



Moderate to fresh west and north west gales, clearing, Friday, westerly winds, fair and a little colder, with local snow flurries.

## A TERRIBLE DISASTER IN GERMAN COAL MINE

### It is Believed That From 250 to 350 Men Lost Their Lives by Explosion of Fire Damp in Radbot Mine in Westphalia Early Today.

Hamm, Westphalia, Germany, Nov. 12.—An explosion of fire damp occurred in the Radbot Mine this morning and of four hundred men who were working in the pit at the time, only thirty-six have been brought to the surface up to the present.

Of these, all are more or less injured and one has since died. One hundred and fifty men are entombed in shaft No. 2, all of whom are believed to have lost their lives.

Hamm, Westphalia, Germany, Nov. 12.—There was an explosion on fire damp in the Radbot Mine this morning which probably will result in heavy loss of life. Already twenty-seven bodies have been brought to the surface and 300 men are still underground in grave peril.

Four hundred miners were working in the pit at the time of the disaster. About 70 have been brought to the surface. Of these a majority are more or less injured and one has since died. One hundred and fifty men are entombed in shaft No. 2, all of whom are believed to have lost their lives.

At one o'clock the fire had made such headway that the rescuers had to be called back to give way to the fire fighters, and the flames are still spreading. The vicinity of the mine is surrounded by police and the public is not permitted to approach. Despairing scenes are being witnessed among the crowds of relatives who have gathered outside the police cord.

## MOFFATT SENT UP FOR TRIAL

### Grand Secretary of the P. W. A. Committed to the Supreme Court.

Sydney, N. S., Nov. 11 (Special).—John Moffatt, grand secretary of the Provincial Workmen's Association, who was arrested on October 23 on a charge of burglary, was today committed at Glouce Bay to stand trial at the next sitting of the supreme court. Much interest is taken in the case, fifteen or twenty witnesses were examined and the evidence was very voluminous.

## JURY NOT PICKED IN GUINNESS CASE

Laporte, Ind., Nov. 11.—To give all assistance possible to county officers in their efforts to unravel the Guinness mystery, W. A. K. Helgelein, brother of Andrew Helgelein, the last known victim of Mrs. Belle Guinness, arrived in Laporte tonight from Aberdeen, S. D. He will be one of the main witnesses for the state, for through him, Prosecutor Smith will introduce a number of letters received by him from Mrs. Guinness during the time that Helgelein was endeavoring to find some trace of his brother.

Mrs. Guinness wrote that Helgelein's brother, after visiting her, had gone to Norway on a trip. At the time she wrote his dismembered body lay in her private cemetery. In these letters are many references, it is said to Lamphere, to his alleged threats against her and her children and to Lamphere's jealousy because Andrew Helgelein had been a guest at her home. She refers to Lamphere, it is said as "that crazy Lamphere" and "that jealous Lamphere."

With ten jurors, all farmers, tentatively accepted by both the state and the defense, court adjourned this afternoon until tomorrow morning, in order that a fourth special panel of 25 venire men be summoned, could be carried out.

## MORSE MUST SPEND ONE MONTH IN JAIL AT BEST ESTIMATE

### No Further Step in His Fight For Bail Will be Taken Before Thirty Days—Ex-"Ice King" Still Keeps His Nerve.

New York, N. Y., Nov. 11.—Wallace McFarlane, counsel for Charles W. Morse, said today that he contemplated no further move in his effort to obtain bail for the convicted burglar, pending the trial of the case, as the verdict, which will scarcely be done under thirty days.

## THE WASTE OF FUEL IN SMOKE AND DUST

U. S. Consul J. N. McCann, of Glasgow, furnishes the following information concerning the waste in coal consumption and the prevention of smoke and dust, as recently presented to his associates by the chairman of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Technical College:

The more recent knowledge on these subjects showed that in most cases smoke and dust were quite unnecessary concomitants of industry, and the investigations of the recent royal commission on coal supplies has clearly shown that the present inefficient consumption of coal in Great Britain leads to a waste of from 40,000,000 to 60,000,000 tons per annum and is also responsible for the greater proportion of smoke and dust from which they suffer. Thirty per cent. of the total British consumption of coal might be saved by employing the best known means for each purpose.

The education of specialists for the particular branches of industry prevailing in the district was the paramount duty of the Technical College. The slow rate of progress the reform was making could to a great extent be accounted for by the fact that the chairman demanded an amount of expert skill and knowledge which should not be expected from men whose time and energies were fully occupied in the work of their special branches of industry. Special experts were needed if the reform was to be effected within a reasonable time, and education of experts of that class brought before the college an important work.

