

APPALING LOSS OF LIFE FOLLOWS MINE EXPLOSION

Believed That Upwards of 100 Miners Are Entombed in Colorado Colliery.

Rescue Party Halted By Main Shaft Which is Blocked--Eight Bodies Already Recovered.

Primer, Col., Jan. 31.—More than a hundred men are believed to have been killed by a terrific explosion in the Primer mine of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, at 4.30 this afternoon.

Eight bodies have been recovered and rescue parties are making desperate efforts to reach the interior workings, cut off from the outside by the caving of the main shaft.

Three men were killed at the mouth of the mine slope by the force of the explosion.

Both fans, with which the mine is equipped were shattered and it was impossible to enter the mine until they were repaired at 7.30 tonight.

As soon as the fans were repaired, General Superintendent J. F. Thomson and a rescue party entered by the main shaft which is completely blocked.

A party equipped with oxygen helmets replaced this party, the workings were reached through the air-shaft and now being searched for more bodies.

Miners were rushed to Primer from Trinidad, Secundo, Starkville, Sepria and Cokerville, and are laboring frantically to clear the main shaft.

LIBERALS FACE UNEMPLOYED PROBLEM TODAY

Government in England to Open Exchange in Effort to Provide Work For Vast Army of Unemployed.

THE PERSONNEL OF THE NEW CABINET

London, Jan. 31.—The inauguration of the new system of National Labor Exchanges, created by the Liberal Government as a preliminary step in dealing with the unemployment problem, will take place tomorrow when exchanges will be opened throughout the country without formal ceremony.

One hundred exchanges will be started in February and 150 more during the next six months. Their object is neither charity nor relief, but only to serve to bring men desiring work into touch with employers wanting labor.

No official announcement of cabinet changes until Premier Asquith returns from his holiday on the continent but well-informed men on the Liberal side believe that the cabinet will be distributed about as follows:

Augustine Birrell, secretary for Ireland, to be secretary for the home department in place of H. J. Gladstone, who has been appointed governor of United South Africa; Winston Spencer Churchill, president of the Board of Trade, to be chief secretary for Ireland; John Burns, to be president of the Board of Trade; Herbert L. Samuel, parliamentary secretary of the home office, to be president of the local government board, and Charles Hobhouse, financial secretary of the treasury, to be promoted to cabinet rank.

The conviction is deepening that the House of Lords question will be raised in the new parliament by the introduction of a resolution before the budget is presented, reaffirming the privileges of the House of Commons with regard to money bills.

There is considerable speculation on both sides as to whether Prime Minister Asquith is willing to remain in office. One rumor definitely asserts that he will resign, and another to Lewis Harcourt, the first commissioner of Works, to organize a cabinet from the incongruous elements represented by the ministerial majority.

JUST REPRESENTATION FOR MARITIME PROVINCES

Laurier Backed Up By New Brunswick's Representative in the Cabinet Sidetracks Scheme for a Return to the Conditions Existing at Confederation.

Dr. Daniel, M. P. Brings Down an Overwhelming Array of Facts in Support of the Three Provinces--Debate is Abruptly Adjourned.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 31.—The Maritime Province members today made their demand for a return to the representation their provinces enjoyed at confederation.

This is what happened:— 1. One Ontario member (Conservative) was favorable.

Two Saskatchewan members (Liberals) were opposed, one of them, Mr. Turfitt, was violent in his antagonism.

Mr. Pugsley skipped away from his former advocacy of the claims of his province, declared that those claims had no legal basis and blandly told his fellow Maritime Province members to get up an inter-provincial conference and list its support.

Mr. Turfitt rather curtly cut the debate short by adjourning it after he had expressed his disagreement with most of the arguments put forward by the Maritime Province men, but had agreed with Mr. Pugsley's idea of an inter-provincial conference.

The course of the debate was that Mr. Kite moved his resolution which has been on the paper since the opening day, demanding simply a guarantee that there shall be no reduction below the present number, and that an amendment was moved demanding that the representation of a province shall never fall below the figure it had upon entering confederation.

LLOYD DIXON LEARNS OF HIS APPOINTMENT

United States Commissioner General of Immigration Declares There is no Co-operation Among Signatories.

