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The Swedes in Finland form a large proportion of the population, there being about 400,000 in a total of 2,800,000.

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EIGHT MINERS LOST THEIR LIVES

OVERCOME BY DAM WHICH FOLLOWED FIRE

Two Members of Rescue Party Among Those Who Perished—Distressing Scenes at Pit Head.

Anaconda, Mont., June 8.—One of the most serious accidents in the history of coal mining in Montana has occurred at Rockett Fork, near Red Lodge, Carbon county. Eight men are dead, all victims of the dam that filled the corridors of the mine after the fire which started Wednesday. The bodies have been recovered, but the story of the work of rescue parties is a tale of unexcelled bravery and heroic self-sacrifice.

of the dead, two were members of one of the parties that entered the mine in the effort to reach the men known to be there.

The dead are: Terence Fleming, Wm. Bailey, Mike Gagliardi, Thomas Skelley, A. L. McFate, Matt Reikha, Roy Carey and Joe Bracey. Carey and Bracey were of the rescue party.

The fire which caused the trouble started in incline No. 6 on Wednesday. This was believed to be under control after a long fight. At 7:10 yesterday morning the first rescue party started down No. 6 incline, proceeding cautiously, as it was found that there were still traces of fire. When they reached a depth of 1,200 feet.

All Were Overcome. Several managed to struggle back to where they could be reached. By this time a dense column of smoke burst from No. 6 incline, and the air in No. 6 was so foul that volunteer rescuers were driven back.

At 10 o'clock another rescue party was formed, business and townspeople volunteering when the Finnish miners turned back terrified. The scene about the mines was distressing. Frantic women and crazed men ran about, hampering the work of rescue. The second volunteer party was successful.

The fans were reversed and the smoke forced back out of No. 6 incline. In the slopes, brattices were made of canvas and water was let in. The rescuers were let down slowly in cars.

First Found Were Unconscious. All were revived but Carey and Bracey. It was believed that the injured will entirely recover.

Further down the incline the bodies were found beyond hope of restoration. Several of the second rescue party, among them pit boss Haggerty, were overcome during the day, but were restored, and Haggerty returned to the work of rescue. It is believed that all bodies have been saved from the mine.

The work of fighting the fire is now being pushed. The state coal mine inspector and local officials of the company are on the ground, and characterized the work of rescuers as fool-hardiness.

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STORMS AND FLOODS.

Store and Residences Destroyed at Coesal, Kansas—Cloudburst in Pennsylvania.

Hillsboro, Kas., June 7.—A tornado struck Coesal, a German Mennonite settlement, fifteen miles southwest of here, to-day, destroying the largest store in the town and several residences. Several persons were badly injured. No fatalities are reported. The wires are down. Coesal was practically destroyed. About thirty persons were injured. The tornado laid waste a strip two hundred yards wide. Several stores and twenty residences were demolished, and every house in the town was damaged. The large Mennonite hospital was only slightly damaged. The injuries were taken there.

Streets Flooded. Johnson, Pa., June 7.—Thunder showers, electric storms and heavy downpours of rain that have prevailed throughout Pennsylvania during the entire week culminated to-day in a cloudburst in Westmoreland, Somerset and Butler counties that caused the rivers and creeks to overflow, flooding the streets in many communities and disseminating a general flood scare.

To-night, however, reports from the various sections affected during the day indicate that the waters are receding, the weather is clearing and all danger of further damage is past. Probably \$50,000 will cover all losses.

THE ARCTIC INQUIRY.

Agent of Marine and Fisheries at Quebec Gives Evidence Before Committee.

Ottawa, June 7.—J. U. Gregory was examined at the special committee on supplies for the Arctic to-day. Mr. Gregory is agent of the marine and fisheries department at Quebec. He examined and checked the supplies, and found they were all put on board and that they were in good order. The prices were fair, and nothing more than was necessary for a trip to the northern regions. There were 5,000 cigarettes, which were not ordered by the department, but by Supt. Moodie. Mr. Gregory certified the account because he knew Hon. E. Prefontaine.

