

BUSINESS PART OF COBALT IS WIPED OUT BY FLAMES

Fire Which Broke Out in Chinese Restaurant Swept Large Section, Causing Loss of Half a Million Dollars and Rendering Three Thousand People Homeless—All Celestials May Be Driven From the Town as Indignation Runs High—Cobalt Has Suffered Before.

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Cobalt, Ont., July 2.—As the result of a fire which started in a Chinese restaurant here early this morning, one man is dead, six men were injured and two children are missing, 3,000 people are homeless and half a million dollars' worth of property, comprising the heart of the business section of the city is in ruins. The loss is practically complete, only a small amount of insurance being carried. The fire started at 1 o'clock at a restaurant on the Halleybury road, kept by a Chinaman. The whole of the Halleybury road from where the fire started is burned. One man was killed during the operation of blasting houses which it was thought would prevent the spread of the flames. Four children and another man are missing also. The entire business section north of the square is gone.

3,000 People Homeless.

Three thousand people have been rendered homeless. The Halleybury and New Liskeard fire brigades were sent for and arrived on a special train. They have been placed at the northern end of the fire and are fighting it, trying to keep it from running the entire length of the street. Both sides of the street for over a half mile are swept as clean as they possibly could be as all the buildings were of frame without a foundation. The Chinese restaurant, where the fire started, is north of the Imperial Bank and the bank, one confectionery store and the Taylor hardware store are the only buildings on the street that are not wiped out.

Third Serious Fire Caused by Chinamen.

This is the third serious fire in town in the past eight months that has been started in Chinese houses. It is quite likely that something will be done to rid the town of the celestials. The feeling of the people this morning is that way and the town council has been asked to see what steps can be taken in that direction.

The man who lost his life was a stranger, and rushed into a building to save some goods as it was being blown up by dynamite. Many of the buildings were of a temporary character and offered but little resistance to the devouring element. Few of them had any insurance and the loss will be practically a total one.

The town of Cobalt is simply panic-stricken over the disaster as it came with a suddenness that found the citizens entirely unprepared. As a result of the fire starting in a Chinese restaurant a considerable feeling of antagonism has been aroused towards the celestials living here, and the talk of driving them all out of town is heard on every side.

APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED IN CAN. GAZETTE

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Ont., July 2.—The Department of Inland Revenue is announcing through the Canada Gazette, that it is prepared to receive electrical instruments for examination or testing at its electrical standardizing laboratory at Ottawa. Regulations and a scale of fees are prescribed. Bounties paid by the government during the last fiscal year on pig iron, steel, lead, petroleum and manilla fibre totalled \$2,467,306. Iron and steel were paid \$1,864,614, as compared with \$2,303,152 during the preceding year. Lead bounties rose from \$50,000 to \$307,433.

Bennett Creaser, to be shipping master for the Port of Riverport, N. S. Frank Curran, Fred Ferguson, W. E. Forbes and Richard O'Leary to be pilotage commissioners for the district of Richibucto, in the County of Kent, New Brunswick.

Hubert H. Sampson to be wharfinger at West Arichat, N. S. Richard Southwood, to be a member of the pilotage commission for the district of Bathurst.

Willard Anderson, wharfinger at Parker's Cove, N. S. James B. Tower to be a wharfinger at Colepoint, Dorchester, N. B.

Captain Robert C. Bacon to be a port warden for Moncton, N. B. J. McK. McGowan, of Miramichi, Prince Edward Island, a sub-collector of customs.

Hugh McMillan, of Isaacs Harbor, N. S., a sub-collector of customs. Henry Marshall Scott, of Guysboro, N. S., a sub-collector of customs.

GREAT STRIKE OF COAL OPERATORS IS IMMINENT

Will Walk Out on Tuesday if Dominion Coal Co. Fails to Send Representative to Conference on Monday to Discuss Situation—Men Claim They Will Get All the Money They Want to Finance the Strike Even if It Lasts for Two Years—Business Men Anxious.

