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## TO DECIDE ABOUT A COAL STRIKE

Mitchell and Men to Meet in Convention at Wilkesbarre Tomorrow

### BARONS' FOXY PLAY

Declare That Miners' Leader is Unduly Delaying Negotiations, and Intimate That He is Standing In With a Rival Industry, the Bituminous Operators—Say 36 Days Have Been Lost.

New York, April 23—(Special)—Representatives of the anthracite coal operators today announced that they have received the following letter from President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers of America, in reply to the operators' declaration to submit all differences between the operators and the miners to arbitration:—  
"Dear Sir:—Your favor dated April 17 is received. Replying, will say that I have called a meeting of the committee representing the anthracite miners, to be held at Wilkesbarre, Wednesday morning, April 23, at which the communication signed by you and your associates will be submitted for the consideration of the committee. At the adjournment of the meeting I shall communicate with you further.  
"I am yours truly,  
(Signed) "JOHN MITCHELL."

The following, entitled "statement on behalf of the anthracite operators," but not signed, was also given out:—  
"When Mr. Mitchell presented his plan of arbitration on April 12 the operators informed him then and there that it could not be accepted. They also notified him that a detailed reply would be ready on April 17. The affairs of a rival industry, however, demanded Mr. Mitchell's attention in Indianapolis on April 16, and it was not until April 21 that he could even acknowledge the operators' letter of the 17th.  
"It should be very definitely understood that the delay in these negotiations is not caused by the operators. They had their formal reply to the miners' original demands to Mr. Mitchell's committee on March 9. But in order to take up the controversy with the bituminous operators, Mr. Mitchell had to leave New York on March 10, and he was absorbed with questions relating entirely to the soft coal fields until March 31. On March 29, without any warning or further discussion, a strike, to begin April 1 in the entire anthracite industry, was ordered from Indianapolis, the coal miners' headquarters. Not until April 3 was Mr. Mitchell again able to meet the anthracite operators.  
"Now, once more, from April 22 to April 23, the affairs of the anthracite region must be neglected while the bituminous dispute is taken up. Each industry alternately waits while others are being made to fit terms with its rivals. Meanwhile the anthracite mines are idle and some 100,000 men are led to sacrifice their wages. The strike has been in progress now for more than three weeks, and exactly thirty-six days have been lost in those negotiations since March 9, by reason of the delay upon the miners' leader by the competing bituminous industry."

## OTTAWA FAIR BUILDING FALLS; MANY INJURED

Third Time the Live Stock Structure Has Collapsed Since It Was Started—Many of the Workmen Hurt Badly.

Ottawa, April 23—(Special)—For the third time the live stock building at the Canadian Central Fair grounds today collapsed, injuring several workmen, and some fifteen others sustained serious injuries. The severely injured are: Joseph Cyr, Ottawa, fractured spine; J. Stephens, Montreal, compound fracture of the base of the skull; P. Constantineau, Hull, fracture of leg and rib; J. Finn, Ottawa, fracture of the arm; R. Ronon, Ottawa, fractured leg and dislocated arm.  
The contract price was \$10,000.

## SAY FATHER GAPON IS PRISONER OF THE HOLY SYNOD

St. Petersburg, April 23—Friends of Father Gapon claim to have information that the ex-protector has fallen into the hands of the revolutionists, but into those of the Holy Synod, which condemned him for forsaking the priestly orders to denigrate imprisonment in one of the many glory monasteries used by the church at present. The most famous of these is the monastery of Solovietz, on an island in White Lake, in the far north, where the Metropolitan of the Holy Synod, was killed in the sixteenth century. There have been many other cases of men being injured and disappearing forever. Father Gapon's common law wife, it is alleged, questioned the synod to name his prisoner and for mitigation of the sentence.

## TRAGIC DEATHS OF MANY PEOPLE

Two Quebec Children Perish in Burning House While Parents Are Absent

### MAN MEETS LIKE FATE

Joseph Hudson, an Englishman, Lost His Life Trying to Save His Effects in Blazing House—Tugboat Captain Blown to Pieces While Charging Acetylene Buoy.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., April 23—(Special)—One man was burned to death, another is in the hospital with serious injuries, and several others with slight burns, and there is a property loss of about \$15,000 in a fire which destroyed a four-story frame boarding house in "Little Italy" here early this morning.  
Joseph Hudson, a young man who recently came here from England and was employed by the Algoma Steel Company, came from one of the burning buildings, and later returned in an endeavor to get his clothes. His charred body was later found in the ruins.  
Stephen Simons had his head and arms badly burned, and is now in the hospital. John Corbett was also burned on the head and arms.  
The fire started in the house of W. Harwood, whose family barely escaped from the building.

