

A BIG ROW IN U. S. CONGRESS

Members Indulge in a Lively Scrap Over Alaskan Coal Lands

One Member Struck at Another and Angry Words and Dire Threats Were Uttered.

(Canadian Press) Washington, Feb. 24.—The direct was passed on the floor of the house of representatives late yesterday. It came during a somewhat heated debate on a bill for the leasing of coal lands in Alaska. James Wickersham of Alaska rushed at Frank W. Mondell of Wyoming and struck at him, and for a few minutes a melee was imminent. Angry words and dire threats were uttered by other members who took part in the affair. Several members hurled themselves on Mr. Wickersham others struggling with Mr. Mondell who was making for his assailant. Representative Foster of Vermont had taken Mr. Wickersham by the throat. This added to the uncontrolled anger of the delegate and for a moment diverted his attack towards the would be peace-maker. Mr. Mondell endeavored to raise the chair in which he was sitting to hurl at his antagonist. For the first time in four years the sergeant at arms had to carry to the floor the mace, the emblem of authority to restore order. Both members later apologized to the house and subsequently representative Mondell's bill for the leasing of the Alaskan Coal Lands was defeated.

MEMRAMCOOK MAN KILLED BY I. C. R. TRAIN

Moncton, Feb. 24.—Burton Casey of Memramcook, was a passenger on Express No. 10 bound east, this morning, and, jumping from the train between Memramcook and College Bridge, was instantly killed. He landed in a snow-bank and rolling upon the rails, was cut in two. The train did not stop at College Bridge and Casey, wishing to get off there, decided to jump. Deceased was about twenty-seven years of age. He had a brother killed on the railway several years ago, near Dorchester.

MEDUCTIC WANTS THE VALLEY RAILWAY

Meductic, York Co., Feb. 25.—At a largely attended meeting of the board of trade last night, it was resolved to confer with other boards along the St. John river in regard to sending delegates to the different political conventions where candidates for the federal and local houses are to be chosen, for the purpose of urging the great need of a railway down the valley. It was also decided to begin correspondence with A. B. Wilnot, provincial immigration inspector, for the purpose of securing a better class of immigrants for this part of the province.

GUELPH PRO TEAM LASTED ONE DAY

Guelph, Ont., Feb. 24.—The Guelph "Pro" team lasted just one day, for they disbanded here yesterday. After paying expenses, the gate receipts of the game with Galt left only 35 cents each for the players.

NEW SWIMMING RECORD

Chicago, Feb. 24.—A new world's record was made in the inter-scholastic and academy swimming meet last night. Harry Hebner of the Illinois Athletic Club made the forty yard back stroke in 23 1-5 seconds, lowering the world's record of 27 seconds held by H. J. Handy.

RAILROADS FORBIDDEN TO INCREASE THEIR RATES

United States Interstate Commerce Commission Hands Down Important Decision—Railways are Doing Well Enough at the Present Times—Commissions Finding Has Panicky Effect on the Stock Market—Manufacturers and Merchants are Jubilant.

(Canadian Press) New York, Feb. 24.—The sweeping directions of the Inter-state Commerce Commission forbidding rate increases in the official classification territory and all the roads in the great middle west, were arrested with gloomy predictions today by railroad leaders all over the country. They declared that the directions will undoubtedly result in curtailing present plans for improvement. On the other hand, manufacturers and merchants are jubilant over their victory before the federal board and agree with Louis D. Brandeis, who represented the shippers before the commission, that the directions mark a new and business-like era in United States railroad affairs. The railroad chiefs declare that the weight of the decisions will ultimately fall upon the wage earners, causing a decrease in the earnings of hundreds of thousands of employees. But Attorney Brandeis asserts that the direction is of particular benefit to wage earners, "upon whom the burden of advance in the rates would have ultimately rested."

London, Feb. 24.—The decision of the U. S. Interstate Commerce Commission, refusing railways permission to increase rates had a panicky effect on the stock market here this morning. American railway securities suffered declines ranging from 5 to 15 points.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The Interstate Commerce Commission decided today against any increase in rates by the railroads in both the "eastern" and the "western" cases. The decision, eagerly awaited by railroads and shippers alike, was handed down late this afternoon.

The cases are the most important that have ever come before the commission. The decisions were in the nature of a surprise to railroad officials and other experts who had followed closely the proceedings, a majority of whom believed the commission would grant some increase to

the western lines if not to the eastern.

After considering exhaustively the whole subject, however, from every viewpoint, the commission could not see its way clear to grant any advance in rates, although it conceded that in the case of some of the roads as increased revenue is needed.

