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TOWN THREATENED WITH DESTRUCTION

A Famous Spanish Mining Town Gradually Sinking Into Earth.

Mines Under Minas De Riotinto Have Partly Caved in and Town May Follow—Natives Evacuating Their Houses in Terror.

MINAS DE RIOTINTO, Spain, Jan. 15.—This town is threatened with complete destruction owing to the subsidence of the ground. Large gaps are visible in the principal streets and four hundred houses have been destroyed. The sinking of the ground is believed to be due to the caving-in of a portion of the copper mines. Minas de Riotinto is famous for its copper mines, which are among the most productive in the world, yielding annually about 20,000 tons of metal. Upward of 10,000 persons are employed in the mine.

NO CONTESTS IN WOODSTOCK Mayor and Six Aldermen Elected Today by Acclamation.

WOODSTOCK, Jan. 16.—(Special)—Town Clerk Hartley opened his court at ten o'clock which continued until 12 to receive nominations for mayor and aldermen for the town of Woodstock. There was just a complement of nominees, so that there will be no election. The following is the board for the present year. Mayor—Geo. E. Palmist, nominated by B. H. Manser and E. W. Mair, elected by acclamation. Aldermen—N. F. Thorne nominated by Geo. W. Gibson and John Walker, second J. P. Maloney; E. L. Hagerman, nominated by A. F. Fawcett and J. P. Maloney, second N. F. Thorne; W. S. Sutton, nominated by W. Duppah N. Smith nominated by M. R. W. Slipp and A. D. Holyoke; J. P. Fawcett, nominated by W. H. Everett and James McLean; I. W. Fisher, nominated by R. E. Holyoke and H. E. Bartt.

THE FISH MARKET Supply is Good and Prices Rise About Last Week.

The local fish market is quiet at present and but little activity is expected until the latter part of next week. Nearly all the fishing schooners belonging to or working for local firms have been laid up, owing to the fact that the fishing season on the Nova Scotia coast is about done and it is not likely the vessels will start out again before the last of February or the middle of March.

MADAME SEMBRICH Subscription List at Landry's Until Saturday.

Watch this paper Saturday evening for the definite announcement concerning Madame Sembrich, as to whether or not she, with the great troupe of dances, will be heard in the Opera House next month. Unless there is a big rush of interested parties to the subscription lists at Landry's Friday and Saturday the great opportunity will be a lost one.

WILL SKATE IN BOSTON

Godwin Kennedy, the speedy "hobby" skater, who was to have left on the Eastern line steamer Calvin Austin, this morning, for Boston to skate Jimmy Merritt, a fast Boston boy, did not get away, word having been received by his trainer, James Moran, that Merritt's father was quite ill. The race has consequently been postponed until next week, and Kennedy will leave on Friday next for the hub.

THE EVERY DAY CLUB Ladies will be admitted to hear the debate in the Every Day club this evening on the subject: Resolved that fashion is a greater evil than the tobacco habit.

The dime entertainment in the ball room tomorrow evening by members of the Empire Dramatic Club, and a long list of other talent will be one of the best yet given under the auspices of the club. The club's own orchestra will play.

BANK CLEARINGS

The clearings for the week ending Thursday, January 16th, were \$1,206,136, and for the corresponding week last year, \$1,232,095.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND HAS REDUCED ITS DISCOUNT RATE

An Indication of Easier Money and the Cessation of Gold Demands from the United States.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England was reduced from six to five per cent today. The reduction was anticipated as the fresh gold arrivals, most of which were absorbed by the bank and the return of cash to the country, so materially strengthened the reserves in the metal in spite of the considerable amount taken by South America, that there was no excuse for a further prolongation of the higher rate, which so discommodated trade for some months past. Even had the bank desired to retain a higher rate it is doubtful if it could be made effective, as the supply of gold in Lombard street was so abundant as to be almost for the moment in excess of the requirements. The discount rate in the open market fell to 4 1/2 per cent. The recent continental purchases of sterling bills indicated the probability that the gold borrowed from France during the American stringency would be allowed to remain here for a time and the bills renewed. This proved a further inducement of the bank to lower its rate. The stock exchange already had had discount of the five per cent rate and the actual announcement caused only a slight hardening of quotations. The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes:—Total reserve increased £1,594,000; circulation decreased £27,000; bullion increased, £1,020,018; other securities decreased, £383,000; other deposits decreased, £333,000; public deposits decreased £783,000; notes reserve increased £1,568,000; government securities decreased £2,000,000. The proportion of the bank's reserve to liability this week is 22.69 per cent, compared with 22.15 last week.

