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WANT PRESIDENT FOR ARBITRATOR

Movement in Montreal to Have Sir Thomas Settle the Strike

NEW MEN IN ANGUS SHOPS

Officials Say That Work of Building and Repair Progresses

Montreal, Aug. 12.—A movement is on foot here to make Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C.P.R., sole arbitrator between the striking mechanics and the company. Much satisfaction is expressed over the new aspect of affairs.

There are 1,800 men now employed at the Angus shops, taking the places of the men who have been on strike since last Wednesday. "We haven't got all the men necessary," said Mr. Vaughan, assistant to the vice-president, "but we are getting along very well."

"We're doing pretty well," said Lacy Johnson, superintendent of the shops. "We turned out one engine on Saturday, we got out three on Monday, and we hope to get out another today."

Toronto, Aug. 12.—About 200 men are now at work in the West Toronto shops of the C.P.R., and 20 more are waiting to be taken on.

North Bay, Aug. 12.—A mass meeting of citizens was held here to ask the government to step into the breach and bring the C.P.R. company and the striking mechanics together.

DEATH OF PIONEER

Archibald McGregor, Who Arrived in Victoria in 1849, Passes Away at Vancouver

Vancouver, Aug. 12.—A pioneer of the pioneers of British Columbia in the person of Archibald McGregor, of 660 Burrard, passed to his last rest at the family residence on Monday evening at the age of 65. Mr. McGregor was an engineer by trade, and first saw British Columbia in 1849, when he sailed with the pioneers to Victoria, being one of the first party of immigrants from the old land ever brought to British Columbia by the Hudson's Bay company. In those days Victoria was but a trading post. The party came on the first Hudson's Bay boat to make the direct trip from England.

The tales of gold in California attracted the late Mr. McGregor to that land of argonauts in 1850, and he later followed the fortune seekers to Cariboo, and then to Idaho and Oregon, always in search of the elusive metal. In the early sixties Mr. McGregor returned to British Columbia, going to Nanaimo, where he pursued his trade in connection with coal mines until about five years ago, when he came to Vancouver. He leaves a widow and three sons. Mrs. McGregor is also a pioneer of the Pacific coast, having come to Oregon with her parents during the civil war, the trip from Illinois to Oregon being made in a prairie schooner.

The eldest son, Arthur, is still a resident of Nanaimo. Carroll is connected with the Vancouver Trading company, and Archie is a member of the World mechanical staff. The funeral took place today.

The late Mr. McGregor was widely known and respected in Vancouver and Nanaimo and among pioneer British Columbians generally.

BAD INDIAN

Alert Bay Native Misconducts Himself and Strenuously Resists Constable

Vancouver, Aug. 12.—Provincial Constable Woollacott arrived from Alert Bay last evening with an Indian prisoner named Klaptipi, who has been committed for trial at the next assizes for assaulting a white girl on August 6. The young woman was passing through the Indian village at Alert Bay, when she was suddenly attacked by Klatipi. Provincial Constable Woollacott happened to be in the vicinity and at once proceeded to arrest Klatipi. The Indian put up a desperate fight and it was only after exerting himself to the utmost that the officer succeeded in overpowering his man and handcuffing him. He tied his feet with cords and secured the assistance of three Indians to carry the prisoner.

Chief Awakalagilweese, of the Fort Rupert Indians, interrupted the proceedings and attempted to rescue the prisoner and was afterwards fined $50 by Indian Agent Halliday and A. W. Corker, J.P. There have been several cases of a similar nature among the Indians in the vicinity, but this is the first time a white girl has been attacked.

Klatipi was sent down for six months last year for supplying liquor to other Indians and was also arrested for assaulting an Indian woman, but he was not convicted on that charge.

The Timber Industry

Vancouver, Aug. 12.—A logging camp will be established this autumn by M. E. Jeffres, of Jamesville, Wis., and Rufus H. Roys, of Saginaw, Mich., on their Harrison Lake limits, which comprise some 22,000 acres. They acquired the land about six years ago, and at that time they already foresaw the Western trend of the lumber industry and are now investigating other timber propositions with a view to purchase. Whether or not they will engage in the sawmill business they have not decided yet; it will depend upon whether they buy any more timber limits.

