

## WORKED BUNCO GAME IN COBALT DISTRICT

### Police Searching for Two Men who Sent Prospectors on a Wild Goose Chase.

Cobalt, Ont., April 15.—(Special.)—About two hundred prospectors came back yesterday from Camel's Back Lake, indignant at the reports regarding the new camp which they characterize as a small outcrop in the middle of a muskeg, the promoters of which are two men named Jones and Blackburn, who are being looked for by the police. Details of charges against the men are unavailable, but it is said warrants are out against them for making false affidavits. It is estimated that this alleged bunco game attracted over a thousand men. About two hundred are still in the woods. It is stated that only two claims have been recorded. Many borrowed money to go, while others squandered their summer's grub stake. At least ten thousand dollars have been lost by gold hunters.

## CHANGES WERE MIXED IN STOCK MARKET

New York, April 15.—Conflicting currents were very perceptible in the opening price movement of stocks. Changes were generally narrow but very much mixed and dealings were small. L. & N. and Atlantic coast line declined.

Amalgamated Copper, 75½; Canadian Pacific, 183½; Great Northern, 139½; Pennsylvania, 137½; Southern Pacific, 128; Soo, 140½; Rock Island, 49½; Union, 188; U. S. Steel, 87½.

### MEXICAN BANK FAILURE.

New York, April 15.—Judgment by default for \$217,849, against the United States Banking Company, a Mexican concern, which suspended payment two months ago, was entered here yesterday in favor of the Bank of Montreal. The suit was based on a draft declared to have been made by the defendant on January 18.

### BULLISH ON C. P. R.

New York, April 15. Bull reports are in circulation on Duluth S. S. & A. No news is developed by inquiries beyond the point that the Canadian speculative element active in Canadian Pacific is to take up all the so-called Canadian stocks in this market.

### THE COTTON MARKET.

New York, April 15.—Cotton futures opened steady; April, 14.80, bid; May, 14.75; July, 14.38; Aug., 13.67; Oct., 12.40; Dec., 12.23.

### CROWN RESERVE DIVIDED.

The Crown Reserve Mining Company has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 6 per cent., and a bonus in addition of 9 per cent. for the same term, making a total of 15 per cent., payable April 15 to shareholders of record March 31, 1910. Books closed from April 1 to 14, inclusive.

## DEATH AND FIRE FOLLOWS EXPLOSION

Hamburg, April 15.—A terrific explosion occurred in a building in the bonded warehouse district this afternoon. Several persons were killed, and three great warehouses were set on fire. Many cases of oil were stored in the building.

Long after the explosion the fire burned fiercely and the department made little headway against it.

### PERSONAL.

Mr. Thomas Robison, M. P. P., of Harvey, is in the city today.

Mr. J. A. McIsaac, of St. John, is registered at the Barker House.

Mr. F. S. White, of St. Stephen, is at the Queen Hotel.

Mr. Harvey Mitchell, of Sussex, is in the city.

Mr. W. A. Walker, of Moncton, arrived in the city last night.

Mr. Geo. W. Fowler, ex-M. P., and Mrs. Fowler, leave this week for Europe via New York. They will spend a few months in Great Britain and on the continent.

Ewart C. Atkinson left this morning for Sackville to attend a recital this evening, in which his sister Miss Marguerite Atkinson, graduate in oratory from the Mount Allison Ladies College, is to take part.

## IMPORTANT WITNESS AMONG THE MISSING

### William H. Buckley Dodges In- vestigation of New York Legislative Corruption.

New York, April 15.—According to The World this morning, Wm. H. Buckley, who was the principal witness at the inquiry into the legislative affairs of the fire insurance companies conducted by state superintendent Wm. H. Hotchkiss, has quietly gone away and is now in Montreal, Canada, beyond the reach of subpoenas. Buckley was expected to be an important witness before the committee proposed by Governor Hughes to investigate the legislative corruption.

Commenting upon Buckley's departure, The World says:

"In going to Canada at this time, Buckley has done what he did during the life insurance investigation of 1905, when the subpoena servers of the Armstrong committee, under the direction of Chas. E. Hughes, hunted vainly for him day and night, for weeks at a time.

The absence of Buckley, should he continue to remain in Canada, will be a serious loss to the investigators of legislative corruption. While on the witness stand, in New York, before Superintendent Hotchkiss, in the recent investigation, he flatly refused to answer scores of the most important questions.

Not only has Buckley gone away, but also Mrs. Buckley and their two children. Mrs. Buckley has relatives in Montreal and friends of Buckley insist that he planned to go away with his family some time ago, before there was any talk of a legislative investigation.

