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BROTHERHOOD OF RAILROAD TRACKMEN ON MAINE CENTRAL GO OUT ON STRIKE.

Said Canadian Pacific Engineers Will Not Run Unless Experienced Men Have Charge of Track--Statement of Management.

Waterville, Me., June 10--A general strike of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trackmen on the Maine Central system, including the Mountain Division, was inaugurated today at 5 o'clock...

Portland, Me., June 10--The following statement was given out by a leading official of the Maine Central this evening: "The management of the Maine Central has been expecting, for some time, that some of the trackmen might go on a strike...

NEGRO TURNS STATES EVIDENCE IN THE GRAFFAM MURDER CASE.

Story an Entirely New Version, and Differs from That of Victim's Mother--Dramatic Scene When She Testified.

Portland, Me., June 10--What promise to be one of the most interesting legal cases in recent years began in the court here today when Edward Graffam was placed on trial for the murder of Clifford Hands in Gorham on May 12 last.

Mrs. Martha F. Mosher, mother of the murdered man, took the stand and her testimony developed one of the most dramatic incidents ever witnessed in a Portland court.

At 3 o'clock the proceedings were ended in the presence of a large gathering of spectators. The case was opened by the government's case by calling the jury for two hours.

FORTIFYING SYDNEYS NOW A MATTER OF TALK.

June 10--(Special)--The realization of a plan to fortify Sydney is now a matter of talk.

Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION

Delegates Stream Into Boston from All Quarters.

WILL BE NEARLY 5,000.

Big Gathering Will Begin Business in Mechanics' Hall--Meeting Also in Other Places--Scenes Monday as the Delegates Arrive.

Boston, June 10--Straming into Boston from nearly every quarter of the globe came delegates today to the semi-annual and international public convention of the Y. M. C. A. of North America.

Not a delegate left the building today without a most careful inspection of the great exhibit in one of the large halls of the building.

London, June 10--The House of Commons voted down by large majorities a series of amendments to the civil list and Crown bill, proposed by Mr. Labouchere and others, which was a motion to reduce the grant from £470,000 to £415,000.

WOMAN MARRIED TO WOMAN

Disclosure Made to Police in Missing "Husband" Case.

New York, June 10--Mrs. Herbert Courter, a woman who asked the police of Jersey City yesterday, to look for her husband, who she said she thought had deserted her, told a Jersey City Justice of the Peace today that her husband was really a woman.

THE PHILIPPINES.

General Grant Says Their Value to the United States Can Not Be Overestimated.

New York, June 10--In an article in the coming issue of Leslie's Weekly, General Frederick D. Grant will say that the value of the Philippines to the United States cannot be overestimated.

HALIFAX LIKED IT, TOO.

Harkins Company Opened to Packed Houses, Playing Fedora.

Halifax, June 10--(Special)--W. S. Harkins company opened here tonight in Fedora to a packed house.

Blacked Girl Strikers.

Chicago, June 10--Judge Waterman, in the Circuit Court today, announced a decision that the blacklisting of a number of girls by a stock yards firm was illegal.

New I. C. R. Engines.

Moncton, July 10--(Special)--Several new I. C. R. locomotives have arrived here. A very fine Cleveland express engine arrived Saturday night from Scranton, Pa.

SOUTH AFRICAN CAMPAIGN.

Military Enforcing Stringent Restrictions in Foodstuff Distribution.

Ottawa, June 10--(Special)--In the South African consular three deaths have been reported: Trooper Edward Mullins died of enteric fever at Elmdonstein May 31.

DIED TOGETHER.

Husband and Wife Found Dead in Hotel.

A RUNAWAY MARRIAGE.

It is Thought, Followed by Death Because of Despondency Over Father's Refusal to Forgive--Revolver in Dead Man's Hands Told Tragic Tale.

Chicago, June 10--Side by side, each with a bullet wound in the temple, the dead bodies of L. Hartman and his wife were found in their bed at the Great Northern Hotel this evening.

BRITISH COMMONS.

Amount Proposed for Vote Alexandra is £33,000.

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ONLY NINE SAILED OUT OF 68 PASSENGERS.

Chinese Boat Upside by Squall--New Yorker Walking Round the World.

Victoria, B. C., June 10--The steamer Kinsha Maru arrived today from the Orient. She brought news that a Chinese passenger boat bound from the San to Ne Pan was upset during a squall May 8 and out of 68 on board only nine were saved.

FIRE IN MINE SHAFT.

Fear for the Lives of Thirty Men--Rescuers Still Unheard From.

Port Royal, Pa., June 10--The Pittsburgh Coal & Coke Co.'s shaft No. 2 at this place is on fire and over 30 men are in the mines, many of whom it is feared will never be heard from again.

New Canadian Society in New York.