Harvesters for West.

St. John, N. B., Aug. 11.—Between 3,000 and and 3,500 harvesters left here tonight for western Canada. There were eight trains.

Gunner Killed.

St. John, N. B., Aug. 11.—Frederick Harvey, gunner in No. 1 battery, Third regiment, Canadian artillery, on the way to camp at Petewawa, Ont., was run over and killed by the Ocean Limited at Cedar Falls, Que.

Judge of Exchequer Court.

Ottawa, Aug. 12.—Sir Thomas Taylor, formerly chief justice of Manitoba, will act as judge of the exchequer court of Canada while Mr. Justice Cassels is inquiring into the affairs of the marine department during September and October.

Collision at Charlotte.

Toronto, Aug. 12.—The steamer Kingston, of the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation company, which collided with and sank the steamer Titania in Charlotte, N.Y., harbor last night, arrived here about an hour late this morning. Captain E. S. Ford, of the Kingston, says that either Capt. Thorp, of the Titania, lost his head, or his steering gear went wrong. The lighthouse lamps were burning and the moon shining brightly, so that Thorp could not have failed to see the Kingston.

SUCCESSFUL FLIGHT WITH HIS AEROPLANE

Wilbur Wright Goes Higher and Stays Up in the Air Longer

Le Mans, France, Aug. 12.—Wilbur, Wright made a splendid flight with his aeroplane here this morning, circling the field five times and remaining in the air six minutes and 50 2-5 seconds. The flight was undulating throughout, with the highest level 90 feet. Among the spectators was M. Kapferer, the engineer of the dirigible balloon Ville de Paris.

The flight was timed officially by the aero club of the department of the Sarthe.

The wind was blowing at the rate of ten miles an hour, the greatest velocity since the experiments were begun. The height attained by Mr. Wright is considered remarkable and the experts were unanimous in the opinion that the American aeronaut has demonstrated a great degree of skill in the directing of his machine than in the previous trials.

Again this evening Mr. Wright came out with his machine and made two short flights under the most favorable conditions. The wind, which had helped him in the morning trial, became firm and gusty and the owner of the aeroplane decided not to attempt to raise high. He sailed around close to the ground, but with the same perfect skill as in the previous attempt.

Washington, Aug. 12.—Capt. Baldwin made the first official speed trial of his military dirigible balloon before the army board at Fort Mercer today. When within about a mile of the finishing line, a secondary wire connecting the coil of the engine with the communicator broke and the motor stopped. The airship was brought down in a cornfield, and after Mr. Curtiss repaired the motor the flight was continued.

The accident prevented any possibility of making the speed required by the contract, but Capt. Baldwin has more trials in which to demonstrate his speed.

CANADIAN CROPS

Bulletin Issued By Census Bureau Shows That Condition Was Lowered By Drought

Ottawa, Aug. 12.—A bulletin issued by the census and statistics bureau says the heat and drought of July lowered the condition of field crops all over the Dominion, but less in Ontario and Alberta than elsewhere, because the ripening season in those provinces has been earlier.

Measured on the basis of 100 for standard condition, being a full crop of good quality, wheat fell during the month from 84 to 76, oats from 90 to 81, barley 83 to 80 ,rye 92 to 78, peas 82 to 79, mixed grains 84 to 81, hay and clover 87 to 82. Beans alone have not deteriorated, their condition being 88 per cent. Other crops show condition for the end of July, of 78 for potatoes, 74 for turnips, 73 for sugar beats, 75 for other roots, 77 for husking corn, and 83 for fodder corn.

Estimates of the wheat crop of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta are placed at 110,544,000 bushels.

The condition of cattle has been uniformly lowered in every province as a result of the dry weather, but animals of every class are reported in a healthy state.

Tammany Hall's Stand

New York, Aug. 12.—Tammany Hall tonight, through its executive committee, took action looking to active prosecution of the political campaign in behalf of the Democratic party in this city, and gave the organization's formal endorsement to the Democratic national ticket.