Since the opening of the laboratories in connection with the chair of chemistry, systematic instruction had been carried out on the methods used for the scientific control of the combustion of coal and the economical utilization of heat in factories. Members of the staff of several prominent industrial concerns in the district had taken advantage of the instruction given in these methods.

## HOLMER OUT FOR MARATHON HONORS

### Halifax Runner Will not Turn Professional but has his Heart set on Winning Olympic Marathon in 1910.

Montreal, Nov. 12.—(Special).—It was Holmer, winner of the Hamilton road race on Thanksgiving Day, arrived in the city today. He will spend a few days in Quebec before returning to Halifax. Holmer is greatly pleased with his recent victory. He says he has no intention of joining the professional ranks, his ambition being to win the Olympic Marathon in 1910.

## DECLARATION DAY IN PORT ARTHUR

### Conmee's Majority Was 1240 Over Keefer—A Small Vote Polled.

Port Arthur, Ont., Nov. 12.—(Special).—The last of the ballot boxes came in yesterday morning, increasing Conmee's majority at the poll at the head of Lake Nipigon by 2. Returning Officer Torrance at once made his official declaration, giving the vote as follows:—Conmee, 4,539; Keefer, 3,319; Ury, 72; majority for Conmee, 1,240. Total vote polled was 8,580 out of a possible 17,159 on the list.

## MORE PEOPLE ARE NOW TRAVELLING IN STYLE

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 11.—The fiscal year ending on July 1, showed an increase of three per cent. in the number of passengers, all classes of sleeping and dining car accommodations, according to the annual statement of the Pullman Company made public today. The financial statement shows a total revenue of \$31,620,240, a net surplus for the year of \$1,700,567.

## WILLIAM THE MEDDLER AT HIS TRICKS AGAIN

The Hague, Nov. 11.—The Vederland publishes extracts from the memoirs of an unnamed diplomat who asserts that during the Russo-Japanese war the German Emperor sent Queen Wilhelmina of Holland threatening the occupation of Dutch ports unless Holland immediately put herself in a state of defense against Great Britain.

## ON FIRE AT SEA

New York, Nov. 11.—Stmr. Tallman (Nov. from Havana which arrived Wednesday, reports Nov. 7, at 9:45 p.m. off Cape Lookout, fire was discovered in No. 1 hold. The hatches were battened down and a stream of water got into the hold, where the fire burned fiercely until 2 a.m. Sunday. Considerable cargo in the hold was damaged by fire and water.

## THEY MUST FIGHT FOR PLATT'S SEAT

### Republicans Cannot Agree Upon a Successor to New York Senator.

Washington, Nov. 11.—That no man at this time has a clear path to a seat in the United States Senate to be vacated by Senator Thomas C. Platt, of New York in March next, was evidenced today at several conferences on the subject at the White House and in Washington hotels.

## SCHOONERS IN TROUBLE

Boston, Mass., Nov. 11.—The three-masted schooner J. Henry Edmunds, Capt. Ezra Farmer, anchored on the East Boston flats to-night, her foremast gone, her other sails split and running rigging damaged, while 200 feet of lumber which had comprised her deckload was missing. The Edmunds left Richmond, Maine, November 6, and two days out struck a furious gale which blew her miles off her course, damaging her sails, and swept her deckload overboard. She was bound for New York and will continue as soon as a new foremast can be procured.

## ALMOST 5,000 MEN ARE AT WORK BUILDING THE G.T.P. ACROSS NEW BRUNSWICK

### District Engineer Foss Talks of Progress Made on the Line.

The Total G. T. P. Mileage in New Brunswick is Slightly Over 256 Miles—Some idea of the Magnitude of the Work Being Carried on.

District Engineer C. O. Foss, of the Transcontinental Railway returned to the city last evening after a trip of inspection over the Transcontinental right-of-way from the forks of Miramichi to McGovney's. Mr. Foss was accompanied by I. R. Hinde, president of the Toronto Construction Company, which has the contract for building that section. Other officials of the company and A. B. Blanchard, the resident engineer, were also in the party.

Mr. Foss reports that good progress is being made with the construction work on all the contracts.

There are six contractors on the work and during the month of October the average number of men employed was 4,800, while 1,203 horses were utilized and 12 steam shovels with all the detail and plant necessary for a work of this magnitude.

