



The Evening Times.

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THE WEATHER.
North to northwest winds, gradually decreasing, colder and mostly fair with light local snowfalls and flurries. Tuesday, fresh northwest to west winds, fair and cold.

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ONE CENT

MINERS ARE ENTOMBED IN PENNSYLVANIA COAL MINE

Very Little Hope That Any of Victims Will Be Saved.

Explosion of Black Damp Caused Disaster—Air Shafts Are Filled With the Poisonous Gas and Rescue is Regarded As Impossible.

FAYETTE CITY, Pa., Dec. 2.—Between 25 and 30 miners, possibly more, are entombed in the Naomi mine of the United Coal Co., located three miles west of this city, and there is practically no hope that any of them are alive. Their imprisonment is due to an explosion of black damp about 8 o'clock last night, soon after the night force went to work.

It is said a miner entered an old work-shaft with an open lamp caused the explosion. Had the disaster occurred on any other night except Sunday, the number of victims would have been twice as large. The mine employs from 275 to 300 regularly, about one-fourth of them driving entry at night, but on Sunday nights only about half the regular force go to work. The shafts and the concrete sides were broken down so as to completely close the passage back a considerable distance. About 100 feet from the entrance is located the first air shaft, and from this deadly gas is pouring in great volumes.

The gas in mines in this territory is so poisonous that no human being can live in it for more than a few minutes, and for this reason it is not believed a single one of the entombed men is still alive. One man, an unidentified foreigner, managed to climb to the top of the first air shaft, but dropped dead there. No sign of life had come from the mine since.

Just after the night force entered the shaft there was a flash, which lighted up the mine, and all around it. There was a roar as tons of coal and slate crashed down into the entries crowded with workmen, then utter darkness followed the explosion putting out of business completely the lighting and air facilities of the mine. The mine immediately filled with gas and several not hurt by the explosion perished while running to get into the fresh air. The shock of the explosion shook the buildings in Fayette City and could be heard for miles.

In the homes of the miners the explosion fell like a death signal and emptied every miner's cottage in the vicinity. The occupants of these, men, women and children gathered round the mine this morning. The women and children cry continually and stare with horror at the seemingly fruitless work of rescue.

The explosion completely wrecked the air system and that alone means that nothing can live long in the mine. Thousands are flocking to the mine mouth, where every means known to mine operation is being exerted to reach the men. Aid has been secured from nearby towns.

While some hold torches, others are pegging away with pick and shovel to reach their fellow workers. What seems an almost insurmountable mountain of debris is between the struggling workmen and the imprisoned men. Some rescuers are trying to tunnel this while strenuous efforts to reach the imprisoned men by other means are being made.

FAYETTE CITY, Pa., Dec. 2.—Supt. J. D. O'Neil, of the Naomi mine, said today: "The men are working heroically to save their comrades. Mine Inspector Henry Lottitt was on the ground immediately after the explosion and organized a relief corps. He soon brought order out of chaos and divided his men into crews, which were ordered to work one or two hours each. In this way it will be able to make the best progress possible under the circumstances, keep the work up and at the same time, save the resources of the rescuers."

Superintendents of all the mines along the Monongahela River volunteered their help in the work of rescue. Their efforts, however, were impeded by the threat of relatives and friends of the entombed men who ran up to the very pit mouth and cried out in agony for their loved ones.

Special cars with many physicians and undertakers are present today, but so far there has been no work for either.

GENERAL LAURIE IS MAYOR

MILFAX, Dec. 2.—(Special)—General Laurie has been elected mayor of Paddington, England. He was in Nova Scotia some time ago and was elected in his absence. The day of his arrival in Paddington, Laurie was called on as mayor to receive the German emperor.

SENTENCE COMMUTED

KARLSRUHE, Dec. 2.—The death sentence passed upon Karl Hau for the murder of his mother-in-law, Frau Molitor, has been commuted to life imprisonment.

MAY BUILD "SKY SCRAPERS" NOW AS HIGH AS THEY PLEASE

No Limit To the Height of New York Buildings in Future.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—No limitation is to be placed on the height of New York's tall buildings of the future. Instead of being held to certain legal restrictions, the builder hereafter may send a skyscraper to as many stories as he chooses, provided his structure is of such form as

CONGRESS IS IN SESSION

Legislative Machinery of the United States Set in Motion Again Today.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The first session of the sixtieth congress convened today and resembled a social function rather than a gathering for the transaction of important business of the country.

