

APPALLING LOSS OF LIFE IN NORTHERN ONTARIO

HARBOR RAILWAY AGREEMENT DRAWN

CITY WILL INSIST UPON COMPENSATION

Draft Proposal Will Be Submitted to Council at Friday Night's Meeting

(From Thursday's Daily.)
At to-morrow night's meeting of the city council the question of the Victoria harbor railway will be discussed on the introduction of the draft agreement which has at last been decided upon by the vice-president of the company, Dr. Watt, and the city solicitor. There is certain to be considerable discussion before the matter is finally decided, as the fourth or fifth copies of the agreement will be given the aldermen before the meeting so that when they attend on Friday they will be in a position to discuss the proposition intelligently.
The draft agreement is the last of a number that were drawn by the parties, first by the one side and then by the other. After the fourth or fifth had been rejected the city and the company, through their representatives, began to get closer together in regard to what they would have and what they would forego, and upon all these concessions and demands the final draft is based which will be submitted to the council at Friday's meeting.
Although the agreement is not yet ready for publication it is understood that by its terms the city will obtain a certain percentage of certain of the receipts as compensation for the rights granted to the company. This policy is a bitter pill for the company to swallow, so it is currently rumored, but finding that agreement was otherwise out of the question, they made the necessary concession.
Among the things which the city will grant the company under the terms of the proposed agreement is a perpetual franchise, but whether the charter is to be absolute and exclusive can only be ascertained by a perusal of the document itself. Another consideration which the city solicitor insisted upon was that the company must provide for the laying of the rails on a permanent basis, as the case may be, in such a manner as will not interfere with the ordinary traffic, and also as will not tend to work to the detriment of the streets.
The crossing of the Causeway, over which it is expected will arise most of the threatened objections to the scheme, has been negotiated by the company, as the case may be, in such a way as will preserve the amenity of the locality as far as possible consistent with the running of the cars. The line will be constructed as near to the high water mark as possible. In this connection it may also be said that the running of cars will only be conducted at night. In the day time the Causeway will maintain its beauty intact. It is also provided that under no consideration will blocks be tolerated.
At the present time the company is negotiating for the right-of-way, and it is claimed that a considerable portion of it has been granted, though the company will not experience any very great difficulty in achieving this necessary part of the bargain.
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THE NAPOLITANO CASE.
Ottawa, July 13.—The case of Mrs. Napolitano under sentence of death, will be dealt with this week by the cabinet council, probably on Friday.

DECORATED FLOAT IN PARADE
One of the features of the celebration of the Twelfth

CHARGE AGAINST ICE TRUST.
Alleged to Have Withheld Ice From Independent Dealers During Heat Wave.
New York, July 13.—The district attorney of the city police to-day began an investigation of the Knickerbocker Ice Company, which does by far the largest ice business here.
The charge is that the so-called ice trust has withheld ice from independent dealers during the recent prolonged heat wave. In other words, conducted its business in restraint of trade.
The situation in the tenement district, where the poor find it almost impossible to buy small quantities of ice desired for their humble homes, has attracted attention and spurred the authorities to action.
The district attorney has said that if his investigation develops the necessary evidence he will lay the case before the grand jury and also apply to the attorney-general, who not long ago brought about the dissolution of the American Ice Company, of which the Knickerbocker Ice Company is said to be the successor.
WILL MEET AT PORTLAND.
Atlantic City, N. J., July 13.—Portland, Oregon, has been chosen by the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks as the next meeting place. The western city had no opposition.

