

THE CRIME

CALENDAR

A Woman whose Headless Body was Found in the Woods.

Dastardly Attempt to Wreck a Pennsylvania Train.

Lowell, Mass., June 12.—The woman whose headless body was found in Chelmsford woods last Sunday, and whose head was found yesterday, was identified today as Mrs. Margaret Blondin, of Boston. The identification was made by Mrs. Margaret Casey, of Lawrence, sister of Mrs. Blondin. The dead woman married Blondin, a French-Canadian mill operative, last February. It is not known where the man is at present.

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PORT ROYAL MINE.

Another Explosion Betrays the Presence of Gas.

West Newton, June 12.—The death of Harvey Beveridge last night brings the total number of fatalities of the Port Royal disaster up to 18. The last rescue party entered the mine shortly before midnight and explored it for a distance of about 3,000 feet. The dead body of David James was found this morning. Another explosion took place in the Port Royal mines this afternoon in No. 2 shaft. It sent up a whirlwind of oil, dust and smoke, and proved conclusively that the gas is still active in the mines. It will probably be tomorrow afternoon before the mine inspectors can get together for the purpose of deciding as to the advisability of making another attempt to recover the dead in the mine before flooding it.

C. F. PETERSON DEAD.

One of the Most Prominent Swedish Writers in America.

Chicago, June 12.—C. F. Peterson, Swedish author and newspaper man, is dead after an illness of seven weeks. Mr. Peterson ranked among the foremost Swedish writers of America. He had written a dozen books on historical, political and sociological matters in Swedish, and to newspaper readers of his nationality had been known for years under the nom de plume "Jeph" and "Fredrik." He was born in Sweden in 1843.

THE PROPER COURSE

AGITATE AGAINST THE UNJUST MINING LAW UNTIL IT IS AMENDED.

MR. G. W. HUGHES GIVES HIS VIEW ON THE LEGISLATIVE HANDICAP.

Mr. G. W. Hughes, the mining operator of the Slocan, has just passed through Rossland, coming from a trip of observation through the Boundary country. Having read the collated observations of mining men appearing in the Miner of the 11th inst., he volunteered the following remarks:

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GLASGOW UNIVERSITY.

Celebration of Its Four Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary.

Glasgow, June 12.—The week's celebration of the four hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of Glasgow University commenced today with a religious service at the cathedral. The gathering was strikingly international. America was represented by delegates from California and Massachusetts, and by several Canadians, while most of the universities of the continent were represented.

RATE OF TAXATION

THE COUNCIL HAS FIXED IT AT TWENTY MILLS ON THE DOLLAR.

REFUSED TO ACCEDE TO THE GOVERNMENT'S SCHOOL PROPOSAL.

The taxes for the current year in Rossland will be 20 mills on the dollar. This rate was struck at last night's session of the city council. The figures on which the rate is based have been carefully compiled in the city treasurer's department and the small increase over last year's assessment is accounted for by the increase in the debenture issue for the year. The rate is levied in two sections. The first 12-1-5 mills comprises the general rate, from which fixed charges and public improvements are liquidated, while the balance of 7-4-5 mills is required to meet the sinking fund and interest on the debenture issues outstanding against the city. The bylaw for the fixing of the rate and levying of the taxes provides that the taxes shall fall due on January 1st next, and that 50 per cent of the improvements to real estate shall be exempt. Between January 1st and July 1st a discount of one-sixth will be granted, and after December 31st all outstanding taxes will bear interest at 6 per cent until paid.

As expected, the city will not accede to the department of education's request for a grant of \$10,000 for a brick school, the department to furnish the balance. In their report on the matter the finance committee said: "We cannot recommend the council to comply with the suggestion of the superintendent of education to join his department in building a brick school building, but that the city hopes the department will treat the city of Rossland in the same manner that it has with other cities and provide Rossland with an eight-room school before handing the schools over to the corporation. And the city council further suggest that the department take advantage of the present season to hasten the completion of the building.

"The committee recommends to the council: (1) That no further work be carried out by the board of works except what is absolutely needed for repairs and work already authorized by the council and that the street gang be no longer employed. (2) That a special attempt be made to collect road tax and arrears of water rent by the employment of a collector on commission."

