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PLUMMER WANTS \$3,000,000 DAMAGES FROM THE COAL CO.

In a Lengthy Reply to Statement Made by James Ross He Argues That What the Steel Co. Has Lost the Coal Co. Has Gained.

MONTREAL, May 5.—Mr. Plummer has issued the following statement to the press in answer to Mr. J. Ross' statement: "During the past two weeks conferences have been held with the Coal Company under the auspices of Mr. William MacKenzie and Mr. B. E. Walker. These gentlemen were not in any sense acting as arbitrators, but lent their good offices as friendly intermediaries with a view to bringing about an amicable adjustment of the difficulties.

"The Steel Company's position at the conferences was clearly defined from the outset. It was willing, provided the existence of the coal contract was admitted, and provision made for the payment of the damages caused by its breach, to reconsider the price of coal. This has been the Steel Company's attitude from the commencement of the dispute.

"The general question of the quality of the coal to be supplied did not come up for discussion. We could not permit any change in the contract in this respect.

"The question of the price of coal was not pushed to any conclusion because of the Steel Company's desire that the other questions should first be dealt with. So far as the discussion went Mr. MacKenzie was in favor of separate prices for slack and run of mine, instead of one price for both as at present, and suggested, as the basis for the run of mine, 20 cents per ton, instead of every five years. For slack coal, 30 cents per ton over run of mine was suggested. The Steel Company thought that this might under normal conditions impose too high a price for slack, but in a conference held an arrangement on these lines, provided a proper understanding could be reached as to what the workable price of slack coal should be, and provided also that reasonable provision is made as to the proportion of slack coal which is to be furnished.

"The Steel Company can use, and can be forced under the contract to use, as much slack coal as it wishes, and it is its right to do so. It is its right to use as much slack coal as it wishes, and it is its right to do so. It is its right to use as much slack coal as it wishes, and it is its right to do so.

"As regards the price to be paid for slack, Mr. MacKenzie expressed the opinion that the contract price of \$1.28 is enough for it under ordinary trade conditions. The Steel Company, however, is offering to pay for the price prevailing at the mines on the mainland.

"It is also confirmed by the sale made in Boston by the Coal Company since the breach of the contract of 900,000 tons of slack coal at a price of which yields to the Steel Company less than \$1.28 per ton provided for in the Steel Company's contract.

"On the question of damages the Coal Company's views were not approved by Mr. MacKenzie or Mr. Walker.

"In order that this matter may be understood it is necessary to quote the following statement showing the damages sustained by the Steel Company to the end of April, as a result of the breach of contract. They are as follows: Excess cost of 1,093,707 tons of coal paid to the Coal Company, with interest at 5 per cent, \$1,906,322.33. Excess cost of 214,134 tons bought from others, with interest, \$487,748.51. Total claim price, \$2,394,070.84. Damages resulting from the shutdown of the plant, etc., \$611,112.76. Total, \$3,005,231.75.

MAYOR BULLOCK WANTS ALL MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL TO BE OPENED WITH PRAYER

Inaugural Address Also Advocates Several Rather Important Measures---The Various Civic Boards Chosen Today---All the Officials Reappointed.

The inaugural meeting of the recently elected common council was convened in the court house at 11.15 this morning. The only new members to take seats were Ald. Scully and Elkin and Ald. Kowan, who has previously served at the board.

There were a large number of spectators present, among whom were: Mrs. T. H. Bullock, The Misses Bullock, Mrs. H. H. Pickett, Mrs. E. C. Elkin, Mrs. J. King Kelley, Mrs. R. P. Inches and Miss Ross.

Mayor Bullock presented the aldermen and press representatives with rose-bud bouquets.

In the absence of Mayor Sears, Deputy Mayor Pickett took the chair, expressing his regret at the absence of the retiring mayor. The deputy mayor offered any retiring members an opportunity to address the council, but no advantage was taken of this offer.

Ald. Frink moved and Ald. Kelley seconded the motion that the new council be constituted.

