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THE TOWN AND HARBOR OF VLADIVOSTOK.

NO AGREEMENT.

Operators and Miners Fail to Decide on Scale of Wages.

Indianapolis, March 5.—The joint conference of coal miners and operators of the central competitive district adjourned to-day without reaching an agreement as to the scale of wages for the year beginning April 1st. This is the second failure to agree. The operators are leaving for their homes. The miners' delegates will meet on Monday is national conference, when a statement of the miners' position will be made. The final disagreement and adjournment came after a day devoted to consideration of the ultimatum which was that a two years' scale be signed at a reduction of five and one-half per cent. from the present scale. This had been reported to the joint sub-committee, which today reported it to the joint scale committee which brought it before the joint conference.

Addresses urging the acceptance of the proposition were made by leading operators, who said the conditions necessitated concessions by the miners. At an exclusive session of the miners, President Mitchell, Vice-President Lewis and Secretary Wilson advised the acceptance of the operators' proposition. A test vote showed that the miners would not accept this advice.

At a joint conference later the operators voted for the proposition by states, and the miners voting by states, declared against. P. Robbins, of the operators, declined to state if he and President Mitchell had consulted with a view to reopening negotiations. He would not discuss the probability of a strike. President Mitchell also declined to discuss the matter.

VALUABLE PRIZES.

Forty-Eight Thousand Dollars for Winners at Greater New York Race Meetings.

New York, March 5.—Twin trotting meetings in the grand circuit at Empire City park and Brighton beach are assured by arrangements just perfected, which will place both tracks under one management so far as harness racing affairs are concerned. James Butler, who controls the Empire track, has entered into an agreement with W. A. Engemann, owner of the Brighton race course, whereby Mr. Butler is to finance and control the grand circuit meeting at will be two weeks of continuous trotting in Greater New York next summer, with the first meeting at the Empire track, the second at the Coney Island course, beginning one week later. For each are to be opened next week, the entries closing April 4th.

WILL USE ELECTRICITY.

Estimates For Changing New York and Ottawa Railway Being Prepared.

New York, March 5.—The Tribune this morning publishes the following dispatch from Glenfalls, N. Y.: "Reports to the effect that the New York and Ottawa railway is likely to be converted into an electric railway this year, have been confirmed officially by General Manager Gay, who says the estimates for the proposed change are being prepared. This is an important line in the heart of the Adirondack, extending from the Cornwall bridge, a distance of sixty-five miles, crossing the St. Lawrence river near the old Indian village of the same name. It is expected that the hauling power of the locomotives will be increased and a greater speed maintained."

FIRE AT PRINCETON.

Hotel and General Store Destroyed—Heavy Losses.

Kamloops, B. C., March 5.—There was a big fire at Princeton on Thursday, the 3rd instant, at 5 p.m. The Tullamien hotel and contents, owned by George W. Allous and valued at \$5,000, was burned. It was insured for \$1,000. The fire also destroyed the chief general store and contents. The store was owned by A. E. Howse & Co., Limited, its value was \$8,000; insured for \$3,500. Princeton is the chief town situated on the Similkameen river, near Vermilion Forks, South Yale. The news of the disaster was brought to Kamloops, 132 miles from Princeton, yesterday.

JAPS AND CANAL.

Representatives of Mikado Say It Means Much to Their Country.

Chicago, March 5.—S. Minekishi and T. Sakurai, representative of the Japanese government, have arrived at Chicago on their way to Washington. They are sent to inquire into the conditions relative to the construction of the Panama canal. "The opening of the canal means much to the Japanese," said Mr. Minekishi. "It will increase our commercial interests, and the government wants full information as to prepare for the enlargement of the harbors and the shipping facilities of our ports."

EARTHQUAKE.

Knoxville, Tenn., March 5.—A report from Sevier county, twenty-seven miles south, is to the effect that a distinct earthquake was felt there at 7:30 o'clock last night. It lasted about eight seconds and was generally along the Appalachian mountain range. The shock travelled in a north-easterly direction, and reports of it in a mild form come from other towns.