FOREST FIRES STILL RAGING

CONDITIONS IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN SERIOUS

Refugee Tells of the Destruction of Towns of Oscoda and Au Sable

Bay City, Mich., July 13.—The village of Watters, in Oscoda county, which was threatened yesterday by forest fires that invaded the town, was saved from destruction by the work of the people there, aided by firemen sent from Bay City and Grayling. Conditions in the northern part of the state are still serious, and will continue so until there are rains. No towns are reported in immediate danger, however.
Fighting Flames.
Biddeford, Maine, July 13.—Early today a forest fire had almost completely surrounded the village of South Waterboro, and it was feared the buildings which escaped yesterday's conflagration would be destroyed, thus completing the wiping out of the settlement. Four hundred men are fighting the fire. The wind is blowing a gale, which is making work very hard. The loss is estimated at more than \$250,000.
Refugee's Story.
Detroit, Mich., July 13.—Eugene E. Thompson, an Oscoda business man and fire chief, who last night brought a party of refugees to Detroit from the burned towns of Au Sable and Oscoda, furnished the first connected story which has come out of the fire-swept district.
"The most serious fire on the outskirts of the town was discovered Sunday, and a crew fought it until it was under control," he said.
"On Monday morning, Tuesday, aided by high winds, the fire broke out again with great fury.
"The first alarm in Oscoda came in at 3 o'clock from Mrs. Archer's house. President Cowley and myself proceeded to the Loud Company's office to fight the flames that had spread to the Catholic cemetery. The alarm came in from the Au Sable township slab piles.
"About the time the hose was working well we got an alarm from Oscoda. The first building to go was the Oscoda and Au Sable canning factory, and in a few minutes the fires began breaking out north, east, south and west, all at once.
"Our equipment of three hose carts and thirty-six volunteers fought for an hour and a half with a good water supply, then the flames reached the pumping station, and it went out of commission.
"A few inhabitants, among them myself and my father and mother, went to the steamer Nikow, Capt. Meyers, which was lying at my own dock. It is impossible to say enough in praise of Capt. Meyers. He acted the hero, remaining at the dock until it was a mass of flames and he was obliged to cut his cables. When the boat finally drifted into open water she was on fire fore and aft. Fire apparatus put out the flames quickly.
"He went 15 miles out of his course to take us to Port Huron, and he and his crew gave us everything they possessed. There were in all about 285 persons aboard, 30 of whom were nursing children.
"When we left the dock between 200 and 300 people were on it, cut off from shore with the tramway overhead after.
"There was no escape for them, unless they jumped into the water. I saw Peter Duval struggle down the tramway with his aged father-in-law on his back, but the flames forced him back.
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INVESTITURE OF PRINCE OF WALES

CEREMONY TAKES PLACE AT CARNARVON

Royal Visitors Enthusiastically Received on Their Arrival From Ireland

Carnarvon, Wales, July 13.—In the old but well preserved castle of Carnarvon, to-day the young Prince of Wales was invested with the insignia of his high office. The quaint town in festal attire made a holiday and drew within its borders thousands of Welshmen from the surrounding country. The weather was matchless and great crowds gathered along the route from Griffith's Crossing, where the royal party alighted, to the castle gate. Buildings were lavishly decorated. Troops, blue-jackets and marine kept the way open for the procession to pass.
The scene within the castle was picturesque, the vast enclosure forming an ideal setting for the ceremony. The outer and inner baileys were lined with stands.
Their Majesties and the Prince received an enthusiastic reception.
King George and Queen Mary, with the Prince, came on the royal yacht Victoria and Albert from Ireland to Holyhead. This morning a special train brought them from Holyhead to Griffith's Crossing, a small station two and a half miles north of Carnarvon. Royal carriages and an escort of cavalry were waiting the party. Upon their arrival the procession was formed.
Carnarvon was entered by the North road, and the party proceeded by the main street to the great castle square. Here the mayor, and corporation received the royal visitors and presented addresses. From Castle square to the first entrance in the castle were two processions, that of the Prince of Wales preceding that of Their Majesties by five minutes. The Prince entered the castle at the ancient gate. As he passed in the standards were hoisted on Eagle Tower, while the royal Welsh choir of 400 voices sang.
The King and Queen followed. As they entered the castle the Prince's flag was hoisted and the royal standard was run up.
In the towers near the entrance two suites of the royal apartments had been prepared for Their Majesties and the Prince, and to these they retired and were robed in the ceremony.
When they appeared the procession was restored, the King and Queen with their suites preceding the Prince and his supporters.
The party proceeded to a raised platform in the centre of the great inner court yard, where the investiture took place. As the King and Queen appeared in the open air the choir sang "God Save the King." This was followed the singing of "God Bless the Prince of Wales" as the Prince appeared and approached his parents, who had taken their places on the stand.
The Prince, in his coronation cloak and mantle of crimson velvet was presented before the King, who placed a crimson velvet cap ornamented with ermine and a coronet on the head of his son as a token of investiture. The Prince then placed a golden emblem of investiture, and on his middle finger a ring of gold, signifying that he must be a husband to his country and a father to his children.
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THREE HUNDRED PERSONS HAVE PROBABLY PERISHED