Sovereign Great Priory

Toronto, Aug. 12.—About three hundred Sir Knights arrived in this city this morning for the 25th Sovereign Great Priory. This afternoon a reception was tendered the delegates at the King Edward hotel. This evening local members tendered the visitors a sail on the lake.

Struck by Grand Trunk Train.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 12.—A Grand Trunk railway freight train collided with a Morpose avenue line car at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the city line road, cutting the car in two. Six people were injured, as follow: John St. John, conductor; Wm. Newman, motorman; W. A. Berg, Henry B. Shantz, L. Frank Perzeg, F. Schroeder. They were sent to St. Mary's hospital, where the surgeons said none were fatally hurt.

CHINA'S TROUBLE IS INCREASING

Another Seizure of Rifles and Ammunition Imported From Japan

SIMILAR TO TATSU MARU

A Thousand Chinese Soldiers Mutiny and Join the Rebels

London, Aug. 12.—Another cloud has arisen between China and Japan, according to a special despatch received here from Hongkong, owing to the seizure at Chin Chou by the Chinese authorities of a steamer having on board 10,000 rifles and two million cartridges.

Japanese merchants have protested, claiming that this cargo belong to them and threaten to make another international incident of the seizure.

The seizure is similar to that of the Tatsu Maru.

Soldiers Mutiny

Hongkong, Aug. 12.—One thousand soldiers stationed at Kong Hu, near Wu Chow, mutinied yesterday because a comrade had been arrested for gambling.

The mutineers murdered their commander, his clerk and secretary and then attacked a camp of soldiers at On Yung. The loyal soldiers fled to the rooms of the village, and the mutineers pillaged the village, stealing one hundred thousand dollars in money, then rejoined the rebels in the Tsuin mountains. Troops have been despatched to arrest the mutineers.

E. & N. CONTRACT

Dixon & Moore of Vancouver to Grade Second Twelve Mile Section Beyond Wellington

Vancouver, Aug. 12.—Another contract on the Alberni extension of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway has been let. The contractors are Dixon & Moore, who cleared a portion of the townsite of Prince Rupert. Their contract covers the grading of the second mile section commencing at a point twelve miles beyond Wellington.

BRITAIN'S RELATIONS WITH TWO EMPIRES

King Edward's Purpose in Visiting German and Austrian Monarchs

London, Aug. 12.—The visits paid by King Edward to Emperor William at Cronberg and to Emperor Francis Joseph at Ischl, while not likely to lead to any formal diplomatic transactions are considered highly important in official circles, as affecting the relations of Great Britain, Germany and Austria-Hungary.

It is understood that King Edward particularly wished to see Emperor William to arrange a visit for himself and Queen Alexandra to Berlin in return for the Emperor's visit to London, and His Majesty the King also wanted to show the Germans by his relations with his royal nephew that the ententes which had been brought about with his influence had not been aimed against Germany.

OFFICERS OF FLEET VISITING ROTORUA

Further Entertainment in New Zealand—Message From the President

Auckland, N.Z., Aug. 12.—The principal official entertainment in honor of the officers and men of the visiting United States fleet are now at an end, for Thursday, Friday and Saturday are to be devoted to sports and minor entertainments.

After the races at Ellerslie, Admiral Sperry and 200 officers of the fleet proceeded as the guests of Prime Minister Ward and the members of parliament to Rotorua, in the Thermal district, in the heart of the North island, 171 miles from Auckland by rail. Here they will visit the boiling springs, geysers and medicinal baths, and witness the opening ceremonies of the beautiful new bath house. They will return to Auckland on Friday.

The governor of New Zealand, Lord Plunket, has received a message from President. The contents of the message have not been made public.

Town Was Threatened.

Harpersburg, W. Va., Aug. 12.—Fire, which started shortly before noon here today in the West Virginia Veneer and Door Co.'s plant, destroyed the factory and the large plant of the Harpersburg Ice company and several residences, damaged the Baltimore and Ohio railroad bridge over the Ohio river and for a time threatened the entire lower section of the city. Low water pressure and the bad condition of the water plant hampered the firemen in their work, but late this afternoon a change of wind saved the lower part of the town, the flames being brought under control. The loss is $175,000.

