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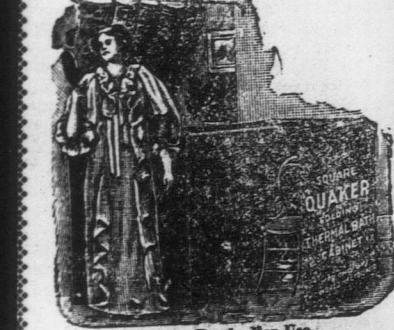
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FIRE AT MOUNT SICKER. Framing Shed of Tye Mine Burnt Yesterday.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) Mount Sicker, June 18.—The framing shed in connection with the Tye mine was entirely destroyed by fire this evening. How the fire originated is not quite clear, but it is supposed that someone had been smoking and a spark from a cigar ignited the shavings in the shed. In a short time the fire spread to the ground and attention had to be given to the shaft house, which had also caught. But here, fortunately, the flames soon subsided. Beyond the loss of the framing shed and some carpenter tools there was no further damage.

A new bridge, replacing the one that was washed away, has been built across the Chemainus river at Copper Canyon. A service, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Evans, of Ladysmith, was held this evening in the school house.

New York Dispatches

Dr. Lewis to Commence Work of Counting People Afflicted With Consumption.

Steps Being Taken to Prohibit the Sale of Impure Milk.

New York, June 21.—A census of the consumptives in the state is to be begun in a week by Dr. Daniel Lewis, commissioner of the state board of health. It will be the first census of the kind ever undertaken by this state. The census is for the purpose of learning the number of consumptives in the state as far as possible and the revealing of other facts relating to the diseases. It is expected that this enumeration will throw light on the question of what the state should do for the care of those within its borders who are afflicted with consumption and who cannot afford to pay the treatment at the private sanitariums. About eighteen or twenty months ago this census is completed another one will be made and the results of the two will be compared. It is thought, a good basis for comparison. The results of these statistical tables will reveal to the commissioner of health and to the public whether consumption is on the increase or wane and other valuable facts.

Impure Milk. The health department has adopted measures with a view of prohibiting in New York city the sale of milk which shows evidence of being affected by germs. The doctors fear that many of the diseases which give the health authorities the most concern originate in impure milk.

A circular issued by that department among other things that bacteria found in milk generally multiply most rapidly at a temperature of 93 degrees Fahrenheit and cease to multiply at the freezing point, any reduction of the temperature below 93 degrees limiting the rapidity of growth. The growth is not stopped, however, until 65 degrees Fahrenheit is reached. The health department wants farmers to cool their milk to 45 degrees Fahrenheit as soon as possible after production, and to ship it without delay to prevent it from becoming stale.

To Prevent "Corners." The special committee which has charge of the preparation of rates for the New York Produce Exchange, with a view to preventing "corners," or at any rate making the manipulating of a corner a much more difficult matter than it is at present, has decided to call a preliminary meeting of the grain trade before finally submitting its report. The plan is to increase the number of grades deliverable upon contracts thereby establishing arbitrary differences in prices, so that the present contract grades are covered then buyers may deliver other legitimate grades by paying the absolute difference in the price officially promulgated. These differences are not to represent the actual differences in the usual selling prices of the various grades. They are to represent premiums which the holder must pay for the privilege of delivering grades lower than the present contract. In this way, it is expected, the legitimate buyer instead of being a sufferer under the proposed conditions will be benefited in that he will receive something which he can immediately re-sell at a profit if necessary.

TO RESUME OPERATIONS. Foundries and Machine Shops in Washington Will Be Reopened on Monday.

Seattle, June 21.—At a meeting held last night of the Metal Trades' Association, comprising all of the foundries and machine shops of the city and state, it was resolved to resume operations on Monday morning next.

FIGHT TO THE DEATH. Two Men Fought Each Other With Bare Fists Until One Fell Dead.

New Orleans, La., June 21.—Walter Smith, son of Col. Dudley Selph, state champion of rifle practice and former champion of the state, had a quarrel with a young man named L. E. Bailey and a quarrel which resulted in a fight to the death. Smith had a young brother who was a military man and agreed to fight with bare fists. They had no seconds and the fight was a long and hard one. Smith was the victor, but he was badly injured and died of his wounds.

LUMBER BURNED. Delah, Minn., June 21.—Fire at the grounds of the Tower Lumber Company, near Lake, destroyed \$150,000 worth of lumber yesterday. Most of it was owned by Chicago owners. Details regarding its origin or the insurance are not yet obtainable.

