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AWFUL RESULTS.

Two Hundred and Twenty-five Bodies Taken

FROM THE MINE.

One Hundred and Fifty Bodies Ready for the Coffins--Some Badly Mutilated--Buried in a Trench--Three Brothers Among the Victims--Verdict of the Jury.

Salt Lake, Utah, May 3--A special to the Desert News from Scofield today says: "At noon today 225 bodies had been removed from the mine. Of the new bodies 13 came from Tunnel No. 1 this morning. Nearly all are in a frightful condition. Six more bodies were taken from No. 4 mine, two of them mangled beyond recognition. State Coal Mine Inspector Thomas says he believes there are 12 more bodies in the mine. "The recovery of James Gatherer's body this morning makes the list of three brothers taken from the ill-fated mine. "Preparations for the funerals are actively going on. One hundred and fifty bodies are now ready for the coffins. Many of the bodies will be buried in military fashion in two trenches now being dug on Cemetery Hill. Some of the bodies will be taken to their former homes. "The inquest was begun this morning. The jury did not go into the controversy as to what caused the disaster but simply found that John Hunter met his death in the mine through an explosion. State Mine Inspector Thomas testified that it was his opinion that the explosion was caused by a 'tight heavy shot.' He said the mine was free from gas. He had examined the place where it was chimed powder had been stored and said it was plainly evident that the explosion started where the powder was stored as the bodies taken from that point were badly burned."

AN AMERICAN CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Arrested for Complicity in the Johannesburg Explosion Plot.

London, May 3--The Standard and Diggers' News says that Thomas Richards, an American, has been arrested as a suspect in connection with the Biggie factory explosion at Johannesburg. He was arrested yesterday, charged with murder and ransomed until today. The accused man, it was added, was not defended. The paper also says an excavation has been made where the explosion was most violent and that as no trace of a tunnel was found, other excavations will be made.

WANT A DOLLAR A DAY.

Factory Girls Strike in Winslow, Maine.

Winslow, Me., May 3--Thirty girls employed in the cutter rooms of Hollingsworth & Whitney paper mill struck to-morrow pay this noon. The girls have been paid 85 cents per day, and asked for \$1. Manager Boston promptly refused the request and the girls went home. Manager Boston at once advertised for help. There is no labor organization connected with the mills. Six girls were brought to this city to-night from Gardner, where the company have another mill. A delegation of the striking girls met the new ones at the station and urged them to return home. One said that she had been mistreated and said she would return. The other five were taken to the boarding houses of the company in Winslow.

IMPERIALIST BEATEN.

Portsmouth Returns an Opponent to the Salisbury Government.

London, May 3--In the parliamentary by-election at Portsmouth today, to fill the vacancy caused by the withdrawal of the junior Liberal member, Mr. Walter Owen (though, who recently applied for the Chifern Hundreds, Mr. T. A. Bramsdon, Liberal, defeated Mr. Majendie, Conservative, by 610 votes. Mr. Majendie represented the new Imperialist sentiment, which, it was thought, would have a strong hold upon a seaport constituency like Portsmouth.

INSURANCE LOSSES.

The British Companies Have Made No Money Here.

Montreal, May 3--(Special)--The Star's cable from London says: "The Ottawa fire has caused British insurance offices to carefully consider their position in Canada. Their books show during the past thirty years the fire losses in Canada consumed 68 per cent of the premiums, while the commissions and other management expenses consumed 35 per cent, leaving a loss of three per cent, but they will hang on in hope of better times."

Brandford Captured. London, May 4--It is announced that the British have captured Brandford.

A GOOD IMPRESSION.

Maxwell Has the Sympathy of the Public.

MURDER ABANDONED

And the Prosecuting Attorney Urges Conviction for Manslaughter--Maxwell for the First Time Tells His Own Story of the Affair.

