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SPECIAL COMMISSIONER TO REPORT ON COAL SITUATION

PREMIER McBRIDE SAYS GOVERNMENT WILL APPOINT A COMMISSIONER AT ONCE TO MAKE THOROUGH INVESTIGATION.

Victoria, Feb. 5.—Before the House rose today Premier McBride introduced the second phase of the coal question, announcing the intention of the government to appoint immediately a special commissioner under the Public Enquiries Act to investigate and report upon all the circumstances and conditions incident to the production and sale or other disposition of coal in British Columbia.

CAPT. DILLON'S CHARGE WAS UNRESERVEDLY DISMISSED

PRINCE RUPERT'S "LIQUID SUNSHINE" CAUSES TROUBLE AMONG RECENTLY ARRIVED TRAWLER MEN

Spending over four months confined in the cramped quarters of a little steam trawler, whilst making the passage to Prince Rupert from Grimsby, England, does not seem to be conducive to sweetening one's temper. Doubtless this is the cause of the ebullitions of unalmsness that have occurred amongst the crews of the several trawlers that have so far arrived here from the old country.

The last two of this class of boats to reach this port are the George E. Foster and the Andrew Kelly for the Canada Fish and Cold Storage Company, the crews of which were paid off the day before yesterday. The masters of the boats who performed this duty in the shipping master's office on the government wharf thought it advisable to have a police officer on hand as they expected some trouble with the men. Officer Bailey was detailed for the task, but nothing further than somewhat heated words took place between the officers and the men. The trouble seems to be in every case over their pay.

This morning in the police court Richard Watmough, who is one of the fishing skippers having in his charge a gang of fishermen who are going to work these waters, was charged by Captain Dillon of the George E. Foster, with assault. The case was unsupported by any evidence other than that of the complainant himself, who stated that the accused threatened him in the street, using foul language, and daily made a lunge at him with his clenched fist, not however, striking a blow that could be said to have caused serious bodily harm. The accused flatly denied that he did anything of the kind. He merely informed the complainant in the most polished and elegant diction that if he did not do proper justice to the men he would take judicial proceedings, "and don't you forget that."

The latter's evidence was corroborated by another member of the crew named Charles Davis. Magistrate Carss could not understand how Captain Dillon could lay a complaint of this nature, unsupported by any evidence other than his own, especially in the light of the story told by the men. It was mentioned that Captain Wynne, of the Andrew Kelly, was present at the scene of the occurrence, but was much under the influence of Prince Rupert's brilliant weather and bountiful hospitality to none what was taking place. Captain Watmough, who was discharged unreservedly by the magistrate, tendered a sweeping flow of thanks to His Worship on leaving the court.

SUGGESTS CUT IN PARCEL POST RATES

U. S. Postmaster General Makes Comments in His Annual Report.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Postmaster General Hitchcock's annual report, made public recently, tentatively suggests reduction of some of the parcel post rates and increasing the limit of weight beyond eleven pounds; recommends civil pensions for postal employees; an increase in rates on second class mail, which may pave the way for a cent letter postage; the consolidation of the third and fourth classes so that books and papers may be forwarded by parcel post, and points out that during his administration the expense of operating the postal service has been cut down \$45,000,000.

In the course of a statement on the condition of postal finances, Mr. Hitchcock says in his report:

"In 1911, for the first time since 1883, postal receipts exceeded postal expenditures, leaving a surplus instead of a deficit. A heavy loss of revenue in 1912, due to the extraordinary amount of franked matter mailed in the political campaign, created a temporary deficit, but since the close of the fiscal year the income of the department again has outstripped expenses."

VANCOUVERITES TO BUY RACEHORSES

Syndicate of Sportsmen Will Purchase Eight Two-Year-Olds by Joe Carey.

Vancouver, Feb. 5.—George Wentworth, popularly known as "Oregon George," left last night for Pleasanton, California, where he will inspect and, if he approves their appearance and condition, complete the purchase of eight 2-year-olds. A syndicate of five wealthy Vancouverites, imbued with the growing of the turf locally, have decided to tempt their turf fortunes to some to-be-hoped speedy youngsters.

