

JURISDICTION OVER COMPANIES

Government May Provide Legislation Compelling Them to Keep Their Agreements with Employees

OTTAWA, March 29.—The Two Grand Trunk bills, one of which involves issues of about \$30,000,000 of securities were taken out in the house tonight in the hour for private bills and the chief agent in this process was the minister of labor.

HAZEL DOLLAR HAS TO DISCHARGE LUMBER Damaged British Freighter Will not Enter Drydock for a Few Days —At Sullen's Wharf

The steamer Hazel Dollar did not go into the drydock at Esquimalt yesterday as was anticipated. It has been decided to remove part of the cargo of lumber on board the vessel instead of docking her without discharging as had been planned.

SURVIVORS OF FOXLEY AT VALPARAISO Chilean Government Sends Vessel to Assist Shipwrecked Men—Vessel Lost on Narborough

VALPARAISO, March 29.—The regular boat from Punta Arenas, Magellan Strait, arrived here today, bringing Capt. Matheson, the first mate and the first and second engineers of the British steamer Foxley, which left Iquique on March 6 and was wrecked on March 18 on Narborough Island one of the Chonos group, off the coast of Chile.

FLOODS IN THE EAST Train Services in Nebraska Are Demoralized—Situation in Mississippi Valley

LINCOLN, Neb., March 29.—Train service in eastern and central Nebraska is demoralized on account of the flood in the Platte river and its tributaries. Of the four lines of railroads running between Omaha and Burlington, are in commission tonight.

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NORTH POLE IS A "WOBBLER"

That the vast outland territories in the Arctic regions taken possession of and explored by Captain Bernier, and that no tracts of useless land, but abundant mineral wealth of inestimable value, including millions of acres of coal, is an announcement made by the famous Canadian explorer in his address in St. George's hall.

a continent in fact, to the northwest that has never been touched on by whiteman. It has watched closely the animals and birds in the north," said Captain Bernier, "and have always found it a most reliable source of information in my work. It is by the birds and animals in summer go northwest to rear their young in the land and the north has never invaded. They come from that direction again in the fall so there must be something there which is a reward and if I am aided I intend to discover and take possession of this land for Canada, as well as much more in the Arctic to the north."

On his expedition Captain Bernier has found records of perhaps every explorer who has braved the dangers and hardships of the polar regions. On an island in Erebus Bay were found the tombs of two men, which marked the last resting place of a number of members of the crew of Sir John Franklin's ill-fated expedition. The yacht Mary abandoned on an island in the same bay filled with provisions for the same day also discovered. Provisions left by Captain Parry and records of McClure and a number of others were also found and will be put on exhibition. In some instances nothing was left but the bones of the men who perished in 1854 told of a tale of hardships and suffering that had ended in death far from civilization.

On all islands landed on, the Captain had erected cairns and planted the Canadian flag. In July, 1911, the Arctic archipelago was taken possession of by Captain Bernier last night, when he left on his last trip by the St. George's society was placed in a safe at the house of George. A duplicate which went on the trip was brought back and presented to the society by Captain Bernier last night, when the flags were duplicates of the one given by Lady Gray to Lieutenant Shackleton before his expedition to the South Pole.

In speaking of the dangers of the trip Captain Bernier spoke in glowing terms of the government ship "Arctic" which has gone through four polar expeditions unharmed. He had traveled 40,000 miles in it. The Arctic, although slow, is one of the finest ships in the world today. It is built on the same plans as the Fram. It is not an ice breaker but the ice cannot break it. The speaker declared that only a ship that was made to withstand it should go into Hudson Bay, whose waters, he continued, abound in splendid fish and whale. He declared that many rivers of the north teem with salmon.

In speaking of the dangers of the trip Captain Bernier stated that he had built a cabin all along the route taken so that if the ship had been lost it would be a matter of time before the crew would be rescued. He could possibly have made the northwest passage had he had instructions to do so but when he could not take such chances, as would be necessary.

LOCAL CLEARINGS SHOW INCREASE

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COAL CRISIS IN U.S.A.

