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35 or 40 Persons Killed In Disastrous Explosion

Rand Powder Works Destroyed at Connelsville, Pa.—Train's Narrow Escape.

Connelsville, Pa., Sept. 9.—The Rand Powder Works, near Uniontown, Pa., blew up about 9:15 o'clock this morning. All the telephone and telegraph wires have been blown down. It was said the explosion started in a car of powder and spread to all the buildings of the plant.

Narrow Escape for Train.

One of the odd features of the affair is that a passenger train on the Baltimore and Ohio, northbound from Morgantown to Connelsville, was passing the scene at the time the explosions occurred. The train was jarred tremendously and every window was broken. A number of the passengers were cut by the showers of glass which fell about them, but nobody was killed on this train, although it is said some were very seriously hurt.

Like an Earthquake.

The concussion was like an earthquake to the country round about, and in the surrounding towns caused great excitement, which was not lessened by the fact that communication on the trolley line was broken off several miles from here.

There are said to be from 35 to 40 bodies still in the ruins. The rescue work is being carried on by hundreds of willing hands in hopes some will be taken from the ruins alive.

The Manager Injured.

Manager Rand was seriously hurt. The first thing he did after being removed was to insist on being carried to a telephone, so that he could speak to his wife in Uniontown, because he knew she would hear the roar of the explosion, and his voice would reassure her.

The search for bodies in the wreckage is slow, and it will be some time before anything like an estimate of the casualties can be made.

The cause of the explosion of the car of powder may never be known. All the men who were working about it are believed to have been blown to pieces.

General Manager Rand was taken to Uniontown at 11:30, and removed to his home.

Twelve Bodies Recovered

Fair Chance, Sept. 9. — Twelve bodies had been recovered from the ruins of the Rand powder works at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The dead so far recovered are: Homer Humphries, Clyde Woods, Jas. Breaikeron, George L. Llewelyn, Wm. Llewelyn, Elmer Hughes, Fred Walterstraw, Fred Walterstraw, jun., Chas. Barlett, Charles Elfritz, Frank Ryland and Walter Hughes. All the dead except Clyde Woods are from Fair Chance and vicinity.

Among the injured are: Bert Woods, fatally, and James Silley, seriously. Scores of persons in Fair Chance have painful injuries.

None of the buildings that made up the big powder works remains standing.

The debris is now on fire, and two cars of dynamite, that cannot be removed from the vicinity of the ruins, are momentarily expected to go up.

Thousands of people rushed to the scene of the explosion within an hour after it happened. Uniontown sent hundreds of rigs, and the surrounding country turned out en masse. Now they are returning panic-stricken, fearful of another explosion from the dynamite cars that may swell the death list to greater proportions.

MAY BUILD SCHOOL AT CHELSEA GREEN

In Meantime, the Residents of Suburb Will Send Children to Odell School.

The people of Chelsea Green, now that they have been refused permission to send their children to the public schools, claim that it will not be necessary for them to build a school, as they can send their children to the school at Odell postoffice. A meeting of those interested will probably be held in the near future to discuss the matter, and it is said that a move will be made to have a school built on the Green.

The action which was taken by the board of education in refusing the children admission to the city schools was based on the argument that the schools of London are now overcrowded, but it is known also that the trustees were actuated in what they did by a feeling of civic patriotism.

A good many of them argued that it was not fair to the people of London to tax them heavily and then allow people who live in the township, and pay taxes to the township, to enjoy the same privileges as those who live in the city.

"If we allow the request of the people of Chelsea Green," one of the trustees said, "we are putting a premium on the habit of going outside the city limits so as to enjoy low taxation. If Chelsea Green people are to be placed on a par with city people, they must be annexed to the city."

THE CANADIAN MANUFACTURERS

Meeting of Winnipeg Branch—Mr. E.L. Drewry Elected as President.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 9.—At meeting Winnipeg Branch Canadian Manufacturers' Association, E. L. Drewry was elected president and D. McIntyre vice-president. Messrs. E. L. Drewry and E. F. Hutchings were appointed delegates to the general meeting of the association to be held in Quebec on Sept. 25.

During the evening an address was given by Mr. Murray, of the Central Association at Toronto. He dealt with the aims and benefits of the association.

THE CAMPAIGN IN WEST LAMBTON

Three Candidates Now in the Field—Two Conservatives Are Running.

