MASTERS THREATEN TO CLOSE MILLS

IF STRIKERS AT LODZ DO NOT RETURN TO WORK

More Trouble at St. Petersburg, Where Men Demand Pay for Time They Have Been Idle.

Lodz, Feb. 8.—The situation here remains uncertain and nothing definite will be known until Friday, when some of the largest manufacturers have decided after to-morrow to open their mills and give the men a last chance to work. They say that if there is no response they will close their mills indefinitely. Little hope is expressed that the strike will be settled though the men are apparently frightened by the violence of the agitators.

Many of the masters oppose concessions, fearing that it will handicap them in competition with Moscow and St. Petersburg, where wages are already lower than here, and the hours of work longer.

It is reported that the strikers have decided to resort to serious violence in case the mills are closed down.

Refuse to Obey.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 8.—The students of the military academy of this city, today struck on the ground that owing to police intervention it is impossible to carry on their education. They demand that the academy be closed until freedom is given them.

The police have forwarded to the employers of labor a list of prominent strikers, asking for their immediate dismissal. The director of the Nevsy naval construction yard refused compliance, and other employers are similarly disposed, because the black listed men are skilled artisans who could not easily be replaced.

The police of Odessa have seized consignments of revolvers and cartridges destined for the strikers in the Caucasus.

Governor-General Trepoff has ordered the curator of education to instruct all professors in the universities and teachers in schools of St. Petersburg to inform their students that academic anarchy must cease. Students must resume their studies by February 28th, and those refusing to do so will be expelled. If the majority refuse, or if the professors associate themselves with the movement, Trepoff would close the universities and schools.

Maxim Gorky's wife has been permitted to visit him in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul. He has been slightly ill. He is receiving every attention, a high officer having been specially detailed to look after him.

The Demands of the Men.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 9.—2 a.m.—A partial strike at the Putiloff Iron Works and the complete tie-up of the St. Petersburg car factory gave rise to rumors yesterday of a general recrudescence of the strike movement here, but the strike has not extended to other establishments, and the success of the manager of the Putiloff works in preventing the great body of workers from following the example of their comrades in two of the shops who had walked out, gives basis for hope of an amicable settlement.

The present trouble involves the questions of pay for the time the men were out on strike, and the eight-hour day, which were discussed at a meeting of employers last night. They determined to adopt a conciliatory attitude. They probably will concede a nine-hour day, which will satisfy the strikers pending general legislation on the matter of an eight-hour day, which will be binding upon employers throughout Russia.

At present six government factories and thirteen private establishments are working fifty-seven hours or less weekly and twenty-eight other large enterprises more than fifty-seven hours.

The question of allowing for time on strike is not so easy of settlement. Some works, including the American Westinghouse Company, have voluntarily paid their men for the whole week they did not work, but several large establishments, including the St. Petersburg car factory and the Putiloff Iron Works, refuse to do so, claiming that it would swallow up most of their yearly profits. The Putiloff works, where the strike originated and was of double duration, would be especially hard hit, as the strike payroll would amount to $130,000. The St. Petersburg car factory already has paid their men three days, but is unwilling to concede more.

Governor-General Trepoff does not wish to interfere in this question, it being purely an economic one; but he has intimated to the masters that it is desirable that they should reach a settlement with their men. It is hoped, in view of the conciliatory attitude of the masters and the apparent readiness of the men to listen to arguments, that another crisis will be averted.

The Berlin Tageblatt to-day printed a report to the effect that Emperor Nicholas recently found in his study a letter threatening him with assassination. An investigation of the rumor elicited a semi-official statement that it was unfounded.

BAYONETED BY RUSSIANS.

Cossacks Attacked Village and Killed Fifty Japanese Soldiers.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 8.—Great preparations are being made at Odessa for the reception of Gen. Stoessel and the other officers returning from Port Arthur, but the Razuie Dizkiu, semi-official weekly, contains this week an article declaring that it is more than ever necessary to hold a court-martial as provided by law in view of the statements in the foreign press that surrender was not necessitated by the internal conditions of the fortress.

