

FIFTY-SIX DEAD IN MEXICAN MINE

Greatest Disaster in History of Mexican Coal Mining has Appalling Death List.

All Drakesboro is in Mourning at Kansas Calamity --- Yesterday Given up to Funerals.

Laredo, Tex., Feb. 2.—One of the greatest disasters in the history of Mexican coal mining, took place early today in the Palan mine, at Las Esperanzas, Mex. The toll of human life is officially placed at 56, while the list of injured numbers nearly as many.

The explosion occurred in the No. 8 shaft of the coal mine of the Esperanzas Mining Company and is attributed to the ignition of gas from a cigarette of a miner, who was smoking contrary to rules.

Assistance was immediately forthcoming and as soon as the air in the shaft could be purified sufficiently to permit rescuers to descend, many volunteers were ready to risk their lives in an endeavor to succor their stricken brothers below.

Three cages were sent down, all loaded. The first and second levels were intact, and beyond being frightened, the men working in these levels were safe. They were brought to the top as rapidly as the cages could be loaded.

The rescue party went down to the third level and as soon as the air could be sufficiently cleared, entered the various shafts and began a search for the dead.

Scattered about in various positions in the workings they found the bodies of the suffocated men.

After six hours work, 53 bodies were brought to the surface, while nearly 40 injured men were removed to hospitals for treatment.

The injured men were in the area where they were working at points in the third stage of the workings where they were practically protected from the rush of foul air.

Breathing Women. As the bodies were brought to the surface, screaming women and children were congregated about the mouth of the shaft.

Most of the killed were Mexicans, the Japanese miners being employed in other parts of the mine.

In Drakesboro. Drakesboro, Ky., Feb. 2.—With crepe hanging on every door along the two straggling streets of the little mining town of Drakesboro, and many funeral corteges, headed by all sorts of improvised hearses, moving toward the cemetery, today was largely given over to the effacement of death's work in the Elk Valley coal mine.

MILLIONS OF EGGS HELD IN COLD STORAGE

Grand Jury Investigating Operations Of Packing Concerns Adduces Startling Evidence

New York, N. Y., Feb. 2.—There are 35,000,000 eggs in one cold storage warehouse in Jersey City, according to the information placed before the Hudson county, N. J., grand jury today, in its investigation of the big packing and other concerns which maintain extensive warehouses on the other side of the Hudson river.

The investigation is directed against the cold storage concern as a basis for determining the cause of the high cost of meats and other household necessities. Prosecutor Garvan said today that if he finds sufficient evidence to find an indictment under the common law he will order their prosecution for holding eggs, meats, etc., in cold storage to keep up prices.

PACKING COMPANY IN BANKRUPTCY

Affairs Of Mexican National Packing Company Are Involved—Company Is Controlled By English Investors.

New York, Feb. 2.—The Mexican National Packing Company, a New Jersey corporation, controlled by English investors, and operating a string of slaughter houses and packing houses in the republic of Mexico, under special concessions from the Mexican Government, failed today, with liabilities, including stock, of approximately \$37,000,000. The assets were not announced, but it is estimated that they are in excess of the liabilities.

The company will continue to operate its plants as usual, Henry Dekay was appointed receiver by Judge Lansing in the United States circuit court in New Jersey today.

The appointment of a receiver was not brought about by any condition in the live stock market, but by the tying up of a part of the company's funds in the United States Banking Company in Mexico City, which suspended recently.

Among the concessions held by the company, is an exclusive right to slaughter cattle in Mexico City until 1925. Its share capital is \$22,500,000 and it has a bonded debt secured by mortgage of about \$12,500,000, and a floating debt in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000, of which, however, only about \$300,000 is due.

The bonds, stocks, and debts are held mainly in England and the British and Mexican Trust, Ltd., of London produced the receiver as the holder of about \$6,000,000 of the stock and as the owner of \$300,000 of the floating debt.

The company was incorporated in New Jersey in 1902 under the title of the United States Packing Company. The name was changed in October, 1906.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 2.—An important aid to navigation has just been issued from the hydrographic office, in the shape of a volume of 364 printed pages, made entirely up of tables, the purpose of which is to enable a navigator to identify with precision, any star that he may see, even through a small rift of clouds in stormy weather. By the identification of a few such stars, the navigator will be enabled to get the position of his ship on the high seas, regardless of the sun or moon.

PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF THE WEST COUNTRY

Dominion Commissioner Of Immigration In Remarkable Statement Tells Of The Work Of Canada's Agents.

ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS BROKEN

Winnipeg, Feb. 2.—"Never before in the history of western Canada have so many immigrants flocked into the country during November, December and January as in the last three months," said Bruce Walker, Dominion commissioner of immigration today.