The board of works' report dealt with matters under their jurisdiction in the following terms: That the city clerk reply to the communication of the superintendent of the Spokane Falls & Northern road re spark arrestors on their locomotives that the board of works accept the explanation of the system used on their engines as being the latest improvement, but would suggest the matter be carefully attended to while within the corporation limits, as sparks do still occasionally escape. (2) That the Yale Columbia bridge, a letter be referred to the city engineer with the request for a report back to the committee.

A CHINESE REFORM

THEORY IN EXPLANATION OF THE RECENT FIRE IN PEKIN.

GERMANS PREPARING TO EXPLOIT COAL MINES IN SHAN TUNG.

Washington, June 12.—The press report from Pekin, that the recent fire in the forbidden city followed the issuance of a decree, is attracting much attention among the officials here, who feel that any such course may prejudice the early solution of the trouble at the Chinese capital. Thus far, however, neither the state department nor the Chinese legation has received such a decree.

The information reaching Chinese quarters indicates that the report grows out of a misapprehension of Chinese affairs. It appears that some of the boards in China have a large number of written documents, which are important for local administration in a country governed entirely by tradition. But these documents are often prepared by an ignorant class of subordinates, and much of the trouble which has come upon the Chinese, of late years is attributed to the misleading dicta of such subordinates. In the interest, therefore, of intelligent administration it has been urged that the misleading documents be obliterated, so that the traditions might be maintained by the more accurate and authentic records of those in authority. This has resulted in a sort of weeding out of what was considered bad and unreliable and the permanent establishment of what was reliable. Instead of being a movement toward vandalism, it is said to be in the interest of a reform in administration.

Berlin, June 12.—The German government is organizing in the Pihn provinces a large expedition of coal miners, who will go to exploit the coal mines in the province of Shan Tung when peace has been restored in China.

THE LARDEAU ROAD

CONSTRUCTION IS PROCEEDING BRISKLY AT DIFFERENT POINTS.

GOOD FACILITIES FOR HANDLING MATERIAL AND SUPPLIES.

John G. Sullivan, resident engineer of the construction department in the Pacific division, was in the city on a flying visit Sunday. He had just returned from the scene of the railroad construction at Lardo, and states that work is now fairly under way and there is every indication that the road will be built and in operation before the snow flies. This means that the work will be pushed ahead at top speed for those familiar with the Lardo country know that the snow flies there at an early date.

Carlson & Co., of Kaslo, the other member of the firm being Dick Porter, a popular railroad contractor, are doing the work on the resurfaced section of the line, while the C. P. R. construction department is surfacing the section of old grade to be utilized in the new line. The engineer on the ground is A. F. Young, Mr. Sullivan exercising a general oversight and making frequent trips to the work. While he was there last week the company unloaded thirteen cars of steel. A mile of roadbed is already completed and in actual use, a construction locomotive having been brought to the ground for the purpose of handling the business. It is proposed to continue the surfacing and tracklaying to the end of the present grade, and then to follow the contractors as rapidly as they complete the grade ahead of the rails. In this way no time will be lost, and the work will be kept up to the graders as close as circumstances will permit.

An interesting feature of the railroad work at Lardo is the transfer slip in use for landing cars. In this slip the pond used and the apparatus is given splendid satisfaction. Mr. Sullivan adapted the pond from a similar idea introduced at a few points in the United States, with the exception that his pond is simple in construction, inexpensive and easy of manipulation while the American pond is the reverse of all these qualities. In the Procter slip built last spring the scheme was utilized for the first time, and now the same principle is made to apply to the Lardo slip, with some modifications that experience has proven to be desirable.

The Lardo will be a lively district this summer. Already people are arriving there in considerable numbers, and the residents of the district are looking forward to a busy season.

THE LIGHTNING'S WORK.

Flashes Caused Trouble in Various Parts of the City.

The electric storm that passed over the city yesterday afternoon was one of the most severe experienced in many moons. Several bolts of lightning fell within the corporation limits and some damage was caused, although, on the whole, the city escaped lightly.

The first bolt that fell struck the flag-staff on the lawn in front of Hon. T. Mayne Daly's residence. The staff was splintered from top to bottom, literally torn into splinters and the sections distributed over a wide area. The same bolt knocked several chimneys off the top of Mr. Daly's house. At W. J. Astley's residence, near by, more damage was done. A bolt burned out the telephone and passed through two partitions, but fortunately none of the family were injured.

