

MINING BOOM STRIKES LONDON;
CITIZENS INVESTING HEAVILYMore Stocks Bought in Few
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vious Ten Years.

The Cobalt mining boom appears to have struck London properly. It is said that more mining stocks have been purchased in London the past few months than in any previous ten years. The fact of the matter is the people appear to be mining stock mad in every city in Canada.

A gentleman who has been all through the several booms of the Canadian mining lands, stated to The Advertiser today that there appears to be no room to doubt that the Cobalt region is fabulously rich, but there is such a thing as overdoing the company-booming schemes. Inquiries for mining stocks are now very numerous, and in Toronto stories are told of men who went into the Cobalt region a

year ago with a couple of hundred dollars, and are now worth all the way from \$5,000 to \$500,000. Many of these stories are true, but nothing is said of many men who went in with \$5,000 and came out with five cents.

A local stock broker advises caution in the buying of mining shares. To the Advertiser he made the following statement:

"From my information, I think there are undoubtedly many greatly over-capitalized mines in the Cobalt region, and in view of past experience in mining booms, I advise extreme caution. The prices in on this one, though it at present looks as though it will last some months longer. 'London has always been a favorite place for unloading cheap stocks of little or no value, people being slow to realize that the really good stocks are not peddled. Inquiries for mining stocks are now very numerous, and I think the top can't be very far off.'"

HON. MR. HYMAN
HAS NOT RESIGNEDA Report to That Effect From
Ottawa Is Officially
Denied.

Ottawa, Nov. 9. — An official denial was given last night to a report that Hon. C. S. Hyman had resigned.

Mr. Hyman returned from New York at midnight yesterday and was met upon arrival by Mr. H. J. Logan, M. P., who accompanied him to his office. The Minister of Public Works did not attend the cabinet meeting, which was held in the afternoon. There is, however, nothing unusual in a minister staying away from a council and remaining in his department looking after other matters if there is no question to come before the cabinet which specially interests him.

GRAIN CONTRACTS VALID

U. S. Court Gives Important Decision
as to Future Deliveries.

St. Paul, Nov. 9. — The United States court of appeals handed down a decision upholding the validity of contracts for the purchase and sale of grain for future delivery, as it is practiced by the Chicago Board of Trade and the Merchants' Exchange, of St. Louis. The case is that of Thomas A. Cleage, jun., appellee, against W. H. Laidley and others.

Cleage, jun., dealt in about 14,000,000 bushels of grain, and less than 2 per cent was delivered. He testified that he did not intend to deliver or to receive any grain under his contracts, unless forced to do so in order to prevent his contracts being closed out under the rules of the board or the exchange. The brokers to whom he became indebted filed a creditor's petition in bankruptcy, upon which Cleage was adjudged to be a bankrupt. The adjudication in bankruptcy was assailed on the ground that Cleage was not legally indebted to any of the alleged creditors, for the reason that their claims against him were grounded upon wagon agreements, and therefore were void.

The court of appeals holds that the evidence did not disclose a purpose to settle the obligation of his contracts by paying to or receiving from the parties thereto the difference between the contract prices and the market prices at the time of delivery, and did not make the transaction wagers void.

FATALITY AT THAMESFORD

Well-Known Young Farmer Victim of
Runaway Accident.

Thamesford, Nov. 8. — The death of Robert Knox, a young retired farmer of this place, occurred this morning, under sad circumstances. Yesterday morning the deceased was leading a horse which bolted, dragging Mr. Knox off his feet and through the orchard. When found he was unconscious, having received severe wounds about the head, and only regaining consciousness a short time before death.

NEW KING OF THE CONGO

Prince Albert of Flanders Is Officially
Named Successor to Leopold.

Brussels, Nov. 9. — Prince Albert of Flanders, nephew of King Leopold, was today officially declared the successor of the King as sovereign of the Congo Independent State. This puts an end to the controversy over the political status of the Independent State in the event that Belgium does not annex it.

TAKES DURAND'S PLACE

Esme Howard, Esq., Will Be Acting
Ambassador at Washington.