Widespread Havoc Wrought By Flames in the Porcupine District—Property Loss May Total Millions of Dollars—Relief for Sufferers

Toronto, July 13.—No time has been lost here in starting to raise funds for the relief of the thousands of fire sufferers in Northern Ontario. Special meetings were called yesterday at the city hall, the parliament buildings and the board of trade to organize this work, and as a result the northern Ontario fire relief committee has been formed. The board of control beside cordially approving of the movement contributed \$5,000 on behalf of the city. The board of trade has voted \$1,000. In addition other contributions were received yesterday, bringing the total for the day to \$7,950 as above.
Besides the money subscriptions the relief committee ordered to be sent from North Bay this morning 50 bags potatoes, 50 bags beans, 20 cases bacon, 500 pairs blankets.
A. E. Duff, district passenger agent of the Grand Trunk, received word last evening that the Grand Trunk would forward free of charge to North Bay any supplies for the relief of Cochrane. It is impossible at this writing to state with certainty the extent of the loss of life and property, but late reports placed the loss of lives at three hundred and of property at several millions of dollars.
Fatalities in South Porcupine.
The greatest catastrophe appears to have happened at South Porcupine of 600 people who sought refuge in the lake when the fire swept through South Porcupine, 200 persons, many of them women with children in their arms, lost their lives.
Relief trains came out of Cochrane this morning with 225 women and children, and a relief train also came out of Porcupine with 150.
They are sending a train into Cochrane and one into Porcupine. These cars with provisions went into Cochrane this morning. Last reports from Porcupine show conditions to be very serious.
On the lake south of Porcupine, Pottsville, West Dome, Dome, East Dome, and all the mines in that zone are completely wiped out.
Mr. Weiss, manager of the mines at West Dome; Mr. Child and 20 men are reported to be burned to death and suffocated.
The following is a partial summary of the disastrous fires in the Porcupine district:
The Known Dead.
Drowned in Porcupine Lake—William A. Moore, R. F. Mondue, Marvin Strain, Halleybury; Andrew Larue, Nathan Haas, Mining Engineer Spokane.
Suffocated or burned—Angus Burt, assayer West Dome mine, and Mrs. Burt; Robert A. Weiss, Manager of the West Dome, and his wife and three year old daughter; Capt. Jack Hamilton, West Dome mine; McQueen, carpenter, West Dome, and wife; Andy Yull, foreman United Porcupine; C. E. Adams, Philadelphia mine; Wm.

HON. T. NOSSE DEAD.

Former Japanese Consul-General in Canada Passes Away in Japan.

Ottawa, July 13.—Word has been received of the death of Hon. T. Nosse, former consul-general for Japan. Since he returned to Japan Mr. Nosse has been acting as governor of the province of Zanda Nanda, Korea, with a million and a half souls under his care.

SIR WILFRID HOME.

Ottawa, July 13.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier received a warm welcome on his arrival here. The Premier made a brief speech, in the course of which he recommended citizens to prepare for the coming of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught by embellishing the city in a manner worthy of members of the royal family.

