

MINERS AND OPERATORS IN CONFERENCE

FINAL EFFORT TO BE MADE TO OBTAIN SETTLEMENT OF EXISTING DIFFICULTIES.

Situation is Critical - British Columbia Mining, Smelting and Lumber Industries Threatened if Dispute Continues.

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NEW ARRIVALS ARE SUPERIOR CLASS

BIG IMPROVEMENT IN QUALITY OF IMMIGRANTS COMING INTO CANADA THIS SPRING.

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SPENDING WITHOUT COUNTING COST

CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE COMMITTEE OFFERS SERIOUS ADVICE TO CITY COUNCIL.

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CAN. N.O.R. RAILWAY BILL PASSES HOUSE

INCREASED BONDING ASKED FOR AND WINNIPEG TERMINAL CLAUSE GRANTED.

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FOOD DEPOTS FOR IMPERIAL ARMY

COLONIALS HAVE PRACTICAL SCHEME FOR ASSISTING IN DEFENSE OF THE EMPIRE.

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ENGULFED IN LAKE MICHIGAN

LITTLE DOUBT WOODEN LUMBER BARGE ARCADIA HAS BEEN LOST.

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TO ENCOURAGE IRON & STEEL INDUSTRIES

MR. FIELDING INTRODUCES HIS BILL INCORPORATING BOUNTIES.

Intended to Continue Bounties for Three Years After First of July Next—Period Extended Two Years on Electric Smelters.

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SEEDING STARTS TODAY

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PERSIAN ENVOY SHOT IN BAKU

MIRZA ABBAS LOOKED UPON AS FUTURE LEADER OF REFORM. MORTALLY WOUNDED.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 23.—It is reported from Baku that a murder attack was made last night on Mirza Abbas Menka, who has been looked upon as the future leader of the reform party in Persia.

WRECKS ON RAILWAYS

Due to Faulty Rails as Result of Rush to Fill Orders.

CHICAGO, April 23.—Imperfect rails due to the rush to fill orders are held responsible for the railway wrecks, the appalling loss of life and multiplying damage to the American people.

RESULTS IN BASEBALL

National—At Boston—New York 4; Boston 2. At Chicago—Chicago 4; Cincinnati 8.

SHARBOT LAKE VISITED BY FIRE

Special to The Leader. KINGSTON, Ont., April 23.—Sharbot Lake suffered severely by fire yesterday afternoon, damage to the extent of seven thousand dollars being done.

MR. SHARRETT TO RETURN TO CANADA

Special to The Leader. ROME, April 23.—The report that Mr. Sharrett, the new delegate to Canada who is now in the city, would not return to the Dominion owing to family reasons is incorrect.

PARIS STRIKERS AND THE POLICE

P. PARIS, April 23.—A fierce encounter between the striking waiters and bakers and police occurred in the streets today.

WILL KNOW BETTER NEXT TIME

Brandford Men Lights Match to Find Where Escaping Gas Came From.

BRANDFORD, Ont., April 23.—A terrific explosion of natural gas took place in the town of Brandford this morning.

A SERIOUS CHARGE

Special to The Leader. PROYAC, PRAIRIE, April 23.—Malcolm McLeish, a farmer of Sidway, Man., was up in police court today charged with the murder of his son last Saturday.

MUCH MARRIED MAN NOW IN TROUBLE

HAS SEVENTEEN WIVES AND IS WANTED IN SEVERAL AMERICAN CITIES.

CHICAGO, April 23.—A dispatch from Marshall, Mich., says: "Dr. John Carver, alleged bigamist who is said to have at least seventeen wives, was captured yesterday at Fort Smith, Ark. Carver is charged with having defrauded his wives out of a total of \$150,000."

MRS. PERKINS ACQUITTED

Special to The Leader. TORONTO, Ont., April 23.—Mrs. Matie Perkins was acquitted of the charge of murder of her husband last night at Chrysa.

PORT BLAKELY LUMBER MILL BURNED

Special to The Leader. PORT BLAKELY, Wn., April 23.—Fire which started last night in the planer room of the Port Blakely Mill Company's lumber mill at Port Blakely destroyed the entire plant.

NEW TAXES FOR CITY OF MONTREAL

MOVEMENT ON FOOT TO LEVY TAX ON POWER COMPANIES AND MONEY LENDERS.

MONTREAL, April 23.—On the strength of a petition presented at the last meeting of the Legislature, a special by-law will be read at the next meeting of the City Council.

TOULON ARSENAL IS BURNING

FIRE BROKE OUT SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT AND IS STILL RAGING.

TOULON, April 23.—Fire which broke out at the arsenal here shortly after midnight, continues as this dispatch is forwarded and has assumed alarming proportions.

MORE SETTLERS FOR THE NORTHWEST

Special to The Leader. TORONTO, April 23.—Four hundred settlers for the Northwest left by special train this afternoon.

FORTUNES IN OLD FRENCH FURNITURE

PART OF LONDON COLLECTION SOLD FOR \$83,000—LOUIS XV. COMMODE BRINGS \$20,000.

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