BODIES OF MANY VICTIMS WILL NOT BE IDENTIFIED

BOYERTOWN, Pa., Jan. 16.—This little borough, which lost one-fifth of its population in the open house horror Monday night, today turned to the task of burying its dead. Because of the condition of most of the bodies the borough authorities have asked the bereaved relatives to bury the dead within three days. All night long scores of men worked in the morgues preparing the identified bodies for removal to their homes or to their friends. As early as five o'clock a long line of death wagons moved about the town, distributing the corpses, and before midnight most of the dead will be ready for interment. There was a slight hitch in the work of removing bodies from the morgues through the action of Coroner Strasser forbidding the removal of any bodies during his absence. This was due to a misapprehension of the identification of a body. There were three claimants for the body, and all appeared before the coroner for permission to remove it. Each was positive that the body was the one they were looking for. Therefore, in order to prevent mistakes, the coroner issued the order. Burgess Kohler learned of crying and immediately communicated with the coroner at Reading, where he had gone on business in connection with his office. When it was explained that people who had positively identified their dead wanted the remains, and that bodies in dispute would be held, the coroner rescinded his order. Since then the relief committee working in conjunction with relatives has removed more than fifty bodies.

WINTER PORT NOTES

The steamer Corsican, of the Allen line, which is bringing the overseas mail from Liverpool, is expected at Halifax tomorrow. The Corsican is under charter to the C. P. R. and is taking the place of the overland mail and passengers, who will be carried by the steamer. The Corsican has 345 passengers, divided as follows: 41 first cabin, 196 second cabin, and 196 steerage. She has also 1,000 tons of freight to be landed at Halifax, as well as a considerable amount for this port.

THE THAW TRIAL

Another Witness Testifies That He Thought Harry Thaw Irrational. NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Per August Weber, the former Thaw butler, who yesterday testified to various incidents in the case of Harry Thaw during the early months of 1903, was recalled to the witness stand when the trial was opened today. He was asked by Mr. Littleton of the defense, if Thaw's actions as he observed them while in the Washington and Philadelphia homes impressed him as reasonable or unreasonable. District Attorney Jerome then began his cross-examination. He had the witness repeat several of the incidents he related yesterday afternoon and was asked if he considered a \$50 tip from Thaw an irrational act. "It seemed queer to me what I did," said Weber. The witness declared that Thaw was not dispirited and seemed healthy when he knew him, but always was nervous and excitable. Christopher Baggan, steward of the New York White Club, was recalled to give the dates of Thaw's visits to the club in 1904-05, and 1906. Mr. Jerome brought out from the witness the fact that he was a member of the club during the winter of 1904-05, and that he was called and testified to Thaw's irrational appearance on the roof garden.

DEBATE ON THE FRENCH TREATY

OTTAWA, Jan. 16.—(Special)—The debate on the French treaty will be resumed today by Mr. Brodeur, one of the opponents of the treaty. He will reply to the criticism of Mr. Foster. Today's discussion ought to see the close of the debate. The treaty cannot be amended and must be adopted in full or rejected.

CIVIC LOAN IS OVER SUBSCRIBED

The time for receiving subscriptions for \$75,000 of the new five per cent ten-year loan of \$250,000, which the city is negotiating, closed at noon today at the Chamberlain's office. This afternoon the treasury board will meet to decide as to what bids shall be accepted. It has been learned that the amount offered has been more than subscribed. Some of the tenders are for small amounts and others are for considerable sums. It is probable that the city could have sold more than they have offered.

FIRE IN A MOVING PICTURE THEATRE

ST. CATHERINES, Ont., Jan. 16.—(Special)—Fire followed the explosion of a movie picture machine yesterday at the Hippodrome Theatre. Lorne McDermott, operating the machine, was probably fatally injured. He was lying on the floor, his body being burned to the bone. A janitor immediately after the explosion attempted to remove a child from the burning machine.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Mrs. G. Clowes Carman took place this afternoon at Musquash at 1:30 from the Episcopal church. Service was conducted by Rev. T. C. McNeil, interment being in the burying ground there.

MARITIME EXPRESS DELAYED

MONCTON, Jan. 16.—(Special)—The maritime express was five hours late today, the locomotive having been derailed while entering the siding at Clarke's Brook near Matapedia. No one was injured and very little damage was done.

HENSAALL, Ont., Jan. 16.—(Special)—Sergeant Henson nominations took place yesterday. The candidates are Henry Horton, of Tucksmith, Conservative, and M. Y. McLean, of Seaford, Liberal.

VAGAN ORGAN SAYS WAR IS INEVITABLE

MONCTON NEWS

John W. Gaskin Says He Was Not Suspended From I. C. R. in Connection With Junk Stealing—A Sudden Death.

MONCTON, Jan. 16.—(Special)—John W. Gaskin, of the I. C. R. electric light department feels that a paragraph in yesterday's Times in regard to the I. C. R. missing junk may be construed as reflecting upon him. Gaskin says he is the only employe under suspension at present and his suspension is due to trouble with another employe, Roy Spence. This matter is to be investigated on Friday, Jan. 17th. Further Gaskin says he has never bought or sold a pound of I. C. R. copper wire. This being the case, his suspension can have had nothing to do with the missing junk, which it is understood the I. C. R. authorities are now investigating. The death occurred suddenly yesterday morning at his home, John street, of John Mason, an Englishman, who has been located in Moncton but a few months. Death was due to heart-failure. The deceased who is forty-seven years of age left his home yesterday morning in company with his son to go to the woods but did not come far when he became weak and was obliged to return to his home. On reaching his home Mason fell and had to be assisted into the house, where he expired in a short time.