Gen. Kouropatkin reports that a detachment of Cossacks, commanded by Prince Magaloff, attacked a village occupied by the Japanese the night of February 5th, bayoneting fifty men and retiring without sustaining any loss.

The Peace Rumors.

London, Feb. 8.—Much speculation has been caused here by the fact that the Russian government on Monday assumed control of the Siberian telegraph lines from 8 o'clock in the morning until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. It is said to be the first occasion on which telegraphic communication has been stopped since the war began. Various possible causes are discussed, such as the extension of the strike movement to the Siberian railway and important correspondence with Gen. Kouropatkin.

Little attention is paid to rumors of peace mediation, but the Chronicle's St. Petersburg correspondent sends the statement which, however, is not confirmed in other dispatches, that the recent conferences of the grand ducal party to consider the Far Eastern prospects arrived at an agreement as to the desirability of ending the war, and that the rumor of Gen. Kouropatkin's resignation was started to facilitate negotiations for peace.

CANADIAN DISPATCHES.

Steamer Ran Ashore East of Halifax—One Boat Not Yet Reported.

Halifax, Feb. 7.—The Furness line steamer Damara, from Liverpool for Halifax, struck a ledge off Musquodabert harbor, 50 miles east of Halifax, in a blinding snowstorm at 3 o'clock this morning. She was soon abandoned by her captain. The crew and seven passengers left the steamer in two boats. That containing the mail and seventeen people reached shore this afternoon, but the captain's boat with 18 people is not yet reported. The shore is a deserted one, and they may have landed safely. Steamers are being sent to the scene of the wreck.

Offer Accepted.

Montreal, Feb. 7.—The shareholders of the Midland Railway Co. to-day voted to accept the Dominion Atlantic railway's offer of $1,250,000 for their line. Possession will be taken next June. The Dominion Atlantic is eventually to be extended through to Northumberland straits.

Veteran Dead.

Toronto, Feb. 7.—Sergeant Thos. Tyler, a veteran of Inkerman, Alma and Sebastopol, is dead at the general hospital, aged 82 years.

The Union Label.

Toronto, Feb. 7.—The Canadian Manufacturers' Association is waging a war on the union label legislation at Ottawa. In a circular issued, the association declares the bill to be vicious, and in short only represents a minority of the interests of the workingmen of the Dominion.

A Calamity.

Winnipeg, Feb. 7.—The skating and curling rink and 30 pair of stones at Rainy River, were destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is $6,000; insurance, $3,500. All the curling stones in town were destroyed

GAYNOR-GREENE CASE.

Men May Be Arrested and Extradition Proceedings Taken.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The state department received notice of the decision of the Privy Council in the Gaynor-Greene case through a cablegram from Ambassador Choate announcing: "The court decided in our favor in relation to Gaynor-Greene case. Opinion rendered by Lord Chancellor."

Although sufficient detail is not yet before the law officers here to warrant a final opinion as to the effect of the Privy Council decision, the present understanding is that it will result in the immediate arrest of Gaynor and Greene, who are now at large in Quebec under surveillance of the Washington secret service officers.

There will be a reopening of the extradition proceedings before Judge Andrews and the officials here feel sure that the request for extradition will be granted.

MILITARY STUDENTS STRIKE.

Demand Reinstatement of Three Comrades Who Have Been Suspended.

Gambier, Ohio, Feb. 8.—The entire student body of Kenyon Military Academy, numbering 160, are out on strike. They declare they will not return to their classes until three students suspended for alleged participation in riotous scenes of Sunday night are reinstated. The students claim that the suspended men had no part in Sunday's demonstration.

When Kidneys Fail, Health Declines

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JAPANESE EXPECT BATTLE SHORTLY

WILL LIKELY TAKE PLACE BEFORE THAW SETS IN

Bank President Will Confer With Financiers Regarding Terms of Another Domestic Loan.