After Mr. Gregory talked the matter over with Commander Spain. Mr. Gregory had no special instructions from Hon. Mr. Prefontaine as to cigarettes, and this was a special order for cigars, but he knew Hon. Mr. Prefontaine felt kindly to the expedition.

Mr. Bennett, Conservative, said that no one would charge that Mr. Gregory did not do his work well.

DEMANDS REMOVAL

Of W. T. Jerome From Office of District Attorney of New York.

New York, June 7.—The removal of William Traverser Jerome from the office of district attorney of New York is demanded of Governor Higgins in a complaint which has been filed by William N. Amory, of New York. Frank E. Perley, secretary to the governor, admitted to-night that such a complaint had been filed, but he would say nothing as to the nature of the charges made against Mr. Jerome.

While nothing definite can be learned here as to the nature of the charges made by Mr. Amory, it is assumed that the complaint is the one which was threatened him by a legislative committee last winter and based upon the charges he then made against Mr. Jerome of negligence in failing to prosecute persons implicated by Mr. Amory in his allegations against certain Metropolitan Traction interests.

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Berlin, June 8.—The meeting of the German and Austrian Emperor at Vienna and the exchange of telegrams between them and King Victor Emmanuel is the cause of much satisfaction, both to the government and to the public as clearing up a period of doubt and mistrust among the allies and restoring the solidity of the triple alliance as a peace preservative.

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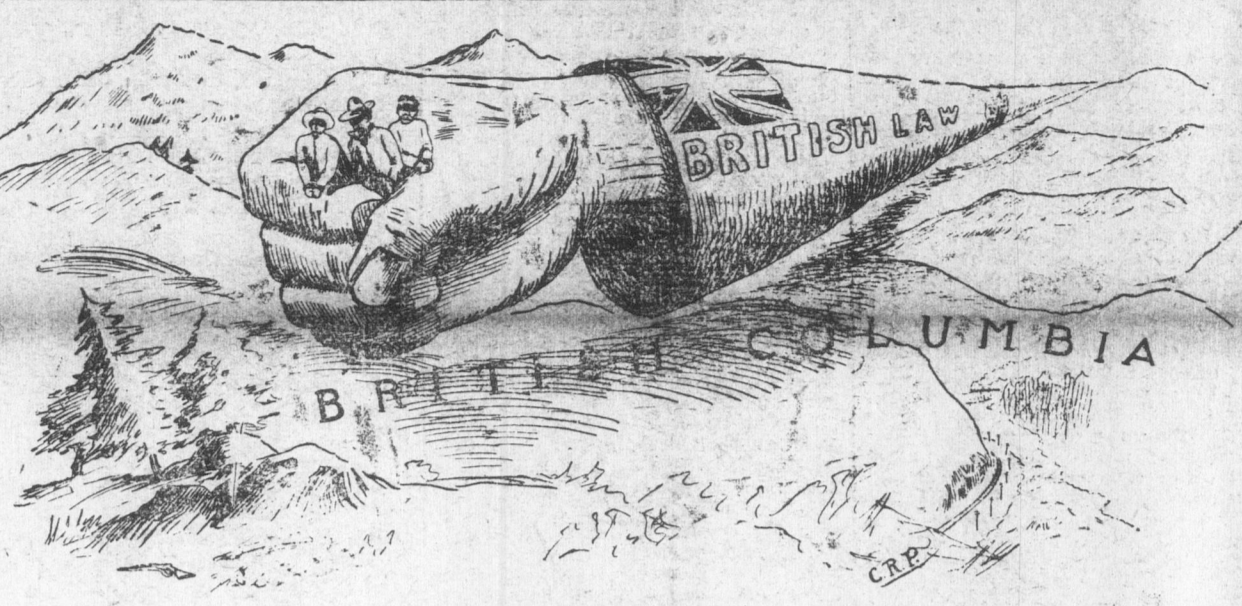
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THE LONG ARM OF BRITISH LAW.