Mr. Macpherson's Plum.

Ottawa, Aug. 12.—It is understood that the government will soon announce the appointment of R. G. Macpherson, M.P., as postmaster of Vancouver in place of Mr. Miller, who has asked for superannuation.

Historic Mansion Damaged.

Sandwich, Ont., Aug. 12.—The old historic Baby mansion, built about 1790, was partially destroyed by fire yesterday. It was in this mansion that the Indian Chief Tecumseh remained as guest of General Brock during the war of 1812.

Fernie Public Utilities.

Toronto, Aug. 12.—The Crow's Nest Pass Coal company officials say the report from Fernie that the company might loan Fernie money at six per cent. in order to take over the public utilities owned by the company, was news to them. No such proposition has been received by them.

Steamship Southwark Released.

Montreal, Aug. 12.—The Dominion liner Southwark, which ran aground in the Straits of Belle Isle in a dense fog on Monday night, was pulled off this morning by the steamer Ottawa, of the same line, after the latter had taken off the passengers. The Southwark is returning to Quebec under her own steam.

VENEZUELA'S ACTION IS LEFT TO COURTS

British Government Cannot Intervene on Behalf of the Syndicate

London, Aug. 12.—It has been definitely decided that Great Britain cannot intervene in the dispute between the Venezuelan salt and match monopolies, two English corporations owned by the Ethelbert Syndicate, limited, of London, and the Venezuelan government.

The concessions owned by the match and salt companies were annulled by the Venezuelan government early this year. At the time of the cancellation of the concessions, Mr. Williams, the representative of the syndicate at Caracas, protested, declaring the government's action to be both ruinous and illegal.

The matter was brought to the attention of the British foreign secretary, Sir Edward Grey, who advised that the British government could not interfere until all means to secure redress through the Venezuelan courts had exhausted.

ARMS AND BOMBS

Portuguese Revolutionists Contrive to Import Large Quantities in Spite of Government

Lisbon, Aug. 12.—The insistent rumors that the revolutionary propaganda is taking a firmer grip in this country and needs only a master hand to bring about a crisis are given importance by the discovery that recently there has been heavy smuggling into the country of arms and bombs. The government's efforts to locate the whereabouts of the contraband have been largely unsuccessful, though yesterday's raids brought to light 100 revolvers and rifles in a house in the suburbs of Lisbon. As a suspicious packing case arrived from Barcelona and was opened outside of Lisbon, it was found to be filled with bombs. The declaration is made that many similar cases which reached here previously have been successfully brought into the town.

It transpires that a sailboat grounded intentionally on August 9th near a lonely spot off Cazimbra, 18 miles south of Lisbon. A quantity of boxes were removed from the stranded vessel and were brought to the shore and disappeared. Afterwards the authorities learned that the cargo of the sailboat was made up of arms and ammunition from Belgium.

The Secula has created a sensation by claiming that the anarchists who recently have been arrested in Portugal belong to an important secret society, whose headquarters is in New York, and which has branches in the leading European cities. It is known in Portugal as the "Black Cross Society" and to it belong the regicides Buisca and Costa, who were killed at the time of the assassination of King Carlos and Crown Prince Phillipe and many other persons who fled after the deed, and for whose arrest orders have been sent to Paris, London and New York.

MR. BRYAN'S PLEDGE

In Speech of Acceptance Gives Promise of What He Will Do if Elected President

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 12.—"Recognizing that I am indebted for my nomination to the rank and file of our party, and that my election must come, if it comes at all, from the unpurchased suffrages of the American people, I promise, if entrusted with the responsibility of the high office to consecrate whatever ability I have to the purpose of making the government in fact a government which will do justice and offer to every one the highest possible stimulus to great and persistent effort, by assuring to each the enjoyment of his just share of the proceeds of his toil, no matter in what part of the vineyard he labors or to what occupation, profession or calling he devotes himself."

Thus spoke William J. Bryan this afternoon in accepting nomination as the candidate of the Democratic party for the presidency of the United States.