(Associated Press.)

Tokio, Feb. 9.—11.30 a.m.—The impression prevails here that the impending battle between the armies of Field Marshal Oyama and General Kouropatkin will occur before any material thaw takes place, which will convert the country into slushy bog and render the movement of guns, ammunition and stores impossible until the roads harden.

The Emperor and Empress of Japan have given 1,000,000 yen ($49,000) to the army and navy departments to purchase wines and delicacies for the celebration of the national holiday which take place on Saturday next, February 11th.

Vice-President Takahashi, of the Bank of Japan, will leave for America and England via Vancouver on February 17th, to hold preliminary conferences with financiers of those countries regarding terms of a fourth domestic loan. Minister of Finance Yoshiro is arranging to meet Japanese bankers and capitalists on the 13th of February to discuss the rate of interest and time for which this loan will run.

STILL BOMBARDING THE JAPANESE LINES.

Tokio, Feb. 9.—2 p.m.—A report from Manchurian headquarters says that the Russians have continued their bombardment in the direction of the Shakhe river since the night of February 7th. They continue entrenching in front of Liuchenpao and in the vicinity of Heikoutai.

WERE IGNORANT OF AFFAIRS IN FAR EAST.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 9.—M. Souverin, editor of the Novoe Vremya, in a pessimistic review of the first year of the war in to-day's issue of his paper, ascribes the responsibility for the Russian disasters, firstly, to Foreign Minister Lamsdorff, former Viceroy Alexieff and Baron Rosen, later Russian minister to Japan, who he accuses of drawing Russia into a terrible war by complete ignorance of the true state of affairs in the Far East.

M. Souverin declares the reason for the fall of Port Arthur before the complete exhaustion of its means of resistance was the death of Major-General Kondratenko, who was the real hero of the defence of the fortress, and who filled both the civil and military men with courage, while Lieut.-General Stoessel only manifested civil courage.

WHY GERMAN FIRMS RECEIVED CONTRACTS.

Paris, Feb. 9.—A dispatch to the Matin from St. Petersburg says Finance Minister Kokovsoff, in the course of an interview, said German firms had been given Russian military contracts in preference to French firms because the prices of the latter were considerably higher. The minister said it was absolutely false that the Germans had, when negotiating the last Russian loan, imposed the conditions that German firms should receive Russian military contracts.

THE KAISER SEES NO SIGN OF PEACE.

Berlin, Feb. 9.—An official of the foreign office here referring to the statements in the French and British press on the subject of the possibility of peace in the Far East, said to the correspondent of the Associated Press this afternoon: "I am told by an ambassador that the Emperor sees no sign of peace."

KING OSCAR'S ILLNESS.

His Majesty's Condition Is Not Serious—The Consular Dispute.

Stockholm, Feb. 9.—The King-in-council, in ordering that consular negotiations shall be suspended, makes an appeal to his people in both Sweden and Norway not to allow differences to weaken the bond of union between them.

It is announced that King Oscar's indisposition, which has given rise to a regency, is not serious, but he does not feel robust enough to undertake the cares of government in the face of the difficult situation created by the consular dispute between Sweden and Norway.

VON MENZEL DEAD.

Aged Artist Passed Peacefully Away at His Home in Berlin.

Berlin, Feb. 9.—Adolf Von Menzel, the artist, died to-day. He was about 90 years of age.

Menzel, whose death was due to weakness, superinduced by a severe cold, had been identified with the best in German art for sixty years, and had been treated by this generation with that reverence and respect which Germans love to show to their old men. His quaint figure, about five feet tall with hat, cravat and dress suggesting the fifties, was known to most of the people of Berlin, for he was often in the streets, walking for pleasure and observing the people. He sat in a certain restaurant almost every evening until last Friday for an hour or two taking a glass of wine and walking home.

