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DEATH LIST NOW REACHES EIGHTY-SIX

Death Toll Steadily Increasing In Western Railway Horror — Conservative Estimate Places Total At 100.

NO ABATEMENT OF FLOOD IN WASHINGTON

Wellington, Wash., March 3.—Eighty six names are now on the list of dead and missing passengers, railroad and postal employees, who were carried down by the avalanche which destroyed two Great Northern trains Tuesday morning. Statements of the number of laborers fighting the snow who were sleeping on the ill-fated trains, vary from twenty to thirty. An estimate of 100 dead is conservative, it is said tonight.

All the dead were residents of the Northwest. Of the injured, only Rev. B. P. Winget of Chicago was from the east. No one who has seen the wreckage has the slightest hope of finding any of the missing alive. The explorations have uncovered none living, and some of the bodies are shockingly mangled.

Packed Tight.

An avalanche of dry snow might have covered its victims alive, but the forge at Wellington is packed tight with wet snow, ice, huge trees and glacial boulders of enormous weight.

Two of the bodies recovered were those of electricians who were living in a cabin at the edge of Wellington and who were carried a hundred feet down the slope.

All day a stream of men, packs strapped to their backs, wound about mountain path from Skykomish to Scenic and Wellington, carrying food and supplies for the injured. Some are digging for the bodies of friends or relatives. Sight-seers were told that they were not wanted.

A laborer was caught taking trinkets from a woman's body and he was compelled to start down the trail alone

One hundred and fifty men dug for bodies in the avalanche debris all day. Among the bodies found today were those of ex-Prosecuting Attorney R. M. Barnhard, of Spokane, Conductor J. L. Pettit, who after a trip on foot to Skykomish, went back to his post, and Mrs. M. A. Covington, of Olympia, who left Spokane to celebrate her golden wedding in Seattle today. If the searchers find the Pullman cars intact they may take out many bodies in a short time, but it is likely that the dead are strewn over acres of debris. At the present rate of progress it will take weeks to recover all the bodies. After the track is opened, engines and tackle will lift the huge trees and boulders.

Snowplows and wrecking trains are working east from Skykomish making good progress today. Supt. O'Neil, of the Great Northern, said today that he expected the road to be in operation about April 1.

In Washington.

Seattle, Wash., Mar. 3.—Most of the rivers of Washington overflowed today and continues to rise tonight as the mountain snows melt. The forecast is for warm weather through Washington and light rain on Puget Sound.

All lowlands between Seattle and Tacoma are submerged, forming an inland sea in which the banks of the Which, the Black and the Luwamish rivers are lost. The flood came so gradually that no loss of lives or live stock occurred. Many farmers have moved into the upper stories of their houses. They travel in boats. In Leads county and along the Chehalis river to Gray habor same conditions prevail.

The Northern Pacific Railway is having difficulty in keeping its line open on the west slope of the Cascades as Green river is a raging torrent.

The flood is receding at Colfax, Washington, leaving several feet of mud in the streets. Foundations of many buildings are undermined and sewers are caved in. Fresh water is supplied by water carts.

MRS. A. M. SMITH DEAD AT MOUNT VERNON

News Of Sudden Demise Of Mrs. J. D. Hazen's Sister Brings Shock To Large Circle Of Friends.

Fredericton, March 3.—Premier Hazen this morning received a telegram from Mount Vernon, N. Y., conveying the sad intelligence of the death there of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Annie May Smith, who died very suddenly Wednesday. The late Mrs. Smith was a daughter of the late Mr. James Tibbits and she was about 50 years of age. Besides her mother, with whom she was living in New York, two brothers, Archie Tibbits of New York, and Harry Tibbits, registrar of deeds at Andover, and two sisters, Mrs. J. D. Hazen and Miss Frances Tibbits of New York, survive, also two children, Miss Fannie Vanwart and Mr. Douglas Vanwart. Mrs. Smith's friends here were shocked to learn of her death.