Lutheran League.

Chicago, Aug. 12.—The eighth annual convention of the Lutheran League of America was formally opened by a reception and grand rally of delegates in Emmanuel Swedish Lutheran church last night. More than 700 delegates, representing a membership of 60,000, from every state in the union, Canada, Porto Rico, India and China, are in attendance.

C.P.R. DIVIDENDS FOR HALF YEAR

Declared at Usual Rate at a Meeting of Directors in Montreal

RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES

Surplus of Over Five and a Half Millions is Carried Forward

Montreal, Aug. 10.—At a meeting of the directors of the Canadian Pacific railway today a dividend of two per cent. on the preference stock and three per cent. on the common stock for the half year ended June 30th last, was declared. An additional payment of one half of one per cent. on the common stock will be paid thereon at the same time out of interest on proceeds of land sales.

The result for the fiscal year to June 30th last were:

Gross earnings, $71,384,473.
Working expenses, $49,591,807.
Net earnings, $21,792,366.
Net earnings of steamships in excess of amount included in monthly reports, $1,112,759.
Income from other sources, $1,541,874.
Total net income, $24,446,999.
Deduct fixed charges, $8,770,076.
Surplus, $15,676,922.
Deduct amount transferred to steamship replacement account, $800,000.
Deduct contribution to pension fund, $50,000.

After payment of all dividends declared for the year, the surplus for the year carried forward is $5,579,715.

Mysterious Stabbing Case

Vancouver, Aug. 12—Charles Brower, an electrical engineer, colored, who lives at 238 Pender Street East, was stabbed in the abdomen early yesterday morning, but refused to give the name of his asailant. Brower works at night, and he was attacked soon after his return home yesterday morning. A colored woman ran down the passageway shrieking that her husband had been stabbed. A surgeon and the police had been summoned, and the injured man was taken to St. Paul's hospital.

DELEGATES INSPECT IRRIGATION WORKS

View White Valley System and Visit Lower Okanagan Valley

Vernon, B.C., Aug. 12.—Delegates to the irrigation convention were today driven to inspect the White Valley Irrigation Company's dam at Coldstream where all were entertained at lunch by Mr. Ricardo.

A number have left for home, including Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, but the majority remained to take the trip of inspection down Okanagan lake, which starts tomorrow, and will last till Saturday.

The visiting delegates are delighted with the orchards of the district, which are now loaded with fruit. This evening the delegates are being entertained at a banquet by the citizens of Vernon.

ANOTHER WING FOR THE EMPRESS HOTEL

More Accommodation Required and Construction of Addition Contemplated

The accommodation of the Empress hotel is considered inadequate to meet the ever-increasing demand, and it is expected that the big new hotel will be augmented at an early date. This will be done by the construction of another wing, provision having been made for such an addition by the architect in drafting the original design of the handsome structure, as C.P.R. officials were of the opinion that it would not be long before the hotel, as it stands, would be unable to satisfactorily take care of its patrons. The new building, it is said, could be completed within six months, and would be, of course, of the same architectural design as has been adopted and would place another one hundred large and commodious sleeping apartments at the disposal of the management.

One in authority, conversing yesterday afternoon, affirmed that more rooms were urgently required. The hotel was being kept filled from day to day, despite the fact that the season had been spoken of as slack from a tourist standpoint. As the company had foreseen that the addition would be needed sooner or later, he thought they would not hestitate to take prompt action when it was ascertained that their anticipations were sooner realized than, perhaps, they had expected. However, there was nothing definite to announce. In all probability the matter would be decided after the president, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, paid his regular annual fall trip to Victoria.

The foundations and basement of the proposed new wing are already constructed.

Harvesters From P. E. I.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Aug. 12.—Eleven hundred harvesters left last night for western Canada.

Owen Sound Laborer Killed.

Owen Sound, Ont., Aug. 12.—Thos. Hyslop, a laborer, was killed yesterday by falling into the hold of the steamer D. C. Whitney.

Insurance Rates.

Toronto, Aug. 12.—Several leading insurance men of the city say no increase in fire insurance rates is likely to follow the Fernie fire without the sanction of the board of underwriters for British Columbia.