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Sydney, N. S., July 2.—That the U. M. W. of A. men business in demanding what they consider their rights from the coal operators of Nova Scotia, was manifested tonight when at a meeting of the executive with representatives of a majority of the miners from each coal producing district of Nova Scotia, a resolution was passed as follows:

"That the executive asked the Dominion Coal Co. operators to meet them on the forenoon of Monday, July 5th, for the purpose of coming to an agreement and in the event of the company not sending representatives to the conference, a strike be inaugurated July 6, and that the executive be empowered to treat other companies and corporations in the same manner if necessary."

The above resolution was carried unanimously at the district convention of U. M. W. of A. which closed its session here this afternoon.

Many Delegates Present. There were fifty-seven delegates present each of whom represented from twenty to five hundred men. The operators of the different collieries of Nova Scotia were invited to send representatives to any of the conferences to discuss the present labor difficulty with the members of the executive, but the request with a single exception was ignored. The only mine owner present was Mr. W. A. MacKay, manager of the MacKay Mining Co., North Sydney.

President Dan McDougall, speaking after the meeting said that he and his brother officers will do everything in their power to have the Coal Company representatives meet them Monday afternoon to discuss the question at issue. They are willing to meet hour they may anywhere and any comes to the worst, said Mr. McDougall, and "we call this strike on Tuesday, ninety-five per cent of the coal company's employees will leave their work."

"Once a strike is called, we are not particular how soon or long it takes to settle it. Let it last two weeks or two years, it is all the same to us. We are prepared for it. The sinews of war? Money will be provided to us in abundance, and will have at our command all the way from \$50,000 to \$100,000 a week to distribute among our forces, if that sum is necessary. The Dominion Coal Company, said Mr. McDougall, have taken a deal of precaution looking toward future difficulties. Around the different collieries they have erected fences encircling top and bottom with live electric wire which can be charged at a moment's notice with 5,000 volts of electricity. A resolution passed during the convention condemning the Coal Company for taking such drastic measures, as the Government will be asked to prevent them from using this live wire method to defend their collieries, as it is a menace to life and property."

Asked to Keep Men Away. Cables have also been sent to the big collieries on the continent asking the parties to use all their power to keep their men away from Cape Breton in the event of a strike here. Business men of Sydney and other parts of the island yet hope that some amicable agreement will be reached before Monday night when the strike cloud, which hovers ominous near at present, will be lifted.

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ONE OF GREATEST MARITIME CIRCUIT MEETS COMES TO AN END—SIMASSIE'S SPLENDID VICTORY

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Fredericton, N. B., July 2.—The greatest racing ever seen on the Maritime Circuit so early in the season was provided here today in the Free-for-all. This race went seven heats, and the heats were split three different ways, as well as providing a "dead" heat between Silk Patchen and Louise E. Silk Patchen went into the race a favorite and with a record of 11 straight victories over the Maine tracks last year. Simassie won the race and the game little daughter of Seniclon never raced better even in mid-season form. Her victory was a popular one as she is a favorite everywhere she is raced. Frank Boutillier said after the race that it was the best race he ever won and he enjoyed winning it more than any other race.

Racing Men Delighted.

Racing men who have followed racing in the provinces for years, declared the race the greatest free-for-all ever seen in the province. On the second and fourth heats Silk Patchen's fate depended very largely after winning the first heat from Simassie in hard drive all the way in 2:16 1/4. The Patchen mare had Louise E. for a principal contender in the second heat and they raced a dead heat with Simassie right up with them.

