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President's Statement

D. McNicoll Gives the Company's Side of the Strike Situation.

Offer Was Made That Unions Act as Conciliation Committee.

Men Ordered Out at an Hour's Notice to Embarrass Employers.

Montreal, March 10.—Mr. D. McNicoll, second vice-president and general manager of the Canadian Pacific railway, being interviewed today in connection with the strike of the employees at Vancouver, said: "The strike among our employees at Vancouver and Winnipeg has arisen through the suspension of one of our employees for irregularity. No notice was given us, and the strike was called at an hour intended to embarrass the company. The services of the other orders were offered as a conciliation committee, but were rejected by the strikers. The offer of a commission to investigate the alleged grievances was also rejected by them. This organization, the United Brotherhood of Railway Employees, is the one which caused the Canadian Northern railway trouble in Winnipeg last season, and their leader, Mr. Estes of San Francisco, failing there, is making another trial in British Columbia, under the ridiculous cry that we are endeavoring to down unionism. Our position towards our employees is too well known for this to have any effect. Promises of promotion and salary increases have been made by the strikers to clerks to divulge confidential information regarding the company's affairs. As this order accepts employees in any branch of the service, including members of other orders, they have induced a few having contracts with the company to break them, and are unsuccessfully trying to get more. All told, there are about two to three hundred employees on strike, and we are rapidly filling their places. The position of the Canadian Pacific towards its employees is today what it has always been. Every employee knows that any grievance he may have will be carefully considered by them.

THE STRIKE AT CALGARY.

Divisional Superintendent and Station Master Busy Handling the Baggage.

Calgary, March 10.—Fourteen members of the U. B. R. E. are on strike here. This includes all men in the freight office, all the men in the baggage department, and one of the two ticket clerks. The freight office and the baggage office is absolutely empty. Mr. John Niblock, superintendent of the division, and Mr. R. Reading, station master, are busy handling the baggage. Mr. Niblock says he expects some men some time during the day.

NO TROUBLE IN WINNIPEG.

Merchants Say Strike Causes Them Very Little Inconvenience

Winnipeg, March 10.—Manitoba merchants suffered very little inconvenience today owing to the U. B. R. E. strike of freight handlers, as freight was delivered as usual. Several foreign laborers were engaged at the sheds and the clerks were at work. The men here are saying very little as the strike is directed from Vancouver.

CONDEMNS THE ARREST.

Toronto Globe Bitterly Resents Treatment of Canadian Girl by U. S.

Toronto, March 10.—Today's Globe, in reference to the arrest of Miss Hutchinson, of London, Ontario, in Buffalo, says: "If the United States chanced to be a weak power our indignation at the torture of a Canadian girl by the Buffalo police would boil over. It is fortunate for Venezuela and the Republic of Liberia that event happened outside their territory."

DEATH OF J. A. WEBSTER.

Old and Respected Citizen of Royal City Passes Away.

New Westminster, March 10.—The death occurred here this morning of J. A. Webster, one of the Royal City's old residents. Deceased was a native of England, and came here in 1860 with his brother James, who was then a prominent merchant of Victoria, having his place of business on lower Yates street. He was a member of the first municipal council of New Westminster, and kept a large store. Some years subsequently, with the late H. V. Edmonds, he embarked in an extensive real estate transaction and became one of the original syndicate to start what is now the B. C. Electric Railway Company. He was also father of the Yukon Northern Railway idea. Deceased has been in poor health for over a year, and never seemed the same since losing his wife last October, and at last succumbed to grip.

WITH THE ROYALTIES.

Duke of Cumberland Will Not Meet His Majesty of Germany at Present.

Copenhagen, March 11—The Duke and Duchess of Cumberland have decided not to await the arrival of the Emperor William of Germany, who is expected at the beginning of next month. They will return to Gmunden shortly. The reason given for their departure from Copenhagen is the health of their youngest son. The coming departure of the Duke of Cumberland from Copenhagen would seem to dispose of the report received from the Danish Capital March 9 that a reconciliation was about to be effected between Emperor William and the Duke, on the basis of the latter renouncing his right to the throne of Hanover.

PREPARING FOR THE SESSION.