PHILADELPHIA STRIKERS ASK COURTS TO AID

Judiciary Is Appealed To In Effort To Bring About Arbitration Of Labor Difficulty Among Carmen.

INDICTMENTS RETURNED AGAINST LEADERS

Philadelphia, March 3.—The first step towards having the differences between the striking street carmen and the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, settled under the authority of the courts, and thus preventing the gigantic sympathetic strike threatened, was taken tonight by the carmen. An attorney for the amalgamated association of street and electric railway employees wrote to President Kruger of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, asking that he join in an application to be made to the courts under the act of 1893, for the appointment of a board of arbitration to decide the differences existing between the strikers and the transit company. A reply is requested between noon tomorrow.

Before the receipt of the communication President Kruger was shown a copy of the law by a representative of the United Business Association who asked him if the officials of the company would abide by it. He replied:

"Certainly the company will submit to law."

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MASONIC VISIT AT FREDERICTON

Dr. H. S. Bridges, Grand Master And Other Officers Entertained At Big Banquet By Hiram Lodge.

Fredericton, N. B., March 3.—Dr. H. S. Bridges, M. A., of St. John, grand master of the Masonic Lodge of New Brunswick, this evening paid an official visit, accompanied by a coterie of Grand Lodge officers to Hiram Lodge, this city and the occasion was a red letter event in the history of Masonry in Fredericton.

The grand master arrived from St. John this evening, accompanied by the following grand officers: Rev. Gordon Dickie, Grand Chaplain, Herbert E. Gould, Grand Director of Ceremonies, D. Arnold Fox, Organist, William H. Smith, Senor Grand Deacon, J. Twining Hartt, Grand Secretary, Judge Forbes, Past Grand Master, also accompanied the Grand Master.

They were met at the C. P. R. station by R. S. Barker, Past Deputy Grand Master, and escorted to the Masonic hall, and after the exemplification of the third degree was completed, the entire party, numbering over 100 adjourned to Windsor hall where a banquet was given in honor of the grand master and grand officers.

A select number of guests were also present at the banquet, including Representatives of the provincial government, the leader of the opposition and members of the legislature who are members of the craft and representatives of the press.

Premier Hazen was unfortunately prevented from attending by the sudden death of his sister-in-law in New York and Lieutenant Governor Tweedie was also unable to be present. Following the banquet there was a round of speeches and enjoyable musical features were also introduced, that portion of the programme being under the able direction of Mr. Frank L. Cooper.

Arrangements for the banquet were complete in every detail, the affair was on an elaborate scale and was a brilliant success.

Hiram Lodge is enjoying one of the most successful periods of its long career and the entertainment provided for the Grand Master and Grand Lodge officers was highly creditable to the lodge and particularly those in charge.

TRAINMEN MAY RESORT TO ARBITRATION

Baltimore, Md., March 3.—Tonight all things are at a pause between the officials of the Baltimore and Ohio R. R. and the committee representing the conductors and trainmen of the road who have been in negotiation for some time past on matters relative to wages and service conditions. Today the committees formally notified Prest. Willard and other officers who have been in conference that the men of the unions had rejected, almost unanimously, the counter-proposition of the railroad as against the demands of the men. Prest. Willard has called upon chairman Knapp of the interstate commerce commission and commissioner of labor, Chas. P. Neill, to act as mediators and one or both of these will be in Baltimore tomorrow. Should they fail in their efforts to bring the two parties together, resolution under the Erdman act will probably be resorted to in which event the mediators will select a third and with him will constitute the board of arbitration.

Second Milestone In Honest And Efficient Government Of New Brunswick Is Passed

Yesterday Was the Second Anniversary of Mr. Hazen's Elevation to Power and the Dawning of a New Era for Province---Event Productive of Many Words of Congratulation and Cheer---Local Paper Lie Nailed By Leader in Interview.

Fredericton, Mar. 3.—Two years from the day on which they were returned to power finds the Hazen administration stronger than ever and steadily gaining power throughout the province. The second anniversary of the general elections of 1908 has been the cause for more or less celebration throughout the province and mention of fact that today is the second anniversary of Premier Hazen's election to power brought a smile of contentment and words of confidence and praise for their leader from his loyal followers the members supporting the Government in the House.

