

Nearly Three Million Workers Idle in the Old Land-Hope of Settlement is Still Remote

LONDON, March 25 .- The twentyfifth day of the national coal strike ends with nearly three million work-ers idle, with many thousands dependent upon charity to keep them from starving, with every manufacturing district in the land undergoing a throttling and a settlement apparently as remote as ever.

The sanguine expectations at the be-ginning of the day were that the joint onference of coal owners and miners, iramatically summoned by the premier, would reach an agreement that would end the strike but those were replaced by the gloomiest forebodings when it was learned that no joint con-ference had been held. For two and a half hours the prime minister and his leagues labored with the committe corresponding the coal owners and for four hours and a half with the miners executive but failed, so completely, as to secure concessions from either which would afford a basis for agreement, that it was found inadvisable to bring the disputants together again. As in previous crisis in the situation the government resorts to secrecy, the only information vouchsafed in the official statement issued this evening

"The conference adjourned until tomorrow

Coal \$20 a Ton

Coal has reached famine prices es ally in the north of England, where t is higher than at London, as mer-chants in the metropolis had large rewhen the strike began. At Newcastle the price of coal is more than \$20 a ton; at Dover, coal is \$15 a ton. One colliery at Yorkshire which had on hand a stock of 200,000 tons sold to the Cunard company 50,000 tons at \$8.50 per ton pit price. This usually sells at ten shillings (\$2.50) a ton. This colliery is now offering some steam coal in Sheffield at 46 shillings (\$11.50) pit

BUILDING ACTIVITY

Daily Demand for Permits Shows Grow-Ing Expenditure for Structures

Permits for structures aggregating \$50,000 in cost were issued yesterday by the building inspector. The in-preased building activity is daily being indicated by the application for per-mits. While the returns for the presnt month will not equal those for Feb uary, in which latter month the per mit for the new additions to the legis lative building was issued, at the pres-ent rate of issuance March this year will constitute a record for any monthly figures since the system of recording values of structures proposed to be erected was established three years ago.

Permits were yesterday issued to Mr. L. P. Frederickson, for a two-story brick apartment and stores building at the corner of Fifth and Bay streets, to cost \$6,500; to Mr. William Moore, for a dwelling on Collinson street, \$4,500; to Mr. J. D. Sims, for a dwelling on Cham-berlain street, \$2,200; to Mr. James Holyoake, for a dwelling on Highview street, \$1,950; to Mr. G. A. Downhard, for dwelling on Balage of agriculture. for dwelling on Belmont-avenue, \$1,750; to Messrs. Breeze & Houghton, for a dwelling on Graham street, \$1,900; to Mr. H. E. Beasley, for a dwelling at the corner of St. Charles and Regent streets. \$7,600; to Mr. D. H. Bale, for four dwellings on Emma, Cook, Elford streets and Gorge road, to cost in the aggregate \$14,800; to Mr. A. E. Hamel, for a dwelling on King's road, \$1,500; to Mr. F. Loeffher, for dwelling on Taunton road, \$3,000, and to Mr. W. Dobson, for there a dwelling on Dallas road, \$4,800.

British ship Kirkcudbrightshire has been released from her charter to load grain for the United Kingdom. The vessel arrived on the Columbia river March 19 after a passage of 8 days from Newcastle, Australia, and reached port tod late to claim her charter for rain. She had an exceptionally good harter of 32 shillings, 6 pence for the voyage.

Presidential Primary Law SEATTLE, March 25 .-- Governor M. E.

lay will not call a special session of legislature to enact a presidentia preference primary law. He made that clear tonight when he disembarked from the steamer Governor on which he re turned from San Francisco, where he selected the site for the Washington building at the Panama Pacific exposi

SENATE TRIES TO



Policy of Obstruction to Government Measures Said to be Dictated by Sir Wilfrid Laurier

for licenses to hunt in British Colum-bla during the present season, and in-formation has also, reached the provin-cial game warden to the effect that Mr. Montgomery, an American, has lately purchased an island off the west coast OTTAWA, March 25 .- The house this afternoon and evening discharged a variety of routine business. In the course of the morning the Grand Trunk breed a herd of wapiti for this island bill came up. Major Currie, who has it in charge, asked that it stand till Wedsame preserve. The foundational stock for this herd are to be imported from nesday. He added the Grand Trunk solicitor had instructed him that. Mr. Kelly, the master of transportation, teresting inasmuch as the provincial government is also at present considerwas to be here in the morning. ing the practicability of restocking the wapiti herds of the interior with

The same attitude was taken by Mr. Currie with regard to the Grand Trunk bill to ratify the agreement between it and the Ontario government for the use of the Temiskaming and Northern. Hon. Mr. Rogers' bill to grant \$100 each to the Fenian raid veterans was read a second time. Hon. Mr. Doherty's bill to prevent the incorporation of race track companies by letters patent, was read a third time. An amendment by Mr. Pugsley to make it retroactive so as to shut out two charters recently granted, was lost on division.

