

Sugar Prices in Canada on Decline.

Government Refused to Fix Retail Rates--Four Hundred Chinese Miners Killed--Railway Wreck Causes Seven Deaths--Commons Debating Irish Question.

MINING DISASTER IN CHINA.

PEKIN, Oct. 20. Upwards of four hundred Chinese miners were killed in an explosion and fire in the Longshan coal mine Thursday. There are one hundred and nineteen survivors. Grief-stricken crowds surrounded the entrance to the mine carrying off the victims as they were brought to the surface by rescuers from the railway shops and cement works near the scene.

CANADIAN GOVT. REFUSES TO FIX PRICE.

TORONTO, Oct. 20. As a result of the Dominion Cabinet's refusal to uphold the Board of Commerce order fixing the retail price of sugar at twenty-one cents a pound, the price will drop to seventeen and perhaps sixteen in the course of next week, according to Toronto buyers.

EGYPTIAN LEADERS TO CONFER WITH MILNER.

PARIS, Oct. 20. Leaders of the Egyptian Nationalist Party will leave for London Thursday to confer with Lord Milner. The members expressed the opinion that the government would grant all the demands which the Nationalists had framed and Egyptian independence would soon be a reality.

SERIOUS RAILWAY WRECK.

ERIE, Pa., Oct. 20. Seven persons were killed and twenty injured, three probably fatal, when the New York central train No. sixty, eastbound, sidetracked train No. twenty-three, westbound, two hundred feet west of the Union Depot here to-day. A switch thought to have been thrown by members of a section gang working at scene of wreck, is believed to have caused the accident. The westbound train had just left depot and eastbound train, a Cleveland-Buffalo express, was coasting to the station when crash came. A car on eastbound train suddenly leaped the rails and crashed into a Pullman, tearing its steel sides away as if they were paper. The occupants of the car were hurled from their seats and thrown into a mass as the steel car tore into the sides of the Pullman. Suddenly the Pullman toppled over with open side in the air. The police and firemen were forced to use ladders in taking the dead and injured from the wreckage. All of the dead were badly mangled, and it is almost impossible to identify them.

IRISH QUESTION DEBATED.

LONDON, Oct. 20. The eagerly awaited debate on the Irish situation was precipitated in the House of Commons to-day by Arthur Henderson, former Labor member of the Cabinet, who offered a motion demanding an inquiry into the reprisals by police and soldiers in Ireland. While admitting that the armed forces of the crown had suffered provocation, Henderson declared the character of the reprisals they had taken were quite in keeping with the aggressive policy which has been consistently pursued by the government. The government's policy,

Henderson asserted, seemed to him to aim at stamping out Nationalist opinion and breaking the spirit of the Irish people.

LADY BORDEN'S JEWELS STOLEN.

OTTAWA, Oct. 20. Porch climbers who visited the home of Sir Robert Borden during dinner hour on Tuesday evening, made a complete get away with the major portion of Lady Borden's personal jewelry valued at six thousand dollars. The burglars conducted their job so skilfully that the robbery remained undiscovered until late last night. The police have absolutely no trace of the burglars, who did not leave any trail to work on.

NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

LONDON, Oct. 20. To-day brought no new developments in coal strike, neither side to the dispute made any approach to the other and no outside mediation was instituted. It is still hoped that the proposal of Wm. Brace, President of South Wales Miners' Federation, may eventually lead to renewal of negotiations, but it is admitted that it must first be adopted officially by the miners' executive which has so far been impossible, as members of the executive are scattered all over the country. Advocacy by some extremists of withdrawing pumping staffs from the mines finds few supporters among miners generally. Robert Smillie and other leaders are strongly against it. Renewed efforts were made at the Ministry of Labor to-day through negotiation by parties concerned to avert strike on railroads and in transport industry. Negotiations, however, were adjourned until to-morrow.

DR. GRENFELL AND LABRADOR.

