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FIRE STILL RAGING IN COAL MINE

TOWN OF DOMINION IN DANGER OF DESTRUCTION

Hamilton Council Receives Another Bill For Transportation and Pay of Troops.

Sydney, C. B., Dec. 18.—The Hub mine fire now raging here may mean destruction of the town of Dominion, which is, in large part, built over the crop area of the mine. The thickness of the mine roof runs from 60 to 100 feet, but if the fire gets in the upper levels the roof may give way. The fire is still under sea level, but not under control. It is estimated that two million gallons of water will be needed to effectually subdue the conflagration.

Another Bill. Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 18.—The city has received another bill from militia authorities. Saturday's bill was for maintenance of troops sent during the street car strike riots and the one received today, which is \$4,688, is for transportation and the pay of officers and men, the total being \$6,885. The council does not believe the city should be charged with anything more than what it would cost to keep the soldiers in regular quarters in Toronto and London.

Died From Injuries. Belleville, Ont., Dec. 18.—Robert G. Malley, who on Friday was drawn into a shafting and terribly injured at the rolling mills, is dead.

Two Sudden Deaths. Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—Alex. Moran, a laborer, dropped dead in a street car this evening, having been stricken with heart disease. Fred Murtz, stricken with heart disease to-night while eating supper, died suddenly.

Fifteen Store Offices. Toronto, Ont., Dec. 18.—The Traders bank moved into its fine new fifteen-story office to-day and is now in possession of the finest bank offices in Canada.

Fire at Montreal. Montreal, Dec. 17.—Damage to an amount between \$25,000 and \$30,000 was done in a blaze that broke out yesterday morning in old Trinity church building at the corner of Gosford and Champ de Mars streets, and now occupied by Theodore Lefevre & Co. as a coffee and spice mill. The third floor was ruined with torrents of water poured into the upper floor, and washed coffee and spice and vinegar down through the floors beneath, and into the basement.

NOVEL BOXING CONTEST PROPOSED

TEX RICKARDS WILL OFFER LARGE PURSE

Wants Jeffries to Fight O'Brien and Burns To a Finish in One Day.

New York, Dec. 19.—According to the Herald to-day Tex Rickards, the Nevada prize fight promoter, announced last night his willingness to give a \$50,000 purse for a somewhat novel battle with James J. Jeffries, champion of the world, as the central figure. Rickards wants Jeffries to fight "Philadelphia" Jack O'Brien and Tommy Burns to a finish in one ring on the same day, the event to take place at Goldfields early in May.

From what I have been able to gather on my trip through the east and west," said Rickards, "the sporting public is quite satisfied that O'Brien or Burns has no chance individually against Jeffries. They believe, however, that both of them would cause the big fellow to extend himself in one day, so I have decided to try and give the public what it wants. I will hang up a purse of \$50,000 for the event, and the fighters can divide it as they see fit. Now its up to Jeffries, O'Brien and Burns to meet and sign articles of agreement. I do not think Jeffries can have much cause for complaint. He is a big powerful man, and as the champion I don't see how he can refuse the offer if Burns and O'Brien are willing."

A dispatch from Los Angeles says Jeffries is away on a hunting trip, but his representative declares it is extremely unlikely that he will accept Rickards's offer.

Fire that originated in the Butler Opera house, Paterson, N. J., destroyed that building as well as the adjoining structures, causing a loss of about \$50,000.

HEARTLESS CONDUCT.

Man Alleged to Have Sent False Report of Drowning of Himself, Wife and Child.

Philadelphia, Dec. 18.—By the arrest to-day of Charles Albertus, who together with his wife and child were reported drowned in the Thoroughfare accident at Atlantic City on October 22nd, the supposed disappearance of the three bodies has been cleared up. Albertus, it is alleged, had caused a telegram to be sent to his parents in Morrison, Pa., saying that he and his wife and child had lost their lives in the terrible accident in which over sixty people perished. Albertus, who has been stopping at a hotel here under the name of John Miller, was arrested on the charge of passing counterfeit \$10 and \$20 certified notes. He said his father had turned him out of his home and that he had the telegram sent in order to make the elder Albertus feel bad, as he does not know the whereabouts of his wife and child.

