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HOW PRICES WERE 'COOKED' IN ADVANCE

U. S. Steel Corporation Subsidiary Figured Prom- inently in Pool

PRICES WERE FIXED
Lowest Bid Was Proscribed and
Other Tenderers Instructed to
Exceed it for Government
Business.

New York, N. Y., May 7.—The American Steel and Wire Company, one of the biggest of the subsidiaries of the United States Steel Corporation, was a partner to pool agreements with other manufacturers whereby prices on United States government bids were fixed and the business divided among the pool members, according to the testimony given today at the hearing of the government suit to dissolve the corporation under the Sherman anti-trust law.

The testimony was given by Samuel J. Bailey, of the office of E. E. Jackson, supervisor of the famous wire pools whose members were indicted and fined a year ago. Bailey acted as secretary of the Horse Shoe Manufacturers' Association, one of the seven pools, and explained how the business of the country was managed. The evidence was introduced by the government in support of its contention that the American Steel and Wire Company was itself an illegal combination.

Bailey identified a copy of the rules and regulations of the horse shoe association explaining that the original as well as the minutes of the meeting at which they were adopted, had disappeared.

In brief the rules fix the price per keg at which all members of the association should sell horseshoes, prices being changed when necessary, the witness explained, at monthly meetings. Each member was allowed a certain percentage of the business and in case his sales at the end of the month exceeded his allotment he was to pay cash into the association to make up the deficiency by grant payments to him. A deposited penalty of \$1,000 was provided for violation of the rules.

In the case of government bids, Bailey said that Jackson selected the member who was to make the lowest bid and instructed the other members to bid higher. "I said Bailey," and instructed the other members to bid 2 cents a keg higher. The members were given an opportunity to bid for the government business in turn so that everybody was about even at the end of the year.

INDIANS LAY CLAIM TO FULL OWNERSHIP

Want Recognition of Title to Tract in British Columbia.

Deputation Waits on Govern-
ment and Are Met With Assu-
rance That Rights Will Be
Safeguarded.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, May 7.—The old appeal of the British Columbia Indians for some sort of recognition of the title claimed by them to lands in British Columbia, was renewed today, when a deputation consisting of Rev. Canon Tucker, of London, representing the Moral and Social Reform Council of Canada, and Rev. A. E. Omerca, of Victoria, representing the Indians and their friends, waited on the government. The ministers present were Rt. Hon. R. L. Borden, Hon. Robert Rogers and Hon. Martin Burrell.

Mr. Omerca argued that the Dominion government ought to take action upon the Imperial and Dominion governments having always favored a recognition of the claim or an adjudication by the Privy Council, while the provincial government had held that there was no such issue.

Hon. Robert Rogers assured the deputation he would take immediate steps toward a satisfactory solution and would see that the rights of the Indians were safeguarded.

FOREIGNERS ARE LIKELY TO BLAME FOR HORAN'S DEATH

Foreman on Bad Terms with Employees Found Dead— Circumstances Point to Foul Play.

St. Anne de Bellevue, Que., May 7.—A suspicion of foul play is attached to the death of D. Horan, foreman of the Standard Construction Company, who was this morning found lying near the railroad tracks with his head battered in and an unbroken and half empty bottle of gin at his side.

In charge of a gang composed of Poles and Italians, it is alleged that the deceased had been the object of their enmity and that vicious threats had been made from time to time.

BRITISH INVESTIGATORS NOT TO BE SHELLED BY HASTE

Time Will Not Be Spared To Make Titanic Enquiry Thorough

LITTLE ACCOMPLISHED
YESTERDAY

Main Points Touched Upon Were Well Threshed Out by Ameri- can Senate Committee—Will Seek to Learn Fate of Steerage

London, May 7.—Shipwreck experiences consumed the time of the Board of Trade inquiry into the Titanic disaster today. Only three witnesses were disposed of. No new light was shed on the sinking of the steamer beyond the facts elicited by the American senatorial committee.