Montreal, March 11.—The result of the conferences that C. M. Hays and William Wainwright have just concluded with Premier Laurier in anticipation of the session that opens tomorrow with regard to the proposed Grand Trunk Railway Pacific scheme are that a land grant, subject to certain conditions, will be made, and if the Canadian Northern is secured, a guarantee of bonds will be given. The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company will be organized at once. The first president will be Hon. Geo. A. Cox, of Toronto. Mr. James Ross will go on the board of directors, and may yet accept the office of vice-president. The Grand Trunk railway will take 55 to 60 per cent. of the stock of the new company.

REVOLUTION IN CHINA.

Encounter Between Imperial Troops and Boxers.

Pekin, March 10.—Yuan Shi Kai, the former governor of Chih-li province, having been informed that Boxer organization was resuming activity in the Eastern part of the province, despatched troops, who discovered that members of the society, well armed, were drilling at night in a town a hundred miles East of Pekin. The Boxers were dispersed after a dozen of them and several soldiers had been killed. Yuan Shi Kai ordered the prisoners to be beheaded and their heads displayed in public, and issued a proclamation imposing the death penalty on members of the organization.

A HERO REWARDED.

Handsome Bonus to Railroad Fireman Who Saved Many Lives.

Everett, March 9.—(Special)—R. D. Abbott, the fireman who backed the stalled passenger train out of Cascade tunnel several weeks ago, when passengers and train crew were overcome by gas from the locomotive, has been awarded $1,000 in cash by the company, as a reward for his courage and presence of mind.

Abbott's action probably saved the lives of everybody on the train. He is now running out of Leavenworth.

C.P.R. Strikers Remain Firm

Company Offers to Arbitrate One Way and the Men Propose Another.

Full Staff of Clerks at Work and Ample Coal Supplies.

Vancouver, March 10.—The U. B. R. E., out on strike on the C. P. R., are still firm in their determination to demand recognition as a union, and the company are as firm in their stand not to concede anything heretofore refused. The Brotherhood suggest arbitration, they selecting one, the C. P. R. selecting one, and the two selecting a third. The wholesale merchants and members of the Board of Trade have held three meetings with the Teamster's union to endeavor to induce them to move freight in the C. P. R. sheds, as a blockade of freight was very seriously interfering with business. The master draymen endeavored also to induce the men to stand by their contract not to quit work for one year until wages were in dispute. The teamsters, however, could not be induced to move freight. The committee from the council appointed to act as mediators have succeeded in doing nothing. Mr. Marpole informed a committee man that the matter was out of his hands; that suggestions must now be made to Montreal. The U. B. R. E. informed them that the strike would be over when the C. P. R. recognized their union. The barge Transfer arrived with 24 cars of coal today for local consumption, when her crew was called out by the Steamboatmen's union.

In Mr. Marpole's statement today he says: "We have a full staff of clerks, checkers and truckers and we have over three months of coal supply on hand." Mr. Marpole points out that the company have offered to allow representatives from other unions of the company to arbitrate the dispute and he considers that no fairer proposition could be made. He says that Mr. Estes dare not give publicity to his reason for refusing this offer. Mr. Marpole accuses Estes of trying his utmost to create mischief and damage among other unions for his personal ends and ambition. That he had failed to succeed with his hybrid institution, the U. B. R. E. on the Southern Pacific, right at his own home, and when organizing the institution in Chicago, the Federation of Labor had passed a resolution that the United Brotherhood was not a recognized labor organization.

SAILORS' HARD LUCK STORY.

Wrecked on Venezuelan Coast and Are Detained by Troops.

Willamstadt, Curacao, March 10.—The crew of the Porto Rican schooner Rapido, wrecked on the Venezuelan coast, have arrived here. After the Rapido was wrecked the crew of the vessel, humbering five, gained the shore, from which they took three days to reach Port Coro. They had to trudge through an inhospitable country without food or water, while the revolutionists whom they encountered on their way threatened them and robbed them of their money and clothing, in spite of their protests that they were shipwrecked American sailors. They then met with the government troops, who detained them and made the sailors follow them. The shipwrecked men were finally released, and the United States consular agent at Coro had them forwarded here on the Venezuelan sloop Linda. The consul here has given them relief and their passage to Porto Rico.

