

LOOKS LIKE PEACE IN COAL REGIONS

Six Year Agreement Expires, But
Men Are Not Anxious
to Strike.

Philadelphia, March 29. — The anthracite coal strike commission's award, which resulted in six years of industrial peace in the hard coal fields, employing 167,000 men and boys, will expire tomorrow at midnight. The operators, at the joint conference held in this city several weeks ago, offered to renew the agreement for another three years, but the miners, in convention at Scranton, last week, voted to allow the award to lapse. The collieries in the Schuylkill district will resume work Friday morning after the Thursday holiday suspension in celebration of the eight-hour work-day in the soft coal fields, and will work until the end of the week, information to this effect being given out from Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company headquarters, and from individual collieries' superintendents this afternoon. This means that there will be no lockout, and if there is any suspension it will be by reason of the miners not reporting at their collieries.

As the sentiment in this region is strongly against a strike, it is possible to come to an agreement which will not be humiliating to the organization. It is certain that there will be a quota of men at work as long as the collieries are kept open for them. No intimation is given of the conditions which the operators will offer to the men after the expiration of the present agreement, but judging from the policy of keeping the mines in operation without any ceremony of any kind, it is inferred that the wages and other conditions will remain unchanged.

SPRAGUE WILL INTERPRET

Church Societies of Huron as Well as
Toronto Interested.

At Osgoode Hall, Toronto, Chief Justice Meredith has given judgment determining certain questions arising in the will of the late William Sprague, dated Dec. 8, 1866. Joseph Bitterman Sprague by his will on Oct. 1, 1863, devised his lands in Huron Township, Oxford County, to trustees in trust in the events that happened to his brothers, Hon. John Godfrey Sprague and William Sprague, as tenants in common of the lands of Huron and Toronto was deemed or extinguished, and cannot take effect.

Unless the beneficiaries agree as to the distribution of a fund of \$28,000, about which the question was asked if it were available for payment of legacies of \$500 each to the synods of the dioceses of Huron and Toronto, Montreal and Quebec, there will be a reference to the master in ordinary. He thinks, however, that the legacies are not payable out of the \$28,000. Costs of all parties are out of this fund, and the applicants are entitled to costs between solicitor and client.

BLACKMAILER SHOT

Caught While Taking Money Left on
Ground by Banker.

Washington, Ind., March 30. — A woman was shot last night as she picked up a decoy prepared after Banker M. G. Read had received a letter demanding that she drop \$200,000 to a certain spot. A man accompanied the woman, but escaped unhurt. The police are looking for him. The woman was peppered with lead and covered with blood, she was taken to jail. She was identified as Miss Zella Clark, and has been employed as a domestic.

Read is president of the National Bank of this city. The letter he received demanded that he place the money in a box to be left at the east gate of a school at 9 p.m. He followed the instructions to leave the box and run for his life. Upon receiving the threatening missive, Read laid the letter before the police, and at the appointed hour officers were secreted in neighboring houses.

The bank president made his way to the gate, placed the decoy, and ran, as instructed. A few minutes later the man and the woman in the case appeared at the gate, the man running to the box and picking it up. Someone fired from the school building, the woman gave a cry of pain and fell to the pavement.

PREMATURE EXPLOSION.

Chillicothe, Ohio, March 30. — Seven men were killed and nine were injured by the premature dynamite explosion on the Norfolk and Western Railway, five miles south of here, early today.

PADEREWSKI ILL.

New York, March 30. — Ignace Jan Paderewski, the pianist, sailed for Europe today on the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse. He was compelled by rheumatism in his arms to cancel the remainder of his American tour.

OFFERED TO PORT HOPE.

Port Hope, March 30. — At a meeting of the town council a letter was received from Thos. Kirkwood, Toronto, asking the council to consider the purchase of \$20,000 bond, bearing a 4 per cent interest, payable \$5,000 per year for six years in a company to be organized to put on a daily fast boat service between Port Hope and Toronto, calling at Port Hope both ways.

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ENGLAND CLAMORS FOR GREATER NAVY

Much of Opposition Won Over
by Commons Debate of
Monday.

London, March 30. — There is strong prospect that the picturesque and popular figure of Admiral Lord Chas. Boscawen will be seen immediately in the thick of the political struggle, throwing fresh fuel on the naval agitation. England's foremost admiral always has been outspoken concerning his views and desires, and since his return to London after having been relieved of the command of the Channel fleet, he has talked freely with his friends, declaring that he would do all in his power to stir up the country to insist upon a large and particularly a more efficient navy.

He regards the shortage of reserve stores as the chief present weakness of the navy, although the state of repair of the smaller craft is most unsatisfactory to him, while, on the other hand, he considers the fighting efficiency of the big ships splendid. The debate in the House of Commons yesterday appears almost to have flattened the little navy party. Newspapers which have heretofore been its strongest organs say that it is impossible for the country to risk the smallest risk of being overtaken by Germany in the construction of battleships. There are good reasons for believing that the cabinet has already decided to build eight Dreadnoughts and has notified the shipbuilders of the intention to lay down the second four within the fiscal year.