Had Silk Patchen been given that heat by the judges, the race would have been hers, as she won the next heat. The time of the second heat was the fastest of the race being by quarters .33, 1.06 1/4, 1.40 and 2:14 1/4. The fourth heat was won by Simassie after the hardest kind of a drive. In endeavoring to pass Silk Patchen on the back stretch Simassie broke and lost a couple of lengths only to come back again strongly and outfoot the Maine mare to the wire. The fifth heat went to Simassie, Louise E. being one to give her the drive this time. To complicate things further Louise E. took the sixth heat in another great drive down. The spectators showed their enthusiasm in the race by remaining until almost 8 o'clock for the start of the 7th heat. When the horses came out, Simassie looked fresher than either of the horses and she came out from the others at the three-quarter pole, and beat her field home in a drive under whip that brought the crowd to their feet with cheers and applause for Simassie and driver Boutillier.

Thus ended the greatest race ever seen in the provinces and one of the hardest fought races ever raced.

The Other Races.

The other two races on the programme were the 2:17 class and the 2:21 trot-and-pace, Barker House stakes.

Bard Allerton Wins 2:17. The 2:17 class was the heaviest betting of the meeting and Bard Allerton the brown horse by Allerton that Frank Fox is to start in the racing division of the \$50,000 handicapped division of the \$50,000 handicap, justified his choice as a favorite by winning and taking a new mark of 2:16 1/2. In this heat he finished pulled up and although Axwell went on very fast he could not extend the Allerton horse to his limit which some day will be shown to be 2:12 or faster when he is just right.

Every one of the other three heats in the race were sent after him at different times but the Allerton horse was too good for them.

Warren F. Takes 2:21. The 2:21 trot and pace, Barker House stakes, was won by Warren F. in straight heats, the son of Choralist being forced by Alcy Bell, Frank Hayden's entry, to reduce his record from 2:20 1/4 to 2:18 1/2 in the third heat. One of the features of this race was the fine showing made by Orphan Girl, the trotter in Frank Boutillier's stable which won third

CHEERS FOR SIR CHARLES AT AGE OF 88

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London, July 2.—Yesterday's Dominion Day celebrations far outran all records as regards the representative character of the assemblies and in both British and Canadian enthusiasm. Canada is evidently at the very top of her fame. Even sodate Englishmen joined in cheering Lord Grey's prophecy at the White City banquet that provided Canada kept her judiciary pure, her politics clean, her administration honest, nothing could prevent her becoming the most populous, wealthiest and, if she lived the right life, the most influential portion of the Empire. The controlling factor of the entire self-governing nations and English cheers found a tumultuous echo of cheering from Canadians when Earl Grey added: "What Canadian is there who shrinks from such a destiny as that?"

It is predicted that in a few years practically the entire sailing of the fleets at banks will be replaced by steam trawlers, and that the vessels of France, Germany, Norway, England and the United States will use these crafts on the banks.

Mr. Fielding's speech at the evening dinner was thought to be designed to slow down the idea of Canadian co-operation in a central naval force, leaving the Canadian ministry absolutely untrammelled at the coming conference to move slowly along local defence lines. Earl Grey, however, made it clear that the Imperial Government feel it their duty to submit to the Commons definite proposals of naval co-operation in view of the critical condition of the world's affairs. Of course, the Dominions or crews will accept, make modifications or reject, as they please. The last thing intended is to put the smallest pressure on them.

Mr. Austin Chamberlain, at Mr. MacMaster's luncheon, also emphasized the Unionist interest in the independence and freedom of action of the Dominions absolutely unimpaird in any future co-operation in tariffs or defence.

Mr. Borden's Speech. Mr. Borden explained that his co-operation in the unanimous resolution in the Canadian House of Commons was before the remarkable British utterances from leaders of all parties showing the critical character of the European menace. He also strongly urged co-operation in increasing the British settlements in Canada.

The suggestions in this direction submitted to the Imperial Press Conference by Sir Hugh Graham are being warmly taken up in the most influential quarters here.

Left in Private Car. Republic, the handsome private car of Mr. Louis Cabot, a millionaire Bostonian, was attached to the I. R. C. express, which left the city last evening at seven o'clock.

