

TWO COMPANIES CONTROL WORLD'S DIAMOND SUPPLY

Have Agreed That There Shall Not Be the Slightest Reduction in Prices.

NEW YORK, March 24.—With a view to correcting any misapprehension on the part of the public and the trade, the jewelers' board of trade, whose membership includes important firms in the diamond, jewelry and kindred trades throughout the country, issued a statement to-day in which it is declared that there is no prospect of a reduction in the price of diamonds. The statement says:

"The mining of diamonds for the consumption of the entire world, or say about ninety-seven per cent. of all the diamonds mined, is in the hands of only two corporations, namely: The De Beers and the Premier Diamond Mining Companies. These statements of the De Beers and the Premier Diamond Mining Companies, through a powerful London syndicate, the product of these two companies is sold to the cutters.

"On March 21 cable advices were received from London stating that the De Beers and the Premier Diamond Mining Companies had made a contract in which they agreed that there shall not be the slightest reduction from the present prices of diamonds. These statements of all parties interested in this important industry must undoubtedly evidence the fact that the same conservative policy that has always prevailed in the past will be firmly maintained."

ORCHARD TOLD TRUTH.

And There is an Implied Promise on Part of Court to Spare His Life.

BOISE, Idaho, March 24.—Governor Gooding will to-day receive official notice, as is required by law, from Judge Freeman Wood of the sentence of Harry Orchard, the self-confessed murderer of former Governor Steunenberg. Judge Wood, in speaking of the matter, said:

"By the statutes of Idaho the common law is made the rule of decision in all cases not inconsistent with the legislative laws of the United States and of the state.

"At the common law, when the court or magistrate accepted an accomplice as a witness against a co-defendant, the law implied a promise on the part of such court or magistrate to recommend such accomplice to the merciful consideration of the crown, provided the accomplice thus accepted as a witness was subsequently convicted of the same offense.

"This right has been declared to be a part of our judicial system by the supreme court of several states.

"The right, however, to such recommendation for clemency depends upon the accomplice thus accepted as a witness testifying fully and fairly to the entire transaction involved, and it is this fact that makes it necessary in the trial court to review the evidence of the accomplice before judicially determining that such accomplice is entitled to the recommendation of the court for any degree of executive clemency.

"The accomplice, Orchard, having testified fully and fairly when accepted as a witness, the court recommends the omission of the death penalty."

BABY IN THE MAILS.

Body Turned Over to Officers For Investigation.

DENVER, Colo., March 23.—Postmaster C. Olerach, Denver, N.M., to-day reported to E. L. McKee, chief postal inspector of the Rocky Mountain region, the discovery of the body of an infant in the mails. The package was addressed to a man at Boswell, N.M., and bore the return address of a woman of Woodstock, Illinois. Under the outer cover of the package was the following unsigned message:

"I did not know what else to do. Burn or do something right away. Do not open."

Postmaster Olerach turned the body over to officers. Inspector McKee says an investigation will be made.

INDIGESTION CURED

By Dr. Williams' Pink Pills After Six Doctors Had Failed to Be of Benefit.

"That gnawing pain in the stomach, sometimes shooting up into the chest, often producing a choking sensation in the throat; face pale around the heart; a feeling of drowsiness and a distaste for food—that's indigestion. Its victims are numbered by the thousands. To them life is a burden. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done more towards relieving this suffering than any other medicine. Often they have cured after all other help had failed, as in the case of Mr. Willis Herman of St. Catharines, Ont., who says: 'I had been afflicted with indigestion and stomach trouble for years. At times my suffering was almost insupportable. Sometimes for whole days I was unable to touch food. I dieted and at different times was treated by six doctors, but they did not help me; I only grew worse. For a time I was in New York and while there consulted a specialist, but he was unable to give me any relief. I then decided to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and in less than a month I felt some relief. I continued their use for a couple of months longer and gained in weight, my appetite improved; the pains left me and I now feel better than I have at any time during the past 25 years. I will always gladly recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to other sufferers, believing that they will surely do for others what they have done for me.'

When you use Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as a blood builder and nerve tonic you are not experimenting—they have been tried and proved successful in thousands of cases. It is their power to actually make new, rich, red blood that enables them to cure such troubles as anæmia, indigestion, rheumatism, kidney trouble, St. Vitus' dance, partial paralysis and those special ailments of girlhood and womanhood that cause so much misery. For sale by all medicine dealers or by mail at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50, from Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

GREAT BRITAIN WILL NOT INVITE U.S. FLEET

It is Desire of United States That Tour Be Not Further Delayed.

LONDON, March 24.—Great Britain has not invited the United States battleship fleet to visit England as it returns home or to make any official calls at British ports on its way, as the British admiralty understands that the American Government does not desire that the voyage be further delayed.