In what is known as the eastern case, the commission was embarrassed by the admitted fact that several of the lines in the territory were paying good dividends upon existing rates while other carriers in the same territory were barely able to make both ends meet—a few of them scarcely that.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 23.—L. W. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railroad, when informed of the action taken by the Interstate Commerce Commission on the railroad matter said:

"Well, I guess I'll take a walk around to the steamship office and see if I can't get a rate on a trip to Europe, as there won't be much use of my staying around here next summer."

"Does that mean you expect to see a big reduction in business?" he was asked.

"Oh, we will keep right on doing business, but there won't be much done in the way of extensions or improvements."

WILL CONTINUE FIGHT

Washington, Feb. 24.—That the railroads of the country will continue their fight for increased freight rates is the general belief here today. Though the present contest is ended so far as the inter-state commerce is concerned the railroads may find some way to combat the decisions just handed down.

As recent decisions of the supreme court have indicated that decisions of the commerce commission on questions of fact, will be held final and not subject to review just how the railroads can wage their battle remains to be seen.

STOCK MARKET SECURITIES TAKE DOWNWARD PLUNGE

New York, Feb. 24.—A sharp slump in stocks this morning followed the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission handed down last night. There was a slight rally however before noon in the principal securities.

Quotations from direct private wires of J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers, St. John, N. B., Members of Montreal Stock Exchange

Amalgamated...	62 1/2	63 1/2
Atchison...	102 1/2	103 1/2
Smelters...	77 1/2	78 1/2
Brooklyn...	76 1/2	77 1/2
Canadian Pacific...	211 1/2	212 1/2
Great Northern, Pfd...	124 1/2	125 1/2
Northern Pacific...	123 1/2	124 1/2
Pennsylvania...	125 1/2	126 1/2
Reading...	154 1/2	155 1/2
Soo...	141 1/2	142 1/2
Union Pacific...	174 1/2	175 1/2
U. S. Steel, Com...	77 1/2	78 1/2

MONTREAL MORNING SALES.

Toronto Railway, 75 @ 129, 50 @ 128.

NEW WORLD'S RECORD FOR INDOOR RELAY RACE

(Canadian Press.) Boston, Mass., Feb. 24.—A new world's record for an indoor relay race of 1760 yards, four men to a team, was made last night at the annual winter athletic carnival of Harvard University by the Boston Athletic Association team in a race with the Harvard Varsity quartette. The new mark is 3 minutes, 8 1-5 seconds. It betters by 1-5 of a second the time made by Harvard at the B.A.A. games in 1906.

TRYING TO LOCATE HIS MISSING CHILD

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 24.—John Graham is endeavoring to locate his 14 months old child, who he claims, was taken away from him in Port Arthur by the representative of the Children's Aid Society in June of last year. The mother is now in St. John, N. B. awaiting deportation to England. Graham alleges that the agent at Port Arthur kept no record of his child's name nor of the family with which it was placed.

MANY MINERS ENTOMBED

Fire Has Been Raging for Hours in the Silver Mine at Tonopah, Nev.

Twelve to Fifteen Men Believed to Have Perished—Others Sustain Injuries.

(Canadian Press) Tonopah, Nev., Feb. 24.—Fire has been raging for more than 24 hours in the Belmont Silver Mine, the largest in the country and from twelve to fifteen miners are believed to be dead.

Rescuers were driven back when within two hundred feet of the fire while working through the Desert Queen shaft late last night and the management decided today that the mine would have to be sealed to contain the flames and smoke. Among those known to be in the mine and numbered among the dead are, Frank Burke, shift boss, Mike Hannigan, Jack Shea, Wm. Murphy, Thos. Whitley. It is believed that several others met death by being dropped from the cage which made an ascent through the smoke. Eight men were injured by being overcome by gas while working with a rescue party.

Early today a rescue party was within fifty feet of the seat of the fire. Three of the party were overcome by gas and taken to the hospital for treatment. It is conceded that there is no hope of finding the entombed men alive.

That the death list might go even higher than at first estimated, was indicated by the report of one of the rescuers who declared he had counted the bodies of twelve dead men in one of the shafts. Other members of rescue squads declared that they believed some of the men buried at the depth of 1,100 feet, were still alive.

They based their assertion on the belief that the men were protected from the flames by intervening walls, and that they had broken the fresh-air pipe running through that section of the mine, and were thus able to keep breathing.

TROUSERS SKIRT CAUSES A ROW ON PARIS STREET

(Canadian Press)

Paris, Feb. 24.—Reports of public disturbances accompanying the appearance of woman in the streets in the new trouser skirt, occur daily. The Avenue de l'Opera was the scene of one of the more serious outbreaks.