OTTAWA, Oct. 20. At a luncheon held to-day in connection with an appeal for assistance, Dr. Grenfell said he was often asked why people lived in Labrador. There was no answer except that they did. He would rather live one day in Labrador than six months in White-chapel, London, where he had spent a part of his early life and where conditions were terrible. Labrador is a valuable asset to humanity in that it breeds the kind of men we want, said Dr. Grenfell, men who can uphold best traditions of the sea, who can handle our transportation. It is a tough country to live in and therefore breeds a sturdy type of men and women. If you can help to make life more possible in Labrador, either through the eyes of myself as a surgeon, or a timber merchant who would start an industry in our forest belts, we need this help.

OFFER ACCEPTED.

LONDON, Oct. 20. The government's offer of five hundred and seventy thousand pounds for the equipment of the direct United States Cable Company, was accepted by the shareholders yesterday. The sale transfers the cable from American to British control. Sir J. Pen-der, chairman, said the shareholders

would receive at least six pounds a share.

STORMY DEBATE.

LONDON, Oct. 20. The Irish debate in House of Commons to-night resolved itself into a duel between the opposition and government, the former demanding and latter resisting an independent inquiry into reprisals. The defense of the government set up by Sir Hamar Greenwood, Chief Sec. for Ireland, was that while Asquith aims to put emphasis on reprisals, I put it on provocation. He insisted that no cases had been made out for what he characterized as Arthur Henderson's insulting resolution demanding an inquiry into the reprisals by police and soldiers in Ireland. Incidentally he remarked that the United States was no longer welcoming immigration from Ireland because it did not desire to swell the vast total of disturbing elements in the Republic, and he declared his intention to rake Ireland from end to end, including Ulster, in search for arms.

ANXIETY FOR STEAMERS.

JUNEAU, Alaska, Oct. 20. Word was received here Tuesday of the anxiety of White Pass and Yukon railroad officials over the non-arrival of the river steamers Cascas, Nassein, and Whitehorse carrying one hundred and seventy-five passengers. No word has been received from the ships in the last seventy-two hours. The vessels are believed to be stuck on the bar a hundred miles up stream from Dawson. There is a strong possibility that all three boats may be a total loss if they remain frozen in the ice in midstream until next spring. Together with the Selkirk, now sunk at the mouth of the Stewart River, the loss of these vessels will prove a disastrous ending to a prosperous summer's season just passed.

BIG FIRE IN SASK.

REGINA, Sask., Oct. 20. Twelve stores, half the business section of Wadena, Sask., are in ashes to-day and the flames of the fire that caused three hundred thousand dollars damage to this town of twelve hundred population last night was still smouldering. The cause of the fire is so far unknown.

MEETING POSTPONED.

MONTREAL, Oct. 20. The meeting of the Nova Scotia executives of the United Mine Workers' Association and the Presidents of the Dominion Steel Corps and the N.S. Steel Co., which was called for this afternoon, was adjourned till to-morrow morning. The postponement was due to the non arrival of Mr. White, representative from Headquarters of the Union in Indianapolis.

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A knight, when he entered a castle-hall, always doffed his helmet, the most vital part of his armour, as evidence to his host that he came in peace, just as the man of to-day would never dream of entering a drawing-room with his hat on. Just as the mediaeval baron would raise his hand to his helmet as an indication that he was ready to unhelm out of politeness, his descendant of to-day touches or raises his hat.

At our meals we are similarly linked with the long-gone past. The knife we use is the successor of the dagger or hunting-knife with which our ancestors of long centuries ago cut up their food; and our finger-bowls had their origin in the days when fingers were used to convey food to the mouth. We owe the fork to the enormous ruffs which made it difficult to reach the mouth with the fingers, and made a substitute necessary; and the paper frills which adorn our cutlery, hams and so on, were originally used to obviate soiling the fingers by handling the joints or portions.

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Affected His Play.

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Forecasting Weather.

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