THE EXCLUSION OF JAPANESE CHILDREN FROM PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN SAN FRANCISCO

President Roosevelt Sends a Special Message to Congress Dealing With the Situation.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—In a special message to congress to-day President Roosevelt transmitted the report of Secretary Metcalf on the Japanese situation in San Francisco.

The report deals with these matters of controversy: First, the exclusion of the Japanese children from the San Francisco schools; second, the boycotting of Japanese restaurants; third, the Japanese immigration against the Japanese.

As to the first matter, President Roosevelt calls especial attention to the very small number of Japanese children who attend school; to the testimony as to the brightness, cleanliness and good behavior of these Japanese children in the schools; and to the fact that owing to their being scattered throughout the city, the requirement for them all to go to one school is impossible of fulfillment and means that they cannot have school facilities.

"Let me point out further," says the President, "that there would be no objection whatever to excluding from the schools any Japanese on the score of age. It is obviously not desirable that young men should go to school with children. The only point is the exclusion of the children themselves. The number of Japanese children attending the public schools in San Francisco is very small. The government has already directed that suit be brought to test the constitutionality of the act in question; but it is my very earnest hope that such suit will not be necessary and that as a matter of comity the citizens of San Francisco will not continue to deprive these young Japanese children of education, but will permit them to go to the schools."

"The question as to the violence to the Japanese is most admirably put by Secretary Metcalf, and I have nothing to add to his statement. I am entirely confident that, as Secretary Metcalf says, the overwhelming sentiment of the state of California is for law and order and for the protection of the Japanese in their persons and property. Both the chief of police and the acting mayor of San Francisco assured Secretary Metcalf that everything possible would be done to protect the Japanese in the city, and I directed the Secretary Metcalf to state that if there was failure to protect persons and property, then the entire power of the federal government within the limits of the constitution would be used promptly and vigorously to enforce the observance of our treaty, which treaty guarantees to Japanese residents everywhere in the Union, full and perfect protection for their persons and property, and to this end everything in my power would be done and all the forces in the United States, both civil and military, which I could lawfully employ would be employed."

MUTINEERS SENTENCED. Sebastopol, Dec. 18.—Fifteen sailors who participated in the mutiny of June, 1905, on board the Russian battleship Kniaz Potemkin, now at the Pantaleimon, were sentenced to-day. The leader was condemned to four years penal servitude, and the others to serve terms in the disciplinary corps ranging from six months to two years. The prisoners were of those the crew who sought refuge in Roumania when the Kniaz Potemkin put into Kustelji, where she was eventually surrendered, and who subsequently gave themselves up to the Russian authorities.

W. B. ESTELL DEAD. Seattle, Dec. 18.—W. B. Estell, chief of the local fire department office, died here last night. He was formerly prominent in political circles in Pennsylvania and New York.

NEW DEPUTY MINISTER.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Dec. 19.—Lieut.-Colonel Fleet, of the army medical corps, has been offered and accepted the position of deputy minister of militia. He is one of the South African veterans.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS. Ottawa, Dec. 18.—In the House to-day Sir Wilfrid Laurier, on account of the sparse attendance in view of the holidays, moved that when the house adjourns to-day it would stand adjourned until January 9th. This carried.

SUDDEN DEATH. Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—Returning from the polling booth where she had been casting her vote in the municipal elections, Mrs. Spencer, wife of the late James Robert Spencer, of Kildonan, was taken suddenly ill and died a short time later. Death was due to paralysis.

EDUCATION BILL. Leaders of Political Parties Fail to Reach an Agreement. London, Dec. 18.—Conferences were held to-day between the political leaders of both houses of parliament in an endeavor to reach an agreement on the Education Bill, but were without result. They will be resumed to-morrow. In consequence of the conference the debate on the measure in the House of Lords was postponed.

THE JAP SQUADRON. Report That Ships Will Not Visit San Francisco as First Intended. Honolulu, Dec. 18.—The Japanese consul here says that the visiting squadron which will arrive in Honolulu in February will not proceed to San Francisco as originally intended, because a repetition of the Maine disaster is feared, owing to the alleged overwrought condition of American feeling.

