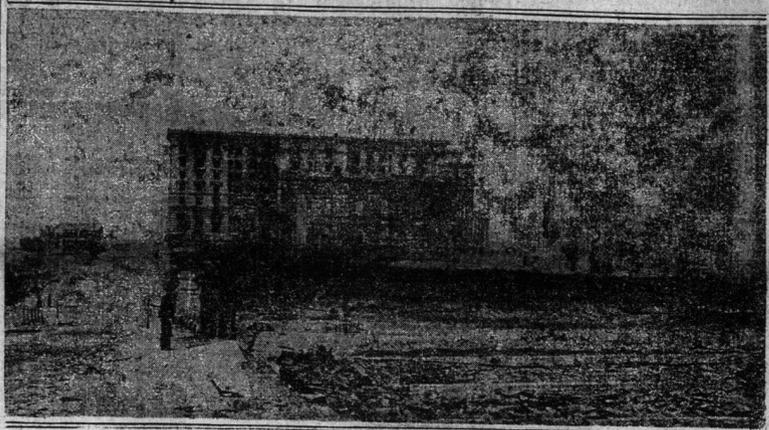


SHAUGHNESSEY WARNS BRITISH GOVERNMENT In the Presence of the Colonial Secretary, G.P.R.'s President Points to British Government's Shameful Ignorance of Colonial Affairs.

(Special to the Sun.) MONTREAL, May 3.—The Star's London correspondent cables: On the principle that half a loaf is better than none, Sir Thomas Shaughnessey and the Canadian Pacific railway welcomed the announcement of the colonial secretary made at the Canadian Club last night that Canadian Pacific Empire subsidy will be continued from the British treasury for two years. Lord Elgin gave the impression that the continuance of the subsidy was only secured by himself and Lord Strathcona from the chancellor of the exchequer with great difficulty, though Lord Elgin did not say what was well known, that the admiralty and the post office were both opposed to the subsidy on their special grounds. The persistence with which Lord Strathcona insisted on the imperial claims of the Canadian Pacific route, especially its importance in view of the Anglo-Japanese treaty, at length overcame the departmental obstacles. Attached to its continuance are conditions for the readjustment and material quickening of through time table to the far east and other points. The effect on the whole of question of imperial defenses will be thrashed out with the Canadian ministers at the colonial conference, which is now arranged to meet in April next. Sir Thomas Shaughnessey, in his speech, created some stir by the outspoken way in which in the course of the colonial secretary he commented on the neglect of British ministers and permanent officials to visit, and

become acquainted with the actual conditions of the empire they were charged to govern. Referring especially to the permanent head of Canadian department of colonial office, who was present, Sir Thomas expressed astonishment that he had never been in Canada, and should be the incumbent. A man holding such a position should spend at least three months in Canada every year (general cheers). It was recently stated in the Canadian senate that no minister while in office had ever visited Canada. These were conditions requiring attention. Sir Thomas proceeded as follows: "A few years ago, when trade questions were discussed between Canada and the United States we were treated with something in the nature of contempt. Are we going to permit the Rockefeller, Carnegies, Hills and other men to introduce the United States policy in Canadian trade relations, which may lead to most serious results in the future? Are we so supine as to let them determine Canada's future? I do not know by what means we can prevent them from carrying their objects into practice, but whether by free trade or fair trade or a combination of free trade and fair trade, we must attempt to do it." Lord Strathcona in his speech was equally frank. As regards the new Canadian Atlantic service he said he was satisfied it would not be satisfactory until the passage from island to land was made by Canadian steamships inside of four days.

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DEATH OF HON PETER WHITE, M.P. Passed Away at Clifton Springs Yesterday Ex-Speaker of House of Commons Had Been in Poor Health For Some Time.

(Special to the Sun.) PEMBROKE, May 3.—Hon. Peter White, M.P., ex-speaker of the house of commons, died this morning at Clifton Springs, New York. He had been in poor health for some time, and did not take his seat in the house during the present session.

STILL COOKING IN THE STREETS Water Supply in San Francisco Still Limited No Death of Mechanics in the Stricken City—Various Schemes For Rebuilding

SAN FRANCISCO, May 3.—A plan was decided upon today for the securing of funds to reconstruct the city. Although various schemes, some of them apparently feasible, have been submitted to the general committee, none of them has yet been given official endorsement and financiers continue to worry over the problem. It is probable that several centres of the financial world will be consulted before any definite scheme is formulated. Other than an early morning fire that threatened the safety of several hundred patients in the Presidio hospital, today passed without special incident. The task of cleaning the ruined region was today attacked on a larger scale. The railways have made good progress in running spur tracks into the burned area. Next week these tracks will be utilized to remove all useless material to low places for filling and grading.

INTERCOLONIAL FREIGHT RATES Will Not Be Controlled by Railway Commission Splendid Tribute Paid to the Memory of Ex-Speaker White, by Premier Laurier and Others

(Special to the Sun.) OTTAWA, May 3.—When the common opened today and the desks on the opposition side was hidden beneath flowers. This was the place in which the familiar figure of ex-Speaker White was to be seen daily last session. This session he has not been in the house, and today the members learned that he would not be. The prime minister paid a tribute to his memory as soon as prayer had been said. The prime minister said: "It is my duty and a certain sad pleasure to testify as one not in sympathy with Mr. White's politics that a more respectable or honorable member never sat in the house."

