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SEEKING TO BETTER CONDITIONS FOR SHIPPING AT CAPE RACE.

Government Official Makes Report Following Investigation Into Cause of Wrecks—Will Change Fog Alarms.

Ottawa, Sept. 5.—(Special)—Colonel Anderson, chief of the department of marine and fisheries, reported today to the department in respect to the situation at Cape Race, where so many vessels have been wrecked. This year Mr. Anderson was sent there specially by the department to do this work. The report says that the light, which is owned by Newfoundland and maintained by Canada, is a revolving catoptric one and flashes with the greatest brightness. The illuminating apparatus is of good English make and of excellent finish. The only trouble the colonel found was that the lenses were a little out of focus. This was rectified. The light is so strong that it is seen to the limit of horizon in clear weather. Colonel Anderson sees no urgency for a change in the illuminating apparatus. The colored announced change will be made in the fog alarms, that its blast cannot be mistaken for the whistle of a steamer. Colonel Anderson is continuing his inspection and will make a detailed report upon his return to Ottawa.

BAD FEELING, AND TROUBLE MAY COME.

Some Measures Authorized in Miners' Strike.

Pittsburg, Sept. 5.—The miners strike situation looks more serious tonight. The miners national board has authorized the district board to use extreme measures if necessary to force the Big Four operators to terms. President Richardson, of the Miners' Union, said tonight: "We will strike tomorrow if we can find no other way of securing a settlement. Ninety per cent. of the men will walk out."

RAILWAY COMPANIES MAKE GENERAL DENIAL.

Unlawful Discrimination in Favor of Canadian Producers Charged—May Be a Big Case.

Montreal, Sept. 5.—(Special)—The Grand trunk and Canadian Pacific Railway companies have each made general denial of a charge of unlawful discrimination in favor of Canadian producers of hay and corn entered with the inter-state commerce commission by the National Hay Association of America. In this connection it is not able to decide, an investigation will be held at Washington in which the Canadian railway companies will probably put their defence.

THERE'S A BIG SURPLUS OF PEACHES.

Essex County Growers Don't Know What to Do With Them.

Windsor, Ont., Sept. 5.—(Special)—Owners of peach orchards in Essex county are at a loss to know what to do with their fruit. They have thousands of bushels on their hands and the best market price is \$1 a bushel. A year ago they received \$4 and \$5 a bushel for early Crawford peaches which are now so plentiful. Much surprise is expressed at the enormous crop, as the frost has winter so nipped the buds that most fruit men thought there would be only a few bushels to an orchard.

FOUR SERIOUSLY, 50 SLIGHTLY HURT.

Freight Train Into Working Train on Which Were Many Italians.

Elmira, N. Y., Sept. 5.—Four persons were seriously injured and fifty others slightly, in a wreck which occurred seven miles south of Elmira today. West bound D. L. & W. freight train No. 33 ran into a wreck train having on board over one hundred laborers, many of whom were Italians.

PROCEEDINGS AT METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Declined to Hear Archbishop's Message—A Pro-English Speech.

London, Sept. 5.—The Ecumenical Methodist conference today unanimously declined to hear the secretary read the message of the Archbishop of Canterbury, in which he expressed the hope that some day the Methodists would be united with the Episcopalians and on similar import the message of the Bishop of London to the editor of a religious newspaper and not to the conference. Most of the time of today's conference was taken up by reports on the progress of Methodism in the United States, Canada, Mexico and South America. The proceedings were enlivened by an ardent pro-English speech delivered by the Rev. Joseph Gibson, of Ingersoll, Ont., who defended the action of the British in South Africa.

STAIRS AND BLACK FOR CONSERVATIVES.

Convention at Truro Thursday—Tories Not Satisfied.

Truro, Sept. 5.—(Special)—The Conservatives met in convention today and nominated John F. Stairs, Halifax, to contest the county with A. S. Black against Messrs. Lawrence and Pearson, Liberal candidates. There is every prospect for an easy victory for the government in this view. The Conservatives are satisfied with the candidates selected from outside the county.

BOTTOM FALLS OUT OF HALIFAX FREIGHT SHED.

About a Hundred Tons of Asphalt Dropped to the Water.

Halifax, Sept. 5.—(Special)—Last night a portion of the flooring of the large freight shed on pier 6 went through and a quantity of material fell into the water. In the store were quantities of asphalt, sand, gravel, cement, hay and wire. About 40 feet of flooring under the asphalt gave away. It is calculated that about 100 tons of asphalt went into the water. It was part of the cargo brought here in bulk from Trinidad.

BRIGANDS CARRY OFF A MISSIONARY.

Two American Ladies Captured by Eastern Marauders.

