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FINANCIAL SCANDAL LIKELY IN EQUITABLE

Young Mr. Hyde Charged With Letting E. H. Harriman Sway the Company's \$400,000,000 Assets—How the Third Vice-President Rose from Office Boy to \$40,000 a Year Job—Roosevelt Going Hunting, But Will Have Courier Service to Civilization—The Meningitis Epidemic.

From Our Own Correspondent. New York, April 3.—The first published intimation that financial complications of grave character were impending in the Equitable Life Assurance Society, one of the giant monetary institutions of the world, appeared in the Daily Telegraph early in the winter in connection with a story about the famous Cosme Ball given by James H. Hyde at very's.

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INTERCOLONIAL TO HAVE ROUTE TO GEORGIAN BAY

Laurier Announces Running Rights Will Be Given Over the Canada Atlantic

Premier Silent About Connection Between Coteau and Montreal—Legislation Will Be Passed This Session—Autonomy Bill Debate Continued—Manitoba Boundary Correspondence Brought Down—Ontario Wanted Her Limits Extended, Too.

Ottawa, April 3.—(Special)—The Intercolonial Railway will get running rights over the Canada Atlantic when that road passes into the control of the Grand Trunk, and in that way will have a port on Georgian Bay and a summer road between the Canadian Northwest and the seaboard.

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FIFTY MINERS ENTOMBED, MAJORITY LIKELY DEAD

Disaster Occurred at Leiter's Mine, Which Does Not Work on Sunday, and Accumulation of Gas is Thought to Be Possible—Explosion Wrecked Main Shaft and Work of Rescue is Very Slow.

Denton, Ill., April 3.—Some fifty miners were entombed today in Joseph Leiter's mine at Zeigler by a terrific explosion of gas and it is probable that thirty or more of the buried men are dead. Thus far four bodies have been found. The explosion, it is said, was due to the fact that the Leiter mine are not worked on Sunday, thus allowing gas to accumulate in the lower workings.

When between thirty-five and forty-five miners had descended into the mine today to resume work, a terrific explosion blew the mouth of the mine high into the air. One of the steel cages was blown to the surface from the bottom of a 350 foot shaft.

The shock of the explosion was felt at Benton, twelve miles northeast of Zeigler. A steamer diving along a road half a mile from the mine was covered with falling cinders, the debris covering the floor of his wagon half an inch deep.

One miner was killed and four were severely injured at the mouth of the shaft in which the explosion occurred. The work of rescue was begun at once by miners who were arriving when the explosion took place. But the main shaft was demolished so that rescue work had to be carried on through the air shaft.

This has hindered the work of aiding the entombed men to such an extent that when darkness fell tonight only three bodies and one injured man had been brought to the surface. These bodies were found forty feet from the bottom of the air shaft, and this is as far as the rescuers have been able to penetrate the shaft.

A committee of union miners from Danquon and other neighboring mining towns, headed by District President Morris, has tended to Zeigler soon after the explosion occurred and offered their aid. The bodies of the dead are so blackened that they cannot at once be identified.

C. E. Childers, a striking Zeigler miner, last October predicted in a printed article that an explosion was likely to occur on account of what he termed improper ventilation of the shaft. There was much excitement among miners when the accident became known, because there had been a strike of long duration and many conflicts had occurred between strikers and non-union miners.

An all-day investigation tends to show that the catastrophe was due to the accidental explosion of accumulated gas.

Senator Choquette Buys a Newspaper

Quebec, April 3.—(Special)—Senator P. A. Choquette has obtained control of the French Liberal organ of this city, Le Soleil. He purchased the shares held by Mrs. Paquet, widow of the late editor and proprietor, and this morning purchased the interests of Hon. C. Fitzpatrick for \$17,000. The stock was transferred to the senator this morning by the minister of justice, who came from Ottawa to complete the arrangements. Senator Choquette is also buying up all the other shares held in the paper by the old regime.

Manager of Bank of Yarmouth Arrested

Yarmouth, N. S., April 3.—(Special)—The latest developments in the affairs of the Bank of Yarmouth was the arrest today at the instance of the federal government of Manager Johns. Further developments are expected. He was admitted to bail. Much interest is felt in the result of this first step. A meeting of Redding's creditors will be held tomorrow morning.

Railway Men Off to See Emerson

Delegation Started for Ottawa Yesterday About Pension Scheme and Other Matters

Moncton, April 3.—(Special)—A delegation of railway men consisting of Conductor W. Crockett, of I. O. R.; Elias White, A. A. Fisher, Truro; Archie McDonald, Sydney, left tonight for Ottawa to interview the minister of railways in regard to the pension scheme and other matters affecting railway men. Driver J. W. Nairn represents B. of E. from this section.

Senator Clark, of Harcourt, is visiting friends in the city en route to Rexton, Kent county. Miss Clark is to be married on Bath street to Senator Black of Amherst. The wedding takes place in Montreal.

Chatham Man Scalded to Death

Patrick Conroy Met His Fate at the Miramichi Pulp Works—No One to Blame, Says Coroner's Jury.

Chatham, N. B., April 3.—(Special)—Coroner M. S. Benson held an inquest on the body of Patrick Conroy whose death occurred at the Miramichi pulp and paper mill today. The following were the jurymen: John Sinclair, Robert A. Murdoch, John McLennan, Robert J. Walls, Charles Robinson, Michael Koughan and Howard Fieger.

Parisian Successfully Floated Last Night

Eight Powerful Pumps at Work on Board—Allan Liner to Be Cleared of Cargo and Then Go Into Dry Dock.

Halifax, April 3.—(Special)—After a week's hard work on the part of Beasley Bros. and their staff of divers and with the assistance of eight powerful pumps, the partially submerged Allan liner Parisian was floated from the bottom of the dock at Deep Water Terminal tonight.

Fatally Wounded Wife Then Killed Himself

Frank Noyes a Boston Coal Dealer Committed the Terrible Deed Monday Night During a Quarrel.

Boston, April 3.—Frank Noyes, aged 60 years, a coal dealer, living at 11 Hamlet street, and it is feared, fatally wounded his wife, Katherine Louise, aged 58 years, tonight, and then shot himself. Noyes died immediately and his wife is in a critical condition at the hospital.

Democrats Carry Calais

Calais, Me., April 3.—The Democrats won the city election today. George H. Hanson, the party candidate, being chosen mayor by a vote of 637 to 553 for Herbert J. Dudley, the Republican nominee. The Democrats also gained control of the board of aldermen, selecting four of the seven members. The largest vote in years was polled.

Woman Stricken with Meningitis Arrested as Drunk

New York, April 3.—Overcome by a sudden attack of cerebro spinal meningitis, Miss May DeVere, of Hoboken (N. J.), has been found lying unconscious on a sidewalk and looked up in a police station charged with intoxication. It was not until after she had lain more than three hours in a cell that her real condition was discovered. She was then removed to a hospital, where she is now in a critical condition. The charge of intoxication was officially withdrawn by order of a magistrate in police court today.

G. W. Ross to Edit Toronto Globe?

Toronto, April 3.—The World today says it is again rumored that G. W. Ross will assume the editorial chair of the Globe as soon as he returns from his trip to the south.