Sarnia, Sept. 9. — Besides Mr. F. F. Pardee, the Liberal candidate for West Lambton, and Mr. R. E. Lesuer, who was nominated yesterday by the Conservatives, there will be a third party in the field, J. G. McCrae, who has contested the Conservative convention with Hon. Mr. Hanna in times past. McCrae describes himself as "a protection and prohibition advocate." It is said that he will take many votes from the Conservative side.

Following is the letter from Mr. McCrae, which was read at the convention:

"It is with regret that the death of our much-esteemed Dr. Johnston, our late member for West Lambton, has caused a vacancy in our riding, which vacancy will likely be filled in a bye-election.

"Please note that I am out as an independent candidate for the west riding of Lambton, for the Dominion Parliament. As a protestor against the increased salary voted and paid to members of Parliament over the former salary of $1,500 per annum or session, the pensioning of the cabinet ministers, and the increase of the salaries of judges.

"I stand out as a prohibition advocate, in plain words, A. P. and F. A., or, more correctly a protestor and a prohibition advocate, in order to show their disapproval of the salary grab by voting for a straight independent member, one who makes the salary question the principal issue in this bye-election.

"Other questions and important matters will be enlarged on in my address and at public meetings."

For the Ontario Treasury.

Toronto, Sept. 9. — The Provincial Secretary and registrars' report for 1904, published this morning, shows receipts of $101,051. Letters patent brought in $87,177, returns from commissions $8,835, marriage act forms $3,075, and automobiles $1,284.

Gurney Company Won.

Toronto, Sept. 8.—At Osgoode Hall yesterday Mr. Justice Magee handed out a consent judgment in the injunction proceedings instituted about two years ago by the Gurney Foundry Company against several trades unionists to restrain them from interfering with the company's employes or customers. The judgment is a victory for the Gurney Company.

Off for the Northwest.

Windsor, Sept. 8.—Major McGillivray, local manager of the Bank of Commerce, left this morning for the Canadian Northwest, where he will spend some time in the interest of the Bank of Commerce.

All Italy Is Depressed By Its Latest Calamity

Suffering From One of Worst Earthquakes the Country Has Experienced.

Rome, Sept. 9. — All Italy is suffering from terrible depression because of the news from the south, where one of the worst earthquakes ever experienced occurred yesterday.

Although the earthquake was felt all over Calabria and to a certain extent in Sicily, the worst news comes from Pizzo and Monteleone, and from eighteen villages, which are said to have been completely destroyed.

According to the latest news received, 370 persons have been killed and a great number injured. It is as yet impossible to even estimate the property losses.

The shock was felt at 2:55 a.m., lasting for eighteen seconds, at Catanzaro, and soon thereafter was felt at Messina, Reggio, Monteleone, Martirano, Stefaconia, Triparni, Zammaro, Cessaniti, Maida, Olivadi and other points.

Scenes of indescribable terror ensued. Women arose from their sleep, rushed half-clothed into the streets, screaming with fear, carrying their babies and dragging along other children, and calling on the Madonna and the saints for help.

The men escaped into the open with their families, calling on their favorite saints for protection.

The cafes were taken by assault by the strangely garbed crowd, but as daylight broke without a repetition of the earthquake, the crowd gradually melted away, until by 8 o'clock the streets had almost assumed their normal appearance, except in the ruined villages, where the inhabitants were homeless.

The general confusion was added to by dreadful cries from the jails, where the prisoners were beside themselves with fright, and in some cases mutinied, but fortunately all were kept within bounds.

Troops, engineers and doctors have been hurried to the scenes of disaster to assist in the work of rescue and salvage.

KILLED BY AN AVALANCHE

Five Young Tourists Meet Terrible Fate on Mont Blanc.

Geneva, Sept. 9.—An avalanche overwhelmed a party of five young German tourists who were descending Mont Blanc near the glacier of Blonassey. Two of them, Carl Muller and Henry Fuchs, were dashed over a precipice. The others escaped unhurt. The earthquake of last Sunday seriously disturbed the mountain's icy covering, loosening great masses of rock and ice, which are ready to fall at any moment.

MIKADO AND CZAR IN SECRET TREATY?

Sensational Story Cabled to the New York World—So They Say.