SWITCH IN ROYAL NAMES

Servian Princes George and Alexander
Exchange Names.

Belgrade, March 30. — King Peter issued a declaration changing the names of his sons. The step is taken to preserve the name of George as a reminder of the house of Habsburg. The former crown prince, George, who last week renounced his rights to the throne, will hereafter be known as Alexander, while Alexander, George's younger brother, who has been recognized as crown prince, will be known as George. George, the new crown prince, has been made a lieutenant in the army. The local press is voicing the demand that he be sent to college to complete his education.

FEAR 14 SAILORS PERISHED IN FIRE

Part of Crew of Burning Vessel Are
Missing Ship Is a Total Loss.

Havana, March 30. — Fourteen members of the crew of the American liner steamer Altenburg, which was burned here yesterday, are missing and it is feared that they have perished. The Altenburg caught fire at the burning piers of the Havana Central Railway and the flames spread so quickly that the officers and crew were forced to abandon the ship. It was supposed that all had gotten away safely. It was found today, however, that fourteen men were missing. These include Second Officer Rudolph Horn, of Sensburg, East Prussia; Third Engineer Carl Wittkopff, of Stettin; the cook, steward, cabin boy, four white members of the crew and five St. Thomas negroes.

The steamer was beached last night at Regia, on the east side of the harbor. The fire is still burning in the coal bunkers and cargo and this makes a search for the bodies impossible. The steamer and cargo, which is valued at \$200,000, are almost a total loss.

SENATOR GOWAN'S WILL

The Dead Statesman Left a Fortune
of \$300,000.

Barrie, Ont., March 30. — The late Senator Sir James R. Gowan's will, dated Aug. 1, 1907, and made shortly after the death of his wife, disposes of an estate worth \$300,000. The will contains legacies to the nephews and nieces of deceased. Bequests to charity are: To the Arden Memorial Home, Barrie, \$500; to Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie, \$400; to the Muskoka Free Home for Consumptives, \$400. The sum of \$4,000 is divided among a number of other charities.

To the Reformed Episcopal Church in Barrie deceased donated a sum equal to one-half of the sum contributed and paid by other members, but not exceeding \$500 per year for the four years next ensuing after his death. H. H. Arden, the only son of deceased, receives the residence, "Arden," and all furniture and effects. He also receives \$500 towards printing a revised memoir of the late knight.

PRESBYTERY RECORDS

Examined at Yesterday's Hamilton
Session—New Meeting in
Stratford.

Hamilton, March 30. — From 9:30 to 10:30 this morning the Hamilton and London Presbyteries were devoted to devotional exercises, after which a committee was appointed to examine the records of the various presbyteries. A. A. Budge reported for the committee on church life and work, and announced that the increase for the year was about \$800. Following the presentation of the report, Rev. Mr. Robinson spoke on the Sunday school work. He commended the work and the increase, and said it was the first increase in five years. It was, however, larger than the decreases of the past five years, and was bigger than any increase ever before. He stated that if the scholars in the Sunday schools were to be held, the schools must increase, the efficiency of the teaching staff, and the responsibility of this must rest on the ministers.

He advocated the formation of a teachers' training class as one of the regular classes of the school. In the short discussion which followed, Rev. Dr. Lytle said the church should have a different system of studying the Bible, and characterized the present system as a hodge-podge and jump one, and he wanted to see it changed.

It was decided to hold the next meeting in Knox Church, Stratford, on the Monday of the last week in April.

ROSE 6,000 FEET.

Friedrichshafen, March 29. — The Zeppelin airship made a successful flight today to a height of 6,000 feet, the greatest altitude yet reached. The landing also was successful. The airship recently made several successful landings in an open field, with a crew of 28 men on board.

A CLASH OVER CASH.

Hamilton, March 30. — Differences of opinion have arisen between Rev. H. Britton, rector of St. Matthew's Church, and his congregation over the salary question. At the last vestry meeting, the congregation passed a resolution, raising Mr. Britton's salary from \$700 to \$800 a year on condition that the finances of the church warranted the increase. The officials of the church claim that the finances did not warrant the increase, and that the increase in salary did not go into effect. Rev. Mr. Britton, it is said, claimed that he should have received the present \$700 salary, and that a resolution was passed, and it is reported that he has threatened to take legal action against the church. Rev. Mr. Britton denies this today. At a special meeting of the congregation will be held tomorrow evening to settle the matter.

STUCK IN THE ICE.

Halifax, March 30. — The steamers Minto and Stanley, which perform winter service between Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, are both stuck in the ice. The Stanley off Cape Sable, P. E. I., and the Minto off Georgetown Harbor.

MISMATED ONES TURN TO RENO, NEV.

The New Mecca for New York
Society Folk Who Seek
a Divorce.

New York, March 30. — Society-at-large that portion of the seeking freedom from failing marital bonds—has ordained that Reno, Nev., is the proper temporary abode in which to obtain a divorce with the least possible amount of publicity. The natives don't know what to make of it.

Misnamed the divorce industry by the Nevada city say that if the influx from all directions continues it will be necessary to build more hotels, so great is the demand for one-year leases on rooms and houses.