The examination was significant because it showed the government's determination to discover what steps were taken to get off the third class passengers. The main points brought out in the general inquiry were that the ship was going at full speed; that no boat drills had been held; that the boats were not properly manned and equipped; that the life jackets, compasses, water or rations.

Whatever comparisons may be drawn between this "stately and well-ordered tribunal," as one of the weekly reviews predicted it would be, and the proceeding before Senator Smith the British court certainly is anything but expeditious. Sir Rufus Isaacs, with the Attorney General who is conducting the government's case personally is not sufficiently acquainted with the details to manage with any economy of time.

This is not to be wondered, when the burden of the work of the Attorney General is attempting to carry on his considered the role of chief counsel of this court, he is attending to the regular routine of his office and participating in the Home Rule debate from his seat in the House of Commons. The result is that he has to stop frequently to consult with his assistants while the inquiry lasts.

The number of counsel representing the various unions who take a hand in the cross-examination also tends to draw out the testimony. The first reference made to the American inquiry was when Sir Rufus Isaacs compared the statements of Quartermaster Hitchens with those he made at Washington, but no material discrepancies were discovered.

ANDOVER BRETHREN CHOOSE TWO VICTIMS

Opposition Convention Yesterday a Sorry Frost—Burgess and Tweeddale Again the Candidates—No Others Could be Obtained—Victoria County Will Return Supporters of Flemming Government.

Special to The Standard.
Andover, May 7.—The opposition forces in Victoria county are in an unhappy way. They held what was by courtesy termed a convention here today for the purpose of nominating candidates in opposition to the Fleming government and as a result the two former members, J. F. Tweeddale and James Burgess, were again forced to carry the standard of the party.

The nomination was by no means satisfactory to all the delegates at the convention but there was no help for it as the only other man who it was thought might serve absolutely refused to have anything to do with it.

There was a hot fight at the convention but the brethren were determined that if possible all word of the party should be kept from the people in order to lend color to the usual line of hope which the opposition campaign managers will cause to be circulated to the effect that Mr. Copp's followers "are united and strong and certain of victory."

Far from being united in this county at least the situation from their standpoint has become so serious that several of the leading men, in support of Messrs. Tweeddale and Burgess have announced that they are heartily sick of the whole business and will have nothing to do with it during the session to be opened next.

At this afternoon's convention there was a strong delegation in attendance from Grand Falls for the purpose of urging the candidacy of G. M. Taylor upon the meeting. Mr. Taylor, however, ever refused to have anything to do with the outfit and they were forced to fall back upon Messrs. Tweeddale and Burgess.

Some persons in the county were unkind enough to intimate that there was nothing in the course that the two members pursued during the session to be opened next called to the polls.

RANK HIGH AMONG MCGILL GRADUATES

Students From Maritime Provinces Make Good Showing

SEVERAL ST. JOHN MEN

Body of Grand Trunk President Brought to Montreal Yesterday.

Arrival of Private Car "Canada"
Followed by Brief But
Impressive Ceremony—Station
Building Draped.

Montreal, May 7.—The mortal remains of Charles Melville Hays, late head of the Grand Trunk Railway and a prominent figure among the thousands and heroes of the Titanic disaster, arrived at the end of their long funeral journey this morning, when exactly on the hour of 11, the private car Canada, which so many times during the late president's life, had conveyed him over long miles of track in various parts of inspection, stunted slightly into Bonaventure station and came to a halt at the end of track 4, where the purple and black draped platform awaited its arrival. The removal of the body this morning rendered necessary a ceremony, brief yet impressive by reason of its very simplicity. Just a bare dozen near friends of the late great railway head had gathered at the station to receive the remains. A simple ceremony marked their reception as in absolute silence the private car neared the funeral stage.

MARRIAGE CASE MAY NECESSITATE SPECIAL SESSION

Delay in Judgment in "Com- panies Case" May Defer Re- ference Concerning Amend- ment to Marriage Law.

