SLOCAN MINES TO BE CONSOLIDATED

LONG LEGAL BATTLE HAS BEEN TERMINATED

Settlement Means Much to Camp—Development Will Be Actively Carried on

Nelson, B. C., Aug. 2.—R. S. Lennie, who returned yesterday from Slocan, made announcement of the consolidation of the Slocan Star and John M. Harris interests, which will remove from the Slocan camp the incubus of litigation which for the last ten years has retarded progress. The litigation which has tied up some of the most important properties of the Slocan involved the Slocan Star, Rabbit Paw and Heber Fraction. It involved the adjustment of extra lateral rights and was started by the Star Mining and Milling Company, Limited, in an action for trespass against the Byron N. White Company. Mr. Lennie was one of the counsel engaged in the litigation and it is through his efforts that parties have at last been brought together. He has formulated the proposition by which the whole of the properties involved will be consolidated and acquired by the company under the name of the Slocan Star Mines, Ltd.

This proposition has been accepted by Byron N. White and John M. Harris, subject to the ratification of directors of the existing companies.

The properties to be taken over by the new company are the Rabbit Paw, Heber Fraction mineral claims, being the whole of the property of the Star Mining and Milling Company, Ltd., and the following mineral claims on the west side of Sandon Creek: Slocan Star, Jennie, Silversmith, Windsor, Shogo, Minnesota, Bella Downe, Millie, Whistler Fraction, Pembroke, together with the mill site of the Byron N. White Company, with its concentrator, water rights, flume lines and all of which will be operated by the new company.

At present Andrew G. Larson, M. E., of Vancouver, is making an examination of the properties and will advise the new company as to the best plans for future development. The company expects development to be in full progress this fall, and to make shipments of ore and concentrates this winter. This will mean a great revival of mining in Slocan and the return of prosperity to the country.

The Star Company alone has paid over $500,000 in dividends, while the Slocan as a whole has paid in dividends $5,900,000.

The gross productive of the Slocan Star mine to date is $3,000,000.

LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEER.

Annual Convention opens at Winnipeg—Welcomed by Mayor Evans.

Winnipeg, Aug. 2.—The convention of locomotive engineers opened here last night by a large public meeting which was well attended. Mayor Evans welcomed the delegation and the glad hand was further extended by F. W. Huebach of the Industrial Bureau, Hon. Hugh John Macdonald and Dr. Jones, the United States consul. Sir William Whyte, of the C. P. R.; W. B. Prenter, first chief engineer; Patrick Fennell, Gates (Sandy) Macguire, the poet of the railroad, and Mrs. W. A. Murdock, of Chicago, of the Women's international auxiliary, also addressed the assembly.

HOLD-UP AT WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, Aug. 2.—J. Halliday, a real estate broker, was held up by two armed men at midnight last night. With the assistance of a pedestrian and firemen from a near-by hall the attackers were driven off and pursued. They fired two bullets, neither of which took effect.

UPTON SINCLAIR IS BREAKING STONES

Socialist Author and Associates Sentenced to Eighteen Hours in Workhouse

Wilmington, Dela., Aug., 2.—Upton Sinclair, Socialist author, and his nine associates of the single tax colony at Arden, Dela., will serve eighteen hours each in the Newcastle workhouse. Sentences began at 9 o'clock last night and this morning Sinclair is breaking stone in the work yard of the county workhouse, his associates being likewise employed.

They are having the same experience as George Brown, "Philosophical Anarchist," who in revenge had them arrested for violating Sunday "blue laws" at the Colony. The colonists pleaded guilty when arraigned before Magistrate Robinson and were fined $4 each, with the exception of Fred Steinline, an ice cream merchant, who was directed to pay a fine of $8. They all refused to pay fines.

POLITICAL CONVENTION.

Ottawa, Aug., 2.—Ottawa Liberals will meet in convention on August 9, and the Conservatives on August 17.

Hal McGiverin, Liberal representative will not be opposed in the convention.

