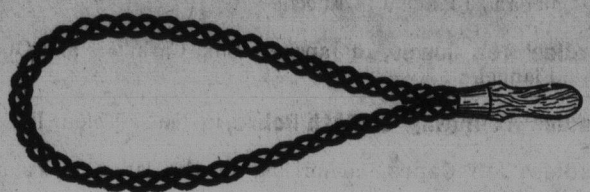


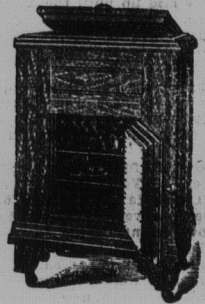
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THEY MAY STRIKE.

United Mine Workers in Conference at Scranton Today.

They Have Telegraphed Their Decision to the Operators and Await Reply.

SCRANTON, Pa., May 8.—The executive committee of the three districts of the anthracite coal fields, representing all of the members of the United Mine Workers in that locality, resumed its secret conference soon after 9 o'clock this morning. There is much apprehension in business circles all over the anthracite region regarding the outcome of the meeting. Strong influences are at work among the miners to prevent a strike, as it is realized that a tie-up at this time means a long struggle and the consequent paralyzing of business interests. There is much speculation as to what will be the action of the union representatives should they decide that strategic methods are necessary. Granted that no concession will be made to the men, the mining officials have only two moves to make, unless they declare for or against a strike.

President Mitchell holds the same powerful influence over the miners that he has hitherto exercised and it is thought that the question of strike or no strike depends almost entirely on the final decision of Mr. Mitchell. At 10:30 o'clock the executive committee took a recess until 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. President Mitchell issued the following statement: "The executive committee of the anthracite mine workers' organization have proposed that all questions at issue between themselves and the anthracite coal mine operators be submitted to an impartial board of arbitration, such board to be selected by the industrial branch of the National Civic Federation. This proposition has been submitted to the operators by wire."

FREDERICTON.

Death of Mrs. Major Forrester Occurs in Toronto.

(Special to the Star.)

FREDERICTON, May 8.—A telegram was received here this morning conveying intelligence of the death at Toronto last night of Mrs. Vesta Forrester, wife of Major Forrester, and youngest daughter of the late Senator Thomas A. Temple, of this city. Death resulted from typhoid fever, and her friends here had no previous intimation of her illness. She leaves two sisters, Mrs. Fred. S. Hilyard, Fredericton, and Mrs. Amelia Grosvenor, Benton, Carleton Co. Her remains will probably be brought here for interment.

TORONTO, May 8.—Mrs. Forrester, wife of Major William Forrester, of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, Stanley Barracks, died last night of typhoid fever after an illness of only ten days duration. Mrs. Forrester was a daughter of the late Senator Thomas Temple of Fredericton. She was married to Major Forrester in 1887.

QUEEN WILHELMINA.

THE HAGUE, May 8.—In the bulletin on the condition of Queen Wilhelmina, issued this morning at Castle Loo, the attending physicians say: "There was no increase in the patient's temperature yesterday. Her majesty had a good night and her condition this morning gives cause for satisfaction." The prince has telegraphed his mother that the queen's condition is satisfactory and that she has no fever. The prince consort this morning attended Ascension Day services at the church in Apeldoorn. This was taken as a reassuring sign in regard to the queen's condition.

FRANCHISE TAX STANDS.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 8.—Judge Earle, referee in the matter of the constitutionality of the New York state franchise tax law, declares the law constitutional on every point and the companies must pay the tax to the localities. The franchise tax law was passed during the administration of Governor Theodore Roosevelt. It was introduced by Senator John Ford, but was amended on the governor's suggestion to make it less drastic. Judge Earle's decision is adverse to the corporations on every point.

THE FIRE RECORD.

NEW YORK, May 8.—Fire started early this morning in the cooper house of the Swan and Finch Oil Refinery on Staten Island. The flames were fanned by a southwest wind and spread rapidly north, burning several tanks containing 15,000 barrels of crude oil. Thousands of barrels of refined and crude oil were stored in the yards and in the shipping sheds, and all were consumed. As the fire reached the big tanks they exploded, sending burning oil high in the air and scattering it over new material. The loss was \$100,000.

OFFICER BADLY BEATEN.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 8.—Lieut. H. E. H. King, of the 20th Infantry, stationed at Fort Sheridan, was badly beaten last night by an unknown man, and sustained injuries which are likely to cause his death. His assailant is supposed to be a deserter from the fort for whom the lieutenant had been searching.

