

ANOTHER BLAZE AT MONTREAL

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WAGES OF MINERS.

Disagreement Reported at Conference at Indianapolis—President Mitchell's Proposal.

Indianapolis, March 27.—The joint state committee of the bituminous coal operators of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and western Pennsylvania to-day reported a disagreement to the joint conference of the central competitive district, and after a session of three hours the conference adjourned to meet to-morrow morning.

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MEETING OF DOMINION RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Ottawa, March 28.—At the annual meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association, held this afternoon, Colonel Gibson, of Hamilton, presided. All the old officers were re-elected.

THE GERMAN NAVY.

Berlin, March 27.—During the debate on the naval bill in the reichstag to-day, Herr Spahn, the center party leader, formerly vice-president of the reichstag, supported the government. He said that Germany had to reckon on the fleets of France and Great Britain being arrayed against Germany's increasing fleets.

INSURANCE AFFAIRS.

London, March 27.—The Earl of Granard (Liberal), in behalf of the board of trade, replying in the House of Commons to-day to the Earl of Houslay (Conservative), who on March 26 gave notice of his intention to ask the government whether, in view of the disclosures made regarding certain insurance companies, it intended to investigate foreign companies doing business in Great Britain to keep in this country a sufficient proportion of their securities to cover the British policyholders.

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PRINCE ARTHUR

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