Mr. Allard, the French Conservative member, has retired, making the selection of a new candidate necessary. J. F. Ellis, treasurer, is said to be most active English speaking Conservative candidate.

GOVERNMENT WILL CONSTRUCT LINE

TENDERS FOR HUDSON BAY RAILWAY OPENED

Contracts Will Soon Be Awarded—Work to Start Before September 1

Ottawa, Aug. 2.—The active programme for the construction of the Hudson Bay Railway will be made immediately following the Government's decision to construct the railway itself.

Surveys were completed and tenders asked for last June for the construction of the first 200 miles extending from Pas Mission, Keewatin Territory, to Thicket Portage and running in a northeasterly direction through the primitive country north of the Saskatchewan river. Tenders were opened this afternoon. In all eight were received, but the choice, it is said, was narrowed down to two, those submitted by J. D. Macarthur of Winnipeg, and M. J. O'Brien. Both of these tenders, it is said, were of a very satisfactory character. However, these will have to be gone into in detail before an official announcement of the awarding of the contract will be made.

It is the intention of the Government to start the work of the construction at the earliest possible time and it is regarded as likely that the successful contractor will be at work before September 1. Construction of the railway will commence from the north end of the government bridge over the Saskatchewan at the Pas. If, as is probable, Port Nelson is selected as the terminal port, the railway will be approximately 500 miles in length, and the Government anticipates putting down a considerable portion of the first 200 miles of road bed provided for by present contract before the advent of winter.

STRIKE PROBABLE.

Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 2.—Statements that a general strike of all the employees of the Des Moines city road would be called before night, were made by labor leaders here to-day, following the announcement of acting Chief of Police Jackson that between 200 and 300 strike-breakers were brought into the city to-day from Chicago and Milwaukee. President Leonard of the street car union, said that one more attempt would be made to get the street car company to arbitrate the case of the conductor whose recent discharge led to the present difficulty. The first of the strike-breakers caused a walkout of waiters and cooks at one of the hotels when 74 strike-breakers went into the dining-room for breakfast.

POLICEMAN ACCUSED OF THEFT.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 1.—Policeman Harry A. Neis was arrested and taken to the county jail yesterday afternoon on an information charging him with stealing a gold nugget neck chain, worth $100, from Mrs. Ryan, an acquaintance, while the policeman was being entertained in her home.

According to Mrs. Ryan's affidavit she absented herself from the room in which she had been engaged in conversation with Neis and left him in the room with the nugget chain. She testified that when she returned to the room that Neis was gone and so was the chain, and that two days later Mrs. Neis began wearing the chain and has it now. Mrs. Neis declares that she owns the chain.

MONTREAL'S ASSESSMENT.

Montreal, Aug. 1.—Taxable property in Montreal possess a value of $500,000,000, according to the special report prepared after the civic assessors had completed their annual amendments to the rolls. This represents an increase of $70,000,000 since last year in taxable property, the increase being largely due to the fact that the city has decided to tax property in the harbor of Montreal, and has added $50,000,000 to the list as representing assessable values to property between the retaining wall and the St. Lawrence.

REBEL LEADER DISAPPEARS.

Havana, Aug. 2.—The government had no trace this afternoon of Acevedo and his party, who after starting an uprising at Regla Monday night, set out supposedly for Pinar Del Rio. It is believed the men are hiding in the woods and have disbanded.

Reports from every township on the island fail to show the least suggestion of disorder and the indications are that the movement is insignificant. Large forces of rurales and regulars are scouring Havana with the expectation that the rebels will be captured soon.

TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED.

Calgary, Alta., Aug. 2.—Instructions from Commissioner Burbidge of the Hudson's Bay Co. have been received by the engineer in charge of the work on the new $1,000,000 store to close down and return to Winnipeg. The engineer states, however, that cessation will only be temporary, as several directors are expected from England to look over the work.

CHOLERA IN FRANCE.