Mr. Doherty put through his bill to "It seems a shame that this splen-did animal should become extinct, more especially as he would easily breed in Mr. Doherty put through his bill to amend the judge's acts. It makes gen-eral provision that a barrister must have ten years' standing before he can be made a judge. This is the rule in Ontario and Quebec with regard to the High or Superior Court, and it is in-tended for other provinces. The bill provides an assistant judge of an ex-change court who shell be constitu-British Columbia, where every condition is favorable. "The great difficulty which would confront us in bringing these animals into Canada is, a difficulty met right at the outset. The animals would have chequer court, who shall be specially acquainted with Quabec law, provides to be brought over the Teten range in sleghs in the spring of the year, when the snow is on the ground, thence trans-

the superior court of Quebec with an additional judge at \$5,000 and increases the salaries of judges of the districts of Terrebonne. Montmagny and Blaurepaire to \$7,000. Course of Senate

ed in getting one herd across a yea or so ago. If we were only successful If there is to be a trial of strength after a similar number of attempts the animals would cost the government after a etween the Conservative majority in the House of Commons and the Liberal majority in the senate, the upper house of this province a great deal of money. The game department is open to sugwill not find the government shirking gestions from sportsmen as to the so-lution of this difficulty and if it can be in encounter. The upper house has gone gunning after all the more imsolved, it may be taken as certain that portant legislation involving new feathe department will proceed further in tures of the ministerial policy, sent up from the house. A bill authorizing the matter." federal aid to the provinces for the

solved.

Importing Red Deer

ferred to wagons and conveyed in this fashion until the railroad was reached. The government of the United States, after many costly experiments, succeed-

Trips to Canadian West

eral parties of noted big game hunters will visit British Columbia almost im-

mediately, to take advantage of the

early bear shooting, while others are al-ready perfecting their plans for au-

tumnal expeditions into the wilds of this province inquest of moose, bear, goats and mountain sheep. Among the

Adolph von Hagen, one of the most distinguished of German sportsmen, and a party of Britishers headed by

Lord Beauclere, a famous lion and tige

Several Americans have also applied

this Island, where he proposes to

This latter intimation is especially in

importations from Wyoming, provided the difficulty of bringing the animals over the mountains can be satisfactorily

"On account of the scarcity of food

on the ranges, consequent upon the great increase in sheep and cattle

runs, the wapiti in Wyoming, which are the finest of their species in the

world, are dying out by the thousands,'

save Mr. Bryan-Williams

Wapiti Starving

first expected visitors will be

building of good roads, has been amended. The same sort of treatment seems to be in store for the bill to as-Mr. Williams states that he has been informed by the atforney-general that all difficulties in the way of importing English red deer into Canada have now sist the provinces in the encouragement been removed. Arrangements were com-pleted at New Westminster last year for the paddocking of a herd of eigh-teen of these fine animals, but the for-The idea of the liberal senate appears

to be that in the desire to close the to be that in the desire to close the session, the government may be willing to accept these amendments coming in the senate although some amendments were refused when proposed by the op-position to the House of Commons. The attitude of the senate majority is understood to have been dictated by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who has been paying rather frequent visits to the precincts of the upper house recently for the purpose of coaching his followers

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very hard on the deer, many of them dying of starvation. For some time during late February and this month hards of black-tailed deer have haunted the submer of the suburbs of Greenwood and Phoenis in quest of food. To escape being pulled down by the covotes, the deer have stood together in herds of fifteen or twenty each around the Bonnie Belle mine, Corbin's, Floyd's ranch and other Boudary points, during six weeks past. Fame of B. C. as Big Game One two-year-old doe was picked up ex-hausted by Sid Oliver of Greenwood, who carried her to his stable and served Country Spreading-Sevher with a feast of hay and turnips She was too weak to eat, however, an eral Noted Hunters Plan died the following day, Billy Oliver also found a herd of twenty, with two dead of starvation and the others too weak to move away. Steps are being taken by the provincial authorities to put out The provincial game department has recently received intimation that sevfeed in this district, for the salvation of the herds.