BACK FROM MANILA. San Francisco, June 21.—The transport ship arrived from Manila with 8 officers and 750 men of the 42nd Infantry.

READY NEXT MONTH

Assay Office at Vancouver Will Be in Operation by July 15th.

Vancouver, June 21.—The following telegram has been received from Ottawa: "Ottawa, June 21st. "George R. Maxwell, M.P., Vancouver.—Government assay office will be established in Vancouver and be ready to receive gold by July 15th. An assayer will come from the East to take charge of the office. (Signed) Clifford Sifton. Mr. Maxwell has been expecting this dispatch for several days. The provincial government assay office, which has been recently arranged on a subscription from local merchants to make up the difference between here and Seattle, will now probably be abandoned in view of the better arrangement, although there is nothing authoritative on the subject as yet. Politics were disclaimed in the recent arrangement of the Board of Trade, but the fact was nevertheless remarked that Mr. Maxwell and prominent government supporters were not called upon to take active part in that action. Since then Mr. Maxwell has been working hard on the assay office subject, and to-day the announcement of the Dominion government taking up the question came as a great surprise to business men.

A Vancouver yard engine on the C. P. R. went off the track last night and three trackmen had to be employed making repairs this morning. They are the first hired in Vancouver since the strike. The strikers went down to have a look at the operations of these men, but later obeyed, without question, an order to vacate the yard. Assistant Supt. Townley this morning said that 20 per cent of the men of this division had been replaced. There is no further trouble.

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The Boundary Question

Report That States Agree to Accept Russia as One of the Arbitrators.

Premier Has No News of Change of Washington Authorities' Attitude.

Ottawa, June 21.—The Premier was asked yesterday if there was any truth in the report published in the United States that the United States government had agreed upon Russia as one of the arbitrators to decide the Alaska boundary case. He replied that it was the first he had heard of it so far.

It will be remembered that the United States had refused to submit the cases to arbitration. The Canadian government have not learned yet that they have changed their decision.

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Imperial Politics

Government Leader in the Commons Condemns Actions of the Bannerman Party.

Mr. Asquith Declares Boer Independence Impossible—A Free Federal South Africa.

London, June 20.—The Daily Mail asserts that the promoters of the Queen's hall meeting secured the services of six or seven hundred "stalwarts" as stewards. These "gangs of foreign ruffians" were found inside the hall, according to the Daily Mail, "ready to keep order and eject the malcontents." The "stalwarts" were drawn from the low class foreign clubs in Soho. Many of them were armed with stocks, broom-handles and knuckle dusters, and they acted with unrestrained violence in excluding rowdies and throwing out undesirable persons.

A. J. Balfour, first lord of the treasury, in a speech to-night at a Conservative banquet in London, made a strong protest against the action of the Bannerman party in eviscerating the pro-Boer movements, thereby prolonging the war and adding to the already great difficulties and sufferings. "It is a scandalous and shocking thing," said Mr. Balfour, "that such men should, before the whole world, accuse their fellow countrymen and soldiers of engaging in war by barbarous methods."

Mr. Asquith's Speech. London, June 20.—Herbert H. Asquith, the ex-Liberal home secretary, speaking at a Liberal dinner this evening, protested against the pro-Boer resolutions adopted at Queen's hall yesterday being accepted as a pronouncement of the Liberal party. He declared that Boer independence was impossible, and said the Liberal party favored a free federal South Africa on the lines of Canada and Australia.

Split in Liberal Party. London, June 21.—By his strength and strong speech last night, Mr. Asquith achieved the complete victory over the wings of the Liberal party. His words went to the great joy of the Conservatives, whose press organs this morning cannot find words sufficient to applaud his course in common with the press of the opinion that the party of many leaders will now find greater difficulty than ever in discovering who is the real leader of the party.

The Daily Chronicle hails Mr. Asquith as the true leader, and calls upon Henry Campbell-Bannerman to declare with equal explicitness whether he will follow John Morley's banner.

The Daily News says that the smoothest discomfiture of those calling them Liberal-Imperialists have at last burst into flames, and that it is deplorable that Mr. Asquith of all men should seem to head the movement of revolt, which can end in nothing but the repudiation of Liberalism.

"It is the duty of Liberals," says the Daily News, "to now loyally support Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman."

It may safely be predicted that Mr. Asquith will find a very large following both among the Liberal members of the House of Commons and the country generally.

THE RAILWAY STRIKE. C. P. R. Manager Says Number of Men Return to Work—Contrary Statement by Strikers.