THE PUBLIC ATTITUDE ON THE QUESTION

Special to The Standard. Cambridge, Jan. 31.—Lloyd S. Dixon, of Sackville, was the recipient of warm congratulations here today on his selection as Rhodes scholar for New Brunswick by his Alma Mater, Mount Allison.

Mr. Dixon is regarded as one of the most brilliant students at Harvard and has made many friends here who rejoice with him in his selection.

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Mr. Warburton doubted whether Ontario would insist on retaining in those who are not members of the Maritime Provinces, which had not been intended at the time of confederation.

Dr. Daniel seconded Mr. Warburton's amendment as a proposal which would occur to all provinces. He was surprised at Mr. Turfitt's attitude, Mr. Turfitt was in the position of being willing to accept for his province favor which other provinces could not give.

Dr. Daniel also dealt with the addition of new territory to Quebec, when railway development caused this to be populated, and the question of representation would be raised. In this connection he quoted a strong utterance by Mr. Pugsley.

PARIS IS RAPIDLY RESUMING HER OLD TIME CONDITION

WHITE SLAVE TREATY HELD AS WORTHLESS

New Brunswick's Rhodes Scholar the Recipient of Many Congratulations at Cambridge.

WILL SPECIALIZE IN MATHEMATICS

Washington, D. C., Jan. 31.—The treaty ratified by the Senate March 1, 1907, providing for general action by the powers toward the repression of the "white slave" traffic, has been declared by Daniel J. Keefe, commissioner-general of immigration, to be "practically worthless."

The failure of this convention to accomplish the good expected was explained in a report by the commissioner-general which was transmitted to the Senate today by President Taft on the response to a senator's solution.

"Practically no co-operation at present can be expected of the signatories as regards the enforcement of our immigration laws. The prevention of innocent women and girls for purposes of debauchery has seldom, if ever, come to the attention of the bureau, and as it is the purpose of the treaty to prevent such prostitution, the treaty's usefulness ends there."

"Even with the passage of new legislation with a string of provisions by the government in the repression of this traffic, will not be in position to enforce properly, the treaty without specific financial provision being made which will permit of an unremitting search of the country as a whole and not in isolated portions alone, this warfare being restricted, of course, to aliens."

The net result of the replies to letters sent to officials in the several countries concerned, was that no co-operation could be looked for except in specific instances. The reasons for this were many, among them being the lack of legal authority. But the principle one, says Mr. Keefe, "seems to be the public attitude towards those women who make prostitution a business, the idea being that the government has no right to interfere with their choice, otherwise they will prescribe certain sanitary provisions."

Mr. Dixon has always taken a deep interest in athletics and is in perfect physical condition. He is good fortune. Mr. Dixon has paid particular attention to mathematics and it is understood he will specialize in this at Oxford. He will be the first Canadian Rhodes scholar, whose specialty has been the study of "the hard grained muses of the cube and square."

Spirits of Parisians Rising with Fall of Waters and City is Gay Once More.

Press Demands That City Be Safeguarded From Another Such Disaster--Government Active.

Paris, Jan. 31.—The improvement in the general situation continues and the spirits of the Parisians are rising as the water falls. Street-hawkers are selling post card pictures of the flood, and the boulevard are once more gay with rejoicing thousands.

With this crisis past, the mercurial French temperament faces the subsidiary troubles with a light heart, but the papers are already sounding a note of warning that the lesson must not be forgotten, that measures must be taken to avoid a repetition of the disaster. This can be done by the construction of a cut-off either in the way of a canal or a large underground conduit around Paris.

The prefect of the Department of the Seine has issued instructions to the owners of flooded houses to clean and disinfect their premises within 24 hours after the subsidence of the water, to the satisfaction of the municipal architect. Otherwise, the work will be done at the cost and risk of the owners. The government has ordered the tax collectors to show the greatest leniency to delinquents, and the Mont de Piété is extending pawn tickets for three months.

Several steam trams today resumed the work of pumping out the subway and considerable progress is being made in the sections where the flood is lowest.

Public and private benevolence committees are organizing benefit societies and various face courses are being raised, a big sum of money is being collected for the relief of the poor. A resolution was introduced in the Chamber of Deputies, asking the government to award special crosses of the Legion of Honor, to those who have been conspicuous in the rescue work.