So great was the demand for an opportunity to see the national legislature start on its work, that the galleries were reserved for friends of members with few places for the general public, unprovided with tickets. In the senate the same condition prevailed, except that a large space was kept for those who came without tickets. Early in the day the capital was filled with spectators and in all the corridors leading to the gallery entrance there were lines of men and women extending for long distances, and many of these people stood for a couple of hours in a vain hope of gaining admittance if the more fortunate ones had been able to get in.

In each of the houses the session was short and the business done was confined to the adoption of formal resolutions notifying the president that congress had assembled, the swearing in of new senators and representatives, and other perfunctory acts that always accompany the organization of a new congress. Both houses adjourned till tomorrow, out of respect for the members who died since the last congress.

THE SITUATION IS UNCHANGED

No New Developments Today In Longshoremen's Difficulty

There was no change in the situation today between the steamship men and the longshoremen.

Yesterday representatives of the association made a proposition to Captain Walsh, of the U. S. R. E. that the men would go to work at 35 cents an hour, but the offer was declined. Captain Walsh replying that he had no authority to offer more than 30 cents an hour.

The laborers brought from Montreal are working on the Donaldson liner Tritonia, and other steamers are being worked by their crews and some local men at 30 cents an hour. The police have reported thirteen men for working on the Donaldson line boats without a license.

It was stated this afternoon that a large number of men would leave Montreal this evening on their way here to work on the steamers. Capt. Walsh when asked about the matter said he had no information on the subject as yet, but he had reported the situation to the authorities of the company in Montreal and he considered it quite likely that they would take steps to send men here at once.

The officials of the Longshoremen's Association when seen this afternoon, said there was nothing new as far as they were concerned. They admitted they had secured a copy of the agreement made between the U. S. R. E. and the agents of the Donaldson line, and the men brought down from Montreal, and while they did not wish to give it out for publication until further consideration, they stated that the document was not unfavorable to the stand they have taken in the present wages dispute.

P. E. ISLAND NEWS

Steamer Stanley Arrives at Charlottetown After Rough Trip From Glasgow.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Dec. 2.—(Special)—The Dominion government winter steamer Stanley, which has been in Glasgow since June 25th undergoing repairs by her builders on the Clyde, arrived here last night, after the most tempestuous passage in her experience. She encountered heavy head seas all the way. Four doors were smashed in and three of the crew injured. One man had his arm broken another had his head badly cut and the third his back injured.

When 120 miles from Ireland she had to put back on account of leaking oil-densers and bilge pumps choked with coal, washed into them by water in the forehold. The Stanley will begin her winter service with new roller; dents removed from her plates, her hull strengthened, saloon remodelled and enlarged and several new rooms provided.

The wife of W. E. Green, of Summerside, P. E. I., aged 28, was instantly killed at Newton, Mass., by a touring automobile driven by John Quinlan. He was arrested and will be tried for manslaughter. The hood of the machine struck the woman in the back, hurling her heavily to the ground.

RUSSIAN JEWS TELL OF INDIGNITIES SUFFERED IN AMERICAN SOUTHWEST

Attracted to Texas by Glittering Offerings of Congenial Employment at Good Wages They Were Most Cruelly Treated—Thrashed Like Slaves by Negro Overseers When They Would Not Work.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The World today says: A band of poor Russian Jews fleeing from the American southwest, reached this city yesterday with a harrowing tale of penance and persecution on account of their faith. Several of the men, including Moishe Opatoski, have found refuge at the Hebrew sheltering arms in East Broadway. Their stories are likely to be brought by prominent men of their race to the attention of the state department at Washington.

According to Opatoski, who talked through an interpreter, he and many fellow workmen of Moscow, were attracted by an advertisement in a newspaper offering \$18 to \$20 a week wages in agreeable employment near Galveston, Texas. Seventy-five of the men paid 750 roubles each for their passage to the United States.

ANOTHER WRANGLE IMMINENT OVER THE WEST SIDE DREDGING

G. S. Mayes Is Anxious to Get Certificate That He Has Completed Cleaning Up of Sand Point Berths—So Far Engineer Scammell Has Not Furnished It.

There seems to be no end of trouble over dredging matters. The cleaning up of the Sand Point berths which G. S. Mayes reported finished some time ago and of which no certificate of completion has yet been issued by Engineer Scammell, is likely to be the next subject of a wrangle.

This morning City Engineer Peters received a letter from Mr. Mayes in which he asked that he be given a certificate of completion of the work of cleaning up Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 berths at Sand Point.

Mr. Mayes says he is aware that the city is awaiting the taking of soundings but he thinks the work should be more speedily done by the department of public works. He states that he cannot be responsible for material that may be dumped in there by the steamers, soundings are not taken now. He points out that

They sailed from Bremen on the steamship Chemnitz.