Anthracite Miners Likely to Quit Work on Sunday

CLEVELAND, O., March 28.—Admission they appeared to be far from an agreement as they were to meet with the operators and miners of the bituminous coalfields who are endeavoring to fix a two year wage scale to take effect on April 1, in Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois today referred the dispute back to the sub-committee. The sub-committee will meet Monday in an effort to prevent a suspension in the mines beginning next Sunday at midnight.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—The weather bureau tonight issued a special flood bulletin. Heavy rains of Thursday have intensified the gravity of the situation in the Mississippi river from the mouth of the Ohio southwestward and have started all rivers in the south Atlantic and Gulf states towards flood stage.

local police, robbed Sutton and Co. at Sydney and fled to San Francisco. He was apprehended on board ship and placed in irons, but escaped while the steamer was docked at this port. The diamonds were recovered by Jewell recently worked as a farm hand at Sacramento, California.

VOTES FOR WOMEN Mrs. Pankhurst, Leader of the Violent Suffragettes, Is Refused Bail

LONDON, March 29.—Ball was refused yesterday to Mrs. Pankhurst, leader of the militant suffragettes, who, with Mr. and Mrs. Pettick Lawrence, joint editors of Votes for Women, was committed for trial at the Old Bailey sessions by the police magistrate at the Bow street court.

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OLYMPIC GAMES TORONTO, Ont., March 28.—The announcement was made today that Mel Brock, the varsity half-mile champion and member of the Festival of Empire team at London last June, would not go to the Swedish carnival in July on any account. This makes the fifth athlete who has won prominence on local and foreign fields who has declared his intention of remaining at home during the Stockholm festival even should he be selected. The others are: Harry Tressider, the five-miler; Arnold Knox, half-mile; Jack Tait, one mile; and Frank Halshaw, sprinter. All these boys stood a splendid chance of winning a place on the Canadian team. It is also declared that Walter Andrews, the Canadian bicycle champion, may be compelled to remain at home on account of business obligations; while Fred McCarthy may also refrain from making the trip.

COMPOSITION OF CHINESE CABINET

Members of Republican Government Have Had Military and Diplomatic Experience in the Past

PEKING, Mar. 29.—Every member of Premier Tse Shiao Ya's cabinet is a Chinese. The foreign minister, Lu Cheng Hsiang, formerly was minister to the Netherlands and was a delegate to the peace conference at the Hague in 1907.

OPENING UP THE NITINAT DISTRICT Road, Trail and Railway Construction to Make Accessible One of the Picturesque Sections

Considerable activity is being exhibited in the Nitinat district in the way of road construction. At trail is being cut from the lake to Clo-ocose for the immediate provision of transit between the two places. This trail will eventually be converted into an up-to-date highway, the government having given assurances that the work will be undertaken at an early date.

MANHATTAN IS BEING REPAIRED

New England Fish Company's Vessel Overhauling at Esquimalt—Other Vessels at Yards

MERRY SQUABBLE OVER OPERA HOUSE

BERLIN, March 29.—There is a merry squabble between the Prussian government, which means the Kaiser in this case, and the municipality of Berlin, over the new opera house which is to be built in the Konigs platz at a cost of \$2,750,000. Prussia wants Berlin to buy the present ramshackle structure in Unter den Linden, which is to be abandoned, but on condition that the crown shall still have a measure of control over the premises.

MOTOR CAR TRAGEDY

Portland, March 29.—Angered when his command to that was not complied with, a robber fired several shots into a motor car party at Elk Rock, on the Oregon City-Rainier road, fatally injuring two of the occupants and slightly injuring a third.

ROUGH WATER SINKS SHELLS

Oxford-Cambridge Boat Race Called Owing to Unfavorable Conditions Takes Place Monday

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JIMENEZ, March 29.—The rumor that General Trucy Aubert was killed in yesterday's battle between federalists whom he commanded and rebels under General Salazar and Fernandez, was unfounded.

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NAVY COURT MARTIAL

SEATTLE, March 28.—Lieut. C. L. McReynolds admitted his testimony today at the court martial held at the Sound navy yard of Lieut. Chandler K. Jones, U.S.N., accused by Lieut. McReynolds of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman. Lieut. McReynolds testified that the principal cause for his separation from his wife was her refusal to consider his protests against her frequent visits unattended to the quarters of brother officers. Lieut. McReynolds admitted that he did not know the quarters of Lieut. Jones, and said that after the first separation last summer he and Lieut. Jones continued friendly.