Although the papers are printing columns of pitiful stories, a hundredth part of the horror and agony suffered will never be known. Many corpses have been swept from the river, and occasionally a coffin in a boat, which had probably broken away from a funeral procession, scores of half-famished families have been rescued from their homes, and there are hundreds still occupying their half-submerged houses, waiting for the water to recede. A source of danger between the water-dogs roaming around Arville and Ivry and many of these have been shot in the fear that they might develop rabies. In several instances, they have made attacks upon human beings.

MONTREAL LIKELY TO RETURN CITIZEN'S SLATE

Montreal, Jan. 31.—A most strenuous municipal campaign was brought to a close this evening and the ballots will decide tomorrow if a corrupt ring is to be broken up or will be allowed to continue a reign of dissipation and plunder at the city hall.

The race cry this time has also been worked for all it is worth, but it looks as if the same verdict would be rendered tomorrow as a few months ago. Dr. Guerin's election looks assured this evening unless the anti-French feeling amongst the French Canadians has been exploited more than any one could imagine and it looks as if the whole or a good part of the slate would be returned.

CHARTS ARE PROVED WRONG

Washington, D. C., Jan. 31.—Errors in navigation charts which are of immense importance to all shipping interests on the Atlantic ocean, have been discovered by the scientific staff of the yachts, Carnegie, which is making a magnetic survey of the coast for the Carnegie Institution of Washington.

any other province, owing to the high average of ability on her members. After today they must add the Nova Scotia had the most worthy members. Besides, the Maritime Provinces had a far larger representation in the cabinet and Manitoba and Saskatchewan have a larger population than Nova Scotia and P. E. Island and yet Nova Scotia has two ministers and the two western provinces have none. The Liberal members from the west had been too modest in this matter.

The proposal of the resolution would result in a degraded and inferior position; if it were passed it would sow seeds of discord, would break up the principle of confederation and would result in the dismemberment of Canada. That in the west 45,000 people in the west who would not stand for one minute having to accept a position in confederation inferior to that of any other province. Personally if the resolution were accepted and followed by a bill to give effect to it, that bill would not be five minutes past its second reading before his resignation would be in the Speaker's hands.

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TRICKED BY UNCLE SAMUEL

Mexico City, Mex., Jan. 31.—In a statement given to a personal friend for publication after his departure from this city, Jose Santos Zelaya, former president of Nicaragua, who left last night on route for Belgium, made the startling statement that he was tricked by the United States into providing his revolutionists with an advantage during the early stages of the insurrection in his country. He said:—"Our army had defeated the revolutionists on the San Juan River and was marching on Bluefields. The revolt would have ended in a week, when suddenly the United States asked us to declare a truce while terms of peace could be discussed. The truce was declared and before operations were resumed, the insurgents received a large shipment of arms and ammunition from the United States. After that followed the battle of Rama, in which the government army was defeated. We were tricked and played like figures in a game of chess by the powerful influence at Washington when Judge Swing ordered her two children removed from the court room. The second instance was when letters were introduced by the state which she wrote to Edgar S. Cooke, formerly an employe in the Big Four R. R. offices here, couched in the most flattering terms. Her infatuation for Cooke was clearly revealed in them and as her declarations of affection were read to the jury, Mrs. Ford trembled and tears streamed down her cheeks."

GLOVER PETERSON CASE HAS BEEN GOT CLOUED

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 31.—The Glover Peterson case was concluded this afternoon in the supreme court.

\$84,000 THE PRICE OF A WOMAN'S SILENCE

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 31.—Eighty four thousand dollars was the price paid by the United States for the silence of a woman. Fearing exposure of his shortcomings, he gave Mrs. Jeanette Stewart Ford an average of \$1,000 a month for seven years, the payments stopping only when exposures came from other sources November 2nd last.

THE C.N.R. AND THE DUNSMUIR COLLIERIES

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 31.—It is stated here that the Canadian Northern paid \$100,000 option of the proposed purchase of the Dunsmuir collieries, and other Dunsmuir interests on Vancouver Island, \$11,000,000 being the purchase price.

MYSTERY DEEPENS IN VAN ZANDT MURDER

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 31.—The cause of the death of Mrs. Jesse Van Zandt, whose bound and gagged body was discovered lying on her kitchen stove last Saturday evening, is as great a mystery tonight as when the corpse was discovered.

A new cabinet has been formed in Greece with M. Dragumis as premier and minister of finance. Colonel Zorbas, head of the military league, is the new minister of war.