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Tornado in Illinois Takes a Toll of Hundreds of Lives

Conference to be Held by Miners and Provincial Government—Scant Hope Held Out For Entombed Miners—Lord Curzon's Condition Regarded as Critical.

DESTRUCTION EXTENSIVE.
CHICAGO, March 18. Railroad reports from Paducah, Ky., that the dead might number six hundred. None of these reports had been made early to-night, but the destruction was extensive enough to cause Governor Hammel to dispatch his troops to Murphysboro.

TOWN WIPE OUT.
ST. LOUIS, March 18. The Western Union Telegraph Co. sent a message to-night from a dead man who arrived at Ava, Ill., before the tornado struck. A city of 100 population, had been virtually wiped out by a tornado late to-day. There were dying on the streets, he said. Ava is sixteen miles north of Murphysboro.

700 REPORTED KILLED.
BENTON, Ill., March 18. Detailed estimates received by the Evening News early to-night say that perhaps several hundred persons were killed in the tornado which struck West Frankfort, seven miles south of here late to-day. Between two hundred and three hundred persons were said to have been killed or injured when a school house fell down. Between sixty and sixty shells have been brought to Benton, according to reports.

CONDITION CRITICAL.
LONDON, March 18. Conditions which visited Lord Curzon to-night found him in a very critical condition.

LITTLE HOPE FOR MINERS.
FAIRMONT, W. Va., March 18. M. Lambie, chief mine inspector

of West Virginia, declared in a statement issued shortly after noon to-day, that the rescue workers would not be able to reach the 34 entombed miners in mine 41 of the Bethlehem Mines Corporation, before late to-night. Little hope is held out that the men are alive.

PERUVIAN CITY DESTROYED.
LIMA, Peru, March 18. Official and private radio advices from Trujillo, the third important city of Peru, say that the city has been completely destroyed by inundations, caused by torrential rains.

FAMOUS WAX WORKS DESTROYED.
LONDON, March 18. Madame Tussaud's famous wax work show was destroyed by fire this morning.

PENITENTIARY REFORM ADVOCATED.
OTTAWA, Mar. 18. Miss Agnes MacPhail, Canada's one woman M.P., proposed in the House of Commons to-day such changes in the administration of penitentiaries as would provide, (1) sufficient productive works to keep the inmates employed; (2) that a share of the proceeds go to provide for the dependents, and in case of no dependents, such share shall be held in trust until release. The House adjourned without reaching a decision on the resolution.

TROUBLE ON POLISH-LITHUANIAN BORDER.
PARIS, Mar. 18. Polish frontier patrols are alleged by the Lithuanian legation here to have attacked Lithuanian border

guards near Strivintal without provocation on Monday night and to have threatened to occupy the district by force of arms unless the Lithuanians evacuated it.

CHURCH UNION VOTE.
TORONTO, Mar. 18. A summary issued to-day by the church bureau of information shows that 123 Presbyterian congregations are in favor of a united church and 530 against.

ARMSTRONG WILL MEET MINERS.
HALIFAX, Mar. 18. That the Minister of Mines, Hon. William Chisholm, cannot be spared from Halifax during the sitting of the Legislature and that the Government will be glad to have Tom Moore, President of the Trade and Labor Congress of Canada, accompany the District Executive of the United Mine Workers of America to the capital for the purpose of attending a conference at which the proposal of the men to protect the mines under Government supervision is to be discussed, is the substance of a telegram addressed to District President J. W. McLeod to-day by Hon. E. H. Armstrong. Otherwise there were no new developments in the colliery situation.

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SIDE TALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.

THE CASE FOR THE OBSTRUCTIONIST.



A Letter Friend wishes the opportunity of appearing as counsel for the defence.

"You brought up the case against the person who always does," he writes, "and you thought that glasses that would correct this mental astigmatism would be a good thing.

"Do you think it always is an astigmatism? Don't you think that quite often the reason why things shouldn't be done are perfectly good ones, and that the person who needs the glasses is the one who can't see them?"

The Man Who Went Ahead.