Slaughtering Game

An exceptionally curious circumstance presents itself in connection with recent wholesale arrests in the neighbor hood of Mara, in the Okanagan, of In dians who have been making the slaugh ter of deer out of season a wholesal business. Game Warden Blurton and Constable Price recently discovered the carcases of thirteen does hidden in the bush. They made no move until abundant evidence was available and then arrested the Indians. Speaking of these arrests, Mr. Bryan-Williams says that evidence has been secured showing that these deer, and many others, were killed for the purpose of getting the unbor fawns, which are regarded as an especial delicacy by the Indians. There is also a nefarious trade being carried on by them in selling these fawns to Chinese, who pickle them in alcohol and later drink the fluid which is suppose o possess peculiar medicinal virtues Throughout the province during th past few weeks there has been record activity in the prosecution of whites as well as Indians for out of season shoot has been especially prevalent along the line of G.T.P. construction and al Prince Rupert. Six Montenegrins are at

low under sentence of three months imprisonment for illegal killing of deer of all ages, while others have been heavily fined for being found in "possession." In Vancouver six convictions have recently been secured and in Comox district three. At Creston, also, Frank Burns has just been fined \$50 and costs, and other prosecutions are on tapis

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

New York State Today Selects Delet gates to Republican Con-vention

NEW YORK, March 25 .- Primary lections throughout New York state omorrow will give the first tangible indications of popular sentiment regard-ing the candidates to come before the republican nomination convention. Republicans will select eighty-six of their ninety delegates to the Chicago convention and for thirty-four of these there will be contests between candi-dates designated by the regular Republi can districts and others, named by peti-tion on behalf of Colonel Roosevelt. The remaining four delegates at large will be chosen by the Republican state con-vention to which delegates will be se-lected at tomorrow's primary.

OUTBREAK IN TURKESTAN

Defeated Government Troops Lose 1500 Men and Three Guns

ST. PETERSBURG, March 25 .- A despatch from Kulja, Chinese Turkestan, reports a battle between government roops from Urumptsi and revolutionary forces near Shikho. The revolutionists were victorious and were advancing on Shikho. The government troops accord-ing to the despatch, lost 1500 killed, 80 prisoners and three guns. The rebels lost 200 killed.



his administration to get out of date. The feature of today's series of crimes was the rapidity with which they were committed. A motor car was stolen by the bandits as it was passing through the historical forest of Senart about 25 miles from Paris, at a quarter past 8 o'clock. From that place it was traced to Paris and Chantilly, where it arriv ed at half past ten. Its occupants had stormed the bank of Chantilly, twentythree miles northeast of Paris, returned to the suburb of Asnieres with the spoils and made good their escape at half past eleven, after which all trace of them was lost. The stolen motor car was seen and recognized by the cyclist police on watch at Asnieres about 11.30 police on watch at Ashleres about 11.30 a.m. The police sprang upon their bi-cycles and gave chase but soon were distanced. Shortly afterwards they came up with the machine which had been abandoned by the bandits close to the rallroad. This is the last trace of the assassins and it is presumed they jumped the fence to the track and boarde a train going northward to Arden-

In the abandoned vehicle the police found an empty portfolio belonging to the Chantilly bank which removes all the Chantilly bank which removes all doubt the Villeneuve-St. Georges assas-sins are also those of Chantilly. A number of bloodstains were on the motor car and two hats with a num-

ber of cartridges for revolvers and carbines were found.

Alphonse Bertillon was summoned immediately and photographed the fin-gerprints on the automobile for the anthropometric department of the po-

Bank Hold-Up

An employee of the bank at Chantilly, who escaped in a miraculous man-ner, relates the story of the bandits attack as follows:

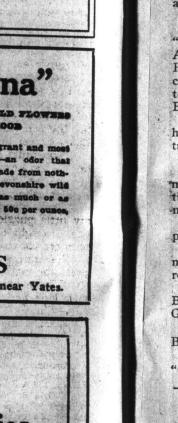
"Four assassins entered the bank and "Four assassing entered the bank and lined up before the counter with mili-tary precision. At a word of command by one of them a voltey was fired and "the cashier dropped dead, while another victing was mortally wounded and ex-pired in a few minutes, a third man was wounded by two balls in the shoulwas wounded by two balls in the shoul-der. A fourth dappened to be stoop-ing to open a drawer when two bullets passed close to his head without hit-ting him and he escaped into the

Soon after the robberles had been re-Soon after the robberles had been re-ported detectives in motor cars began searching the environs of Paris. The de-tectives believe they have a much bet-ter chance of capturing the assessing as several persons have been able to give them a good description of the

With a view of coping with the motor bandits, Jules Steeg, minister of the ed to introduce a bill



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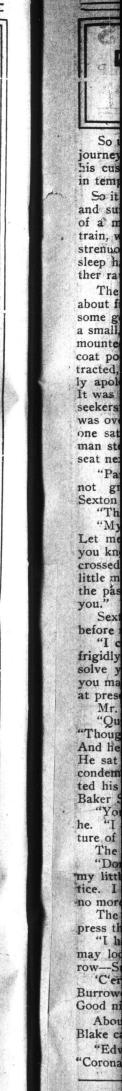
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CHARGED WITH MURDER

Man Suspected of Salmon Arm Shooting Held in Nanaimo Jail.

