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WESTMAN BROS.' CHATHAM

BIG TOURNNEY FOR CHATHAM

Maple City Gun Club Will Hold
Grand Event on June
5th and 6th.

Many Celebrated Marksmen
to be Present From all Parts
to the Province.

The meeting of the executive committee, of the Maple City Gun Club, was held at Richards' confectionary last evening and it was unanimously decided to hold a grand tournament lasting two days, commencing June 5th, and continuing through June 6th. The grand features of the meet will be the Ontario Championship gold medal, valued at fifty dollars, which will be competed for by the best shots in Ontario. This contest will be eligible for Canadians alone, with no handicap—distance 15 yards.

This will be shot in two parts, 15 targets each day, and will form one of the numbers of the High Average stake.

The second event (prize \$15.00) of special mention, will be the High Average stake. It will be necessary for marksmen to shoot in every event, and the highest average to win 1st \$7, 2nd highest \$5 and third \$3.

The third feature will be the merchandise event and it is expected to have such prizes as 1,000 shells by one of the leading cartridge companies and many other valuable ones, too numerous to mention.

The fourth stake will be the "Miss and Out," for a cash prize.

Then the fifth part of the program embodies the away stakes. The entrance in these events will be based upon 10 cents per target.

A mailing list comprising some 150 shooters is in the hands of the secretary and programs will be mailed during the coming week.

The success of the meet is assured, as the club have the assurance of some thirty or forty of Ontario's crack shots, such as H. D. Bates, of Ridgeway; F. H. Conover, of Leamington; C. Seane, W. E. Hall, D. McManis, J. W. Coffey, R. Coffey, E. Jessop, M. Pilon, M. Burk, A. Vester, with a long list from Toronto, Hamilton, Bantford, Guelph, Clinton, and St. Thomas.

It is a matter of congratulation that the citizens of Chatham will furnish a treat in trap shooting, and it is hoped that the citizens will not be slow in helping on the enthusiastic Maple City club. The members of the club are requested to wear their club's emblem, a bouquet of maple leaves, and supply of name be furnished the visiting shooters.

The merchandise event, of course, is made up from donations solicited and donated by the merchants and citizens and any offers, such as medals, to be donated by citizens, will be cheerfully acknowledged. It is to be hoped the merchants will respond more freely than ever before, as the coming tournament outrivals anything of the kind ever given in Chatham.

The members of the club will be pleased to hear that there will be practice every Thursday afternoon, and as often as possible during the evenings before the meet. It is requested that every one turn out and lend a hand to the making of the best shoot in Western Ontario.

BUYS PAPER

Henri Bourassa Will Advocate
Anti-Imperialism—Makes
Attack on Strathcona.

Montreal, May 12.—Mr. Henri Bourassa, the irrepressible M. P., for Labrador, has entered into a new field. In company with Mr. Chioyne, member of the Quebec legislature for Wolfe, he has acquired the Pioneer, a Montreal French Sunday paper and intends conducting an active propaganda of his peculiar ideas. In an introductory article to-day announcing his policy, Mr. Bourassa says:—

"Basing our policy on the principles of autonomy and decentralization, which responds both to our national character and to British tradition, we will oppose all attempts to absorb Canada in the Empire, the province in the confederation, and the city in the province. In a word we are Nationalists in the strongest sense of the word."

The new regime starts out with an attack on Lord Strathcona and also one on the alderman of Three Rivers, because they dared to send a loyal address to the King.

WON'T FACE THE MUSIC.

Collingwood, Ont., May 12.—The executive of the Reform Association of West Simcoe met in Collingwood to-day and decided not to place a candidate in the field for the coming elections. This decides the matter as far as the Reformers are concerned.

KING SENDS \$5,000

Paris, May 12.—King Edward has sent 25,000 francs (\$5,000) as his contribution to the fund being raised for the relief of the sufferers from the Martinique disaster.

The Czar has telegraphed to President Loubet, expressing the sincere sympathy of himself and the Czarina, who share with France the sorrow caused by the terrible West Indian catastrophe.

TAX DID IT

British Government Receives a
Severe Election Reverse on
Grain Tax Issue.