Accordingly, the deputy mayor called Ald. Bullock to the front, to be sworn in as mayor of St. John. The oath was administered by Common Clerk Wardroper.

The aldermen then took the oath, all being present with the exception of Ald. Willet and Baxter. Ald. Willet came in while the ceremony was in progress and was sworn in separately.

Owing to the action of the council yesterday, the constables could not be sworn in, but on motion of Ald. Frink the following were appointed:—T. T. Ketchum, Wm. Smith, John Weatherhead, Ed. Edgson, Richard J. Coughlin, Frank McElrath, Geo. A. Blair, W. S. Cody, John Bond, Wm. D. Morris, Henry S. French, Thos. X. Gibbons, Edwin V. Gouffrey, and Richard Haffer.

On motion of Ald. Kelley the names of Henry W. Logan and Henry McIntyre were added to the list.

On motion of Ald. Kelley Ald. Isalah W. Holder was elected chairman of the council and deputy mayor.

SENSATIONAL SUICIDE AT REID'S PT. WHARF TODAY

James S. Gibbon, an Englishman, While Drunk, Jumped Over the Wharf and, Refusing All Help, Was Drowned

Apparently determined to die an unknown man sank and drowned near Reid's Point at one o'clock this afternoon in spite of frantic efforts that were made to save him.

The unfortunate man deliberately threw himself over the wharf apparently with the idea of committing suicide. When the alarm of man overboard was raised ropes were thrown him which he grasped, only to let go again when a boat was within arm's length of him. He sank and was not seen again. So far no attempt has been made to recover his body.

The only person who saw the stranger go overboard was James Mulhern, an employe in McAvilly's Water Street foundry, who was returning work at the time. Mr. Mulhern tells of the occurrence as follows:—"I was just coming around the corner of the D. A. R. warehouse from Reid's Point when I saw the man coming towards me from the direction of the Pettigrew wharf.

"When he saw me he ran to the side of the wharf and threw the little trunk he was carrying over, and then took a running jump and went over himself.

"I was about ten yards from him at the time and I could not see his face very well, but he seemed to me to be a man of about thirty-five to forty-five years of age, with a slight reddish mustache and light curly hair. He is said to have had short 'side-light' whiskers and to have several days' growth of beard on his chin.

No one has been able to give any idea of who the drowned man is. It was at first feared that it was a man named Tom Bates of Yarmouth, who has been staying on the 'grege' 'fielding' for the last few days, and who left this morning to take the boat for Digby. This was disproved later.

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GOING THE LIMIT IN DRAMATIC PRODUCTIONS

Catholic Altar and Priest Celebrating Mass Represented on a Chicago Stage.

CHICAGO, May 5.—Gaps of astonishment came from an audience composed largely of Roman Catholics, when the curtain was lifted on the second scene of Rev. T. J. Vaughan's play, "A Woman of the West," produced in the Bush Temple Theatre last night.

The interior of a Catholic church, showing the altar, and an actor in the vestments of a priest performing the ceremony of the mass were presented and continued for almost three minutes. The presentation stirred the large number of Catholic priests and church members in the audience into an excited discussion and church action is expected.

Father Vaughan said he had not consulted with his superiors in reference to the depiction of the mass upon the stage. "The celebration of mass is stopped before the consecration of the host. It is simply a picture," he said, "a living painting, and should offend no one more than the reproduction of the same thing in water colors or oils."

TOWN THREATENED WITH DESTRUCTION BY FIRE

COALTON, Ohio, May 5.—Fire threatened destruction of the business district. The police station, the town hall and the fire department have already been destroyed. A heavy wind is blowing. Coalton is in Jackson county, and has about 1,800 population.

SIX YEAR OLD BOY MISSING

NEWCASTLE, May 5.—Parker, the six-year-old son of Frank Mason, timberman, has not been seen since yesterday forenoon. Towards evening his parents became anxious and a search was instituted. A spy camp and steamers were searched in vain. Men have been grappling in the river since late last night with no success yet.