All of this brings dismay to the Opposition which is daily displaying evidence of the fact that it is in a more pitable plight than ever without Mr. McKeown to mould its policies and do its work. With Mr. McKeown translated, the Opposition is now being managed by Mr. Pugsley's personal representative who is designated as the "Liberal organizer" of the province and the political correspondent here from St. John with the columns of the dredgers' organs at his disposal. They handle things from the "side lines" about the same as the coach handles an American college football team and direct every move made by the leaderless Opposition. That the Telegraph's political correspondent does not consider facts or the truth necessary ingredients for his daily stories, is evident about every day.

A Fabrication.

An investigation today showed that the "cooked up" story to the effect that the pertinent letter writen by Mr. Henry Wilmot of Sunbury County and which appeared in the Gleaner, showing up the true position of the Telegraph's friends regarding the St. John Valley Railway project was "inspired by Mr. Hazen when he was at Mr. Wilmot's on Sunday" was made out of whole cloth and was fabrication from start to finish.

Premier Hazen when asked about the Telegraph's article this evening, said: "There is just about as much truth to that as there is in most of the political correspondence which appears in the Telegraph from day to day regarding myself and the provincial government. I was not at Mr. Wilmot's on Sunday, did not see him or have any communication with him and had absolutely no knowledge of any kind or in any way regarding Mr. Wilmot's letter until I read it in the Gleaner."

Thus the Premier nailed another of the Telegraph's lies.

JOHN M. VIETS DEAD AT DIGBY

Death Comes Suddenly To Prominent And Widely Known Nova Scotian—Digby Loses Honored Citizen.

Digby, Mar. 3.—John M. Viets, collector of customs, dropped dead in his private office at four o'clock this afternoon. His sudden taking away in apparently good health has caused deep sorrow throughout the community. Always working zealously for the moral, social and commercial welfare of his native town, his death removes a most respected and honored citizen.

He was a Free Mason, Oddfellow, Forester and for many years superintendent of Holy Trinity Sunday school and in respect to his attendance at the several lodges and Sunday school it cannot be recalled that Mr. Viets ever missed one session. He was interested heart and soul in his school work and was a pillar in the affairs of the Church of England here. In politics he was an acknowledged Conservative.

He held the office of collector of customs for about twenty-five years succeeding his late father Botsford Viets, Esq., at the time of the latter's superannuation. Previous to that he was junior member of the firm of Wade and Viets, the senior member being the late John C. Wade, Q. C., M. P. Besides a widow, two daughters and five sons, an aged mother and two sisters survive.

The sisters are Miss Adelaide, at home, and Mrs. Smith, of Chelsea, Eng land, widow of the late Dr. Smith of Digby and mother of Sheriff Smith of Digby. The widow was Miss Roberts of Liverpool, N.S. One daughter, Kathleen, is the wife of W. E. Tupper, local manager of the Union Bank, the other daughter, Miss Caroline, is at present in Boston. One son Guy, is manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, at Glace Bay, and only left here yesterday for a trip to Boston, another son, Robert, of Ottawa, is private secretary to Hon. W. S. Fielding. The other sons are Alexander, of Outlook, Sask.; Harry, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Gerald, of Kipewa, Quebec. The three latter sons also hold prominent positions with their respective employers.

Mr. Viets was 72 years of age. The funeral is to be held Sunday afternoon and will be under the direction of King Solomon Lodge, A. F. and A. M., St. George Lodge of Oddfellows, will also take part in the obsequies.

CLAIMS GRAFT IS RAMPANT IN ALBERTA

R. B. Bennett's Vigorous Arraignment Of Government's Carnival Of Corruption The Talk Of All Calgary.

ATTORNEY GENERAL IS IMPLICATED

Special to The Standard.