Ottawa, May 7.—At the opening of the May term of the Supreme Court today Chief Justice Sir Charles Fitzpatrick announced that in view of the fact that the British privy council had not yet given judgment in the "companies case," which will determine the right of the Dominion to submit a stated case in a matter affecting provincial law, the reference concerning the amendment to the marriage law, which was referred to the court, the marriage law reference will be taken up at once. If delayed till later, a special session of the Supreme Court will probably be called.

SISTER IN FIGHT TO SAVE LIFE OF CONDEMNED MAN

Boston, Mass., May 7.—Miss L. V. Richeson, a sister of Clarence V. T. Richeson, who is under sentence of death for the murder of Miss Ayscough, talked with Governor Foss at the state house today, in behalf of her brother, William A. Morse and Philip R. Dunbar, of her brother's counsel, accompanied Miss Richeson into the executive chamber. The subject discussed was the plea which has been made for commutation of Richeson's death sentence, on the ground that the former clergyman is un sound mentally and has been so always. The visitors were with Governor Foss only a short time.

SCIENCE DEGREES ARE GRANTED TO A. G. MCINTYRE, W. W. RAY- MOND AND J. O. BARNABY, OF THIS CITY.

Montreal, May 7.—The corporation and board of governors of McGill University held meetings today and tonight. The list of degrees to be awarded at the annual convocation Friday was announced. Mr. Justice Davidson is to be honoured by the degree of D. D. (doctor of laws). The degree of doctor of philosophy will be conferred upon R. S. Boehner who already has the degree of B.Sc. from Dalhousie, and his M.Sc. from McGill.

James H. Goodill will receive the degree of doctor of science. The list of degrees of master of arts is as follows: Miss L. M. Howell, Miss C. B. Miller and Miss E. L. Patterson, G. G. Porter, A. H. Rowell and O. Thorne. The list of M.Sc.'s includes: T. G. Beagley, J. S. L. Brunton, J. D. Galloway, P. Gillespie, J. H. Hart, A. G. Lochhead, O. Maass, A. R. Murray, A. R. M. McLean, J. H. Nichols, G. E. Murray, Miss M. E. Paterson-Smythe and John Standfield.

The fourth year in the course of applied science has shown itself to be up to the standard in examinations, and a large number of degrees have been granted. The recipients come from many countries and the cosmopolitan nature of the university is well illustrated.

A GENERAL STRIKE PUTS CHECK UPON TRAFFIC OF HAVANA

Havana, May 7.—Paralysis of the traffic of this port in consequence of the strike of longshoremen and lightermen began last Saturday, was made more complete today, by the harbor engineers going on strike, which resulted in the stoppage of all ferry boats and tugs. The boatmen on the motor and sailing boats also struck in sympathy with the longshoremen and lightermen.

NO TRUTH IN THE REPORT MR. BRUCE MAY BE RETIRED

London, May 7.—Sir Edward Grey today put a quietus on the rumors of the retirement of James Bryce as British Ambassador to the United States. The Foreign Secretary stated in the House of Commons that the Ambassador, who is now on his way to Australia to study the political and sociological conditions there at first and would return to Washington at the beginning of September and resume his duties.

MINTO'S PART IN WORK OF SALVAGE WILL BE PROBED

After Removing Passengers and Mails She Made No Effort to Tow Earl Grey Off Shore.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, May 7.—An allegation that the captain and crew of the government steamer Minto did not render proper assistance to the Earl Grey, when she was ashore near Pictou, is to cause another inquiry by the wreck commissioner. The Minto answered the Grey's distress signals and took off mails and passengers, but did not attempt to pull off the vessel. The department proposes to find out the reasons.

BIG STRIKE ON IN THE BREWERIES OF KANSAS CITY

Increased Wages and Revised Working Schedule Refused by Companies and Fourteen Hundred Workers Go Out.

Kansas City, May 7.—Fourteen hundred workers, constituting the employees of all the breweries and brewer agencies here went on strike today following the failure of the companies to grant demands for increased wages and a revised working schedule.