SHOT THE MAN WHO WAS FIGHTING WITH HIS FATHER

JACKSON, Ky., May 5.—Edward Callaghan, the last surviving prominent leader in the notorious Breathitt County feud, met his death yesterday in a manner similar to all the others prominently concerned in the series of quarrels between the Hargis faction and other factions in that region. Callaghan was stabbed and fatally wounded yesterday in his store on Long's Creek by his brother-in-law, John Spicer. Spicer was in turn shot dead by Callaghan's seventeen year-old son. Spicer and the elder Callaghan had been quarrelling over a suit for divorce, which Callaghan had begun some months ago against his wife. During the dispute Callaghan leaped over the counter at his brother-in-law, who drew a knife and stabbed him repeatedly.

ATTACKED HENNING

Inmates of a Home for the Aged Set Upon the Man Whom They Suspected of Cheating Them.

CHICAGO, May 5.—Eighteen decrepit residents of Bethesda Home for the Aged, their average age being 71 years, driven by their hunger, attacked Frank P. Henning, former manager of the Bankrupt Institution, who was in the building last night, threatening vengeance if he ever returned. The eighteen residents, the majority of whom are women, said Henning agreed to furnish them a home for life for a consideration of \$500. In many cases this \$500 represented the entire savings of the man or woman who was admitted. The home was forced into bankruptcy several months ago and since that time has been supported entirely by public subscriptions. Henning was forced from the management of the place when one of the inmates committed suicide and others threatened to do so.

WAS A STRANGER AND THEY TOOK HIM IN

No Fool Like an Old Fool—David Coll, of P.E.I. Fell Among Thieves in Moncton.

MONCTON, May 5.—David Coll, of Charlottetown, came to Moncton a stranger, and was badly taken in to the tune of eighty dollars. Yesterday afternoon Coll arrived in Moncton and fell in with Howard O'Brien and George Wilson. They invited him to a notorious resort kept by Mrs. Jeffries. The whole party got drunk, and when Coll came around last evening he was eighty dollars short. Complaint was made to the police and last night the whole Jeffries household was arrested. When brought before court this morning Wilson was sentenced to thirty days in jail for selling liquor to Coll, and the others will be held until other charges can be lodged against them. No trace of Coll's eighty can be found. He is aged seventy years.

BIG FIRE IN 'FRISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, May 5.—Fire last night destroyed property in the block bounded by Market, Geary and Kearney streets and Grant avenue, valued at \$200,000. It started in the kitchen of the Mentone restaurant. The buildings were one storey wooden structures built since the big fire.

NORTH SHORE STILL AFTER THE DOMINION FAIR

Big Delegation to Ottawa—Scott Act Being Made a Farce at Chatham—Mill Employe Hurt.

CHATHAM, N. B., May 5.—Edward Chibba of Napan, had one leg broken and the other twisted by being caught in the machinery of the Miramichi rolling mill yesterday. Before he could be extracted it was necessary for his associates to chisel through a chain over an inch thick.

A large delegation left last night for Ottawa to forward Miramichi's claims for the Dominion Industrial Fair in 1903. From Newcastle the delegates were Mayor S. W. Miller, J. D. Cresswell and E. A. McCurdy. The Chatham members were Mayor D. P. MacLachlan, Col. J. D. B. P. MacKenzie, W. B. Snowball, R. A. Murdoch, R. A. Lawlor, W. C. Winslow, John McDonald, and Fred Benson. Miss Cresswell of Newcastle accompanied her father.

At last night's meeting of the council on Ald. Snowball's motion, the aldermen decided unanimously to enforce the Scott Act, but the opponents of the Scott Act captured the police committee and put in Ald. Neale as chairman, so that it is not generally expected that there will be any serious attempt to drive the liquor sellers out of business.

A large number of citizens listened to the council's proceedings.

LATEST WEATHER REPORT

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