WINTER PORT.

Ald. Baxter and Maxwell State Their Views to the Star.

Increased Facilities Needed For Next Winter—Interesting Suggestions Made.

In conversation with the Star yesterday Aldermen Baxter and Maxwell gave their opinions on the proposed harbor extension as follows. Mayor White will be heard from later.

ALDERMAN BAXTER.
"It is just ten years since the common council first effectively grappled with the question of the future of St. John as a winter port of Canada. At that time, when I moved the resolution which resulted in Sand Point being chosen as the site for improvements, there was a much less hopeful feeling than that which exists today. For a long time the critical and somewhat unprogressive portion of the community claimed that a mistake had been made and that the city had committed itself to an unwise policy of expenditure."

"In less than five years it was fully demonstrated that we were right in trusting the future, and but for our action in the summer of 1892 we would not and could not have had the trade of last winter."

"I believe in a forward policy today as firmly as I maintained it then, and I am satisfied that such a policy has greatly increased in popularity. The need of the present hour is action. The council should work, but the citizens must also do their part. Above all things politics must not be allowed to enter into the question. I would suggest that a mass meeting be called, at which our most prominent business men should express their views and, if they agree, as I think they will, that the government should be asked to do the dredging, at once, as their contribution to the work, then let the community as one man press for its accomplishment."

"I do not desire to anticipate the result of public discussion, but I think that the most practical solution of the question is to be found in the suggestions of T. H. Estabrooks, that the government should do the dredging for the immediate needed additional berth, and that the city and the C. P. R. should share in providing the wharf and warehouse accommodation."

ALDERMAN MAXWELL.

"I believe that immediate action should be taken by the common council for the purpose of providing additional wharf and warehouse accommodation on the West Side, and think that the dominion government should be requested by the council, and if necessary, by a mass meeting of the citizens of St. John, to do all the dredging required in connection with the providing of these additional berths. We might fairly ask the government to do this as their contribution to the work, when it is remembered that they have been and are still spending very large amounts in dredging the harbors of Montreal and other ports. A committee of the common council has already been appointed to report on the best means of providing these facilities and I believe the board of trade should be requested to appoint another committee to act with them."

"The present expenditure for harbor facilities on the West Side is one of the best investments ever made by the City of St. John, because of the enormous annual indirect revenue which has practically been derived from an expenditure of only \$750,000. Last season this indirect revenue from the steamship companies alone amounted to about \$500,000. The city should own the additional berths, and if the C. P. R. will contribute a fair share towards building them I believe the common council should at once provide them."

"If the dominion government will do the dredging, and it becomes necessary for the common council in the interests of the winter port business to spend \$250,000 to provide additional facilities, the interest on which amount at 3 1/2 per cent would be only \$3,750 per annum, I am convinced that the additional business provided for would result in an increase of the indirect returns to the citizens at large to the extent of \$650,000, instead of \$500,000, as last year, from steamship companies alone. If citizens of St. John for a direct tax of \$750 per year, can get an additional indirect return of \$150,000 per year placed in circulation, the common council would be fully justified in providing the facilities alone, if necessary. There is a very much larger return in proportion to the money invested on the West Side, than can, or has been, obtained from the exemption from taxation of factories, mills, etc."

ANDREW CARNEGIE

Assures Britain That the Shipping Combine Is Only a Bogey.

LONDON, May 8.—Andrew Carnegie, who sailed from New York April 30 on the St. Louis, arrived in London today and promptly proceeded to console Great Britain on the subject of the shipping combine, by saying there was no cause for alarm.

"To combine the shipping traffic," said Mr. Carnegie, "is a big order. There is free flow of way on the ocean, and the tramp steamer are always with us. The merger may give regular daily sailings to passengers, which would be advantageous. I am not in the navigation syndicate, having retired from business and reformed, so I cannot advise you as to the exact character and bearing of the combination. But in my opinion, the combine is purely a matter of money making. There is no question of patriotism in trade. It does not care a fig for flag."

PRICE OF BEEF

May Be Affected By Action of British Parliament

To Put Argentine Cattle on Same Basis as Canadian Would Do It.

LONDON, May 6.—In arguing a question in the house of commons yesterday, suggesting the desirability of augmenting the food supply, in view of the present prospective short supplies of beef, the president of the board of agriculture, R. W. Hanbury, said that the government could not remove the restrictions placed on the importation of Canadian store cattle, but possibly Argentine beasts might be admitted on the same conditions as cattle from the United States. Mr. Hanbury added that he was awaiting information on the subject from the Argentine government.

