

INTERESTED IN THE PROVINCE

SIR WILFRID LOOKS FORWARD TO VISIT

R. L. Drury Tells of Marked Concern Shown at Ottawa in British Columbia's Affairs

R. L. Drury has just returned to Victoria after an extended tour of Eastern Canada, and the United States. To a reporter this morning Mr. Drury intimated that he found conditions in the East fairly satisfactory, though much financial nervousness was evident as a result of the crash in New York.

OTTAWA SAW MILL CLOSES DOWN

Lumber Manufacturers Discontinue Operations Throwing 1200 Men Out of Work

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—J. R. Booth's saw-mill, employing over 600 men, has been closed down. Other local lumber manufacturers have also discontinued operations for the season.

Man Who Murdered Gallician in Manitoba Has Sentence Commuted.

Brandon, Man., Dec. 7.—Edward King, who was sentenced to death by Chief Justice Howell, will not hang, his sentence being changed to life imprisonment. Word to this effect was received by Sheriff Henderson last night from the minister of justice.

OLDEST EGYPTIAN MUMMY Believed to Be Aged 4,000 Years—Now Belongs to New York Museum.

New York, Dec. 7.—What is perhaps the oldest Egyptian mummy in the world has come into possession of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and will soon be placed on exhibition. It was found by the expedition sent to Egypt last year by the expedition sent to that of a woman and is said to belong to the twelfth dynasty, which flourished about 4,000 years ago.

The mummy is said to be in excellent condition. In the coffin with the mummy was found a ceremonial whip of the Senetes, said to be the only complete one ever discovered. The mummy and objects found by the expedition are now on exhibition and the rest will be placed in the galleries soon.

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BLACK HAND SOCIETY.

Italian Leader of Camorra Arrested—Furnished Recruits to New York Blackmailers.

Naples, Dec. 7.—The police of this city have recently taken into custody a man named Antony Delucia, who a short time ago was elected commander-in-chief of the Camorra secret society. Delucia had in his possession \$30,000 which is said to have been made by furnishing recruits to the Black Hand Society in New York.

RAIDED A TOWN.

Five Hundred Men Invade Horansville—Several Persons Injured.

Horansville, Ky., Dec. 7.—Five hundred night raiders destroyed \$200,000 worth of property at an early hour this morning. Hundreds of shots were fired and several persons were badly injured.

MRS. TAFT DYING.

Milbury, Mass., Dec. 7.—Mrs. Louisa Taft, mother of United States Secretary Taft, is dangerously ill during the night, and today was reported very low.

PEON COLONY HELD IN SLAVERY

HORRIBLE CONDITIONS PREVAIL IN LOUISIANA

Austrian Commissioner Makes Terrible Charges Against McIlhenny Canning Company.

Portland, Dec. 7.—That horrible conditions prevail in the Peon colony of a thousand ignorant foreigners on Avery Island, La., are charged by Stephen Jozca, special commissioner of the Austro-Hungary government. The Peons are practically all Austrians. His charges sketched are as follows:

Laborers, men and women, are threatened with drowning or shooting if they attempt to leave the McIlhenny preserves. One laborer was told he would be thrown under the train and ground to pieces if he tried to elude the guards.

A regular police system is established on Avery Island with a completely equipped jail for imprisoning dissatisfied laborers. A promise of \$1.75 a day was made by agents, who toured the factory districts of the north and east, but the payment of only 25 cents a day by piece system in shucking oysters is made. Payment is made in cheques, good only at McIlhenny's commissariat.

Conditions are horrible in the exteriors, said Mr. Jozca. "The poor emigrants are neither clothed, housed nor fed properly, and the most necessary comforts of life are denied them. Escape is impossible. Armed guards keep watch night and day, and at the first moan of complaint the dissatisfied immigrant is found out and punished."

INDIAN TERRITORIES.

Disputes Over Choctaw and Chickasaw Lands Granted in 1830.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 7.—An argument was begun yesterday in the United States court of appeals in the suits to overthrow the Daves commissions allotted to Choctaw and Chickasaw lands in Oklahoma worth nearly \$20,000,000. The lands were granted to the Indian tribes in 1830. The suits were brought to determine whether the courts have jurisdiction or whether the controversy shall be settled by congress. The plaintiffs declare they were deprived of their interests in the land through fraud. The decision probably will not be reached for a month.

MORE SUITABLE FIELDS FOR JAPAN

Prominent Nipponese Propose Asiatic Mainland for Surplus Portion of Population.