The chief contention is between the companies and the bottlers and drivers. They demand an increase of about ten per cent. in wages, pay weekly instead of monthly and an eight hour day instead of ten hours. Engineers, firemen, electricians, brewers, and malsters struck in sympathy.

ANNIVERSARY OF CONFEDERATION IN FIVE YEAR'S TIME

Celebration of Fiftieth Year of Convention of Government Government Has Made No Plans.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, May 7.—A proposal that some suitable means be taken for celebrating the completion of the first half century of Confederation, has been made to the government. The suggestion has not been considered as yet and there are still five years in which to make arrangements if it is decided to celebrate.

SIXTH VACANCY IN TRADE SERVICE OF THE DOMINION

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, May 7.—A sixth vacancy in the Canadian trade commissioner services has been created by the retirement of S. A. D. Bertrand, the representative at Brazil. He has been given six months' leave, and at the end of that time his connection with the department will cease. He was appointed a year ago, and came from Winnipeg.

FIRE DAMAGE HALF MILLION BOYS WILL NOT LOSE EYESIGHT

Rubber Warehouse Destroyed and Flames Spread Rapidly to Adjoining Properties in Providence.

Providence, R. I., May 7.—More than half a million dollars loss was caused by a fire that destroyed the storehouse of the Revere Rubber Company in Atwells avenue in the western section of this city today, and for a time threatened to wipe out the extensive lumber plant of William H. Harris, Jr., which adjoins the storehouse.

The loss is practically covered by insurance. Thousands of automobile tires stored in the building were destroyed with a loss estimated at \$500,000. The loss on the storehouse, which was a four story brick structure, and from damage to nearby property was about \$25,000.

Flames communicated to several buildings in the lumber yards, but in each case were quickly extinguished. The greatest damage to the Harris property was caused by water. Three firemen suffered slight injuries. Two were hurled from a ladder by a hot air explosion, while another was burned.

The cause of the fire has not been determined. Two workers who were on the top floor of the storehouse when the flames were discovered jumped from the roof of another building, two stories below. They were not hurt.

BOYS WILL NOT LOSE EYESIGHT

Lads Injured by Explosion of Can of Blasting Powder Likely to Escape Serious Consequences.

Special to The Standard.
Plaster Rock, May 7.—It is now regarded practically sure that the two boys Stanley and Clarence Turnbull who were so badly injured in the explosion of blasting powder, near here a few days ago will not lose the sight of their eyes, although when first they underwent treatment such a result was feared.

The accident in which they were injured occurred several days ago at Plaster Rock. Stanley Turnbull, 16 years of age, and Clarence, his 14 year old brother, were playing and found a can of blasting powder which one of the railway conductors had left. They had been having a lot of fun by pouring some of the powder out on a rock and setting fire to it. Whether a larger quantity caught fire than they intended, or it was through some other accident, is not known, but at any rate the whole can exploded and the boys were blown some 25 feet away. They were frightfully burned about the face and hands, their eye-lids, eye brows and eye lashes being burned completely off, while Stanley, who was holding the can, had all the skin burned from his hands.

So bad were their injuries that Dr. Coffin who was summoned expressed the fear that they would lose their eyesight, but now it has been found this will not be the case. The lads are sons of Walter Turnbull.

THE GOVERNOR OF NEWFOUNDLAND TO VISIT DOMINION

Sir Ralph Williams Will Come to Canada. But Political Sig- nificance of Move is Not Ap- parent.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, May 7.—Canada is to have a visit during the present month from Sir Ralph Williams, C. M. G., K. C., M. G., Governor of Newfoundland. Sir Ralph comes to pay his respects to H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught and to meet the members of the government.

That there is any political significance attached to the visit does not appear. The Canadian government knows of none, but at the same time it is said that recent correspondence of a business nature from the colony to Canada has disclosed an increasing sentiment in Newfoundland in favor of closer relations with the Dominion.

Sir Ralph arrives at North Sydney, N. S., May 14 and will go to Toronto. He comes to Ottawa from Toronto.