Nine days out, Opatoski says, the immigrants rebelled against a diet of bread, herring and potatoes, and there was a general fracas, in which the sailors beat the Russians unmercifully. At Galveston, after being at sea twenty-five days, the party was met by a labor agent. They then travelled two days with the agent until they arrived at Pueblo, Colo., and were made the next day to walk nine miles out to a clearing. They were handed over to negroes, who gave them saws and ordered them to get to work at once sawing limbs from the trees. Many of the immigrants demurred, saying that was not the kind of work they had engaged for. Then the negroes took switches and thrashed them as if they were slaves.

Opatoski yesterday showed a scar on his head where he said the skin had been cut off when he was flogged. The immigrants were left to sleep in the fields, and all that they could get to eat was pork and beans with leavened bread, which their religion forbade them to partake of. They had to eat the food provided or else starve.

After four days of this sort of existence, Opatoski says, most of his companions fled in various directions, in small bands, without having received a penny in wages. He and at least fifteen of his countrymen escaped and reached Lincoln, Neb., whence a charitable Jew sent them to Omaha, and there a charity organization provided them with tickets for Chicago. From there they came to New York homesick and disconsolate.

BRYAN SEEMS TO BE THE MAN

Straw Vote in Washington Indicates That He Is the Logical Democratic Nominee for President.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Out of seventy-six Democratic senators and Republicans polled in Washington by the New York World, forty-four declare unequivocally that the recent statement of William J. Bryan, that he is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the presidency, eliminates all other candidates. Practically all of them believe that he should run on a conservative platform, although there is a wide difference in opinion as to what that platform should be. Of those who do not consider that Bryan is the only man, only one, Senator Bassett of Louisiana, is definite in naming a candidate. He comes out flatfooted for Governor Johnson of Minnesota.

A \$750,000 FIRE

Property in Houston, Texas, Destroyed Last Night—Houston Theatre Burned.

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 2.—Fire last night destroyed business property in the heart of Houston to the value of \$750,000, breaking out in the rear of the Frank Dunn, jewelry store and pawnshop. The flames spread in all directions through the block and it was not until 2 a. m. that they were under control. The buildings destroyed included the Houston Theatre in which were held the federal court offices and all records and fixtures were a total loss.

DRILL PAY DELAYED

Men of 62nd Fusiliers Have Not Yet Received Their Money.

As it is said that there has been considerable complaint among the men of the 62nd Fusiliers on account of the delay in receiving pay this year, Col. Edwards, commanding the regiment, and Captain E. K. McKay, of "C" company, were asked today with reference to the matter. Both said that they were unable to explain the delay, but that they expected the cheque would be along now at any time.

Col. Edwards admitted that the money was later than usual this season. It is usually arrived a month following inspection, which is August.

A BALLOON ADRIFT?

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The balloon which passed over county Antrim, Ireland, yesterday afternoon, has been identified as the French government airship La Patrie.

Previous statements that the dirigible was manned and under control are not corroborated by observers, who say that the airship was going northward "backwards," before a southerly wind.

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LIQUOR DEALER GOES TO JAIL

Henry Cormier Goes In to Serve Unexpired Sentence of Eighteen Days.

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 2.—(Special)—A young lad named Leaman had his leg broken this morning through being run over by a snowplow.

Henry Cormier, the Moncton liquor dealer, went to jail at Dorchester this morning to serve out the remaining portion of a month in jail sentence, he having served twelve days some time ago, and was released on bail. His case was one of those in which a decision was recently given by the supreme court of New Brunswick.

THE BRADLEY TRIAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The trial of Mrs. Annie Bradley for the murder of ex-Senator Brown, of Utah, was resumed Attorney Hoover for the defence beginning his argument to the jury.

MONTREAL WINS AT RUGBY

MONTREAL, Dec. 2.—(Special)—In a game for the Canadian rugby championship on Saturday, Montreal winners of the inter-provincial league series beat Peterboro, Ont. the champions by a score of 72 to 10. The game was played on a snow clad field.

Furness steamship Florence sailed from London yesterday for this port via Halifax, with general cargo.

POLICE COURT

In the police court this morning Alfred Martin who had been in on remand for stealing an overcoat valued at \$10, and several articles belonging to Joseph Weizel, from the store of Isaac Williams, Mill street, was again before Judge Ritchie and after Weizel had been recalled as a witness, was committed for trial at the next session of the circuit court.