TRIAL OF HARRY THAW. New York, Dec. 18.—Harry K. Thaw will be tried on January 21st on the charge of murder of Stanford White, according to an order signed by Justice Newburger to-day. The trial will be before Justice Fitzgerald.

WOMAN'S BODY BURNED. Hazleton, Pa., Dec. 17.—The charred remains of a young woman were found to-day on the mountain between here and Abersville. A slipper, combs and the frame of a wicker chair were picked up near by. Under the body were three wire hoops such as are used on barrels. It is the belief of the police that the woman was murdered and then placed in the barrel and burned. This theory is strengthened by the odor of kerosene near the place. The identity of the woman has not been established.

County Detective Jones said to-night that it was his opinion that the body found is not that of a Hazleton woman, but that the girl was murdered elsewhere, the body placed in a barrel, sent here and then burned.

A post mortem examination revealed the fact that an ax or hatchet was used in chopping around the neck to enable the murderer to get the head into the barrel. The legs were also broken so that they could be forced in. Dry spots of blood were found in the bottom of the barrel, but the physicians who examined the remains say they cannot tell whether the murder was of recent date.

SEASON'S TRAFFIC ON GREAT LAKES SIXTY-ONE MILLION DOLLARS PAID IN FREIGHT RATES

Profit to the Vessels Believed to Have Been the Largest in History of Trade.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Never before was so much money paid for carrying freight in lake vessels as during the season just closed. Rough estimates place it at \$61,000,000 for coal, iron ore and grain and lumber. The profits to the vessels were perhaps the largest in the history of the lakes. Careful computations based on the earnings of typical steamers show a net profit on steel shipments of about 14 per cent. On wooden ships of between 3,000 and 3,500 tons capacity the profits have ranged as high as 40 per cent, with an average of more than 25 per cent on their insurance valuation. The causes of this great prosperity was the demand of the country for iron and steel. The total movement of iron ore for the season was 27,013,529 tons, an increase of 4,046,883 tons over 1905. Grain from Duluth moved in a larger volume than ever before. There was shipped from the whole of Lake Superior 80,680,000 bushels as compared with 59,375,000 bushels in 1905.

Horse power applied to engines means power equal to raising 23,000 lbs. 1 foot in 1 minute. It is really half as much work as the average horse can do.

SUB-DIVISION MAPS ARE CONSIDERED

COUNCIL WRESTLES WITH KNOTTY PROBLEM

Money Was Voted at Last Evening's Meeting to Macadamize James Bay Causeway.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) At last evening's meeting of the city council the two by-laws to amend the electric light wiring and the building by-laws were each read a third time, and on the motion of Ald. Vincent and Fell, a sum of \$300 was set aside to be expended on macadamizing and repairing the roadway of the James Bay causeway.

A communication from Oliver and Johnson, laid over from Monday night, was taken from the table. It notified the council that the writers intended to bring on an application to register a map of lots 6, 7, 18 and 19, block H, Fairfield farm estate, before a judge on the 20th inst. A tracing of the map, an affidavit and a petition were enclosed.

The aldermen wrestled with the question of sub-divisions for a full hour on Monday night, and the greater part of the time at last evening's meeting was taken up by an earnest discussion of the matter, in committee. The following report from the city solicitor was received on Monday and, in view of the advice contained in it, the board has a stiff problem before it, a tangle that can only be straightened out by much consideration and application.

Victoria, B. C. December 17th, 1906. His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen: Re Sub-Divisions of the Official Map. Gentlemen: I have the honor to report on the subject of pending applications for the assent of the council to the filing of maps of sub-divisions of the lots 6, 7, 18 and 19, block H, Fairfield farm estate, which were tendered for the consideration of the council, after conference with the city engineer, on the 14th inst. I have numerous applications in the near future.

The subject has engaged the attention of the council for several weeks past, and at the last two sittings of the legislative assembly amendments to the Municipal Clauses Act have been sought, but rejected.