An idea of the difficulties of the work can be gathered from the fact that during the past month there was 5101 pounds of dynamite and 3339 pounds of powder used.

The mileage and location of the various contracts with the number of men employed on each during October is here given.

G. T. P. contract Z. Corbett & Fiesch Co., contractors, extends from Moncton 50 miles to within 6 miles of the town of Chipman. There were 512 men at work on this contract.

The J. W. McMann contract begins at the point where the former ends and extends just 8 miles through Chipman, 139 men being employed.

G. T. P. Contract Y. Toronto Construction Co., contractors, extends from the end of the McMann contract to the Canada Eastern Railway, crossing it at a point 34 miles from Fredericton. The distance is 38.3 miles and there are 478 men at work on the section.

G. T. P. Contract X. Toronto Construction Co., contractors, extends from the Canada Eastern to Plaster Rock, a distance of 66.3 miles and 1133 men are engaged in the work.

The Willard Kitchen Co., contract, extends from Plaster Rock to Grand Falls, 31.9 miles and 1569 men are employed.

Lyons and White have the contract for the portion from Grand Falls to the Quebec boundary at a point about 25 miles west of Edmundston. This section is 69.8 miles in length and 1009 men are employed. The total mileage for the New Brunswick district is 256.3.

The various contractors have made good progress with the work, though the Toronto Construction Company, who took their contract in the early part of the summer lost some time in getting their sub-contractors at work and also in getting their supplies on the ground. A large part of the supplies have to be hauled some 25 or 30 miles from Bristol or about 16 miles out from Plaster Rock and this makes it difficult to carry on the work with the speed that is desired.

According to the estimates made up to the last of October the Corbett Company had completed about 44 per cent. of the G. T. P. Y. Contract, 22 per cent. of G. T. P. X. Contract, 7 per cent. of Willard Kitchen Co., 27 per cent. and Lyons & White, 52 per cent.

This covers all items of the work, such as clearing and grubbing, etc., but does not include the rails or steel superstructure of bridges which are furnished by the commissions.

## ANOTHER EVIDENCE OF RETURNING GOOD TIMES

### New York City Bonds Which Could not Sell at Par Last Year are Now Expected to Bring a Premium.

New York, N. Y., Nov. 11.—Controller Metz will, on November 23, offer for sale \$12,500,000 of four per cent. stock and bonds of the City of New York. A year ago it was impracticable to sell four per cent. bonds at par, but the easing of the money market leads the controller to believe that he will have no trouble now in selling them at a premium.

## SHOT BY AN CHINAMEN UNKNOWN DASHED TO HAND DEATH

### Two Hunters Terribly Injured in Woods Near South Uniacke, N.S.—Both May Die.

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 12.—(Special).—News of a very serious shooting accident was received from South Uniacke this morning. It appears that Neil McDonald and Douglas McDougall of that place, while out shooting in the woods this morning were both so badly wounded by the discharge of a gun, that the life of the former is despaired of, and the latter is in almost as serious condition. Who fired the shot could not be ascertained but it is supposed to have been another hunter who was unaware of the result.

## HON. MR. ELLIS TO LEAD THE SENATE?

### Considerable Speculation as to Who Will Succeed Hon. R. W. Scott.

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 12 (Special).—There is considerable speculation in political circles as to who is likely to become leader of the senate in succession to Hon. R. W. Scott, whose resignation of the post of secretary of state also involves the abandonment of him of the duties of leading the upper house, which he has performed since 1896. Much depends upon the choice of the new speaker of the senate. There is a strong probability that the premier may ask Hon. Mr. Scott to round off his services to the country by accepting the position of presiding officer of the senate.

## MAY ATTEMPT TO MUZZLE THE KAISER

Berlin, Nov. 12.—The meeting which is to take place in Berlin today of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Bundestag, or Federal Council, is attracting much interested speculation. The circumstances producing the assembling of this committee, a most unusual step, have given rise to the inference that the meeting is called to take some action to prevent Emperor William from pursuing an independent course in the Foreign Affairs of the Empire as well as from publicly indicating a personal policy differing from that of his government. The ministers' president of the Bavarian, Wurttemberg, and Saxon delegations to the council, the Bundesrat represents the individual states of the empire as the Reichstag represents the German nation, arrived in Berlin for the committee meeting a few days ago. The assembling of the committee has come to be an almost forgotten feature of the constitutional institutions of the German empire, and it is for this reason that so much speculation attaches to the extraordinary proceedings. It is understood that the meeting is called at the instance of Bavaria, whose Minister President, Baron von Podewils, will therefore preside at the sittings.

