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## TERRIBLE EXPLOSION COSTS MANY LIVES IN PENNSYLVANIA TUNNEL

**A Car of Black Powder Exploded, Killing from 75 to 100 Mine Workers—Explosion was Caused by a Broken Trolley Wire—Bodies of Men Sent Flying in All Directions—The Explosion Followed by Disastrous Fire.**

Wilkesbarre, Pa., June 5.—Seventy-five to one hundred mine workers were killed and many others injured at the Baltimore number two tunnel of the Delaware & Hudson Company near here early today. A car of black powder attached to a train of cars which the men were riding to their chambers in the mine.

The trolley wire broke and sparks ignited the powder. Men were blown everywhere, but most of the deaths was caused by fire and suffocation.

The accident occurred shortly before seven o'clock. A train of sixty cars was sent to the mouth of the tunnel to take the men into the chambers. One hundred men piled into the cars, which were drawn by an electric motor. Near the end of the train was a car of black powder.

**THE GREATER LOSS OF LIFE WAS CAUSED BY**

**FLAMES; MANY BODIES BURNED TO A CRISP**

When two hundred feet in the tunnel the trolley wire broke and fell. Sparks ignited the powder and instantly there was an explosion that sent the bodies of men flying in all directions. The force of the explosion was so terrific that it was heard throughout the greater part of the city.

Flames caused the greater loss of death, many of the bodies being burned to a crisp. Other men who were burned and were trying to reach safety died of suffocation.

When rescuers reached the tunnel there were dead and dying scattered everywhere. The injured were rapidly removed sent to hospitals as quickly as ambulances could be provided and the dead were brought out and placed in tiers on the green.

**CAUSE OF THE DISASTER.**

Wilkesbarre, Pa., June 5.—Today's accident was the direct result of violation of the law. Permission was given the men to ride the trip to their place of work, and a special train was provided for that purpose. On these cars special seats are built and the train was in daily use. It is a violation of the mine law to carry powder on a train. There were a dozen kegs of powder in one of the rear cars, all of which were exploded.

## HOPEFUL THAT THE BIG STRIKE IN PARIS WILL BE SETTLED

Paris, June 5.—In competent circles optimism prevails this morning relative to the strike in this city and hopes were expressed that the trouble between the unions and the employers would soon be settled. Through the efforts of the government and employers and men in the metal industries have come to an understanding on some questions at issue, but there is no change in the situation regarding the transportation systems and there is again talk of the government requisitioning the subway.

The managing committee of the general labor Federation will meet tonight to consider the situation created by the present movement in which, it should be remarked, the Federation had no hand.

## PLANNING TO ORGANIZE THE ONE BIG UNION IN WESTERN CANADA

Calgary, Alta., June 4.—Delegates from trades councils throughout western Canada are planning to meet tomorrow to complete organization of the "One Big Union." The delegates will draw up a constitution which will be submitted later to the Trades Council for approval. The meeting is scheduled to last ten days.

Calgary's general strike has developed into a fight on the question of whether the government will reinstate the postal workers who walked out. Labor leaders said the original strike meeting which was in sympathy with the Winnipeg has become a side issue.

## DROWNED ON FISHING TRIP

Montreal, June 5.—Word was received in Montreal last night that Capt. J. D. McCall, who recently returned from service overseas, son of J. T. McCall, of Drummond, McCall & Co., Limited, had met his death by drowning, while on a fishing trip up the St. Maurice river.

## TO DISCONTINUE PROSECUTIONS

Montreal, June 5.—A motion asking the Federal authorities to discontinue the prosecution of conscripts who failed to respond to the call for military service, in view of the cessation of hostilities in Europe, was adopted by the city council yesterday without discussion.

## APPEAL COURT CONTINUED HERE THIS MORNING

**Col. W. H. Harrison Resumes Duties as Reporter After Four Years' Absence Overseas.**

The Appeal Division, Supreme Court continued its sitting this morning. Mr. W. H. Harrison of St. John resumed his duties as reporter after an absence of about four years during which time he was serving in the C. E. F. as officer commanding the 2nd Divisional Ammunition Column.

In the matter of Mary Eliza Kelly et al, an appeal from the Gloucester Probate Court, Mr. M. G. Teed K. C., for Patrick Kelly, supported the appeal. Mr. H. A. Powell, K. C. contra. Court considers.

A deferred case on the motion paper The King vs. The Bank of Montreal referred by Chief Justice Sir Douglas Hazen, was argued. Mr. H. A. Powell K. C. for defendant supported an application for a review from the judgment of the Police Magistrate of St. John. Mr. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., contra. Court considers.

The case of Smith vs. Arseneau in The King's Bench Division is off.