Perpignan, France, Aug. 1.—Several well-defined cases of Asiatic cholera have appeared in the department of Herault, with one death. The disease has been traced to fruit imported from Italy. The health authorities do not think there is any danger of the disease spreading.

—Montreal Herald.

SEEING THINGS

LONDON DOCK LABORERS STRIKE

TWELVE THOUSAND MEN HAVE QUIT WORK

Twenty Steamers Carrying Meat Are Unable to Discharge Cargoes

London, Aug. 2.—The meat trade of England is seriously threatened by a strike of 12,000 dock laborers at the London docks to-day, growing out of a dispute over wages. The men claim their employers promised an increase commencing July 31, but their pay envelopes when received failed to contain the advance.

Separate meetings of the strikers and the employers were held to discuss the situation.

At least twenty steamers, including the Minnehaha, which has just arrived at Tilbury with a cargo of dressed beef, and the Anglian from Boston with boxed meats, and other American freighters, are unable to discharge. Many other vessels are loaded with meat from Australia, New Zealand and Argentina.

The meat and other perishable goods are being taken care of in refrigerators aboard the steamers, but if the strike lasts there will be a shortage in London provisions.

Police reserves were sent to the docks, but their services were not required. The men went quietly from steamer to steamer calling on their fellow-workers to join the movement, and in every case were successful.

MAY DIE FROM WOUNDS.

Man Calls Over Telephone For Help, Then Falls Unconscious.

Chicago, Aug. 2.—"I'm shot, central, help." These words, coming over the telephone, were heard by an operator in the Monroe street exchange of the Chicago Telephone Company about midnight last night. She then heard the sound of a falling body and several sharp crashes, indicating the hanging of the receiver against the wall as it fell from the hand of the wounded man. She at once notified the police, saying someone had been shot at one of the two addresses, where there were phones on the same party line.

One of these addresses was that of Mathew Stronk's saloon. There the police found John Dolzall, the bartender, lying unconscious on the floor near the telephone. The cash register had been broken open and all the money taken. Dolzall probably will die.

NEWSPAPERMEN EXPELLED.

London, Aug. 2.—Word was received here to-day that two newspapermen, Francis MacCullough and Alan Ostler, had been expelled from Agadir, Morocco, by the Khalifa of Agadier, on the ground that they were not provided with letters of introduction to him. The correspondents were refused shelter and were obliged to sleep in tents. It is suggested that the Germans objected to their presence.

TO BUILD CARTRIDGE FACTORY.

Winnipeg, Aug. 2.—It is announced in the city to-day that the Eley Cartridge Company, of England, has secured a forty-acre site at Transcona upon which it will erect the largest cartridge factory in Canada. It is stated that work commenced upon the foundations for the first building to-day.

EXTRA PUMPS FOR CRUISER NIOBE

Reports Regarding Condition of Warship Declared to Be Exaggerated

Ottawa, Aug. 2.—"Condition of the Niobe is as satisfactory as could be expected. Extra pumps which arrived yesterday have not as yet started work. Exaggerated reports of Halifax newspapers of no importance."

The above telegram was received by the navy branch this morning from Wilkins' Mill.

Officers of the department believe that when extra pumps are put at work all danger of the Niobe having to be beached will disappear.

BALFOUR TO MOVE VOTE OF CENSURE

Unionist Leader Gives Notice of Motion to Be Introduced on Monday

London, Aug. 2.—A. J. Balfour has ordered a demonstration in force against the government in the House of Commons on Monday next, in the hope of reconciling the warring factions among the Unionists and giving the Ministerialists a final shake-up before the veto bill is passed into law. The Unionist leader had kept his own counsel and when he rose to-day and announced his intention to move on Monday a vote of censure, his followers broke out in rounds of applause.

Mr. Balfour's motion follows: "That the advice given His Majesty by His Majesty's ministers whereby they obtained from His Majesty a pledge that a sufficient number of peers would be created to pass the parliament bill in the shape in which it left this House, is a gross violation of constitutional liberty, by which, among other consequences, the people will be precluded from again pronouncing upon the policy of Home Rule."