### Two Children Burned to Death.

Quebec, April 23—(Special)—Two children, aged eighteen months and three years, belonging to Mrs. and Mr. Jeanne, of St. Valere, Rimouski county, were burned to death Saturday. The patients were working in the barn, leaving the little ones in the house. A neighbor saw the house on fire, but before assistance could be summoned the entire wooden structure was in flames and the little ones perished. It is supposed that the children got hold of some matches.

### Tugboat Captain Blown to Pieces.

Perry Sound, Ont., April 23—(Special)—By an explosion of an acetylene gas buoy in the ship channel, ten miles from here, Captain Arthur Clark, was killed and his body blown to pieces Sunday night.  
The cause of the explosion has not yet been ascertained.  
The tug "Pilot," from which the work of changing the buoy was being done, was so seriously damaged that she sank before reaching the wharf. All the rest of the crew escaped uninjured.

## RICHIBUCTO CAPTAIN DIED AT HAVANA

George R. Curwin, Master of Sch. Marjorie J. Sumner, Death Cabled to Moncton Employers.

Moncton, N. B., April 23—(Special)—The Sumner Company tonight received a cable from Havana, Cuba, announcing the death at that place of Captain Geo. R. Curwin, master of the motor schooner Marjorie J. Sumner. No particulars are given.  
The Sumner Company received by today's mail a letter from Capt. Curwin, dated Havana, April 17, in which he appeared to be in the best of spirits and stated he expected to leave Havana Saturday, April 21st, for his home in Moncton, where he was to take a cargo of hard pine.

## BANK OF MONTREAL MUST PAY \$70,000 BACK TO GOVERNMENT

Toronto, April 23—(Special)—The Bank of Montreal lost its appeal today in the celebrated Marling case arising out of the forgery of the bill of exchange for \$20,000. The amount of the forgery. The bank's attempt to hold other banks liable for the amounts of the checks cashed by those after they had been honored by the Bank of Montreal failed.

## HACKETT HELD FOR EDITH AHERN'S MURDER

Montreal, April 23—(Special)—James Hackett was committed to stand trial at the next session of the court of King's Bench on the charge of having murdered Little Edith May Ahern, about three weeks ago. During the preliminary investigation no sensational or very substantial evidence was produced. A number of witnesses identified Hackett as the man they had seen with the girl on the fatal afternoon, but there was nothing to really connect him with the crime.

## Anglo-Tibetan Treaty Signed.

Singapore, April 23—The Anglo-Tibetan treaty has been signed at Yaking. It provides for the recognition by Great Britain of the protectorate of China over Tibet.

## RAIN DRENCHES AND CHILLS THE HOMELESS MULTITUDE

Downpour Adds to the Task of Caring for the Sufferers

### Business People are Already Planning to Replace Ruined and Burned Buildings on a More Substantial Basis and Great Activity Prevails in Clearing Up the Debris—Relief Measures Effective But a Steady Supply of Foodstuffs will be Necessary for a Long Time.

San Francisco, April 23—The new San Francisco that will rise from the ashes of the old today was in the first stage of rebuilding. After five days of confusion and almost superhuman effort on the part of the citizens of California's metropolis, the great task of sheltering, feeding and otherwise caring for the homeless thousands which had been established and attention turned to the future.  
Through the great business quarter where the devastation by fire was the most complete, dangerous walls were razed, buildings that had not been disintegrated by fire were inspected with a view of reoccupancy and ground was cleared for the immediate construction of buildings in which to resume business at the earliest possible time.

Confidence has been restored. The assurance of insurance companies, the measures taken by the financial institutions, the prompt and re-assuring work that have reached the business men of San Francisco from eastern financial centres—all these things have dispelled the feeling of uncertainty.  
The generally encouraging situation temporarily suffered a setback early today because of a chilling rain which fell in the late hours of last night during the forenoon of today. The rain was accompanied by gusty winds, heavy showers of rain and sleet, and even less impervious coverings. While the rain caused considerable suffering for the time being, conditions were quickly conjured by the prompt action of the committee as well as by involuntary acts of householders.

### Feeding the Homeless An Enormous Task.

Homeless persons were fed today in a systematic manner. On the water front, where the boats loaded of provisions docked, there was an endless procession of carts and trucks carrying food to the various stations established throughout the city. At these stations food and drink, canned goods, milk and a limited amount of hot coffee and even fruit were served to all those who applied. About 3,000 tons of provisions are moved daily from the waterfront.