TUGBOAT RELEASED.

San Domingo, March 5.—The training ship Hartford, which has arrived here from San Pedro de Macoris, reported that the tugboat Burrow, belonging to the Clyde line of New York, which was recently seized and armed by the insurgents at San Pedro de Macoris, is again in the hands of her owners. The Hartford has left here for Guantanamo. The city is quiet.

THE KING'S HEALTH.

London, March 5.—The King will not accompany the Queen and the Prince of Wales to St. Paul's on the occasion of "Bible Sunday." This absence of His Majesty is not regarded as an indication that his cold is worse; on the contrary, it was announced after the visit this evening of Sir Francis Lakin, physician-in-ordinary to the King, that His Majesty was making splendid progress, and probably would be able to go out early next week.

SKELTON OF MASTODON.

Found in the Yukon—Is in an Excellent State of Preservation.

Seattle, March 5.—The complete form of a mastodon has been discovered at Hildebrand, on Quarts creek, according to a dispatch received by the Post-Intelligencer from Dawson, Y. T. It was embedded 98 feet in the earth when found, and the use of a steam thawing plant was necessary to unearth the immense animal. The hair and skin of the beast are in a perfect state of preservation, although the flesh is somewhat decomposed, and the big tusks, which remain fastened to the skull, are in good condition. It is estimated that the skeleton is worth about \$50,000, as there is but one or two of them in existence in as good a condition. The mastodon was discovered buried in an old channel, well in the zone of almost perpetual frost, which accounts for its excellent preservation.

TWO FIRES IN EAST.

Loss at Halifax Amounts to \$25,000 and at Montreal to \$75,000—Sudden Death.

Halifax, March 5.—Fire at an early hour this morning completely destroyed the three story wooden building occupied by H. C. Carrolls, fruit and commission merchant, and damaged the British American hotel, and the premises of Donovan & Bromana, plumbers; James Leary, grocer; and the Commercial hotel. The loss will be about \$25,000. During the fire Patrick Schell, an old man about sixty, an old-time fireman, dropped dead near the scene of excitement.

Montreal, March 5.—Fire this morning did damage to the extent of about \$75,000 to the cheese stock of D. A. Macpherson & Co., William street. Several firemen were injured by falling through the floor and others from suffocation.

FLOODS IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Many Families Driven From Their Homes—Great Destruction of Property.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 5.—The Susquehanna river to-day was 23 feet above low water mark and was still rising. At Middletown the low lands are submerged and the electric light plant is ruined. The town was without light last night, and many families have been compelled to leave their homes. A large district of South Harrisburg is inundated. Traffic is still paralyzed on the Philadelphia division of the Pennsylvania railroad owing to the tracks being covered by water in and below Steelton. The plants of the Pennsylvania Steel Co., the Central Iron Works and other industries are closed.

TRAIN DERAILLED.

Accident West of Carleton—One Passenger Killed and His Body Partly Cremated.

Ottawa, March 5.—A train from Winnipeg to Montreal, except the engine, rolled down the embankment twenty miles west of Carleton place. The cause of the wreck was a broken rail. One passenger, a shantman, in the second-class car, was killed and his body partly cremated, the car taking fire. Some of the passengers were injured, but none seriously.

APPEAL GRANTED.

Decision in Favor of Allowing a Revision of the Alfred Dreyfus Trial.

Paris, March 5.—The criminal branch of the court of cassation to-day granted the appeal of Alfred Dreyfus for a revision of his trial at Rennes.

WILL NOT FORECLOSE.

Toronto, March 5.—It is understood the New York Life Insurance Co., which threatened to foreclose the mortgage it holds on the board of trade building, has agreed not to make this action, providing certain specified conditions are fulfilled.

CONTRACTORS PAID.

Settlement Made Yesterday in Connection With the Building of Government House.

Friday payment was made to Contractor Drake and to all the sub-contractors in connection with the extras in the building of Government House. The total amount was \$19,498. This covers the sums allowed by the board of arbitrators to whom the matter was referred. The arbitrators, Thos. Hooper, A. Maxwell Muir, of Victoria, and W. Dalton, of Vancouver, still remain unpaid for their services. The actual cost of building has by the payment of these claims for extras been met however.