Tokio, Dec. 6.—A strong movement has developed in an unexpected quarter looking to the prohibition of the emigration of laborers to America and Canada, and it is understood that a number of prominent persons, formerly of the cabinet, and others, intend to urge the adoption of such a measure. They will require the government to undertake the development upon a large scale of Hokkaido, Korea and Manchuria, in order to give employment to Japanese.

MAY SAILS TUESDAY.

The steamship Princess May, which broke her intermediate shaft on her last trip down from Skagway and is being repaired by the B. C. Marine Railway Company at Esquimalt, will not sail for the north to-morrow night, according to previous arrangements. The May's repairs will be completed on Monday and she will leave for Skagway on Tuesday night at 11 o'clock.

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

No Truth in Report That His Honor Was Asked to Resign.

(Special to the Times). Ottawa, Dec. 7.—There is no truth in the report from the Pacific Coast that Lieut.-Governor Dunsmuir had been asked to resign.

FOUR HUNDRED DEAD IN MINE EXPLOSION

Monongah Disaster Most Appalling in History of Bituminous Operations in America--Eighty Five Bodies Recovered.

Monongah, W. Virginia, Dec. 7.—With unabated energy, five rescuing parties, working from every possible point to enter mines No. 6 and 3 of the Fairmont Coal Company, a subsidiary of the Consolidated Coal Company, of Baltimore, where a terrific explosion of black damp occurred yesterday, this morning are putting forth every effort to reach the 315 men whom they have every reason to believe are still in the mine, dead or alive.

Hopeless Quest. There is scarcely a hope entertained that a single one of the 400, or more men, who went into the mine yesterday has survived the terrific explosion and the poisonous gas with which the mines filled immediately after the death-dealing crash.

Eighty-five bodies so far have been brought to the surface and the dozen undertakers from this and the surrounding towns, who were on duty all night, by daylight had these bodies washed and made as presentable as possible in an improvised morgue, into which one of the mine buildings has been converted.

ALES OF DEATH.

With the dawn of day there began a march up and down along the aisles in which these bodies have been laid, by surviving wives and mothers and sweethearts, orphaned children and strong men, each seeking a near relative or beloved friend. There are between 5,000 and 6,000 inhabitants in the mining town of Monongah, and it is doubtful if in this entire population there are a score of persons who have not a near relative or close friend numbered among the victims of the disaster.

STUNNED BY CATASTROPHY.

The people of the town are stunned by the catastrophe. They had long believed in these mines as practically immune from the dangers so common to the coal mining industry.

ENTRANCES CHOKED.

As the rescuing parties advance they must clear away the debris. The explosion wrecked over six hundred mine cars and these choked the entrances on all sides. Many heavy brattices were also demolished. A peculiar and remarkable feature is that, notwithstanding the force of the explosion, very little of the mine roof was wrecked.

APPALLING RESULTS.

By those who witnessed it, the explosion was likened to the discharge of a cannon. Every movable object shot with terrific force through the mines. At the entrance to mine No. 3, a concrete power house was completely demolished. A piece of concrete weighing fully one thousand pounds was blown clear across the West Fork river, landing on the side of a hill. In a radius of a half mile, not another piece of concrete can be found. Great holes were torn in the hill, on either side of the entrance to No. 8. Mine cars were crushed as though made of paper, and the huge steel electric light wires were thrown to the ground, and many persons narrowly escaped death from these in the rush from the mine following the explosion.

350 COFFINS ORDERED.

The mine officials state that forty per cent of the victims are Americans. Fifty physicians are at work near the mines. The company has sent rush orders for coffins to Pittsburgh, Zalesville, and other towns, the total number ordered being 350 up to this time.

DEAD BROUGHT TO SURFACE.

Monongah, W. Va., Dec. 7.—Later—Up to 11 o'clock to-day sixteen bodies had been recovered from mines 6 and 3 of the Fairmont Coal Company. Four of these are Americans. About eighty bodies have been found altogether, but only sixteen have been brought to the surface. Rescuers are now within 1,500 feet of the end of the mines. They are working in two parties of about thirty men each with reliefs every hour.

MUST BE DEPORTED.

Four Hundred Destitute Bulgarians Become Charge on Toronto City. Toronto, Dec. 7.—That the four hundred destitute Bulgarians who have been charged for a few days must be deported was the decision of the board of control yesterday.

TO WINTER HERE.

Winnipeg, Dec. 7.—Samson Walker, ex-M. P. of North Winnipeg, has left with Mrs. Walker and family to spend the winter in Victoria.