POWER AND LIGHT.

Winnipeg Street Railway Announces It Will Meet Out Made by City.
Winnipeg, July 13.—The Street Railway Company has announced that it will fight the city for the electric light and power business by meetings every cut in rates. In a statement the company warns the public against allowing the city to contract for conduit connections with homes.

SAWMILLS DESTROYED.

Calumet, Que., July 13.—The large sawmills of the Riordan Paper Company here are nothing but smoking ruins to-day. The 300 employees of the mills are endeavoring to prevent the flames from wiping out the entire settlement. The loss will reach \$100,000.

CIVIC COMMISSION.

Vancouver, July 13.—The municipal council of Burnaby will in January submit a plebiscite to the ratepayers on the question whether or not they wish commission government.

SETS RECORD WITH ROSS RIFLE

REMARKABLE FEAT AT BISLEY MEETING

Member of Irish Association Wins Four Contests—Winnings of Canadians

Bisley Camp, Eng., July 13.—Though the rifleman's Derby is still in its initial stage, a wonderful feat has already been performed by Maurice Blood of the Irishmen's Rifle Association, who has won right off the reel the Bass, the W&A, the Halford Memorial, and the Wimbledon Cup. No man has before carried off all these trophies. He used throughout the Canadian Ross rifle and ammunition of the match rifle pattern and seems certain to win the Hopton cup for which these competitions count.
The following money prizes were won by Canadians to-day:
Private Bibby won the 200 yards sweepstakes and \$20; Sergt. White won \$5 at the 500 yards sweep; Capt. Wolfenden was fifth and won \$5 for the 600 yards sweepstakes; Sergt. Patterson won the fifteen and won \$5; Lieut. Blackburn, Winnipeg, was eighteenth and won \$5 in the Albert, in which Corp. Mortimer got eighteenth place, winning \$10.

TWO CHILDREN PERISH.

Start Fire in Barn While Playing With Matches.

Standish, Maine, July 13.—Playing with matches in their grandfather's barn last night, two children started a fire which cost them their lives, and burned all the farm buildings on the big estate of John Moody at Oak Hill.

EXPLOSION KILLS TEN.

Frankfort-on-the-Main, July 13.—Ten persons were killed and twenty others seriously injured by an explosion in a waanite factory outside this city yesterday.

VANCOUVER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Civic Committee Submits Report on Recent Investigation.

Vancouver, July 13.—A verdict was rendered last night by the civic committee which has been sitting to hear charges in connection with the fire department. The finding is, in substance, that some of the allegations made have been proved, but that, taken for all in all, there has been nothing seriously wrong, with the exception of the misconduct of No. 5 fire hall, where a negro woman was a frequent visitor. Recommendations are made that the chief dismiss a fire warden of the men in No. 5 hall.