One section imposes the following regulations on sub-divisions: The maps must show streets of a width of not less than 36 feet, and all streets are to be shown in continuation in a straight line as near as may be of any existing streets, and where lots border on navigable water streets are to be at a not greater distance apart than 600 feet.

The Official Map Act of this city, 1883, Chap. 18, provides (Sec. 2) that in addition to the provision of the Land Registry Act, the special provisions of that act shall apply to all sub-divisions in the city, but the only regulation as to the width of streets is contained in section 32, which obliges an owner seeking to file a sub-divisional plan affecting the official map of the city, to show streets of a width of not less than 30 feet, and that the plan is sufficiently definite as to boundaries and is in other respects a "fit and proper plan."

No plan of a sub-division is, in my opinion, within the words "fit and proper" unless it complies with the regulations contained in the Land Registry Act above referred to, and consequently, it would appear that the council can now refuse to assent to any plan which does not show streets of a width of 36 feet, and which does not show where new streets are in suggested continuation, or which conveniently or reasonably should be in continuation of existing streets, that such new streets are as near as may be in a straight line with such existing streets.

The council, in my opinion, is not in a position to enforce local improvement without appeal or section (but with a court revision as to amount of assessment) for street improvements, which should include the cost of appropriation of land necessary to straighten the street, and with power to assign the reversionary interest in the street to the corporation. It has also aforesaid been under the consideration of the council whether they should require owners dedicating streets by the filing of sub-divisional plans to make curb (boulevard) drain and sidewalk streets before public funds are expended on the taking thereof and further works. The council can impose these matters as reasonable conditions before the expenditure of public funds on new streets, but it would perhaps be preferable to have statutory authority to require an undertaking to carry out these works from the owner seeking to register a sub-divisional plan, as a condition of the council's assent to the filing.

It is the city engineer's opinion that the council should refuse their consent to the filing of any sub-divisional plan which clearly shows a departure from the principles laid down in the Land Registry Act, and that the rights of the corporation can then be asserted and decided upon.

The two plans already assented to by the council, and which are now before the court, for sanction to filing, involve only the question of the width of the streets, and it is not deemed desirable to take any part in these proceedings. Yours obediently, C. DUBOIS MASON, City Solicitor.

In sub-dividing property different investors have made different plans, all of which, if permitted, would result in the construction of streets not agreeing in width either with each other or with the existing streets of the city. Not only would the streets vary in width, but the lay-out of the various sub-divisions would, if the maps submitted were allowed, be a mass of cul-de-sacs and angles.

The matter was finally referred to the city engineer with instructions to make a thorough investigation and report.

The by-law to amend the electric light wiring by-law was read a third time. This measure was introduced to the council at the beginning of October by Ald. Fell, and is the outcome of the great strides which have been made recently in the way of decorating and advertising with electric lights. It requires contractors and electricians to keep day books and to enter in these details of all wiring with particulars of voltage. A penalty of \$10 is set for infringement of this regulation.

Ald. Fullerton proposed that a clause be inserted forbidding the use of automatic electric signs, but this action was not taken.

A proposal was made by one of the aldermen that none but qualified electricians be allowed to do wiring work. This suggestion was rejected.

Ald. Fullerton, in re-introducing the by-law to amend the building by-law, said that it aimed chiefly at remedying the state of affairs at present existing in the Chinese quarter of the city. The residents of that neighborhood, in the summer time, make a habit of sleeping out on their verandahs, a practice which was dangerous from a sanitary point of view.

The by-law provides for a standard size in chimney flues, and one clause forbids the use of stove pipes for flues as has been a common practice in the poorer parts of the city, increasing the chances of a destructive conflagration among the many shacks which are situated in those districts.

The by-law was also read a third time and, together with the by-law amending the electric light wiring regulations, is ready for reconsideration and final passing.

On the motion of Ald. Fell it was decided to forward all the amendments to the Municipal Clauses Act, recommended by the council, to the secretary of the Union of British Columbia municipalities.

Besides His Worship, Ald. Stewart, Fell, Hall, Fullerton, Vincent and Davey were present at the meeting, which closed at 11 p. m.