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One of the injured, George Hastings, a traveling salesman, died after being taken to the hospital. Donald Stewart, a youth employed by a grain elevator company, who received three wounds in his head is reported to be dying. The third, Irving Lupton, a high school student, was slightly injured in the arm.

DOCTOR DIES OF HOODWORM

SEATTLE, March 29.—Dr. John Tiedeman, aged 48 years, a well known physician, died today at his home in this city of the hoodworm, contracted, it is believed, while doing laboratory work in San Francisco in 1909. In that year Dr. Tiedeman was engaged in making tests for the detection of hoodworm disease in soldiers returning from the Philippine Islands. Dr. Tiedeman himself toward the end diagnosed his illness as due to the hoodworm, and the certificate of death issued by Dr. Benjamin Panchal assigns this cause. Dr. Tiedeman practiced medicine in San Francisco five years.

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meat purveyor to a cavalry regiment there. Robbery was evidently the motive of the crime, for the man's pocket-book containing between \$400 and \$500 was missing. The murderer also relieved him of his railway ticket, which, with rare audacity, he gave up on leaving the station at Chalons. The ticket, stained with blood, has been found among those taken by the ticket collector. The murderer donned his victim's fur coat to cover up his garments and to render identification more difficult, and the coat was found by the police in a street at Chalons in the morning.

TROWEL AS MEMORIAL

MALTA, March 30.—The silver trowel used by Queen Adelaide in laying the foundation-stone of St. Paul's church in 1838 was handed to the officials of that church by the governor, acting under the instructions of King George. The trowel was accompanied by a letter to the governor, stating that the trowel was to be used in laying the foundation-stone of the new service was arranged at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of Tacoma with Captain Troup, H. W. Brodie, general passenger agent of the C. P. R., and Joshua Green, at Tacoma. It has been arranged so that the service will be provided between Victoria and Seattle every day except Sunday. The trowel will leave Victoria at 2:30 a. m. for Seattle and Tacoma, reaching the latter port at 8:30 p. m., and will leave Tacoma at 8:30 p. m. on her return voyage, reaching Victoria at 6 a. m. Connection will be made at Seattle and Victoria with the steamers bound to Vancouver from those ports.

THE PRINCESS PATH

SEATTLE, March 30.—Frank H. Thompson, aged 21 years, in whose pocket letters were found showing that he is a son of L. T. Thompson, cashier of the Home Savings Bank of Los Angeles, was arrested today charged with passing a worthless cheque on a hotel keeper. Letters from the young man's father showed that he had spent thousands of dollars in endeavoring to reunite his family, and that he had written to his father that he had broken his leg, that he had married and that his baby was dead.

A ROMANCE OF THE LONG AGO

After Very Many Years, Relatives of the Late George R. Holmes Will Recover Memorial Souvenir

Since the publication last Sunday by the Colonist of the little story dealing with the finding of a memorial ring by members of the chain gang while making an excavation at the grounds of the government house a short time ago, much interest has been aroused as to the history attaching to the keepsake, which bore the inscription:

DEAL WITH TAXES ON LAND IMPROVEMENTS

TORONTO, March 29.—Whether or not the municipalities should be allowed to tax land improvements at different rates was the chief subject under discussion in the legislature here yesterday. Two bills were before the house, one introduced by the Liberal leader, Mr. Rowell, and the other by J. A. Ellis, the Conservative member for West Ottawa. Mr. Rowell's proposal was that on a favorable vote of two-thirds of the number of ratepayers or by a two-thirds vote of the council, the municipality might impose a lower rate of tax on improvements than it does on land. Mr. Ellis proposed that while land should be assessed at its actual value, improvements might, upon a vote of the ratepayers, be assessed at a percentage of the actual value. Both bills were referred to the committee.

NEED OF HIGHER TARIFF ON STEEL

Dumping of American Surplus Means That Low Prices Are Secured for Canadian Producers

NEW GLASGOW, N. S., March 28.—At the annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal company today President Harris stated that the prices of the Canadian steel trade, due to the dumping of surplus American products on this market at prices below the cost, made possible by the inadequate Canadian steel tariff. In 1897, he said, quoting pig iron as an example, Canadian makers had protection in the duty and bounty combined of 30 per cent, but this had now decreased to less than 10 per cent.

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