## THE BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Eastport defeated the Marathons this morning in the bowling tournament by the close score of 34 pins. The following is the score:—

The following is the league standing:—

| Team     | Total | Av. | P. C. |     |     |
|----------|-------|-----|-------|-----|-----|
| Royd     | 89    | 81  | 71    | 241 | 80% |
| Anderson | 93    | 83  | 82    | 294 | 88% |
| Ward     | 92    | 82  | 79    | 278 | 85% |
| McCurdy  | 80    | 88  | 88    | 254 | 83% |
| Lurchin  | 74    | 77  | 100   | 251 | 81% |

| Team     | Total | Av. | P. C. |     |     |
|----------|-------|-----|-------|-----|-----|
| Dawes    | 93    | 75  | 89    | 257 | 85% |
| Dunn     | 74    | 75  | 81    | 239 | 76% |
| McDonald | 72    | 74  | 100   | 246 | 82% |
| Cowan    | 86    | 84  | 79    | 248 | 83% |

## TO CARRY THE PLEDGE THROUGH THE STATES

### Anti-Saloon League to Begin Comprehensive Pledge Signing Movement Next Year.

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 12.—The Anti-Saloon League will begin a pledge-signing movement early next year throughout the United States. Dr. Russell, at present Superintendent of the League work in New York, will have charge of this campaign. To carry on the work successfully and economically the American League will have a printing establishment in connection with its National quarters. This announcement was made yesterday to the Central District Association of the National Sup't. P. A. Baker.

## HON. GEORGE E. FOSTER MAKES WILD CHARGES

### Says Conservatives Had Victory in Plain Sight One Week Before The Elections And That Liberals Flooded Country With Money.

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 12.—(Special).—That the Conservative party had victory in plain view until a week before the elections when tremendous influences were used, was the assertion made by Hon. Geo. E. Foster at the Fifth Ward Conservative Association last night.

"I have not the least doubt," said Mr. Foster, "that if things had been going one week before the elections and if all had been fair up to 5 o'clock on election day these gentlemen who are in would not be where they are now."

Mr. Foster declared some constituencies were won by a tremendous flood of money. Mr. Foster also declared that Sir Wilfrid Laurier's race was another great factor in the result. "If the present prime minister were of any other race than that to which he belongs, he would not be where he is today."

## MANY BOATS MAY BE HUNG UP

### Lumber Dealers in New York and Brooklyn Want Champlain Canal Kept Open Until December 1.—Forty Boats to be Cleared.

Albany, Nov. 12.—Lumber dealers in New York and Brooklyn have petitioned the State Department of Public Works to keep the Champlain Canal open for navigation until December 1 in order that forty boats loaded with lumber and merchandise which have left Canadian waters may be cleared.

Frederick C. Stevens, state superintendent of public works, has announced that the canal would close on Nov. 15. It was said at the department of public works today that there was little likelihood of the canal being kept open, as the law providing that while work on the canal is being actually done the canal shall close on or before November 15.

Contractors at work on the canal between Fort Edward and Whitehall have asked that the canal be closed on the date specified and have refused to accede to the departments request to permit a further extension of the period of navigation.

## TUG LORD WOLSELEY FLOATED; SAFE AT PICTOU

### The Callum is Still on Rocks and may Prove Total Loss—Extent of Wolseley's Damage Unknown.

Pictou, N. S., Nov. 12.—(Special).—Tug Lord Wolseley was floated off Seal Rock about one o'clock this morning and steamed into Pictou harbor at an early hour. She is but little damaged. The tug Callum is still ashore and likely to prove a total loss.

The tugs Lord Wolseley and Lord Kitchener left here last week for Port Elgin to tow the dredge Iroquois to this port. John E. Moore the owner of the Lord Wolseley was in communication with Captain Wiley this morning by telephone at Pictou who stated that he thought the bottom of the tug was badly damaged as she thumped hard on the rock. An examination will be made at once of the hull.

## ENJOYABLE MUSICAL DECIDED TREAT FOR MUSIC LOVERS

### in Mason & Risch Piano Rooms Last Evening.

A decided treat to lovers of music was afforded last evening when a most enjoyable musicale was held in the Mason & Risch piano parlors by J. Clark & Son. The best of St. John's talent made up the numbers, and Miss Darling, of the Boston Opera Singers, rendered several operatic numbers that highly delighted those present.