About the same time the young ladies who are employed at the Vernon and Nelson telephone exchange were badly frightened. A brilliant bolt of lightning came into the office over the staff into the street in a panic. No one was hurt, but there was a large assortment of badly shaken nerves about the institution for the balance of the day. A couple of hours were required to replace the burnt fuses, during which time the telephone service was out of use. Apparently the Columbia system was put out of business altogether, as the Miner was unable to secure "central" on that line at all last night.

After the storm passed over Chief Gubrie decided to test the electrical telegraph alarm system to ascertain if the storm had damaged the wires. A box was wrung at the corner of Second avenue and Washington street and the bell drew several hundred citizens. It turned out that everything was in good working order.

THE Y. M. C. A.

Proceedings at the International Jubilee Convention.

Boston, June 12.—The work of the international jubilee convention of the Y. M. C. A., which began yesterday, was resumed today. The presentation of Y. M. C. A. problems and subjects bearing on the progress of the work of fifty years was the main feature of today's programme. The first address of the day was by Judge Seldon P. Spencer, St. Louis, who spoke on the subject: "The lessons of fifty years' Y. M. C. A. work." He pointed out the fact that where ever men are and can be reached as a class, there is the place for association work. Judge Spencer was followed by Herbert P. Ames of Montreal, whose subject was "The contribution of the Young Men's Christian Association towards the solution of the city problem."

FINDING MORE ORE

OUTCROPS ON THE KEREMEOS MINING SYNDICATE'S PROPERTY.

WORK ON THE TRUE BLUE GROUP—NORWAY'S PROMISING ORE.

An interesting report is to hand from the Dividend group, on the road between Penticton and Camp Hedley, near Fish lake. The property is owned by the Keremecos Mining Syndicate, in which local men are largely interested, and a few days ago a crew of men came down after completing the programme of work which the company has had in hand for some time. The report returned to the management was that at a point 300 feet east of the shaft on the claims had been found a fine showing of solid ore apparently as good or better than the ore in the shaft. Four samples were taken from the latter for assay purposes, and these ran respectively, \$4, \$14, \$20 and \$24. The outcrop was found to be 30 to 40 feet in width, and this was only one of several outcrops on part of what is undoubtedly a very large ore body. There are a dozen or more exposures, and all of them show copper at the first stroke of the pick. For an area 500 feet in length and 200 feet in width the heavily stained earth alongside indicates the presence of an extensive ore body immediately beneath. At another point a ledge of mineral outcrops every 120 feet for 400 feet up and down the hillside with copper ore in every showing. The report was in the way of a private communication to the company and concludes by remarking: "The showing is a wonder."

THE TRUE BLUE GROUP.

J. C. Drewry has returned from a trip to Kaslo, where he went over the workings of the True Blue group on north fork of Kaslo creek, which he bonded last fall. He states that the work is progressing smoothly and that the showing is excellent. Development and prospect work is being carried on together at different points on the claims, the newest feature being a crosscut to tap the lead at a much greater depth than has yet been obtained. The fine ore body crosscut in the upper levels has not been worked up to the present time.

Mr. Drewry had intended to visit the Commonwealth on Hooker creek, but the continued wet weather prevented him putting his intention into effect. Work at the Commonwealth has been under way several weeks this spring.

CUBANS YIELD.

The Platt Amendment Adopted by the Convention.

Havana, June 12.—The Cuban Constitutional convention today accepted the Platt amendment by a vote of 16 to 1. The resolution to accept was carried without discussion. Immediately after the opening of the session Senors Tamayo, Villendas and Quesada, constituting a majority of the committee on relations, submitted as a substitute for the committee's former report the Platt amendment as passed by congress, recommending that it be accepted and made an appendix to the constitution.

Buffalo, N.Y., June 12.—Secretary of War Elihu Root, who is in Buffalo as a guest of the Pan-American Exposition, was shown the Associated Press despatch from Havana tonight announcing the acceptance of the Platt amendment by the Cuban Constitutional convention. He said: "I am glad to hear of it, for Cuba's sake. It means the independence of Cuba and all that is best and freest in Cuba, backed by all that is best in the United States."

REGARDING THE MINER.