The octette comprises five colts and three fillies, their sire in each instance being that good race horse Joe Carey, who was by Bannockburn, whose grandsire was that great English race horse, the peerless Prince Charlie. The dams of the youngsters are all equally well bred. This purchase is a most decided acquisition to the thoroughbred stock owned in the province.

INCIPIENT BLAZE IS QUICKLY PUT OUT

Fire Brigade Did Good Work at Small Fire in Hayner Bros. Furniture Store This Morning.

The smart action of the city fire brigade in answering a call at 8:45 this morning from Hayner Bros. furniture store was responsible for the prompt extinguishing of an incipient blaze that might very easily have turned into a pretty bad conflagration. Smoke was noticed to be emanating from a back window on the ground floor by Mrs. James Jabour, a resident of an adjoining building. Upon an alarm being turned in and further investigation made, it was found that the stove pipe of a heater, probably filled with soot, had become red hot, igniting the adjoining wall. Fortunately, the fire lads, with the big chemical, arrived just in the nick of time, promptly putting it out, but not before the place was pretty badly blackened with smoke. The damage will be fully covered by insurance.

NO OPPOSITION TO DISESTABLISHMENT

The Welsh Disestablishment Bill Passes Third Reading in Commons and First in Lords without Division

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, Feb. 5.—A motion to reject the Welsh Disestablishment bill was defeated in the House of Commons, the vote being 240 as against 347. The bill passed its third reading without division, also the first reading in the House of Lords.

GOVERNMENT MUST GO SAYS MRS. PANKHURST

Suffragettes Planning an Exciting Civil War in London.

London, Feb. 4.—The suffragettes are planning "an exciting civil war" in London, according to an announcement by Mrs. Pankhurst.

"The militant suffragettes," said Mrs. Pankhurst, "are preparing all sorts of effective strokes. The government must quickly give us the vote or go. The women will use every method, constitutional as well as unconstitutional, to turn the cabinet out."

Detectives in great numbers are on watch in all the London streets, but the suffragettes continue their successful raids. The contents of thirty letter boxes were destroyed today, but the perpetrators of the outrage escaped without detection.

ENTRIES FOR BISLEY

Fewer Than Usual—Territorials Lack Time.

London, Feb. 5.—At the National Rifle Association meeting it was stated that the decreased entries for Bisley were largely owing to territorials being unable to spare time to attend that meeting as well as training camps. Canada's five thousand dollar donation is to be devoted partly to encouraging the marksmanship of young territorials. The general prize list is as well supported as usual.

THE WEATHER.

The weather report at 5 o'clock this morning read: Barometer, 30.176; maximum temperature, 40; minimum temperature, 24.

VANCOUVER WOMAN GRANTED A DIVORCE

Mrs. Jones, Wife of Millionaire Property Owner, Secures Divorce and Half of Husband's Estate

(Special to The Daily News.)
Seattle, Feb. 5.—Mrs. Jones has been awarded a divorce from H. A. Jones, millionaire property owner of Vancouver, B.C. Mrs. Jones was granted half of her husband's large estate.

POSTMEN BURNED BY SUFFRAGETTES

Letters Addressed to Premier Asquith Took Fire in Post Office and Clerks Were Badly Burned

(Special to The Daily News.)
Dundee, Scotland, Feb. 5.—Five postmen were badly burned to-night by the spontaneous combustion of chemicals contained in letters. When they emptied on the sorting table counter bags of letters collected at the city post boxes there was a sudden burst of flame. The envelopes contained tubes of phosphorus and other inflammable chemicals. They were addressed to Premier Asquith and contained sheets of paper on which was inscribed "Justice for Women."

MANY INJURED WHEN ROOF COLLAPSED

Were Watching Football Game from Roof of Building—Eight Fatally Injured.

(Special to The Daily News.)
Sunderland, England, Feb. 5.—Eight boys were fatally injured and more than two hundred men and boys sustained more or less serious injuries when the roof of a building, from which they were watching a football game, collapsed.