Montreal, June 21.—Mr. McNeill, C. P. R. manager, stated to-night that to-day had shown a very satisfactory return of trackmen to work, mostly of old men married hands, and many new men had been employed. The track was fully patrolled and taken care of by flying gangs where fuller sections were not organized.

A monster mass meeting of all federated union laborers in Montreal will be held within a few days in support of striking Canadian Pacific trackmen. This was decided at a five-hour session of the federated trades and labor council last evening.

Strikers Says No. Winnipeg, June 21.—The striking trackmen claim none of their men have returned to work. All holding out. Mr. Shaughnessy's circular was received to-day.

Noisy Meeting. Orangeville, Ont., June 21.—The meeting of C. P. R. trackmen here last night resulted in a row between those who wanted to return and those who did not, one of them remarking: "It would have been better if Wilson had remained in St. Louis and got for the trackmen there the wages paid by the Canadian Pacific here."

Foremen Return. St. John, N. B., June 21.—The striking trackmen here are realizing that their Montreal committee has made a mistake, and many express hope which they were at one time ago some foremen have already returned and brought their men with them.

CARDINAL GIBBONS. Rome, June 21.—Cardinal Gibbons started this morning for Florence for a stay of a week. At the railway station he bade farewell to the procurator-general and to the brothers of St. Sulphice, whose guest he was while here.

ADMIRAL HESKINS DEAD. London, June 21.—Admiral Anthony Hillyer Heskins is dead. He was born in 1828.

CONCLUDED ITS LABORS

Presbyterian Assembly Closed Yesterday—Precedence at State Ceremonies.

Ottawa, June 20.—The Presbyterian assembly concluded its labors to-day. The appointment of an assembly executive was remitted to the Presbyteries for the consideration of what the executive would deal with.

The report of the committee on ordination of students recommended that any student in divinity having successfully passed the first year may be ordained by the home-mission committee to work in certain fields. This is especially asked because it was found that in ordaining fields where the students of other denominations were allowed to baptize and marry the people resorted to them, while the Presbyterian preacher was confined to his preaching and baptizing.

A communication was received from Rev. Carman, superintendent of the Methodist church regarding precedence at state ceremonies, and asking for co-operation in seeking to have precedence abolished.

The question originally came up in connection with the funeral of the late Sir John Thompson. It was decided to co-operate with the Methodist Assembly.

It was also decided to unite the views of the Presbyteries in reference to the reduction of representation in the assembly, and the institution of a fund to pay the traveling expenses of commissioners. This action is the outcome of an overturn from Victoria to the Presbytery calling attention to the heavy expense entailed on western delegates to the assembly.

Payment of Indemnity

The Question Which Prevents Successful Conclusion of Chinese Negotiations.

Competent Officials Hold That the Whole Matter Will Soon Be Settled. London, June 22.—Lord Lansdowne, an Associated Press correspondent learns, does not take such a pessimistic view of the Chinese negotiations as do a majority of the British newspapers. The foreign office by no means coincides in the view of the Pekin correspondent of the Daily Mail, who cables to-day that the negotiations are drifting into a hopeless muddle. There is now an opinion among the competent officials in Downing street that there is a good prospect of settlement.

It is denied that Germany has increased her demand for indemnity. From the British standpoint Germany has now adopted a fair and rational basis, though, as a course in common with the United States and Great Britain would have liked, the indemnity to be smaller. It is admitted that Great Britain is responsible in deciding on the method of payment, but it is maintained that she, as the largest trader with the Chinese, is more vitally concerned than any other power in keeping down the duty on imports.

"This question," said an official, "is about the only one which now prevents a successful conclusion of the negotiations, and no doubt it will be solved shortly. In any case our trade is bound to suffer, and we want to minimize the loss by the substitution, to some extent, of concessions in lieu of increased taxation. We are not adopting an aggressive attitude, and we believe that before July 1st. The powers will see that our suggestions will be for the mutual good."

Emperor Will Return. Paris, June 22.—A dispatch received here from Pekin says an official proclamation has been issued the amounting that the Emperor will return to Pekin in October, arriving at the capital by railroad from Pia Ting Fu.

ANOTHER SAILOR PRINCE. Duke of Cornwall's Son Is to Follow in His Father's Steps.