TORPEDO BOAT WORLD'S RECORD

British Turbine Torpedo Attains Speed of Nearly Forty Two Miles Per Hour

Ports-mouth, Eng., Dec. 7.—The British turbine torpedo boat destroyer Tartar has beaten all records for her class by steaming 35.962 knots an hour against the tide on the Admiralty course between Southampton and Mappin Sands. The record was made early in the week, when the Tartar was being prepared for the official trials. The official trials took place yesterday, and, carrying a greater load than stipulated in the contract, the Tartar made 34.857 knots as a mean run of six knots over the Admiralty measured mile course.

VOLUNTEER CREW WANTED.

Volunteers to man the Victoria lifeboat in case of emergency are wanted by the Life-saving and Lifeboat Association of British Columbia, which has accepted the boat from the Dominion government. While the association has not yet advanced the matter to such a stage that arrangements can yet be made for operating the boat, it is desired to obtain the names of all men who are willing to serve as members of the crew should the boat be called out. Names will be gladly received by the secretary, Joseph Peirson, 1214 Government street.

There is a probability that the local lifeboat, as soon as the association can raise sufficient funds will be installed with a powerful motor, which, it is believed, will enhance its value as a life-saving craft. It is understood that the association has asked the marine department whether the Ottawa officials will consent to this course being taken should funds be obtained. A public meeting will shortly be held, at which the subject will be discussed.

WRECKED MOUNT TEMPLE.

Halifax, Dec. 8.—The C. P. R. steamship Mount Temple moved twenty feet nearer Ironbound island, as a result of yesterday's storm, and now lies in a safer and better position than before. It is considered now that there are good prospects that the steamship will be floated and brought into port.

UNAVAILING RACE AGAINST DEATH

Mutilated Homesteader Dies on Reaching Hospital After Driving 75 Miles.

Saskatoon, Sask., Dec. 7.—Hector La Chapelle, a homesteader, living 75 miles from here, arrived in the city last night in charge of friends, and expired a few minutes later in the city hospital. His death was a most tragic affair.

Chapelle Thursday was working with a threshing machine and got his hand caught in the machinery and the member was literally torn from the socket. The nearest physician was absent, and as every moment was of vital importance to the homesteader, owing to danger of bleeding to death, the party hastily left for the long drive to Saskatoon. They arrived here last night, but La Chapelle expired a few minutes later.

THREE MEN RELIEVED.

Americans Who Killed Fellow Citizens Must Serve Twenty Years in Solitary Confinement.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 7.—A special to the Republic from Chilhuasco says that the three Americans, Richardson, Mason and Hare, who were sentenced to be shot yesterday for the murder of two other Americans, Marshall and Deever, whose insurance they attempted to collect, were not executed yesterday. Sentence has been commuted to twenty years' solitary confinement.

LABOR CRISIS AT GRANBY SMELTER

Wild Rumors Afloat as to Consequences if Outside Men Are Engaged.

(Special to the Times). Grand Forks, Dec. 7.—The latest developments of the labor and smelter difficulties at Grand Forks to-day is that Provincial Constable Dinmore is taking the necessary precautions to preserve order during the present disorder, and is having a number of special provincial constables sworn in who will be instructed to preserve order generally until things are amicably arranged.

UNCONCERNED BY IMPENDING DOOM

Lawrence Gowland, the Killarney Murderer, Is Unperturbed by Approach of Death.

Morden, Man., Dec. 7.—Contractor Eggo returned to Winnipeg after superintending the erection of the scaffold for the execution of Lawrence Gowland, the Killarney murderer, on December 12th. It is within an enclosure 12 by 14 feet, adjoining the jail. An executioner has been secured, but his name is being kept a secret. Gowland is but little moved by the closeness of his doom. He is always in good spirits, sleeps a good deal, eats heartily and talks freely with his guards on various subjects. He discusses his fate without concern, and without an expression of regret. Four clergymen are in constant attendance. Gowland spends considerable time reading the Bible, and an effort has been made by some leading citizens, opposed to hanging, to secure a reprieve, but little hope is held out for the condemned man.

HALVARD'S DAMAGE SLIGHT.

The steamship Halvard was hauled out on the ways at the Victoria Machinery depot to-day for inspection and overhauling. The steamship, which struck while in northern waters and also ran aground in the Vancouver Narrows a couple of days ago, was found to have sustained little injury. One plate was dented and will be replaced. The Halvard's engine will all be overhauled and some minor repairs accomplished. The steamship, which has been under charter to McKenzie Bros. all summer has been chartered by Jensen & Ostrander, Seattle.

HEAD HUNTERS OF FORMOSA.

Japanese May Adopt Electrocuting to Exterminate Savage Tribes.