John M. Rosamond Drowned

Almonte, Ont., Aug. 12.—John M. Rosamond, manager of the Almonte Knitting company, son of Bennett Rosamond, ex-M. P., was drowned in the Mississippi river last night. How the accident happened is not known.

Edmonton and Strathcona

Edmonton, Alta., Aug. 12.—The union of Edmonton and Strathcona is at last in sight. In the council this evening Ald. Lee gave notice of a resolution which contemplates the discussion of the feasibility of union by committees of both cities, with a view of submitting a plan of union which may prove satisfactory to the ratepayers.

JAPANESE ADVISED TO BEWARE STRIKE

View Taken By Japanese Paper Published in Vancouver

Vancouver, Aug. 12—Referring to the reports that Japanese had replaced some of the striking C.P.R. mechanics, the Canadian News, a Japanese paper published in Vancouver, has the following to say:

"It is not necessary for us Japanese to consult the pleasure of the white laboring man, neither is it necessary for us to trim our sails to suit the shifting tendencies of society among the whites. But to willingly purchase the illwill of white laboring men, and especially to get mixed up in their troubles is a thing studiously to be avoided.

"Some time ago, during the sailors' strike at Seattle, after appealing in vain to the white employment agencies for men the ship owners turned to the Japanese labor agents who, ignorant of the situation, or at least feigning ignorance, provided a few dozens of Japanese sailors. But public sentiment was immediately aroused and the contracts had to be cancelled. Such incidents are not rare in the Japanese settlements on the coast. But now reports from Winnipeg tell of a similar affair in the interior. The report states that some 8000 machinists on the C. P. railway have gone on a strike involving the whole line from the Atlantic on the east to the Pacific on the west, and that ten Japanese workmen have been employed as machinists at Moose Jaw and Medicine Hat. We hear that this report is not true. We know that such reports are liable to be exaggerated. But inasmuch as the report has been made a matter of public discussion in the English papers we cannot forbear a little grandmotherly advice. We shall not discuss the question of who is at fault in this strike of 8000 workmen, but since a strike has been resolved upon as a last resort, failing other means of settlement, and while society necessarily awaits the issue of the matter, for a third party to step in and complicate the situation would be wrong. Whether a strike is in itself right or wrong, good or bad, profitable or injurious, is not within the limits of the present discussion. But even if we take the ground that a strike is wrong a third party may not interfere without good reason, if it is argued that the men were employed at a proper wage in accordance with the law of supply and demand this agreement is one which ignores the present conditions of society. A single act may react in such a way as to involve others in difficulties or stir up widespread opposition.

"It should be remembered that the strikers are for the most part men of little property, and without means of livelihood outside of their particular trades. They have families to upport out of their small wages. It is no small sacrifice to go on strike. If the strike lasts long it will mean great hardship and suffering for them. Therefore it would be cruel and immoral for Japanese section hands thoughtlessly to prolong the sufferings of these men by accepting the work they have dropped in order to secure the ends of the strike.

"At any rate at such a time as this, when we Japanese are already in disfavor, when the best of our countrymen, both at home and on the coast, are taking great pains to restore goodwill and harmony, we can not pass by in silence such measures as would still further increase the bad feeling. We are convinced that all good Japanese are at one with us in this sentiment and that as Japanese who stand together in joy and in grief, we need not be reminded of the right course to pursue. But as a bit of grandmotherly solicitude we have ventured to express our thoughts."

LORD ROBERTS PLEASED

Canadian Troops Acquitted Themselves Creditably at Quebec Tercentenary Celebration

Ottawa, Aug. 12.—In his report to the King on the review of troops during the Quebec tercentenary celebration, Lord Roberts says the troops looked well and he was very much impressed with the precision, order and organization generally. There were, he says, about 12,000 men under arms, and there was no hitch anywhere. "Canada," he adds, "appears to me to be dealing adequately with the problems affecting her militia, and with care and improved organization to be building up a very useful force."

