

NEWFOUNDLAND WOULD COME IF TERMS WERE ADVANTAGEOUS

At a Banquet of Colonial Premiers Hon. Edmund Barton Opens the Way for Discussion of the Prospect of Confederation.

London, July 16.—The Canada Club dinner to-night was attended by the Colonial Premiers, now in London, and many other distinguished guests. Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, Canadian High Commissioner in London, presided. The Right Hon. Edmund Barton, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia, in the course of an address, made the first public reference to the plan for the confederation of Newfoundland and Canada, mentioned in these despatches. The Australian Premier said he hoped that

BUTCHERS' BIG BARBECUE ENTERTAINED THOUSANDS

Unique Program of Events and Some Excellent Competition— Trotting and Racing Contests Proved Highly Interesting— Butchers' Picnic a Great Success.

The biggest barbecue ever held in Toronto was seen at the Exhibition Grounds yesterday. The announcement that it would take place attracted over 5000 people to the grounds, who looked on the ceremony with great interest. In all six animals were slaughtered, three lambs and three excellent specimens of bullocks. The lambs were first to be killed. One by one they were thrown into an improvised platform and dressed. Next were the bullocks, which were dressed, in one case, in the remarkably short space of 10 minutes. The members of Local Union No. 188 of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen are to be congratulated upon the splendid success of their first annual picnic, games and barbecue yesterday afternoon and evening at Exhibition Grounds. This union is one of the newest organizations in Toronto, having only been organized about four months ago, but in the art of entertaining they demonstrated yesterday that they are past masters. It

TWO YACHTSMEN ESCAPE FROM A WATERY GRAVE

Yacht Dolly Varden Was Found By Capt. Goodwin Floating in the Lake.

Fred Rowley of the corner of Spadina-avenue and Oxford-street, and Ernest S. West, 372 Bathurst-street, two young men had a rough experience in the storm which swept over Lake Ontario on Monday afternoon. They were compelled to abandon their sloop yacht, the Dolly Varden, about three miles out from Eglar's Cove, and reached shore in their dingy. The trip was a very hazardous one. Their boat was picked up yesterday afternoon opposite the Eastern Gap, and for some hours those on the waterfront feared that the owners of the craft had met a watery grave. The meeting of the strikers was brief, only long enough for an angry speech by President Curran, who complained of treachery in the union's action in the taking of the vote. The Association of Railway General Managers, embracing every road which enters Chicago, have issued the following signed statement: "All of our old men, not before on hand for work, reported at the freight yards, were not to-day were put to work. No conference was held with any committee or otherwise since Tuesday and no agreement was made with the union or with any committee. The men simply reported for work, and they doubtless expect and will receive the same as usual, which will be willing all along to pay."

FREIGHT HANDLERS LOSE Ten Days' Strike, Ended in an Unqualified Victory for the Railroads.

PRES. CURRAN CHARGES TREACHERY. Merchants Lost Ten Millions by Interruption of Trade—Strikers Are Happy.

Chicago, July 16.—After ten days of strike the Chicago freight handlers' strike terminated to-day in an unqualified victory for the railroads. A meeting of the strikers presided over by President Curran, resulted in an almost unanimous vote to return to work leaving the wage scale and other questions for settlement between the strikers and their respective roads. At the conclusion of the meeting the strikers went by hundreds to the warehouses to apply for their old positions, and the teamsters who have remained out in sympathy again took up their reins. By noon immense quantities of freight, which had been held back for days, were being pushed to the railroads or taken from warehouses and cars. Chicago merchants expressed unbounded relief at the termination of the strike, but they were scarcely less happy than the men themselves. The strike is estimated to have cost the merchants \$10,000,000, to say nothing of the trade they have permanently lost. The meeting of the strikers was brief, only long enough for an angry speech by President Curran, who complained of treachery in the union's action in the taking of the vote. The Association of Railway General Managers, embracing every road which enters Chicago, have issued the following signed statement: "All of our old men, not before on hand for work, reported at the freight yards, were not to-day were put to work. No conference was held with any committee or otherwise since Tuesday and no agreement was made with the union or with any committee. The men simply reported for work, and they doubtless expect and will receive the same as usual, which will be willing all along to pay."

MINERS BLOWN BY ATOMS TWO MAGAZINES EXPLODE

Twenty-Seven Bodies Taken From the Mine, and the Loss of Life Cannot be Estimated—Explosion So Great That Two Horses a Mile and a Half Away Were Killed.

