

MONETARY AID FOR SUFFERERS FROM FLOODS

French Government Will Assist Small Property Holders To Rehabilitate Themselves—Water Is Fast Receding.

DROP OF FOUR FEET REPORTED SO FAR

Paris, Feb. 1.—The height of water at midnight at Pont Royal was 27 feet, 8 inches, a fall of nearly four feet from the highest point, and the flood continues to drop at the rate of about three quarters of an inch an hour.

A Hopeful Future

One of the most hopeful features of the situation is the action of the government in carrying into effect, measures to enable the small proprietors, both in Paris and throughout the flooded districts of France, to re-establish themselves by means of loans, and to furnish work for the victims.

J. W. CURRY ELECTED MAYOR OF AMHERST

Defeats Mayor Lowther By Narrow Margin In Yesterday's Election—T. S. Rogers, K. C., Removing.

Amherst, N. S., Feb. 1.—The civic elections in Amherst passed off very quietly here today. In the mayoralty contest, J. W. Curry, secretary-treasurer of the Rhodes, Curry Company, defeated Mayor Lowther by 44 votes.

WORKERS IN SWEDEN

Scientist says that the work of the workers in Sweden is being hampered by a new ministry in which the place of the minister of agriculture has been taken by a man who is a member of the cabinet.

CLEAR SWEEP FOR CITIZENS' SLATE

Senator Cosgrain With Members of Old Council Who Figured in Judge Cannan's Report Buried Beneath an Avalanche of Votes in Montreal's Civic Campaign.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Feb. 1.—The Citizens Association's slate gained a sweeping victory in today's municipal elections, and the graft element in civic offices which was exposed in Judge Cannan's sensational report was completely routed in today's municipal elections.

Exciting Contest. The contest was the most exciting municipal contest ever held in this city, a very large vote being polled.

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79 COULDED AS BURNED IN AMHERST

Every Attempt At Rescue Of Entombed Colorado Miners Fails And Missing Are Given Up For Lost.

Primero, Col., Feb. 1.—The lives of 79 miners were snuffed out yesterday by an explosion in the main shaft of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company's mine, and tonight the bodies of 40 victims lie in the temporary morgue installed in the machine shop.

A large force of men still is engaged in restoring ventilation throughout the mine and hundreds of people are lingering about the mouth of the shaft waiting the recovery of more bodies.

Leonardo Vign, a Mexican and the only surviving miner who is supposed to have been working a short distance from where the explosion originated, is unable to make a clear statement.

Column of Dust. Immediately following the report of the explosion a column of dust and smoke poured out of the main entrance. Large pieces of timber were thrown from the entrance more than a hundred feet and with such terrific force that a string of cars in the mine was blown from the track.

The huge ventilating shaft for an hour were put in operation and rescue parties were forcing their way through the gas-filled workings.

10 DEAD AND 17 MISSING IN EXPLOSION

Mine At Drakesboro, Kentucky, Wrecked Yesterday—Disaster Due To Explosion Of Gas—Retreat Cut Off.

BODIES MAY ALL BE RECOVERED

Drakesboro, Ky., Feb. 1.—Ten men are known to be dead and 17 others missing and are presumed to be pinned up in entries by falls of slate as a result of a gas explosion in the Browder mine, one and a half miles from Drakesboro, at noon today.

Because of the action of gases in the entry where the explosion occurred 170 feet beneath the ground, and 700 feet back from the mine shaft, it was impossible to begin active rescue work until six hours after the disaster occurred.

There were 100 men in the mine at the time of the explosion, more than half of them in the west entry. All of them hastened to the cases and were quickly drawn to the top.

It is believed the explosion was caused by a man going into an abandoned room with an uncovered lamp, resulting in an explosion of gas.

FRENCH TREATY IN FORCE NOW

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 1.—Today in the house Mr. Fielding announced that a telegram had been received that ratifications of the Franco-Canadian treaty had been exchanged in Paris.

22,587,979 CATHOLICS UNDER THE U. S. FLAG

Enormous Gains Being Made By Church In United States Shown In Official Directory Published At Milwaukee.