Held in the Nanaimo jail, charged with murder in connection with the death of John Kaven, whose body was deaths of John Kaven, whose body was found at Salmon Arm on the bed in his shack on the first of the present month. Edward Stowe arrested by Provincial Constable Samson, is awaiting trial at the forthcoming lassizes. Kaven's body was discovered by a man named Clary who called at the shack to visit. Police investigation show-ed that Kaven had apparently been shot

ed that Kaven had apparently been shot while he was asleep. The course of the bullet was traced by Provincial Constable Sampson and Constable Marshall and Lyons. It had pierced the wall of the shack, penetrated Kaven's body, again pierced the opposite wall and buried itself in three feet of earth.

A shell, which proved the clue leading to Stowe's arrest, was found lying on the ground outside the shack having apparently been ejected from the breach or magazine of a high power rifle.

Several persons residing in the vicin-ity were examined and finally Stowe was placed under arrest, a rifle and cartridge corresponding in calibre to the empty shell being found in his shack. Of the dead man little is known in the vicinity. He is supposed to have come from Ireland and a remarkable circumstance was that when his clothing was searched he was found to be in possession of between \$15,000 and \$16,000 in cheques and money, all of which he had creted about his person. The police thorities are at a loss to find a motive for the shooting. Stowe is a powerful man standing well over six feet.

The inquest on the body held at Campbell river was to the effect that Kaver came to his death by being shot by a person or persons unknown.

Lost Her Charter

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25 .- According to Balfour, Guthrie & Co., the What will the government do?

Government's Attitude.

It is officially stated tonight that the government will not yield an inch on either the highway's bill or the measure in regard to agriculture. If the lib eral senate, at the bidding of Sir Wil frid Laurier, is looking for a fight, they will be able to find it. The government will refuse the amendments. If then, the senate insists on amending, even to the holding up of these bills for a year, the responsibility will be theirs and their tutors. In the meantime the government is prepared with supplementary votes in the estimates to carry out at once the policy involved in these measures if they be permitted to pass. These will allot the grants to the provinc

Hon. Mr. Rogers' bill to transfer the provincial government the admin-istration of water in the railway bell and the Peace river block, was dis-cussed at length by the committee and was finally stood over till Wednesday Sir W. Laurier contended the bil should be assimilated to the B. C. sta-tutes. Mr. Guthrie procured the insertion of a provision protecting the rights of litigants, saying the case of New Westminster vs. The King con-cerning the ownership of Lake Coquit-

am might be affected. Late at night Hon. Mr. Monk's bill to increase the aid to drydocks, was on which the country may pay inter-est from \$4,009,000 to \$5,000,000. Questioned by Mr. Pugsley, Mr. Monk said that no special enterprise was in view. He believed that before long the open-ing of the Panama canal would make it necessary to construct on the Pacific coast, drydocks a thousand feet long. coast, drydocks a thousand feet long. He laid stress on the need of anticipat-ing the future developments and men-tioned the type of dock which was under construction at Quebec which was 1,100 feet long, 110 wide and 47 feet

deep. There is no dock of such dimensions in the United States. He stated that no application for a subsidy is before the government.

outh disease in the Old Country, would tot allow them to leave the Liverpool "They are now assured of arrival in September," says Mr. Williams. "The provincial government has succeeded in filed in the surrogate court on Saturday. The papers filed show a total estate of

