

MORE AD IS TO BE GIVEN TO DRY DOCKS

Eleventh Hour Legislation Introduced In House By Mr. Fielding Of Far Reaching Importance.

EXTENSION OF BID IN SUBSIDIES PROMISED

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., April 1.—Mr. Fielding gave notice tonight of an important resolution on which a bill will be based, providing for changes in the subsidy provided for dry docks.

It is proposed to divide dry docks into three classes, with a varying scale of subsidy. In the first class will be dry docks for naval and general purposes, on which subsidies will be paid at 3 1/2 per cent per annum.

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MASSACHUSETTS CITY "AROUSSED OVER ARREST"

Springfield All Ago At Brutal Murder Of School Children—Police Unite To Capture Desperado.

Springfield, Mass., April 1.—It is many a year since this city has been so aroused as it is now over the wanton murder last evening, of Miss Martha B. Blackstone, and the wounding of Miss Harriet P. Dow, a fellow teacher, by a masked robber in the drawing room of Miss Dow's home.

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MORE LIGHT IS SHED ON BANK SMASH

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BANK OF MONTREAL BADLY BITTEN

New York, April 1.—Little by little the details of the recent smashup of the United States Banking Company and the connection therewith of the Bank of Montreal in the City of Mexico are being received in this city. It appears that President Ham, the defunct bank, is incarcerated in the famous Belem prison, in the outskirts of Mexico where so many prisoners have entered never again to be heard of dead or alive.

A day or two before the smash Mr. Ham went to the Bank of Montreal and stating that he had three-quarters of a million dollars in gold deposited in a New York banking institution asked to have a draft cashed for that amount. Mr. Saunders, manager of the Canadian bank and his advisory board having implicit confidence in Ham, cashed a draft for \$600,000 and a few days after they discovered that although Ham had shown them a pass book with the amount of three-quarters of a million on deposit in New York as he had alleged not one cent was forthcoming and that is why the president of the United States Banking Co. is now languishing in Belem prison where his lawyer alone can see him and only at rare intervals.

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LOCAL OPTION FIGHT ON IN CAMPBELLTON

Prohibition And Liquor Forces Arrayed In Struggle To Death—First Application Of Provisions Of License Act.

Special to The Standard. Campbellton, April 1.—The local option fight in Campbellton is in full swing. The temperance people are organizing their forces and it is evident that the liquor men are not idle. Some time ago petitions from the three wards of the town asking that a vote be taken on the local option clause of the liquor license act, were presented to the town council.

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MONEY NOT YET AVAILABLE FOR COURTENAY BAY MUD

Mr. Pugsley on Grid Acknowledges That No Money Has Yet Been Voted for Courtenay Bay Dredging, and That None is in Sight Unless Supplementary Vote is Brought Down.

Grand Trunk, He Further Confesses, Has Not Purchased Site for Terminals and no Transfer of Property Has Taken Place—Inurgent Liberals Demand that Business Like Methods be Employed

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, April 1.—The dredging in St. John harbor and Courtenay Bay was the principal topic of the day. As a result of steady questioning it came out that the Grand Trunk has not purchased the site at the head of Courtenay Bay, nor has it transferred of particulars as to the area of the district affected and as to Mr. Charles M. Hays' high opinion of it.

It is further provided that the work of the construction or enlargement of the dock shall be done under the supervision of the department of the navy, and that if such dry dock is not kept in a state of efficiency or repair after such subsidy becomes payable, the government may take possession of such dock and expend out consolidated revenue fund a sufficient amount to repair the same and thereafter operate it until the cost of repairs is recovered by the crown.

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LOCKPORT SCHOONER MAKES RECORD RUN

Edith Parly Averages 10 Knots In Maiden Voyage From Nova Scotia Port To Newfoundland.

Special to The Standard. Lockport, N. S., April 1.—The schooner Edith Parly, recently built by Howard Allen and Company of this place for William Forsyth of Grand Bank, Newfoundland, made a record breaking run from Lockport to Grand Banks on her maiden voyage. The time consumed on the trip according to advices received today from the owner by William McMillan, was forty three hours and the average speed was ten knots per hour.

GERMAN GUNBOAT GETS NOTICE TO QUIT

Berlin, April 1.—The disturbance between the natives and the government troops in Liberia is "more comic than serious," according to a report which the Admiralty received today from the commander of the German gunboat Sparber.

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FIRST LOT OF NEW SETTLERS FOR PROVINCE

Empress Brings 57 Sturdy Immigrants To New Brunswick—Many More Now On The Atlantic.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S POLICY SHOWS RESULTS

With the bright sunny weather of their first day on this side of the Atlantic, serving as a happy omen, a large party of farmers and farm laborers under the personal direction of Mr. A. Bowdler who has spent some months in Great Britain as the special representative of the Provincial Government, arrived yesterday on the C. P. R. steamer Empress of Britain and will be distributed to their new homes today through the agency of Mr. A. B. Wilmot, superintendent of immigration.

Mr. Bowdler said last evening that he could not estimate the number who were likely to come to the province as a great deal depended on the report that those who arrived first sent back. A number of those on the Empress were in touch with groups of farmers who would come in the fall if the outlook was favorable.

CAMPBELL IMPRESSED WITH CHATHAM'S STORY

Deputy Minister Of Railways And Canals, Hears Good & Sufficient Reasons Why Change Should Be Made.

Special to The Standard. Chatham, N. B., April 1.—At a meeting of the Board of Trade tonight, attended by over 100 business men, strong reasons were advanced to show Deputy Minister Campbell why the proposed change in route should be made. It was pointed out that in the past, several industries have passed by Chatham because of the lack of rail connection; that two new industries would be started if built; that the present improvement was partly by rail and in winter would use it altogether, and that with a good station and shipping facilities tourist traffic could be diverted to Chatham.

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OUTLOOK FOR PEACE MORE BRIGHT NOW

Mine Workers Strike Likely To Be Short Lived—Negotiations Already Under Foot For Resumption Of Work.

THE SITUATION IN NEW YORK

Indianapolis, Ind., April 1.—Notwithstanding that today was a stated holiday of the United Mine Workers of North America, in celebration of the institution of the eight-hour work day, Union leaders and operators associations in the bituminous coal fields were busy with preparation for conferences, in which it is hoped settlements on new wage contracts will be reached speedily, which will bring resumption of activity in the mines.

St. Louis, Mo., April 1.—"Don't be alarmed over the outcome of this affair; don't be afraid that we will not be able to sign up an agreement. It will all be over within thirty days. Anyhow, this is good fishing weather."

New York, N. Y., April 1.—The four railroads affected by the strike of miners and pilots in their marine departments, issued a statement tonight in which they asserted that they were well equipped for success in handling their business, during this, the first day of the strike. Taken altogether, said the statement the companies moved about 60 per cent of the normal tonnage. It was denied that tugs were being sent out short handed in violation of the admiralty law. The statement concluded: "Assurances have been received from many of the masters and pilots individually that they were satisfied with the proposals of the companies, but were forced into action by the leaders of their organization."

Pittsburg, Pa., April 1.—The 36-hour strike of the union coal miners in District No. 5, United Mine Workers of America, is being conducted along ordinary lines. No trouble is anticipated during the days of idleness. The union men, according to a general opinion tonight, will not remain out more than two weeks and are more likely to be back at work next week.

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