Mr. Cabot is bound for his fishing reserves at Grand River, in the Bay Chaleur district, where he will spend four weeks in salmon fishing. Mr. Cabot is accompanied by Mr. George Richards and Dr. Ames, both of Boston.

Back From Harvard. Mr. C. O. Steel reached the city by the Calvin Austin yesterday afternoon and is the guest of his brother, Mr. Percy Steel. Mr. Steel received the degree of M. A. at the commencement of Harvard College, where he has been specializing in English for the past two years. He leaves shortly for Prince Edward Island, where his father, Rev. George Steel, is now stationed.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. FRED. L. FAIRWEATHER

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Halifax, N. S., July 2.—The sailing vessels of the fishing fleet are complaining bitterly of the depredations of the steam trawlers, and the disastrous effects of their operations on the ordinary fishing vessels. There is already an action in the courts against one of them for the destruction of a schooner's gear upon Quere Bank lately.

The result of this action is being watched with the keenest interest by the fishermen everywhere, who realize the danger to their livelihood. It has an important effect upon the industry as now carried on by fishermen generally. It is predicted that in a few years practically the entire sailing of the fleets at banks will be replaced by steam trawlers, and that the vessels of France, Germany, Norway, England and the United States will use these crafts on the banks.

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA ROBBED OF \$10,000

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Rainy River, Ont., July 2.—The Bank of Nova Scotia at this place was entered today by three men and robbed of ten thousand dollars. The robbers took to the woods north of the town and so far have eluded the posse which started in pursuit. The men were seen by several people and every effort will be made to take them. The robbers are believed to be foreigners.

While the manager, J. A. Temple, was in his office this morning about 11 o'clock the three desperadoes entered, held him up at the point of a revolver and took the money, to which they had easy access on account of the safe being open and much money lying about. When last seen the men were heading north, making for the C. P. R. across the wilderness of rock, water and forest which intervenes. While the posse was being organized the accountant was shot in the leg but not seriously injured.

FIND FOR SELLING ALONG G. T. P.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., July 2.—Chief Commissioner of Police Farris, of the Transcontinental Police, is in the city this evening. He reports that at Edmundston today Dominich Desener, Come Mourdan, and Joseph Boulier, were each fined \$50 for illegal selling of liquor. While at Foreston of the 30th of June, A. K. Bell was fined a similar amount. The cases against Robert Earl and B. Scovill, tried there at the same time were dismissed for insufficiency of evidence.

FIRE IN MOTOR BOAT.

Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, July 2.—The fire department was called out today afternoon for a blaze in Jas. McAllister's motor boat lying at the customs house wharf.

The interior of the boat was badly charred and the engine damaged. Mr. McAllister was somewhat burned about the hands and face. The fire was presumably started by a match dropped by one of two young men working at the boat.

Mr. J. W. Smalley, of Florenceville, is in the city.

ST. STEPHEN MAN COMMITS SUICIDE

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St. Stephen, N. B., July 2.—Saturday evening last some of the papermakers at Woodland were indulging in extensive potations of beer and a little later one of their number, Arthur Graham got separated from his companions and was alone in the woods back of the town. Here two girls about 12 years of age found him and it is alleged that the conversation that ensued was of an improper nature.

Monday the parents of the girls heard of the affair and one father took steps to cause Graham's arrest. That afternoon Graham asked permission to leave the mill for a few minutes and was not again seen alive.

His hat was found beside the river and by some it was believed that he had drowned himself while others thought it more probable that he had slipped out. At noon today his body was found in the pond above the mill. Graham is said to have belonged in St. John. He was about fifty years of age and had always borne a good reputation. He leaves a wife and children.

MILLING PROPERTY SOLD.