\$299,491.94. With the exception of a few minor bequests, all of the estate is left to the widow and family. purchasing an almost perfect herd from Mr. Lucas of Warnham Court. The deer will probably be wintered in the Royal City, and subsequently distributed to different parts of the Coast. New Provincial Bridges-Reports have

reached the public works department of the completion by Foreman Dan Mc-Kinnon and his crew of the new North "There can be no mistake about it," said the provincial game warden, "that British Columbia is rapidly developing Francois bridge, near Burns lake, while into the greatest big game country in the bridge over the Nadina river at the west end of Francois lake was to the world. In spite of the advances of settlement, the deer of the province are have been completed by the 25 inst, and probably is now carrying traffic. The new bridge over the Illecillewaet is well rapidly increasing. There are more deer in British Columbia at the present time than there were ten years ago. This may under way-in fact almost completed seem an extraordinary statement, but it and the main braces of the Coquaballa bridge are in place and work on this structure is advancing rapidly. Aris borne out by the facts. Wapiti are now appearing in localities where they were never heard of before. Large herds rangements are being made for bridges over the Columbia at or near Gateway and at Athalmer; while the Kicking have been counted by the deputy wardens during the past year at the head of the Skagit in northern British Co-Horse is to be bridged at Golden and lumbla and recent reports tell of their advent in the district just back of Hope Horse is to be bridged at Golden and ferries established at Brisco and Carbon-dale. Work on the new bridge at Trail is advancing most satisfactorily. The new Fitt river bridge it is expected will

and Chilliwack, which will be surprising news to many sportsmen. A splendid herd wintered on the ranges south of Tete Jaune Cache while numbers have been noted in the Peace River country.

More Than Ever

"Three have been more deer seen in the interior districts during the past few months than ever before. It is a noteworthy fact that the range of the mule deer is extending farther north, while, at the same time, the animals are as plentiful as ever in southern British Columbia. This species is now found as far north as the 55th parallel of latitude. Ten years ago there was not a herd north of the 53rd parallel. There are now plenty of mule deer a Francois Lake and along the Babine. deer at It is understood that the provincial government, which has carried out its same protection policy with such splen-did results, intends by judicious im-

ers inside Turkey Head was also to the fore at last evening's meeting, the en-gineer being asked to prepare and preportation of foreign species to make British Columbia not only the greatest but the most varied game country in sent an estimate of cost. The suggested wharf and bunkers are primarily to fathe world. The exception which prove the rule quired by the corporation in road and

cited by the provincial game warden would seem to present itself in the Boundary district where, owing to the deep snow, the past winter has proven

Estate of \$300,000

undertaken next year.

Oak Bay Council-At a protracted

meeting of the Oak Bay council yester-

day evening, half a dozen reports from various committees obtained consider-

ation, and an extensive list of routine

business was disposed of with business-like promptitude. One feature of the

evening was the decision reached to

proceed forthwith with the erection of

the new municipal hall at the corner

of Oak Bay avenue and Hampshire road,

which will include a public hall, council

chamber, police station and officers

quarters, etc. The new hall is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$7,500, and the architects, Messrs. James and

James, were instructed to invite tend-ers at once. The question of providing for the erection of a wharf and bunk-

cilitate the landing of materials re-

sewer construction works, etc., and will also be available for the handling of

such commodities as coal, wood, etc., for residents of the district.

in the chamber of deputies tomorrow providing for the creation of a motor TORONTO, March 25 .- The inventory of the estate, accompanied by the will of the late Hon. Edward Blake, was car police force.

KAISER AT VENICE

Germany's Euler Exchanges Gordial Greetings With King Victor Emmanuel

VENICE, ITALY, March 25 .- Em peror William of Germany and King Victor Emmanuel met here today and exchanged most cordial greetings. The visit of the King and the Emperor to Venice was made the occasion of en-thusiastic demonstrations before the royal palace, on the balcony of which the two sovereigns appeared and bow-ed their thanks.

The German Emperor, alluding to the war, said that Italy was offering a touching spectacle of union and loy-alty to the dynasty. This evening the Emperor gave a dinner in honor of the King aboard the imperial yacht Hohenzollern. The whole basin was illuminated brilliantly.

On parting, Emperor William and King Victor Emmaunel embraced repeatedly. The King left for Rome. The Hohenzollern will sail tomorrow morning it is expected, for Brion is-lands in the Adriatic, where the Em-peror will meet the Austrian Crown

law, went to the jury late today. The closing argument today by Special Counsel Pierce Butler for the govern-ment, was a scathing arraignment of the acts of the packers. Mr. Butler re-peatedly asserted that dots peatedly asserted that the government had established its case beyond question. Instructions from U. S. District Judge Carpenter held the jurors' attention for more, than an hour.

Bowling Becord

PATERSON, N. J., March 25.—The Grand Central five-man team of Roch-ester, N. Y., broke the world's bowling record of 2969 in the National Bowling association tournament tonight. The Rochester five scored 2997 as a threesame total, or 28 pins better than the record made by the Bonds of Cleveland. Ohio, in the N. B. A. tournament at Buffalo last year.



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Prince before proceeding for Corfu. Trust Prosecution CHICAGO, March 25.-The case of the Chicago packers, who, the govern-ment charges, have violated the crimin-