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LOOKING FOR A SETTLEMENT

Bright Prospects For Settlement of Ulster Problem Revealed in House of Commons Debate.

London, April 30.—"It is felt that a prospect of settlement has never been so bright," is the Times' parliamentary correspondent's conclusion concerning last night's debate in the house of commons. "A long way towards peace," is the heading of the Daily Mail editorial. Unionist newspapers all along the line pitch themselves in the same hopeful strain, several writers expressing the opinion that the real difficulty of settlement only lies in whether Premier Asquith is able to control the truculence of the radical back bench members.

The Morning Post's Belfast correspondent reports that the local Nationalists are both alarmed and indignant, in the first place because the premier has so far taken drastic steps to deal with the rifle importation, and in the second, because they utterly repudiate. Rt. Hon. Winston Spencer Churchill's federal proposals.

The English radical newspapers treat the situation rather gingerly. The Daily Chronicle, for instance, while admitting that it is impossible to doubt the sincerity of Sir Edward Carson's speech of yesterday says: "It is equally impossible not to see that he is only to a very limited degree the master of his own situation."

"The 'die hards' among the Unionists," declares the Chronicle, "will do all they can to dupe Sir Edward Carson's followers into continuing to fight, and not an Ulster battle, but a battle for the wealth and privilege of the aristocracy throughout the United Kingdom, and until this phase is overcome we cannot be too sanguine about anything resulting from the renewal of negotiations."

The Manchester Guardian thinks that the terms should be discussed by the two Irish parties themselves, remarking that it is not a very high wall that divides them, and, "it might be thought, easily scaled, granting the prime conditions of mutual goodwill."

KILLED BY LONG POLE.

Seattle, April 30.—Graham V. Brown was instantly killed late yesterday afternoon at the camp of the Merrill & Ring logging camp, when one end of a sixty-foot pole, the loading of which he was superintending, struck him. He is survived by a mother and father residing at Dean, Nova Scotia.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE PREDICTED NEXT YEAR

London, April 30.—The Liverpool Courier says that the government has definitely decided to summon the imperial defence conference early next year. The date will be fixed to meet the convenience of the Canadian government who have decided not to incur the delay which a reform of the senate would involve, but dissolve early next year and appeal to the electors on the naval question.

The daily production of coal at the Vancouver Island mines at present runs from 4,500 and 4,800 tons, says the Victoria Colonist. All of the output cannot be marketed. The operators are unable to find employment for the men seeking work. In the face of these circumstances it is difficult to see how the so-called strike can bring about the results which the United Mine Workers of America desire. When the United States organization sees fit to 'put an end to its fatuous campaign the men to whom it is now giving relief money will have to go elsewhere in search of work."

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith, Victoria, formerly of California, are visiting in Nanaimo. During their stay here they are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Eby, Milton street.

VERA CRUZ IN HAPPY MOOD

Populace Rejoice After Escape From Many Years of Mexican Tyranny—Prisoners Released From Dungeons.

Vera Cruz, April 30.—Vera Cruz went back to civil government today under the laws of Mexico administered by American officials. The civil government, however, remained subordinate to martial law.

General Frederick Funston's brigade disembarked and marched to the Sand Hill barracks and other quarters to relieve Rear Admiral Fletcher's bluejackets who went back to the men-of-war. General Funston established his headquarters in the barracks deserted by General Maas and Admiral Fletcher withdrew his staff. The marine corps was distributed to work with the army. Refugees continue to arrive and preparations are being carried forward for their departure.

There are no evidences here that Mexico is in the throes of a crisis. The shops, scarred by rifle balls, again are busy. Women, who hid in terror of what they believed would be the consequences of landing of foreign troops, walk again safely abroad.

Men who held close to walls in fear their business. The inhabitants have taken a new and enlightened view of the Americans.

The release of prisoners from the water-soaked dungeons of Fort San Juan de Uloa, where many came forth blinded from the years spent in darkness was a revelation of the character and attitude of the United States.

Mexicans of the better class openly express gratification at the restoration of order and the resumption of business.

NANAIMO HAS A "CONEY ISLAND"

Summer Resort in Form of Pleasure Park is Being Established on Gabriola Island by Local Syndicate.

The most ambitious summer resort scheme ever attempted in Nanaimo is now being worked out by four Nanaimo men for the extreme north end of Gabriola Island. The gentlemen interested are Messrs. John Eaton, Jancowski Bros., and Cleland.