DEMENTED WOMAN'S TERRIBLE CRIME CUT THROATS OF HER TWO LITTLE CHILDREN

And Afterwards Ended Her Own Life-- Husband Found Bodies in the Snow.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—A sad tragedy has been enacted at White Fish, a little railway village on the branch of the C. P. R., 15 miles west of Sudbury. An English woman, whose husband is engineer with the Copper Cliff Mining Company, suddenly became demented last Thursday night. She took her two children, aged 3 and 8 respectively, from bed, and carrying them outside of the house laid them in the deep snow and cut their throats with a knife. She then used the weapon upon herself, cutting her own throat. The husband found the bodies. One child was breathing, but died very soon.

THE SHAH OF PERSIA. St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—Dispatches received here from Teheran to-day say that the Shah is at the point of death. The accession of his successor, Prince Ali Vira, is expected to pass off without opposition. Great Britain and Russia are acting in concert in this connection.

MORMONISM.

Wife of United States Senator Says It Is a Greater Curse Than Slavery.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—"Mormonism is a greater curse to the community than was slavery," declared Mrs. Fred T. Dubois, wife of the Idaho senator in an address here last night. She said that should President Roosevelt make a trip through southeastern Idaho, he would no longer be willing to declare that there is nothing in the Mormon question. Six United States senators, she said, owe their election to the influence of the Mormon church. She criticized the attitude of Senator Proctor of Vermont and Senator Hopkins of Illinois, for their attitude in the Snot case. In closing, Mrs. Dubois said: "Mormon children in Utah and Idaho spit on the American flag."

DATE STAMPING ON TINNED GOODS. SALMON CANNERS UNEASY ABOUT BILL. They Say That it Would Mean Death of Industry—Inspection Would be Welcomed.

Considerable disquietude has been caused among British Columbia salmon canners by the introduction of a bill by Hon. Sydney Fisher, minister of agriculture, to make the stamping of dates on all tins of fish compulsory.

Protests from the mainland have been pouring into Ottawa during the last few days, and although Victoria firms have as yet made no move they show great anxiety about the result.

The contention of canner firms is that if dates are stamped on their goods it will render it well-nigh impossible for jobs to dispose of anything but the latest pack of fish. Consumers will refuse to purchase in 1907 goods stamped with the date of 1906. These goods will, notwithstanding, be perfectly wholesome, and in as good a condition as those which have just come from the canneries.

Such refusal would practically mean the death of the packing industry. It would mean that the market would be killed. Jobs would always slaughter their stocks rather than carry them over, and prices for the succeeding season would be cut.

Salmon is generally recognised as a canned product, which does not deteriorate with age. This is because it is packed in a perfectly pure state, and no chemicals are used as preservatives. Neither adulteration nor coloring matter is employed, which is evidenced by the bone of the salmon retaining its original white color.

The Chicago tinned meat horrors have given rise to the introduction of the present bill.

There is one clause in the bill which has been welcomed on all hands. This is the one dealing with the appointment of government inspectors for every class of tinned goods. The various canneries had with delight such an innovation as it would enhance the public confidence in the purity of the article.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE. Eastern Town Suffers Severely by Conflagration.

Londonderry, N. B., Dec. 14.—In a destructive fire yesterday, the following firms were burned out: John McLean, boots and shoes; James Harrison, confectionery; and Alexander Gough. John McLean lost his entire stock and the books were burned in the safe. McLean lost part of his stock. McLean and Harrison saved the greater portion of their stock. The families burned out saved their household effects. The Masons and Knights of Pythias met in the upper flat of the building occupied by John McLean, and they lost all their property.

A HAUNTED HOUSE. Civil Action for Damages Against Newspaper is Dismissed by Judge.

Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—A "haunted" house in the north end of the city created considerable comment a year ago last summer. The Free Press of this city made a news paragraph of crowds around the residence and what attracted people there. Mrs. Voyza, the owner of the place, which is the finest in that part of the city, entered an action against the paper, claiming \$10,000 damages.

She said it was impossible to sell the property after the article appeared. Several real estate agents testified along the same lines in her favor. This morning Judge Macdonald dismissed the case with costs.

