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COLLECTIONS FOR DISASTER FUND MADE IN MANY CANADIAN CITIES ESPECIALLY IN SYDNEY, N. SCOTIA

Calgary Lines Up To Aid The Fund

Newfoundlanders of Alberta Call a Meeting to Organise to Make Collection for Marine Fund.

The following is clipped from the morning 'Albertan,' published at Calgary, April 17th.—The Newfoundlanders of Calgary and the province of Alberta will be asked to contribute toward a fund for the relief of the widows and orphans and other persons made destitute by the recent disasters to the sealing fleet. The fund will be known as 'The Newfoundland Sealing Disaster Fund for Alberta,' and lists will be opened immediately.

Enthusiastic Meeting

An enthusiastic meeting of some 30 Newfoundlanders who live in Calgary was held in the office of the Manufacturers' Life Assurance Company in the Judge Travis building last night. Bishop Pinkham, who himself comes from the rugged island in the North Atlantic, was present, and was chosen to take the chair. S. C. Morris was secretary. The tragic incident whereby so many brave sealers lost their lives with the vessels which were swallowed up in the gales that swept the coast a few weeks ago, and the state of destitution in which many who were nearest and dearest to them were left, was commented on at the meeting and it was decided to start the relief fund, and to make it province wide at once. It will be open to the public as well as to Newfoundlanders.

Committee Appointed

The following named were chosen a committee to take charge: Bishop Pinkham, chairman; S. G. Morris, secretary; A. G. Cunningham, treasurer; O. H. Pearce, Mrs. M. S. Russell, Mrs. W. Hall, James Buraage and A. Elford. The list was opened at once and the sum of \$106 contributed; the givers being as follows: His Lordship Bishop Pinkham, \$7.50; S. C. Morris, \$7.50; C. L. Hayward, \$5.00; Mrs. E. A. Hall, \$1.00; E. Elford, \$5.00; A. Parsons, \$5.00; A. G. Stone, \$5.00; O. H. Pearce, \$5.00; Mrs. M. S. Russell, \$5.00; A. G. Cunningham, \$5.00; James Buraage, \$5.00; Leo Wadell, \$2.00; A. W. Armitage, \$2.00; Norman Rees, \$2.00; Joseph Miller, \$5.00; J. A. Mitchell, \$5.00; G. Stronach, \$2.00; A. C. Elford, \$5.00; James Collier, \$2.00; W. Steadley, \$5.00; A. E. Rees, \$5.00; Geo. Sellers, \$5.00; H. Manuel, \$2.00; W. H. Rendle, Strathmore, \$5.00; Walter Cole, \$3.00. Total, \$106.00. The meeting voted to send a telegram of condolence to Hon. J. R. Bennett, acting premier of Newfoundland.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

Sydney Has Raised Nearly 5 Thousand

All Classes Have Co-operated Nobly With the Civic Relief Committee. Another Thousand in Sight.

The Sydney campaign in the matter of collecting for the Newfoundland Relief Fund continues to make the greatest progress.

The latest contributions are as follows: \$25.00—Larder and DeYoung. \$10.00—McKinnon & Cameron, Samuel & Coles.

\$5.00—Judge Finlayson, H. C. Ballen, Smith & Proctor, W. H. Ross, John Milley, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cooke, D. M. McMullin, I. Greenwell, Geo. W. Edens.

\$3.00—Edward McPherson. \$2.00—J. P. Queré, Mrs. A. C. Warren, J. C. Cooke, The Misses O'Callaghan, G. W. Murphy, A. R. Johnston, F. J. Arsenault, Mrs. J. Slater, J. P. Grance.

\$1.00—F. Fletcher, O. Morgan, A. Friend, A. Friend, R. S. Park, G. Leach, Mr. Brown, J. Morley, S. A. Ritchie, J. W. Cruickshank, A. Munroe, B. Townshend, A. J. Pennell, Mrs. J. C. Beaton, Miss W. W. Dillon, F. R. Farquhar.

50c—Miss Celia Lubshansky, Mrs. Tasman F. J. Hardison, B. E. Hilehey. 25c—R. McDonald.