Menzel's work, even to the last five years, was regarded as very good, and he worked every morning until taken ill. He was often mentioned as the first artist to receive the highest Prussian decoration, the Black Eagle, conferred on him by the present Emperor, who held him in much esteem. Prince Henry of Prussia called on him yesterday, but the old artist could not see him. The Prince told Menzel's sister that the Emperor would send the sick man two bottles of a wonderful Steinberger wine which would strengthen him. The wine came in the evening, but the patriarch had already fallen into the sleep from which he did not awaken.

RAILWAY WRECK.

Two Persons Killed and Twenty-Four Injured—Broken Rail Cause of Accident.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 9.—Two men were killed and twenty-four persons were injured, eight passenger cars and engine are piled in the ditch and a two hundred-foot bridge wrecked as the result of a broken rail on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad near Melbourne to-day.

The wrecked train was the overland limited, No. 1, which left Chicago at 6.05 on Wednesday night. There were nine coaches pulled by two engines. The train was running at a speed of 70 miles an hour. The broken rail was 300 feet east of the foot of the bridge and the first engine passed over safely. The second engine and eight coaches following it left the track and piled into the ditch twenty feet below. The bridge was destroyed by the impact of the derailed cars. The observation car in the rear of the train kept the rails.

News of the wreck was taken to Rhodes, a few miles west, by Engineer Michols, of the first engine, who ran his engine to that point. Wrecking crews and good medical attendance were rushed to the scene. The injured were taken to Rhodes and Melbourne, the two points nearest the wreck on either side.

The killed are: H. Marsh, conductor; and C. A. Morris, brakeman.

The injuries received consist mostly of bruises and cuts, though some have broken legs. None of the injuries are reported as likely to be fatal.

SIGNED ROUND ROBIN AGAINST PREMIER PARENT

Forty-Six Members of Quebec Legislature Approve Action of the Three Retiring Ministers.

Quebec, Feb. 9.—There was a caucus of supporters of Hon. Messrs. Weir, Gouin and Turgeon (the three ministers who have resigned) at the Chateau Frontenac last night, at which there was an attendance of 53 members of the legislature, 46 of whom signed a round robin against Premier Parent, and declared emphatically by a strong resolution that they approved entirely of the action of the three retiring ministers. A delegation of ten members was sent to the Premier to communicate to him the resolution of the caucus. Another caucus of Premier Parent's supporters was held at the parliament buildings, but was only attended by 11 members.

Gives Up Fight.

Toronto, Feb. 9.—The fight has been declared off between the Canadian Manufacturers' Association and the Dominion Board of Fire Underwriters. The outcome is regarded as a complete victory for the underwriters. Not only does the association withdraw its plans for a big mutual fire insurance company, but is said to be now seeking in every way possible to conciliate the underwriters and make terms.

May Be Made Judge.

Toronto, Feb. 9.—It is stated in well-informed circles that Hon. J. M. Gibson, ex-attorney-general of Ontario, is to become chief justice of the new division of the Ontario Exchequer court.

O. Newcombe Dead.

Toronto, Feb. 9.—Octavius Newcombe, president of the firm of Newcombe & Co., piano manufacturers, is dead, aged 58 years. He was taken ill with erysipelas a week ago. The immediate cause of death was blood poisoning.

Opening Postponed.

Halifax, Feb. 9.—On account of the blockades on the different lines of railways which have precluded the arrival of a large number of members of the local legislature for the opening this afternoon, a postponement has to be made till to-morrow.

WOMAN MURDERED.

Pittsburg, Feb. 6.—The body of Mrs. John Kirkpatrick was found yesterday in the back yard of an unoccupied house at No. 9 Jackson street, Allegheny, a short distance from her home. She had been murdered, and the morgue physician to-night stated that the woman had been criminally assaulted.

For several months Mrs. Kirkpatrick had been living at the residence of Mrs. Jessie Scott, on Jackson street, with her husband and 18-month-old baby. Last night she took her baby to her mother's home, on Isabella street, so she could attend to marketing. Her husband was to meet her at the Isabella street house at 10 o'clock, but when he failed to keep the appointment she started for her home with her purchases, intending to return for the child.