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—The extermination of the savage and murderous head-hunters by electrocution is the latest novelty introduced by the Japanese in Formosa. Walter Clifton, manager of the Formosa Mercantile Co., who arrived here yesterday on the Japanese liner America Maru, is the authority for the statement that to wipe out the tribe which is retarding the commercial development of Formosa heroic measures are being adopted by the Japanese.

COCAINE FIENDS.

Dominion Government Will Be Asked to Prohibit Sale of Drug in Canada.

Toronto, Dec. 7.—The council of the Ontario College of Pharmacy will ask the Dominion government to forbid the sale of cocaine except on an order from duly qualified physicians. It is claimed that the people of New York state addicted to the cocaine habit come to Canada for a supply because the law in that state is prohibitive.

AGITATING FOR ANOTHER RIOT

UNEMPLOYED SEETHING IN TERMINAL CITY

Open Air Orator Declares 2,500 Men Are Idle—Will Not Be Responsible for Actions.

(Special to the Times). Vancouver, Dec. 7.—An agitation for another riot is being worked up in Vancouver. In cold blood the proposition has been threatened several times lately, and the civic authorities are watching very closely. Yesterday the leader of a small army of unemployed which surrounded the city hall, closely watched by a squad of police, told Mayor Bethune that riot troubles could be expected if something was not done to relieve the situation.

Last night in the Asiatic Exclusion meeting in the east end a riot was openly advocated. Sam Gothard, one of the speakers, declared that 2,500 idle men were walking the streets, and that unless something was done to give them the places now held by foreigners the white men would not be responsible for what happened.

Alderman Heaps, the proprietor of a small sawmill, who has been mentioned as an employer of Jap labor, attempted to reply, but was hooted off the platform. The gathering resembled a mob.

Rev. St. George Butram, another speaker, declared that the September riots must not be repeated, when shouts came from the audience, "We'll show you; it will be a good riot next time!"

Three Rivers, Que., Dec. 7.—Mrs. Dupont, whose four children perished by fire a few days ago, is in danger of becoming out of her reason, so severely has she been shocked by the fatality affected her.

INSANITY THREATENS.

Woman Half Demented by Loss of Her Four Children Who Perished by Fire.

Cuxhaven, Eng., Dec. 7.—The steamer President Grant, with Secretary Taft and the members of his party on board, left here at noon to-day for New York via Boulogne and Plymouth.

MOTHER OF NINE CHILDREN ELOPES

Mrs. Martha Ettinger of New Westminster Arrested at Portland--Charge Preferred.

Portland, Dec. 7.—On a charge of immoral conduct, preferred by Thomas Nembrou, her father, Mrs. Martha Ettinger, a comely matron from New Westminster, B. C., and the mother of nine children, was arrested last night in the company of Richard Greenwood, a stationary engineer, from near New Westminster.

The Ettinger were married when Mrs. Ettinger was only 16. She is only 24 now, despite her large family. She eloped with Greenwood on November 30th.

Mrs. Ettinger had \$37 when arrested. Greenwood had in his possession \$150 and an immaculate suit of clothes.

A MAD CHINAMAN.

Chow Jung Will Be Sent to Westminster Asylum To-morrow.

On Sunday morning Chow Jung, a mad Chinaman will be taken over to the asylum for the insane at New Westminster. The man is hopelessly crazy, seeing and hearing all sorts of queer things. He tells of coming across the ocean in a ship with a thousand other passengers. Suddenly the ship broke into three pieces and all were drowned. He does not tell how he managed to be alive to tell the tale.

C. P. R. RETRENCHING.

Winnipeg, Dec. 5.—Instructions have gone out from the C. P. R. baggage department that fourteen of the baggagemen are to be discharged. It is estimated that this reduction in the staff will mean a saving of almost \$10,000 a year to the company.

EXCITEMENT AT GOLDFIELDS CAMP

MINERS AWAITING ARRIVAL OF TROOPS

President McKinnon, Brother-in-Law of W. D. Haywood, in Charge of Strikers.

Goldfields, Nev., Dec. 7.—There was intense, but suppressed, excitement in Goldfields last night over the expected arrival of United States troops in the camp to-day. Union hall was filled all midnight with miners discussing the situation.

President McKinnon, of the local miners union, a brother-in-law of Wm. D. Haywood, is in charge of the miners' camp again. Vincent St. John has been in the hospital for several weeks as a result of a gunshot wound received in a duel between himself and another labor leader.

Sheriff Ingalls, who is out of town, said before leaving that the call for troops was made over his head. The strike is one of a large resort in Goldfields, which is patronized extensively by the miners.