Half a Million Miners Threaten To Go On Strike

500,000 Men May Strike

Des Moines, Iowa, April 30.—Unless conditions are improved in the Southern Colorado fields a strike of the 500,000 coal miners of the country probably will be called out according to John T. White, international president of the United Mine Workers. A meeting of the executive was called for May 4 at Indianapolis to consider the question, he announced. "There has been a great demand for a strike over the country," President White said, "both east and west have asked the walkout because of the conditions in the Colorado fields. "Telegrams are being received every day asking for the strike, and a meeting of the board has been called for next week. The international organization can order the strike, if it is advisable. It would affect 500,000 or more miners."

B. I. S. BALL PLAYERS

Eighteen new members have joined the B.I.S. Baseball Club of late. Interest is keen and next week it is hoped to begin practice in earnest.

3 Thousand From Steel Co. Employees

Men in All Departments of the Big Plant Have Contributed Liberally to Disaster Fund.

The employees of the steel company have been quietly collecting subscriptions among themselves for the Newfoundland Relief Fund, and information was given out yesterday evening that these would reach the handsome sum total of three thousand dollars.

The amounts contributed by the various departments were as follows: Mechanical \$516.00 Blast Furnace 302.50 Railways and Piers 132.00 Coke Ovens 504.00 Steel Department 702.35 Mill Department 498.00 Minor Departments and Offices 266.90 Total \$2,921.75

One or two of the lists are still open and it is a practical certainty that additions to these will bring the total up to an even three thousand dollars.

A number of the men have given their subscriptions to members of the city committee and these are not included in the above.—Sydney Post.

The total amount collected through-out the various sources in the city, namely, the Relief Committee, the banks, steel plant collection and through the press, has reached the splendid total of four thousand, five hundred dollars.

This should be easily augmented by a further thousand dollars, as the committee of the Board of Trade are canvassing Ward 1 and Charlotte Street.—Sydney Post.

Cavalry To Go To The Scene

Washington, May 2.—Orders to quadruple the force of Federal cavalry may in the Colorado coal strike region have been issued from the War Department.

Rockefeller Appealed To

Washington, April 30.—President Wilson has made a personal appeal to John D. Rockefeller to take action toward a settlement of the Colorado coal strike and end the violence which has cost a score of lives and a large property loss.

Banking Station Contributions

The sum of \$39.50 has been subscribed by the employees of the Dominion Coal Company's banking station at Sydney, to the Newfoundland Disaster Fund.—Sydney Post.

PEACE AT LAST?

Mexico City, May 2.—It is reported here that the tripartite agreement to an armistice was signed here this morning by representatives of the United States, and Mexican Federalists and Rebels.

Peace Is Talked At Washington

Washington, May 2.—Assurances of peace with the steady abatement of war talk is the dominant feature in the Mexican situation here.

Attention still centers on the work of the South American mediators, who report steady progress and avoidance of any deadlock between the parties. In other quarters, however, the failure of Carranza, thus far, to accept the mediators' proposal for the suspension of hostilities against Huerta, doubt is cast over the outlook for the broadening of the scope for the mediators' work for the settlement of the whole Mexican situation.

Marine Fund Now \$130,000

London Sends \$25,000; Halifax and Liverpool Over Two Thousand Each.

Hon. R. Watson, honorary treasurer of the Marine Disasters Fund, has notified us that the total of all receipts to date is \$130,876.20. The fund has thus jumped from \$97,500 to \$130,870 within a couple of days.

This big increase within so short a space of time is accounted for by the receipt of almost \$25,000 from England, the first instalment of the London Fund. Upwards of two thousand dollars have also come to hand from Halifax, having been collected by 'The Herald' newspaper of that city.

The big amounts acknowledged today include over \$2400 from the Liverpool Fund and \$500 from U. S. Steel Products Co., New York, per Mr. S. P. C. O'Driscoll.

Coal Co. Employees Give 5 Thousand

Make Wonderful Response to the Appeal for Contributions to the Marine Disasters Fund.

A prominent official of the Dominion Coal Company, in a conversation with the Sydney Post, stated that, in keeping with the systematized collection through the payrolls and salaries of the employees and staff, a wonderful response has been made by all concerned in connection with the Newfoundland Disaster Fund. It is calculated that the amount, which will be collected next Saturday, will amount to over five thousand dollars. It is intended that the various departments around the collieries, piers and railways, will be credited by the total amounts collected. When the amount is sent to the

Pacific Steamer Meets Disaster

Carried Eighty Saloon Passengers, Including Governor's Wife.—No Details Yet.

Tokio, May 1.—Word has been received by wireless that the Pacific mail steamer Siberia met disaster off the coast of Formosa.