London, Nov. 9. — Esme Howard, British consul-general in the Island of Creta, has been appointed to the recently created post of councillor of the British embassy at Washington, and will be acting ambassador during the interim pending the appointment of a successor to Sir Mortimer Durand.

THE KING KEEPS
QUIET BIRTHDAYWith Royal Family Is Cele-
brating at Sandringham.

GUNS BOOM AT VICTORIA PARK

Imperial Salute of Twenty-One Guns
Fired by London Field
Battery.

London, Nov. 9. — King Edward is celebrating his 65th birthday quietly at Sandringham, surrounded by his family. He is in excellent health. Very many congratulatory messages reached him during the day, and many valuable presents were received from the sovereigns of Europe and personal friends. The customary salutes were fired by warships at the naval centers.

King Edward is 65 years of age today.

At noon a detachment of the London Field Battery, under Lieut. Leonard, fired a royal salute of 21 guns in Victoria Park.

On all the public buildings—the city hall, custom house, postoffice, court-house, etc.—flags were flying.

It is forty years since his majesty paid a visit to the Forest City.

He was at that time a young man, with the title of the Prince of Wales, and was touring the British possessions under the name of 'Lord Renfrew.'

He was royally entertained, a reception in his honor being held at the Trenchard House, which was then in all its new-born glory, having been opened only three or four years.

Col. Moffatt was mayor at the time, and quite a number of ladies, including the mayor's wife, had the honor of a dance with the then prince and present king.

His majesty also spent some time in Sarnia, but returned to London to spend the night.

S HAMBURGER DEAD.

Chicago, Nov. 9. — Solomon Hamburger died unexpectedly yesterday of heart failure, immediately following an operation. Mr. Hamburger was well known in the cigar and tobacco business of the country. He was born in Bavaria in 1857.

URGES REPAIRS TO
STREET RAILWAYOntario Board's Expert Finds
Conditions Ver-
unsatisfactory.

Toronto, Nov. 9. — A lengthy and very important report was submitted to the Ontario railway board this morning by Mr. James C. Royce, who was appointed to examine the London street railway.

Mr. Royce finds an unsatisfactory condition exists at London. Repairs are urgently necessary to the tracks, bridges and overhead trolley wires; new tenders must also be supplied.

Copies of the report will be sent to the parties interested tomorrow. The railway board will make an order directing the street railway to carry out the recommendations in the report.

TO BEGIN CAMPAIGN

Commissioners Want to Educate Citi-
zens on Need of Waterworks.

Chairman Darch and Commissioner Saunders yesterday went down the river to the Redmond pond to secure fresh samples of water for the purpose of having it analyzed, but they were disappointed, as the pumps were not working. They learned, however, that a quantity of catfish had been used to pack in the tile of the drain from which the first samples were taken, and they are under the impression that the rotting stalks had some effect on the color of the water. They intend to secure fresh samples at once and send them to Toronto for analysis.

Mr. Saunders stated to The Advertiser today that it is the intention of the commissioners to begin a campaign at once with the object of educating the people to the necessity of supporting the scheme for the improvement of the waterworks, which was decided upon last Monday afternoon.

Letters will appear in the papers from time to time, and advantage will be taken of public meetings to explain the scheme and the necessity for its adoption, as the commissioners see such necessity.

ADVANCE IN PLATEDWARE

Prices Are Increased From Five to
Ten Per Cent.

New York, Nov. 9. — Following the recent advance in sterling silver knives, forks and spoons, the manufacturers of plated silverware announced new price lists on these articles yesterday.

The International Silver Company, which comprises several affiliated concerns, put up its prices, one of the officers said, from 5 to 10 per cent on all plated ware, hollow ware, which includes pitchers, bowls and vessels of various kinds, remains at the old prices.

"HOME, SWEET HOME."

New York, Nov. 9. — The little thatched cottage at East Hampton, London Island, in which John Howard Paine, author of "Home, Sweet Home," lived in his early years, and which when he was a wanderer on the face of the globe, inspired his immortal ballad, is to be destroyed. The site on which it has stood so many years has been purchased and the structure will be torn down and a church erected in its place.