## ST. JOHN MEN TO GO OVERSEAS

St. John, June 4.—On special invitation of H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught Grand Master of the Grand Masonic Lodge of England, D. C. Clark, Provincial Grand Master for New Brunswick; Sir H. S. Bridges, Past Grand Master, and Dr. Thomas Walker, Past Grand Master, will leave for England on the S.S. Empress of Britain on Wednesday to attend the grand celebration of peace being instituted by the Grand Masonic lodge of England. It will be held in the Royal Albert Hall, London.

**Death at Marysville.**

Miss Maud White, daughter of Melbourne White, passed away yesterday at her home in Marysville at the age of 25. The deceased has been an invalid for years and while her death has not been unexpected it came as a great shock to her numerous friends and relatives. Her father, Mr. Melbourne White, went to Quebec on Friday to meet his son George, who returned on board the Metagama. His will be a very sad homecoming as he has lost his mother and two sisters while serving overseas. The funeral took place this afternoon from the late home at Marysville, the service being conducted by Rev. J. B. Daggett. Interment was made at the Baptist cemetery.

## SENATOR FOWLER CONDEMNS THE GOVERNMENT HOUSING BILL

**Declares That it is an Outrage and the Men Responsible for it Should Be Examined By Medical Authorities—Immigration Bill Passes Senate.**

Ottawa, Ont., June 4.—The government's immigration act was given a third reading in the Senate. Senator Bradbury's amendment to clause three expressly prohibiting immigration from countries. "Regarded as enemies at the signing of the Peace Treaty", and an amendment which, he said, was "Called for by the blood of 55,000 Canadian dead," was rejected by a vote of 26 to 19. The majority holding that the matter was adequately dealt with clause 13 of the act, which leaves the question of keeping out all undesirables to the discretion of the Minister of Immigration.

The government's supply bill encountered considerable opposition. Senator Bostock said it provided for a regular vote and that the Senate should not be called upon to vote them without more detailed information.

Senator Ross (Middleton) said that the \$25,000,000 loan provision for good housing should not be in the supply bill at all, it should be an independent measure and be discussed in all its phases.

**THE HOUSING BILL.**

Senator Gen. Fowler, said that considering the financial situation, it was "simply an outrage." That expenditures such as some of those included in the supply bill should be made. The housing scheme was one of the most absurd ever put forward in this or any other parliament, and in his opinion, the gentlemen responsible for it should be examined by the medical authorities.

Replying for the government Senator Lougheed said that in considering a supply bill such as that before it, the Senate had not the right to assume that the House of Commons had not discharged its duties properly. This was a demobilization and re-construction bill to meet extraordinary conditions arising out of the war, conditions which called for unusual measures.

As for the money for good housing, it was merely a loan to the provinces, Senator Lougheed added.

## A General Strike May Soon Be Ordered in Montreal

### HOUSING ACT REGULATIONS BEFORE GOVT.

**Towns and Cities Which Have Applied—Notification of Regulations Will be Given.**

The June session of the Provincial Government is being held here. The government was in session this morning and will be again tonight. The Board of Education will meet this afternoon beginning at four o'clock.

Premier Foster announced this morning that attention had been given to the matter of apportionment of the loans to municipalities under the Housing Act. Regulations have been approved and will be formally forwarded to the Federal authorities for their approval.

The various municipalities which have applied for part of the loan will be notified of the regulations. The towns and cities which have so far made application for assistance under the Housing Act are: Edmundston, Dalhousie, Sackville, Sunny Brae, St. John, Campbellton, Bathurst, St. Stephen and Moncton.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO KING GEORGE

Paris, June 4.—The following message of birthday congratulation was sent by President Wilson to King George: His Majesty George V., London, England,

May I extend to Your Majesty my warm congratulations on your birthday, and express the hope, not only that you may see many more birthdays, but that each one may reveal a world growing steeper and more resolute in the pursuit of justice and of the true prosperity which proceeds from justice, and that the Great Empire over which you preside may always continue to play a great part in the process. Mrs. Wilson joins me in warmest personal regards. WOODROW WILSON.

**Labor Leaders Say That the Situation Has Become Very Much Complicated—7,000 Workers Now Walking the Streets in Idleness—Are Determined to Fight it Out to the End—Big Street Parades Planned in Winnipeg.**

Montreal, June 4.—Montreal labor today is poised for a leap into the abyss of a general strike. This is the prediction of labor leaders in this city, who stated today that the situation has become very complicated over night and with the 7,000 workers walking the streets in voluntary idleness the situation is critical. One of the largest meetings held in connection with the strike situation took place this morning at the Maisonneuve market hall, where nearly 3,000 employees of the Canadian Vickers Plant met to make arrangements for carrying on their strike. Every one of these men were in deadly earnest and expressed a determination to fight to the bitter end.