After leaving the street car near her home she was seen talking to a tall man wearing a light hat and a long overcoat. A few moments later she was evidently dragged into Creighton alley, where she was heard to exclaim: "Oh, don't; I'll do anything you say."

When the body was discovered it was found that the woman had been choked to death, and traces in the snow showed that she had been dragged twelve feet along the alley to the yard gate and thrown inside.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick's assailant is supposed to be a man who was at least an acquaintance of hers.

Late last night the police arrested Norman Geyer and are holding him on the charge of murder. Geyer, it is said, had been an admirer of Mrs. Kirkpatrick for several years before her marriage, and for a time was the cause of an estrangement between Kirkpatrick and his wife. The trouble has been smoothed over and the couple were living happily together, but last week Mrs. Kirkpatrick, it is said, complained to her husband that Geyer was annoying her by following her on the streets, and persisted in talking to her.

THE HERRING FISHING.

Nanaimo, Feb. 9.—No instructions have been received from Ottawa to cease seining for herring. The board of trade this morning wired Ottawa asking that telegraphic orders be sent officials to enforce the order in council.

THE SCHEME OF NAVAL DISTRIBUTION

WRITER ADVANCES REASONS FOR CHANGES

Are in Part Based on True Appreciation of the Strategical Situation in Europe.

New York, Feb. 9.—A London dispatch to the Herald says:

"Mr. Archibald S. Hurd, the well-known writer on naval subjects and author of 'British war fleets' said in an interview regarding the withdrawal of white troops from the British West Indies:

"'The scheme of the naval distribution is based upon the true appreciation of the strategical situation in Europe, the recognition of American friendship and realization of the wonderful mobility of modern ships of war propelled by steam. In the future only veritable war squadrons will be maintained at sea, consequently the North American and West Indian squadron of protected cruisers, poorly gunned and poorly protected against an enemy's fire, and slow in movements has disappeared. But the unrivalled climate of West Indian waters in winter and the North Atlantic in summer will be utilized for the particular service squadron based on Devonport for training cadets and boys, and these waters will probably be visited for the purpose of manoeuvres by other British forces as has been the custom recently.

"'One of the lessons of war in the Far East is the wastefulness of maintaining a number of subsidiary naval bases. They are the source of continual expense in peace time, and in war time they are apt to tie down a fleet. Flying bases can be readily found. Again I take it that the firmness of the United States in standing by the Monroe doctrine by insisting on the status in American waters, renders the West Indian possession of Britain safe from seizure by any European power.

"'I admit that the new distribution of British fleets spells peace, because ten years hence the Anglo-Saxon navies will dominate the seas, and by that time self-interest on both sides may have led to the foregoing of some of the Anglo-Japanese treaties.'"

HON. A. BLAIR'S RESIGNATION

As Chairman of the Railway Commission—The Correspondence.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Feb. 9.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier today brought down the correspondence between the government and Hon. Mr. Blair regarding the resignation of Hon. Mr. Blair as chairman of the railway commission.

On the 18th of October Hon. Mr. Blair telegraphed the Premier as follows: "I have decided to retire from the commission and am sending my resignation to His Excellency this afternoon. An opportunity is offered of greatly bettering my position which has to be accepted or rejected at once, and I did not feel my position had been so attractive that I should refuse the opportunity. I may add that beyond reaffirming my objection to the G. T. P. scheme it is not my present purpose to reenter or take part in public life or affairs. (Signed) A. G. Blair."

Sir Wilfrid replied as follows the same evening: "Your resignation comes to me as a surprise, but of course I cannot at present offer my observations on the same. (Signed) Wilfrid Laurier."

Hon. Mr. Blair's letter of resignation to the Governor-General read as follows: "I hereby tender my resignation as chief commissioner and member of the board of railway commission of Canada. (Signed) A. G. Blair."