London, June 22.—The British public only just beginning to look upon little Prince Edward, the seventh anniversary of whose birthday occurs to-morrow, in the light of the future King. The importance of his place in the machine of the state is somewhat magnified by the absence of his father, according to present plans Prince Edward will be a sailor going upon the training ship Britannia in a few years. His present education consists of a few short daily lessons given by Mrs. Maria Brice, for many years companion to the late Duchess of Teck. The King is said to be strongly opposed to "stuffing children with too much knowledge." His recollection "is keen of how unpleasant it was to be a "walking dictionary" at twenty.

A story is going the rounds of young Prince Edward's precocity. At a juvenile party, in the presence of the Duke of Cornwall, he was given toys of wood for which he solemnly thanked his playmates with old-fashioned expressions, whereupon the Duke of Cornwall exclaimed: "The little wretch, he speaks better than I do," which is not far wrong, for the Duke of Cornwall is notoriously nervous and unfit for public speaking.

Nicaragua Treaty

London Dispatch Says Matter Will Be Considered by the Cabinet.

Foreign Official Denies That Great Britain Desires to Delay Construction.

London, June 22.—In a tentative, easy-going sort of way the cabinet has begun to consider the Nicaragua treaty matter. Lord Pauncefoot has explained many things to Lord Lansdowne, the foreign secretary, and the latter is once more grappling the problem. It is needless to say that the foreign office has no intention of hurrying, and in the course of a month or so it may come to a decision. This will be in the form of instructions to Lord Pauncefoot, who will return to the United States. These instructions will not be officially communicated to the state department until congress shall recieve or the attitude of the senate in the matter shall be definitely known. Lord Pauncefoot will probably be permitted to interpret his instructions pretty broadly, and they should show signs of being elastic enough to provide for any contingency except to a direct refusal on the part of the senate to recognize the validity of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty.

Lord Pauncefoot is as persistent as ever on this point, and however willing he may be to abrogate it he will maintain the potentiality of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty until such time as both signatories shall have agreed to its abrogation.

A high official in the course of conversation with a representative of the Associated Press, said: "Americans seem to think we are trying to delay the construction of the canal, but this is entirely wrong. We are just as anxious as they to see it completed, and are willing to do almost everything to further that end, but we do not want to see a treaty we made in good faith torn up like a piece of waste paper, and we still consider that we are entitled to some credit pro quo for the relinquishing of our treaty rights."

A special cable dispatch announcing that the Nicaragua matter had been practically settled and that Lord Pauncefoot, in consequence, would not return to the United States, caused amazement. It is utterly unfounded. On the highest authority the Associated Press is able to state that Lord Pauncefoot will remain ambassador to the United States for the rest of his days, or as long as he cares to retain the position.

OTTAWA NOTES.

It Is Now Barkley Sound—Timber Limits in the Yukon. Ottawa, June 22.—The geographical board of Canada has decided that the name of Barkley Sound, on the West Coast of Vancouver island, shall be spelled Barkley Sound, instead of Barclay.

The appointment of Judge Leamy is gazetted to-day.

An order in council has been passed providing that when an applicant who has acquired five berths can show to the satisfaction of the commissioner of the Yukon Territory that he actually required additional timber for manufacturing purposes at the mill or mills which he has erected, the provision restricting the granting of more than five berths to one applicant may be waived. Five berths is now the limit.

SEARCHING FOR VICTIMS. Sixteen Lives Were Lost in the Fire at Paterson, N. J.

Paterson, N. J., June 22.—With eleven bodies recovered and with six persons missing, it is believed that seventeen lives were lost in the fire which followed the explosion of fireworks in Kittenburg's store, at 44 Main street, yesterday. The search of the ruins was continued to-day by the police and firemen.

Two Bodies Found. Paterson, June 22.—The searchers in the ruins of the Rittenburg fire found two more bodies about noon. This makes the known dead number sixteen. It is thought all the bodies have been recovered.

MAD MULLAH ROUTED. Encountered the Main British Force and Narrowly Escaped Capture.

Aden, June 22.—The Mad Mullah, after the recent repulse by Capt. MacNeill of his attack upon the British zebra, accidentally encountered the main British force of cavalry and mounted infantry, which immediately attacked and routed the Mullah. The pursuit was continued throughout the night. A hundred of the enemy were killed and the Mullah and his Sultan of Nur narrowly escaped capture. The British force lost seven killed and wounded.

ANOTHER COMBINE. Philadelphia, Pa., June 22.—The North American to-day will publish a story to the effect that a syndicate of capitalists is planning a combination, with \$100,000 capital, to control the entire production and sale within the United States of the various products and by-products of cotton seed.