London, May 11.—The Bury election was fought yesterday, mainly on the question of the corn tax. The seat was considered safe for the government, as at the previous election the Conservative headed the poll by 849. A great surprise, consequently has been caused by the announcement; the figures last night showed that Toulmin, the Liberal candidate, received 4,213 votes, and Lawson, the Conservative, only 3,799. This is the severest blow sustained by the government since the general election, and will encourage the Liberal party in its agitation against the corn tax.

The newsapers recognize that the result of the Bury, Lancashire, by-election, where Mr. Toulmin, a Liberal, defeated Mr. Lawson, a Unionist, by 414 majority, was due to the agitation against the new corn tax.

HASTENING WITH AID

These war vessels have been ordered by their Governments to the scene of the Martinique disaster, with instructions to do all they can to rescue and give aid to survivors. Several of them have already arrived in the Windward Islands.

The American cruiser Cincinnati, now on the way from Santo Domingo.

The American navy tug Potomac, on the way from San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The American training ship Dixie, preparing to sail from New York Navy Yard.

The American transport Sedgwick, preparing at New York to carry clothing and supplies for the islanders.

The British cruiser Indefatigable, from Trinidad.

The British third-class cruiser Palmyra, from Jamaica to Trinidad.

The French cruiser Suchet, now in West Indian waters.

The French cruiser D'Assas, from Brest.

The French cruiser Tage, flagship of the Atlantic division, from New Orleans.

The Danish cruiser Valkyrien, from St. Thomas.

LETTER BOX

MR. SMITH EXPLAINS.

To the Editor of The Planet.

In your report of the meeting of the shareholders of the Chatham Binder Twine Co., Limited, I notice an inaccuracy which is likely to do an injury to the company.

You state that the report of the directors showed a debt of \$25,000. This should have been \$2,500, and, as there is still \$7,000 of the subscribed capital stock to collect, we are practically free of debt and require only working capital to run the factory.

Although not definitely stated, your report gives the impression that the unruly element at the meeting was the farmers, who are shareholders. I venture to state that one-third of those present in the afternoon were not shareholders, but persons brought there for the express purpose of disturbing the meeting. While some of the disturbers may have been farmers, there were not a score of this class of shareholders present but would have been willing to give a fair hearing to both sides.

T. C. SMITH,
Secretary Treasurer
of the Chatham Binder Twine Co.
Limited.

Mrs. James Kerr left yesterday for Welland, where she will in future reside. Mr. Kerr having secured a lucrative position in Cooper's flour mill as foreman.

John A. McGregor and John S. Richardson, Tilbury, were in the city to-day attending the passing of the accounts of the executors for the estate of the late Patrick McMahon. F. E. Nelles, Tilbury, is the solicitor for the estate.

The Court of Revision on civic assessments will sit on Tuesday, May 27. It will, however, be impossible for them to do any business on that date so they will adjourn till Wednesday, June 4th. Wednesday, May 14th, is the last day for entering appeals against civic assessments.

FIRE FATALITY ON RAILROAD

Score of Lives Lost and Two
Hundred Persons Terribly
Injured.

Explosions in Yards Causes
Death and Destruction—
Buildings Blown up.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 12.—The Sheridan yards of the Pan-Handle Railway was the scene this evening of one of the most disastrous explosions and fires known in this section for many years. A score of lives were lost and about 200 persons were so badly burned that, according to the judgment of physicians in attendance, 75 per cent. of them will die from the effects of their injuries.

The dead as far as known are:—Harry Smith, liverman; Billy Taylor, brakeman; Elmer Hunter, conductor; Albert McKean, brakeman; John Swan, brakeman; Dallas Bayard, fireman.

The cause of the catastrophe was the explosion of a train of naphtha cars which was being switched at the yards, and in the switching the rear car telescoped a car forward. The leaking naphtha ignited from a switch light, causing an explosion which threw the flames fifty feet high.

