

The Herald

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AD COMMENT.

The system of operating railways in England is not only perfect as a passenger, of the millions carried was killed during the war. The employees did not fare so well, however, as there were eleven killed.

During the peace services in St. Paul's cathedral, London, on a recent Sunday a dove entered the cathedral and during the service continued hovering above the big congregation. This happy and pretty omen has attracted great attention in England, and the event has been put in verse.

The great strike in the Pennsylvania coal region is not likely to end soon if the conduct of the mine owners indicate anything. They are now garroting their works with armed special police at great cost. This does not look as if the owners are willing to give up the struggle. It may be said that the workmen show fully as much determination to keep up the fight.

The Governor-General of Canada is off to the Coronation. Sir William Strong, Chief Justice, will administer in the absence of Lord Minto. A curious fact has developed, that our Governor-General is the only high official who has gone to the Coronation whose salary will be deducted. During Lord Minto's two months' absence his loss of pay will amount to \$8,000, which will go to Sir Henry Strong.

All the Provincial Premiers in the Dominion, excepting Premier Parrott of Quebec, are off to attend the Coronation. The Quebec Premier gives an excuse that he has no time. There would be some excuse for Premier Ross of Ontario, with his existence of his government in doubt, but the public is unable to see that the Quebec Premier has anything to keep him from being present at the King's Coronation if his inclination were in the line of duty. His action causes considerable adverse criticism.

It looks as if President Roosevelt has decided to take a hand in the great labor disturbance in the coal regions of the United States. He has sent an official to investigate and report to him the cause of the trouble. If he brings about a settlement of the great strike he will have a walk over in the next presidential contest. A feature of the strike that attracts attention is that it is comparatively free from serious disorder. There are one hundred and seventy-five thousand men out of employment now, and very little has so far occurred to disturb the place. This is highly creditable to the coal miners.

The German press do not take kindly to the restoration of peace in South Africa. Germany had designs on South Africa before the war began and would have interfered against Britain when war was declared but did not dare do so. With the exception of France by all the nations of the world, Britain has won the laurels ever by kindness. No part of the cost of war is to be levied on their farms. Not only this but they are to receive assistance to begin anew in 1914, or rather those of them who will go back to their farm homes. The rich mines of South Africa, however, are to be taxed and from this source a good part of the big debt created by the war will be paid.

Sir Michael Herbert, a young man heretofore have been in the position

scheme of water conservation and irrigation. The committee is now sitting. The people are now looking to Canada for food stuffs and large quantities, it is expected will be exported to Australia.

It is said that the value of some of the Democratic campaign tractors in the United States has been reduced seventy per cent. by the close of the Boer war.

The British people must be as fond of their tea as their beer. A comparison has been made of the per capita consumption of tea during the three years 1898-1900 of the principal countries of Europe, and the United States. From the figures given it appears that in Great Britain over six pounds of tea per head of the population are consumed annually. The total consumption of tea in Great Britain exceeds that of all the other European countries and the United States included.

Col. Lynch, who was elected to the British House of Commons by the constituency of Galway, Ireland, is now in jail in England for treason. He went to South Africa and fought in the war against Great Britain and on the side of the Boers. The crime is serious because he, as a member of Parliament, joined the enemy of his country in war. No sooner did he land in England than he was arrested. For a like offence men were executed in the recent and former wars and Col. Lynch escapes with a sentence of a term of imprisonment he will do well.

The official returns give the total majorities of the Conservative candidates over the total majorities of the Liberal candidates in the recent Ontario election as 7,333. The majorities are as follows: In favor of Conservatives 21,467 In favor of Liberals 14,134

Excess in favor of Conservatives 7,333 Notwithstanding that the Conservatives polled such a large majority of the popular vote, the Ross Government has a majority of three of its representatives elected. This is the result of electing representatives by constituencies.

Referring to Canadian affairs, the New York World, in a eulogistic editorial calls this country "Great Little Canada." The occasion for this is a review of Canadian statistics for the past year, giving the resources of Canada as \$10 per head of population compared with \$7.70 for the United States. The New York paper did not forget to note the fact that Canada spent \$12,000,000 on railways, canals and public works. The World, however, has not overlooked our debt of \$66 per capita, compared with that of the United States which is \$14.52. But our foreign commerce at \$12 per capita, compared with the United States commerce \$33 per capita offsets the State's business.

There is another phase of the French Shore question which is giving the Newfoundland arbitrators trouble of late. The French merchants on the two hundred miles of coast are now importing from St. Pierre, Miquelon, large quantities of liquor and selling it indiscriminately and cause thereby a good deal of drunkenness and demoralization among a normally quiet and temperate people. Several disturbances have occurred at Bay St. Lawrence and policemen were unable to cope with it. Of course the liquor besides being of the worst quality, is smuggled in in defiance of the law, declaring that they have a perfect right to do as they please under their rights. This question will shortly be a leading topic, as Mr. Chamberlain and the British Government are pledged to procure a settlement with the French Government of the old-standing French shore dispute.

Most all the other large countries heretofore have been in the position

The present railway facilities—both station, yard and wharf—is the answer. A disgrace to the government, the authorities of the town, and citizens who continue to submit to such treatment.

