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TERRIBLE DISASTER IN CAPE BRETON MINE

As Result of Explosion in New Waterford Coal Mine 62 are Dead or Missing. Many Bodies Recovered. Of 260 Men Who Went in Yesterday Morning 100 Escaped or Were Brought Out by Rescuing Parties.

(Special to The Guardian.) SYDNEY.—One of the worst mining disasters in Canada occurred at 7.30 this morning, when an explosion took place at No. 12 Colliery, New Waterford, C. B. The latest report to The Guardian correspondent this evening from F. W. Gray, Chief Clerk of the Dominion Coal Co., states the number of dead is estimated at sixty-two, composed of 30 Nova Scotians, 22 Newfoundlanders, and ten foreigners. The bodies of thirty miners have already been found by rescue parties. There were 260 men at work in the pit when the explosion took place. Numbers of these have already been accounted for, many of them being brought from the colliery unconscious, semi-conscious or conscious, by rescue parties whose members risked their own lives. It is believed that the number saved will not be more than one hundred and eighty, leaving the death roll at sixty-two.

Forty or fifty men were working at No. Six Landing; when the explosion took place. There was a fear that all will have been killed either by the explosion itself or by the deadly gas fumes. Rescue parties are making superhuman efforts to see if any can yet be saved. A number of men working at No. 7 when the disaster occurred are among the badly injured and some are believed to be among the killed. Some of the men from this landing, however, are known to be among the saved, but with those believed dead at No. Six, and those killed or suffocated in other parts of the colliery the death list runs to sixty-two. A number of the rescued miners were driven temporarily insane by the explosion and the gas which swept through the mine. In some cases they had to be put in restraint in order to protect them from their own violence. St. Anthony's school room and parish hall have been fitted up as temporary emergency hospitals and scores of the injured and gassed men are now being treated there by doctors from different points and by nurses from Glace Bay, Dominion, and other places. It was supposed at first that a rescuing party of fifteen, which went into the pit, were dead, but they reappeared about 1 p.m. today, only one of their number being dead, young John McKenzie, a mere boy, who bravely volunteered, and after being down in the shaft several times was brought up dead. Another chum of McKenzie's, Phil Nicholson, was taken up unconscious and at 8 o'clock tonight the report said that he was at death's door. Great sorrow is being felt by all at the death of McKenzie, and the expected death of Nicholson, as they were both very popular young men. Rev. Dr. Thompson, of Glace Bay, Rev. J. H. McDonald of Dominion, and President John A. Morrison of the Amalgamated Miners' Union, took part in the work of rescue, and were unconscious for some hours as a result of gas fumes. The rescue party which reached No. 6 landing, where the explosion took place, found eight more.

It was at first believed that the explosion was due to mistaking of the

THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC. Toronto, July 26.—Light to moderate winds; fine and warm today. The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 72 degrees above. At 10 a.m. it was 65 above, at 9 p.m. it was 62 above. The coldest of the previous night was 58 above. The tide will be high this afternoon at 3.24 and tomorrow at 4.22; it will be high tomorrow morning at 3.20 and Saturday at 3.15. The sun sets this evening at 7.52 and tomorrow at 7.51; it rises tomorrow morning at 4.51 and Saturday at 4.58. The moon sets tonight at 10.43. There was a new moon on Wednesday, July 18th at 1 p.m. The first quarter of the moon will be on Friday, July 27th at 1.40 a.m. The length of today will be fourteen hours and fifty-seven minutes. Minard's Liniment cures toothache.

first shot after the miners had entered the mine, but later statements from some of the officials say that this was scarcely the cause, although the cause is not yet definitely known. A heavy fall of coal is reported to have taken place at No. 7 landing, blocking the way to the landing. Rescue parties going to the landing have had to approach it by another route than that usually used. General Supt. Tonge and a number of his assistants are on the ground, working at the utmost limit of endurance to save any men still underground, who are not already beyond saving. Rescue workers are using the Draeger apparatus, but are finding their task one of great difficulty owing to gas which is still pouring through the mine everywhere. The Coal Company's spare warehouse is being used as a temporary morgue. Already the bodies of some of the miners have been placed there. The scenes at the mines were terrible, shrieking women and children crying for their loved ones entombed in the mines. It was a hard job for the police to keep back the sorrowing throng of people. In a late wire to The Guardian correspondent, Mr. Gray, the Coal Company's chief clerk, states that the mine is clearing itself rapidly of gas and normal conditions are returning, but there is no certainty to this date as to the extent of the fall at No. 7 landing. Mr. Gray emphasizes the fact that there is absolutely no fire in the mine.

ANOTHER 105TH MAN KILLED IN ACTION

The latest casualty list shows that another member of the 105th Battalion has made the supreme sacrifice. Private Orrin Bishop, of Wellington. He is reported as having been killed in action.

ANOTHER U.S. UNIT ARRIVES IN ENGLAND

(Canadian Press Despatch) LONDON.—Another American hospital unit arrived in England today. The arrival of the Americans did not attract much attention as the public was excluded from the locality where they disembarked.

CHINESE NAVY REFUSES TO RECOGNIZE GOVT.