For the information of the general public we publish the following message:

Butte, Mont., June 11, 1901.
C. A. Gregg—
Managing Editor Rossland Miner,
Rossland, B.C.
You can publish statement that there has been no change in ownership of Rossland Miner nor is any contemplated.
D. J. FITZGERALD.
Mr. Fitzgerald, representing Mr. Heinze, has owned the Rossland Miner for the past two years or more.

TWO MEN KILLED.

Accident at the Launching of a German Warship.

Kiel, June 12.—Emperor William, accompanied by the headquarters staff, Prince Henry of Prussia and the chiefs of his majesty's private cabinet, arrived here this morning to witness the launching of the battleship Zaehring, at the Germania yards. The emperor boarded the imperial yacht Hohenzollern amid salutes from the war vessels present. Owing to the unfavorable weather the launching was postponed until the afternoon. While the work of removing the shores, preparatory to the launch was in progress, a crane collapsed, killing two men and seriously injuring three others.

TO KEEP UP

THE FIGHT

Metal Trades Association Say They will Spend Money.

Labor Troubles Continue in Many Parts of the States.

New York, June 12.—The convention of the National Metal Trades associations reassembled at the Gilsey House this morning. The closing hours of the session are being devoted to the completion of organization and the final arrangement of plans designed to strengthen the hands of the manufacturers in the fight against the striking machinists. Five hundred thousand dollars, raised by assessment, is to be placed at the disposal of a strike committee to be used in behalf of the employers. Asked as to the use of this fund, J. Chalmers, chairman of the press committee, said:

"I suppose we will use it as the strikers do, to support our fellows, pay pickets and meet other general expenses. We used \$166,000 in the Cleveland strike, where we paid some men a bonus of \$4 a day. There are millions more if they are needed. We have just received a telegram from the Pacific coast pledging 114 out of 135 firms to membership. We have delegates from San Francisco, Seattle and Portland, and the extreme west is with us. We are gratified to receive their support. We know nothing of a conciliation committee from Toronto or elsewhere, and no man not a member will get a hearing before us. We seek no trouble, but propose to protect our interests and industry. We are perfecting distinct organizations, which will be in a measure independent, but all the members will be in the national association and we will work back and forth in harmony. We regard the outlook as satisfactory, and are elated at the support we are getting.

"We are suffering no loss arising from delay on contracts which we were fulfilling at the time our machinists struck, for all of our contracts contain a strike clause releasing us from liability."

The convention decided to make no day's work, leaving the question to settlement locally. After discussing the matter all afternoon the following resolution was passed:

"The declaration of principles makes the question of hours and wages a local issue.

"Resolved that this association will support any regular member in his endeavor to conform their declaration of principles."

"This is a victory for the declaration of principles enunciated at Chicago," said Chairman Chalmers of the press committee. "We have stuck to that declaration all through, and are for it now. The question of hours will be settled locally."

After passing the resolution the committee adjourned and the affairs of the association with regard to the machinists' strike are in the hands of the finance and strike committees, named this morning, subject to the general supervision of the administrative committee.

Atlanta, Ga., June 12.—A special from Newport News, Va., says: "It was announced today that 1,000 men will be laid off at the yards of the Newport News ship building and dry dock company on account of the machinists' strike. This will make a total of 2,000 men idle. It is expected the entire plant will be closed by Saturday night."

Rochester, N.Y., June 12.—Rioting by the striking street and building laborers and their sympathizers was resumed this morning. A thousand men in an ugly mood marched on the city hall and the mayor Carnahan, who expressed his sympathy and promised to use his best endeavors with the contractors to terminate the strike.

San Francisco, Cal., June 12.—The journeymen butchers' union have decided to strike. About 1,800 men will walk out today. The declaration to strike was brought about by the threat of the wholesale butchers to decline to serve meat to retail shops displaying union cards.

Buffalo, N.Y., June 12.—About 150 machinists of the Snow steam pumps works, who have been out since May 20th, returned to work today. Neither side will state the nature of the agreement under which the men returned.

Portland, Me., June 12.—Mr. G. F. Evans, vice-president and general manager of the Maine Central railroad, states that the end of the section men's strike is in sight already; that many of the old hands are returning and asking to be re-employed, but that the company has decided not to re-employ strikers.

Now is the time to advertise in the Rossland Miner. Its circulation is rapidly increasing, both in the city and throughout the Kootenays and Yale. See that you are represented in its advertising columns at once.