### TO BUILD DREADNOUGHTS

Vienna, April 15.—In the Reichstath today, the finance minister admitted that the government was preparing to build four additional Dreadnoughts. He added, however, that he had not yet advanced a farthing for such purposes.

## GOLD SEEKERS RUSH TO NEW EL DORADO

Seattle, Wash., April 15.—The rush of gold seekers from the Tanann district to the recently located Iditarod gold fields, has depleted the labor supply of Central Alaska to such an extent that the business men of Fairbanks today cabled to Seattle for relief. The message, which was received by W. H. Parsons, a local banker, was signed by eight of the leading bankers and merchants of Fairbanks.

## MR. AND MRS. NORTON- TAYLOR REMEMBERED

Mr. and Mrs. Norton-Taylor took their departure on Thursday evening's train for their new home at Buckingham, P. Q., where Mr. Norton-Taylor takes over the agency of the Bank of Montreal. Before taking their departure, Mrs. Norton-Taylor was presented with a handsome pearl necklace by her lady friends, while a number of Mr. Norton-Taylor's male friends made him the recipient of a complete angler's outfit, a most appropriate gift. The presentation was made on behalf of the donors at the Queen Hotel by Mr. A. J. Gregory, K. C. Mr. Norton-Taylor and his estimable lady carry with them to their future home the very best wishes of their host of Fredericton friends for future happiness and prosperity.

### TWO KILLED; SIX INJURED

Munich, April 15.—Two men were killed and six severely injured yesterday by the collapse of a balloon hull which was under course of construction for the Parseval. As a consequence the airship passenger trips to Oberammergau have been postponed indefinitely.

Messrs. J. H. Evans and W. R. Campbell, of Moncton, are in the city.

## TWENTY MEN ENTOMBED BY DYNAMITE EXPLOSION

### Construction Gang on Quebec Railway Buried in Tons of Earth—Two Bodies Recovered.

Quebec, April 15.—(Special.)—News has been received from St. Alphonse, Saguenay county, of a terrible accident which occurred yesterday afternoon about five o'clock on the line of the Ha Ha Bay Railway about three miles from St. Alphonse. It appears that while the men engaged in blasting in an earth dump, a man working the battery did not give the others sufficient time to get out of the

way. The mine exploded with terrific force, burying some twenty men, six French Canadians and other foreigners, under a huge pile of earth and rocks. At a late hour last night ten men had been taken out, two of them dead and three seriously injured.

The work of rescue is being pushed with much vigor. Chief Engineer Ladistis Gagne arrived on the spot just when the explosion occurred and he is buried with the debris.

## PUGILIST JACK JOHNSON SETTLED DOWN TO WORK

Chicago, April 15.—After a day's lay off due to his appearance in court Jack Johnson put in a hard straining session yesterday. He struck out with his trainers for Michigan Ave., and thence south to Washington park and back again a distance of about ten miles.

Upon his return to his quarters the negro boxed with Gutler and Cotton and finished his day's training with an hour's gymnasium work. The champion asserted if no other court proceedings interfered he will continue this sort of work every day until he leaves for the coast.

Johnson displayed a keen interest in the Langford-Barry fight. He thought Langford would win, but looked for a quicker finish. When told the details, Johnson said, either Barry is improving or Langford is going back. After he had finished his training the black champion motored to the city where he purchased \$1600 worth of chandeliers and other apparatus for lighting his house.

## HIS WEALTH VANISHED ALSO HIS FRIENDS

Chicago, Ill., April 15.—The body of Stephen H. Denton, a Harvard graduate and veteran of the Mexican and Civil Wars, lies in a west side undertaking establishment threatened with dissection.

Denton once possessed wealth and was associated with his brother in the dry goods business in Iowa. Friends and relatives appear to have vanished with his riches. He was admitted to the Dunning infirmary early in January and not a person visited him.

## TALENTED CONVICT MAY SECURE PARDON

St. Paul, Minn., April 15.—Partly as the result of activity in his behalf by the editors of New York Magazines, who have accepted his poems, it seems likely that the young Englishman known as "John Carter," (his true name is unknown) will be released from the Minnesota penitentiary. One of the citizens here was interested in the case. After a conference with a member of the board of pardons, he felt sure that action in favor of the poet's freedom would be taken tomorrow when the board meets. He is serving a ten year's sentence for stealing \$24.

New York, April 15.—Robert Underwood Johnson, editor of the Century Magazine, speaking of John Carter, said:

"After the young man had written several letters to me, I voluntarily wrote a letter to the state board of pardons of Minnesota asking for a remission of his sentence. In none of his communications was a trace of a whine or a plea for me to intercede for him. He has learned his lesson and his release will place in the world a better man."