Sent Threatening Letter.

London, Feb. 5.—Percy Collins, a miscreant, sent a threatening letter to King George demanding 4,000 pounds or his life. He was considered insane and committed to an asylum.

EXPRESS COMPANIES IN A MERRY FIGHT

Struggle for Right to Operate on the Intercolonial Railway.

Montreal, Feb. 5.—The Dominion Express Company recently secured from the government the right to operate over the Intercolonial. The privilege dated from Saturday, February 1st. The company moved its equipment down to the Bonaventure depot here, but was put out by the Grand Trunk, which controls the terminals and over whose lines the I. C. R. has only running rights from St. Rosalie to Montreal.

The Dominion Express has reported this to Ottawa, but what action will or can be taken is not yet decided.

The Canadian Express has exclusive rights on the Grand Trunk and the competition of the Dominion is not wanted.

Boy Scouts.

All interested in "the Boy Scouts and desirous of joining are asked to attend a meeting to be held in St. Andrew's Church on Saturday, February 8th, at 8 p. m. Ages limited from 12 to 16. 34

Some men tell the time of day by the sun, and some women tell the time of night by the son.

READY FOR GUESTS ON MONDAY NEXT

Good Progress Being Made on Repairs to G. T. P. Inn—Expected to Reopen on Monday.

The G. T. P. Inn, which was badly damaged by fire about the middle of December, will soon be in shape for reopening. The new roof was completed some weeks ago and the work on the interior is being rushed with all possible despatch. The second floor, which is used almost entirely for bedrooms, is now complete, having been thoroughly refurnished. The decorators are now at work on the main floor and hope to be through in a few days. Although not yet thrown open to the public there were nine guests sleeping in the house last night. It is expected that everything will be in readiness to reopen on Monday.

The repairs to the top floor will not be completed by that time, but the work of decoration and furnishing that floor will in no way interfere with the comfort or convenience of guests.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE CAREFULLY GUARDED

Special Precautions Are Taken Against Expected Attack of Suffragettes—Military in Readiness.

(Special to The Daily News.)
London, Feb. 5.—Special precautions are being taken against suffragette attacks upon Buckingham Palace and special police closely guard the King. The military at Wellington barracks are held in readiness to repulse an expected attack of suffragettes at the court to be held on Friday evening.

MEXICAN REBELS ATTACK A TRAIN

Sixteen Men Killed and Women Passengers Carried Off

Mexico City, Feb. 5.—Rebel followers of General Zapata attacked a passenger train travelling from Mexico City to Ozuumba, 45 miles south of the capital city today, killing and wounding all the twenty soldiers in the train's escort. Four male passengers were killed and many of the women passengers were carried off by the rebels. The train was halted by the derailment of the engine in a cut. The rebels then began firing on the train from the sides of the cut less than two yards away, concentrating their fire on the troop car. Twelve soldiers, including Lieut. Ortizma were killed. The lieutenant's wife was wounded.

A relief train took the wounded to Amerameca.

INDOOR BASEBALL MEETING TONIGHT

A meeting to make final arrangements for the formation of an indoor baseball league for this season will be held in the city police court room this evening at 8 o'clock. All interested in this excellent winter sport are requested to make a point of attending. Tonight will be the last opportunity teams will have for joining the league to take part in the schedule of matches that will be arranged for this season.

Mr. F. W. Hart begs to announce that his store in the Hart Block, 3rd Ave., will be closed until his return from Victoria, in a week or ten days' time. The key of the store has been left with the Mack Realty Co. 28tf

Sales girl wanted. H. S. Wallace Co., Ltd. 29tf

JOINT ATTACK ON GALLIPOLI BY BULGARIANS AND GREEK NAVY

IF SUCCESSFUL THE GREEK FLEET WILL ENTER DARDANELLES AND PLACE CONSTANTINOPLE AT MERCY OF ALLIES.