Under-Sheriff Bucknight and nearly all the country officers have signed a protest against troops coming to Goldfields and sent it to the governor. The opinion of the mine officers expressed the other night, that the coming of the troops means a permanent garrison at Goldfields, it was declared that the plan had been under consideration for several months and that a number of applications have been made by the mine owners throughout the state for such action by the war department.

\$100,000 IN DRUGS.

Will of Late Winniepe Merchant Is Filed for Probate.

Winnipeg, Dec. 7.—The will of the late William James Mitchell, former wholesale druggist, has just been filed for probate and is valued at \$100,000. His estate in Ontario is \$46,828.18. His son, Harold W. Mitchell, and his brother, Harold Mitchell, both of Winnipeg, and his daughter, Inez C. Broughall, of Toronto, are executors and trustees.

The income from the estate is to be divided equally among two sons, Harold and Edward, and one daughter, Inez C. Broughall, and each is to receive \$500 at the end of five years. Mrs. Marie Mitchell, wife of Edward, each receive legacies of \$100 a month during the life of their husbands. At the end of five years each receive legacies of \$500.

SWEDEN'S KING SINKING RAPIDLY

Condition Distinctly Worse This Morning--Gravest Fears Entertained for Outcome

Stockholm, Dec. 7.—King Oscar's condition this morning is distinctly worse. He has periods of unconsciousness and his general and rapidly increasing debility is such that the gravest fears are entertained as to the outcome of his illness. It is feared that his heart may fail suddenly.

This morning's bulletin emphasizes the gravity of his condition. It says: "The King's strength has been continuously decreasing during the last twenty-four hours, and especially during the night. The action of the heart is weaker, the pulse is 88 and irregular, and breathing is difficult."

Later—King Oscar's periods of unconsciousness are becoming more prolonged. During the short intervals when His Majesty rallies he seems to recognize the persons at his bedside.

BANDITTS RAID.

Driven From Monastery After Fierce Fight With Cossacks.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 6.—Particulars have just been received here of an attack of twenty Kethonian bandits upon a monastery near Pskov. The fighting was fierce and determined. The bandits were finally driven off by the Cossacks.

FIRE IN A TUNNEL

Eleven Were Overcome by Smoke in New York

New York, Dec. 5.—Eleven scoundrel men were recovered from the New Jersey end of the Passaic railway tunnel, following a fire in a tunnel at Homestead, N. J. There were 150 men in the tunnel when the fire began, and it was filled with smoke.

All but eleven fled to the surface. These eleven were overcome and taken out by rescuing parties taken to a hospital, where a critical condition. Later it was reported that one man is missing.

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G. T. P. HELD ANNUAL MEETING

PROGRESS ON ROAD DURING P

Small Portion of Chas Progress on Prairie Section--D and Officers Elect

Montreal, Dec. 5.—The annual meeting of the directors and shareholders of the Grand Pacific Railway Company was held, when the following director was elected: Sir Charles Riv G. C. M. G., C. B., Alfred W. R. Hon. Lord Welby, G. W. M. Hays, Frank W. Morse, right, E. H. Fitzhugh, W. Hugh Allan, E. G. Greens Geo. Cox, E. R. Wood, J. R. The officers of the company are elected as follows: Chas. president; Frank W. M. president and general manager; Wainwright, second vice; Henry Phillips, secretary.

The president submitted the progress during the year, the authorized mileage of the for the main line and branch line, the construction of which is in charge of the Grand Pacific Railway Company, 428 miles from Winnipeg, to Edmonton, and including the perior branch.

The mileage under construction of which is in charge of the commissioners of the railway, which consists of 82 miles of the main line of the eastern total mileage of the entire progress, amounting to 1,840 miles.

On account of the severe the Northwest and late spring contractors were very busy in getting on with the line has been covered the increased force during the past year, but a small grading unfinished.

MADMAN SHOOT LABOR LEADER

Accident Occurred in Boston House--E. Cohen of A Federation May D

Boston, Dec. 5.—John A. Stasane man of Everett, walked into room of the executive of the state house this afternoon. Governor Guild's door closed, on three prominent men, three shots at them, prob wounding Edward Cohen, of the state branch of the Federation of Labor, secretary of Boston, former president of the Labor Union, of this city. Steele was overpowered by a riotous Chas. S. Groves, and G. Whitney, chief of the state police, was released on parole last night. Cohen was shot through the side of the forehead, and is unconscious. He recovered half an hour later. Huddle was not serious.

In response to a call for me ance, Dr. Owen Copp, of the of insanity, was made, and executive department. He recognized Steele, having had observation for more than 10 years, and stated that Steele was a character to the state board and he had an illusion that with his rights, which Governor responsible.

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