Mrs. Fells, S. D., recently was deprived of the divorce industry by the people of the state, who voted that they had suffered enough from unjust divorce laws, and that the American people should be free to get their own divorce laws. The loss of the American market would be made up by the opening of a market in the west.

ARRANGING SETTLEMENT.

Montreal, March 30. — Both the Dominion Steel and Coal Companies are busy engaged preparing the settlements documents in connection with the long-standing dispute over the Canadian fish free. The commission which recently dealt with this subject held that a system of Government cold storage could be put in force. The loss of the American market would be made up by the opening of a market in the west.

BURNED IN EXPLOSION.

Welland, March 29. — A serious explosion took place at noon today in a regulator house owned by the Provincial Natural Gas Company at Steveston, Ont. Three workmen were named Smith, Pitts and White were inside at the time, and all had the skin burned from their faces and hands. The explosion could be heard for miles around, and was caused by a lighted cigar in the hands of one of the workmen.

PRIEST BURNED TO DEATH.

Norwood, R. I., March 30. — Shockingly burned the body of Rev. Edward E. Norbert, a French priest, was found today on the floor of his little chapel in this village. One theory as to how the priest met his death is that an oil lamp he was carrying became overturned, and that his clothing was set

Another Colonist Waiting.

Mrs. Delafield, Jun., First. Mrs. Maturin L. Delafield, Jun., formerly the beautiful Lettice Lee Sands, is waiting to examine the records of the first decree obtained by a member of the New York smart set. She has been a resident of the state for more than six months, and on March 3 filed a suit for an absolute divorce. She alleges desertion.

LADY FRANCES BROOME

Eccentric Englishwoman Removed as
Executive of Husband's Estate.
Santa Barbara, Cal., March 30. — Not having made an accounting of the estate for eighteen years, Lady Frances Broome was yesterday removed by the court here as executrix of the \$2,700,000 estate left by her husband. Her eldest son, Thornhill, who petitioned the court for an accounting, was made special administrator. "Lady" Broome is an Englishwoman, whose eccentricities have long kept her in the public eye. She ignored the court order to have an attorney, saying that she could find none she could trust. Other heirs of the estate are a son, a daughter, and Montague, a son. The estate consists of 22,000 acres near Ventura and property in Buxton, England.

DRIVER McDONALD DEAD.

East Aurora, N. Y., March 30. — William B. McDonald, the widely-known grand circuit driver, died at his home near the Jewettville track early today. He was stricken with paralysis on Sunday. "Billy" McDonald has always been identified with the harness racing game, having sprung into fame over a quarter of a century ago, when he brought to pacing mare, Buffalo Girl, from the west, and literally cleaned up all of the eastern tracks. McDonald had worked for nearly all of the big men in the harness world. He was 60 years old.

GEORGIAN BAY FISHERIES

American Combine Controls the Canadian Industry, Says Expert.

Ottawa, March 30. — The fisheries committee this morning heard evidence so far as anyone knows there is no Canadian fishery in the bay are in the hands of the American fishing combine. Some of the fish is brought back to Canada, and thus the Canadian consumer pays duty on Canadian fish, and the American consumer gets Canadian fish free. The commission which recently dealt with this subject held that a system of Government cold storage could be put in force. The loss of the American market would be made up by the opening of a market in the west.

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TRAVELERS' GUIDE

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

SARNIA TUNNEL TO SUSPENSION BRIDGE AND TORONTO.

Corrected to January 1, 1909.

Arrive from the east—7:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 11:25 a.m., 4:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 10:10 p.m.

Arrive from the west—12:15 a.m., 7:25 a.m., 11:25 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 11:30 p.m.

Depart for the east—12:14 a.m., 7:40 a.m., 7:50 a.m., 11:38 a.m., 2:06 p.m., 4:25 p.m., 4:55 p.m., 10:30 p.m.

Depart for the west—7:30 a.m., 7:40 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 11:30 p.m.

Arrive—10:25 a.m., 4:00 p.m., 6:50 p.m., 11:30 p.m.

Depart—6:35 a.m., 11:35 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m.

STRATFORD BRANCH.

Arrive—7:25 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:33 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 11:35 p.m.

Depart—6:50 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 2:45 p.m., 4:55 p.m.

LONDON, HURON AND BRUCE.

Arrive—10:10 a.m., 6:10 p.m.

Depart—9:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m.

Trains marked * run daily. Those not marked * run on Sunday.

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Arrive—6:55 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 6:10 p.m., 9:50 p.m.

Depart—7:15 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 8:55 p.m., 10:25 p.m.

PERE MARQUETTE RAILWAY.

Arrive—10:10 a.m., 4:30 p.m., 6:50 p.m., 11:30 p.m.

Depart—9:30 a.m., 12:20 p.m., 1:50 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 9:20 p.m.

* To and from Walkerville, without change. Trains not * arrived to Port Stanley.

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Arrive from the east—11:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m., 10:55 p.m. From the west—4:30 p.m., 11:35 a.m., 11:55 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 5:30 p.m. For the west—11:35 a.m., 13:10 p.m., 11:00 p.m.

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