On October 31st the resignation was accepted.

MADE FORTUNE DURING WAR.

Jos. Bramwell, Who Engaged in Running the Blockade, Passed Away in New York.

New York, Feb. 7.—Jos. Bramwell, who is said to have amassed a fortune in the trade of cotton by running the blockade of Southern ports during the civil war, is dead at his home at Flushing, L. I., aged 80 years. Mr. Bramwell founded the town of Bramwell, West Virginia, where he owned the bank and important mining industries. During the war he lost several ships in endeavoring to bring cotton through the blockade of Southern cities, and was once captured by Mosby, the famous guerilla, but escaped by payment of a ransom of $30,000. He established the firm of Jos. Bramwell & Co., dealers in cotton goods, of this city.

A VALUABLE DISCOVERY.

Tenecape, N. S., Feb. 9.—Mrs. Benjamin Brown for years has been searching for a cure for catarrh and throat irritation. When almost in despair she heard of "Catarrhozone," and says: "It is an absolute specific that will quickly cure any cold, cough or case of catarrh. It touches the sore spots and goes direct to the source of the trouble." A guarantee of permanent cure goes with Catarrhozone. You can't afford to pass it by if suffering from any winter ill. Sold everywhere. Two months' treatment, price $1; sample size, 25c. Remember the name—"Catarrhozone."

SERVIAN CABINET RESIGNS.

Belgrade, Feb. 6.—The cabinet has resigned in consequence of court intrigues against the premier, M. Pasics. The King has requested the members to retain office until he has conferred with the politicians. M. Balongdics (King Peter's private secretary) has resigned the secretaryship at the request of leading politicians.

LEGISLATURE WAS OPENED TO-DAY

USUAL CEREMONIES ATTENDED THE EVENT

King's Speech Refers to Surplus This Year and Makes Allusion to Railway Extension.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

As the Times goes to press the legislature of the province is again beginning its work. Nearly all the members are in their places.

As usual the proceedings this afternoon were confined to the formal ceremonies of the opening.

The speech from the throne was read by the Lieut.-Governor Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere. He was attended by his personal staff, which included the naval and military officers stationed here, and the officers of the Fifth Regiment.

The absence of H. M. S. Grafton and Flora curtailed the number of naval officers in attendance on His Honor and lessened to that extent the brilliancy of the event.

The ceremony was carried out along the lines adopted in former years. There was the usual rush for seats in the public galleries, and misunderstandings with reference to the invitations. The whole of the Assembly hall was reserved for invited guests, the seats being numbered and assigned to those entitled to them. The ladies' gallery was also reserved for invited guests.

The opening of the House never loses its interest for the public, and the attendance to-day differed in no respect from that of former years. The Assembly chamber itself during the ceremony presented a brilliant appearance. There were, as usual, a large number of ladies present.

The guard of honor furnished by the Fifth Regiment was under the command of Capt. Wilson and Lieuts. Garnet and Booth. The bugle band was in attendance. This is the first occasion the Regimental band has been absent in connection with this event, and marks also the first time upon which the bugle band has been in service at the opening. The disorganized conditions in connection with Regimental band affairs made it necessary to call in the services of the bugle band.

Entering the House attended by his personal staff His Honor read the following address:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

In meeting you at the commencement of the second session of the tenth parliament of British Columbia, it is a source of much satisfaction to know that general prosperity prevails throughout the province.

I am glad to be able to inform you that the measures taken by you last session have done much towards placing the finances of the province on a sound basis, and that for the first time in many years the public accounts show a balance of revenue over expenditure.

In order to ascertain whether the present system of taxation bears equitably and evenly on all classes of taxpayers, I appointed a commission to inquire into the matter, and the report of the inquiry will be laid before you.

The subject of the financial relations of the province and the Dominion has had the serious consideration of my government, and a memorial has been presented to the Dominion government showing the strong grounds that exist for a recognition of the claims of British Columbia for better terms.