Four drunks were fined \$4 or ten days each for drunkenness and two forfeited deposits of \$5 each for the same offence.

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THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

TAKEN BY SURPRISE.

The sudden arrival of winter caught the west side street car service napping. No snow was expected until March or April. The freaks of the weather are almost as uncertain as those of the Ludlow, and the west side people are beginning to talk about a bridge across Navy Island. They say a bridge couldn't get away if it wanted to.

A NOTE OF WARNING.

A gentleman with wind-break whiskers remarked to the Times new reporter this morning that unless better arrangements were made this winter for clearing the county roads after heavy snowstorms the price of votes for the government in this section would go up 500 per cent.

PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES

Mr. Hiram Hornbeam was in town this morning to secure a supply of rabbit wire. He says the rabbits are plentiful this year, and since the outlook for lumbering is poor the folks in the Settlement will sit by the logskoon and partake of potato till the spring opens and cropping time comes round.

LATEST REPORT.

The site of No. 3 crib is ready and the channel leading from the site to the crib is not ready. Tomorrow the channel will be ready and the crib site not ready. Next day, either or neither, both, which, how, now, therefore notwithstanding is. This statement appears to sum up the situation as it is generally understood.

MYSTERIOUS EFFECT.

MONCTON, Dec. 2.—(Special)—The receipt of a large consignment of "Colchester tomatoes" has produced a peculiar effect upon the consumers. It is very like the effect produced when a man has been sitting up with a sick friend, or has been entertaining a friend from St. John at the club. An analysis will be made at once.

FOUR MONTHS REPRIVE.

The public works department has proclaimed a day of thanksgiving, to be observed early next week. The snow has come and hidden the streets, and all the rough places may be attributed to the action of the weather.

THE STEALING OF LIQUOR FROM I. C. R. FREIGHT CARS

NEW DEAN IS ST. JOHN MAN

Dean Schofield of Fredericton is a Son of the Late George A Schofield of This City.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 2.—(Special)—The following letter from Bishop Richardson, announcing the appointment of Rev. C. D. Schofield as Dean of Fredericton, has been received by the Cathedral sidemen.

"Gentlemen: 'I wish to announce to you and through you to the congregation of the cathedral, that I have appointed Rev. C. D. Schofield, rector of Christ church, Sydney, as dean of the Cathedral. I should have liked to make this announcement to you in person, but my absence from the city has made that impossible.

"Mr. Schofield is not a stranger either to Fredericton or the diocese, and will, I am sure, receive from the cathedral a warm welcome. I hope and believe that his advent will mean much added strength to the work of the church in Fredericton, and in this diocese. I would suggest that this letter be given to the press, as the best way of making the appointment known. With kind regards,

"Ever faithfully yours,

"JOHN FREDERICTON."

The new dean is a native of St. John, being a son of the late George A. Schofield, manager of the Bank of New Brunswick, and is about thirty years of age. Mr. Schofield, who received his early training in England, is a graduate of King's college, Windsor. He went to Sydney from Hampton, New Brunswick, three years ago.

Besides being ranked as one of the most brilliant of the clergy of the church in eastern Canada, Mr. Schofield has attached himself to the interests of Sydney in general and his own congregation in particular in such a way that his coming departure will be the occasion of much genuine regret. The diocese of Nova Scotia will also experience a loss which it will with difficulty fill. It is not known who Mr. Schofield's successor in Sydney will be.

POURED LIQUOR DOWN A SEWER

Dominion Police Fighting Illicit Liquor Traffic in G. T. P. Construction Camps.

KENORA, Ont., Dec. 2.—(Special)—Over thirty gallons of liquor seized by the Dominion police along the Grand Trunk Pacific construction line, were poured down a sewer.

The most ingenious ways of smuggling liquor into camps are being resorted to and the police have a difficult task in suppressing the trade. To make matters worse, Indians who refuse to tell where they obtain liquor are engaged in smuggling, and during the past week two of them were sentenced to three months each for the offence.

DEBATE OPENS THIS AFTERNOON

Mr. Hill, of Peterboro, Will Move the Address in Reply to the Speech From Throne.

OTTAWA, Dec. 2.—(Special)—The debate on the speech from the throne opens this afternoon, when Mr. Hill, of Peterboro will move and Wm. Lanctot, of Richelieu, will second the address. The two leaders will follow and the probability is that the debate will last for several days. However that will depend upon circumstances. When a debate of this kind goes on for two or three days it is not easy to stop it, even should the political parties desire to do so.