New York, Sept. 9. — According to a special cable dispatch to the World from London, it is known perfectly well at the Japanese legation in London that a secret treaty has been made between the Czar of Russia and the Emperor of Japan, despite the usual diplomatic denials. These facts, concerning the treaty and its purposes, can be stated on the highest authority.

The Kaiser advised the Czar to make the secret treaty when they met on their yachts Hohenzollern and Polar Star in the Baltic Sea. The intermediaries in the negotiations were the Japanest minister at London and the German ambassador at St. Petersburg. King Edward helped the making of the treaty.

It provides that the Czar of Russia—the Czar, not the empire—shall pay $500,000,000 indemnity to Japan in five years, less the amount which Russia will pay Japan for her care and maintenance of Russian prisoners of war. $100,000,000, as provided in the treaty of Portsmouth. It is reported also that Russia agreed in the treaty to give Japan a free hand in China, though this point is not so certain as the other.

The compact was made without the knowledge even of either Baron Komura or M. Witte. The Czar and the Emperor solemnly agreed to secrecy about the treaty. Emperor William desired peace; he had his own reasons—but he desired peace. That the Kaiser was sincere and helpful all through, President Roosevelt has assured the world in his letter acknowledging the Kaiser's congratulations.

When the Kaiser met the Czar, Nicholas told him that he wished for peace, but that the Russian people would have his throne if they had to pay an indemnity. William told him most plainly that Japan would never agree to peace without an indemnity. He finally advised the Czar to offer, secretly, to pay the indemnity out of his own pocket. The Emperor of Japan acquiesced in this proposal; it made peace certain; it "saved Russia's face," and Japan gets the money.

THREE TRAINMEN KILLED

Brakemen Buried Beneath the Wreck of Two Freights.

Philadelphia, Sept. 9. — Three trainmen were killed and two others were slightly injured early today in a collision at Tabor Junction, near here, between freight trains of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway and the Central Railroad, of New Jersey.

The dead are: John H. Rankin, of Jersey City, engineer of the Central Railway, New Jersey, train; Henry Banker, of Bayonne, N. J., conductor of the same train; Frank Bond, of Philadelphia, brakeman of the Philadelphia and Teading train.

A fast freight on the Central Railroad crashed into a Reading local freight, and the brakemen were buried beneath the wreckage. Fire followed the collision and the local fire department was called out to extinguish the flames. Six cars were demolished.

ELEVATOR BURNED; LOSS $725,000

Probable Cause Spontaneous Combustion—845,000 Bush. of Grain Destroyed.

Chicago, Sept. 9. — The Santa Fe elevator, containing 845,000 bushels of grain, was destroyed by fire here today. Loss, $725,000.

The building was located at Twenty-seventh and Wood streets and was a five-story structure. The fire is thought to have been started by spontaneous combustion in a wheat bin on the top story. An explosion was heard by several workmen, who at once hurried to that floor, but after a short fight the men were forced to flee from the building.

The elevator was controlled by the Harris-Scott Company, grain brokers, and was valued at $300,000. Within fifteen minutes after the fire had been discovered the entire building was a mass of flames. Hundreds of bushels of grain flowed into the river from the north side of the building.

The elevator contained about 845,000 bushels of grain, of which half was oats. It was 40 feet wide and 175 feet long, and contained 60 bins.

SMASH OF 68 COAL CARS

Dashed Down a Slope of Over 2,000 Feet—Great Wreck.

Halifax, Sept. 8.—A very bad smash-up was caused yesterday at Dominion No. 3 colliery, Glace Bay, by the breaking of a hoisting rope. When the rope parted 68 loaded cars which were being hauled up ran down a slope over 2,000 feet, gathering tremendous momentum as they went, and were piled up in indescribable confusion, breaking the stone off the roof in their mad career.

The landing tenders heard the rumbling in the darkness and stepped aside in time, none fortunately being hurt. The hoisting rope is 32,000 feet long in this colliery. Repairs are being made and the debris is being cleared away. Tomorrow it is expected that the hoisting of coal will go on as usual.

"BIT" AT A FAKE DID LONDONERS

Now They Are Looking Eagerly for the Man Who Gulled Them.

