

FOUR BOYS KILLED BY EXPLOSION

MATCH IGNITED GAS IN DISUSED MINE

Two Fatal Automobile Accidents in East—Humane Society Medal for Life Saving.

Halifax, Sept. 4.—Four boys, all between the ages of 10 and 12, named Patterson, Frew and Gunn brothers, were killed by an explosion in an abandoned mine yesterday. They, with another lad named Kormett, were playing ball near the slope at the lower end of the town of Stearson. The entrance to the slope is partly covered, and their ball rolled in. All five entered the slope in search of it, and, falling to find it, one of them lit a match, thus igniting the gas in the mine, which had not been worked for several years. A terrific explosion resulted and the boys were hurled in all directions. One of the Gunn boys and Frew were killed instantly. The other two, Kormett and Patterson were alive when found, but were so badly injured that they died in an hour. Kormett, who began to retreat up the slope when his companions suggested lighting matches, was killed by a broken arm and severe bruises. The force of the explosion was felt throughout the town, and at first it was feared that the explosion had occurred in one of the working mines.

Automobile Accident.—Toronto, Sept. 4.—Miss Jean Porter was killed by an automobile belonging to J. J. Small, theatrical manager, at the corner of College street and Palmerston avenue last night. George Seagar was chauffeur. He made a satisfactory explanation to the authorities and was not arrested in consequence.

Another Fatality.—Ottawa, Sept. 3.—An automobile driven by S. Torrence, agent of Frost and Wood at Carleton Place, attempted to cross the C. P. R. tracks in front of the Imperial limited westbound which was just pulling into Carleton Place station. Mrs. Wm. Edwards, sister of Torrence, was instantly killed. Torrence and his wife were seriously injured while two young children escaped with slight injuries.

More Locomotives.—Montreal, Sept. 4.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has placed with the Locomotive & Machine Company of Montreal an order for 50 locomotives which are required in addition to the usual weekly output of one locomotive from the Angus shops, for handling the constantly increasing traffic of the company. The order represents an expenditure of \$1,000,000. The locomotives are to be delivered in 1907.

Blaze at Ottawa.—Ottawa, Sept. 4.—The Ottawa fire department had a nasty job at 6 o'clock this evening. A fire broke out emerging from the roof of the Langvlin block, and on examination it was discovered that the woodwork beneath the copper sheeting of the roof was on fire. There was little time for the fire to work on, but it was hard to get at. However, the brigade succeeded in getting at it and wrenching off some of the sheeting. About \$500 will cover the loss, which is practically from water.

For Bravery.—Ottawa, Sept. 4.—The Royal Canadian Humane Society has awarded a medal to Master Charles Flemming, grandson of Sir Sanford Flemming and C. H. Mackintosh, for bravery in saving the lives of Rev. Hugh and Mrs. Pedley in the St. Lawrence.

Insurance Commissioner.—Toronto, Sept. 4.—The insurance commission resumed its sittings here this morning. T. M. Ostrom, manager and director of the March Life Company, was the first witness. Mr. Tilley, assistant government counsel, asked why agents in Ontario received \$6 a share and agents in other provinces only \$5. Mr. Ostrom said the reason for this was that it was harder to sell insurance stock in Ontario than in the other provinces.

TWO HUNDRED ARRESTS.—Made by Soldiers in Warsaw—Terrorists Moving to Country Districts.

Warsaw, Sept. 4.—Soldiers this afternoon occupied the Salska gardens which were crowded with nurses and children, and arrested 200 persons who were without passports. This caused tremendous excitement.

There are general indications that terrorists in large numbers have left Warsaw for the purpose of terrorizing the country districts. Governor-General Skallon accordingly has ordered the return to the country of the police who had been brought into the town, leaving the country districts comparatively unprotected.

The wholesale searches which have been made here have resulted in complete failure.

Will Publish Platform.—St. Petersburg, Sept. 4.—Three hundred revolutionists were expelled from here to-day, among them being many persons connected with the local press. The government expects to publish within a few days its full programme of reforms, on which it will go before the country at the coming election.