That Canada is no place for desperadoes was proved by the recent arrest and trial of the train robbers. The C. P. R. hold-up occurred on May 8th, and in a few days over three weeks the robbers had been captured, tried and placed in the penitentiary.

WORKINGMEN BEING ARMED AND DRILLED

RUSSIANS PREPARING FOR AN UPRISING

Revolutionary Leaders Reported to Have Received Promise of Support From Several Regiments.

Moscow, June 8.—There is a noticeable increase in revolutionary circles here. It is evident that the leaders are preparing to take advantage of the first opportunity to start an armed uprising. The workmen of the factories and mills are being armed with mauer rifles and drilled under the supervision of army reserve soldiers.

In spite of the repressive measures adopted by the authorities, revolutionary meetings are held nightly, and the leaders appear to be confident that the morale of the troops of the garrison is undermined. They have received from some regiments promises of support in event of a conflict.

Revolutionary emissaries have been sent out in all directions into the country to incite the hungry peasants to appropriate land and strike at the big estates. The plan evidently is to secure unity of action in the country and cities, and inaugurate a conflict with a general strike. The leaders evidently hope for a complete rupture between the government and parliament, which would furnish the necessary opportunity for an uprising.

The situation has greatly alarmed the government and big landlords of the country.

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CONFERRING WITH CZAR.

Premier and Members of Council of Empire Visit Peterhof.

St. Petersburg, June 8.—The popular expectation that a change of ministry is imminent is fostered by the simultaneous departure of Premier Goremykin, several leading members of the council of the empire and other trusted advisers of Emperor Nicholas for a conference at Peterhof this afternoon, thought the connection of the conference with the tenure of office of the ministry remains to be proven.

The Associated Press learns that it is true the government is seriously considering bowing to the storm so far as to adopt to a limited extent the principle of expropriation. In this programme, forced expropriation will be granted only in exceptional cases, for example, when land necessary to consolidate scattered peasant holdings is otherwise unobtainable. The rejection of the demands of the workmen may necessitate the rejection of the death penalty clause.

No progress was made to-day in the general debate on the agrarian question.

WILL GOREMYKIN FOLLOW WITTE?

RUMOR THAT HE WILL BE RETIRED FROM OFFICE

Conflict at Court Continues and Czar May Accede to Demand of Trepoif Cabal.

St. Petersburg, June 8.—According to reliable reports from Peterhof, Emperor Nicholas has about decided to retire Premier Goremykin.

From the first it is apparent to outsiders that Goremykin did not possess the force, capacity or skill necessary to steer the ship of state in the present crisis, and His Majesty, who is extremely dissatisfied with the premier's failure to make any headway towards a rapprochement with the lower house of parliament, is now ready to sacrifice him.

But the Emperor seems to be torn by conflicting opinions. A few of his advisory friends are urging him to make a frank surrender and accede to parliament's demand for a ministry from the opposition. Such influences are hardly likely to prevail against the party headed by General Trepoif, who believes that no further concessions should be granted. The cabinet itself is in open rebellion, and with the support they are receiving from the court, the rebels are confident of being able to unhorse M. Goremykin.

NORWAY'S RULERS.

Arrangements For Coronation of King Haakon and Queen Maud Have Been Completed.

Christiania, June 8.—The programme of ceremonies attending the coronation of King Haakon VII. and Queen Maud have been completed.

The royal couple will arrive at Trondhjem the evening of June 18th, and wait there the arrival of the foreign princes and ambassadors. The coronation will take place at 11 o'clock the morning of June 22nd, at the cathedral, and will be followed by a state dinner, which will be attended by 500 guests. The rest of the week will be taken up with celebrations, including musical festivals, popular entertainments and processions in which children will predominate.

Yesterday, the first anniversary of the dissolution with Sweden, was celebrated as a general holiday throughout Norway. In the cities flags were flying and the streets were crowded with merry-makers.