## WILL BUY A PALACE WITH WIFE'S MONEY

Vienna, Nov. 12.—The Bishop of Raab, the Right Rev. Nicolaus Szechenyi, has gone to Orenzeo Castle, where he will have the infant daughter of the Count and Countess Szechenyi. According to reports received from Budapest, the Count and Countess are planning to spend several months in Vienna. They intend to purchase as a town residence the palace of Prince Lobkowitz, which has been occupied by the French Embassy.

## THE STORY IS DOUBTED

Stockholm, Nov. 12.—All Arctic experts here do not believe the report that the grave of Professor S. A. Anders, the Swedish explorer, who in 1897 made an attempt to reach the North Pole in a balloon, had been found on the coast of Labrador. Professor Nantrost and Captain Nilsen, the best known Arctic authorities, when questioned today, said they did not think it possible that Anders' balloon could have reached Labrador.

## MARK TWAIN ON WITNESS STAND

### Addressed as Dr. Clemens in the Trial of His Burglars.

Danbury, Conn., Nov. 11.—Charles Hoffman and Henry Williams were presented for trial here today in the Superior Court, criminal side, on the charge of burglary at the home of Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) in Redding, several weeks ago. Against Williams, who resisted arrest and shot at the officer attempting to arrest him, the additional charge of assault with intent to kill was placed.

The prisoners were guarded by three deputy sheriffs all the time they were in court, as they are believed to be desperate men. Mr. Clemens came down from his place, "Innocents at Home," in an automobile, accompanied by his secretary, Miss Lyon, and several neighbors. He was bundled up in furs, but in a room on the first floor, he left his outer garments and appeared in the court room attired in a light gray suit. New York Clemens was called to the witness stand by address as Dr. Clemens by prosecuting Attorney Stiles Judson throughout his examination. Mr. Clemens simply identified considerable of the silverware which was recovered at the time the burglars were arrested on a train.

## MRS. OSBORNE DEAD

### New York Society Woman and Founder of Mrs. Osborne's Theatre Passed Away Yesterday.

New York, N. Y., Nov. 11.—Mrs. Josephine Osborne, once prominent in New York society, has most widely known as the modiste of the fashionable women of New York's "400," died late today at her home here. Before her marriage, Mrs. Osborne was Miss Josefa Neilson, a grand-daughter of Col. James Neilson, of Revolutionary fame. She married Robert Osborne, a New York lawyer, and for some years was counted among the social leaders of the exclusive "smart set." After her divorce from Mr. Osborne, she opened a dressmaking establishment. Later she opened the Berkeley Theatre, which was renamed Mrs. Osborne's Theatre, which was managed by her. She had a long career in New York, where one act plays alone would be given, the evening's entertainment not beginning until 9 p.m., to give the theatre's prospective society patrons time to dine leisurely. The venture proved a disastrous one and was soon abandoned.

## ROBERTS TO WORK ON WIGGINS WHARF

### Contract for Improving West Side Property Awarded to Robert Roberts & Sons

The west side improvements committee met this morning and opened tenders for the improvements to the Wiggins wharf on the west side. There were four tenders, Robert Roberts & Sons, at \$10,783; S. Herbert Mayes, at \$11,790; Clark & Adams at \$12,125 and A. E. Hamilton at \$15,461.

It was decided to recommend to the council that the tender of Messrs. Roberts be accepted. The committee was authorized to have the work done at a cost not to exceed \$10,000, which was the estimated figure, but as this amount was exceeded the council will be asked to award the contract to the lowest tenderer.

The work which it is proposed to carry out is the building of a pile wharf, 12,000 feet long by 30 feet wide.

The common council will meet on Monday to deal with the matter.

## MONTREAL STOCKS

Montreal, Que., Nov. 12 (Special).—The market opened bullish today, the Dow Jones index rose five points yesterday, went up more to-day, touching 354. Montreal advanced to 115. Don. Textile was strong at 9 1/2 and Penman at 45. Nova Scotia Steel rose to 57. 500 went up to 129 1/2, but reacted to 128 1/2. Don. Steel bonds sold at 75. Other active issues were Power, 107; Rio, 75 1/2; Crown Reserve, 102; Bond, 95; MacKay, 76 1/2; pd., 70; Detroit, 50; Ogilvie, 115.