THE CHESS TOURNAMENT.

Games Continued at Monte Carlo Yesterday.

Monte Carlo, March 10.—In the 8th of the second half of the chess tournament today, Wolf beat Moreau, Ruy Lopez opg. in 24 moves; Taubenhaus beat Schlechter, Ruy Lopez opg. in 27 moves; Marco beat Reggio, Giuoco Piano in 37 moves, and Teichmann beat Albin, French defence, in 47 moves. The other three games were adjourned. When the playing was resumed Tarrasch beat Marshall, Queen's Gambit, declined in 35 moves. The Mieses Mason game, French defence, was drawn in 75 moves. The contest between Marczy and Pillsbury, Ruy Lopez opg also resulted in a draw in 34 moves.

KLONDIKER IS SWINDLED.

Chicago, March 8.—(Special.)—Charles Keck, a returned miner from the Klondike, was swindled out of $500 today by a gang of confidence men, who enduced him to a room on Clarke street where a game called "marbles" was played.

The police are of the opinion that Keck's expected arrival in Chicago was telegraphed ahead to members of the gang in this city by a confederate at Seattle. On his arrival here this morning it is supposed he was followed to a hotel by two men who soon engaged him in conversation at the bar.

The strangers told Keck how they had won $1,500 at the game of "marbles." They showed large rolls of money to convince the man from the Klondike of the truth of their story.

Keck was invited to the room where the game was in progress. One of the strangers tried his luck and won $500. It was all so easy that Keck took a hand in the game, loosing $500.

EXTENSION MINE TO CLOSE

Orders Are Given To Miners To Take Out All Tools At End of Month And News Causes Unbounded Dismay Throughout The District.

Men Hold Mass Meeting and Decide to Join Western Federation of Miners but at the Same Time Decline to Ask for Increased Pay.

Nanaimo, March 10.—Like a bolt from the blue the following notice posted at Ladysmith today, caused consternation throughout this district:

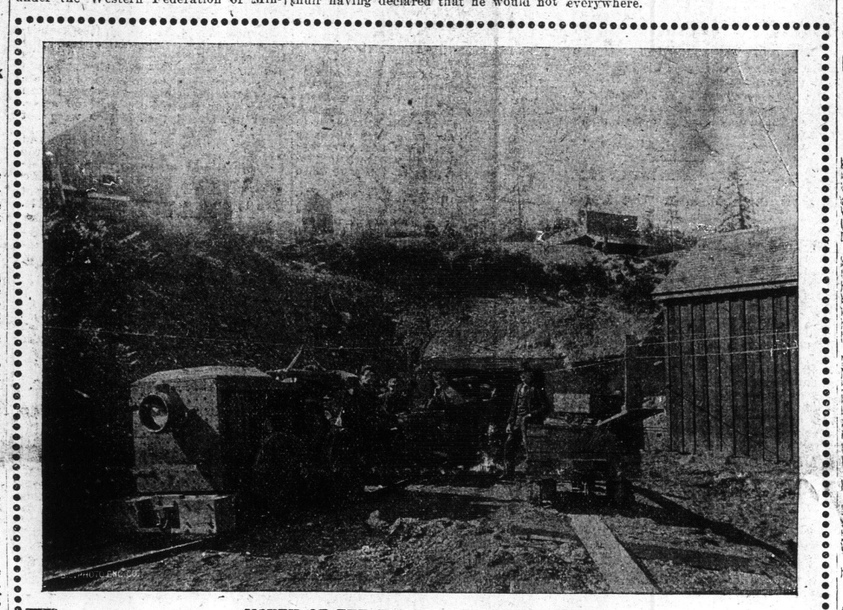
"From the first of April, 1903, Extension mines will be closed down. All workmen are requested to return their tools to the storekeeper at Extension.

(Sgd.) "JAMES DUNSMUIR,
"President."

Last Sunday the miners held a mass meeting at Ladysmith and voted down a proposition to ask for a 15 per cent. increase of pay; but passed a resolution that they would organize as a union under the Western Federation of Miners, which the Nanaimo miners recently joined. Steps were taken to invite the official from headquarters in Denver to come over and settle the formalities.