JOSEPH PHILLIPS AGAIN AT LIBERTY

H. HOBBAITAIN GOES BAIL FOR FIVE THOUSAND

Miner Killed by Cave-In—Former Master Mechanic of C. P. R. Passes Away at Winnipeg.

Toronto, June 8.—Believing that his bond of \$2,500, given for the appearance of Joseph Phillips, former president and manager of the York County Loan and Savings Company, was forfeited, Thomas Walker withdrew yesterday. His intention being made known to Judge Winchester, Phillips was again placed under arrest, but was released again on an agreement of H. Hobbaitain, who was on the bond with Walker, to go bail for \$5,000.

New Board. Toronto, June 8.—The Ontario railway and municipal board appointed by the government is as follows: James Leith, K. C., Cornwall, chairman; Andrew Ingram, M. P. for East Elgin; Henry Kittson, wholesale grocer, Hamilton, secretary; Henry C. Small, barrister, Carleton Place.

Medical Course. Montreal, June 8.—Steps have been taken with a view to extending the medical course at McGill from the present four years to five years. At a meeting of the corporation of the university held yesterday a resolution was submitted by the medical faculty urging that this action be taken, and the corporation after expressing approval appointed a committee to consider ways and means. It is probable that the proposal will go into effect in the session of 1907-1908.

Instantly Killed. Strathcona, Alta., June 8.—Robert Burckett, a miner, whose home was at Smith Falls, Ont., was killed in a cave-in here. His neck was broken.

A Stronach Dead. Winnipeg, June 8.—Alexander Stronach, M. E., one of the oldest railroad employees of the west, and who for twenty-two years was master mechanic at the C. P. R., died this morning at his home, Elgin avenue. Mr. Stronach retired from active business three years ago, but had enjoyed good health until ten days ago, when he was attacked by heart and lung trouble. The late Mr. Stronach was born in Three Rivers, Que., in 1832, and had been employed in railroad work for more than forty-seven years. He was twenty-two years mechanic engineer on the Intercolonial Railway, and after leaving that road he was sent west in charge of the government rolling stock. He came to Winnipeg in 1881 and entered the employment of the C. P. R. as master mechanic and was for twenty-three years engaged in that capacity until his advanced age compelled him to retire. The deceased was a past master of the Masonic order.

Building Returns. Winnipeg, June 8.—The Winnipeg building returns up to yesterday show 1,519 permits issued, making a total of \$5,092,700 in buildings. The same time last year the amount was 1,201 permits, with a total of \$5,115,200. The new Grain Exchange, Imperial Bank, Hammond and Nanton's new buildings will aggregate about three-quarters of a million.

Killed by Fall. Grindalbert, Sask., June 8.—H. S. Gouldhawk, an old and well-known resident of Mestawasis, Sask., was reported at Prince Albert to have met with a fatal accident a few days ago. It appears that he was driving around his ranch, situated about sixty miles northwest from Prince Albert, when he lost his hold of one of the lines, and in reaching over the dashboard to recover it fell out and broke his neck.

General Assembly. London, June 8.—At this morning's session, the Presbyterian General Assembly emergency committee appointed Alexander Warden to position temporarily of treasurer and joint clerk, in place of L. R. Warden. Much interest was manifested in the reading of the home mission report. The past year was a banner year in the history of Presbyterianism in the eastern provinces. The burden of all addresses is, more means needed to evangelize the west, where there are 500 mission fields, containing nearly 150,000 families. The amount of the home mission fund last year was over \$150,000.

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WOMEN'S PRESS CLUB. Organized at Winnipeg—Delegates Entertained by the City.

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The club, previously a somewhat informal organization, was put on a business basis. Mrs. Coleman, president, occupied the chair at the opening session, and after her address the thanks of the club were expressed to the C. P. R. for courtesies extended to delegates.

The draft of the constitution was then discussed and adopted, and one of the main objects of the club as set forth therein will be the promoting of a Canadian national sentiment in all papers and journals with which members of the association may be connected, and also for elevating the standard of newspaper writing. Membership will be limited to women actually connected with some reputable publication, either as writers or artists. Meetings will be held yearly. The emblem of the club will be a quill across a maple leaf, with the letters C. W. P. C.