The decision of the board of arbitrators according to the agreement entered into by the government and the contractors was to be final, so that no dispute could arise in connection with that. When the subject was referred to a select committee of the House it was only upon the question of alleged reflections cast upon Architect Rattenbury.

LONG LEASE OF LIFE.

One Discoveries at Rossland During Past Six Months Have Had Remarkable Effect.

"Recent developments in the Rossland camp, covering a period of say three or four months, have added ten years of life to the miners." This remark, says the Rossland Miner, "emanated from a practical miner who makes it his business to keep in touch with the progress of matters, in all the mines, and it voices a sentiment that is becoming recognized in the city and district, and elsewhere as was evidenced a few days ago when T. G. Blackstock made the statement that in Ontario the feeling with respect to Rossland and the Kootenays was appreciably better. In London, too, the reports of the Le Roi and Le Roi 2 Company have had the effect of turning the eyes of London and English investors toward British Columbia and Rossland in particular."

The statement as to the increased life of the Rossland mines is founded on the really remarkable development of ore bodies in the past six months. Sufficient data is to hand respecting these discoveries of a given dimension, and applying this experience to the facts now in the possession of the public, it is evident that a decade is a conservative estimate of the future operations in the camp, even if no further ore is located.

The Le Roi has an enormous body of molten ore, probably greater in size than anything yet developed in the big mine, almost ready for stopping, while the subsidiary stores are contributing largely and constantly by themselves an important reserve. In the Josie mine reports are to hand about unusually important ore discoveries. In the Jumbo mine, where for the past eight or ten months has been in the direction of opening up the great ore body on the first level and in tracing it downward sufficiently to get the dip accurately. The Jumbo's shipping operations, while substantial, have been a side issue, and the stopping of the ore extracted for this purpose has been entirely subsidiary to the main object. When the mine secures the railroad connection now being arranged its shipping operations will be on an entirely different and larger scale. Deep level developments in the White Bear are reported to have opened up big ore bodies, especially on the 850 level, where the width of the ore is placed at 30 feet. In the Spitzmire mine the developments in respect to new ore bodies have been exceptionally satisfactory, while in the War Eagle and Centre Star mines the tonnage of ore, especially of milling grade, is very great.

The ore discoveries specified have been made under conditions that point to additional discoveries as development is pursued. If the camp, has gained ten years in life by the results accomplished to date there is no reason to disbelieve that the future work along the similar lines will not result in additional discoveries that will prolong the productive life of the mines many decades. In fact the natural inference is altogether in support of such a supposition.

LINER REPORTED.

New York, March 5.—The American line steamship New York, from Southampton for New York, is reported as having been in communication by wireless telegraphy with the Nantuxet lights at 5:40 o'clock this morning.

TOOK CARBOLIC ACID.

Lucan, Ont., March 5.—William Hill, head cooper of the Lucan Milling Co., committed suicide by taking carbolic acid last night. The act was premeditated. Domestic troubles are supposed to have caused the deed.

"Then you have no sympathy for the deserving poor," said the charity worker. "Me?" retorted the self-made man; "why, sir, I was not taking but sympathy."—Ottawa Daily News.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Princess Alice of Bourbon, the divorced wife of Prince Frederick of Schoenburg-Waldenburg, has joined the Russian Red Cross and started for the camp in the Far East.

The steamer St. Paul, which has sailed from Liverpool for New York, took a score of Japanese officers, who had been ordered home on account of war.

The session of the Japanese Diet opening on March 18th, will last only ten days. During the session the annual budget will be submitted. Following the adjournment the Mikado will leave Tokyo for Kyoto.

Admiral Evans telegraphed the United States navy department that the annual record of target practice of the battleships and cruisers of the Asiatic fleet has been completed. The best single scores are as follows: In 11 minutes and 20 seconds, the best 13-inch gun of the Wisconsin made nine hits, the Oregon six hits and the Kentucky five hits. The best five-inch gun of the Kentucky made eleven hits in two minutes.