All previous records for the same period have been doubled. To Two Things. "I believe this is chiefly due to two things: the application of 1909, and the good reports concerning Canada spread about by the Americans who went home after a successful season in the country, with their pockets full of money and themselves full of enthusiasm.

"Last week three hundred and twenty settlers came into Manitoba from the south, each of whom possessed from two thousand to five thousand dollars."

Mr. Walker went on to say that over a thousand Americans had returned to the states for a brief holiday and that they constituted the largest and most persuasive band of immigration agents that Canada has ever had.

Not only were they coming back themselves but they were accompanied with scores of their friends. "Tens of thousands this Yuletide, heard for the first time the gospel of western Canada. They are looking forward to coming to this country of plenty and promise where their persons and property are safe. This winter rush tide is great news, what will it be when winter dies?"

"The official record for the Saskatchewan crop issued the other day proves that the province produced in the past season 90,000,000 bushels, which is two millions in excess of the yield announced officially in September."

Judge Stankovic, in charge of the hearing, Cohen faces a committing serious charges. Counsel for the matter made application for his release on a writ of habeas corpus, and a long hearing Judge Stankovic, sitting as a committing magistrate, held Cohen in \$1500 bail, on the charges of conspiracy to entice the girl from the custody of her lawful guardian; attempted kidnapping and aiding and abetting in the kidnapping of Miss de Janon.

Miss de Janon who has been in a hospital since her return from Chicago where she and her mother were arrested, is reported to have left the city, probably for Atlantic City.

MORE TIMBER PLANTED IN MAINE THAN CUT

Mrs. Charles F. Flagg Of Portland Tells Boston Audience Of Lumbering Conditions In Neighboring State.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 2.—More timber is being planted in the large lumber holdings of Maine than is being cut, according to a statement by Mrs. Charles F. Flagg, of Portland, before the conference of presidents and vice-presidents of the State Federation of Women's Clubs of New England at the Vendome today.

Mrs. Flagg thus took exception to the statement of Edwin A. Start, secretary of the American Forestry Association, who had declared Maine was somewhat behind in forestry matters. A discussion of the milk supply and conferences on health and industrial conditions, closed the sessions.

Rostand's great play, Chanticleer, will have its first production Saturday in Paris for the flood sufferers.

HIGH TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF BAKER

Senate Gives Expression To The Loss Sustained By Canada In The Death Of Sir George Drummond.

HIS VARIED INTERESTS REVIEWED

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—In the senate today a high tribute was paid to the memory of Sir George Drummond, Sir Richard Cartwright who brought the matter to the attention of the House referred to Sir George's influential position as chairman of the banking committee, to his unostentatious character and to his remarkable collection of paintings.

Senator Loughheed said that as chairman of the banking committee his wide knowledge and experience and his high sense of honor furnished a guarantee to the people of Canada, that the highest talents would be brought to bear on the transaction of public business of the Senate. Sir George was a man of varied attainments and probably no Canadian had been of late years so largely identified with the financial affairs of the Dominion. For many years he was associated with Canada's leading banking institutions. For many years he was perhaps more closely identified with the development of the great manufacturing interests of the Dominion.

SEALED VERDICT IN CUMMINGS CASE

Decision Reached In Case Of Boston Note Broker Charged With Forgery By Former Treasurer.

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 2.—A sealed verdict was brought in late today after four hours deliberation by the jury in the case of the note broker, which has been hearing the case of Chas. S. Cummings, the Boston note broker, charged with larceny and the uttering of forged notes in connection with the alleged fraudulent issues of Framingham town notes. These were discovered last October and led also to the arrest of the now treasurer, John B. Lombard, now under indictment in the case.

Cummings is charged with uttering a forged note for \$15,000 on the town of Framingham and larceny in two counts, one of \$15,000 on the note from the town and the second larceny from the Washington Savings Institution, of Lowell.

Lombard appeared as the principal witness against Cummings and testified that he had forged more notes on the town than he could remember, all at the instigation of Cummings.

TORONTO MAN ATTEMPTS MURDER AND SUICIDE

Slashes Wife's Throat With Razor And Then Uses Implement Upon Himself—Both May Recover.

Toronto, Feb. 2.—William Bell, a laborer, cut his wife's throat with a razor and then tried to cut his own throat in a room at the Trust Bank, on Gerrard street east, late this afternoon. The bank clerks downstairs heard some one scream, but thought it was children playing and paid no attention until Mrs. Bell came staggering downstairs and collapsed in front of the main entrance. Mrs. Bell was hurried to the general hospital and Bell was taken to the police station.