## Downpour Kept Up During the Day.

While the storm has added to the difficulties of the general committee, especially of those having in charge the care of the sick, the sanitation of the city and the housing of the homeless, it has been a great relief to those who were being crowded into the streets. The rain has washed away the dust and dirt of the streets, and has cooled the ground. It is realized that some such provisions are as imperative as food.

## Belgian Training Ship Turns Turtle; THIRTY-FIVE DROWNED

London, April 23—The Count de Smet De Naeyer, a cadet sailing ship used by the Belgian government for training officers for the government service, foundered in the Bay of Biscay April 18, with a loss of thirty-five lives, including the captain and the other commanding the vessel. The vessel included the sons of many prominent Belgians. Twenty-five survivors of the wreck were rescued by the French bark Dunkerque.

## Another Earthquake Shock at Frisco.

San Francisco, April 23—A sharp earthquake shock was felt here at 10:30 tonight. It lasted about three seconds, and was from east to west.  
No damage has been reported.

## Homeless Thousands Drenched With Rain.

San Francisco, April 23—A drenching rain fell upon San Francisco from midnight until 3 o'clock this morning, a high wind adding a melancholy accompaniment, whistling and sighing about the ruins of the buildings in the burned district. Five

## SUPPLIES MUST KEEP COMING SAYS E. H. HARRIMAN AT 'FRISCO

New York, April 23—E. H. Harriman sent the following message from Oakland (Cal.) to the office of his railroad company in this city today:—  
"Having gone over the situation in San Francisco, I am deeply impressed with the necessity of uninterrupted forwarding of foodstuffs with which to feed the 200,000 homeless people.  
"The situation is well organized and the United States quartermaster's department is receiving and distributing through its channels and through the various local relief associations all supplies as fast as they arrive, but the fact should be made public in all quarters that it will require continued efforts on the part of everyone who has supplies coming, of course, including all such supplies without charge, and the people must respond to calls for relief."

## ALL AID WELCOME AND MUCH NEEDED

California Committee Objects to Roosevelt's Stand About German Offer.

### Declares it Doesn't Make Any Difference to Sufferers Where the Money Comes From or Whether Flour is Ground in a Trade Union Mill or Not.

New York, April 23—Gaylord Wilshire, chairman of the publicity committee of the California Relief Association of this city, today sent a letter to the Evening Post, in which he said:  
"It would be indeed if you would give publicity to the fact that we Californians are not concerned in the least as to the origin of the aid which may come to us. We are sure that many of our brethren in California will gladly eat bread even though the flour is not ground in a trade union mill, and even though it is bought with money given by some one who happens to live beyond the boundaries of the United States.  
"We would kindly ask both the Minnesota Trade Union and President Roosevelt to refrain from interfering with any man, who ever he may be, or however he is, who wishes to extend his sympathy or pecuniary aid."  
"I may say that at the mass meeting of Californians held at Casino Theatre Saturday afternoon, a resolution was unanimously adopted relative to the above statement. This resolution was carried forth by President Roosevelt, and it is gratefully recalled by the people of California."

## THE VICTORIAN AND PRETORIAN BOTH FOG-BOUND

Arrived Off Halifax Harbor Yesterday Afternoon, But Afraid to Proceed—Lady Grey and Some Newly Married Couples Greatly Disappointed at the Wait.

Halifax, N. S., April 23—(Special)—The mail steamer Victorian, which should have sailed at 10:30 tonight for Liverpool but did not arrive in port at midnight. She has been off the harbor since the early afternoon, but has not attempted to come up on account of thick weather.  
The Pretorian, from Liverpool with the mails, is also off the harbor.  
The government steamer Lady Laurier, which had been lying by, was out there keeping company with them for a while, but also came off to anchor at the Pretorian. It is not likely the Victorian or Pretorian will come up till morning.  
Countess Grey arrived this afternoon at 9 o'clock to sail for the Victorian. The other couples were married today at the expectation of proceeding by her at the usual time, are also waiting to go aboard.

## DOWNPOUR KEPT UP DURING THE DAY

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## RACE TRACK NOW A REFUGEE CAMP

Emeryville, Cal., April 23—Shell Mound Park, and the race track have been transformed into one big camp for the refugees. At the headquarters of the general committee, he had walked two miles from his camping place in the park to make an appeal for help. His wife and little ones, as he held of their distress tears, came down his cheeks. His wife and children, he said, without covering other than a piece of material, provide coverings for those who have been nearly smothered by the wind and rain. He has found comfort and shelter against the inclemencies of the weather.