It is understood also that the United States has expressed the wish that there should be no demonstration in honor of the fleet at the British ports in the Mediterranean.

It is possible, however, that the British Atlantic fleet will be at Gibraltar when the American squadron passes thru the Strait, in which event the usual courtesies will be extended.

A DARING HOLD-UP.

Woodstock Veterinary Surgeon Has Thrilling Experience.

WOODSTOCK, March 24.—While John Birk was jogging along the road leading from Tillsonburg to his home at South Middleton, ten miles south of the town, last night at 9 o'clock, he was startled by seeing four men jump from the roadside. He was more startled when two of them grabbed his horse by the head and stopped it. The others then grabbed him and pulled him out of the buggy. He struggled, and one of his assailants struck him a heavy blow over the head with a club, dazing him. When they got their victim on the roadside they searched his pockets, got \$32, and ran. All this took place in a dark ravine half a mile from Tillsonburg.

Birk is a veterinary surgeon and formerly practised in St. Thomas. After the robbers ran Birk managed to get back into the rig, returned to Tillsonburg, and notified the police. In a short time four men, Charles Sells, Frank Yonkour, T. Anderson and Fred Hamell were arrested and are being held until the case is further investigated.

DEATHS IN THE CITY.

Deaths registered at the city hall Monday and yesterday were:

David Moffit, 17 years, rheumatic endocarditis.

Frederick Kim, 3 1/2 years, diphtheria.

Anthony Thomas, 75 years, arteriosclerosis.

Margaret Richardson, 2 years, pneumonia.

Francis Kempson, 78 years, heart disease.

David Milne, 68 years, cerebral hemorrhage.

Louis McCracken, 89 years, old age.

Mrs. Mary Lyon, 84 years, arteriosclerosis.

Mrs. Margaret Morgan, 33 years, cancer.

Jonathan Gillespie, 56 years, pneumonia.

Ephraim Miles, 83 years, bronchitis.

Marion Pardoe, 19 years, infective pleuritis.

Dorothy Chew, 2 years, meningitis.

Roland Lee, 3 months, marasmus.

Mary Green, 34 years, la grippe.

Helena McBride, 5 months, pneumonia.

Margaret Munshaw, 69 years, gastric catarrh.

Jane Biggar, 60 years, cancer.

Hyman Stein, 7 months, bronchitis.

Thomas Campbell, 16 years, consumption.

Catherine March, 3 weeks, marasmus.

Francis O'Rourke, 7 weeks, marasmus.

Margaret Keyes, 47 years, pneumonia.

Robert Black, 79 years, hypostatic pneumonia.

James Halford, 59 years, consumption.

William Arnot, 72 years, chronic bronchitis.

George Ward, 73 years, rheumatism.

Margaret Vanderwater, 4 months, broncho-pneumonia.

Algartha Bower, still born.

Henry Butterworth, 72 years, asthma.

John Burke, 50 years, heart failure.

James Strachan, 84 years, carbolic acid, administered by mistake.

Catherine Abbey, 32 years, myocarditis.

Emeline Boddy, 45 years, pleuro-pneumonia.

John Blair, 85 years, chronic myocarditis.

John Bennett, 30 years, consumption.

Yates, still born.

Elizabeth Brown, 74 years, senile dementia.

Michael Ryan, 65 years, paralysis.

McDonald, 30 minutes, still born.

Percy Halpin, 43 years, diabetes and phthisis.

Bertie Britoranyan, 1 year, marasmus.

William Smith, 4 months, pneumonia.

Frederick Teaghan, 3 months, la grippe.

Smith, still born.

John Williamson, 58 years, cancer.

Gordon French, 1 1/2 years, diphtheria.

Ann Campbell, 63 years, septicaemia.

Violet Helmschaw, 5 months, congestion of lungs.

George Isle, 2 years, otitis media.

Heleen Edwards, 6 months, malnutrition.

Douglas Robinson, 4 years, pneumonia.

John Shea, 93 years, chronic bronchitis.

Margaret Trotter, 85 years, old age.

Isabella Fairly, 63 years, chronic bronchitis.

Edwin Hoskin, 34 years, uraemia.

Thomas Cunningham, 38 years, ruptured gall bladder.

LOST AND FOUND.

Money is scarce. A man boarded Yonge-street car No. 119 last night at 7:45 at Gerrard-street. He had a quarter in his hand to buy six blue ones. After seeing the floor and it rolled away.

For three minutes the car was in commotion. Fellow passengers helped to find the quarter. At last one passenger had a brilliant idea and struck a match. The quarter was found. Everybody breathed again.

INTERIM SUPPLY PASSED HOUSE MAKES PROGRESS

Hindu Immigration Again Subject of Discussion—English Oats For Seed Purposes.