It is said that Bell and his wife had been separated but had affected a reconciliation and were looking over the bank apartments with a view to renting them. Just what happened is not known, but it is thought that the couple must have had a quarrel and Bell tried to end both their lives. Both may recover.

GREAT HOLES IN MAIN FROM PAIS STREETS

Thoroughfares Of City In Deploable Condition As Result Of Recent Floods—Wreckage Strewn For Miles.

ASSISTANCE BEING RENDERED SUFFERERS

Paris, Feb. 2.—As the flood recedes the streets of Paris present a deplorable condition. Miles of them in the districts along the Seine are covered with broken wreckage and the slime left by the waters, and presents in many places a dangerous pit and yawning gaps.

During the past 24 hours, the river has fallen from two to three feet, but below Paris, there are several feet of water and boats are to be seen everywhere, carrying relief to the sufferers.

Contributions are coming in from every point and the Americans here, as well as those in their own country, have been generous beyond all others. One of them, Rodman Wanamaker, has offered through the American ambassador, to supply one loaf of bread for every flood victim in Paris each day for a period of one month.

Every precautionary measure has been taken to prevent the scourge following in the wake of the flood and the health authorities are sanguine that the danger of an epidemic of any disease except typhoid is a negligible quantity. Typhoid is always endemic in France, due undoubtedly to the polluted water supply.

The government has instructed the prefects of the departments and the provincial authorities everywhere, to enforce the most rigid disinfection as the waters recede. Already, large quantities of disinfectants have been employed and immense supplies have been concentrated in depots in each of the arrondissements of Paris, for free distribution.

General Brun, minister of war, has decided that as soon as their services can be dispensed with, the soldiers who have been taking part in the flood work, will be given a week's leave of absence.

At nightfall the Lyons and Austrorivier stations were surrounded by water, and the tracks of the Orleans and Invalides stations were submerged, the flood at those points being nine feet deep. The water is receding from the wine and spirit warehouses at Bercy Quay, the largest in Europe. The losses here alone, are estimated at \$10,000,000.

Probably it will be several weeks before Ambassador Bacon can return to his residence, the basement of which is completely under water.

OTTAWA VOTES AWAY A MILLION

PAID WOMAN TO SHIELD HIS PREDECESSOR

Prosecution Receives Another Joit In Case Of Mrs. Stewart Ford Charged By Defaulting Treasurer With Blackmail.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 2.—Only about one fourth of the \$643,000 which Chas. L. Warriner, defaulting local treasurer of the Big Four R. R. has confessed to have embezzled was paid by him to Mrs. Jeanette Stewart-Ford and Edgar S. Cooke of Chicago, according to Warriner's testimony today in the trial of Mrs. Ford for blackmail. Calmly, the witness said that during the seven years he was embezzling the funds of the railroad, he was paying approximately \$1,000 a month to both Cooke and Mrs. Ford.

According to Warriner, he paid blackmail to Mrs. Ford, not because she knew that he was short, but because she was aware that Cooke was short in his accounts when he left the Big Four service and that when Warriner succeeded him, he concealed the shortage. This testimony was a surprise to the prosecution, for under an indictment, Mrs. Ford is accused of receiving stolen money. A second indictment however, charges her with blackmail only.

There was another unexpected turn in the trial, when it became apparent that Warriner has no intention of accusing his quondam friend, Cooke of blackmail.

The defense strove vainly to make Warriner admit that not only did Cooke blackmail him, but that he paid the blackmail to Mrs. Cooke and Cooke's son. Warriner admitted that he gave considerable sums to Mrs. Cooke, but he maintained she never asked him for money, and the only reason he helped her and her children was "because they were the only ones I felt any moral obligation to assist."

Pressed for a further explanation, he said he meant they were innocent of any wrongdoing and he did not like to see them suffer.

The attitude of Warriner is the least curious feature in the strange case. The man appears to positively enjoy the cross-examination. His composure is in strange contrast with the demeanor of the woman against whom he is testifying. Mrs. Ford weeps all most continually.

MONTREAL SKATER GLIPS HURDLE RECORD

W. G. Finlayson Of Montreal A Winner At Saranac Lake—Edmund Young Takes Lion's Share Of Honors.

Saranac Lake, N. Y., Feb. 2.—Six events were run off today at the annual international outdoor skating championships on Saranac Lake, Edmund Lamy, the half-mile, one-mile and three-mile champion came in far ahead of his opponents in the heats in which he participated. W. G. Finlayson of Montreal clipped two-fifths of a second from the 23-yard hurdle record.