A woman having been surrounded by a laughing jeering crowd was unable to proceed and a gentleman taking advantage of the situation purchased a basket of eggs from a dealer in a side street and distributed them among the other gentlemen who in order to show their disapproval of what they considered unladylike conduct, pelted the helpless wearer of the new garment until a squad of police intervened and aided the woman to escape in an automobile.

Madrid, Feb. 24.—Two women belonging to the most exclusive society circles of the capital, appeared on the street last evening wearing the new Parisian trouser-skirt and were fairly mobbed. The crowd which grew rapidly to great proportions, surrounded the exponents of advanced fashion, and after insulting cries, threatened violence. A large force of police came to the protection of the women and cleared the streets. The police administration had to deal with several cases of similar disorder recently and is determined to put a stop to the rowdism.

MONCTON CLERGYMAN COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Moncton, Feb. 24.—Rev. Z. B. Grass, reformed Baptist minister was this morning committed for trial on the charge of setting his house on fire. His lawyer will make application to the Supreme Court judge for trial.

RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT REPORTED TO SENATE

Committee Decided to Submit it Without Recommendation --- The Debate on Agreement Continued in Parliament at Ottawa Yesterday---Dr. Clarke Liberal Member for Red Deer, Delivers a Strong Speech---Says Ice of Protection is Cracking All Over the World.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The Canadian Reciprocity Agreement is ordered to be reported to the Senate without recommendation.

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—The opposition to reciprocity developed a new feature in the house today when editorial objections culled from all parts of Canada were read by members of the Conservative side. One after another members read opinions from daily and weekly publications condemning the agreement and supplemented them with resolutions of objection adopted by fruit growers and manufacturing organizations.

The government countered with a quotation from a fruit growers publication in British Columbia endorsing the agreement. This was read by Hon. Wm. Paterson, minister of customs, who, with Finance Minister Fielding, made the agreement with the American commissioners.

Mr. Owen, a Conservative member, read a despatch from Washington stating that Senator Cummings had introduced a resolution providing for the free admission of Canadian manufactured products to the United States. He asked Mr. Fielding what would be the effect if it were adopted.

"There is nothing in the agreement to prevent the United States doing that, if it desires," responded Mr. Fielding.

"But what about admitting United States manufactures free into Canada?" asked Mr. Owens.

"We will have to get that proposition before we will consider it," was Mr. Fielding's reply.

The debate on reciprocity was resumed by Dr. Clarke, a western Liberal member and an advocate of free trade. From those who opposed reciprocity as a step in the direction of free trade Dr. Clarke wanted to know "why Canada should object to a free trade policy under which Great Britain had prospered, and why the dominion should adhere to protection from which the United States was now breaking away. The ice of protection is cracking all over the world," he declared.

DR. CLARKE'S RINGING SPEECH

Dr. Clarke declared that reciprocity meant prosperity for Canada and would be adopted despite the policy of the member for North Toronto.

At the close of his speech Mr. Clarke was congratulated by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the other ministers.

Richard Blain of Peel, followed with a fifteen minute speech of condemnation and Mr. Mulloy, a western Liberal, declared the manufacturers were financing the newspaper campaign.

Hon. Clifford Sifton adjourned the debate. Major Beattie, of London, has given notice of a new flag-waving resolution in the Commons. He asks the House to endorse the following proposal:

That in the opinion of this House proper regulations should be issued

LANGFORD ANXIOUS TO MEET JOHNSON

London, Feb. 24.—That Sam Langford, the husky Nova Scotian fighter, is willing to do almost anything to get champion Jack Johnson into the ring with him, is evidenced by the statement of Hugh D. McIntosh last night he said:

"My representative in San Francisco is negotiating with Jack Johnson to fight Sam Langford. The champion need not have any fear about Sam not being willing to bet. He will do anything to make a match with Johnson."

Mr. Woodman, Langford's manager says: "We have been chasing Jack Johnson for three years. Langford is ready at any time to fight him and will give him a side bet of any fair amount."

by the government of the Dominion of Canada insisting that where a foreign flag or ensign is displayed or used either upon a flag pole, private residence, vehicle or in any other manner or place whatsoever within this dominion by any person or persons, except the accredited representative of a foreign government, a Union Jack of equal size and make shall also be hoisted or displayed therewith at the same time and place and that the Union Jack shall always be placed in the most prominent position on every such occasion.

SENATE HEARINGS END

Washington, Feb. 23.—Hearings on the Canadian reciprocity agreement were concluded today by the senate committee on finance, and at 10.30 o'clock tomorrow the committee will meet to determine the form in which the McCall bill to carry the agreement into effect will be reported.

