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TO REWARD WORK OF TORONTO LABOR MEN

District Trades Council to Circulate Letter Emphasizing Efforts of F. Bancroft and J. Gibbons in Bringing About Compensation Act—Will Give Them Testimonial.

That working people throughout Ontario may understand the advantages that will result from the passage of the Workmen's Compensation Act, and that all workers may have an opportunity of expressing their gratitude to Fred Bancroft and J. Gibbons, whose efforts in connection with the bill have been crowned with success, a special committee consisting of 20 prominent labor men of Toronto, chosen by the district trades council, drafted up a scheme yesterday, and will circulate this in many languages throughout the industrial districts of the province.

The letter in part is as follows: "The Workmen's Compensation Act, enacted during the last session of the Ontario legislature, guarantees compensation to work people injured in the industrial establishments of Ontario. No more costly litigation or lawyers' bills for those who are injured, or the relatives of the killed. The widows and orphans will be secured from poverty without going to law courts. This bill was enacted after five years of strenuous efforts upon the part of labor men, and should be understood and appreciated by every industrial or mine worker in the Province of Ontario. Two workmen, Fred Bancroft, a platemaker, and Joseph Gibbons, a street railway worker, were active night and day, looking after your interests and securing the passage of this act.

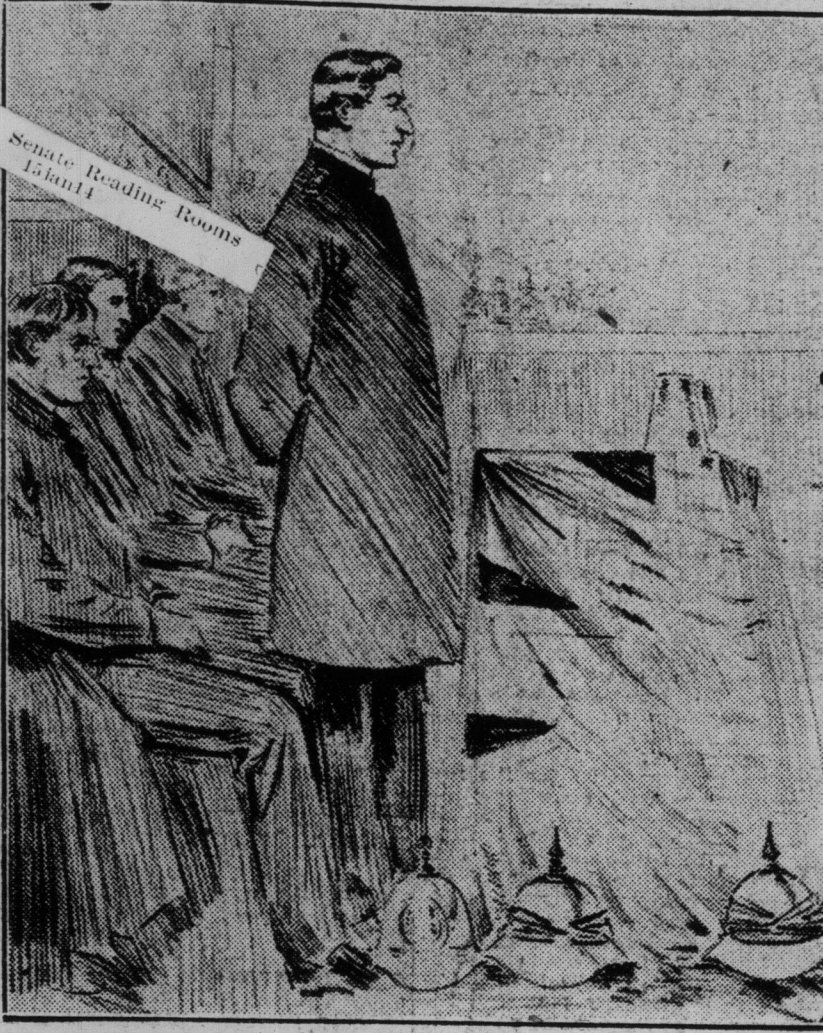
They did not get one cent for their efforts, and we, the delegates of the Toronto District Labor Council, desire every industrial and mining employer in the Province of Ontario to join with us in giving to our faithful colleagues a suitable testimonial. We are asking contributions of ten cents per person, and believe that this will be a small return for services rendered.

