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Steamers Collide in Fog at Night; Forty Nine Lives Lost

Gompers Answers Charges Before The Meeting of Miners

Denies What Was Said—President's Salary Given Boost on Close Vote

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 30.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, defended the organization and its executive council at a speech late yesterday, before the convention of the United Mine Workers of America, against charges made by Charles H. Meyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, Duncan McDonald of Illinois, and others in the convention. Mr. Meyer charged that if the copper strike in Michigan should be lost, it would be due to the inactivity of the executive board of the Federation of Labor.

WIRES HOT AGAIN OVER CUTTING OF TRAIN SERVICE

The wires were hot again today following the announcement that the trains referred to last week as to be withdrawn on Sunday, January 25, would be positively taken off on Sunday next, February 1. There was a storm of protest against another of the highly "popular" acts of Manager Gutelius and the complacent handed the management in this connection were of a questionable sort. It was announced yesterday that the management had decided to withdraw the Ocean Limited between Montreal and Halifax, as well as some local trains through New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Those of interest here aside from the Ocean Limited are the suburban trains between St. John and Hampton.

THE MONROE GOES DOWN TEN MINUTES AFTER CRASH WITH THE STEAMER NANUCKET

Passengers Roused From Sleep by Shock To Plunge Into Icy Waters

Eighty-Five Are Rescued Then Cries For Help Cease—Collision on Atlantic Coast in a Very Thick Fog in Early Morning Hours

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 30.—Forty-nine persons went down to death today when the Merchants and Miners Liner Nantucket sank the Old Dominion Liner Monroe near Winter Quarters Lightship. The last passengers numbered 25; crew 24; total 49. The saved—Passengers 30; crew 53; total 83. The Monroe left Norfolk at 7 o'clock last evening, with passengers and freight for New York, while the Nantucket was bound to Norfolk from Boston, with passengers and freight. The dead include twenty-three passengers and twenty-four of the crew. Thirty-nine passengers and fifty-five of the crew were saved. In all, eighty-six were rescued. The latter included Captain Johnson and all officers of the Monroe, except second engineer Daley. James O'Connell, vice-president of the American Federation of Labor and a member of the New Federal Industrial Relations Commission, was a passenger on the Monroe.

SCOTT ACT IS CARRIED BUT BY SMALL MARGIN

Two Ontario Counties Vote Dry—Recout Likely in Each Case

Brampton, Ont., Jan. 30.—By a majority of fifty-six the Scott Act was carried in Peel county yesterday. Voting was over long before the polls closed. A large vote was polled. The contest between the liquor men and the temperance party elicited little excitement, and there were no demonstrations. It is probable there will be a recount. Welland, Ont., Jan. 30.—Unless a recount, which is almost a certainty, shows that the figures are wrong, Welland county temperance workers have carried the Scott Act after one of the most extensive and well managed campaigns ever carried on in Ontario. The majority is thirty-six. Twelve municipalities are made dry, namely: Welland and Thorold towns, Port Colborne, Humberstone, Port Erie, Bridgeburg, Chippewa village, Growland, Bertie, Willoughby and Stamford townships. Thorold, Pelham and Wainfleet townships were dry before. One bar, seven shops and one club's licenses are wiped out.

Do Not Find Cost Of Building Is Unduly High In This City

BOARD OF TRADE SECRETARY GIVES UP HIS POSITION

The resignation of H. T. Hoag, secretary of the St. John Board of Trade, was presented to the council of the board at a meeting today. The resignation, which came as a surprise to the council, was not accompanied by any explanation but as it was of a definite character the council was forced to accept. It will take effect on March 1. The committee on the potato embargo reported that their inquiries had revealed the fact that Canada imports three times as many potatoes as are exported and that this indicates that the domestic market should be sufficient for the product. Other committees reported progress.

Report to Board of Trade Council on Matter of Timely Interest

That investigation into actual conditions in St. John seems to refute the statement that the cost of building is unduly high in this city is the substance of a report submitted to the council of the Board of Trade this morning. The chairman of the department of civic recommendations, however, the revision of the building laws to make the erection of residences an easier problem. The report is as follows: To the Council of the Board of Trade: With reference to the communication of Mr. F. G. Spencer, the department of civic wishes to report that it is collecting data bearing upon the cost of labor, material and other elements entering into the cost of building in this and other cities and expects shortly to be in a position to present some information on the subject. So far as the investigation has gone it appears that, while the cost of labor and materials is naturally lower in the smaller towns of the maritime provinces, it is, generally speaking, higher in cities of like size, or larger than St. John; that where houses are apparently built at less cost in large cities it is due to building a considerable number of what may be termed a stock design under one contract and the opportunities for economy in the purchase of material and in the application of labor thus afforded. That class of houses is usually of shabby construction and it has yet to be shown that individual houses of substantial construction cost more in St. John than in other cities where like conditions prevail. With regard to building regulations which form the subject of the greater part of Mr. Spencer's communication, there can be no question but that the city needs an entirely new or thoroughly revised building law, which should embody also what is usually termed a housing code. The housing committee has had this matter under consideration and as soon as the results of the proposed housing investigation are made known hopes to take up the whole subject of building regulations in conference with the department of public safety.