Senator Davies has given notice of a resolution asking that the railway commission make a full investigation into the working of the telegraph system of the dominion, so as to assure the public an efficient service and an equalization of rates.

D. B. Gunn, M. P., South Huron, was removed to St. Luke's Hospital today. He is suffering from stomach trouble.

There are a few more tickets available for the Hazen banquet on Wednesday evening next and any persons wanting them should apply at once to W. H. Harrison.

WINTER USHERED IN WITH A HEAVY DRIFTING STORM

Four Inches of Snow Fell During Last Night and This Morning.

The month of December has been ushered in with a snow storm of generous proportions. Four inches of snow on the level was the report of Director D. L. Hutchinson of the local weather bureau, and many of the teamsters had to scurry around this morning to get out their sleds to replace the wheels.

Another Car Broken Into at Moncton Saturday Night.

Five Cases of Whiskey Were Stolen—Deaths in Moncton Hospital—Railway Town in Grip of a Snow Blizzard This Morning.

MONCTON, Dec. 2.—(Special)—Rigid enforcement of the Scott Act is apparently not to prevent some parties having their liquor.

Saturday night an I. C. R. box car which was left standing at the transfer shed was broken into and five cases of liquor stolen from it. The seal was broken and the door forced open. No clue as to who committed the theft has been obtained. Another car containing liquor left standing near the depot was closely watched by Assistant Inspector Tingley and Officer Dryden last night.

Two deaths occurred in the city hospital Saturday. John Fisher aged about 38 years passed away in the morning. He had been ill with typhoid fever and had been in the hospital three weeks. Deceased belonged to Dundas, Kent County, and the body will be taken to that place today.

The death of Mrs. John Prosser occurred Saturday evening. Deceased who was forty years of age was operated on Saturday morning and passed away about eight o'clock in the evening. Mrs. Prosser resided in Albert county.

Moncton is in the grip of a snow blizzard this morning. A storm set in from the northwest between two and three o'clock and a few hours later large drifts were piled up in all directions. A high wind prevails and the storm has all the ferocity of winter.

PROTECT THE MISSIONARIES

Another Evidence of Awakening of China Found in Recent Edict.

TORONTO, Dec. 2.—(Special)—News has been received by officials of the China Inland Mission in Toronto that the Boxer riots at Kanchowfu and Nananfu, in the province of Kiangsi, on September 25th, in which an Italian priest, Cuduglia and some Roman Catholic nuns lost their lives, has resulted in prompt and effective action on the part of Viceroy Tuan Fang and also in the issuing of a new and more satisfactory imperial edict. This edict sets forth that missionary work is in accordance with the interests, and that it is the manifest duty of all officials within the empire to protect the lives and property of the missionaries.

A TORONTO SENSATION

Secretary of Leading Club Was Short In His Accounts.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 2.—(Special)—It develops that Captain C. C. Harbottle's removal from the position of secretary of the Toronto Club, the announcement of which on Saturday last caused a tremendous sensation in city social and club circles, was due to the discovery of a large shortage in the club's books. Captain Harbottle, has not been seen for several days and is supposed to have left the city, and to be now in Washington. His friends, who are numerous, consider that he made a mistake in leaving town.

MANITOBA ELECTIONS

WINNIPEG, Dec. 2.—(Special)—The municipal nomination throughout the province will be made tomorrow, Tuesday. Elections in the cities take place one week later and in the rural municipalities on the third Tuesday of December.

MONTREAL STOCKS

MONTREAL, Dec. 2.—(Special)—Furthest strength characterized today's dealings in the stock market and prices mostly advanced. The features were Nova Scotia Steel, 55; Montreal Street Ry. 170; MacKay, 50 3/4 to 49 3/4; pfd, 57; Dom. Steel, 15, pfd, 40; Twin City, 77; Montreal Power, 85 1/4; Detroit 32 3/4; Shawinigan 33; Toronto, Rly 90.

surprise after the mild weather of the past few weeks.

The wind during the night was from the north east to north, blowing to a gale in gusts. There was no continuous gale. The lowest temperature was 22 degrees and the highest in twenty-four hours was 28.

The first snowstorm last year was, on Nov. 27, when 11.2 inches fell, but it disappeared quickly. On December 3 last year there was a fall of 3 inches and that was the first occasion when there was sleighing. The snow had all disappeared, however, by December 6. There was another drifting storm of an inch of snow on the 6th and 7th, and on the 11th there was good sleighing. The temperature during the first two weeks of December last year was very low. On the 4th it went to zero, on the 8th it was 7 below; on the 9th, 9 below; and on the 10th, 4 below.