London, April 15.—At a special meeting of a committee of the London corporation it was decided that the guldhall reception to Mr. Roosevelt should be held May 31, instead of May 25, as previously announced.

## JEFFRIES HAS QUIET BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Ben Lomond, April 15.—This is Jim Jeffries' birthday, but owing to the illness of Mrs. Jeffries the festivities planned by Sam Berger for the anniversary, were curtailed. Mrs. Jeffries' birthday comes next week and her husband, on the eve of her departure last night for an Oakland hospital, gave her a diamond necklace.

On the last day of his 34th birthday, Jeffries faced a negro in the ring. It has been many years since he last sparred with a negro and as on this occasion, Bob Armstrong was the black. Armstrong was with Jeffries in the latter's preparation for his battle with Fitzsimmons.

The black man has been added to Jeffries' present training camp because of his long association with Johnson with whose style of fighting he is believed to be thoroughly familiar. Armstrong is expected to teach Jeffries how to attack and defend himself from Johnson. The light sparring in which Jeffries and Armstrong indulged yesterday provoked slight interest. His trainers have pointed out to him the urgent necessity of taking his preliminary work slowly and Jeffries apparently is heeding the advice.

## GOLD MEDAL AWARDED TO AMERICAN LIBRARIAN

London, April 15.—The Royal College of Surgeons of England has awarded a gold medal to Robert Fletcher, principal assistant librarian of the library of the surgeon's general office in Washington, in recognition of his distinguished services in connection with the indexing of the catalog of that library. Robert Fletcher is a graduate of the Royal college of surgeons, and received the degree of LL. D. from Columbia University. He is an associate fellow of the college of physicians, Philadelphia, and an editor of "Index Medicus."

## TERMS OF SETTLEMENT OF PHILADELPHIA STRIKE

Philadelphia, April 15.—The terms of settlement of the street car strike were arranged last night and it is alleged will be ratified by the men in a mass meeting tomorrow, are understood to be as follows:

"All the men now on strike are to receive positions as fast as possible, those who are not immediately placed, to be paid at the rate of \$2 a day.

The cases of the 174 men whose discharge precipitated the strike, to be left to arbitration by President Kruger, and Peter Driscoll, president of the Car Men's Union.

Wages to be 23 cents an hour, beginning July 1 next, and to be increased each succeeding year one half a cent an hour, until the maximum of 25 cents is reached.

The men have the right to join any union or organization they wish or none at all.

### MORNINGSTAR A WINNER

Spokane, Wash., April 15.—With an unfinished run of 127, Ora Morningstar has won the final billiard game of the series from Willie Hoppe. Of the four matches played in this city, Morningstar won three. He scored 1205 points in 53 innings to 921 for Hoppe in 54 innings.

## COL. ROOSEVELT AND FRANCIS JOSEPH

### "Teddy" Received in Audience by Austrian Emperor at Vienna Today.

Vienna, April 15.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt arrived here at 6.45 o'clock this morning. He was met by Herr Von Mueller, principal secretary of the Foreign office, as the representative of the Austrian government, United States Ambassador Kerens and Baron Hengelmuller Von Hengervar, Austro-Hungarian, ambassador at Washington.

After an exchange of greetings, Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Kerens entered a carriage, and drove direct to the Hotel Krane. Owing to the early hour, the streets were almost deserted and, although the driver and footman wore the imperial livery, the passing of the party attracted no attention.

At two o'clock this afternoon, Mr. Roosevelt again entered the court carriage and drove to the Hofberg palace, where he was received in audience by Emperor Francis Josepa.

Tonight the officials of the foreign office will give a dinner at which Mr. Roosevelt will be the guest of honor.

Mr. Roosevelt denied emphatically today the published statement that he had agreed with Gifford Pinchot that his name might be used again in connection with the presidency.

## STEAMER BLEW UP; CREW ESCAPED

Los Angeles, April 15.—According to meagre advices received here, the little steamer Venice owned by Capt. Henry W. Thompson, blew up in the Gulf of California and is a total loss. The captain and crew of four escaped in an open boat. They spent a night at sea and have arrived at Guaymas. She was used as a supply boat along the Mexican coast. She had a capacity of 30 tons.

## WILLIAM AYROUP IS ORDERED DISCHARGED

Yesterday afternoon, before the Supreme Court, in the case of the King vs. William Ayroup, Mr. T. J. Carter for the Crown agreed in support of the conviction, Mr. W. P. Jones, K. C., contra. Conviction was quashed. Form of order will be given this afternoon.