Edmonton, March 3.—The five hour speech by R. B. Bennett, every minute of which was full of sensation, is the talk of the city today. He charged that W. R. Clark, president of the Great Waterways Railway Company, had split up $200,000 with his colleagues on sale of bonds ,and that he himself had been approached by financial interests, seeking to influence his vote on this question.

He also stated that Attorney General Cross, had demanded $12,000 for his campaign fund from the Automatic Telephone Company, of Chicago, as the price of the contract for the system in Calgary.

Ex Minister of Telephones Cushing substamtiated this and Mr. Bennett called for an investigation. Mr. Cross denied the charge and said he was willing to have an investigation.

All Feature.

Bennett's speech was all feature. Never before has there been heard the equal of it in these legislative halls. He ripped and tore the Great Waterways agreement to shreds, leaving a bedraggled remnant which he held up to the contempt of the house. He made a scathing arraignment of the attorney general and his staff for the slovenly and unbusiness like way in which their correspondence has been conducted. He substantiated his charges, that important documents were still missing, and he would demand their return, or at least the return of their sacred ashes.

His first serious charges was the attempts that had been made to intimidate him by whom he would not say. He said it was the first time he had ever been offered a bribe in his life. The second charge was that Clarke and his colleagues had made a big sum out of the sale of the bonds. Bonds had been sold J. Pierpont Morgan at par and resold at 110.

The Third Charge.

The third charge was that regarding automatic telephones. Calgary business men were anxious to have the automatic system, and had made a proposal to a company to take over the old switchboard. They had secured a proposal from the company to instal a system at $75,000 and take over the old switchboard. This proposal was turned down by the government, but after this Hopkins, a surveyor, who said he was acting for Cross, appeared and told the agent of the company, that if the company would give $12,000 for campaign expenses, the government would give a contract at $75,000 with switchboard.

Attorney General Cross, in reply, said he had exposed the extention of the system because it was not paying now. He said he had never sent Hopkins to Calgary with any such offer.

HOPE TO AVOID TARIFF WAR

Members Of United States Tariff Commissions Declare That Successful Issue Is Looked For.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Ont., March 3.—The United States tariff commission composed of H. C. Emery in charge of the tariff bureau at Washington and C. M. Pepper of the bureau of trade relations of the state department arrived here at noon today and were met by J. G. Foster, the U. S. consul general at Ottawa.

They called upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier this afternoon and were entertained at dinner this evening by Mr. Foster. Tomorrow night they will dine at Government House, and on Saturday they will be Mr. Fielding's guests.

"Our mission is more of a friendly visit than anything else," stated Dr. Emery in an interview.

"We have come over to make general inquiries into the trade relations between the two countries with particular reference to the fact that the applicaion of the maximum or minimum tariff against Canada must be decided during the month."

"Is inquiry your main object or do you as well seek tariff concessions?" was asked.

"Principally the former," answered Dr. Emery. "Our visit is primarily a friendly one," he added.

"A much better understanding can be reached by a personal interchange than by communications," stated Mr. Foster who is a party to the negotiations. "I have every reason to believe that the conclusion will be satisfactory."

MORE LIGHT ON SECOND TENDER

Dredging Scandal Aired Before Public Acocunts Committee —Document Prepared At Request Of Aud.-General.

Ottawa, March 3.—There was a further meeting of the Public Accounts Committee today, the Auditor General, a clerk in the marine and fisheries department and E. D. LaFluer, chief engineer of the public works department being examined with regard to the Beacon Bar and Courtenay Bay dredging contracts.

The main outlines of the story remain unaffected. A new point brought out was that on 24th of August, when a good deal of work had been done, the Auditor General sent word to the department that a copy of the second tender should be affixed to the copy of the contract which had been furnished to him. The said second tender was executed 27th August, three days later.

It was proved from the records of the marine and fisheries department that the dredge Saugus is not registered in Canada. Mr. Pugsley retorted by proving that G. S. Mayes' dredge Beaver is also unregistered.

LULL IN THE PROCEEDINGS AT CAPITAL

Little Business Disposed Of At Fredericton Yesterday Apart From That Coming Before The Committees.