The extensive works undertaken some years ago for the protection of the lands in the valley of the Fraser river having been completed, although in some instances at a greater cost than originally estimated, the necessity of arriving at a final settlement with the owners of the lands affected suggests that the matter should receive consideration during the present session.

There is no doubt that the development of important sections of the province, rich in natural resources, cannot be effected without an extension of our railway system, and my government has under advisement methods by which transportation facilities can be secured for these districts without placing undue burdens on the provincial exchequer.

It is satisfactory to know that the mining industry is entering on a period of greater activity, the effect of which cannot fail to be of benefit to the whole province.

The past year has, on the whole, been a favorable one for the agricultural interests. There has been a considerable influx of settlers, and there is a prospect that the area of cultivated land will be largely increased within the next few years, particularly in the districts suitable for fruit-raising.

Measures will be submitted to you amending the "Supreme Court Act," the "County Courts Act," the "Public Schools Act," and the "Game Protection Act, 1898."

The estimates for the ensuing year, which will be submitted to you, have been prepared with due consideration to economy, compatible with efficiency in the administration of provincial affairs.

I trust your deliberations will result in promoting the welfare of the people of the province.

Upon his returning, Speaker Pooley took the chair, and the routine business was proceeded with.

The intention of the government is to proceed with business to-morrow.

His Honor has issued invitations for a dinner to be given at Government House this evening at 8 o'clock, when the guests will include the members of the legislature, officers of the navy and army, members of the judiciary and the heads of the departments in the parliament buildings and others.

The list of invited guests is as follows: Mr. J. A. Anderson, Mr. J. R. Anderson, Canon Beanlands, Mr. L. Blackler, Major R. F. Bland, R. E., Mr. W. J. Bowser, Capt. C. R. V. Bunbury, Mr. R. J. Brown, Mr. W. G. Cameron, Rev. Mr. Campbell, Mr. F. C. Carter-Cotton, Mr. C. W. D. Clifford, Capt. Cockburn, R. G. A., The Lord Bishop of Columbia, Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge, Mr. W. Davidson, Hon. E. Dewdney, Capt. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, Mr. R. L. Drury, Mr. Robt. Dunn, Mr. Price Ellison, Colonel English, Mr. J. N. Evans, Mr. Thornton Fell, Mrs. G. S. Fraser, The Hon. F. J. Fulton, Mr. F. C. Gamble, Mr. J. F. Garden, Mr. T. Clifford, Commodore J. C. Goodrich, M. V. O., Mr. W. S. Gore, Mr. R. Grant, The Hon. R. F. Green, Lieut.-Col. F. B. Gregory, Mr. R. E. Gosnell, Lieut.-Col. J. A. Hall, Mr. R. Hall, Mr. J. H. Hawthornthwaite, Mr. S. Henderson, Col. J. G. Holmes, D. O. C., Mr. J. Houston, Commander A. T. Hunt, The Hon. Chief Justice Hunter, The Hon. Mr. Justice Irving, Col. A. W. Jones, Mr. H. Jones, Mr. J. H. King, Mr. C. Lowenberg, Senator Macdonald, Mr. J. A. Macdonald, Mr. A. H. B. Macgowan, The Hon. Mr. Justice Martin, His Worship the Mayor, Mr. C. W. Munro, Mr. J. Murphy, Mr. H. J. S. Muskett, The Hon. R. McBride, Mr. A. McDonald, Mr. W. W. B. McInnes, Mr. H. A. McLean, Mr. J. D. McNiven, Mr. J. Oliver, His Grace Archbishop Orth, Commander J. F. Parry, Mr. T. W. Paterson, The Hon. E. G. Lieut.-Col. Prior, Mr. A. C. Reddie, Mr. W. F. Robertson, Mr. A. Robinson, Mr. W. R. Ross, Commander H. G. Sandeman, Mr. E. O. S. Scholefield, Mr. L. W. Shatford, Hon. A. E. Smith, Mr. J. McB. Smith, The Hon. Mr. Speaker, Mr. H. E. Tanner, The Hon. R. G. Tatlow, Hon. Mr. W. Templeman, Mr. R. F. Tolmie, The Hon. C. H. Tupper, K. C. M. G., The Hon. Mr. Justice Walkem, Mr. W. C. Wells, Mr. P. Williams, The Hon. C. Wilson, Capt. Ridgway-Wilson, Lieut.-Col. R. Wright, Mr. H. E. Young.