DOWNGOUR OF RAIN MIGHT BREAK STRIKE Management Optimistic About Dominion Cotton Company Trouble in Montreal

(Special to the Sun.) MONTREAL, Q., May 3.—The strike at the Dominion Cotton Co. factory at Hochelaga assumed a new phase this morning, when nearly 400 of the operatives at St. Ann's mill left their employment and joined the Hochelaga strikers. This is about two-thirds of the total number employed at the mill. Early this morning between seventy and eighty left the weaving looms and frames and congregated in Notre Dame street. They began to make signs through the windows to those who remained in the mills, and soon there was a general stampede. The strikers organized themselves into a procession and marched down Notre Dame street to Hochelaga mill, where they made a demonstration in front of the offices and then proceeded to Tremblay hall and disbanded. The larger number going quietly to their homes and some joining the Hochelaga strikers in the hall. There is a good deal of excitement among the operatives, but no disturbances of any kind. The management looks upon the strike as being somewhat in the nature of a holiday. A good downpour of rain would in their opinion do as much as anything else to break it up.

ONLY ONE MEMBER OF CREW ESCAPED Tug Sprung a Leak and Crew Left in a Small Boat, Which Capsized.

OWEN SOUND, Ont., May 3.—The tug Clipper and all of the crew with the exception of one man was lost off the Bustard Islands on Monday morning. Those who perished are Capt. McIntosh, French River; Edward Fletcher of Cutie, engineer; Robt. Johnson, fireman of Midland. Albert Beatty was the only survivor. The tug left here Sunday morning and early Monday morning sprang a leak, necessitating beaching the tug. The men sought safety in a small yawl, which capsized. All managed to get back to the submerged tug, the house of which remained above water. Albert Beatty got ashore on a raft made of a door and wandered on the island until next morning, when he was rescued. A tug was sent to the scene of the wreck, but all the men had disappeared. Fletcher's body was found alongside the wreck. No doubt the others perished.

GORKY DIDN'T APPEAR BOSTON, May 3.—Maxim Gorky, the Russian author and revolutionist, was expected to reach Boston and fully 1,000 people gathered at the South station to greet him, but he failed to appear. It is understood that he has abandoned his plan to speak in this city.

PRISONER GIVES HIMSELF UP. Clifford H. Towle Took Trip to Nova Scotia—Police Hunted For a Month. QUINCY, May 3.—Clifford H. Towle of this city, who escaped from the prisoners' cage in the district court room on April 7, gave himself up today. Towle was in the cage, having appealed a \$75 fine and three months' sentence on a liquor case. While waiting for bondsmen to remove the rear door of the cage open. This door led into a corridor outside the court room, and Towle lost no time in accepting the "open-door" policy. After giving himself up today Towle furnished \$500 securities for his appearance in the superior court. Towle has been in Nova Scotia since his escape.

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ONLY A MIRACLE CAN AVERT THE GOAL STRIKE Declaration of War May be Issued This Afternoon—Miners, in Conference, Are Practically Unanimous in Favor of Fighting to the Last Ditch.

(Special to the Sun.) SHERBROOKE, May 3.—Today's sessions of the miners' tri-district convention were unprofitable except in so far as they revealed that the sentiment of practically all of the six hundred delegates in attendance is for a strike. Tonight it is believed that nothing short of a miracle can prevent a strike being declared, either tomorrow afternoon or Saturday. At the conclusion of the afternoon session, President Mitchell made a statement in the course of which he used the word "strike" for the first time since the present negotiations began. The morning session of the convention, which was held in the main courtroom of the court house, was purely formal. At the opening of the afternoon session the credentials committee made its report, which was adopted. Then Mr. Mitchell made a brief speech in lieu of the report of the joint scale committee, which report had been sent to the printers. He briefly reviewed the negotiations in so far as they have progressed and said the committee had perhaps gone even further than it should have gone, in its partiality and moral courage.

CLARENCE SPOONER'S AFFAIRS BADLY MIXED Stuck a Friend for Twenty Dollars—His Whereabouts Are Unknown

MONCTON, May 3.—Some sharp practice has been revealed in connection with the insolvency of Clarence Spooner, a former St. John man, and who for some time conducted the Halifax Record newspaper here. The latest story of Spooner, whose present whereabouts are unknown, is of an incident perilously near the danger line. It is said he induced a citizen to endorse an accommodation note for him for the amount of twenty dollars, and this was done by the gentleman through an agreement with Spooner authorizing the former to hold certain accounts due to Spooner when passed as security. In the meantime Spooner gave a city bank the power of attorney to draw money, and the latter power prevailed over the verbal arrangements about the accounts passed. The latter sum had to be passed over to the bank and the endorser stuck for the amount.

MRS. CHADWICK PLANS EXPOSE Says She is Going to Tell All About Her Dealings With Prominent Men

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 1.—Mrs. Cassie Chadwick is aggrieved at what she terms an unmerciful public and she is preparing a statement of her transactions. She intends to drag into the limelight attorneys, bankers, business men and others who stood willing to share the profits, but took none of the blame or burden which she has been forced to carry. She said today: "There have been so many false statements and unfounded reports circulated about me that I have concluded that the time has come for me to make a full statement to the press for publication. It will clear up the mystery of my case and give my side of the affair. Every person connected with my transactions, including bankers, attorneys, and business men will be made known."

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