SHOWERS HELP PART OF WHEAT

Present Weather Favorable to Grain That is Not Yet Ripened

HARVESTERS IN DEMAND

Railways Are in Position to Handle Crop With Expedition

Winnipeg, Aug. 12.—Some welcome rain has fallen in southern Saskatchewan and Alberta, while cooler weather with heavy night dews is doing much to fill out the wheat. Though early grain in light land, which is already ripening for the binder, will not benefit, this belated precipitation will have a splendid effect on wheat on the heavy clay lands of central Saskatchewan. Binders are starting wheat cutting in southern Manitoba, where land is light, and farmers there are already asking for harvesters.

The provincial department of Agriculture is being flooded with requests for farm hands from all over the province. Up to date about 190 places have been heard from, and it will take 1,200 men to satisfy the cry from these places. There remain between 500 and 600 districts which have still to be heard from, and it is expected that by the time all requests are in there will be between 11,000 and 13,000 men needed in the harvest fields.

According to D. D. Mann, Vice-President of the Canadian Northern, the company is in condition to handle all the wheat it can get with the utmost dispatch. Mr. Mann arrived last night from Port Arthur, and is here for the purpose of investigating the arrangements for handling the grain.

"I am here," said Mr. Mann, "to see that our system is in readiness to handle the wheat crop. Early this spring we commenced to get the roadbed in first class condition. All over the system we have spent all kinds of time and money in ballasting and laying new steel, and now it is in grand order. Our equipment and rolling stock have been repaired and are in good shape and the splendid result of all our work is that we are prepared to handle fifty per cent. more of the traffic this season than we handled in the past eight months. We have extended the yards at Port Arthur, and they now hold double the number of cars they formerly held. The same has been done at all divisional yards, and the capacity of them has been increased to a great extent.

"The sidings have been lengthened and filled in, so as to enable us to use heavier power and larger trains. As regards power, we are better off than ever, having increased our power over 100 per cent, and all the engines that are required will be ready for the coming season."

The Grand Trunk Pacific railway will make its first shipments this season from the rich country west of Portage la Prairie.

ANOTHER BODY FOUND

E. V. Lane, of Fernie, Had Vainly Sought Refuge in Well—Sad Plight of Refugees

Fernie, B.C., Aug. 12.—After the heavy rain and hail of yesterday afternoon, the smoke has cleared away and the air is much fresher today.

The body of E. V. Lane, another victim of the fire, was found this morning in a shallow well, where he evidently had gone to escape the fire. He had been suffocated, and his body was practically boiled, but it was identified by Coroner Wilkies as that of Lane. His wife left here some days ago for her home near Cowley, after several days of futile search for him.

About 300 women and children arrived from Cranbrook last night in a special car, and great difficulty was experienced in housing these unfortunates, who arrived about dark. The night was cold and accommodation very scarce.

FRENCH NAVY DISASTER

Breech of Gun on School Ship Blows Out, Killing Six and Wounding Eighteen

Toulon, Aug. 12.—Six persons were killed and eighteen injured in a gun explosion on the school ship Couronne today off Le Salis 'Hyeres.

The accident occurred while a number of recruits were engaged in handling a 164 millimetre gun, the breach of which blew out.

Three of those wounded are in a critical condition.

Holland's Cruisers

The Hague, Aug. 11.—The battleship Jacob Van Haemskerk sailed today for Caribbean waters. The cruiser Friesland, which is under orders to prepare for foreign service, returned today from Norway. She probably will follow the Jacob Van Haemskerk as soon as she can be got ready.

The only warship the Netherlands now has in the Caribbean sea is the cruiser Gelderland. This vessel's term of service has expired and she will be relieved by the Jacob Van Haemskerk.

Countess of Yarmouth's Divorce.

London, Aug. 12.—The decree granted on Feb. 5 by Sir Birtell Barns, president of the divorce court, to the Countess of Yarmouth, who was Miss Alice Thaw, of Pittsburg, nullifying her marriage to the Earl of Yarmouth, has been made an absolute divorce by the court, the necessary six months having elapsed. The case is described on the records as Yarmouth, otherwise Thaw versus Yarmouth." This leads to the presumption that the countess contemplates resuming her maiden name.