## Supplies must keep coming

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## FRANK HIGGINS NEARLY GOT FREE

Murderer of Willie Doherty Had Only One More Bar to Cut When Caught

### HAD THE TOOLS TO USE

St. John Desperado and Another Convict Had Sawed Their Way Out of Cells and Were at Work on Outside Window of Penitentiary When Guard Happened Along.

## GERMAN SURTAX TIP IN HOUSE

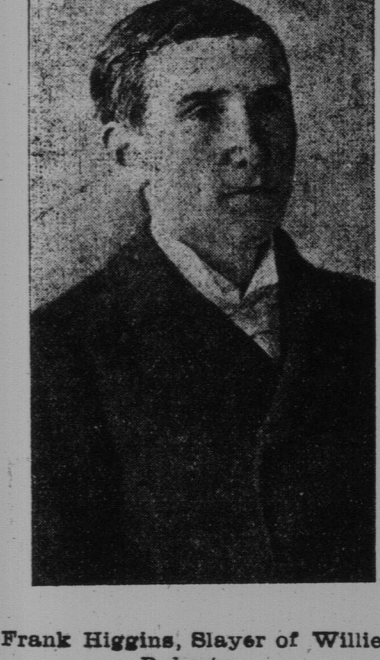
Conservative Members Blame Government for Present State of Affairs

### FIELDING'S ANSWER

Ottawa, April 23—(Special)—Dr. McIntyre, the newly elected member for Strathcona, was introduced in the house today by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Frank Oliver and was received with cheers from the Liberals in the house.  
Mr. Monk introduced in the house today a bill respecting industrial and co-operative societies. He said that the co-operative system had been of so much benefit to the farming and laboring classes in Europe that it was time it was introduced in Canada. His bill was for the purpose of aiding in the formation of co-operative societies and people's banks in Canada.  
Hon. Mr. Emmerson informed Mr. Bacon that the department of railways had taken no steps for the establishment of depots at Lewis or other points on the St. Lawrence or New Brunswick coast for the purpose of supplying a coal supply for the Intercolonial. There were no negotiations for the purchase of land for this purpose.  
Mr. Aylesworth was asked why a certain newspaper was placed on the prohibition list and the postmaster general replied that it was because the paper was indecent, disloyal, seditious and scurrilous.  
Several unopposed motions for papers were passed after which Mr. Armstrong, of East Lambton, moved for correspondence between the Canadian and the British government respecting the tariffs of Germany and Canada. He gave a brief history of what led Canada to impose a surtax on German goods, and accused the government of being careless and negligent towards the farming industry of Canada, for not negotiating trade with the German empire, the second largest importer in the world.  
He said that the United States get their apples into Canada at 30 cents per barrel while Germany had to pay \$1.20.  
Mr. Clements (Essex) spoke in the same strain.

## Why Germany's Ire was Aroused.

Mr. Fielding answered this question by saying that it was done to punish the people of Canada for giving a preference to Britain. That was Canada's only crime. Canada insisted that she had a right, despite what Germany said, to make an arrangement within the domestic circle in the shape of a preference.  
Mr. Fielding then gave a brief history of the denunciation of the German and Belgian treaties, which stood in the way of the British preference, and of what led up to the surtax. Canada was willing to give Germany the same treatment as to other foreign nations, but Germany insisted on getting the preference, the same as Britain. Canada would not do so.  
The German government, no doubt, thinks that it has a good cause of complaint. At all events, after official representations, Canada took the matter up formally. Germany has lost more than Canada has. If Mr. Armstrong were in charge of this question, he registered that any (Continued on page 7, third column.)



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## TO LICENSE MONTREAL BILLIARD ROOMS

City Council Decides to Regulate Them; Also, Pool Places, Restaurants and Cigar Stores.

## Boston Banks to Amalgamate.

Boston, April 23—The stockholders of the Banker Bill National Bank met today and by a unanimous vote approved the plan of liquidation in order that the institution may be merged with the City Trust Company. The City Trust Company some time ago secured a controlling interest of the latter institution, valued at \$2,000,000.

## Another \$1,500,000 from Uncle Sam.

Washington, April 23—The senate today increased to \$1,500,000 the second appropriation of funds in behalf of the sufferers from the California earthquake, and the legislation, like all of the same character that has preceded it, was enacted without comment of any kind.

The Telegraph-Times Relief Fund now amounts to \$4,206.95. Help it along. The sufferers need every dollar that can be sent. See List on Page 2.