An Associated Press dispatch from Carleton Place, Ont., says:

The following advertisement appeared in Toronto newspapers of Aug. 12:

"Wanted—Ten men, English speaking, at once, for British Columbia, to help fix electric machines. Experience not necessary, but must be reliable. Six months work; $2 a day. Transportation free.—Edgar Lambton, engineer, Carleton Place."

Half a dozen men, belonging to the neighborhood of Orangeville, Oshawa and London, Ont., are now here looking for Lambton, but although they have been assisted in their search by Chief Constable Wilson, of this town, no trace of him can be found. Lambton, who in the early part of August, traveled through this district posing as a civil and electrical engineer attached to the staff of the Canadian Pacific Railway, reached Carleton Place Aug. 12, and coincident with his arrival was an advertisement in the Toronto press calling for men to go and help fix electric machines in British Columbia. He engaged a room in one of the hotels and waited there for replies, and many came.

Applicants for the position received an answer by return mail that it would be necessary for them to forward him the sum of $10 as a guarantee of good faith, on their part, upon receiving which they would be furnished with free transportation over the C. P. R. to destination, the $10 to be refunded them as soon as they started work.

The thing looked all right, especially as Lambton replied to the applicants on Canadian Pacific notepaper. So in came many ten dollar bills.

Some of the applicants not receiving within a reasonable time the document that would insure them a free ride over the Canadian Pacific to the Pacific coast, came to Carleton Place to ascertain the reason therefor, only to learn that Lambton was not in any way connected with the C. P. R., that they had been buncoed out of their money, and that the man they were in search of had left for parts unknown.

Lambton is described as being about 27 years of age, height 5 feet 11 inches, weight 150 pounds. While in this vicinity he wore a navy blue suit and a white straw hat.

IN OPEN BOAT

A Young Fellow Rows Across the British Channel.

London, Sept. 9.—M. Georges Adams, a well-known member of the Boulogne Rowing Club, has accomplished the feat of rowing across the channel from Boulogne to Folkestone in a regatta skiff. The voyage occupied 8 hours and 35 minutes, the start being made at 11:35 in the morning, and Folkestone being reached at 7:55 p.m. The mail boat course is 29 miles and, allowing for drift, it is estimated that M. Adams covered 35 miles. He was accompanied by friends in a motor boat, on which he returned to Boulogne.

VICTIMS BODIES' LYING IN STREETS

The Devastation and Misery at Shuha Is Appalling—Thousands Are Homeless.

Tiflis, Sept. 9. — The Armenian bishop of Shuha has sent a message to the authorities, saying the devastation and misery at Shuha is appalling. The fighting between the Tartars and Armenians continued uninterruptedly for five days, and hundreds of killed and wounded are lying in the streets. The greater part of the town now consists of charred ruins, the buildings destroyed including the Government offices, churches, schools, shops. The bishop urgently appeals for food, funds and other necessaries for the starving and homeless thousands.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 9. — Private advices from Baku say that the machinery of 3,000 out of 3,600 oil wells has been destroyed. Despite the temporary lull, a renewal of the warfare and incendiarism is apprehended momentarily. The tens of thousands of hungry unemployed persons, whose ranks are constantly increasing, constitute an additional danger.

Mrs. Horton's Condition.

Amherstburg, Sept. 8. — The condition of Mrs. Alfred Horton, one of the victims of her husband's shooting a month ago, is very unfavorable. Serious complications have set in, and it is feared that she cannot recover. Horton is still confined in Sandwich jail, awaiting trial at the fall assizes. Mrs. Horton's father, John Lethgrove, who was also shot by Horton, has recovered.

NO FURTHER LIGHT HAS BEEN SECURED IN THE ROBERTS CASE

Police Unable to Learn of His Movements on Evening He Was Hurt.

How did William Roberts receive the blow that brought about his death in Victoria Hospital yesterday morning?

This is the question that was passed from mouth to mouth in the downtown portions of the city today.

Especially on the market square was the question discussed with interest, since the dead man was well known to the farming community. A sad fact is that deceased was once rich, but lost all his money.

From what they know of Roberts' habits, the farmers and citizens to whom Roberts had for so long been a familiar figure, feel that the hypothesis that the deceased was kicked by a horse is inadequate. This fact is known: Roberts was intoxicated in a down-town saloon on Monday night. It is also well known that a few years ago, while drunk, the man was assaulted and robbed by a couple of companions. And since it was 3 o'clock on Wednesday morning that Roberts staggered with a bleeding head into the police station, it is more probable that the hand of man did the deed—according to some—than a horse's hoof.