It is proposed to raise \$2000 by this means, and the presentation will take place in the exhibition grounds next Labor Day.

"THE LADY IN THE CASE."

Local playgoers will have an opportunity of seeing one of the leading actresses of the day when Annie Russell opens her week's engagement to-night at the Princess Theatre in Paul Kester's great play, "The Lady in the Case."

DIVINE SERVICE AT THE ARENA



Rev. T. Crawford Brown, Chaplain of the 48th Highlanders, Conducting the Service of the Garrison Church Parade in the Arena Yesterday Afternoon.

NATIONALISTS TO HAVE BIG ARMY

Two Hundred Thousand Men Will Parade in Dublin to Uphold Home Rule.

Canadian Press Despatch. LIMERICK, Ireland, May 17.—The county council unanimously resolved today to support the Nationalist volunteer movement which was started for the purpose of organizing a national force to uphold the authority of the crown and government of Ireland on the same lines as the Ulster force.

Thomas Landon, Nationalist member of the house of commons for East Limerick, during the course of a speech, said that the day the home rule bill was placed on the statute book 200,000 volunteers would parade in Dublin to prevent the withdrawal of the dearly won measure.

CABLE SERVICE FOR WEEK-END

Postmaster-General Takes Important Step to Bind Canada and Australasia More Closely.

OTTAWA, May 17.—Hon. L. P. Pelletier, postmaster-general, has been instrumental in introducing a week-end cable service between Canada and Australasia, to be effective forthwith. Week-end messages may now be sent to Australia and New Zealand at the rate of \$2.80 covering the first 20 words or less, and 14 cents for each additional word. As the regular cable rate between points in Canada and Australasia is 55 cents a word, while the new week-end cable rate is 14 cents a word, the latter will be a very material advantage.

PARTY WHIP TO GET LIBERALS INTO LINE

Macdonald's Unexpected Motion Interpreted as Protest Against Passive Resistance Attitude of Leader to C.N.R. Aid Proposal—Railway's Operation to Be Thoroughly Reorganized.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, May 17.—The Canadian Northern debate will be resumed tomorrow, and the house will divide upon E. M. Macdonald's motion for a six months' hold on Tuesday. It had been agreed that no amendments would be offered or divisions demanded until after the resolutions stage was passed and the government moved the second reading of the bill. Mr. Macdonald's motion, therefore, came as a surprise to the government and to many members of the opposition. It was suddenly sprung as a protest against the spineless attitude of many leading Liberals. The net result may be the calling of another caucus of the opposition members.

To Reorganize Operation.

The government will no doubt insist upon some progress being made with the legislation, although there is no disposition to unduly limit debate. A significant factor in the situation will no doubt be the announcement that the operating end of the Canadian Northern is to be reorganized entirely under the direction of Louis Charlton Fritch, who came to the railway from the Chicago and North Western and has occupied important positions on the Baltimore and Ohio and other railways in the United States. His appointment to the C. N. R. was announced exclusively in The World some weeks ago. One argument against further government aid to the Canadian Northern has been that the present management has devoted its energies almost entirely to construction and has overlooked to some extent the possibilities of development along the lines of scientific operation. This will now be countered by the work of Mr. Fritch, who, it is said, will have a free hand in reorganizing the operating system of the big road, including the creation and development of terminal facilities.

HUERTA'S ENVOYS SHOW DESIRE FOR PEACE

Conciliatory Attitude Displayed at Conferences With Mediators in Washington Brightens Hopes of Settlement—Advance Guard on Way to Niagara Falls.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—After a conference between the three representatives of the Huerta government, the South American mediators, and the American delegates, the advance guard in the Mexican mediation proceedings is now actually on its way to Niagara Falls for the conference to open there next Wednesday. The entire Mexican party, including the three delegates, Senors Rabasa, Rodriguez and Elguero, with their wives, daughters and a large suite, left at 3 o'clock this afternoon for New York, where they will remain until Tuesday before proceeding to Canada.

Two of the mediators also started for the conference, Minister Naan of Argentina leaving at 7 o'clock tonight direct for Niagara Falls, and Ambassador Da Gama of Brazil going by way of New York, where he will be joined by Mme. Da Gama and proceed to the scene of the conference tomorrow night or Tuesday. Minister Suarez of Chile leaves tomorrow, and the American delegates, Justice Lamar and F. W. Lehmann, with the American staff, will leave in time to reach Niagara Falls Tuesday night, about the same time as the Mexican delegates reach there from New York.