Through the bungling and incapacity of Mr. Scriber, and other engineers of the Department of Railways, hundreds of thousands of dollars are being wasted at other points—the Strait of Canso for instance. But at North Sydney with its important connections—connections with foreign countries, there is no expenditure for badly needed facilities to accommodate traffic and trade by which the railway is the most benefited.

At the close of the last session of Parliament certain parties announced from the house tops that the government had placed in the estimates \$40,000 for the improvement of terminal facilities at North Sydney. We believe there was a vote of some kind, but if there was there is no move to expend the money. But no one knows better than the Hon. A. G. Blair, and his officials, that \$40,000 is altogether inadequate to provide anything like proper railway facilities at North Sydney.

We referred to the growing trade of North Sydney and the connections with Newfoundland and St. Pierre. We may also add the development now going on at Sydney Mines; North Sydney being the outlet and inlet for Sydney Mines. The Department of Railways appears oblivious of there being any such place as Sydney Mines, and the development going on there, all of which require increased facilities there and here. Oh, no, nothing will be done to provide increased railway facilities until business becomes, as indeed, it is now, as congested as it was during the construction of the Steel plant in Sydney.

We call upon our representatives, both federal and provincial, to urge better railway facilities for North Sydney. We also call upon the Town Council and Board of Trade to take immediate action. There is too much supineness too, on the part of the citizens with regard to their rights. Insist on action by your town government. It is time for action. There has been too much inaction all round.

FUR SEAL STILL TROUBLING

The law enacted five years ago at Washington prohibiting the importation of sealskin garments into the United States from Canada or England has had no perceptible effect on preventing pelagic sealing in the Behring Sea by Canada as was intended. Thousands of people who wore seal garments while entering Uncle Sam's domain had their garments seized or obliged to pay a high duty. Finding that the seal law did not stop pelagic sealing on the part of the Canadians, it is now proposed by the Committee of Ways and Means at Washington to kill all seals in the Behring Sea, except 10,000 females and 1,000 males, unless means can be devised to put a stop to pelagic sealing. The bill proposed by the committee authorizes the President to open negotiations with Great Britain for a review of the existing regulations, in order to preserve the seal industry from extinction, failing which the drastic remedy before mentioned shall be put in force. It is thought at Washington that the seal law is not being enforced.

and destroy what they have built up. Railway trains, collides, electric wires burn what they are meant only to illuminate, and peaceful men and women are ground or crushed to death. The story of the fire in the Chicago sanitarium recently tells the marrow with its horrid details. Those poor manacled men, wearing with bleeding hands at the iron work which barred their escape from the flames that roared and leaped behind them, the crowd below insane with sympathetic fury, but unable to help, form a picture so awful and heart-rending that the records of warfare seldom afford any parallel.

DOMINION NEWS.

Owing to the large immigration of Norwegian contract laborers to Canada, the authorities of Norway have prohibited foreigners from hiring laborers for export.

The dead body of a woman named Mrs. Octave Nehan, was found in the woods at St. Lazare, Que., the other day, where she had been strangled to death. There is no clue to her murderer.

Rev. W. G. Lane, of Parrisboro, who went to South Africa with the First Contingent, is to receive a pension of £100 a year for life, from the British Government, for having contracted rheumatism during his stay in Africa. What may be termed the first gold to arrive from the Klondike this season arrived at Vancouver on the steamship Princess May on Friday. Approximately \$150,000 in dust came on that boat. About \$70,000 came down on the City of Seattle.

John White, a successful farmer at Fort Lawrence, N. S., on Friday received information from Louisville, Ky., stating that his brother James F. White, of that city, had died leaving an estate valued at \$234,375 to be divided equally between himself and another brother, William, who resides in Louisville.

Mr. Munroe, M. P. P., for North Renfrew, Ontario, who died the day he was elected by a large majority at the recent Ontario elections, owes his death to a neglected tooth. The molar ulcerated but he was so busy with his election campaign that it was neglected and blood poisoning developed.

Francis Martin, 65 years of age, of Ottawa, was arrested on Monday by Inspector Hogan, of the Dominion Police, assisted by two local officers, on a charge of having in his possession tools for the purpose of manufacturing counterfeit coins. It is said that Martin was arrested 20 years ago in connection with the counterfeiting of notes on the Banque Nationale.

A man named William P. Brown, who for many years held an important position with the old Halifax Gas Co., suicide in Point Pleasant Park, Halifax, Saturday evening by drinking a cup of carbolic acid and then sealing a bullet into his brain. He was 70 years of age and leaves a wife and family who reside in Devonshire, England. Despondency and ill health thought to have been the cause of the rash act.

A bold robbery was committed Monday morning in Montreal, when Mrs. George Wilson, living at 311 Beaubien street, was gagged and bound by three men, who afterwards stole a sum of money, which was in the house. Mrs. Wilson went into the basement, when the men sprang upon her, and during the binding and gagging she was seriously injured. When found she was unconscious. Her life is despaired of.

The Canadian Coronation arch in London will certainly be one of the novelties of the Coronation. The structure of wood will be only a background for a representation of the cereal products of the colony. The leaves of the maple and other re-

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