On the other hand, Roberts had scarcely any money of his own during the past three years. And the hospital attendants say that in his delirium, before death came, the patient said something about being kicked by someone or something. One of the attendants avers that he heard Roberts say the word "horse" while raving about his wound.

The body was taken to Smith & Clarke's undertaking establishment, and was interred this afternoon in Woodland Cemetery. Deceased's former employer, Mr. Richard Payne, butcher, resident near Hyde Park, took charge of the funeral.

Roberts had a strangely romantic, and, at the same time, sorrowful, career. He was born of a good family in England, but was dragged into poverty by drink. He was at one time wealthy. Half a dozen years ago his father died and left a large estate, which was divided among the remaining family. William Roberts' share was $20,000. Instead of investing the money carefully, he kept large sums on his person and spent the principal rapidly. It is kown that he traveled all over the world before coming to Canada, and lived for a while in Australia. He arrived in this vicinity about five years ago.

At that time he had just $1,800 left out of his large inheritance, and soon dissipated it away. He used to carry large numbers of sovereigns around with him in a hollow belt. On one occasion the belt broke and a large sum of money came tumbling out on the floor. He refused to place his money out at interest, and soon had to work for his living. The farmers say that he was a good worker, and was employed on farms in all parts of the country. When he made some money, however, he would go off and spend it on drink.

Roberts was a man with brains and a good education, which made his descent all the sadder. As an instance of his acuteness, Mr. Payne tells the following, which is corroborated by the court records of five years ago:

Roberts, or "Klondike Charlie," as he was called by his companions on account of the lavish manner in which he spent his money, once came into the city with $18 on his person, which he earned by a couple of weeks' work with a certain farmer. When drunk,

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THE WEATHER.

London, Saturday, Sept. 9.

Sun rises..5:49 a.m. Moon rises..4:29 p.m.
Sun sets...6:41 p.m. Moon sets...1:36 a.m.

Tomorrow—Fine and Warm.

Toronto, Sept. 8—8 p.m.

Fine weather, with moderate temperatures, has been general throughout Canada today, except in Southern British Columbia, where showers have again fallen.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 42—50; Atlin, 34—60; Port Simpson, 42—60; Victoria, 54—60; Kamloops, 52—60; Calgary, 38—62; Edmonton, 42—64; Qu'Appelle, 44—66; Winnipeg, 44—76; Port Arthur, 50—64; Parry Sound, 58—74; Toronto, 58—77; Ottawa, 52—74; Montreal, 56—72; Quebec, 46—72; Halifax, 50—64.

FORECASTS.

Saturday, Sept. 8—8 a.m.

Light to moderate variable winds; fine and moderately warm today and on Sunday.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Winnipeg	48	46	Cloudy
Parry Sound	60	54	Clear
Toronto	58	54	Clear
Ottawa	54	50	Fair
Montreal	64	58	Clear
Quebec	56	50	Fair
Father Point	52	46	Cloudy

WEATHER NOTES.

The weather has been showery over British Columbia, and fine elsewhere. A few scattered showers are indicated in Alberta and Saskatchewan, and more rain in British Columbia.

DOES MR. EVERETT FAVOR HIGH ST.?

Message From Cleveland Gives Mayor Reason to Believe He Does.

Residents of the eastern section of South London, who have been fighting for an improved street car service for some time, can take some satisfaction out of a message received by Mayor Campbell from Cleveland.

Ald. Stevely is in the Forest City of Ohio today, and he made a call on Mr. Everett, president of the street railway company, to ascertain what the latter is prepared to give South London in the way of an improved car service.

The meeting, it is believed, will be beneficial to the residents of the eastern portion of the ward. Ald. Stevely sent Mayor Campbell a message this afternoon, and from the tone of it the mayor says he has reason to believe that Mr. Everett is favorable to the extension of the High street line from Tecumseh avenue to Emery street, a distance of 1,300 feet.

GERMAN WARSHIP AGROUND

Stranded on the Rocks and Is in a Bad Position.

Singapore, Straits Settlement, Sept. 9. — The German protected cruiser Seeadler, which left port yesterday for German East Africa, struck the submerged Kent rocks, twelve miles from here, and remains stranded there in a bad position.