RUSS TRAIN ROBBERS
CARRY OFF \$650,000Armed Band Dynamite Car, Take Large
Sum and Elude Cossacks.

Rogow, Russian Poland, Nov. 9. — The Cossacks have thus far been unsuccessful in their pursuit of the revolutionary train robbers, numbering a hundred well-armed men, who surrounded this station last night, threw a bomb at the mail car of a train, derailed it, killing or wounding several soldiers of the escort and fled with a sum of money now said to amount to \$650,000.

Eye-witnesses confirm the statement that the revolutionists were hidden in the neighboring woods. When the train stopped, men armed with rifles sprang up on all sides, quickly executing the orders conveyed by the bugle. They shot and killed the gendarmes standing in front of the station. Sentinels were placed at all the approaches, and the telegraph wires were cut. While some of the robbers overpowered the trainmen, others attacked the escorts of the mail car.

Three bombs, not one, it now appears, were thrown. Two of them exploded with terrific force, blowing the cars into matchwood, killing five soldiers, and mortally wounding eleven others. The robbers then ransacked the mail cars, transferred the bank notes, gold and silver to their own bags, and, folding the red flag, formed up in military order, marched out of the station, entered wagons which were waiting in the forest, and drove off.

It was not until three hours later that a detachment of Cossacks hurriedly sent for appeared on the scene, and started in pursuit of them.

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None of the interested railroaders expected that any indictments would be returned. Each company has disclaimed with apparent sincerity the possibility of any criminal act, in relations with the grain companies concerning which their company employees had given testimony before the jury. The higher officials laughed at the proceedings although many had secret misgivings at the time taken by the jury in the proceedings, and the fact that back of the investigation was H. B. Duncan, special agent of the department of justice, who had brought so many similar investigations in other places to an indictment stage.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW — COOLER.

Toronto, Nov. 8-9 p.m. The area of low barometric pressure centered last night in Saskatchewan has moved eastward and tonight is to the northeast of Manitoba, and a northwest gale is blowing over Manitoba, accompanied by snow or sleet. Light falls of snow or rain have also occurred in Eastern Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. Elsewhere the weather has been fair.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 6 below—4 below; Atlin, 2 below—3; Victoria, 38—46; Vancouver, 31—44; Calgary, 18—36; Edmonton, 24—32; Qu'Appelle, 30—32; Winnipeg, 42—44; Port Arthur, 38—46; Parry Sound, 22—40; Toronto, 30—44; Ottawa, 26—40; Montreal, 30—38; Quebec, 30—38; St. John, 36—40; Halifax, 38—42.

FORECASTS.

Today—Southeasterly and southerly winds; cloudy, with local showers.

Saturday—Strong southeasterly and westerly winds; cooler.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Calgary 18 16 Fair. Winnipeg 32 30 Cloudy. Port Arthur 34 32 Cloudy. Parry Sound 36 30 Cloudy. Toronto 42 34 Cloudy. Ottawa 26 40 Cloudy. Montreal 30 38 Cloudy. Quebec 30 38 Cloudy. Father Point 32 28 Snow.

WEATHER NOTES.

The weather has turned much colder in the Northwest Provinces. Light snow is falling in parts of Quebec, and rain in Western Ontario. The general outlook on the lakes is quite unsettled.

The highest registration at the London weather bureau yesterday was 49°; lowest, 24° above.

DRIVEN OUT BY
BUSY FIREBUGSPanic and Death Follow Work
of N. Y. Incendiaries.

FIVE FIRES WITHIN FEW HOURS

Thousands of Sleeping Inmates of Two
Blocks Turned Out in
Nightclothes.

New York, Nov. 9. — One woman is dead, a man is in a hospital suffering from severe burns, two thousand persons fled from their homes in panic, and thousands more passed a sleepless night as the result of a series of incendiary fires in the two blocks bounded by Sixtieth and Sixty-first and Columbus and West End avenues early today. Scores of persons whose lives were endangered by flames or choking smoke were rescued by firemen. Many of the rescues were of a highly sensational character, and were witnessed by the thousands who crowded the streets around the burning buildings.