The idea is to establish a summer park for the use of Nanaimoites and other visitors with regular launch connection to Nanaimo.

The point selected for the pleasure park is ideal in every respect. Not only is it a natural beauty point but a very little development work will greatly enhance its many advantages. There are about one hundred acres in the piece with nearly two miles of water frontage. On one side is Taylor Bay, facing the city, and a short walk across the strip of land brings you to Pilot Bay facing the gulf. Both bays will permit of bathing wading a long way out and the bottom is of fine white sand.

The Nanaimo syndicate are going quite extensively into the enterprise and at present teams are at work grading and "skinning" a fine baseball diamond that will offer the best baseball grounds for any team in the district. This ground will be level with terraced banks for the bleachers and fringed by a fine grove of tall trees. Back from the grounds it is the intention to erect a dance pavilion with refreshment stands, etc. An orchestra will be employed, if everything goes right, and the place should be decidedly popular with city visitors during the summer nights, making a veritable "Coney Island" for Nanaimo. It is the ambitious project next summer to erect a summer hotel on the place.

The whole property is now outlined by a fine trail that the promoters have cut and cleared and in a few days a road will be driven through the centre of the property. The underbrushing will afford no difficult problem so that when all the work is done as pretty a spot as one could desire will be the result. The view up and down the Gulf and the Nanaimo side is a particularly fine one and the promoters have well chosen the place for their operations.

In order to convey people to and from the city Jancowski's high power boat will be used for the present supplemented by other gasoline boats in the city. The run with a ten knot boat can be made in twenty minutes from town. At the park a large wharf with an approach of about one hundred and fifty feet has been built. If the business this summer shows that the park will be a success, and there is hardly any question but that it will, a seventy-five foot boat will be built to carry large crowds. Already a large number of people have secured camping permits for the resort this summer. For the benefit of these people a boat will leave the place for Nanaimo every morning at 7 or 7:30 o'clock.

It is the intention of the gentlemen interested to put a subdivision on the market shortly for those who wish to build summer homes. The official opening of the park will be held some time during this month. The baseball diamond will be finished within ten days when work will be commenced on the pavilion. This will take but a few days to construct.

CARRIED AWAY PART OF CANAL LOCK

St. Catharines, Ont., April 30.—While passing through the Welland Canal today the S. S. Crompton carried away a portion of No. 4 Lock and tied up traffic on the canal for several hours.

STEAMER FIRED UPON.

Havana, April 30.—A Cuban ship was fired upon by revolutionists off the Mexican Coast today.



HOW GUNNERS WILL FIND MEXICO'S RANGE

A scene on board the U. S. S. New York, now in the Brooklyn Navy Yard awaiting orders to sail for Mexico and join the remainder of the fleet making a huge naval display in Mexican waters, showing method of practicing gun sighting and range finding. After these men have properly sighted the object at which the guns are to be fired, the proper range is worked out mathematically and the information given to the gun crews who set the guns accordingly.

BODIES RECOVERED

Eccles, West Virginia, April 30.—Fifty bodies have been located in No. 5 mine. The bodies were badly burned and mutilated, giving evidence of having experienced the full force of the explosion.

MINERS MAY STILL BE ALIVE

Hopes are Still Entertained for Safety of Miners Entombed in Exploded West Virginia Coal Mine.

Eccles, W. Va., April 30.—After 24 hours of exhausting efforts Chief Henry and a party of West Virginia mine inspectors early today reached the bottom of shaft No. 5 of the New River Collieries where 178 miners were buried by an explosion last Tuesday. They found little gas and no fire, and expressed the belief that conditions were such that the entombed miners may still be alive.

All night long the inspectors worked in the shaft 125 feet from the bottom, clearing away the debris and straightening the leads on which the workmen in the whole district were called into service but it was daybreak when the news came from the tipple that the cage was on its way to the bottom.

The inspection was brief and the tired inspectors were hoisted to the top to prepare for further exploration that was to begin as soon as the rescue men could be taken down. Chief Henry said he did not think the mine was on fire at any point.

Many of the mines in the district closed yesterday and the miners and their families joined the people of Eccles in their weary wait for news. Many miners have been deputized by the sheriff to assist in keeping back the crowds.

Governor Hatfield, who returned to Charleston last night, is expected here today and will personally assume charge of the doctors.