This object is believed to be the securing from the premier of definite explanation as to the guarantees before the consideration of the Lords' amendments is proceeded with.

In the lobbies this was regarded as a final Unionist kick and taken to presage the disposal of the veto bill next week without fail.

TWO END LIVES.

Montreal, Aug. 1.—Ben Glass, a convict at St. Vincent De Paul penitentiary under sentence for highway robbery, was found hanging this morning. He had used a towel as a rope.

Mrs. Chevrier committed suicide at Cedars, Que., by jumping into a well this morning.

VERY REV. R. GREGORY DEAD.

London, Aug. 2.—The Very Rev. Robt. Gregory, D. D., died here to-day. He was born at Nottingham February 9, 1819, and since 1891 he was dean of St. Paul's, resigning that office May 1 last.

Port Au Prince, Aug. 2.—President Simon embarked this afternoon without the protection of foreign flags, accompanied by a detachment from the army still faithful to him, commanded by General Monplaisier, the minister of war.

SEVEN PERSONS LOSE THEIR LIVES

STEAMER CAPSIZES AFTER STRIKING ROCK

Vessel Was Carrying Sunday School Excursion at Time of the Accident

Massena, N. Y., Aug. 2.—The steamer Sirius, carrying a Methodist Sunday school picnic from here to Cornwall, on the Canadian side, capsized in Grass river. Seven people were drowned, four bodies being recovered later.

There were 75 people on board. Scores of motor boats and skiffs which arrived on the scene managed to pick up a majority, but some were swept down stream by the swift current and perished.

Most of the passengers were seated on the deck when the Sirus struck a rock. The deck was swept in a moment and the entire party left struggling in swift waters. Picnicers at the International park opposite the fatal spot immediately manned every available craft and scores were picked off the sides of the capsized craft.

The boat which now lies in midstream was formerly a private yacht.

The victims whose bodies were recovered: Misses Hattie and Nellie Parker, sisters, of Ogdensburg, and Miss Ada Dewey and Floyd Hackett, both of Massena.

DEAD AS RESULT OF BET.

Ellensburg, Wash., Aug. 2.—As the result of a boyish bet as to who could keep his head under water the longest, young Alvia Robinson, the 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson, is dead, and his playmate is suffering from the effects of a severe shock. Young Robinson, with his chum, Victor Benson, had been playing in the yard and had become overheated. In order to cool off, the boys held their heads in a tub of water.

Albia held his head under the longest, but shortly afterwards complained of feeling dizzy, and went into the house to lie down. Later he tried to get up, but fell back on the couch and died before a doctor could be brought.

GREATER MONTREAL.

Montreal, Aug. 2.—According to Lovell's directory the population of Greater Montreal is now 554,000. The population of the city proper is placed at 488,000. Of the suburbs the figures are placed at: Maissonuvue 30,000, Westmount 17,000, Verdun 14,000 and Outremont 5,000. The total estimate of the population of Greater Montreal is generally believed to be much below the mark as the population is believed to be fully 630,000.

KILLED IN COLLISION.

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 1.—Motormen Arthur E. Britsol, 3571, east K. Street, was instantly killed and two passengers slightly injured in a head-on collision between two Puget Sound Electric trains on the Tacoma-Seattle interurban on a sharp curve just beyond Milton at 11:48 p. m. Sunday. The accident occurred through a misunderstanding of the train signals.

ENGLISH CRICKET.

London, Aug. 2.—Essex beat Worcester to-day by one inning and 227 runs, and Yorkshire beat Notts by 226 runs.