She carries 80 saloon passengers, amongst them Mrs. Francis Harrison, wife of the Governor of the Philippines. There are no details to hand yet.

Big Atlantic Liner On Her Trial Trip

Hamburg-American Greyhound Veler Land Is the Largest in the World—Makes 25 Knots.

Hamburg, May 1.—The Hamburg American steamer Vaterland, the largest in the world, had her trials in Norwegian waters, making 25.4 knots an hour against the wind, and 26 with it.

N.S. House Jails "Herald" Editor

For Refusing to Divulge the Name of the Author of a Letter That Appeared in His Paper.

Halifax, May 1.—W. R. McCurdy, news editor of 'The Herald,' who refused to give the name of the writer of a letter published in his paper, which the House of Assembly claimed was a breach of privilege, was called to the

Situation On Home Rule By No Means Promising

Ulster Must Be Excluded

London, May 2.—Lord Lansdowne, speaking at the Primrose League gathering, made it clear that he enters the conference with the Government and Nationalists with the firm determination that any time limit to the exclusion of Ulster is an impossibility.

He has observed, after three years working in Parliament, that the nation is beginning to realize what life under that Act meant. The Act was so constructed as to render amendments after the first session impossible and consequently the Commons Committee stage was omitted.

Premier of Newfoundland a complete list of contributors and the amount of each man will be specially mentioned. While this gratifying response has been effected, it is well to note that there is even more to follow, from around the collieries and it is expected that a further amount of one thousand dollars will be forthcoming from Glace Bay alone.

OFFICERS SAY UNCLE SAM'S ARMY IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY EFFICIENT TO MAKE GOOD SHOW IN MEXICO

U.S. Regular Army National Guards Is In Poor Shape

There Has Been Much Criticism of its Capabilities Even by its Own Officers.

The Mexican crisis brings into prominence again the United States regular army. This institution has been subject to severe criticism from inside and from outside, in recent years, and is now likely to have some sort of an opportunity to prove or disprove the charges against it.

Its own generals have declared that it is so scattered in times of peace that no large tactical unit exists for drill or for manoeuvres. It has been said that the units are not mobile, and that in case of emergency, no trained reserve exists by which to expand the regular army.

Critique It Of late, Harper's Weekly, under Norman Hapgood's direction, has been publishing articles criticising the army for its methods of discipline.

The authorized peace strength of the United States army was, when the Mexican trouble commenced, 74,692 infantry, cavalry, artillery, and engineers; 15,688 staff and departmental

Officers who are in possession of (Continued on page 8.)

bar of the House and on again refusing to state the writer's name, was sent to jail for forty-eight hours.

Real Strength Of Volunteers

Londonderry, April 30.—There is no foundation for a Toronto paper's story that a semblance of military strength is maintained by the Ulsterites drafting a body of paid ex-soldiers from place to place to stop while big reviews were attended by the same headquarters staff and a party of the same aristocracy and with careful staging and "all the beauty and all that wealth e'er gave" to add to their glamour. Different bodies of troops certainly have been reviewed on each occasion.

Still Go On Drilling. Apart from the merits of the controversy no purpose is served by refusal to recognize the fact that the Ulster army is drilling diligently as ever. This is beyond question. I frequently visited small centres unexpectedly and continue to find a full quota of volunteers at work. True there has been a certain amount of this play in Londonderry, with big reviews for newspaper purposes, but this is supplementary not substitutionary to genuine army preparations.

In Londonderry drill is held nightly in nine halls. A feature of the situation, therefore, is not diminution of Ulster preparations, but rather an increase of Nationalist activity. The latter now claim three thousand volunteers are drilling in Londonderry, equalling the number of Ulsterites. It is claimed that 400 of the eight hundred Nationalists reviewed in Celtic Park on Sunday were former regulars and also that they have a naval corps capable of using ship guns. They have no nursing staff as they deride the idea of Ulsterites fighting and say their own force is to form an army under Home Rule.

Nationalist Celebration. Big Nationalist celebrations will be held in May and the occasion may be dangerous. For the present, however, a visitor won't see anything unusual about the day, though a Canadian woman here has just been called by letter from her husband, who had heard that women were being massacred in the streets. Nationalists here have no arms except revolvers and lack of adequate equipment for a campaign.

WEATHER REPORT.

Toronto (noon)—Fresh to strong variable winds, cloudy and cold; occasional snow or rain to-day and Sunday.

That Son-in-Law of Pa's.—

By H. Wellington