OTTAWA, March 24.—(Special.)—Good progress was made to-day with government business. Two or three government bills were passed without opposition and an interim supply bill amounting to one-eighth of every item not already passed was put thru.

Mr. Foster read a despatch to the effect that 500 Hindus, assembled in Vancouver, B.C., had cabled to John Morley, asking protest against exclusion of their countrymen as British subjects, from Canada. He asked the prime minister to say what really was occurring with respect to the Hindus, who are British subjects.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said the question was easily explained. The regulations of the department of the interior provided that all undesirable and mentally incapable immigrants can and ought to be excluded. But it was found that parties coming in, not from country of their origin, could not be sent back there. It was deemed expedient that the minister should have machinery to deport any undesirable and a regulation was passed that no one should be admitted unless he came from the country of his origin.

R. L. Borden asked if it made any difference how long an immigrant had been in the country from which he came immediately.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier had not looked into that feature and thought the contingency was not likely to arise.

"Is this the situation asked W. F. Maclean, 'that a Hindu must come directly from India?'

"He may come from Hongkong," replied Sir Wilfrid, "if he has a thru ticket from India."

Dr. Sproule quoted a remark of Oued Smith, assistant minister of immigration from Europe in London, that all immigrants except the very worst class were accepted. Was he voicing the policy of the government?

Mr. Oliver assumed that Mr. Smith was misquoted, as the statement did not represent the policy of the government.

Civil Service Report.

The finance minister promised to bring down the report of the civil service commission to-morrow.

A bill to amend the Companies Act by legalizing the issue of bonds, debentures and securities in foreign currency was put thru all the stages.

Plea For Decimal Coinage.

W. F. Maclean (South York) suggested to the finance minister that when the opportunity presented itself he should represent to the chancellor of the exchequer that the time had come for Great Britain to legalize the decimal coinage and allow the business public to keep their accounts in the decimal system.

This would effect an enormous saving to the community. It might interfere somewhat with the exchange of money, but it would lead to a more uniform coinage between Europe and America. If Britain were to legalize dollars and cents there would be a saving of the two systems and the decimal system was the best it would be adopted.

Mr. Sproule promised to keep the suggestion in mind, but probably Mr. Maclean had not taken sufficiently into account the strong conservatism of the British people.

They were not so conservative, replied Mr. Maclean. For instance they had adopted the decimal system in the navy. This was one of the little things that would go to simplify business.

The house went into supply for the purpose of providing sums to meet expenditures beginning April 1 next, the beginning of the next fiscal year.

This was one of the little items not already voted should be adopted, and the opposition consented to the arrangement.

The items already voted total \$11,246,000.

These were concurred in, and the committee took up the supplementary estimates for the current year.

Fisher, explaining the increases in the expenditure of the seeds branch of agriculture, said they were due to the issue of a book on farm weeds, and also to the testing of seeds.

Mr. Cockshutt pointed out that clover seed was now selling at 10 cents per bushel in Ontario at \$12 to \$15 per bushel, whereas before the seed act went into force the price was \$5 to \$7 a bushel.

Oats of Fine Quality.

Mr. Fisher, replying to Dr. Sproule, said that oats purchased in England for distribution in the northwest were of fine quality and had been tested in the old country.

During the discussion of the department of justice estimates it was found that supplies for penal institutions had been purchased from Senator Campbell's flour mill at Toronto Junction and Senator Edwards' company at Ottawa.

Messrs. Blain and Bennett called attention to these items, asking if the senators were to be allowed to "browse in these fertile fields." Later Mr. Bennett ascertained that D. W. Bole, M.P. for Winnipeg, had been supplying drugs.

Jacques Bureau, solicitor-general, who directed estimates, could see no wrong in this. The contract was called for by public tender.

Mr. Henderson expressed surprise that in so many cases the lowest tender happened to be a company of which a senator or member of parliament was a member. The country, he thought, would draw its own conclusions.

Mr. Aylesworth said there was no objection so long as a senator or member of parliament was interested as a member of the company.

Mr. Fielding thought Mr. Henderson's suggestion was not fair. Did he believe that Senator Edwards, for the sake of a pittance few hundred dollars, would be a party to any conspiracy to secure a contract for supplies by unfair means?

Mr. Aylesworth declared that in the matter of awarding contracts in his department politics were not considered.

Wood's Phosphorine.

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AGENTS

CANADA'S OLDEST PRISONER.

Joseph Gilbert, Aged 70, Dying at Edmonton.

EDMONTON, March 24.—(Special.)—Joseph Gilbert, serving a term of life imprisonment in the penitentiary here, is dangerously ill, and there are slight hopes for his recovery.

Gilbert is a murderer, he having been brought here from Regina early in 1907, when he commenced a life imprisonment sentence. He is over 70 years of age, and is the oldest life prisoner in a Canadian penitentiary.