Much of the escaping naphtha ran through corks run to Esplan Borough, a distance of one and one-half miles, and caused another explosion, blowing to atoms the Seymour Hotel and the Collins House, on River Road, and badly wrecking a frame building near by, in which were congregated 200 or more sports from Pittsburg and vicinity, betting on the races, base ball, etc. Few of the occupants of this building escaped injury, many being badly hurt. Mrs. Seymour and her daughter, of the Sheridan Hotel, were seriously, and it is feared fatally, injured.

The first car of naphtha exploded about 4:40 o'clock, and the spectacle soon attracted a large crowd on the streets lining the hills on both sides of and parallel to the railroad. The second car exploded about 5 o'clock, but it was 6:15 when three more cars went up with a roar that could be heard for miles, that the work of destruction really began. A torrent of flame belched forth on each side of the track, sweeping back the terrified spectators like a charge of artillery, and sending a shower of flame over their heads. The successive explosions had heated the air to such an extent that before the third explosion, many were rendered unconscious by the extreme heat and the gaseous fumes and were being carried away when the torrent of flame swept over the excited crowd.

DAY'S DESPATCHES

REID WAS MURDERED.

Hamilton, Ont., May 12.—The coroner's jury in the case of W. S. Reid, of this city, whose body was found on Thursday night last in a creek, near Marshville village, has returned a verdict that deceased came to his death by being killed by some persons unknown. Reid left Hamilton on Thursday, April 24th, presumably to take a position as dry goods clerk in Dunnville. He evidently spent a couple of days in Buffalo, and was last seen alive at Stromness, near Dunnville. He had over \$100 on his person, when he left here, and it is likely he was robbed and murdered, the body being thrown into the creek. When discovered the remains were badly decomposed and had been in the water for at least eight days, but all money as well as all his jewellery, had disappeared and several marks of violence were discernable on the body. The police here have received no official notification as yet, but are making inquiries. Reid was a popular young man, and had been employed in Shear's dry goods store here for a considerable time.

NEWSPAPER MEN MET

Proprietors and managers of several Western Ontario daily newspapers were at the Tecumseh House last night spending the evening in conference regarding the advertising and several other departments of newspaper work. It was an informal gathering, those present assembling purely by mutual arrangement. No organization of any kind was effected or even contemplated, such being unnecessary for the end in view, which was the advancement of the private interests of the "small city" daily. The conference lasted until a late hour. Those present were:—Messrs. John J. McIntosh, Guelph Mercury; W. S. Dingman, Stratford Herald; J. F. MacKay, Woodstock Sentinel-Review; John A. McKay, Windsor Record; L. H. Dingman, St. Thomas Times; S. Stephenson, Chatham Planet; A. C. Woodward, Chatham Banner-News; and Elliott, of the Ingersoll Chronicle.—London Free Press.

SERIOUS FIRE

A very serious fire occurred in Dover yesterday afternoon, by which all of the outbuildings belonging to Eli Belanger, were completely destroyed. The origin of the fire is a mystery, no one being near the barns when the fire started. Mr. Belanger was plowing in a field when he saw the blaze. The fire had gained considerable headway before it was noticed, so that all attempts to extinguish it were in vain. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

TIED UP

Forty-Five Collieries Suspended
Operations—140,000 out on
Miners' Strike.

Shamokin, Pa., May 12.—The forty-five collieries in the ninth mining district were completely tied up this morning by the 20,655 employees, excluding bosses, firemen, engineers and pumpmen, enforcing the three days' suspension ordered by the Scranton convention. Two-thirds of the collieries are in the vicinity of this place, and are owned principally by the Philadelphia & Reading, Pennsylvania & Lehigh Coal companies. While all of the colliery whistles were blown the men kept away from the collieries. There were no disturbances.

140,000 MEN AND BOYS IDLE.

Scranton, Pa., May 12.—President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, said this morning that the tie-up in the three anthracite districts is complete. Approximately 140,000 men and boys are idle, of which number only one-half are in the Lackawanna and Wyoming region.

The two boards of directors who are endeavoring to run the binder twine factory are having lots of fun. The old board of directors have charge of all the funds in the bank and their checks are honored, while the new board can't get any money at all. The new board tried to get the company's mail from the post office but they couldn't get it as it was addressed to the post office box, of which T. C. Smith has the key.

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