J. W. Paul, chief engineer of the Pittsburg station of the bureau of mines, descended the shaft in company with government rescue men from the two other crews here. They had proceeded only a short distance from the bottom when they found six bodies huddled together, and so badly burned that identification was impossible. Further on they found other bodies. Soon after the first bodies were hoisted out and placed in a temporary morgue.

The crowds made a rush for the tipple but were held back by the deputy sheriffs and guards.

Fans were started in the hope that

HERALD FOREMAN IS NOW A PUBLISHER

Mr. Joseph Filmer, for the past year and a half foreman of the Daily Herald night staff, has secured a half interest in the Courtenay Review and leaves for his new sphere of activity in a day or two. "Joe" is a good fellow and an all round capable printer and if the Courtenay Review does not succeed it will not be his fault. His friends on the Herald all wish him health, wealth and prosperity. Now that he has graduated from employee to employer it is hoped that his journalistic career will be less tortuous than that of the ordinary newspaper owner. Courtenay is a thriving field, and although the Review has only been lately established it has already made itself felt. It is a good booster for its district and the best advertisement that Courtenay and district could have.

Mr. Filmer will be glad to see any of his Nanaimo friends when they are up Courtenay way and will be only too pleased to quote them advertising rates, prices on job work, and give them latest information on the state of the crops. His partner in the venture is Mr. Sibley, late of Vancouver Province staff.

RILEY-ARMOUR.

A quiet home wedding took place yesterday afternoon, Rev. S. J. Thompson officiating. The principals in the interesting event were Mr. Albert Riley, manager of the Bijou Theatre, and Miss Anna Alice Armour, daughter of Mrs. Armour, Roberts street. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's mother.

LOCAL CRICKETERS OPENED SEASON

The Cricket Club has now started its regular practices. The ground is in fine shape, and a good practice wicket has been rolled out. If possible a practice game will be arranged for Sunday morning and all members are requested to turn out, while any one wishing to join the club will be cordially welcomed. The Club open the season with a league match with Cowichan at Duncan next Saturday, May 9. The Cowichan Club holds the Pacific Coast championship and if the local players are to make any sort of a showing it is essential that they get all the practice they can. For this reason it is expected that there will be a good turn out Sunday morning.

The entries could be cleared of such gas as remained after the explosion, and the pumps were set in motion so that the rescue parties could reach the farthest recesses of the mine.

WHITE HOUSE WEDDING.

Washington, April 30.—President and Mrs. Wilson announced tonight their daughter, Miss Wilson, would be married to Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, in the Blue Room of the White House on May 7th.

KING WAS MARK FOR SUFFRAGE PETITION.

London, April 30.—While King George was driving in a motor car, through Cambridge today a suffragette approached his automobile and threw at his majesty a petition calling for votes for women. The pack age struck the chauffeur.

QUEBEC BY ROW ON THE NOSE.

Quebec, April 29.—A remarkable case of the sudden recovery of sight through being struck on the nose by a piece of wood is that of Henri Germain an employee of the local Marine and Fisheries Department agency.

Mr. Germain has been practically blind for over two years. He was chopping wood at his home when a piece flew up and struck him on the bridge of the nose. This severed a vein, and, as a result, Mr. Germain lost much blood, which was black in color. Immediately after, Mr. Germain discovered that he could see plainly.

Strange to say, he felt no pain when struck by the piece of wood.

McCOY VS. MURRAY.

San Francisco, April 30.—Word from Al. McCoy, the Brooklyn mid-dleweight, who laid George Chip low with one punch, relative to a match with "Fighting Billy" Murray, of Sacramento, was expected today at Promoter James W. Coffroth's office. Jim Buckley, manager of Harlem Tommy Murphy, is lining up McCoy for Coffroth, and the latter is certain that he finally will land the match.

COLORADO'S CIVIL WAR CONTINUES

State Aghast at Many Killings Physician Shot in Cowardly Manner by Strikers in Fierce Battle Yesterday.

Denver, April 30.—State officials today hoped that the strike war of Colorado was over. Yesterday, and last night lawlessness in the southern strike zone had reached its grisly climax and nine identified dead, with probably many more whose deaths were not reported by union officials, had been added to the long list of lives sacrificed in the seven months' struggle of unionism against mine owners of this state.