President Baugh, of the Marine Trades Federation, declared after the meeting that he did not think it would be very hard to carry off a general strike in the city at this time.

**CONCILIATION OFFERS HAVE BEEN MADE IN WINNIPEG, BUT NO REPLIES HAVE BEEN MADE**

Winnipeg, June 5.—Both the anti-strike veterans and those who have endorsed the walkout here planned to hold street parades again today. Conciliation offers have been transmitted by both sides through the railway brotherhood officials, but neither the metal workers nor employers have replied so far.

Plans for presenting as strong a show of force as possible to preserve order were agreed on yesterday at a conference here of civil, provincial and military officials, when fears of clashes between rival parades were expressed.

Mayor Gray was informed that a parade of several thousand soldiers intended to march to the Trades and Labor Council this afternoon, force an entrance, if necessary, and demand that all aliens be ousted from the Winnipeg Unions.

**SOLDIERS HIGHLY INCENSED.**

"I understand the soldiers are so incensed over the high-handed methods of strike leaders and insulting remarks made by James Duncan, a Seattle labor leader, yesterday, that they have threatened to wreck the Labor Temple and make an example of the leaders," said Mayor Gray.

## RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION OF SERVICES OF REV. DR. HARRISON

**Is Retiring From the Ministry After Forty-Eight Years as Pastor of Methodist Denomination—Membership Shows Increase—Two New Churches Built at Taymouth and Kingsclear during the Year.**

Marysville, June 5th.—Fredericton District Meeting of the Methodist church, resumed its deliberations at 9 a. m. Wednesday morning; the chair man of the district presiding. The meeting opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. Mr. Waisson and E. A. Burpee. The laymen in attendance were J. J. Weddall, Fredericton; M. W. T. Day, Marysville; William Munroe, Taymouth; Thomas Boulter, Stanley; M. E. A. Burpee, Burton. The schedules of the several circuits were submitted and matters in connection therewith discussed by the members present. This work occupied the entire forenoon session. The afternoon session opened as per rules.

**Rev. Dr. Harrison**

The first order of business was the presentation of a resolution in reference to the application of William Harrison, D. D. to be placed in superannuation relationship to the church and was as follows:

Resolved, whereas the Rev. William Harrison, D. D. after forty-eight years of diligent faithful, effective and unbroken service in the ministry of the Methodist church feels called upon to ask for a superannuation relationship. Resolved, that the annual meeting of the Fredericton district of the Methodist church assembled at Marysville, June 3rd, 1919, hereby recognizes and places on record its fullest appreciation of his public and personal influence in the pulpit, press and private life.

Also resolved, that we express our deep regret for the necessity of Brother Harrison retiring from the active work which he loves so much, on account of increasing years.

Also resolved, that we express our sincere regret that Brother Harrison feels urged to take this regrettable step on account of Mrs. Harrison's

health, as well as for personal reasons. And further resolved that the members of the District pray for Brother Harrison, that he may be spared for many years quiet work for the Master and the assurance of his peace. And assure Brother Harrison of our continued good will and kind regards.

Dr. Harrison thanked the members in a very feeling manner.

**Financial Statement**

The following is the financial statement as submitted:

Missionary, \$2396.05; Educational, \$212.00; General Conference, \$8; General Sunday School, \$86; Contingent, \$100; Armenian relief, \$171; Belgian relief, \$122; Halifax, \$222; Sunday Schools, \$952; Ministerial support, \$10,019; Women's M. Society, \$1220; Auxiliary Society, \$153; For all purposes, \$27,612.

**Membership**

The following is the membership statistics:

Total membership, 1828; Increase over last year, 33; New members, 107; Families in district, 1012; Baptisms, 147; Marriages, 46; Burials, 167.

**Conference Committees**

The following are the conference committees:

Class Leaders, Rev. W. Lawson and Mr. A. C. M. Lawson; Epworth League Rev. J. B. Young and William Munroe; Contingent, Rev. H. F. Smith and David Moore; Sustentation, Dr. Harrison and W. T. Day; Evangelism S. S., Rev. L. J. Wasson and C. A. Sampson; Memorials, Rev. B. W. Turner and R. McDonald; Church property, Rev. A. D. McCully and J. J. Weddall; State of the work, Rev. H. F. Holmes and M. E. A. Burpee; Nominating, L. H. Jewett and W. J. Osborne; Educational, Rev. J. B. Young and W. T. Day; Annual S.S. J. J. Weddall; Finance J. A.

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