When he entered the institution here, Gilbert was in the prime of health, but solitary confinement of over a year has told on his robust constitution, and he has gradually lost flesh and health.

Jadler McCauley of Edmonton penitentiary has done everything possible for the old man. This morning, however, he took a very bad turn, and this afternoon a message from the penitentiary states that his condition is exceedingly low and that he will not likely live out the day.

Joseph Gilbert was for many years a resident of the Regina district. His farm is located a few miles south-west of that city. The farm was sold to Barrett Henderson of Charlottetown, P.E.I., in the summer of 1906, and that fall Henderson was murdered by Gilbert, who was disatisfied with his deal and shot Henderson down in his own yard, discharging a shot gun loaded with slugs and wire nails full in his victim's face, causing a terrible and fatal wound.

Broker Sues Client.

Argument will be heard by Chief Justice Falconbridge in the non-jury session to-day in the action brought by J. R. Helmz & Co., stock brokers of Buffalo, against W. H. Collier, to recover \$379.28, which is alleged.

Collier lost while trading on margin with the company between March 25 and Aug. 25, 1907. Collier says that the loss was due to stock automatically sold, and further claims that the real stock transactions were never made. The plaintiffs sought to show in the court yesterday that all shares purchased or sold by the defendant were bona fide transactions.

Rhodes Scholar Drowned.

OXFORD, Eng., March 24.—Ralph C. Manny, a Rhodes scholar from New Orleans, La., at Oxford, was washed off the rocks and drowned at Port Isaac, Cornwall, to-day.

Ralph C. Manny secured his appointment to Oxford in 1906. He was a student at Queen's. A peculiar coincidence is the fact that A. K. Tread, the 1907 Rhodes scholar from Louisiana, died in March, 1904, from meningitis.

Mr. Burton Superannuated.

OTTAWA, March 24.—The superannuation is announced of E. J. W. Burton, collector of customs at Port Hope. He is placed on the retiring list, with an allowance at the rate of \$840 a year, dated from July 1, 1908. The position collector at Port Hope will now be filled, and it is expected the appointment will go to W. S. Bligher.

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TAXIDERMY IN COMMITTEE.

Mr. Hanna Objects to Mr. Dreany's "Skinning" of Pet Animals.

Owing to the lateness of the train, George L. Smith, mining recorder at Halesbury, was unable to be present before the public accounts committee of the legislature yesterday.

Henry Dreany was present and was questioned by C. N. Smith as to his connection with the Cobalt Lake claim. On July 17, 1906, Recorder Smith had refused to register his claim and had said that he was acting upon instructions from the government.

"I would suggest," said Mr. Hanna, "that Mr. Dreany should submit his pleadings in the present litigation against certain parties. He cannot use the public accounts committee for the purpose of slandering-whispering people not in this house, or in the government. Let him submit his pleadings, so we will know when he is skinning Mr. Dreany's pet animals and when we are serving the public. It's very clear from Mr. Smith's remarks, what he hopes to do; also it is very clear where the line is drawn, if this matter is one in litigation."

Chairman Carnegie will look up precedents and give a ruling on the question of the next meeting of the committee.

FLEET COMES FIRST.

Prince of Wales Will Follow on Cruiser.

LONDON, March 24.—The Prince of Wales will cross the Atlantic this summer when he goes to Canada for the tercentenary celebration at Quebec in one of the larger of the British cruisers and this vessel will be accompanied by another cruiser as an escort.

The British Atlantic fleet will cross ahead of the cruisers to be present and welcome the prince on his arrival.

Injured by Fall From Car.

James Wiggins, an elderly man, residing at 233 Palmerston-avenue, fell from a College and Yonge-street car last evening while on his way to Massey Hall. He was carried into Howarth's drug store and removed from there to his home in the police ambulance. He was severely cut on the side of the head and apparently suffered from internal injuries, as he was still unconscious upon his arrival at home. He is resting easily.

McColg Is Inquisitive.

In the public-accounts committee of the legislature, A. B. McColg, M.L.A., has moved for the return of all papers showing to whom the money was paid for the transportation of horses to the International Horse Show in London, England.

Judgment Favors Hindus.

VANCOUVER, March 24.—(Special.)—Judge Clement to-day granted habeas corpus for 146 Hindus arriving from that neighborhood which waited upon Hon. Mr. Hanna, provincial secretary, yesterday. They asked that the sewage from the Orillia Asylum be not emptied into Lake Simcoe. The deputation also objected to the granting of a liquor shop license at Atherley, near Orillia, in view of the fact that local option goes into force in Orillia in May.

Object to Sunday Parades.

The clergymen of East Simcoe are sending requests to the members of the legislature to have some restraint placed upon Sunday processions by secret and fraternal societies. They ask that such societies be forbidden to hire bands and to hold dinners after the parades.