BUDGET TO BE BROUGHT DOWN TODAY

Fredericton, N. B., March 3.—Most of the business of the legislature today was done in committees and there was a lull in the proceedings of the house prior to the bringing down of the budget.

The actual session of the house only lasted about an hour and a half and most of the time was taken up in answering some rather unimportant inquiries which were made by the opposition.

The house then went into committee and passed the bills from Woodstock and St. Stephen, including those to aid two of the principal industries of these towns. Already about twenty five bills have been introduced this session and today some of the St. John legislation was brought in.

The Budget.

Tomorrow afternoon Provincial Secretary Flemming will bring down the budget, and it is his intention to complete his budget speech before the house adjourns at 6 p. m.

The opposition programme is not altogether finally settled it seemed but either Mr. Robinson will at once commence upon his reply or else Mr. Tweeddale will be put up to talk, Mr. Robinson coming on later.

Tomorrow morning the corporations committee will have its first session and the law committee will continue the consideration of the bill regarding attachments in connection with which a delegation from the St. John board of trade is here.

The agriculture committee may also meet tomorrow morning to organize for the session.

Mr. John E. Stewart of Andover is here in connection with the bill to incorporate the Tobique Pulp and Paper Company, providing for the much discussed Tobique dam. This bill was before the house at the last session and will probably be re-introduced this session in amended form.

There was a government caucus this evening when matters in connection with the estimates were taken up.

House Meets.

The House met at three o'clock.

Hon. Mr. Hazen presented the report of committee on law practice and proceedure.

Mr. Munro presented the report of the municipalities committee.

Hon. Mr. Maxwell moved that Rule 79 be suspended to permit of the introduction of two bills to incorporate the Lancaster Loan Limited and to vest the appointment of the Chief of Police of St. John in the City Council.

Mr. Lowell presented two petitions of the municipality of St. John relating to the appointment of commissioners of the St. John Municipal Home. And to rates and taxes in St. John county.

Hon. Mr. Maxwell introduced bills to incorporate the Sterling Realty Ltd, and the Lancaster Loan Ltd.

Mr. Bentley presented the petition of the municipality of St. John regarding a bill to exempt from taxation the Canada Woodworking Company.

Hon. Mr. Flemming presented the returns of the bonded indebtedness of Gloucester county.

Mr. Robinson gave notices of inquiry regarding uncollected stumpage, the banking of the revenues of the province and items of revenue in the auditor general's report

The House went into committee with Mr. Maclachlan in the chair, and agreed to the bills to allow the town of St. Stephen to issue debentures to take up $15,700 of debentures which will fall due in November, to allow the town of St. Stephen to fix a valuation of $24,000 for twenty years for assessment purposes on the property of the St. Croix Soap Manufacturing Company.

Mr. Grimmer.

Hon. Mr. Grimmer explained regarding the latter bill that the St. Croix Soap Manufacturing Company was one of the most important industries of St. Stephen which was one of the best equipped and foremost towns of Canada, having all the modern facilities, including a street railway. Inducements had been offered the St. Croix Soap Manufacturing Company to take them away from the town of St. Stephen. Toronto and Montreal both making generous offers and the purpose of this bill was to offer an inducement which would retain this important industry for St. Stephen.

The bill to allow the town of Woodstock to aid J. D. Dickinson and Sons, Ltd., by guaranteeing their bonds to the extent of $10,000, and the bill relating to the property devised to Lewis P. Fisher, and the town of Woodstock by the late John W. Connell and which is to become a public park were also agreed to.

Mr. Labillois gave notice of inquiry regarding the payment of Mr. Mott's services in the inquest into the Nash's Creek accident on the I. C. R. and as to what action the Government intended to take regarding his report.

The House then adjourned at 4.30.

Law Committee.

The law practice and procedure committee met this morning and took up the consideration of a bill to provide for attachment in certain cases. In addition to the members of the committee there were present Messrs. A. H. Hanington, W. E. Foster, T. H. Somerville, J. G. Harrison, W. H.

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