"I'd like to tell you a little instance that happened to me once. I had a friend who had just bought a new boat, he was the kind of man who goes ahead and does things without seeing objections. Well, this particular day he had six of us out in his boat, it was a small motor boat, and he had invited us all out for a trial ride. We went along fine until we came to a part of the lake that's always pretty rough. He headed out that way and then one of these people you call obstructionists said: 'You aren't going out there, are you?' 'Sure,' said the other man, 'why not?' 'Too rough with this crowd,' said the obstructionist. 'Oh, this boat can carry them all right,' the owner said, 'but I'll put you ashore first if you prefer.'

The Obstructionist Saved The Day.

"Of course the obstructionist didn't accept that invitation. He stuck in the boat and sure enough when we got well out into the rough part of the lake we began to ship water and to roll around in those waves, and then to our horror the engine stopped. And the man who owned the boat didn't know what to do, he was simply panic stricken. Well, to make a long story short it was the obstructionist that took over the situation, he gave the life-preservers to those who didn't know how to swim (and there were three who didn't) and he got the boat trimmed properly and he tinkered with the engine and got it started.

"Now, don't you think he was just as valuable a member of society as the man who didn't see objections?"

"I think the people who see objections often are valuable, they not only see objections but they see ways to cope with them, if they have to be coped with.

One Sees Cans, Another Can't.

"There's such a thing as seeing too many cans and such a thing as seeing too few of them.

"And I have my opinion as to which is the worst fault."

So have I.

And I doubt if it coincides with his. But just the same I think he put the case for the obstructionist versus the rusher-in very well, and it all boils down to the desirability of a golden mean.

But what doesn't when you come to that?

Preston Charges Now Show Signs of Petering Out

EVIDENCE THAT CONFERENCE NOT FACTOR IN IMPORTANT RATES.

OTTAWA—With W. T. R. Preston back from England and ready to back up his charges made in his report on ocean rates, with Donald Sutherland raking up his political history and the Canadian members of the North Atlantic Conference denying the Preston charges, the stage is set for a merry time.

The Petersen contract, and matters relating to it will go before a special committee. The steamship men urged this, the charges made against them being of a very serious nature. Since the members of the Conference have published their exhaustive statement there has been an inclination to take a number of the Petersen charges rather lightly, this frame of mind being the stronger because of the demand of British vessel owners for a thorough probe by the Imperial Shipping Board.

The announcement that the ocean rates on grain, flour and cattle are not fixed by the Conference shows that in respect to these important branches of Canada's export trade the ocean rates are being affected by factors other than the Atlantic Conference. It has also been disclosed that the Conference does not fix eastward rates. Another fact brought out that has had effect is that during the last few years Montreal has built up the largest grain-handling trade of any port in the world. And this has been due very largely to tramp steamers, which the Preston report says, have been discriminated against.

It is also now known that the United States Shipping Board is a member of the North Atlantic Conference, and operates over 300 vessels. This being so, it is considered highly improbable that the United States government would have allowed it to keep up rates to the disadvantage of American shippers, and farmers as well.

Breach of Promise Actions

Proceedings in the law courts recently have added weight to the view that breach of promise actions should be abolished. We are supposed to live in an age when the equality of the equality of the sexes in a accomplished fact. Actions for breach of promise are an anachronism. Though a man is entitled to sue for breach, such actions in fact are never brought, and a male suitor would be laughed out of court. In practice an action for breach of promise is only open to women. A girl can break her promise to marry without running the risk of being sued in the law courts. There is no complaint to be made on this score. But if a man enters into an agreement and subsequently changes his mind, he runs the risk of being dragged into the courts and made to pay considerable damages. The position is unjust and absurd. The damages are awarded to the girl as compensation for her former lover's loss of affection. If the man has done the girl some serious wrong then he should be penalized; but apart from that there is no sound

reason for permitting breach of promise actions.

An action for breach of promise seems to be nothing but a species of blackmail. It is born of vindictiveness, and the law should not encourage it. Affections change, and a man should not be punished because he changes his mind on discovering that the girl to whom he is engaged is not likely to prove a suitable wife for him. She on her part ought to be thankful that she has escaped the lifelong misery of a loveless marriage. It is undoubtedly a fact that many men are instigated into marriage by threats of action for breach. The mentality of a woman who endeavours to force a man to marry her against his will, and when he has no affection for her, is difficult to grasp; but certainly this type of woman should not be aided and abetted by the law. She goes to court simply to obtain cash; and a woman who is desirous of a broken engagement being dealt with on this basis is deserving of very little consideration.—Weekly Post.

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