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)
This despatch will be read with the greatest interest all over this continent, and particularly in Ontario, as, if Mr. Hanbury's indicated change goes into effect, the price of beef, not only in England, but in Canada and the United States will go down at once. The effect of the despatch, as explained by William Levaack and Mr. William Hummel to The Mail and Empire last night, is to let Argentine cattle into England upon the same terms as Canadian and United States cattle, a privilege from which they have been shut out for the past ten years. Canadian and American cattle can now be landed alive in Britain and kept ten days before slaughtering. Argentine cattle were formerly allowed into England on somewhat similar terms, but a year or so ago, upon the breaking out of the foot and mouth disease, cattle from Argentine were prohibited altogether from coming into England. Consequently only frozen carcasses have been shipped. This is not only a more expensive method of shipment, but the price realized for frozen beef is much less than for freshly-killed beef, and the effect has been to reduce the supply coming from Argentine and to take what did come out of competition with the English-killed cattle from Canada and the United States. The effect of the lifting of this prohibition will be to greatly increase the supply of live cattle in England and consequently sending down the price. If the price goes down in England the effect will be quickly felt on this side of the Atlantic, and prices in Toronto for live stock, and probably for beef, will decline.

Thus the answer to a question of a member in the British house of commons has, in a moment, put a new complexion on the booming cattle market here. The consumer, too, who has been watching with alarm the price for beef steadily rise, will halt the probability of a change with delight.

MILLIONS IN GOLD.

And Yet An Army of Men Are Starving.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., May 8.—Two steamers have arrived from Skagway. The city of Seattle and the Dolphin. On board the City of Seattle was Governor John G. Brady of Alaska. He is on his way to Ashland, Ore., to join his family.

Reports brought by the steamers from Skagway say that there is an army of idle men at White Horse and many of them are destitute. They walked from Skagway and shipped their baggage by train and they have no money with which to get their baggage out of the warehouse or to purchase meals. The situation is growing more serious as recruits are daily arriving. Advice from Dawson, under date of April 27, are to the effect that the country is drenched with water. Sluicing has commenced and from \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000 in dirt is ready to wash.

HETTY CARRIES A GUN.

NEW YORK, May 8.—Mrs. Hetty Green, the noted woman of finance, has been granted a permit to carry a revolver by the police department of this city. Mrs. Green applied for the permit a week ago to Captain Stephen O'Brien of the Leonard street station, and it was on his recommendation that the permit was given. Capt. O'Brien's report on the application says Mrs. Green declared that she was in the habit of carrying large sums of money, stocks, bonds and jewelry. She also said it was her intention to secure pistol permits in all the large cities in which she does business.

SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, May 8.—Lord Kitchener reports another accident, on May 7, to a train bound from Pretoria to Pietersburg, Northern Transvaal. The cars were derailed at a curve and an officer and ten men were killed.

LONDON, April 7.—Further advice received here today from South Africa announced that 305 Boers had been captured and that ten burghers were killed in the neighborhood of Lindley, Orange River Colony, yesterday.

The captured men represent the most irreconcilable Boers in the Orange River Colony.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Eastern States and Northern New York: Fair tonight; Friday partly cloudy, probably showers and warmer in interior; fresh west to north winds becoming east.

TORONTO, May 8.—Moderate to fresh northwest to west winds, fair, not much change in temperature; Friday, fresh southwest to south winds, fair at first, local showers by night.

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J. G. SCHURMAN

Cornell's President and His Wife Buying Real Estate in New York.

NEW YORK, May 7.—Mrs. J. G. Schurman, wife of the President of Cornell University, has bought No. 39 West Fifty-eighth street, a four-story, and basement stone front dwelling house on a lot 20x100.5 feet. Jas. Beckel was the seller. President Schurman was in the city last week and was seen by a reporter in regard to the purchase. He said that the house No. 39 West Fifty-eighth street adjoins property owned by his wife, and that the title would be taken in her name. He declined to say anything further on the subject. President Schurman recently bought a large tract of land on Long Island, where he intends to live in the summer.

ANTI-BEEF EATING LEAGUE.

LYNN, Mass., May 6.—An anti-beef eating league is organizing among the 5,000 employees of the General Electric company in Lynn pledged to abstain from the purchase of beef and western packers during the present high prices. Between 1,500 and 1,700 names are on the list already, representing 3,500 consumers. Local dealers complain that the consumption of meats is already falling off rapidly.