Getting Into Touch. The stay of the Huerta delegates for 24 hours at Washington, gave an opportunity for a very thorough canvass of their plans and general views. Their conference with the mediators last night lasted nearly two hours, and it is known that there was a discussion of the whole range of Mexican affairs, so that the mediators are now in possession of quite definite information.

COLUMBIAN'S THIRD BOAT FOUND FOUR MEN OF FIFTEEN ON BOARD SURVIVED THIRTEEN DAYS' ORDEAL

CANADA'S NEW GOVERNOR-GENERAL



This is the Latest Photograph of the Prince and Princess Alexander of Teck, Taken a Fortnight Ago in Wales.

Rescued Men Were Kept Alive by Boot Leather and Rain Water Until Found by U. S. Revenue Cutter Yesterday—Several Succumbed to Burns and Others Perished From Exposure—Rescue Deemed Almost Miraculous.

Canadian Press Despatch. HALIFAX, N. S., May 17.—After thirteen days of terrible suffering in an open boat, four survivors of the freight steamer Columbian were picked up in the North Atlantic by the United States revenue cutter Seneca today.

Eleven others of the boat's crew which left the Columbian when she was burned just south of Sable Island on May 3 had succumbed to injuries and privations and their bodies were thrown overboard. The death roll of the lost freighter now stands at fifteen. Twenty-seven other members of the crew were saved by the Cunard liner Franconia and the steamer Manhattan after two days of exposure.

The men snatched from death by the Seneca today were the first officers, Robert Tierce; Seaman Oscar Kendall and Peter Belanger; and Fireman Michael Ludwigen. The Seneca reported that she was hastening to Halifax and expected to reach there tomorrow.

Hope Long Abandoned. The survivors had lived on only a few ship's biscuits and a cask of water, which had long since been exhausted. They had gone the limit of human endurance. Hope for the recovery of the third boat had long ago been abandoned. To seafaring men it seemed impossible that a small boat could pass thru the gorges of gales that had since swept these waters, and the news that the Seneca had picked up survivors was received almost with incredulity here.

Altho the survivors were too weak from their sufferings to tell the story completely, the revenue cutter's officers gathered that some of the sixteen who had hastily piled into the third boat had been so badly burned that they died within the first few days. It was decided to lighten the boat by casting the bodies overboard at once. Some who had tumbled from their bunks at the first explosion and had rushed on deck half clothed succumbed to the cold. Others, weakened by starvation and thirst, gradually sank into lethargy that was scarcely to be distinguished from death.

Died One by One. Somehow the survivors managed to keep the boat head-on to the seas when the weather became rough, but for the past few days little or no effort could be made to guide the craft. Day by day the number dwindled until the five who were left sank limply to the bottom of the boat and awaited the end.

When the lookout of the Seneca, scanning the horizon for bergs on the ice patrol, sighted the small boat thru his glasses, not a sign of life was seen. The Seneca put on all speed running down to the lifeboat and sent her sig alongside. The emaciated survivors were quickly transferred to the deck of the cutter and brandy forced between the parched lips.