King Edward has approved the selection of Hon. Charles Harding, assistant under secretary for foreign affairs, to succeed Sir Charles Scott as British ambassador at St. Petersburg. Sir Charles retired at the end of April. Sir Edgar Gosset, the chief adviser to the Egyptian government, will replace Mr. Harding in the foreign office.

The lower branch of the Newfoundland colonial legislature has passed unanimously the Anglo-French modus vivendi respecting the French shore fisheries for the current year.

There are fifteen dead, fifteen known to have been injured and three persons reported missing as the result of the collapse of the unfinished Darlington apartment house, New York, on Wednesday.

Daniel Cushing, aged 32 years, a prominent and wealthy man from Columbus, Miss., was kidnapped by unknown persons on Wednesday night at Devil's river, Texas, where he had gone for his health. A note in his handwriting was found on the shore of the railroad station, stating that he had been kidnapped by four men and would be held for a ransom of \$10,000.

John Keenan, well known in the days of the famous "boodle" board of aldermen of New York, as the "Bismarck of the county democracy," died on Thursday at his home in Holle, N. Y. John Keenan was the head and front of the boodle conspiracy by which the board of aldermen of 1884 was bribed to give the Broadway railroad franchise to Jacob Sharp. He was the man who heu the bribe fund and appropriated the money to the members of the board. He was one of the famous "boodle" colony in Canada, where he fled just before his indictment.

The London correspondent of the Echo de Paris has telegraphed an interview with a certain person in London who, although his identity is not revealed is obviously Paul Cambon, French ambassador to Great Britain. According to the correspondent this person declared that the beginning of hostilities came as an absolute surprise to Great Britain, which has done its utmost to prevent the war. The spreading of the conflict will be avoided easily if France and Great Britain, keep cool, but the greatest vigilance is necessary to frustrate the aims of the individuals who are interested in creating a quarrel between the two nations.

St. John, Que., was the scene of a disastrous conflagration on Thursday night. A number of the leading business houses were burned out, and the loss is estimated at \$100,000. Somewhere between Lewiston, Mont., and Lumbard three trains, one freight and two mixed passenger, have been buried in the snow drifts for two weeks. Snow ploughs with big gangs of men have been backing the drifts night and day, but snow falls daily. The two mixed trains carry about twenty passengers.

There were 144 German domestic servants last year who were awarded the servants' golden cross for having lived 40 years with one family. Only one was found in Berlin.

STEAMERS OF JAP LINE WITHDRAWN.

RED CROSS NURSES WILL LEAVE ON IYU.

Queen City Brings Live Stock, Ore and Fish Shipments—Sealers Secure Crews—Notes.

Nine nurses from Philadelphia, under the guidance of Dr. Anita Newcombe Mace, going to succor the sick and wounded of the Japanese army, will leave on the steamer Iyu Maru on Wednesday. They have tendered their services without hope of receiving remuneration. The nurses are Misses Ella V. King, Minnie Cooke, Adelaide Mackereth, Elizabeth Krutz, Adele Neoh, Philadelphia; Miss Sophia Newall, New Jersey; Miss Genevieve Russell, New York city; Miss Mary Gladwin, Boston, and Miss Alice Kemner, Indiana. The party's expenses are to be borne by the Philadelphia Red Cross Society. The ladies will be the first corps of nurses to cross the Pacific from British Columbia or Puget Sound since the outbreak of war.

The Iyu's outward voyage will probably be her last trip for some considerable time, for before she left the Orient it was pretty generally understood that all vessels of the line would be impressed in the transport service. Their withdrawal places a large extra traffic on the steamers of other lines, for belonging to the Nippon Yusen line were five or six passenger and freight ships, second only in their accommodations to the ships of the Empress line. No more steamers of the Japanese line are looked for until after the war closes.

QUEEN CITY RETURNS.