Summaries. 220-yard hurdle, final, won by Phil Kearney, Brooklyn, and Edmund Lamy, Saranac Lake. Half-mile, heats won by Fred Robinson, Toronto and Lamy. 220-yard hurdles, final, won by W. G. Finlayson, Montreal. Time, 25 seconds. Three miles final, won by Lamy. Time, 10 minutes, 3 seconds. Other finals will be decided tomorrow.

PROBING COMMITTEE ADJOURNS MEETING

New York, N. Y., Feb. 2.—The special meeting of the state investigating committee, called for today, to take action on the failure of Lathrop, Haskins and Company, which resulted from the collapse of the Columbus and Hocking Coal and Iron "pool," has been postponed until February 16, by request of the insolvent firm.

HARRY CLINE WINS OUT FROM DEMAREST

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 2.—Harry Cline of Philadelphia defeated Calvin Demarest of Chicago tonight in the second game of the 18.2 balk-line billiard match for the national championship, by a score of 500 to 450.

Government Passes Capital Expenditures on Intercolonial Railway --- \$46,150 for St. John.

King Succeeds in Retaining Services of Skelton --- Labor Department a Cyclone Cellar.

Special To The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 2.—After it had settled the fact that the King-Verville Committee on the eight hour bill may employ Professor Skelton, the House turned to supply and after an hour discussion, voted the capital expenditures on the Intercolonial. This afternoon's votes aggregated about a million, taken in conjunction with the sums provided last night, the sum provided is \$1,175,045. The items passed this afternoon were: Diversion at Chatham and branch to wharf, \$150,000. Moncton cut off line \$110,000. Moncton, locomotive and car shops, with equipment and freight yard, \$343,825. New machinery for locomotive and car shops \$33,700. Signal construction \$900. Pintsch gas apparatus \$6,000. Riviere Du Loup engine house, etc., \$62,720. Robinson's crossway, subway, \$6,000. Side loaders for box cars \$1,000. St. John, increased accommodation at \$46,150. St. Rosalie, improvements \$8,500. Sydney Mines, diversion \$100,000. To increase accommodation and facilities along the line, \$38,700. Towards double tracking parts of line \$10,000. Truro, increased accommodation, \$42,000. Water supply increased \$45,100.

That Wallberg Case. In the course of the discussion the recent exchequer court judgment in favor of Mr. Wallberg in connection with the Moncton shops came up and Mr. Graham said that he was considering the advisability of appealing the judgment.

Another passage of interest was an appeal by Mr. Rhodes in connection with the vote for machinery for the shops. He urged that this machinery as far as possible be bought from Canadian manufacturers. The government above everyone else should buy from the Canadian makers.

It had been represented to him by manufacturers of machinery that a large proportion of the new machinery in new shops had been bought in the United States, a large amount of it having been procured in Canada at little if any increased cost.

Mr. Graham agreed with Mr. Rhodes. He had made an order that should be done. Sometimes they came across a case where it was necessary to go outside the country for the thing. Mr. Rhodes observed that much of the machinery had been purchased before Mr. Graham's accession to office.

Dr. Daniel. Dr. Daniel started a discussion as to the lighting of cars, a thing if the Pintsch gas were safe, and noting the number of cases where it is added to the horrors of railway wrecks.

Mr. Graham said that he was assured that outside of electricity, which so far as the subject is concerned, adoption, the Pintsch gas was the cheapest. It appeared from a further remark that a recent improvement has diminished the jarring which formerly made it difficult to employ the best type of mantle.

With regard to the Chatham diversion, Mr. Rhodes noted that a local Liberal had acquired an old foundry property and apparently expected to sell it for the purposes of the diversion. He hoped the government would not pay too much rake off.

Mr. Graham said that the government would buy irrespective of previous transfers and if necessary would expropriate.

Interim Report. At the opening of the House Mr. King presented an interim report of the special committee which is considering Mr. Verville's eight hour day bill. This committee has been hearing evidence on the subject from Prof. O. Skelton of Queens University, who has had special attention to the subject and has amassed a great amount of information. The committee recommended the appointment of a specialist i. e. Prof. Skelton, for the purpose of compiling this information. Upon Mr. King moving this Mr. Blain declared that the proposal was unprecedented. The department of labor should have done the work. The department could do it, replied the minister but its other work would suffer. As for precedent there was the case of Sir William Mulock's telephone committee which employed an expert.

Too Many Commissions. Mr. Haughton Lennox observed that the telephone committee had arrived at nothing. Would it be the same with this. There were too many commissions, he added. He was especially critical of the conservation commission, apprehending that the informa-