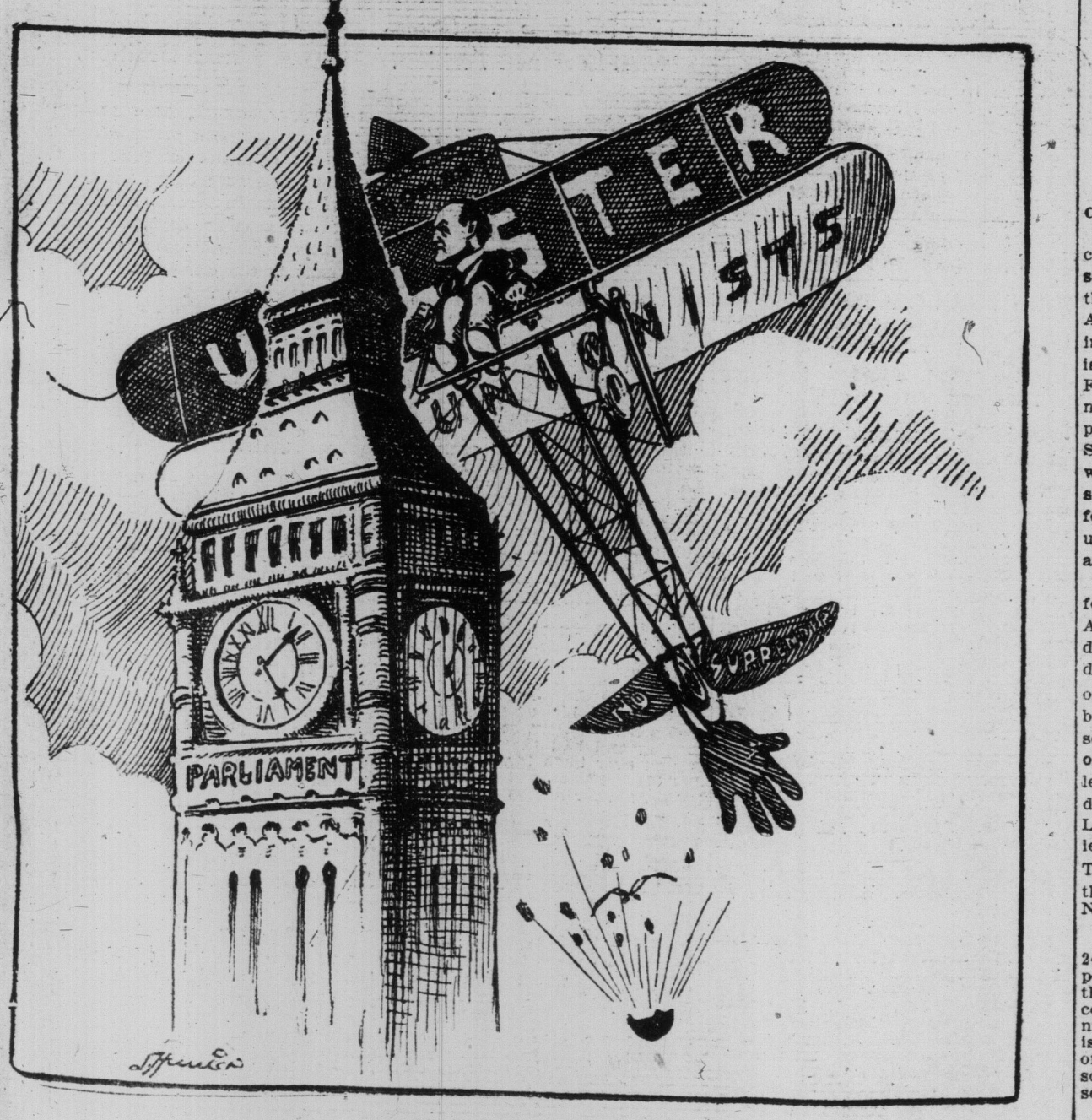
As all the men were in apparent need of hospital attention the Seneca was pushed under forced draught to Halifax, the nearest port.

Saw Steamers Far Off. BOSTON, May 17.—Four survivors of a boat of fifteen, who escaped in the third boat of the freight steamer Columbian, burned at sea on May 2, were picked up today by the United States revenue cutter Seneca, forty miles south of Sable Island, according to a despatch received here from the cutter tonight.

When their short allowance of biscuit and water had failed, they maintained life by chewing boot leather and the few stray crumbs of hard tack. Rainwater served them when their cask went dry. The first two days after drifting away from the flaming Columbian they saw three steamers, too far away to be signaled.

Subsisted on Boot Leather. The despatch from Captain Johnston of the Seneca follows: "Sable Island, S. S. Seneca, 10 a.m., forty miles south Sable Island, rescued lifeboat with Officer Robert Tierce, sailors Oscar Kendall, Peter Belanger, Fireman Michael Ludwigen, survivors of fifteen. Officer George Hull died tenth, Peter Trier today, others deceased, namely: Engineer Margetta, Fireman Anderson, Antonio, Richner, Gustafson, Jakob, Boy Dickmen, Cook Schrimberger, Sailor Christensen. All died from exposure and hunger. Short allowance biscuit and water. Eating biscuit crumbs and boot leather when rescued. Saw three steamers first two days, none since. Much rain. Fine today. All under doctor doing well, signed, 'Johnston.'"

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