No communication was made to the Wellington Colliery Company respecting the matter, but the men supposed that President Dunsmuir became aware of the circumstances, as no other reason is known for closing the mine at this time, in face of the best demand for coal, for several years. No reason, however, has been given and no information is obtainable from the officials so far. Fifteen months ago the Alexandra miners attempted to form an amalgamation with the Nanaimo men, Mr. Dunsmuir having declared that he would not permit his men to join any other organization, although willing to allow them to organize among themselves. The Alexandra mine was closed down at once and has not been re-opened since.

One thousand men will be thrown out of work and the thriving town of Ladysmith, where the men all live, will receive a serious check. That the stoppage is not merely temporary is shown by orders to the men to take their tools out, which is never done owing to short cessation of operations. Coming, as it does, immediately after the Nanaimo settlement, when prospects seemed good for a prosperous year in the Island collieries, the news has spread dismay everywhere.



MOUTH OF THE TUNNEL, EXTENSION MINE.

Day's Happening In Vancouver

Lawyers Claim Partnership in Cannery and a Dispute Arises.

Special Constable Rebuked and Fined By Police Magistrate.

Vancouver, March 10.—D. Sullivan, special policeman of the C. P. R., was today fined $10 and the costs—bill for striking D. Robertson, a logger, with his club. Police Magistrate Russell thought that Sullivan had exceeded his duty as constable, and his action in striking Robertson constituted assault.

An interesting lawsuit is in progress in Vancouver before Justice Irving, in which Jos. Martin and Ernest J. Deacon are claiming to be partners of Chas. Windsor in the cannery business conducted by Mr. Windsor. Mr. Windsor directly denies that the plaintiffs are partners.

The Canadian Manufacturers after their convention in Toronto in August, will proceed to British Columbia by special excursion, staying several days in Victoria and Vancouver. Thursday week the B. C. branch of the association will meet in Vancouver to discuss the duty question as it affects local industries.

The Seattle Yacht club through Mr. Erickson, has at last answered the protestation of the Vancouver club at being required to build racers for the international race that cannot be converted into cruisers owing to small size. Mr. Erickson says that it would not be fair to the Victoria club to increase the size of boats, when Victoria has racers already built. It is feared Vancouver will not consent to build a 15-foot boat that is too small to convert into a cruiser.

A number of industrial companies have applied for foreshore rights in North Vancouver for the purpose of establishing concerns along the waterfront. In one instance, the case of a projected shingle mill, a definite undertaking was offered that the mill would be established if the rights were granted. In every other case no guarantee was offered, and the North Vancouver Council consequently declined to give up valuable foreshore rights without such an undertaking. One of the concerns which desired to locate on the foreshore was a sardine factory. The company in this case offered to employ 50 hands. The council entered into negotiations with the company, but nothing definite has been done. The number of applications for foreshore rights, however, are so numerous that the corporation would soon be left without any waterfront if they yielded to all the requests for these valuable privileges.

Another big sawmill is going up on False Creek, according to Capt. McLeod, who says that a short time ago Mr. A. Macrae consulted him about foreshore privileges on False Creek, informing him at the same time that he contemplated erecting on False Creek a saw mill and shingle mill of about the same capacity as the Pacific Coast lumber mills. Capt. McLeod states that he informed Mr. Macrae that his proper course was to compile plans of the proposed mills and submit them to Ottawa.

T. O. Townley stated yesterday that he had not reconsidered his resignation and was simply waiting until the government appointed some one to take his place.

The first definite move towards the acquisition of iron properties on the Mainland of British Columbia took place yesterday, when an option was signed by persons representing English capital for an iron property up the coast for $25,000, payments to be made within short periods until the entire sum was paid. The purchasers, while acknowledging the transaction, asked to have their names withheld for the present. The option was signed at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and the transaction is a most promising indication that at last the valuable iron deposits of British Columbia are being seriously and earnestly considered with a view of purchase, and the ultimate and necessary establishment of foundaries and rolling mills.