Portland, Me., May 3--In the Circuit Court this morning Mr. Anthony, counsel for Elmer Maxwell, stated to the jury that Captain Baisley had been killed in self-defense. "I have followed the sea from a boy up to the present time, except two years on shore. The captain wanted me to sign articles to his ship. He then went away and then came back, telling me to get into the forecastle where I belonged. He then knocked me down, striking me several times in the head. Then he threw me into the forecastle. I kicked the door open. I then went on deck and tried to go up the steps. When I was near the step Captain Baisley said, 'You are looking for more fight, are you?' At the same time he kicked me, and then he struck me four times in the face. I struggled with him and he was grappling with me. I took my knife out of my pocket and told him to let go or I would cut him. He said he would not. I stabbed him several times and finally I got away from him and he ran and got down on the rail. I kicked at him and Campbell came up and caught hold of me. I said: 'Damn him; he tried to throw me overboard!' The cry was then raised that the captain was not there, that he had gone overboard. "There was a long cross-examination by the district attorney, in which Maxwell stuck to his story very closely. On direct examination the following questions were put by Mr. Anthony: "Did the captain strike at you when he was in the mizen rigging?" "Did you believe he was going to throw you overboard?" "Yes." "Did you call for help?" "No." "Did you know where Campbell and McIntyre were?" "No." "When the tug left did you know you were going to sea?" "No." Campbell, recalled in rebuttal, said that Maxwell and the captain had been on shore about shipping and Maxwell was then somewhat intoxicated. Seaman McIntyre also told of the conversation related by the last witness. Chief of Police Clark, of St. John, said Maxwell's face was not scarred when arrested, but he was black. The arguments were made this afternoon. Tomorrow at 10 a. m. Judge Putnam will charge the jury.

Maxwell made a decidedly good impression on the stand and undoubtedly has the sympathy of the public, however the jurors may feel. District Attorney Dyer in his argument abandoned the charge of murder and directed his efforts towards urging a conviction for manslaughter.

KILLED WIFE AND MOTHER.

Terrible Result of a Row Between a Father and Son.

Collingwood, Ont., May 3--John Weldon, an wife and father have lived here for many years. He is an old British soldier and unless in his cups, which occurs frequently, he is a hard working man. Weldon and one of his sons, William, were in his home on Hickory street last night. Both, as far as can be learned, were the worse of liquor. A dispute arose between them, ending in a fierce fight, during which the mother getting, as is supposed, between them, was struck by one or other and today lies dead. Nothing is clear as yet, as there appears to have been no other witness on the scene. The two men are in the lock-up and of course blame each other for the deed. A coroner's inquest has been ordered.

CANADIAN MANUFACTURERS TO MEET.

Five Hundred Delegates Expected to Attend.

Toronto, May 3--(Special)--The Canadian Manufacturers' Association here decided to summon a convention of manufacturers to meet in Toronto during the last week of August. The principal matter to be considered will be the extension of Canadian trade abroad, and the work of the convention will follow non-political lines. Five hundred delegates are expected.

TROUBLE IN BULGARIA.

The Peasants Have Obtained Some Rifles From the Troops.

Sofia, Bulgaria, May 3--The rising of peasants in the vicinity of Ruzhuk is assuming alarming proportions. The peasants have succeeded in disarming some troops and have used rifles against others. Two officers and 15 men have been killed or wounded. A similar number of peasants fell. About 3,000 peasants are now marching on Ruzhuk against two battalions of troops sent to defend the town.

SIR CHARLES LIED.

Correspondence Which Proves the Leader of the Opposition to Have No Regard For the Truth.

Ottawa, May 3--In the House today Hon. Mr. Blair, in reply to a question stated that the Beatharros canal would probably not be closed this year, but referred to the smaller vessels. Hon. Dr. Borden replied to some strictures that had been made by Sir Charles Tupper on April 25th, in regard to delay in getting the official list of the soldiers killed in South Africa and showed that the utmost diligence had been made to obtain it. The list in the possession of the government, which came from Sir Alfred Milner, was, however, quite as authentic as the war office list, having come from the same source. It seemed very extraordinary that such a position should be taken by the insurance company.

Mr. Douglass, of Cape Breton, resumed the debate on the budget. To this telegram I received the following reply: Halifax, N. S., April 2nd, 1903. Hon. W. S. Fielding, Esq., 25th St. I have just received your telegram of March 23rd, which has been in the country for some time. It is very interesting and only representations and suggestions to the government of Canada in respect to the iron and steel works at Sydney. Mr. Whitney, after consultation with me, I know that the government never at any time considered the question of extending the bounties nor did any member of the government after the matter was first presented to the government. Information was repeatedly asked for and eventually legislation was enacted. Sir Charles Tupper had no more to do in the matter than any other member of the opposition.

W. B. ROSS. I also addressed the following letter to Mr. Whitney: Ottawa, April 4, 1903. Dear Mr. Whitney: I desire to call your attention to a statement made on Friday last in the Canadian House of Commons by Sir Charles Tupper in the course of some remarks respecting the iron and steel works at Sydney. After mentioning your own name and that of Mr. Graham Fraser of New Glasgow as being interested in the iron and steel industry, Sir Charles proceeded as follows: "I have a very honorable friend (Mr. Fielding) and they employed him to extend that measure of assistance necessary for you mentioned in your letter of the 23rd inst. My honorable friend (Mr. Fielding) gave them an absolute, payable receipt, but they did not use it until they were utterly discouraged."

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