In all there were five fires, every one of them incendiary, between midnight and 3 o'clock this morning. The woman who lost her life was Mrs. Caroline Swain, 70 years old. She lived at 107 West Sixtieth street, adjoining one of the buildings which was fired. She died of heart failure induced by fright.

Adrian Tompkins, 40 years old, of 110 West Sixtieth street, is in a hospital with his hands and feet severely burned as a result of climbing down a red hot fire escape. He is in a serious condition.

The rapidly succeeding fires, the crowds of evicted tenants, and the terrifying rumors spread through the neighborhood with the constant appearance and reappearance of the fire engines, and the big squads of police raised the people throughout the vicinity to a high pitch of excitement, which did not subside until daylight, brought a measure of assurance that the incendiaries were stopped for a while. The excitement spread even to Broadway, and in the Marie Antoinette, Ansonia, Empire and other big hotels in the neighborhood of Lincoln Square the guests were aroused by the contagion of fear, and many remained up for the rest of the morning discussing the situation.

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LONE BANDIT HOLDS UP TRAIN;
BLOCKED BY NERVY CONDUCTORPullman Passengers on an Alton
Limited Train Robbed of
Valuables.

Bloomington, Ill., Nov. 9. — The operator at the Chicago and Alton railroad station here reports that the Golden State Limited passenger train, east-bound, on that road, was held up and robbed one mile east of Glasgow, Mo., about 2:30 o'clock this morning. The bandits went through the sleeping cars, robbing the occupants, but were prevented from entering the chair cars and day coaches by the conductor of the train, who locked the doors. No one was injured, and the cars were not

damaged. It is not known how much booty was obtained nor how many men were concerned in the hold-up. The robbers jumped off the train and escaped in the darkness.

Kansas, City, Mo., Nov. 9. — The Alton officers in this city say they have a report that one man boarded the rear sleeper of the Golden State Limited at Slater, Mo., fifteen miles west of Glasgow, and with a revolver in each hand forced the Pullman conductor and porter to walk ahead of him and awaken the passengers. He was prevented from entering the second car by the conductor, who closed and locked the door, and the robber escaped by jumping from the train. The amount of booty is thought to be small.

The Golden State Limited left Kansas City at 9 o'clock last night for Chicago.

SENT FOR TRIAL;
BAILED IN \$4,000Dr. Bateman Must Go Before a
Jury at the Winter Assizes
in January.

The preliminary examination of Dr. F. J. Bateman, of Strathroy, on a charge of having attempted to commit a criminal assault on Miss Sarah E. Adamson, of Carleton Place, on Saturday last, took place at the court-house yesterday afternoon. Squire Chittick presided. Miss Adamson was the only witness called, and at the conclusion of her evidence the magistrate sent the defendant for trial at the winter assizes, which are to be held in January. The question of bail was also raised, and with the consent of the crown the doctor was released in bonds of \$4,000.

The evidence given by Miss Adamson was to the effect that for several years she had been suffering from an ailment peculiar to her sex, and that on Saturday last she went to Dr. Bateman, her regular physician, to have him determine whether or not an operation was necessary. She alleges that while she was in the office, Dr. Bateman attempted the assault.

Miss Adamson stated that she left the doctor's office as soon as possible, and notified her brother, with whom she resides, of what had taken place. The arrest of the doctor was the outcome.

Crown Attorney McKillop intimated that when the trial is called evidence will be given to show that the brother of the young woman interviewed Dr. Bateman after the alleged offense, and that the doctor tried to arrange a settlement, which was refused.

AN IRISH COUNCIL

A Dublin Paper Outlines Early Legisla-
tion.

Dublin, Nov. 8. — The Evening Herald declares that it has reliable information to the effect that, at a recent conference of Irish leaders, Sir Anthony Patrick MacDonnell, under secretary to the Earl of Aberdeen, lord lieutenant of Ireland, read the draft of a plan for the reorganization of the government of Ireland.

It creates an Irish council, with between two-thirds and three-fourths of its members elected on the existing parliamentary franchise, and the remainder on a restricted franchise or nomination.