UNHOLZ HELPLESS BEFORE AD. WOLGAST

Boer Fighter Takes the Count Five Times in Two Rounds

REAL ESTATE NEWS

STANDING ARMY FROM ULSTER VOLUNTEERS IS THE LATEST

NOVELTY SHOWER

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Fond Du Lac, Wis., Jan. 30.—Rodolph Unholz, Boer fighter, was knocked out last night by Ad Wolgast, former light-weight champion, in the second round of a scheduled ten round bout, after a game but hopeless fight. Unholz took the count of nine four times in the first round, and once in the second, and was reeling helplessly around the ring, when, after one minute and thirty-five seconds of fight, in the second round, his seconds tossed a towel into the ring.

Transfers of freehold properties in St. John county have been recorded as follows: James Elliot, et al, to J. E. Sjostrom, property at Simonds. Executors of Thomas Gilbert to A. H. Likely, property on Great Marsh Road. Heirs of John Power to G. T. Power, \$440, property at Simonds. Leasehold properties have been transferred as follows: A. J. Armstrong to J. T. Driscoll, property on Great Marsh road. Annie N. and W. K. Crawford to Edward Lawson, property in Celebration street. Administrators of C. J. Ward to Catherine W. W., wife of A. L. McIntosh, property at Simonds.

Belfast, Jan. 30.—A standing army of 33,000 men is to be formed from the Ulster volunteers, modelled mainly after the British Army. Sections of the volunteers are to serve in rotation in this army. They will live in barracks and will be paid \$5 a week which will enable them to abandon their occupation during their term of service. It is said a large number of volunteers are anxious to serve in the standing army.

The Nantucket, with her bow crumpled and otherwise damaged, was slowly groping her way to Norfolk early today, with about eighty-five survivors. Collided in Fog No details of the accident were available early. Wireless operators all along

the coast, groping out through the fog for some definite news of the lost and saved, could only learn that the Monroe, bound for New York, on a regular trip from Norfolk, met the Nantucket in a fog about 8 o'clock. When the two ships separated, the Monroe went down and the Nantucket, with damaged bow, stood by and began the work of rescue. The Nantucket's boats scoured the waters, and are said to have picked up the survivors. The wireless reports do not say what numbers of the crew or first or second class passengers were among the rescued. First news of the collision trickled in here through the wireless operator at the Nantucket. The Monroe, a passenger liner, which also carried freight, put out of here at seven o'clock last night, on a regular trip to New York. The line of coast all steamers between these two ports, is comparatively close to shore, and on a clear night they never are out of sight of land. The Nantucket, from Boston to Norfolk with freight, would ordinarily have been running to seaward of the coast, but on early reports indicated the positions of the ships, a dense fog enveloped the entire coast and mariners here do not doubt that the two vessels met in a head-on collision. The position of the ships, which was reported about forty-five miles southwest of the Winter Quarters Lightship, would place them near Hog Island.

New York, Jan. 30.—Vincent Astor's yacht Nona, is being put in shape for a pre-nuptial cruise to the Mediterranean, on which Mr. Astor will be accompanied by Miss Helen Dinmore Huntington, his bride to be; her mother, Mrs. Robert P. Huntington, and his mother, Mrs. Ava Willing Astor. It is understood that the cruise will be of two months' duration, during which time the party will cover almost the same course as that followed by the late Col. John Jacob Astor on his ill-fated honeymoon trip. In the course of the cruise to Egypt, orders will be placed abroad for Miss Huntington's trousseau. The heavy-weight curlers of St. Andrew's Curling Club defeated their feather-weight fellow members in a special match last evening, 22 points to 20. The heavyweights averaged 212 pounds, while the lightweights averaged nearly eighty pounds less. The rinks were: Lightweights. Heavyweights. Dr. F. G. Sancton A. R. McBeth H. A. Lyman J. R. Haycock H. F. Rankine Fred Gregory Ber. Stevens S. B. Smith skip..... 12 skip..... 8 A. G. Rainnie E. A. Bishop D. W. Leddington Dr. Barton skip..... 10 skip..... 14 J. A. Clarke S. E. Elkin A. G. Stevens S. P. McCavour skip..... 8 skip..... 14

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GOVERNMENT MEMBERS TO MEET DELEGATIONS

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