All Colorado, figuratively speaking stood aghast today, when final reports of the bloody conflict at Walsenburg became generally known. The death of Major P. F. Lester, a prominent physician of Walsenburg, on the battlefield—his body pierced with three bullets while he was striving to save the life of a wounded guardsman—was one of the agencies which added to the tense and bitter feeling.

Thirty soldiers who had served in the militia under Major Lester, who was in charge of the hospital corps, forgot their grievance with the state and late last night hurried to Walsenburg to offer their services in any future conflicts with the strikers who had brought about his death.

The short, sharp battle at Forbes where seven guards and two strikers were known to have been killed, added to the horror yesterday, and brought the realization to state officials that some drastic action would have to be taken immediately to prevent further bloodshed. For administration of this action, Governor Ammons looked to the United States troops, who now occupy portions of the strike-torn section of Colorado. The troops from Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo., arrived in Canon City, Fremont County, yesterday, and took charge today of affairs in that section which earlier in the week was the scene of desperate and bloody fighting.

Trinidad, Colo., April 30.—The second squadron of the Fifth United States Cavalry from Fort Leavenworth, Kas., 600 men, in command of Major W. A. Holbrook, arrived today. The troop train consisted of sixteen cars, including coaches, stock cars and equipment cars. The federal troops were greeted at the station by several hundred persons and were given a formal welcome by Acting Major M. J. Kahn, mine.

CROWTHER FOUND "NOT GUILTY"

Special Constable Acquitted on Charge of Attempt to Wound John W. Lewis in City Last January.

The charges against Special Constable Theodore Crowther of unlawful assault and menacing intent to do grievous bodily harm to John W. Lewis on January 16th last were dismissed yesterday by His Honor Judge Barker, and the constable, who has been in custody since the day of the shooting was given his liberty.

In giving his decision in the case His Honor remarked the charge against Crowther was a very serious matter and any person who shoots a person whether justified or unjustified, must prove his innocence to the hilt. In dealing with the matter before him he would have to leave out of consideration the condition of the man who was shot. The first point to consider was the circumstances under which the shooting took place. The police authorities had received word of a serious affair in Chinatown. They went to Chinatown and after making a search for signs of trouble heard a crash and the breaking of glass. The constables saw a number of men running away from the scene of the disturbance, five persons pursued by Chinamen. Happening at such a late hour of the night the first thoughts of the constables would naturally be that with white men being in Chinatown something serious had happened. This taken in conjunction with the fact of window smashing would lead one to suspect that something of a criminal nature had taken place. When the constables overtook the Chinamen they were handed a blood-stained scarf and told "white man shot" and they naturally came to the conclusion that some criminal offence had been committed, and he considered that the constables were justified in coming to such a conclusion. Since he had come to that conclusion he felt the constables were justified in taking every means to effect the arrest of the five men. The constables followed the men and overtook them standing on the corner of Pridoux and Hecate streets, whereupon the men broke and ran. At that point the police were justified, when the boys took to their heels, in drawing the conclusion that they were the ones they wanted. He felt sure that the boys knew the men after them at this stage were police and not Chinamen as they have stated in their evidence today. He also believed the boys heard the officers shout to them to stop, and knew well that they were being pursued by the officers. In commenting on the extent to which a police officer may go in making an arrest, His Honor quoted several cases in which police officers were justified in shooting to prevent the escape of men whom the officer believed were guilty of a criminal offence. In the case before him he did not think the officer was justified in shooting directly at the man but he believed the officer was justified in shooting with the intent to scare the men so they would stop. He liked the manner in which the accused had given his evidence and believed he had told the truth about the whole affair. He believed the accused did not shoot direct at the men but was of the opinion as had

been stated that the bullet had glanced and afterwards hit Lewis. Believing these things he could not find the accused guilty of an attempt to do grievous bodily harm and finding so would dismiss him.

During the course of the trial nine witnesses were heard, the evidence being practically identical to that previously published in these columns after the preliminary hearing. The accused was defended by Mr. V. Harrison and the Crown was represented by Mr. C. H. Beaver-Potts.

Collections for the Nanaimo branch of the Inland Revenue Department during the month of April totalled over \$1,900, the collections being Malt, \$876.25; Spirits, \$246.53; Raw leaf, \$295.68; Cigars, \$5.80 and miscellaneous \$450.00.

Mrs. William Pollock, Pridoux St. returned yesterday from visiting relatives in Vancouver.

directors of the Chamber of Commerce and a committee of business men.