(Canadian Press Despatch) LONDON.—A despatch to the Morning Post from Shanghai says, the Chinese navy has refused to recognize the Government of Tuan Chi Jul. The despatch adds that fourteen cruisers have left Woo Sung for Canton to support the southern provinces.

PASSENGERS OFF NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN LINER AT HALIFAX

HALIFAX.—There arrived here on Monday 900 passengers of the Norwegian-American liner Kristiana, which went ashore near Cape Race, Newfoundland, eight days ago. The passengers had a trying time for some hours after they landed on the Newfoundland coast from the steamer but finally some boats and some by an overland route, reached civilization at Portugal Cove, whence the majority were taken to St. John's by special train over the Reid-Newfoundland railway, the remainder being taken to St. John's by rescue steamers. At St. John's accommodation was naturally difficult to secure for some 900 persons, but the civic authorities and citizens in general made every possible effort to provide for the comfort and shelter of these distressed people. At Halifax the passengers, nearly all of whom are Scandinavians, will take passage for a neutral European port.

RUSSIANS TAKE THE OFFENSIVE

BERLIN.—Russian troops are taking the offensive south of the Carpathians, and have penetrated the Austro-German lines. They were brought to a standstill, the War Office reports at the German protective positions west of the point of attack.

KINGS AND PRINCE ELECTION RETURNS

Premier Arsenault and His Colleague Mr. J. D. Stewart, Elected by Substantial Majorities. Total Vote Smaller Than at General Election Owing to Absence of Soldiers.

Table showing election returns for the Third District of Prince and Fifth District of King's, including candidates like Mathieson, Nelson, Stewart, and Arsenault, with 1915 and 1917 vote counts.



HON. PREMIER ARSENAULT Re-elected Yesterday

RUSSIAN REGIMENT TOOK POSSESSION OF TOWN

PETROGRAD.—A despatch to the Bourse Gazette from Nijni Novgorod relates that on July 17th a regiment of troops, ordered disbanded for insubordination, mutinied and took possession of the town. Carcasses sent from Moscow to subdue them, battled with revolvers, resulting in casualties to both sides, and the surrender of the mutineers, who at last accounts were held prisoners. A parley with the commander of the Moscow garrison after order had been restored resulted in an agreement to surrender control. Petrograd.—The disarming of workmen, including the so-called Red Guards, is proceeding systematically in the Vassily Island and Viborg quarters. More than 1,200 rifles and revolvers and some machine guns have been recovered. The majority of revolvers were obtained at the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul, where cases just arrived from America had been broken open. According to the Russika Volla about a third of the arms stolen since the outbreak have been accounted for. Several carts with shells were stopped on the banks of the Neva. The military authorities knew nothing about them. The drivers were arrested and the carts taken to the arsenal. Petrograd.—An authorized statement announces that a partial solution of the ministerial crisis was reached at a ministerial council held Sunday morning. Prince Lvoff resigned as premier because he was unable to agree with the decision of the provincial government to immediately realize the entire program of the socialist party. He was opposed to an immediate proclamation of a republic on the ground that it would be a usurpation of the supreme right of the constituent assembly. Moreover, he declared that he was unable to concur in the ruling of the Cabinet that the policy of the entire government must be bridged by the decision of the All-Russia Congress of Workmen and Soldiers' delegates.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING 3 TIMES IN 3 WEEKS

FREDERICTON.—For the third time within three weeks lightning has struck the house of Manasseh Dunphy at Springhill, each time the occupants of the house escaping without any injury. Shortly before five o'clock Sunday morning lightning struck the home, coming in by the chimney in the bedroom where Mr. and Mrs. Dunphy were in bed, and making a circuit of the room, went through a small hole directly over Mrs. Dunphy's head. It next visited the parlor, where it tore away part of the window sash in the large window, then it went to the dining room, where the paper was splintered and the wood scattered over the room. It next visited the cellar and went out

I.C.R. TRAIN STRIKES AN AUTOMOBILE

Boy Killed and Man Fatally Injured.

(Canadian Press Despatch) TRURO.—The Ocean Limited from Halifax, struck an automobile at Millford Crossing this morning, killing a boy named Isnor, and perhaps fatally injuring a man named Read.

RUSSIAN WOMEN ON FIRING LINE

Women's Battalion in Action for First Time and Made Good Showing.

(Canadian Press Despatch) PETROGRAD.—A Russian women's battalion, raised by a twice wounded girl officer, Vera Butchkaroff, was in action on the front at Krevo yesterday for the first time. They are reported to have been successful although the battalion suffered some losses, extent of which is not yet given. The Novoe Vremya correspondent at the front reports that the women behaved in an exemplary way gaining the respect of the men soldiers.

HUNGARIAN PREMIER TALKS LIKE GERMAN

(Canadian Press Despatch) COPENHAGEN.—Advises received here from Budapest, give out the line of address of the Hungarian Premier, Count Moritz Esterhazy, before parliament concerning the war. "We are waging war," said the Premier, "as a defensive war and our goal at the conclusion of peace will not be for conquest."