There is no trace whatever of the mysterious robbery of registered letters from the Van Anda mail. In the meantime the postministress at Van Anda declares that the bank bills, securely enclosed in the envelopes, were placed by herself in the mail bag and locked up in the larger bag. It is usual for those in charge of post offices to give bonds as security in cases of loss, but postmasters are not held responsible for stolen money until the case has been thoroughly investigated. In this instance, when the bag was opened in the Vancouver office, five post office clerks happened to be close by, and all say that the bag was empty. As either way bill or registered letters must be in the bag, and there was neither, it was known at once that something was wrong. Post office officials here think that some one must have got hold of the post office keys, opened the bags, took the money out and replaced the keys in their proper place.

Six thousand seven hundred and fifty names have been recorded on the provincial voters' list, so that 250 names will have to be recorded before the 20th to make 7,000, which Mr. Cunningham, collector of votes, prophesied he would get.

Mr. Balfour Ker, councillor of North Vancouver, states that it is not likely that the council will entertain the proposition of the private corporation to hand over their franchise for the present ferry to that company with the understanding that they will put on another boat. In the first proposition the company agreed to hand over a certain amount of their capital to the corporation under certain conditions, with the understanding, however, that the stock of the company could be increased at the company's will. Neither of these propositions were acceptable to the corporation. It is, however, very desirable that the ferry system should be improved, and the corporation will do its best to improve it.

The Tourist Association has issued a very handsome pamphlet profusely illustrated, advertising Vancouver. Six hundred of these pamphlets have already been mailed.

J. McGill, the lineman on Cameron Lake, also killed two wolves a few weeks ago, a grey and a black one. The latter is a splendid specimen.

Wm. Woodley, the Alberni mail stage driver has sold out his interest to Mr. Pendray Harris, from Nanaimo. The latter took over the business last week.

Army Estimates In Commons

War Secretary Declares Government Prepared to Fight For Increase.

Thirty Thousand Additional Men Will Be Asked For.

London, March 10.—In the House of Commons today in committee of the whole, the debate on the army estimates was commenced. War Secretary Brodrick began by flatly announcing the government's intention to fight it out on the proposition to make the establishment 235,761 men of all ranks as being a question of an efficient force, notwithstanding the attack made on it from both sides of the House of Parliament. The Empire's demands were ever increasing, and the proposed establishment would not be found excessive for the colonies, frontiers, and for defence, in the event of the country being called upon to defend the frontiers, which was always liable to occur.

After a short debate on the amendment to reduce the establishment by 27,000 men, the discussion was adjourned.

For the year 1902-03 the total regular army, Home and Colonial, is given as 205,430. Including Imperial Yeomanry, 16,730 and enlisted volunteers, 5,400, the actual numbers on January 1, 1902, were 322,263.

ROYAL ANNIVERSARY.

Customary Salutes Fired and Other Demonstrations in London.

London, March 10.—The 40th anniversary of the marriage of King Edward and Queen Alexandra was celebrated today with the customary firing of salutes and ringing of bells. Their Majesties received telegrams of congratulations from public bodies. There will be a ball tonight at Buckingham in honor of the occasion.

MARCONI READY FOR BUSINESS

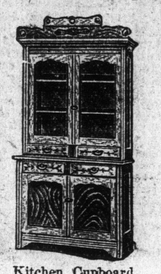
Will Transmit Messages as Soon as English Line Is Fixed.

Toronto, March 10.—A London cable says: Postmaster-General Austen Chamberlain has acceded to the request of Marconi to connect the station at Poldhu with the nearest telegraph office, two miles distant, thus establishing a continuous communication. Marconi says that wherever the post office is prepared to receive messages at offices he is ready to transmit them to Canada.

ROYAL CITY TANNERY.

New Westminster, March 10.—Reichenback Bros., butchers, have formed into a joint stock concern with enlarged capital, will now install a large cold storage plant and go extensively into the tannery business and buy largely of hides to control the local market.

DOMESTIC FURNITURE



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VICTORIA, B. C

Government as Mediators

Premier Offers Service as Conciliation Committee at Vancouver.

Merchants Notified to Remove Freight But Teamsters Are Obdurate.