A seven-ton shipment of ore from Anderson's lake, a consignment of twelve hogs from Echeulet, and four horses from Quatsino, made up the cargo of the steamer Queen City on her return on Monday from a special trip down the coast as far as Quatsino. On this voyage no lumber was brought from Quatsino, although on previous trips the steamer had considerable. The ore represents a sample shipment from a new property and is being sent to a smelter for testing purposes. The fish to be forwarded to Vancouver, the shipment being among the first received from that port.

There was little news gathered by the officers of the steamer on the voyage just ended, which was somewhat disappointing, although the weather prevailing. The sealing schooner Umbria had sailed from Kyugnot; the Carrie C. W. Dora Siewerd and Zillah May were on Claymont, had favorable prospects of securing Indian crews, and the Eva Marie, Capt. Victor Jacobson, was in at Dodge's Cove getting hunters.

Among the passengers who arrived on the steamer was M. Tregeur, who has been down to Claymont examining a mining property.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

A notice to mariners just issued by the department of marine and fisheries says: "The small tugboat, named Red, has been placed on the top of the steel cone of buoy (marked R. B. No. 1, on chart No. 338) moored off Reef point, Baynes Sound, as a distinguishing mark in foggy weather."

A wharf has been erected by the government of Canada at the upper end of the wharf, Vancouver Island, direct ences to the northward of the entrance to the small inner harbor or right at the extreme bottom of the bay.

The wharf, built of piles, consists of an approach 120 feet long, with a tee 100 feet long by 40 feet wide at its outer end. Its deck is 5 feet above high water mark. There is a small warehouse on the wharf. The length along the front of the wharf is 27 feet, deepening rapidly outwards to 40 and 60 feet.

The wharf is easy of approach at all stages of the tide, and can be seen in ordinary weather on entering the bay.

MARINE NOTES.

It is announced that the Alaska Steamship Company's new steamer Jefferson will be launched at Tacoma on April 2nd. The company's steamer Dolphin will be on hand for the occasion with an excursion of Jefferson company citizens from Port Townsend.

H. M. S. Grafton will not call at Panama on her way north to Esquimaux. She had been scheduled to call at that port on April 2nd.

D. G. S. Quadra left for Nanaimo on Monday for coal. On her return she will take supplies to some of the light-houses.

The ship Castle Rock, now at San Francisco, has been chartered to load British Columbia lumber.

ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION.

Vancouver, March 7.—T. L. Lawrence, a member of the Manitoba legislature and a prominent farmer, stated today that he had tried to purchase 30 carloads of lumber and shingles in Vancouver for Manitoba, but was refused on the ground that he was not a member of the Retail Association of Dealers in the Northwest.

BOUGHT TIMBER LIMITS.

Vancouver, March 7.—Thos. Merrill, a millionaire lumberman of Saginaw, has bought R. P. Ritchey's large timber limits on Valdez island and vicinity. This is crown granted timber.

SHOWS AT CAPITAL.

Ottawa, March 7.—The National Canadian Stock Brokers' Association's fat stock show, the poultry show and horse show are all going on this week here.

READY FOR SESSION.

Ottawa, March 7.—Sir Elbert Tupper has arrived here for the session of parliament.

BIBLE SOCIETY CENTENARY.

Rev. Dr. Campbell Spoke on the Holy Book Sunday Morning.

Rev. Dr. Campbell at First Presbyterian church Sunday in reference to the Bible and the centenary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, said:

"This is an epoch making day, for the little Welsh girl this morning rings the British and Foreign Bible Society bell around the whole world, and millions of people assemble with us to commemorate the organization of this society, which has done more for the spread of the Gospel than any other society. Its success has been phenomenal. I am not going to speak of the splendours of inspiration, but for a few minutes hold up the Bible to your view and let you judge for yourselves what kind of a book it is. I have much sympathy with those who have honest doubt of the authenticity of this old book. I would say to them, examine it thoroughly, for the Bible has nothing to fear from thorough examination, but has much to fear from superficial examination."