All the efforts made to haul her off and bring her back to this port have proved unsuccessful.

Sovereignty Over Korea; Japan to Have Free Hand

Premier Katshura Gives Fuller Explanation of Provisions Agreed To

Tokio, Sept. 9, 10 a.m.—The night was uneventful, and this morning Tokio is orderly and quiet. The belief is growing here that the disorders have ended.

Tokio, Sept. 8, 5:30 p.m.—(Delayed in Transmission).—At an informal meeting, which took place today between the Premier, Count Katshura, and members of both Houses, representing their respective parties and associations, Count Katshura made a full statement concerning the peace negotiations. It now transpires that the report that Cape Soya, on La Perouse Straits, could not be fortified, is unfounded, the only stipulation made with Russia being in regard to the free passage of the straits.

Japan acquires a sovereignty over Korea, and will control entirely with a free hand the affairs of the Peninsula Railroad south of Changchun, not Changtu, the former being ceded to Japan, with the right to retain military guards for the protection of the railroad.

Japan also holds the right to retain the colliery and at Fushan and Yenatei, even after the evacuation of the country by the Russians.

About ten months is the period allowed to complete the removal of the Russian troops from Manchuria.

Cost of Keeping Russ Prisoners.

The actual expense of keeping the Russian prisoners of war is to be paid to Japan Baron Yamamoto, Minister of the Navy, who was present at the meeting, said that although there was a strong popular dissatisfaction with the terms of peace, it must be borne in mind that a far heavier sacrifice of life would be necessary to take Vladivostock than that involved in the capture of Port Arthur, besides the heavy monetary outlay. It was advisable therefore, he said, to be satisfied with the present terms. In conclusion Baron Yamamato said that Russia was sure to build a strong navy, and that Japan must be prepared to make adequate provisions for such contingency.

A Radical Suggestion.

M. Oishi, the leader of the progressive party, suggested that the cabinet should resign after concluding peace upon such unsatisfactory terms.

When the fact that no stipulation exists against the fortification of Cape Soya, and that Japan is to have a free hand in the government of Korea becomes known, it is expected that the popular indignation will be considerably allayed.

What the Surgeon Says.

San Francisco, Sept. 9. — Dr. S. Suzuki, chief surgeon of the Japanese navy and the companion of Admiral Togo throughout the Russian war, has arrived here on his way to the convention of physicians and surgeons soon to assemble at Detroit. He was chosen to represent the Japanese medical service at the request of the United States Government. On being told the terms of the peace treaty, he expressed disappointment that the Japanese envoys had yielded on the indemnity proposal. "This will be a great blow for our people, who have made such sacrifices to prosecute the war," he said. "I am sorry to hear of the rioting in Tokio and fear the end is not yet."

PLAN TO SETTLE WAGE DISPUTES

Ontario Conference Board to Deal With Objections of Employers.

Toronto, Sept. 9.—A step toward meeting the objections of employers was made by the International Molders' Union yesterday at the Labor Temple, when an Ontario conference board was established by thirteen representative molders from different towns and cities throughout the Province.

Among those present at the conference were: George Kirkpatrick, Carleton Place; C. Giles, Oshawa; W. L. Lucas, Hamilton; P. Haffy, Brantford; D. Stwart, St. Thomas; J. Janson, Preston; John Wilson, Galt; R. Stockdale, Peterboro; A. Hicks, Dundas; F. O. Burgess, Woodstock; V. H. Annable, Ottawa.

The object in organizing this conference board is to prevent, as far as possible, the necessity of calling upon international officers to settle labor difficulties in Ontario. Objection has been made by the employers to men who come from the United States to settle troubles in Canada, and in future when any trouble arises the newly-organized conference board will represent the men and will deal with the employers.

Only in cases when the conference board fails to reach a settlement will the international officers be called upon.

This step is entirely new, and will be watched with interest by trades and labor unions throughout the Province.

If better results can be obtained through a board of representative Canadians, other unions might follow the same course as the molders, but there have been several cases where the employers preferred to meet the international officers.

ALLEGED CAUSE OF APPENDICITIS

Due to the Chase After Money—Too Much Worrying and Scrambling.

