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Fire Raging In Coal Mines

For Days Flames Have Been at Work in Tunnel at Frank.

Sometime Before Conflagration Can Be Extinguished and Work Proceed.

Frank, B. C., April 26.—For days past a fire has been raging in the coal mines here, but only during the last few hours has it assumed a serious aspect. It is supposed to have started from an open miner's lamp a mile from the mouth of the tunnel, and, so far as can be ascertained, has extended over a large area. An effort is being made to close the air passages and thus smother the fire, but this is rendered difficult by the smoke and heat which are issuing.

Since the great disaster of two years ago immense sums of money have been spent in retimbering the mines, but this has all gone up in smoke during the last few days. All this work will need to be done over again when the fire has been extinguished, but at present it looks as though this would be at some distant date.

It is not known yet if any lives are lost, but it is feared that some men have perished in the flames, which came very unexpectedly from the heart of the mine, leaving but little time for imprisoned miners to escape.

It appears that the greatest danger lies in the air yet untried question as to whether the fire worked its way up the chutes into the rooms of broken coal overhead. If the process is not checked, it will doubtless be some time before the fire can be entirely extinguished, but those in a position to know express the belief that the fire has not reached the "gob" and if this proves true it will mean nothing more serious than a re-timbering of the entry the distance burned.

Worst Phase of Situation
appears to be that the fire will necessitate the closing of the mine for some time, while retimbering is in progress, thus throwing the large force of men out of work.

Territorial Coal Mine Inspector F. B. Smith has been notified. The president of the company, H. L. Frank, has also been sent for.

S. W. Gebb, formerly manager of the company, who was let out by the directors a few weeks ago, left Frank last Saturday for Montana, and Superintendent George Broome has since been in charge of the affairs of the mine. The new manager has not yet been appointed.

The work of putting in a new haulage system at the mine has been in progress for some time. It is not believed any damage has resulted from the fire to the plant. The output of the mine up to yesterday morning was in the neighborhood of 400 tons a day and the new haulage system was expected to increase the output of the mine to about 1,000 tons a day. It was maintained at the time of the slide two years ago this month.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.
Edward F. Dunne, the new Mayor of Chicago, was elected on the public ownership platform. He has announced a policy to be a sudden revolution of affairs, but a policy looking to an ultimate ownership by the municipality of all public utilities. One of his first official acts in office was to cable to the Lord Provost of Glasgow, Scotland, asking that leave of absence be granted to the manager of municipal tramways of that city to come to Chicago and confer with him on the subject of the situation. The request has been granted and we may look forward to negotiations having in view the municipalization of street railways.

Mayor Dunne has summarized the benefits which have accrued to Glasgow from ownership and control of the street railway system as follows:

Fares—Reduced over 50 per cent.

"Shut your eyes, open your mouth and see what luck will bring you."

Many a woman is weak and sick, nervous and discouraged. She suffers from headache, backache and other ills. She wants to be well, but all she does is to shut her eyes and open her mouth for medicine and for results. She "doctors" month after month, and after a year in this same way, she is still the same. She is still weak, nervous and discouraged. She is still suffering from headache, backache and other ills. She is still wanting to be well, but all she does is to shut her eyes and open her mouth for medicine and for results.

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Celebration Plans Advanced

Regatta Will Be Held on the Harbor Despite Strong Protests.

Growing Public Interest Manifested in Carnival Arrangements.

The celebration meeting at the city hall last evening was the best attended one that has been held in connection with this year's carnival. Judging by the attendance there is great interest being taken in the forthcoming celebration, and if the people of Victoria will contribute as liberally this year as they have in the past, there is no question but that the celebration will prove a great success. Ald. Goodacre and William Moreby made a call on some of the business houses yesterday and were able to give a very gratifying report.

The meeting last night was called to order by Ald. Goodacre, who on taking the chair informed the meeting that he had expected Mayor Barnard to be present, but owing to another engagement he had found it impossible to attend. He spoke to Ald. Goodacre, and he thought the programme to be presented at the meeting a very good one, and that the coming season's pack of salmon, if the secretary read the report of the executive committee, would be a very able for the calling of the meeting. The report was read by the secretary, and the first subject taken up was the military parade. Secretary Moreby informed the meeting that arrangements had been made with the military authorities for a parade of the Mainland regiments down for a return fare of \$1 per man. This was very pleasing news, and it was decided that the military parade should be held on Wednesday, May 24, from 9 a. m. to 11 p. m.

The horse and automobile parade was next discussed. It was pointed out by Mr. Carter and Ald. Fell that it would be next to impossible to hold the parade on any other day than the 24th, because the business men owning horses would not have time to get their horses ready for work for half a day and they would have to go in the parade. It was decided that the parade should be held on the 24th, and it was also decided to hold a water carnival on the evening of the 24th on the harbor, beginning at 8 o'clock.

There was a long discussion as to the regatta, the opinion appearing to be divided as to whether it should be held on the harbor or up the Gorge. It was decided that the regatta should be held on the harbor, as the cost of taking it to the Gorge would be at least \$500, and it was also decided to hold a regatta on the harbor, as the cost of taking it to the Gorge would be at least \$500.

Another item which came in for its share of criticism was the reception barge at the Gorge. Several gentlemen spoke against it, claiming that it was a waste of money, and that it was a waste of money, and that it was a waste of money. The barge was to be used for the reception of the military band, and it was to be used for the reception of the military band.

The following letter to Mr. Moreby was also read:

Quamash B. C., April 24, 1905.
W. C. Moreby, Esq., Secretary Victoria Regatta, Victoria, B. C.

Dear Mr. Moreby: I am glad to hear of the 17th inst. I will be pleased to render any assistance possible to interest in the regatta. I am glad to hear of the 17th inst. I will be pleased to render any assistance possible to interest in the regatta.

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right. And a prize for foot races; there are some foot races among the Indians. I am, dear, sir, yours sincerely, W. R. ROBERTSON.

It was decided that Mr. Robertson's suggestion as to baseball for the Indians be left in the hands of the committee. The program for the regatta has been decided on as follows:

Wednesday, May 24—9 a. m. Hill noon, military parade at Beacon Hill; 1 p. m. horse and automobile parade and water carnival at Beacon Hill; 3 p. m. championship lacrosse match, Oak Bay, New Victoria; 8 p. m. water carnival on the harbor.

May 25—1 p. m. regatta to be held on the harbor; 9 p. m. fireworks at Beacon Hill.

May 26—2:30 p. m. firemen's races on Yates street and baseball every day during the celebration on Oak Bay. The races also reported that Mr. H. D. Helmecken had received an answer from Stanford University informing him that it would be impossible for them to participate in the regatta.

FACIAL PARALYSIS.
Mr. W. J. Brennan, Western Hill, St. Catharines, Ont., writes: "My face was all twisted out of shape with facial paralysis, and five doctors failed to cure or even relieve. By the persistent use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food I have been entirely cured and am now able to work strong and well. I have gained in weight, and feel that I have a new lease of life."

THE OUTLOOK FOR SALMON CANNING, 1905.

The Pacific Fisherman devotes considerable space in its April number to the preparations and prospects of the coming season's pack of salmon. It is stated that unrestrained optimism is evident among the packers, and that a little more conservatism is manifest in the Columbia, although the packers here have a good deal of a big pack. In Alaska the same hopeful feeling does not seem to prevail and only a portion of the packers' canneries will be operated.

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