A notice board which has just been erected on some nursery ground at Bishop-Sturford reads: "Trespassers will be prosecuted. The owner of the land was killed by a train on Monday and seven carloads were derailed Tuesday."

ITALIANS FOUGHT DUEL WITH KNIVES

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL TO HAVE WOUNDS DRESSED. Steamer Nepawah Has Arrived at Sault Ste Marie—Farmer Killed By Train.

Montreal, Dec. 18.—Two Italians had a duel with knives in Charboilles square on Sunday afternoon, one having his neck gashed from mouth to ear and the other getting a deep gash in the forehead. They were arrested and taken to the hospital to be sewn up. No knives were found on them, and when asked what the trouble was over, replied that they would settle their own affairs. They will come up in the police court. The Nepawah Safe.

Sault Ste Marie, Dec. 18.—The steamer Nepawah, which left Port Arthur last Friday, and which it was feared had been lost in the heavy storm, has arrived here.

Farmer Killed. Calgary, Alta., Dec. 18.—Fred Breesee, a farmer, aged 65, of Bonoka, Alberta, was knocked down by an incoming train this morning and killed. He was on his way with his wife to spend Christmas in Montreal with brothers, whom he had not seen for years.

Commercial Travellers. Montreal, Dec. 18.—The thirty-second annual meeting of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association took place Saturday night, F. L. Cairns, the president, in the chair. The total amount received on revenue account as per treasurer's statement is \$7,597. Of this \$4,240 is annual subscription fees and \$3,357 interest on investments. Four thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven dollars has been paid for working expenses as against \$4,344 last year and \$33,850 in death claims against \$33,725 last year. Twelve thousand dollars was realized on matured investments and \$37,000 loaned on first mortgage real estate. The net surplus for the year, amounting to \$23,788, has been added to capital account, which now reaches the handsome sum of \$233,513. The election of officers was reported as follows: President, E. D. Marceau; vice-president, John Peterson; treasurer, R. C. Wilkins; directors, Messrs. E. E. Mulbait, A. J. Brown, A. L. Friedman, James Robertson and J. T. McBride.

Sudden Rise of River. Montreal, Dec. 18.—A great deal of damage was caused on Saturday night by the sudden rise of the river due to the thaw. The water backed up into the sewers, flooded cellars, moved the Richelleu and Ontario navigation shed into the river, knocked down poles and did other damage, the extent of which is not yet known.

Life Imprisonment. Brandon, Dec. 18.—Word received from the Governor-General that the sentence of death imposed on the Indian Wolly Bear has been commuted to life imprisonment. Radcliffe arrived here before the message from the Governor-General was received.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 18.—The Canadian Pacific railway receipts for the week ending December 14th were \$1,906,000 for the same week last year the receipts amounted to \$1,581,000.

Fire at Moosejaw. Moosejaw, Sask., Dec. 18.—Fire broke out in the Windsor hotel this morning about 10.30. Owing to the good work of the fire brigade the flames were confined chiefly to the rear of the hotel. The building was badly gutted in the rear, but the damage will not amount to more than a couple of thousand dollars.

Customs Association. Toronto, Dec. 18.—The custom clerks have formed an association to be known as the Canadian Customs Mutual Benefit Association of Ontario, the object being to secure, if possible, increased pay for this branch of the service. Wm. Bushell, at Windsor, is president, and N. L. Pattison, Bridgeburg, secretary. All customs clerks throughout the Dominion are being asked to join the association, by forming similar organizations in each province.

COLD HAMPERS FIREMEN. (Associated Press.) Boston, Mass., Dec. 19.—A serious fire broke out to-day at 110 Tremont street, a large four-story stone building, and threatened to spread to the Orpheum theatre adjoining. The firemen are hampered by the intense cold. At 10.10 it was announced that the fire was under control. The loss is estimated at about \$150,000.

The coal famine in Nevada is about at an end, says a dispatch from Ogden, Utah. In answer to an appeal from the people of the mining camps and railroad towns, a train load of coal was started west Monday and seven carloads were derailed Tuesday.

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