Clergymen of all denominations are eligible for membership in the council. Ireland is to obtain her present representation in Parliament; the police are to remain under imperial control, but the force will be reduced numerically, and a judiciary remains unaffected. The proposed measure is not yet complete, but the essential features have been settled definitely, and the entire cabinet is agreed thereon.

RESCUE THREE FROM WRECK

But Four More Still Remain on Decks
of Doomed Vessel.

Charlottetown, Nov. 9. — The Government steamer Stanley, which left for the scene of the wreck of the Russian-Finn bark Savigdo, at Priest Pond, was unable to go further than East Point, and there met with such terrific seas that she had to turn back and seek shelter at Georgetown.

All day people on shore at Priest Pond watched the survivors on two portions of the wreck, three on one part and four on the other, pacing to and fro to keep warm.

When the steamer failed, rescues from shore was then determined on and four men launched a dory and made their perilous way to the wreck. They succeeded in rescuing three of the survivors, but were unable to reach the fourth. There now remain four men on the wreck. Ten have been drowned and killed.

ROOSEVELT SAILS AWAY.

Cape Henry, Va., Nov. 9. — The battleship Louisiana, with President Roosevelt and his party on board and the convoying cruisers Tennessee and Washington, passed out by the Virginia Capes at 6:40 a.m. today.

CANADIAN TROOPS
FOR GIBRALTARHalifax Hears That There Is To
Be an Interchange
of Troops.

Halifax, Nov. 8. — It is reported in military circles here that an interchange of stations between Imperial and Canadian troops will take place next year, and that the Royal Canadian Regiment, now stationed here, will go to Gibraltar, a regiment from England garrisoning Halifax in their absence.

A BRUTAL ASSAULT

Two Men Beat and Gag a Woodstock
Woman and Attempt Robbery.

Woodstock, Nov. 8. — Mrs. Joseph Casler was brutally assaulted by two men who obtained admission to her house last night pretending to ask her assistance for the sick child of a neighbor.

After entering the men knocked the chimney from the lamp she was carrying and then asked her for her money. As she replied she had none one of the men struck her and dragged her into a bedroom, while the other ransacked the house.

Nothing of value was discovered, however, so the men, after gagging her, departed.

Mrs. Casler can give no description of the men as the whole struggle took place in the dark. The police have made no arrests as yet.

THE PHILIPPINE ASSEMBLY

Will Consist of Eighty-One Members
To Be Elected Next July

Manila, Nov. 9. — According to the proposed election law the coming Philippine Assembly will consist of 81 members, representing each one, a population of 90,000. The election of members of the Assembly is to be held July 1, 1907, and the Assembly is to convene within 90 days after election. The Philippine commission will submit the proposed law to public discussion after Nov. 25. The election must be ordered by the President after March 7, 1907, the expiration of the two years of peace provided in the act of congress. If there is an insurrection before then it will be necessary to wait two years. The proposed law was decided upon after much discussion, participated in by representatives and leading Filipinos, provincial governors and others. The Filipinos are generally pleased with the proposed law, which is based on election laws of New York, Massachusetts and California.

STILL IN DOUBT

An Official Count Necessary to New
York Lieut.-Governorship.

New York, Nov. 9. — Latest returns from all sections of the state indicate that the official count will be necessary to determine whether M. Linn Bruce, Republican, or Lewis Stuyvesant Chanler, Democrat, and Independent League, was elected lieutenant-governor in last Tuesday's election. With incomplete and partially estimated returns from every county in the state, Chanler's possible plurality has been cut down to 671. The incompleteness of the figures upon which this calculation is based makes it possible that the official returns will show a wide variance in either direction. Corrected returns from six counties on which yesterday's figures were based show a gain of 6,842 votes in favor of the Republican candidate.

INSPECTED THE 21ST.

Windsor, Ont., Nov. 9. — Gen. Otter, G. O. C. for the western district, inspected the Twenty-first Regiment in the armories last night. He was accompanied by Col. Peters, D. O. C., London. The men executed the different formations in splendid style.

Lieut.-Col. Bartlett and his officers and the men were highly praised by Gen. Otter and Col. Peters. After the drill the visitors were entertained at the Windsor Club by Lieut.-Col. Bartlett and the officers of the regiment.