ARBITRATORS WILL DECIDE.—Frisco Street Car Men Will Submit Questions to Board.

San Francisco, Sept. 5.—The street car men's union voted last night to go back to work and submit the question of wages and hours to arbitration.

The total clearings at the Victoria clearing house for the week ending September 4th were \$317,151.

FRISCO RAILWAY STRIKE

Mayor Schmitz Preparing Plan of Arbitration—Strike Breakers Arrive.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 4.—A thousand strong the second contingent of Farley strike breakers were landed in this city this morning between midnight and one. Unlike the first train load, the majority of the new arrivals are experienced motormen and conductors and a few deserters from the ranks say that they have come west with a full realization of the conditions and a determination to break the strike at all hazards.

The strike breakers reached San Francisco on a river steamer from Vallejo. The two sections of the train were met by the strike breakers, one composed of men recruited in New York and the other of those gathered in Philadelphia, arrived in the navy yard at 10 o'clock last night. They picked up the men when they landed and marched beside them as they hurried south. The strikers used what persuasion they could to draw individuals from the column, and were successful with a number, who managed to escape without interference from the guards.

Three hundred of the strike breakers were taken to Turk and Fillmore street car barns, four hundred more were marched out to the Stockade at Presidio avenue and California street, and the last three hundred found shelter in Haight street car barn.

Notations were made by the United Railway Company this morning to run cars.

Mayor Schmitz is busy on a plan of arbitration which he believes will bring the strike to an end and result in a satisfactory adjustment to both sides. He intends to gather a board of arbitration, the members of which will be acceptable to both the united railroads and to the striking car men. His method will be to suggest two names of known integrity and ask these two men to select a third member on the board.

MEXICAN STEAMER SERVICE NOW ASSURED

Ottawa, Sept. 5.—The trade and commerce department officially was notified to-day by the Mexican government that arrangements had been entered into with a syndicate, representing British capitalists, for steamer service between these countries on the Pacific. The arrangements are for two years and conditional on congress and the Canadian parliament approving of the steamers.

MAN KILLED

Fatal Explosion at Fresno, Cal.—\$300,000 Worth of Property Destroyed.

Fresno, Cal., Sept. 4.—As a result of a terrific explosion, the shock of which was felt for a radius of ten miles, one man was killed and other dangerously wounded, and \$300,000 worth of property was destroyed this forenoon at the big winery of the California Wine Association.

The explosion took place shortly after 9 o'clock in the sherry oven, where wine was being subjected to a pasteurizing process, and may have resulted from one of several causes, one of the most likely being spontaneous combustion of gases from the overheating of the wine.

The man killed was Henry Shelly, 45 years of age, of San Francisco, a cripple, who came here as a refugee after the fire.

THE CUBAN REVOLT

Guzman Advised to Delay Operations Against Spanish Forces Until September 15th.

Havana, Sept. 5.—Brigadier-General Guzman, commanding the rebel forces in the province of Santa Clara, is reported to have received a commissioner sent to him by Pino Guerra, the rebel commander in Pinar del Rio province, ordering Guzman to avoid any engagement with the government forces until after September 15th, when, unless advised to the contrary, he must begin an energetic campaign.

WILL INVESTIGATE

Topeka, Kas., Sept. 4.—Investigations of the International Harvester Company have been instituted by C. C. Coleman, attorney-general of Kansas, to determine whether the concern is operating in violation of the state anti-trust laws. All of the implement dealers in Topeka and Hutchinson will be subpoenaed to-day to tell what they know about the operations of the company. The applications for subpoenas prepared by the attorney-general allege that secret arrangements and agreements exist between dealers in various lines.

CANNOT TRUST RUSSIAN COMMANDERS FEAR FURTHER TROUBLE

Colonel of Rifle Regiment at Sebastopol Sentenced to Death by Terrorists.