"The Bible is either the worst or the best book that ever was placed in the mind of man. If it is what it professes to be, it is the best; if not, it is the worst. It has been demolished, and cut to pieces, and destroyed thousands of times by critics and bitter opponents, but there it majestically lies on the sacred desk as complete and beautiful as ever. The heart writes against the Bible would make a pyramid as high as the spire of this church, but they had no effect on the Word of God, for it has God at the back of it, and in it, and around it, and is sent to the world to stay, and stay it will till its work is done, and then it will fold its wings and return to the great, sympathetic heart of Him who gave it by inspiration, and destined it to be profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect and thoroughly furnished unto good works."

"It has been written by 35 men, living in different countries, and extending over 1,500 years, and yet the 66 books which constitute the Bible are a unit in concord and harmony, which shows that it was designed by one mind, and that the mind of the great I Am, and given to us, as the Bible itself states: 'Holy men of old wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.' The effect of this book is that which no other book produced—to change the hearts of men. No book on science, or philosophy, or astronomy changed the heart of any man, but the Bible did that of Saul, the bloodthirsty tiger of Tarsus, and myriads of others."

"God commanded us to send the Bible to the whole world. He could do this without us, but he wants us to be co-workers with Himself for the honor and good it will do us."

"The spread of the marvelous book to all the world is the aim of the British and Foreign Bible Society. It circulates the Bible without note or comment, leaving each church and individual to interpret for themselves. Its constitution is such that all Christians—churchmen and dissenters, Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists and others—can stand on its platform without compromise of personal convictions or ecclesiastical principles. The society knows no church nor denomination. Before the Reformation only those countries in Europe had the Bible in the language of the people, England, Germany and Bohemia. But through the work of this society every country in Europe, many in Asia, some in Africa, Australia and the islands of the sea now have the Scriptures in their own language. It has been the means of bestowing on men the gift of tongues more widely than that of Pictet."

"In the hundred years of its existence it has issued 180,000,000 copies of the Bible in 570 languages. It spends \$3,500 every day in the work and publishes 2,000 copies of the Word every hour. But what has been done is only a drop in the bucket compared with what remains to be done. What will you do to help the work along? The Bible Society will be to you what the Bible itself is to man. If you appreciate the one you will help the other."

FIRE ON BRITISH SHIP.

Outbreak on the Simla, Now Loading Lumber at Port Blakeley—Damage \$20,000.

Seattle, March 7.—The British ship Simla took fire about four o'clock this morning at Port Blakeley and was damaged to the extent of \$20,000. The flames started in the forehold, cause unknown. She is loading lumber for Sydney. The Simla is owned at Liverpool. The freight Squalmish, which went to her aid, has just returned.

SHOCKING MURDER.

Sectionman Hacked His Wife to Pieces With an Axe.

Ottawa, March 7.—Joseph Menard, sectionman at Brook, twenty miles from Ottawa, on the short line of the C. P. R. to Montreal, hacked his wife to pieces with an axe and then tried to cut his own throat with the axe.

A RUBBER OF WHIST.

A good whist story was given to the world some years ago by Dr. Charles Mackay, the hero of which was Sir John Easthope.

"Sir John was staying," said Mackay, "at the Balns de Tivoli in Paris, where I also happened to be a guest. He invited me to his private room in the evening for a rubber of whist."

"My partner was Lady Wyatville, the widow of a celebrated architect. She was then over eighty years of age, sharp, active and intelligent, and still showed the traces of a beauty which must in her youth have been remarkable."

"The lady revoked, and being accused of it, she drew the ace of spades, and treated the proofs of it with haughty disdain, and not very polite contradiction."

"Sir John lost patience with her, and, abruptly rising in his chair, said—'Madame, you are a cheat.'"

"The lady's eyes flashed with almost preternatural light, and she rose in her chair, and took a step or two toward Sir John, as if she would have inflicted summary punishment upon his face with her nails."

"Sir John, still standing, said—'Yes, madame, I repeat it! You cheat abominably! And, in the course of the night,' he added, laying his hand upon his heart, 'I have invariably found that the handsomer a woman is the more she cheats at cards!'"

"The lady sat down; a smile suffused her ancient but still beautiful face, and she agreed to resume before became as gaudy as a dove."