There is so much opposition in the finance committee that it is generally believed that the pledge to President Taft not to "smother" the agreement will be kept by returning the McCall bill to the senate "without recommendation."

OBSTRUCTIONISTS GAINING A POINT

Washington, Feb. 23.—That a determined effort will be made on the floor of the senate to amend the McCall bill to carry out provisions of the Canadian reciprocity agreement and that the movement will receive the support of a considerable number of Republicans, both regular and insurgents, became apparent soon after the senate convened today.

Senator Cummins of Iowa, an insurgent, offered a resolution calling upon the president to send to the senate all tables and statistics gathered by the tariff board bearing upon articles which enter into the trade between Canada and the United States whether covered by the pending agreement or not. After a brief discussion it was adopted.

The resolution received the practical approval of several Old Guard senators and especially of Senator Hale, who said that he was in sympathy with the idea in that it might lead to entirely new negotiations with Canada. This statement was in response to a frank avowal by Mr. Cummins that he proposed to offer amendments to the McCall bill to the end that articles which farmers have to buy shall be reduced to the plane of products of the soil which are put on the free list by the Canadian agreement.

The Cummins resolution specially called for the tariff board's data on pulp wood and paper, wool whether raw or manufactured; woolen thread, cloth and clothing; cotton thread cloth and clothing, carpets, boots and shoes, pig iron, iron ore, manufactures of iron or steel coal, wheat, flour lumber and agricultural implements.

TORONTO JINGOISTS READY TO FIGHT

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 24.—At the annual meeting of the Ontario Division of the Canadian Defence League last night, President Kingsford, deputy Police Magistrate of Toronto, refused to accept nomination until promised that the constitution would be amended to definitely include maintenance of the British connection as one of the League's objects. He said he had felt prepared to do anything even to fighting in the streets to prevent reciprocity going through. Other speakers used similarly strong terms, Mr. H. D. F. Sewell, calling the agreement a "diabolical scheme."

SUGAR DROPS IN PRICE

New York, Feb. 24.—All grades of refined sugar were advanced ten cents per hundred pounds today.

CORONATION HEADWEAR

National Association of Retail Milliners In Convention at Chicago

Everything in 1911 Feminine Headgear Will Conform to the Coronation of King George.

(Canadian Press)

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 24.—Because His Majesty, George V is to be crowned three months hence, the prevailing thing in feminine head gear for 1911 will be "Coronation."

This pronouncement comes from delegates to the annual convention of the National Association of Retail Milliners.

Some five thousand delegates are said to be in Chicago today. Among the Easter creations are:

Empire bonnets, a close fitting affair, a glorification of the hoods worn by aviators and automobile racers.

Helmet Hat—a reduced size of designs usually given to large hats, resembles the hat of a London "Bobby."

Louis XI turban,—draped hood in two styles, (A) soft for fairs, (B) high and round, or less clinging material for the street.

Other styles include the classical Rembrandt, the Louis XV shape, which is turned up behind and down in front, the Reynolds hat of 1870, with the side front turned up, the Gainsborough ank the Leghorn. For the outdoors girl, Burlap will be used.

As to the trimming, ribbon and lace flowers, roses, buttercups, daisies, dandelions, and sweet peas and the coronation color will predominate in the spring, but these probably will give way to individual needs as the season progresses.

WANT FEDERATION OF PROTESTANT DENOMINATIONS

Toronto, Feb. 24.—The Presbyterian Association of the Federal Union of the churches of the Protestant denominations, was organized at a splendid gathering held yesterday afternoon in St. Andrew's church. The organization is made up of ministers and laymen of the Presbyterian church, which are opposed to the union of the Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian churches on the basis at present proposed. It is felt that one of the strongest arguments against the organic union of the three churches was its limitations. There prevails a feeling for the federation of all the Protestant churches that would make for the solution of the social problems of the large cities, that would prevent overlapping in the home and foreign mission fields and that would stand for the ushering in the Kingdom of Christ, as the present movement for organic unity among three denominations merely called.

CHAIRMAN BOUILLETT HAS RESIGNED

(Special to The Mail)

Ottawa, Feb. 24.—Hon. George P. Graham, Minister of Railways, confirmed the report from Montreal that Chairman Bouillett of the Quebec Bridge Commission has resigned. It is reported here that his resignation is due to ill health. It has been accepted by the department with great regret. Mr. Bouillett wished to resign sometime ago and was induced to remain until the bridge tenders were opened.

Ottawa Journal.—Not a single member of that trainload of Scotch and English lassies on a quest for husbands stayed over in Ottawa. Probably when the train stopped here first they caught a glimpse of some typical fair Ottawa faces, and so decided to move on to districts not so blessed with beauty.