Sebastopol, Russia, Sept. 5.—In answer to the publication of a notice from the terrorists that a sentence of death had been imposed on Colonel Dumbadze, commander of a rifle regiment here, the officers of that regiment in an open letter have announced that in case of an attack being made on the colonel they will exact vengeance on the leaders of the progressive parties.

Admiral Skrydloff, commander of the Black Sea fleet, and the military commander here are very apprehensive of the attitude of the sailors of the fleet and the garrison of the forts. The annual cruise of the training squadron as well as that of the regular fleet have been abandoned.

Trial at Kronstadt.—Kronstadt, Sept. 5.—The trial of two hundred participants in the recent mutiny outbreak, including M. Onipko, one of the peasant leaders in the outlawed parliament, and fifty other civilians, began here to-day behind closed doors. There are over a thousand witnesses and therefore the proceedings are expected to be protracted.

Four Citizens Shot.—Warsaw, Sept. 5.—Soldiers last night killed four citizens and made wholesale arrests in different parts of the town.

Situation in Caucasus.—St. Petersburg, Sept. 4.—News was received to-day that the Armenians recently burned eight Tatar villages and a large Tartar factory in this region.

The situation in the Shusha, Jevenshir and other districts of southeastern Caucasus, where Tartar-Armenian hostilities are in full sway, have grown serious that the viceroy has superseded Gen. Golochkapoff, governor-general of Elisabethopol province, by General Bauer, whose name was coupled with that of General Alkhanoff in connection with the strong methods by which order was restored in the Caucasus after the revolt of last winter. While parliament was in session attention was repeatedly called to Gen. Bauer's harshness by the members from the Caucasus.

The murderers of General Min, who will be tried soon by court-martial, has been identified as Zenaida Kopniantskova, daughter of a non-commissioned officer in the army. She is a teacher and a member of the "Flying Group" of the terrorists of Pensa province.

The present activity of the revolutionists in the Caucasus, in connection with the growing conviction of trouble in the country districts in hope of drawing troops there so as to give the revolutionary "Druzshina" (fighting legions) a better chance of coping with the garrisons of the large towns in case of outbreaks.

TWO TROOPERS KILLED

In Fight With Foreigners—Further Loss of Life Feared.

Punxsutawney, Pa., Sept. 2.—In a bloody battle this evening between foreigners and the twenty members of Troop A, state constabulary, in which the latter were victorious, two troopers were killed and one fatally wounded, while three other persons received bullet wounds. The murderers are to-night surrounded in a house at the corner of the main street here, and at daylight the attempt to capture them will be renewed. Further loss of life is feared, for the besieged Italians are well supplied with arms and ammunition.

Logan, believing that he had a Black Hand man to deal with, telephoned to the barracks at this place and a detachment of five privates arrived at Florence at 4:30 o'clock. Private F. Henry immediately started for the Walthoe house, where the trouble had taken place, but when about twenty feet from the house he was shot in the chest, and in attempting the rescue of his companion, were shot down before they reached him.

When the second detachment of fifteen additional troopers arrived at 6:30 o'clock, three Zehring and the Italian troops and Cummings—dashed up the stairs from the side door, but were confronted by three of the desperadoes, who opened fire, Zehring fell at the first volley, but the other men escaped. The gang immediately closed the door, and the house was riddled with bullets. Realizing that lives were being sacrificed uselessly, the troopers sent for carbines and prepared to keep the house surrounded until morning. Fifteen troopers and several policemen, together with many citizens heavily armed, are on guard.

VILLAGES WIPED OUT

Lahore, India, Sept. 4.—Floods have devastated a large section of Behar district. Whole villages have been obliterated, great areas of food crops have been ruined, and the inhabitants of the lowlands have sought refuge in the hills and are depending for subsistence on raids made on the rice fields on high grounds.

There is a very general impression that meerschaum used in the making of pipes is compressed sea foam. Such, however, is not the case. The German meerschaum means in English foam of the sea, but its formation has nothing to do with sea foam. It is a kind of clay, and comes out of mines like coal.