AMENDMENTS TO RECIPROCIITY BILL

PROPOSED REDUCTIONS OF WOOL AND COTTON DUTY

Senator La Follette Says Change Would Mean Enormous Saving to Consumer

Washington, D. C., July 13.—Senator La Follette's long promised and about a month tariff revision amendment to the Canadian reciprocity bill opposing duty reduction, which he calculated would save the consumer \$165,000,000 annually on cottons and \$172,000,000 on wools, was introduced to-day. In a statement accompanying the amendment, the Senator said that against this enormous saving to the consumer, assuming that the price to the consumer would be reduced to the same extent as the reduction of duty, the loss of revenue to the government under the two schedules would approximate \$33,000,000.
"The change for the wools schedule as a whole," said Senator La Follette, "would represent a reduction from an ad valorem of 61.24 per cent. under the present law to 38.24 per cent., or a reduction of 23% ad valorem, and about \$8 per cent. below the present rate. The average ad valorem rate on cotton goods, including artificial silk, is to be reduced under the proposed amendment from 35.59 per cent. under the present act to 29.45 per cent., representing a reduction of 42 per cent. under the present act to 29.45 per cent., representing a reduction of 42% per cent. ad valorem and over 47 per cent. below the present rate."
Senator La Follette declared that the duties proposed were still greater than necessary to protect American manufacturers from European competition. However, as this is a temporary measure, he preferred, he said, "to be on the safe side," and make sure that "no legitimate American industry can possibly be injured by any of the proposed changes."
Senator Bailey's free list amendment to the bill was defeated yesterday by a large majority. So evident was the margin against it that Senator Bailey did not ask for a roll call.
Pursuing the policy of forcing the opponents of reciprocity to proceed without delay, Senator Penrose urged Senator Bailey to introduce his wool tariff amendment at once. The latter did so, and the senate adjourned with the amendment pending. It is a modification of the wool tariff bill recently passed by the House, and places all duties on raw and manufactured wool at a general average of 30 per cent.
The Bailey amendment to the Canadian bill, providing a reduction on all wool duties to thirty per cent. ad valorem, was defeated in the senate to-day without roll call. Senator Bailey said he considered it a waste of time to delay the senate with a record vote.

OVER FOUR HUNDRED CHILDREN DEAD

Startling Mortality During the Twelve Days of Heat Wave in Montreal

Montreal, July 13.—The effect of the recent heat wave on the children of Montreal is shown by the startling infant mortality figures, compilation of which for the first twelve days of the month was completed yesterday.
Ninety-six per cent. of the deaths which have been reported since July 1 are those of infants under five years of age. The actual figures show a total death list of 473, and of this number 454 infants died. For the first eight days of the month 432 deaths were reported, including 324 children under five years or 75 per cent. of the total.
Since Saturday there have been 171 additional deaths registered at the city hall, and of this number no fewer than 139 were young children, bringing up the infant mortality to the disheartening proportion of 95.12 per cent. of the total death rate for July as far as the month has advanced.

