p.m. 50 29.98 calm. 4 p.m. 50 29.98 calm. 10 p.m. 50 29.98 calm.

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