LIBERALS PREDICT MAJORITY OF FIFTY

ENCOURAGING REPORTS REACH OTTAWA

R. L. Borden Tries to Induce Premier Whitney to Aid Him in Ontario

Ottawa, Aug. 2.—Conservative leaders frankly admit their only hope of beating the government is by making a gain of at least fifteen seats in Ontario. R. L. Borden has no hope of doing any better in Western Canada than in 1908. In the Maritime provinces most optimistic Conservatives only venture a prediction of a net gain of three or four seats. In Quebec not more than four straight Conservative candidates stand any chance of election. The party looks to the Nationalists to carry some seats, but best advices are that Messrs. Bourassa and Monk will centre their efforts only on very few seats and there is no doubt Sir Wilfrid will hold the province by practically the same majority he now has. In Ontario Mr. Borden's chief reliance is now in inducing Premier Whitney to jump into the fight with the whole organization and prestige of the provincial government. Strong pressure is at work on Premier Whitney, but he is holding off, recognizing the fact that if he enters into close and active alliance with the federal Tories he will antagonize thousands of Ontario electors who vote for him in the provincial contest although for Laurier on federal policy.

Liberal leaders are indifferent as to whether Sir James joins active forces with Mr. Borden or not. They say they can carry a majority of the Ontario seats on the reciprocity issue, even in spite of the strongest efforts of the provincial government, and if Premier Whitney jumps vigorously into the fight they say it will mean his defeat in the next provincial elections, since he came into power by the Liberal vote which was switched to him from Premier Ross.

Sir Wilfrid and his followers confidently look for a majority of at least fifty and this conviction is being daily strengthened by reports received from various constituencies.

English View.

Manchester, Aug. 2.—The Manchester Guardian says that it is safe to predict that upon a straight issue of reciprocity the government will be returned, gaining more seats in the west than it will lose in Ontario and Quebec.

CARPENTERS CONTENT.

Would Accept Present Scale Until May, 1912.

A communication has been sent by the Carpenters Union to the secretary of the Builder's Exchange, for consideration by that body at its next meeting on August 7. The letter is to the effect that if the employers will guarantee that the present conditions of wages and hours will prevail until May 1, 1912, the men will be satisfied. This means that they will not insist on the increase of twenty-five cents per day which they say was promised them in the agreement which settled the strike in May last.

The agreement was a written one. It stated that from the date of its issue, carpenters wages were to be $4.25 per day for three months. It provided also that by July 1 a second agreement was to be signed by the master builders and was to go into effect on the first of August, giving the men a further increase of twenty-five cents thus bringing the total pay up to $4.50. The anxiety of the men has been aroused just now, because that second agreement has not been signed.

PERSIA COMPLAINS.

Teheran, Aug. 2.—Count Quadt, the German minister here, has addressed a note to the Persian government protesting against the payment of the subvention to the German hospital in Teheran through W. Morgan Shuster, the new treasurer-general, instead of customs, declaring that such action would be contrary to the convention between Germany and Persia.

The protest of the Russian minister, M. Poklexski-Kozell, against the payment of Russian coupons and fixed charges through the treasurer-general was based on the same general ground as that taken by Count Quadt, but whereas the Russian minister gave Mr. Shuster credit for financial and organizing ability, Count Quadt alludes sarcastically to the treasurer-general as "a certain Mr. Shuster."

It is understood here that the Persian government has instructed its representative in Berlin to complain against Count Quadt's attitude.

HEAT OF BOILING LAVA.

New York, Aug. 2.—The Carnegie foundation scientists, who went to Hawaii some time ago to solve a number of questions about volcanoes have just succeeded in testing the temperature of the boiling lava at the volcano of Kilauea. Their first thermometer was eaten up by chemical action, and the second was crushed by floating lava blocks, but on the third attempt a pyrometer was lowered into the lava and registered 1,010 degrees centigrade, equivalent to 1,750 degrees Fahrenheit.

This is the first record ever made of the heat in the boiling lava.

FOUR KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

Bluefields, W. Va., Aug. 2.—Four miners were killed and nine injured by an explosion a few minutes before midnight in the mine of the Standard Pocahontas Coal Company at Shasta. The list of those who lost their lives is not known here, nor is the cause of the explosion.