In the case of Campbell vs. Walsh, Mr. R. A. Lawlor moved to set aside the non suit and enter verdict for plaintiff or for new trial. Mr. J. G. Byrne contra, and Mr. Lawlor in reply. Court considers.

In the case of The King vs. J. G. Forbes, exparte Gordon Selig, Mr. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., showed cause against an order nisi to quash an order of J. G. Forbes for the handling over to R.C. Elkin of certain yellow metal and certain money. Mr. D. Mullin, K. C., argued in support of the order nisi. Rule absolute to quash as to so much of the order of J. G. Forbes as relates to the disposal of the money was granted.

Court adjourned until this afternoon at 2.30 p. m.

Judgment in the Ayroup and Town of Campbellton cases is expected today.

### AYROUP ORDERED DISCHARGED

At 2.30 this afternoon the court resumed. In the case of the King vs. William Ayroup the court ruled that Judge Carleton's ruling practically amounted to acquittal and ordered the prisoner to be discharged.

In the Town of Campbellton cases the rules were discharged and the elections on the question of local option will take place as announced.

## FRENCH GOVERNMENT MAY PURCHASE BALLOON

Paris, April 15.—The new dirigible balloon Bayard Clement II, which is being built by a private company near Paris, will according to an official note just issued, be purchased by the French Government. The balloon will soon make an attempt at flight between Paris and London and England was represented to be a possible buyer.

## AN ALLEGED SCANDAL KNOCKED IN THE HEAD

### Western Member Adopts Crocket Tactics in Parlia- ment and Fail Miserably.

Ottawa, April 14.—The story elaborated at four hours' length last night by Mr. Bradbury of Selkirk, about the surrender of Indian funds on St. Peter's reserve in Manitoba took its place tonight in long line of exploded scandals which the opposition have to their account. By a substantial government majority, on a straight party vote, Mr. Bradbury's motion censuring the government for its management of the sale of the lands in question was defeated and another political yarn was laid away with those which Mr. Ames with the aid of a magic lantern, exploited to so little purpose before the last election.

Out of information supplied by disgruntled Indians, and a pile of official documents furnished by the interior department, Mr. Bradbury wove a tissue of charges, the effect of which was that "the poor ignorant Indians" as he described them, had been bribed into surrendering their lands to the government in order that they might be sold to Liberal speculators at ridiculously low prices.

Hon. Frank Oliver's reply today was as effective as it was vigorous. The St. Peter's reserve consisted of 48,000 acres, only 250 acres of which had been cultivated by the Indians. Difficulties having arisen over the adjustment of the rights of the whites and half-breeds on the reserve, the government appointed Chief Justice Howell, of Manitoba, as a commissioner to arrange, if possible, a settlement. As a result of the investigation made by the chief justice it was decided that the only way to adjust the difficulties which had arisen was to secure a surrender of a large portion of the reserve, containing about 25,000 acres, and in order that the surrender might be carried out properly Chief Justice Howell was instructed to negotiate the terms.

The lands thus surrendered under the supervision of the highest legal authority in Manitoba were afterwards advertised for sale by public auction in several newspapers and were disposed of to the highest bidders at prices ranging from \$4 to \$21 an acre.

Through the negotiations it was proved by Mr. Oliver, that far from being bribed or cajoled, the Indians had proved most willing and eager to surrender their lands and as a result they not only profited handsomely on the sale, but they were established on a new reserve of 75,000 acres very much better suited to them and were left in possession of an area of marsh land, which they may dispose of to their advantage when it becomes of value.

Apart from the benefits thus secured to the Indians, who were alleged by the opposition to have been badly treated, Mr. Oliver was able to show that the surrender had been in the public interest and in every way justified on grounds of public policy.

As for the charges that the lands had been disposed of to speculators who were friends of the administration it was pointed out that among those who had purchased lots were prominent Conservatives, including local members of the Manitoba legislature.

The debate on the question took up practically the whole of the day, Mr. Oliver being followed by Messrs. Middlebro, Mulloy, Crothers and others in a wearisome re-threshing of points made in the seven hours of speech-making making maki making by Messrs. Bradbury and Oliver.

## AMERICAN MISSIONARY VICTIM OF THE PLAGUE

Amoy, April 15.—Plague has broken out at Amoy and its victims include Dr. J. A. Otte, of the reformed church of America, who is dead here. Dr. Otte was a medical missionary in Amoy city. In 1889 he opened the Neerbosch Hospital in Siokho. He left China for a time but returned in 1897.

### THE GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago, April 15.—Grain quotations at noon were:  
Corn—May, 56½; July, 61½; Sept, 63  
Oats—May, 43½; July, 40½; Sept, 38½.