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 1.—There are 22,587,979 Catholics under the United States flag, according to advance sheets of the official Catholic directory published at Milwaukee.

In the United States proper there are 14,847,927 Catholics, showing a gain of 111,576 over a year ago.

The directory shows 4,845 parochial schools in the United States with an attendance of 1,297,251.

REV. B. H. THOMAS IS COUNTY MASTER

Westmorland County Loyal Orange Lodge In Session At Monoton—Amusement Circuit Planned.

Special to The Standard. Monoton, N. B., Feb. 1.—The Rev. B. H. Thomas of Dorchester was elected county master.

INTERCOLONIAL TO HAVE SURPLUS

Mr. Graham Anticipates Being Able to Announce Surplus of \$600,000 at End of Year—Mr. MacDonald, Pictou, Objects to Removal of Politics From Government of Road.

Two Lines.

1—A vote will appear in the supplementary estimates to enable the actual building of the railway to be commenced from the Pass Mission northward.

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ATTEMPT TO BREAK STATION

New Station At Cobalt Had Narrow Escape At Hands Of Dynamiters Early Yesterday Morning.

Special to The Standard. Cobalt, Ont., Feb. 1.—Some person as yet unknown, attempted to blow up with dynamite the new T. and N. C. station here at 11.15 o'clock this morning, but only succeeded in wrecking a portion of the front of the building near the main entrance.

The explosion occurred at only thirty feet from the station, and was thrown from his ladder, but not seriously hurt.

Christie of Brantford, one of the carpenters, was sleeping in a shack in line with the spot where the explosion occurred and only thirty feet away, but they were uninjured.

CAPE BRETON GIRL ARRAIGNED IN COURT

Hattie Lablanc Held As The Murderer Of Clarence Glover Appears In Court—Pleads Not Guilty.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 1.—Hattie Lablanc, of West Archa, C. B. now in jail awaiting trial on the charge of the murder of Clarence F. Glover, in whose house in Waltham she was employed as a maid and who will appear in the probate court tomorrow in the superior criminal court before Judge Bond on the murder charge.

MRS. CURREY IS SUCCESSFUL IN APPLICATION

Full Bench At Fredericton Sustains Her Appeal From Decision Of Judge McKeown—Suit Money Fixed.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE SUPREME COURT

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 1.—The Supreme Court today after a short consideration of the arguments presented by counsel gave a decision through Chief Justice Barker, sustaining the appeal of Mrs. Curry against the judgment given by Hon. Justice McKeown Judge of the divorce court recently wherein the Judge disallowed the application for suit money.

Case Taken Up. The case was taken up just after the equity appeal paper had been disposed of, Mr. Teed arguing in favor of the appeal and Mr. Skinner contra.

On adjournment at noon the case had been closed. On the re-assembling of the court after dinner, the chief justice announced the decision of the court stating that the bench had agreed that the appeal should be allowed and Mrs. Curry entitled to suit money.

Probate Appeal. The probate appeal was then called and occupied the rest of the afternoon and will likely be all day tomorrow if not longer.

The probate judge of Carleton county gave decision against the validity of the will of William J. Davis in proof of solemn form of the ground of the incapacity of the testator and from this decision the appellants are appealing.

His honor and all parties agreed. The suit money was fixed at \$200 to be paid immediately.

FISH AND ROBINSON IN BANKRUPTCY

Powerful New York Financial Firm Failed Yesterday With Liabilities Of \$1,000,000—Largest Collapse Since Panic

New York, N. Y., Feb. 1.—Fish and Robinson, bond dealers and members of the New York Stock Exchange, failed for a million dollars today.

The failure is one of the largest since the panic of 1907, not so much as liabilities are concerned, but in view of the importance of the firm, which has branches in Chicago, Boston and Worcester, Mass.

The firm was founded in 1889 by Harvey Fish, the banker, and George N. Robinson, who had been in the employ of the banking firm of Harvey Fish and Sons.

AUGUSTUS WOLFF IS LUNENBURG'S MAYOR

Lunenburg, N. S., Feb. 1.—Augustus W. Wolff, broker, was today elected mayor of Lunenburg by a majority of 120, defeating Daniel J. Rudolf, a merchant.