HARVESTING IN SASKATCHEWAN

WILL BE GENERAL IN PROVINCE BY AUGUST 20

Wheat Reported Fully Headed Out—Condition of Oats and Barley

Regina, Sask., Aug. 2.—That harvesting in Saskatchewan will be general by August 20 is the announcement made in the seventh fortnightly report of the Saskatchewan department of agriculture. The following are the dates on or about which harvesting will be general in the districts tributary to the railway lines mentioned:

Main line C. P. R., east of Moosejaw, August 19; main line C. P. R., west of Moosejaw, August 10; Soo line, August 18; Woseley-Reston, August 25; Estevan branch, August 18; Arcola branch, August 23; Pheasant Hills branch, August 19; Yorktown branch, August 22; Macklin branch, August 24; Outlook branch, August 15.

C. N. R., Lloydminster-Togo line, August 25; Regina-Prince Albert line, August 20; Saskatoon-Kindersley branch, August 20; Melfort-Prince Albert branch, August 24.

Grand Trunk Pacific main line, August 22.

Wheat is fully headed out while only a small percentage of oats and late barley, from ten to twenty per cent, according to district, is still unheaded. Barley harvesting has already commenced at Maple Creek and Swift Current and small fields of early varieties of wheat will be ready for cutting within a week in these districts.

Only at one point has there been any report of flax wilt, but symptoms are not perhaps as widely known as other forms of damage. It is possible that some cases may have escaped observation. The damage, however, is comparatively small.

All grains would appear to be entirely free from black rust. At one or two places the leaf is slightly touched with red rust, but this does not affect in any way the quality of the grain.

The province has been very free from damage by hail. In only a small area of the southeasterly and southerly districts have there been any hailstorms. In no instance has the damage been serious. The crop is generally well-rooted, cool weather during May and June materially assisting in the rooting process. Stubble crops generally are not quite as satisfactory as was reported. Probably the reason for this is there has not been sufficient warm weather to create good conditions of growth in fields that were unusually firm and better supplied with moisture than usual. In addition to this the dry fall and lack of moisture during the wheat seeding resulted in uneven and insufficient germination on small fields that were stubbled in. What Saskatchewan's crop now needs is plenty of sunshine without excessive heat.

Hot Weather Needed.

Winnipeg, Aug. 2.—The Free Press this morning publishes a crop report compiled from the reports sent in by a large number of correspondents throughout the west. From the reports the crop in the west is generally good, but rather late. It has been making fair progress, but the weather has been cooler than was altogether desirable.

The reports are scattered well over the three provinces and show that very little of the crop has gone back since the last reports were published some time ago, while many sections formerly suffering from drought have since recovered. Rain is still wanted in some sections, but the principal desire is for hot weather.

With a view of setting at rest the persistent rumors current in the Chicago wheat market that there is black rust in the Canadian crop, a correspondent was asked specifically if black rust existed and only in instances was even a trace of it mentioned.

The date of harvesting in Manitoba will be about August 15, and in Saskatchewan from August 20 to 25, if the weather turns warmer it may be slightly earlier, while if it should continue to be cool it will be a day or two later.

SCHOONER RUN DOWN BY STEAMER

Damaged Vessel, With Six Men on Board, Reported Ashore

New York, Aug 2.—A wireless message received here to-day from Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts of the Boston line says that while on her way here from Boston early to-day the steamer ran down and sank the schooner Susan N. Pickering of Stonington, Maine, bound for New London, Con. The schooner sank in four minutes. The captain and four men were picked up by the steamer's boats.

Goes Ashore.

Vineyard Haven, Mass. Aug. 2.—With her crew of six men on board and apparently having been in a collision with a steamer, the three-masted schooner Susan N. Pickering from Stonington, Maine, for New London, Conn., with a cargo of stone, drifted ashore near Cedar Tree Neck, on the north shore of Martha's Vineyard, today.