MADE CHANNEL BY DYNAMITE

So hard was the ferry steamer E. Rose frozen in at Indiantown yesterday that dynamite had to be used in the afternoon to break a way out for her. The method used caused some little excitement, as the powerful explosive made considerable noise and sent ice in all directions. The effort, however, was quite successful, as a channel was made to open water. There is a lot of heavy ice running at Indiantown today, and it was necessary for the ferry to lay off for a time.

THE 62ND FUSILIERS

Committees Appointed at Annual Meeting of Officers Last Night.

The annual meeting of the officers of the 62nd Regiment, St. John Fusiliers, was held at the regimental headquarters last evening, with Lieut.-Col. M. B. Edwards in the chair. The reports of the several committees were received, showing the band and drum corps in excellent condition and the band having been well engaged during the year. The regimental fund committee reported the balance to the credit of the corps very satisfactory. The following were the committees elected for the next year: Band committee—Captain L. W. Peters, Captain E. J. Fleetwood, Lieut. J. J. Miller. Drum corps committee—Captain J. S. Frost, Lieut. Elliott, Lieut. McArthur. Regimental fund committee—Major W. C. Magee, Captain J. L. McAvity, Lieut. J. R. Miller. Boose committee—Captain L. W. Peters, Captain J. L. McAvity, Captain H. J. Smith, Lieut. Elliott.

A PAINFUL ACCIDENT

As a result of the icy condition of the pavement on King street today William Whitehead, of 234 City Road, met with a painful accident by which he will be confined to the house probably for several days. While passing Waterbury & Rising's Mr. Whitehead slipped and fell, sustaining severe injury to his back. The force of the fall rendered him unconscious, and he was carried into Waterbury & Rising's, Dr. B. Berry down, who likewise was brought before the magistrate. The same witness gave the evidence, which caused convictions in both cases.

SHIPPING HAD A ROUGH TIME IN THE GALE THIS MORNING

Steamers for Digby and Boston Sailed On Time But Will Probably Have Hard Trip—Small Vessels in Harbor Knocked About.

This morning early a heavy southwest storm set in and it blew a gale in the bay, with snow, sleet and rain. Along the harbor front it was very rough, and some of the vessels moored to the wharves had to put out extra line. The heavy sea breaking over the Fort Dufferin breakwater and throwing spray high in the air, presented a fine sight. The American schooner Roger Dury, in command of Captain Cook, got into some trouble near the Beacon light. The tug Lily was taken into Magee's slip, but the schooner dropper her anchor and brought up just in time.

A BARGAIN LOT

Director Hutchinson was asked this morning about the weather. "Which weather?" he enquired. Upon being further interrogated he explained that in addition to yesterday's weather, and this morning's, and this afternoon's, he had seven more kinds just received, which the public could have at one upon application. He would sample the town as soon as possible. He has something for everybody and to suit all tastes.

THE STEAMER SENLAC, WHICH WAS LYING AT HER BERTH, REEL'D POINT WHARF, HAD TO BAIL OUT INTO THE HARBOR ON ACCOUNT OF THE HEAVY SEA AT THE FACE OF THE WHARF.

The steamer Prince Rupert left for Digby on her scheduled time and, no doubt had a hard passage across. The Calvin Austin also sailed for Eastport and the storm will be in her teeth all the way down. Reports from Point Lepreau at noon say that it is blowing a gale with the velocity 38 miles an hour. Director Hutchinson, at the customs house reports the velocity of the wind this morning early at 40 miles an hour, and at noon 39 miles.

THE SUDDEN RISE OF TEMPERATURE AFTER YESTERDAY'S COLD STORM WHICH WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HEAVY RAIN AND HIGH WINDS, HAS MADE TODAY ANYTHING BUT AGREEABLE FOR PEOPLE ON THE STREETS.

The sudden rise of temperature after yesterday's cold storm which was accompanied by heavy rain and high winds, has made today anything but agreeable for people on the streets. The frost coming out of the ground formed an icy covering on the streets and sidewalks, and made the walking and teaming very treacherous.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

HIRAM IS AMUSED

Mr. Hiram Hornbeam wore a broad smile when he was asked by the Times new reporter this morning. Hiram reads the papers, and had been reading about the visit of Mr. Morse of the G. E. P. His admiration of railway magnates is large and profound, and he does not care who knows it. It is the result of years of patient observation.

"Yes," he said to the new reporter, "it's a great thing to be a railroad magnet. Now I s'pose that feller Morse was down here doing some figuring. If he 's' got that Central Railroad for a song—'s' then get St. John to give him Courtenay Bay, with some trimmings to make it acceptable, 's' he'll bring the road right into town. Hey? What?" "No doubt," said the new reporter. "Chapman isn't a very good winter port."