Constantinople, Sept. 5.—Brigands have carried off an American lady engaged in missionary work and a lady companion in the district of Djumabala, Vilayet of Salonika.

PITTSBURG THOUGHT THE BIG STRIKE PRACTICALLY SETTLED.

Shaffer Disappeared, and Its Thought He is Away to Another Peace Conference—President Mitchell Says Its Not All Over Yet.

Pittsburg, Sept. 5.—The prevailing opinion in Pittsburg tonight is that the great steel strike practically is settled, but absolutely nothing positive can be learned from either side to the contrary. The day was spent by the Amalgamated advisory board in secret conference. The newspaper "deadlines" was drawn most effectively. When the final adjournment for the day came those who had been inside headquarters refused to say a word in answer to insistent questions, and volunteered no statement. When the meeting was over it was learned for the first time that President Shaffer had not been with his colleagues during the afternoon session and his whereabouts up to 11 o'clock tonight are unknown. Secretary Williams also disappeared shortly after the adjournment and cannot be located. It is the belief of those familiar with the strike proceedings throughout that the two gentlemen have started on another unannounced and mysterious visit to New York City. It is believed that the session of the advisory board must have decided upon a plan by which President Shaffer could go to New York and complete the arrangement for peace, which it is supposed was started by the conference yesterday between the steel magnates and the presidents of the several trades unions.

Mitchell explained the point reached in the negotiations to be that the proposition of the Steel Corporation had not yet been acted upon by the Amalgamated Association, but that the board will probably reject it tomorrow. Nevertheless he expressed hope that the strike would be amicably settled, though he declined to indicate how he hoped that this would be brought about. Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 5.—Rumors were current all evening that the two gentlemen had gone to New York, but at a late hour tonight both Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Williams were found at their homes. Mr. Shaffer nor any other official of the association was going to New York. The officials of the association are believed to have submitted a counter proposal which came the next day to what they believed could be accepted by them with honor to themselves. This proposition was sent to New York and in reply word came this evening that they were unsatisfactory and all negotiations were off.

This last information comes from official sources and it was further stated that in view of the total failure of the peace negotiations the officials of the American Tin Plate Company will place additional men in the Demerit tin mills tomorrow morning.

CANADA'S SHOTS WON THE WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

Marksmen Beat Out the American Riflemen at Sea Girt.

Practically a Victory for Lee-Enfield Over the Krag—Canada Led at Two Ranges and Tied Third at Targets.

THE BIGGEST BEET SUGAR COMPANY.

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MCKINLEY WAS WELCOMED AT PAN-AMERICAN.

Such a Crowd as Never Seen There Greeted Head of the Nation.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 5.—What was probably the greatest crowd that ever assembled on the esplanade at the Pan-American exposition greeted President McKinley this morning as he entered the stand erected there. The esplanade was crowded to suffocation and the vast assemblage overflowed the court of fountains. President Milburn introduced the president, who made a speech.

CHINESE MISSION GETS THE COLD SHOULDER.

Prince Chun Now Only a Distinguished Tourist—Scant Attention by the Press.

Berlin, Sept. 5.—Prince Chun and the new Chinese minister, Kien Cheng, were formally presented to the press today. This ends all official recognition of Prince Chun's presence in Berlin. Hereafter he will be merely a distinguished tourist. The German newspapers by desire of the government, it is understood, are paying scant attention to the presence of the Chinese mission in Germany. Most of the papers discuss yesterday's audience with a perfunctory paragraph. Prince Chun's further stay will probably be brief.

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., MEETS IN BOSTON.

Over 200 Lodges Represented—Presentation of Magnificent Jewel.

Boston, Sept. 5.—When Grand Master Dussault called the Grand Lodge, I. O. F., to order at the annual session here today, representatives from over 200 lodges were present. The morning session was devoted to the annual reports of the officers. At 1:30 p. m. E. Bentley Young, on behalf of the subordinate lodges, presented Past Grand Sir Alfred S. Pinkerton with a magnificent jewel, the result of five cent contributions of members from all sections of the state. The jewel is valued at \$900.

BETTING ON RACE AT STOCK EXCHANGE.

Odds on Columbia—No Shamrock Takers for \$1,000 Even on Columbia.

New York, Sept. 5.—The news of the selection of the Columbia to meet Shamrock II when received at the stock exchange, apparently caused no great commotion. Numbers of bets are being floated southward, forming a serious menace to navigation. Kingston School Appointment.

ROYAL YACHT NOW EN ROUTE TO QUEBEC.

The Ophir Sailed Yesterday from St. Vincent.

St. Vincent, C. V. I., Sept. 5.—The royal yacht Ophir with the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York on board, escorted by the British cruisers Diadem and Niobe sailed for Quebec today. According to the programme the Ophir is due to arrive at Halifax September 15 and at Quebec September 21.