In the afternoon the members of the club were the guests of the city, a private street car taking the party out to Deer lodge, where a sumptuous luncheon was provided, and very pretty speeches made by Mrs. Alden and Miss Agnes Deane Cameron, of Victoria, in reply to thanks felicitously proposed by Mayor Shaerte. This trip was immensely enjoyed by the newspaper ladies, and they also had great delight in a trip over the street railway system and the reception given in their honor afterwards by Lady McMillan at Government House. The visit to Happyland, Winnipeg's amusement park, in the evening completed the day's enjoyment. The evening was delightfully cool and fine and the ladies had not been long inside the gates of Happyland when they forgot that they were the "leaders of thought" and entered into the spirit of the fun with all the pleasure of schoolgirls. To-morrow the election of officers and other business will be proceeded with and the convention will conclude with a reception in the evening.

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Kansas City, Mo., June 8.—John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, and operators of the south-west over the wage scale, succeeded last night in arguing out the difficulty. Through this efforts the operators made concessions on the two points at issue. The sub-committee will report to the full conference to-day, and it is expected the report will be adopted. The agreement renews the 1903 scale of prices for the period ending March 31st, 1906. The settlement covers Missouri territory, Kansas and Arkansas, where work has been suspended for two months.

C. P. R. CHARTERS LAKE STEAMERS

TO ASSIST IN THE HANDLING OF FREIGHT

Montreal Methodist Conference Adopts Memorial in Favor of Church Union.

Montreal, June 7.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has been obliged to charter five lake steamers to handle its upper lake traffic that its own vessels are unable to cope with. Such was the announcement made to-day by Mr. Bosworth, fourth vice-president. The five vessels that have been chartered to supplement the C. P. R. fleet have nothing to do with the grain traffic, which the company directly does not concern itself about after it gets into the elevators at Fort William. The greater part of the cargo and that awaiting shipment apart from ordinary package freight consists of flour eastward bound and cement westward bound. This cement is to provide material for tremendous building energy and enterprise that are manifest all over the West. For the same reason vast quantities of structural iron is being shipped westward.

Smith's Falls, June 7.—The Montreal Methodist conference to-day adopted the following memorial: That having read the outline of the conditions of the proposed organized union of Presbyterian, Congregational and Methodist churches, this conference, without endorsing every detail of those conditions, desires to transmit to the general conference its conviction that a union under such conditions will conserve all that is essential to mission Methodism, and will also tend to the enrichment of the spiritual life in our communication by a fuller fellowship with Christians having other view points and traditions.

Bank Clearings. Calgary, June 7.—Clearing house returns for the week ending to-day were \$1,064,607.

Again in Cells. Toronto, June 7.—Joseph Phillips, former president of the York County Loan Company, is again in the cells. Thomas Walker, one of his bondsmen for \$2,500, became uneasy and consulted Crown Attorney Drayton. Phillips will now have to find a new bondsman.

Committed For Trial. Niagara Falls, Ont., June 7.—George W. Clark, manager of the Ontario Silver Company, of this city, was committed for trial on a charge of conspiracy in fraudulently using trade marks and labels similar to the Royal Sheffield of England. The prosecutors were the Royal Cutlery Guild of England. Clark pleaded not guilty.

Visiting West. Medicine Hat, June 7.—Lord Aylmer, inspector of the forces in Canada, accompanied by Major Eaton of Ottawa and Col. Evans of Winnipeg, spent yesterday in the city. The party was met at the train on arrival from the East by Major Sison, who introduced Mayor Forster, by whom an invitation was extended for a drive during the afternoon. Lord Aylmer expressed his pleasure in accepting and asked that an opportunity be made for an inspection of some of the industries operated by natural gas. After the review at the C. M. R. camp, the Mayor, Ald. C. E. Smyth, Mr. F