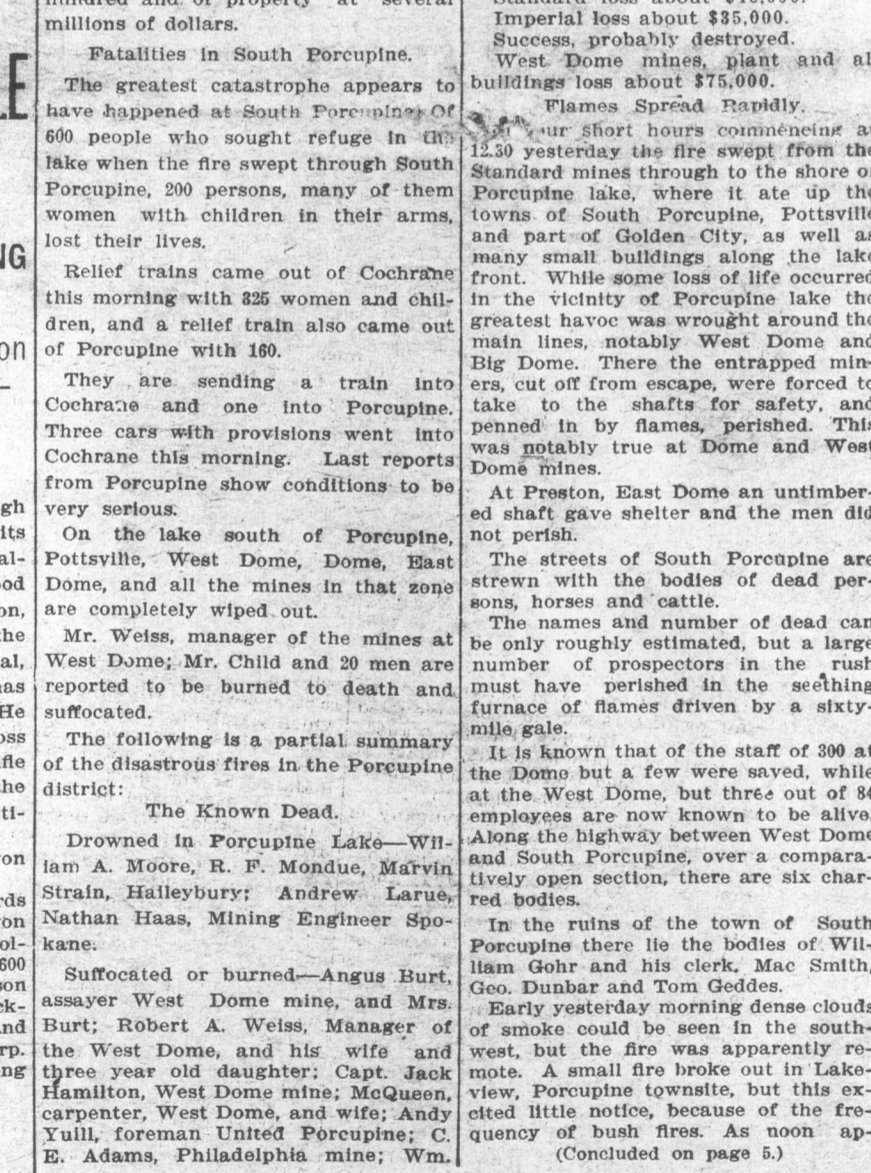
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Ghor, Thos. Geddes, Dan Smith, Capt. Geo. Dunbar, South Porcupine.
Twenty seven are known to be dead in the West Dome shaft, names not to hand. Thirty four foreigners are known to be dead in the Dome shafts.
Missing.
Dwyer, of United Porcupine. Only three of the 84 employees of West Dome had been accounted for up to noon yesterday.
There is no means of estimating the dead at Dome mines, but the manager, and Mrs. Meek, Capt. Lawson, the clerical force; Henry Ansen, mill construction foreman, and all with the exception of miners, muckers, etc., are safe. The Dome has nearly 800 employees.
Miners Burned.
Dome mines, all of the buildings except Manager Meek's house. Loss \$800,000. All the shaft houses, new forty stamp mill, almost completed, and a large up-to-date compressor plant were burned.
North Dome miners, loss \$50,000 plant and camps.
Preston, East Dome, loss \$150,000, plant and camps.
Vipond, loss \$100,000, plant and camps.
Foley-O'Brien, total loss estimated at \$100,000.
Philadelphia mines, loss about \$50,000.
United Porcupine mines, loss \$20,000.
Elvordvale Porcupine, small building destroyed.
Standard loss about \$40,000.
Imperial loss about \$35,000.
Success, probably destroyed.
West Dome mines, plant and all buildings lost about \$75,000.
Flames Spread Rapidly.
Our short hours commenced at 12.30 yesterday the fire swept from the Standard mines through to the shore of Porcupine lake, where it ate up the towns of South Porcupine, Pottsville and part of Golden City, as well as many small buildings along the lake front. While some loss of life occurred in the shafts for safety, and a large number of prospectors in the rush must have perished in the seething furnace of flames driven by a sixty-mile gale.
It is known that of the staff of 300 at the Dome but a few were saved, while at the West Dome, but three out of 84 employees are now known to be alive. Along the highway between West Dome and South Porcupine, over a comparatively open section, there are six charred bodies.
In the ruins of the town of South Porcupine there lie the bodies of William Gohr and his clerk, Mac Smith, Geo. Dunbar and Tom Geddes.
Early yesterday morning dense clouds of smoke could be seen in the southwest, but the fire was apparently remote. A small fire broke out in Lakeview, Porcupine townsite, but this excited little notice, because of the frequency of bush fires. As noon ap-
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ORANGE YOUNG BRITONS

Marching in the Twelfth of July celebration



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One of the features of the celebration of the Twelfth