Park City, Utah, July 16.—Two powder magazines at the 1200-foot level of the Daly-West mine exploded about 1 o'clock this morning, causing a loss of life that at present cannot be estimated nor even guessed at. At 1 o'clock 27 men had been taken out of the mine dead, and several others had been recovered in a half dazed condition. These were all brought out thru the Ontario mine shaft, which is a mile distant from the Daly-West, in which the explosion occurred. The 1200-foot level of the Daly-West corresponds to and is connected by tunnel with the 600-foot level of the Ontario. In the Daly-West mine between 100 and 150 men were at work. In the Ontario were nearly 100, it is believed. It is not known how many of these are dead, but the disaster extends to the Ontario, as the noxious gases that have been freed are known to be the cause of several of the deaths. The presence of these gases leads many miners to believe that the powder was burned and that the explosion was not the chief cause of the disaster. There are two powder magazines at the 1200-foot level of the Daly-West mine, one at each side of the shaft, with a capacity of from one to two cars of powder each. A car of powder was added to the supply within the past few days. Three dead men have been taken out of the Ontario shaft. It is believed all were suffocated. The explosion was so tremendous that it is said that two horses if the ore tunnel, one and a half miles away, were killed by it. Women and children are thronging to the Ontario shaft house, which is midway between Park City and the Daly-West. Nearly all of them have husbands or fathers in the mines, and their grief is pitiable. Members of a relief party who went into the Ontario mine shortly after the explosion occurred, have not yet returned, and fears are entertained for their safety. Officials of the Daly-West say that only three more bodies are in the mine. Miners, however, assert that 12 or 15 men are still unaccounted for. The fumes from the explosion caused most of the deaths. John McKeaglin, a rescuer, who went down a second time to give help, died on being brought to the surface. He was paralyzed. Eight miners escaped thru the anchor tunnel unhurt.

SPROUTED FLAMES 100 FEET Louisiana Oil Well Fired by Lightning During the Recent Electric Storm.

WIND BLEW SIXTY MILES AN HOUR. Houses Demolished at New Orleans—Oil Wells Covered With Dirt to Protect Them.

New Orleans, La., July 16.—A terrific hail rain, wind and electric storm swept over New Orleans and Southern Louisiana yesterday. At New Orleans the wind reached a velocity of 60 miles an hour. Lightning struck a dozen buildings, destroying one at Tchoupitoulas and Notre Dame-streets. Trees and fences were blown down and 1200 telephones were burnt out. At Jennings lightning struck a big oil tank, setting it afire. The flames spread to surrounding oil pools. The derrick and shed surrounding Jennings oil well No. 2 were soon in flames. The tank was totally destroyed. At 11 o'clock the situation at the Jennings field grew alarming. The tank fired by lightning communicated its flames to Jennings gusher No. 2. The iron valve closing the gusher was burst thru and the gusher rose in a fountain of flame to a height of eighty or a hundred feet. The people of Jennings being unable to cope with the fire, telegraphed to Beaumont for assistance, and a special train, carrying a chemical engine and a number of oil experts, was sent to how to deal with oil fires, left for the Louisiana town. The other oil wells have been covered with from six to eight feet of dirt in order to protect them from fire.

LONDON SHARED VIEWS OF THE UNITED STATES

All Principal Powers in Harmony On Question of Evacuation of China on Easy Terms.

Washington, July 16.—It is said at the State Department that the statement made by Lord Cranborne in the House of Commons yesterday in regard to the evacuation of Tien Tsin, to the effect that the English government was not aware that the Chinese government had asked the good offices of the government of the United States in the matter, and that no proposition had been made to England in that regard, is entirely accurate. There is, however, in this no conflict, in fact, with the statement previously made for the Chinese government did so appeal to the United States government the only reason why Great Britain was not immediately addressed on the subject was that the department previously had satisfactory assurances from London on the point. The facts are that the Chinese authorities on July 1 requested that Ministers would "kindly ask the government of the United States, which has pursued a just course from the beginning to the end, and maintained an attitude of great fairness, to consult at once the other powers, with a view of causing instructions to be sent to their representatives in China for a speedy transfer of authority without any more delay. This question was reported on July 9. The action taken by the United States in pursuance of this request resulted in the principal powers concerned were in harmony in regard to the question of evacuation under terms less rigorous than those suggested by the military authorities in Tien Tsin. As it was known beforehand that the British government shared our views in the matter, no representations and no inquiries were sent to London on the subject.

JURY FIXES THE BLAME FOR GUS NINHAM'S DEATH

Believes Blows Which Killed the Indian Were Delivered By John McArthur.

London, July 16.—The inquest into the death of Gus Ninham, the Indian, who was murdered at Woodbank three weeks ago, was resumed this evening before Coroner Ferguson. There were only two witnesses left at the last adjournment, who were heard to-night. Their evidence was of no importance to the case. This closed the evidence, and the jury retired to consider a verdict. After being out one hour the jury brought in the following verdict: That Augustus Ninham came to his death near the Woodbine Hotel at Woodbank, in the Township of Westminster, about 12 o'clock on the night of June 21. Death resulted from the stoppage of the heart, caused by the excitement and blows on the head by assault. The jury believe the blows were delivered by John McArthur, and are of the opinion that the hotel at Woodbank is not only unnecessary, but a menace to the community, and would advise that the license be cancelled.

STEYN SERIOUSLY ILL. Sailed for England, The Suffering From Enteric Fever.

Cape Town, July 16.—Ex-President Steyn of the former Orange Free State, Mrs. Steyn and two doctors sailed to-day for Europe on a British steamer. Mr. Steyn is suffering seriously from enteric fever.

THE STORY SCOTTED. Vienna, July 16.—P. Morgan is not connected with the offer made to the Austrian Council of Industry to build ships for the Austrian trade and to work the ships when they are completed. It came from the "European Steamship Company of New York," George Wilson, president, shipping men here scot the idea of America building ships for Austria. They tell the correspondent of the Associated Press that if the government is ready to grant subsidies Austrian money will be forthcoming and the vessels will be built in Austria.

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