Vancouver, March 11.—The most important development in the strike situation is the offer of Hon. E. G. Prior to allow any or all the members of the government to arbitrate the questions in dispute. Mr. Prior has written to the C. P. R. and the U. B. R. E. To the latter he said:

"S. Garnham, Esq., Vancouver Division, Secretary U. B. R. E.—Dear Sir: I see by the papers that the efforts of the Vancouver Board of Trade to bring about a settlement of the deplorable conditions between the U. B. R. E. and the C. P. R. have not been crowned with success.

"As a continuance of the trouble is bound to result in a great loss to the business men and others, in Vancouver in particular, and the province generally, and as it will also militate greatly against the development of the resources of the province by outside capital, I write to ask if there is any use in offering the services of the members of the provincial government or any of them to act as an arbitration board on this dispute?

"I should be very glad to do anything in my power to try and bring about a satisfactory settlement, and trust that you will receive this offer in the same spirit in which it is sent.

"I am going up the line today, and will be back Friday.

"Yours truly,
"E. G. PRIOR,
"Premier of B. C."

No answer has been given yet by either party to Mr. Prior's offer. The C. P. R. has notified the business men that they must remove their freight accumulating on the wharf at once. This cannot be done without teamsters, and the teamsters are still on strike.

Mr. Marpole has issued no statement today. The City Council has received a letter from the U. B. R. E., asking them to take immediate action regarding substitute employees arriving here from Seattle in alleged violation of the alien law. Wharf hands of Evans & Coleman's wharf refused to unload freight loaded on flat cars from the steamship Empress of India.

It was reported tonight that the Charmer would be tied up at her own port tonight, the steamboat union ordering the crew out in sympathy with the U. B. R. E.

In the case of Martin and Deacon v. Charles Windsor, in which the plaintiffs asked the court to be declared partners as Malcolm refused to so declare them, and to divide profits, the court declared that Martin and Deacon were partners, and ordered an accounting.

Steamer Princess May arrived tonight from Skagway after an uneventful voyage. In Skagway, when the steamer left, the weather was clear and cold with no snow. There were 15 passengers on board. Among them were N. W. Watson, private secretary of the superintendent of the White Pass; H. Schmidt, Victoria; T. J. Braemer, Victoria, and E. S. Busby, collector of customs, Dawson. The steamer left for Victoria at 9 o'clock.

EPIDEMIC OF SMALLPOX.

Widespread and Rapidly Increasing in Island of Trinidad.

St. Thomas, D. W. I., March 11.—Dr. Bridger, who has been commissioned by the authorities of the island of Barbadoes to investigate the eruptive fever prevailing in the island of Trinidad, reports that it is a widespread and rapidly increasing epidemic of smallpox.

LEADING NEW YORKER DEAD.

Former President of Produce Exchange Dies Suddenly.

New York, March 11.—J. Hobart Herrick, former president of the Produce Exchange, who was stricken with apoplexy in the Union League Club last night, died today. Mr. Herrick fell over the railing of a staircase and dropped two and one-half stories.

IN THE REICHSTAG.

Centre Party Objects to Combine to Raise Price of Arms.

Berlin, March 11.—Before the budget committee of the Reichstag today, Herr Mueller, of the Centre party, said a combine of manufacturers of arms was being formed with the object of raising prices. The committee made cuts amounting to $1,130,000, chiefly in the estimates for artillery.

BRITAIN'S STANDING ARMY.

The Proposed Reduction Voted Down in Parliament Yesterday.

London, March 11.—The House of Commons in committee of the whole today continued the debate on the army estimates, and rejected by a vote of 245 to 154 the amendment made yesterday to reduce the army establishment 235,761 men of all ranks by 27,000 men. Eighteen ministerialists voted with the minority. The bulk of the Nationalists abstained from voting.

MARTINEAU GETS SEVEN YEARS

Ottawa, March 11.—Abondess Martineau was sentenced this morning to seven years in the penitentiary for his forgeries while employed as clerk in the Militia Department.

The Supreme Court this morning divided equally on Joseph Brunet's appeal for removal of the disqualification imposed by the trial in Montreal, in St Joseph division election case. The application was therefore dismissed with costs. When the Supreme Court's judgment is made known to Speaker Brodeur arrangements will be made for a new election.