DIED IN MEXICO.

Former Resident of Vancouver Island Passed Away a Few Days ago.

Intelligence has been received here of the death of William A. Lindsay, a formed resident of this province. His death occurred on January 26th at Monterey, Mexico. Mr. Lindsay came to Vancouver Island when a boy, and for years was employed in the Dunsmuir collieries. He was paymaster of the mines at Wellington, and was later engineer.

About 12 or 13 years ago he went into the American geological service, and has since resided in the United States. His half brother, Alex. Lindsay, lives in this city. His sister, Mrs. Porter, whose husband is captain of the Pacific mail liner Mongolia, resides in San Francisco.

Preceding his death Mr. Lindsay had been in declining health for months. He was interested Mexico in the development of the Sabinas cold fields in Coahuila.

Referring to his death a Monterey paper says: "The deceased was one of the most popular mining men residing in Monterey. He had a large circle of friends, and was a great favorite with all. He was a loving husband and father, and was charitable to a fault. His hand was ever ready to go deep into his pocket to aid those of his friends in distress. His death will be mourned by hundreds who knew him, and his grief-stricken wife and children have the sympathy of the entire community and many who have known him in the United States. Before coming to Monterey Mr. Lindsay resided in South McAlester, Indian Territory."

WELL-KNOWN PIONEER HAS PASSED AWAY

Wm. Denny Died at His Residence Early on Thursday—Came Here in Early Sixties.

Early Thursday morning William Denny passed away at the family residence, 128 Pandora avenue. He had been ailing for some months, and, in spite of the best medical attention, his health gradually failed. Last evening he became worse, and about 12.30 o'clock his illness was terminated by death.

Mr. Denny was one of Victoria's pioneers, having resided here since the early sixties. He was a native of High Wickham, England, and was 75 years of age. He was widely acquainted and generally respected. He was attracted to the West by the rich gold discoveries in Cariboo. He took passage on one of the sailing vessels of that time in company with J. J. Austin and other well known Victorians. On arriving here he became interested in mining, but soon engaged in mercantile pursuits.

Before entering into business on his own account, Mr. Denny was employed by the firm of D. Rogers & Company, who conducted a gentlemen's furnishing store then situated near the corner of Fort and Broad streets. Afterwards he was associated with D. Spencer in a dry goods store where the Balmoral block now stands. Later on they moved to Government street, and after carrying on business there for some years the partners separated, both maintaining establishments. Finally Mr. Denny sold out, and his business was taken over by Mr. Spencer, under whose management it has developed into the largest concern of its kind in British Columbia. Mr. Denny did not confine his energies to this, but accumulated considerable property, retiring from active life about twelve years ago.

He leaves a widow, six daughters and two sons to mourn his loss. One of the latter, Geo. Denny, was formerly identified with the reportorial staffs of the Times and Colonist, and is now a correspondent for the Associated Press, which he represented at the front in the present Russo-Japanese war. Another son is James Denny, a resident of Vancouver. The daughters are Mrs. F. Bailey, of Port Townsend; Mrs. MacKenzie and Mrs. Walter Powell, of Berkeley, Cal.; Mrs. William Gordon and the Misses Denny, of this city.

The funeral has been arranged to take place at 2.30 o'clock on Saturday afternoon from the family residence.

Madame Kuga, the St. Petersburg opera singer, who, alluding to the events of January 22nd, recently congratulated a military officer on Russia's first victory, has been expelled from Russia.

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