London, Feb. 5.—The Bulgarian forces are devoting their chief attention to the bombardment of Adrianople. An attempt is also being made to capture the Gallipoli Peninsula and take the Turkish forts at the rear. The Bulgarian attack on Gallipoli is supported by the Greek navy in the Gulf of Saros. Should the attempt prove successful there is nothing to prevent the Greek fleet from entering the Dardanelles and placing Constantinople at the mercy of the allies.

MADERO'S BROTHER IS GOING TO JAPAN

Rumor Has It That His Mission Is in Connection with Lease of Territory.

Mexico City, Feb. 3.—Gustavo Madero, brother of the President of Mexico, and the most influential political and financial factor in this country, has announced that he will leave for Japan as special ambassador to the Mikado.

While the mission of the special embassy is ostensibly one of courtesy to thank Japan for her participation in the celebration of the Mexican centennial in 1910 the appointment of Madero has awakened in diplomatic circles a suspicion that matters far more vital will be dealt with by the President's brother.

Time and again rumor has had it that Japan is treating secretly with Mexico with a view of getting a foothold on the American continent.

As long as the Washington administration has unquestionably upheld the Mexican government the Japanese matter has been kept in abeyance, but now that the United States has adopted a more energetic tone in demanding efficient protection of American interests in Mexico, Madero seems to be reaching across the Pacific in the hope that by playing Japanese interests he may establish a "status quo" similar to that which for so many years enabled Turkey to maintain her misgovernment without interference from the European powers.

Magdalena Bay, for three years leased to the United States as a coaling and naval depot, is reputed to be Japan's objective.

COAL SITUATION IS BEING RELIEVED

Rogers & Black Receive Shipment of 400 Tons—Union Transfer Have 90 Tons on the Ena.

It is a decided relief to citizens whose supply of coal was exhausted, or nearly so, to know that the steamer British Columbia arrived last night with a shipment of 400 tons for Rogers & Black, who are today filling back orders just as rapidly as it is possible to get the precious fuel delivered.

Lindsay Transfer Co. is supplying its customers today also, borrowing from Rogers & Black's shipment.

The Union Transfer Co., as announced yesterday, have a shipment of 90 tons on the Princess Ena, now in port. It is expected that unloading will start either tonight or tomorrow morning and that the company will be able to make deliveries tomorrow.

The Prince John left for Stewart yesterday about 6 p. m., and will return some time this afternoon. She carried several passengers for the little northern town.

HOPE TO RETURN TO CANADA NEXT SUMMER

Duke of Connaught Speaks at Montreal of Intended Visit to England

Montreal, Feb. 5.—"We hope to return to Canada next summer," said H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, speaking before the Canadian Club in regard to his forthcoming visit to Great Britain with the Duchess of Connaught.

His Royal Highness also thanked the people of Canada for the heartfelt sympathy which had been expressed from coast to coast in connection with the illness of the Duchess of Connaught. The Duchess, he explained, was not yet convalescent, but in no immediate danger.

This is the Governor-General's first public pronouncement since the announcement of his forthcoming return to Great Britain.

BRITISH JEWS AND RUSSIA

Attitude of Sir Edward Grey Denounced by Speaker.

London, Feb. 5.—In his presidential address to the board of deputies of the British Jews, David Alexander denounced Sir Edward Grey's attitude on the passport question. He declared that it was a virtual submission to Russia's claim to discriminate between the British Jews and other British subjects.

The British foreign minister announced last November that he would decline to approach Russia with a view to securing the withdrawal of the restrictions placed on British Jews in that country, on the ground that such action on the part of Great Britain would lead to the termination of the Russo-British treaty of commerce.

EXPENDITURE ON NAVY

Lord Roberts Says Commercial England Will Support Any Increase.

London, Feb. 5.—Lord Roberts, at a meeting of the defence committee of the London Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, moved the following resolution, which was passed by the meeting:

"This meeting views with grave concern the great naval preparations which are being made by European countries. We hope that adequate measures are being taken by the British government to maintain Great Britain's unchallengeable supremacy of the sea."

In speaking on the resolution, Lord Roberts declared that the commercial community of England would always be unwavering in their support of any increase in naval expenditure made by the admiralty.

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