New Guinea is the home of the most wonderful feathered creature known to the student of ornithology, the "bird of death." A wound from the beak of this creature causes excruciating pain in every part of the body, loss of sight, speech and hearing, convulsions, lockjaw, and eventually death.

WOMEN ARE ACTIVE

In Campaign Waged by Revolutionaries—Princess Alleged to Be Implicated in Conspiracy.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 1.—The renewal of terrorism on a large scale has greatly intensified the hostility of the ruling classes against the few who long have been regarded as the brains of the revolution, and it is believed has correspondingly diminished the chances of the Jews obtaining more than a nominal enlargement of their rights.

Ever since the revolution of 1905 or other crime emphasizes the role played in it by Jews; and the last week saw the launching of two parties, the National at St. Petersburg, and the Russian Social party at Moscow, the principal platforms of whose platforms are for the exclusion of Jews from all political activity and from service in the army, the latter to be commuted, as in the cases of Tartars and Finns, for a money consideration.

The Moscow organization proposes to rid the country of Jews by endorsing the Zionist movement and urging the government to assist it.

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SURPLUS IN POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

WILL BE MORE THAN ONE MILLION DOLLARS

Montreal, Sept. 2.—At a political picnic held at Chambley Basin to-day Hon. R. Lemieux, postmaster-general, announced that his department would show a surplus of receipts over expenditures for the past year of over a million dollars.

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STORAGE FOR BAIT

Project on Hand to Establish Plant in Nanaimo.

A. P. Johnston, who is prominent among the business men of Nanaimo and who has taken a very deep interest in the fishing industry of that place, is organizing a company to raise 50,000 with which to equip a cold storage plant in Nanaimo. This will be used for the storing of herring. There are now in Vancouver six steam vessels engaged in the fishing business, two of which use trawl. There are two from Tacoma and one from Seattle and another building, making a fleet of ten that all require bait. Of sailing craft there are more than fifty from Puget Sound alone that nearly all use bait.

Under such conditions a cold storage plant can easily supply, practically all bait used on the coast. The amount required, with the fluctuations in their infancy, is about 1,600 tons per season, each steamer requiring in the neighborhood of 1,000 barrels per season. Mr. Sterritt, manager of the New England fisheries, has been considering the cold storage proposition for some time, and is interested in the formation of such a company. The Dominion government is anxious to promote the building of such plants in order to develop the fishing industry and on the east coast given a bonus of one-half of the cost of building similar plants, and pay a bonus of about \$5 per ton for all fish supplied for bait. Ralph Smith, M. P., met a number of Nanaimo men on the coast last night. He is now in telegraphic communication with the department at Ottawa and is able to assure the parties interested in this project that the government will, as has been done on the west coast, give a bonus to the company both for the plant and its output. Seattle men are taking an interest in the business, and it is fully expected that the scheme will be under way in a short time.

FORESTRY CONVENTION IN VANCOUVER CITY

Programme Issued for Meeting of the Canadian Association Towards End of Month.

The Canadian Forestry convention to be held in Vancouver September 25th, 26th and 27th, promises to be well attended. The convention is held on the invitation of His Honor Lieut.-Governor Dunsmuir and under the auspices of the British Columbia Lumbermen's Association and the Canadian Forestry Association.

Summer tourist rates have been issued by the different railway companies from all parts east of British Columbia. Tickets may be purchased up to any time before September 15th, good returning till October 31st, with the privileges of stop-over tickets at any intermediate points. Tickets to other coast points in British Columbia are sold at the same rate as tickets to any other point. This did not discourage Mr. Greer, however. Early this spring he took the matter up with Col. Worsnop who promised to proceed provided the Canadian Association could be revived. While in the east last year Mr. Greer laid the matter before Hon. Mr. Templeman and after the cabinet has discussed the matter it was decided to give a subsidy of \$50,000 per annum for five years if the Mexican government offer practically on the same basis as the contract just concluded. Weir & Company sent out a representative who investigated the matter and, at the last moment, declined to complete the contract. 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