Pottsville, Pa., Sept. 9. — That appendicitis is a preventable disease is positively asserted by Dr. James S. Carpenter, of Pottsville. "We do not find," says Dr. Carpenter, "any country where the disease is more prevalent than in our own, or, I am sure, where so frequent operations are undertaken for its cure. And yet right among us live a people who are so seldom affected by it as to make it of exceptional occurrence when a case of the disease appears among them.

"In a practice covering a period of 24 years I have never seen an attack of appendicitis in a negro, and I have never even heard of an operation for appendicitis being performed upon a colored patient.

"Now, if we consider our modern civilization and the rush and hurry of this twentieth century living, to which the black is a comparative stranger by reason of his very inability to attain unto it, have we not a sufficient reason furnished us for his immunity?

"The rush and hurry of living—the pursuit of the almighty dollar—is the most plainly deducible cause for the existence of appendicitis based on the foregoing hypothesis."

The doctor then declared that constipation, caused by hurry and bustle and neglect, is the cause of the disease.

Princely Gift from Envoys.

Concord, N. H., Sept. 9. — Letters from the Russian and Japanese peace plenipotentiaries on the eve of their departure, accompanied by checks of $100,000 each for charitable purposes in New Hampshire, have been made public by Governor McLane. The envoys wrote in cordial appreciation of the hospitality and courtesy shown them.

IN MIMIC FALL OF PORT ARTHUR

Serious Accident at Toronto Exposition—Four Men Badly Hurt.

Toronto, Sept. 9.—A serious accident occurred at the exhibition last night in full view of several thousand people but few of them knew that it was not a part of the programme.

In the fireworks spectacle, the "Fall of Port Arthur," two guns are discharged. One had been set off and the men in charge of it had swabbed it out with a dry cloth. It is evident that some sparks had been left inside for when it had been reloaded it went off prematurely. Men who stood in front of the gun were prostrated, although it was a blank cartridge.

The most seriously injured were Fred Olson, 85 Hamilton street; W. Kerby, 373 Dufferin street; Herbert Boyce and Fred Boyce, 35 Nassau street. All were supernumaries, members of the Ninth Field Battery.

The doctors at the Emergency Hospital state that only one of the men is seriously injured. He is W. J. Kirby, Toronto. Part of his right arm and hand were blown off, and his face badly injured. The others sustained injuries to the face and hands.

Slain by Peanut Roaster.

Evansville, Ind., Sept. 8. — By the explosion of a peanut roaster at a picnic here a boy was killed and a man critically injured. The water in the boiler was too low. A piece of glass struck Fred Dilman, 9 years old, in the neck, severing the jugular vein. The boy walked several feet, saying he was not hurt, when he fell dead at his sister's feet. Vincent Ameroso, the owner, was scalded and may die at any time.

NOW LOOK OUT FOR A BOER WAR

General Cronje Cannot Get His Pay—Effigy Burned at Brighton.

New York, Sept. 8. — Gen. Piet Cronje has taken to the kopjes, and a real Boer war has begun at Brighton Beach. The make-believe contest there has closed and the Boers are now fighting, not for independence or applause but for back salaries.

Gen. Piet and his wife, "Dynamite Jack" Hindon and Col. Blake figure that $6,000 is due them. They claim that the Boer war spectacle has been sold so often during the past few months that they really do not know who owns it.

The Boers are not alone, for the British soldiers have joined them, and from their headquarters flies the tartan of the Highlanders.

The Boers, aided by the Highlanders and some of the British soldiery, are burning in effigy figures of E. C. Wall, manager of the sepectacle. Gen. Cronje's Boers rigged up a straw figure to represent Mr. Wall. It did not look like Mr. Wall, but the Boer orator said it was him. Carrying the man of straw, the Boers marched along Brighton Beach, the bagpipes of the Camerons and McPhersons playing the Dead March, until they reached the place where the figure was burned.

The Clay amusement representatives who were the last owners of the Boer war spectacle, say that Brady and Lewis are responsible for returning the Boers to South Africa and the other people to their homes. The Brady and Lewis people are said to be in Kansas City.

The Boers, meanwhile, are sitting around the encampment buying provisions at seashore prices, waiting for something to turn up.

Distinguished Passengers.

Liverpool, Sept. 9. — The steamer Campania, which sails from here today for New York, takes among her passengers Sir George H. Murray, Lord Claude Hamilton and Kyrle Bellew.