New York, June 10--A new Canadian society to be known as the New York Society of Graduates and Alumni of Queens University, Kingston, Ont., was the result of a meeting held today.

Chinese Affairs.

Washington, June 10--The United States government has communicated to the foreign powers the present wages, and has received in return a guarantee for the payment of the Chinese indemnity.

Burned Church to Cover Picture Theft.

Bayfield, Wis., June 10--The old Catholic church at La Pointe, Madeline Island, was destroyed by fire this morning.

A Canadian's Appointment.

Kingston, June 10--(Special)--Capt. P. G. Twining, R. M. C., R. E. has been appointed superintendent of instruction at Bengal. At present he is in China, on staff duty. The new position is one of the best.

C. P. R. Change.

Winnipeg, June 10--(Special)--W. K. Lawman, assistant general freight agent of the C. P. R. at Toronto, has been appointed to the same position here in succession to G. H. Shaw, now in the employ of the Canadian Northern.

Premier Hardy Better.

Toronto, June 10--(Special)--At midnight the hospital authorities stated Premier Hardy's improvement had continued all evening and there was now slight chance of his recovery.

Professor from Oxford.

Toronto, June 10--(Special)--Rev. H. P. Punter, M. A., Oxford University, has been appointed to a professorship in Wycliffe (Anglican College) this city.

Boston's Elevated Opened.

Boston, June 10--Boston's new elevated road was opened for traffic to about 300 passengers today without loss of life, although with two accidents and a number of minor mishaps.

CANADA'S TRADE FOR TWELVE MONTHS WILL SHOW AGGREGATE OF \$400,000,000.

A Magnificent Exhibition of Growth--Rate Over a Million Dollars a Month, for Eleven Months Ending May 31st.

Ottawa, June 10--(Special)--The trade statement issued by the customs department today, for the 11 months ending May 31st last, show that the aggregate trade of the country increased in that time over \$11,000,000.

It is specially noticed that for the past 11 months the exports of Canadian manufactured articles increased over \$2,000,000, which is an increase of about 17 per cent.

Table showing trade statistics: Dutiable goods, Free goods, Coin and bullion, Total. Includes values for 1900 and 1901.

COMMITTED SIXTY FORGERIES.

A Man for whom Many Police Were on the Lookout, is Captured.

Chicago, June 10--Melville Chester, jr., is under arrest here on a charge of forgery. Twenty-five charges are said to have been made against him.

THE MACHINISTS' CONVENTION.

Proceedings Yesterday--Men at Work Will Be Freely Laid Upon.

Toronto, June 10--(Special)--The international machinists propose to remove their headquarters from Washington either to Cleveland or Chicago.

Colliery Fire Beyond Control.

Shamokin, Pa., June 10--A fire which broke out in No. 4 slope of the Luke Fidler colliery Saturday morning ignited several large bodies of gas last night, causing the flames to spread so rapidly that the fire was beyond control this morning.

THE DOMINION CAPITAL.

New Brunswick Outpost Abolished--Appointment of Quartermaster General.

Ottawa, June 10--(Special)--The outpost of New Brunswick, N. B., will be abolished from July 1 and an order has been passed retiring Sub-collector Foley.

Hon. Sydney Fisher Interviewed.

Toronto, June 10--(Special)--The Telegram's special cable from London says: Hon. Sydney Fisher, Canadian minister of agriculture, now in this country, has been interviewed by the Morning Post.

Fear Drove Him to Police.

Hagerstown, Md., June 10--Hunted by armed men who threatened to lynch him for assaulting Miss Lizzie Gossett, a young white woman, Joseph Powell, colored, gave himself up to officers today in escape his pursuers.

More Belfast Rioting.

Belfast, June 10--The rioting which began yesterday in an attack upon the Corpus Christi procession was renewed tonight, when the crowd vigorously stoned the police. The latter were finally compelled to invoke military aid.

Police Captain Dismissed.

Springfield, Mass., June 10--Edward H. Boecklen, captain of police, was summarily dismissed tonight for overstaying a leave of absence.

\$500 IN GOLD EXPRESSED TO PT. DU CHENE, MISSING.

Shelburne, N. B., June 10--(Special)--An express parcel addressed to J. I. Guntill, Pt. DuChene, on the 29th of May, containing \$500 in gold, sent from Eastport, Me., is missing.

The Assyrian.

St. John's, Nfld., June 10--An attempt is likely to be made to reforest the Assyrian tomorrow at high tide.

Agent Webster here.

Mr. Coleman of the express service, is still here inquiring into the matter, as are also Messrs. Jones and Robinson, of the detective service, Montreal.

United States Wheat.

Washington, June 10--The average condition of winter wheat in 27.9; spring, 92; average increase in acreage of spring wheat is 1,200,000 acres or 6.4 per cent.

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