OLD COLUMBIA'S SELECTION TO RACE THE NEW SHAMROCK.

Cup Committee of the New York Yacht Club Thought Constitution Too Much of an Unknown Quantity.

Newport, R. I., Sept. 5.—After carefully weighing the relative merits of the Columbia and the Constitution in the light of 18 finished races which the boats have sailed this season, the challenge committee of the New York Yacht Club, at a meeting on board the flagship today, decided that the Constitution was too much of an unknown quantity and that the America's cup would be safer by being defended by the Columbia. The formal notice of the committee's decision is as follows: "At a meeting of the committee on challenge of the Royal Ulster Yacht Club held on the flagship at 11:30 a. m. today, the Columbia was selected to represent the New York Yacht Club. (Sgd.) 'J. V. S. ODDIE, Secretary."

WISE CHOICE, SAYS LAWSON.

Independence Owner Gives His Opinion—Still Ready to Race.

Boston, Sept. 5.—The opinion of Mr. Lawson on the selection of the Columbia as the cup defender will be given by the Globe tomorrow as follows: "Somerville, Me., Sept. 5.—"I think the committee was in selecting the Columbia. I am on record at first Newport race as saying that she would be selected. "I think the Independence could win a great majority of races against the Constitution, and as she has joined the 'Lumber Hoop' why not let her sail over the course against the Independence? If her keelers will agree at once, I will rush the Independence back into shape and agree to any conditions. "THOMAS W. LAWSON."

LIPTON IS READY.

Glad Decision is Made—Shamrock's Crew Jubilant.

New York, Sept. 5.—After waiting three hours for a breeze Manager Jameson, of the Shamrock II, held a consultation with Sir Thomas Lipton and Designer Watson and they decided to not take the yacht out for a trial spin today but to unbind the mainsail and try another one that has never been used and needs stretching. This was done during the afternoon and by sundown the yacht was all ready for an early start tomorrow morning. At noon an Associated Press despatch announcing that the Columbia had been officially selected to defend the America's cup was handed to Sir Thomas Lipton. After reading it he said: "I thank you for the information. All I want is to sail the Shamrock against the Columbia in America and if this is the Columbia we are ready. I am glad the decision has been made."

DETECTIVES TO GUARD THE DUKE AND DUCHESS.

Chief Inspector of Toronto and Another Placed in Charge of the Arrangements.

Toronto, Sept. 5.—(Special)—Chief Inspector Stark, of the Toronto detective force, this afternoon was notified by the police commissioners that he with another trusted detective will be placed in charge of the arrangements for the safety of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall while travelling in Canada. Inspector Stark has very extensive knowledge of criminals, both domestic and foreign. He will travel with the royal train.

NO CUTTING SHORT OF ROYAL TOUR.

Major Maude Makes Denial of Statement for Governor General—Programme in a Few Days.

Quebec, Sept. 5.—(Special)—Major Maude on behalf of the governor general, denies that there is to be any curtailment of the royal tour in Canada. The duke and duchess will be five weeks in the dominion. The official programme will be published from Ottawa in a few days, giving details of the proposed tours all over Canada.

QUEBEC'S PROGRAMME INCLUDES SPORTS.

Duke Wanted to See a Baseball Match and Other Games.

Montreal, Sept. 5.—(Special)—Lord Strathcona and Hon. Senator Drummond have returned from Quebec where they met Lord Minto and submitted to him the programme for the entertainment of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall Sept. 18 and 19. As the duke expressed a desire to see a baseball match and other games Montreal and Toronto will play for the royal party on the afternoon of the 19th. A lacrosse match will take place at Ottawa and a football match will be played at Toronto.

MONCTON DELEGATES TO GREET THE DUKE HERE.

Mayor and Two Aldermen Appointed—An Address Authorized.

Moncton, Sept. 5.—(Special)—At a meeting of the city council this afternoon the mayor was authorized to prepare a suitable resolution from the citizens of Moncton for presentation to the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall on the occasion of their visit to St. John. Mayor Atkinson and Ald. Givan and Jones were appointed delegates to represent the city at the reception in St. John.

ADDRESS TO BE PRESENTED HERE.

The Visit of the Boston Veterans to This City to Welcome Duke.

Boston, Sept. 5.—An address to H. R. H. the Duke of Cornwall and York will be sent by the British Charitable Society of this city when the duke reaches St. John, N. B., on the 17th of October. A delegation will be sent to represent the society at that time. Other British organizations will each send a delegation. This address will be the only one presented from the United States and is signed by the officers of the several societies. It will be handsomely illuminated.