PERISHED IN FIRE.

Dawson, Y. T., Saturday, March 7.—Five people perished in the burning of the Aurora road house, Fifty-five below Hunker creek, last Thursday morning. The fire occurred at 2 o'clock a. m. Its origin is unknown. The dead are: Charles Burnside, the proprietor; Mrs. Burnside, Beatrice Burnside, aged 9; George Burnside, aged 5; and Thomas Baird. William Dice, of Fifty-four claim, discovered the fire. He first saw the curtains ablaze. Rushing to the door he was driven back. He called assistance, but all efforts to rescue the vistims were unavailing. They were apparently caught like rats in a trap.

At daybreak, Corporal Ryan, assisted by several miners, removed the remains. The bodies of Burnside and Baird were found near the door. Those of Mrs. Burnside and the two children were in their beds. The body of a dog was also found in the house near the door. The road house, which cost about $3,000 was burned to the ground. Baird has brothers in Seattle and Vancouver.

VENEZUELAN REVOLUTION.

Willamstadt, Island of Curacao March 11.—The Venezuelan revolutionists claim they now hold all the Eastern parts of Venezuela from the Orinoco down to Rio Chico. Heavy fighting has taken place at Coro, capital of the state of Falcon. The result is not yet known. The revolutionary army, commanded by Gen. Rotando, is said to be at Guanes, near Caracas. The recent retreat of the revolutionists, it is asserted, was only a feint. The Venezuelan government troops are reported to have been defeated in the battle recently fought at Tacariqua, Lak of Valencia. It is reported in revolutionary circles that the revolutionists have captured Cumana, state of Bermudez.

THE HORROR AT OLEAN

Fourteen Dead and as Many More in Hospital as Result.

Olean, N. Y., March 11.—Fourteen charred and half-consumed bodies are lying in the undertaking establishments or in their late homes, fourteen people are lying in the hospitals and a dozen or so more not so seriously injured at their homes as a result of the accident on the Erie railroad last night, when an oil train was wrecked and several oil cars exploded, scattering death and destruction in every direction. Several of the patients in the hospital are seriously burned, one of them, Richard McDonald, aged 9 years, probably fatally.

The dead are: John Stemlinger, aged 17; Norman Brown, 18; John Tobin, 16; John McCready, 13; John McMahan, 19, Walter Swift, 19; Michael Driscoll, 22, Walter Jackson, 13; Walter Roth, 16; Richard Connell, 19; Herman Boltman, 15; Rafaelo Quartino, Carmen Sitliano, all of Olean; Henry Gomder, aged 17, Bordenville.

The injured in the General hospital are: James McDonald, 16 years old, limbs badly burned; Richard McDonald, badly burned, leg fractured; James McCready, 15 years old, burned about face and legs; Walter Jackson, 11 years old, burned about body and hands, inhaling flames, may die; son of Yardmaster Sullivan; Glen Close, East Olean, struck by flying splinters, burned; two Blackwell boys, of Bordenville; Bert Miller, of Bordenville, seriously burned; three men badly burned, did not leave names at hospital, sent home. Dozens of others were burned, but not seriously.

At the hospital one of the patients said a young boy was blown into the creek near him. He tried to save him, but was unable to do so.

CANADIAN SHOES FOR ROYAL ARMY.

One result of the sending of the different Canadian corps to the South African front has been to advertise to the Imperial army authorities the fact that Canada can not only supply good fighting men, but also knows how to equip them. The boots worn by our men were the cause of wonder and envy among the Tommies of all the Imperial corps. Especially were those of the Strathconas and Second C. M. R. admired and coveted. Many men of the Second C. M. R. wore one pair throughout the campaign and sold their second and reserve pairs to the less fortunate Tommies for good fat prices. It will be remembered that the Canadian corps were equipped with riding and marching boots made by the Slater Shoe Company of Montreal, and they proved most satisfactory both for wear and comfort.

So well did they stand the rigorous test of the veldt that the Royal Army Clothing Department has recently entrusted the Slater Shoe Company with an order for army shoes. This certainly is a source of satisfaction to the Canadian company, and will doubtless be equally pleasing to Imperial soldiers.