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Campbellton, N. B., July 2.—The valuable milling property at Charlottetown owned by Wm. Currie & Co., Ltd., has been sold to a syndicate of Providence, R. I. W. J. Miller, secretary-treasurer of the Wm. Currie Co., Ltd., has been appointed manager and the business will be conducted as formerly with the addition of a large mill to manufacture spruce lumber.

Rev. Father Callaghan, drowned at New York, was the adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. P. O'Leary, of this town.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER TO DR. J. R. INCH LAST EVENING—THE TOASTS AND SPEECHES

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, July 3.—The complimentary dinner given to Dr. Inch at the Queen Hotel here this evening was an enthusiastic tribute to the retiring chief superintendent of education. Lieutenant Governor Tweedie occupied the chair, and those present included Chief Justice Barker and Justices White and Barry of the Supreme Court, Attorney General Hazen, D. S. Crockett, M. P., Judge Wilson, who acted as vice chairman, Rev. Father Carney, Rev. J. H. McDonald, Mayor Chestnut and Chief Superintendent Carter. There were about fifty other representatives from Fredericton and other parts of the province. The following were among the toasts:

The King—Proposed by Lieutenant Governor Tweedie. The Governor General—Proposed by Chief Justice Barker and responded to by the chairman, Lieutenant Governor Tweedie. Parliamentary Institutions—Proposed by Judge Barry and responded to by Premier Hays and Mr. Crockett. Our Guests—Proposed by Judge

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LARGER NUMBER THAN USUAL AT BEULAH CAMP THIS YEAR

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Beulah Camp, Brown's Flats, N. B., July 2.—The annual camp meetings began today. There is a larger number in attendance than usual. Between five and eight hundred have already arrived and others are coming on every train. It is expected that the total number in attendance will be in the vicinity of a thousand. Up to date this evening nothing but business sessions have been held.

Rev. Mr. Ruth Not There Last Night. Rev. W. Ruth, the evangelist engaged has not yet arrived and it is expected that he will arrive here tomorrow. During his absence Rev. G. Bullock, of Danforth, Me., preached an excellent sermon tonight, which was listened to with rapt interest by a large number of people. Rev. Arthur S. Ingler, who is to take charge of the singing arrived here today and has already assumed his duties. He is greatly appreciated.

Tomorrow there will be a public missionary meeting, and Rev. I. Sanders and Mrs. Sanders, returning missionaries of South Africa, will give interesting addresses.

Rev. Mr. Archer Presiding. Today arrangements were made for a camp for our own administration, on August the 6th, at which Mr. Porter will be the principal speaker.

Rev. H. C. Archer, who is presiding over the camp meetings here will be president here.

Two Lots Purchased. The alliance has purchased more lots on the shore from Rev. Baker and Mr. Page; and Mr. J. Bullock has a large number of lots at work preparing the grounds.

The principal reports to be received tomorrow are those of the corresponding secretary of the alliance, and the corresponding secretary of the missionary society. It is expected that tomorrow's meeting will be very interesting.

COLLAPSING DOCK KILLS TWENTY

Special to The Standard.

Newport, Monmouthshire, England, July 2.—It is estimated that twenty men perished today by the sudden collapse of the west wall of the new dock at the entrance to the Alexandra dock. The extension of the dock work has been in progress for some time and fifty men were working in a trench sixty feet deep preparing for the laying of a concrete foundation. Without the slightest warning the heavy shoring timbers gave way in the middle and the entire structure collapsed and carried down with it thousands of tons of earth, the railway lines on both sides of the trench many railway cars and four travelling cranes. The men at the bottom of the

trench which was 100 yards long 30 feet wide had no chance to escape but many of those working on the surface were uninjured. Late tonight, four men still in the trench were pinned in the debris in trench. The incoming tide made work of rescue very difficult.

STRATHCONA GIVES M'GILL HALF MILLION

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Montreal, July 2.—Lord Strath has added to his gifts to McGill University, a donation of half a million. The news was flashed across the city this morning from Principal Peter Bursat Vaughan.

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