RUSSIAN RETREAT IS A ROUT

(Canadian Press Despatch) COPENHAGEN.—Germany claims that the retreat of the Russian armies in Galicia is a rout, that they are but crowds of men pursued by organized forces from which a demoralizing fire from heavy guns is being poured into the fleeing masses which crowd the roads.

RUSSIANS BACK TO LAST SUMMER'S POSITION.

(Canadian Press Despatch) PETROGRAD.—The present line of the southwestern front is approximately that occupied after General Brussiloff's drive last summer, except before Tarnopol, where the enemy succeeded in pushing further into Russian territory.

The fate of the latter town was virtually decided with the Germans holding the suburb just across the Sereth River within easy gun range. The Germans chose the junction point of the Seventh and Eleventh armies for beginning their offensive, the first blow being struck between Zboroff and Febak on a twenty mile front. Without great effort, it is admitted in Russian official communications, they pursued their advantage to the line of the Sereth.

FOUR BOYS KILLED BY LIGHTNING BOLT

LONDON, Ont.—Four boys, Glen Soin, Aubrey Lovely and Leonard Jones, each 16 years of age and Geo. Jones, 14 years of age, were instantly killed this afternoon when a bolt of lightning struck a small bridge underneath which they had crawled as a refuge from a terrific thunderstorm. The bridge is on the farm of Wesley Baker, just south of Lambeth. The boys had been bathing in a swimming hole near the bridge when the storm broke. Glen Soin and the two Jones boys lived in Scottville. Aubrey Lovely's home was at Payne's Mills.

WEALTH CONSCRIPTION BILL INTRODUCED

Taxes Levied in Proportion to Income with Exemptions Up to \$3,000 for Married Men. Liberals and Conservatives Alike Approve Measure.

(From Our Own Correspondent) OTTAWA.—Sir Thomas White today announced an income tax which will add twenty or thirty million to the federal revenue and all taken from surplus wealth. This is in addition to the business profits tax which will this year take from thirty to forty millions of the excess profits. The additional taxation has been rendered necessary by the increase in the Canadian forces expected from the operations of the military service bill. Net profits and salary beyond a certain sum will be taxed. The single man earning \$2,000 a year or less the tax will not affect, and the married man earning \$3,000 or less will also escape. A married man earning \$10 a day or \$40 a week will not pay any tax, nor will a single man earning either in salary or business \$650 a day or \$30 a week. The resolution calls for the levying of an income tax of four per cent upon income exceeding \$2,000 per annum in the case of unmarried men, and widowers without children, and exceeding \$3,000 in the case of other persons, and, in addition thereto, a super-tax of two per cent upon the amount by which the income exceeds \$6,000 and does not exceed \$10,000, and eight per cent of the amount, by which the income exceeds \$20,000, and does not exceed \$30,000, and ten per cent of the amount by which the income exceeds \$30,000, and does not exceed \$50,000, and twenty-five per cent of the amount by which the income exceeds \$100,000; and also an income tax of four per cent upon in-

Table showing tax exemptions for unmarried men, widowers, and married men, with income brackets and corresponding tax amounts.

The exemptions are: Taxation paid under War Revenue Act of 1915 will be deducted from income tax and also that under the business profits taxation measure. Both sides of the House received the announcement of an income tax with great satisfaction. Mr. F. B. Carvell congratulated the Minister of Finance on his new departure. Sir Thomas White, announced that this would be the last year of the business profits taxation. The income tax is applicable to the year 1917 and will be collected in February next year.

WIN-THE-WAR LEAGUE CALLS CONVENTION OF LOYAL LIBERALS

TORONTO.—John M. Godfrey, chairman of the Ontario branch of the win-the-war league, has issued a statement which says in part:—"We believe that the conclusions of the Ontario Liberal members and liberal candidates do not represent the great mass of liberal voters. At this time no attempt to hunt with the hounds and run with the hare must be permitted, and the incincerity of the two statements that winning the war is first consideration, and that the coming campaign must be fought under the leadership of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, is apparent. This leadership derives its principal support from elements which not only openly oppose conscription, but maintain that Canada has already done enough in the war, and do not support further efforts to increase recruiting." After stating that a coalition of all sincere win-the-war elements in the country is not only possible, but necessary, that a National win-the-war government should be established before any election, and that recruiting should be continued, and not be permitted to delay the passage and enforcement of the Military Service Act, he concludes:—"We believe that the time has come when the people of Ontario must speak through non-partisan agencies and that the patriotism of the country is eager to unite on a level far above that of the old party lines. An open convention will, therefore, be called to be held in Toronto on Thursday and Friday, the second and third of August, of all elements in Ontario, which are devoted to the above principles to bring into active effect a union of the patriotic determination of this province."

GERMAN ATTACKS REPULSED BY FRENCH

(Canadian Press Despatch) PARIS.—On the Aisne, at the Caillornie Plateau, the Germans this morning unsuccessfully tried to recapture positions which they lost yesterday. The French maintained and consolidated their gains.

RUSSIA'S SECOND REVOLUTION

(Canadian Press Despatch) PETROGRAD.—(Delayed) via LONDON.—One hundred killed, seven hundred wounded, of civilian and soldiers and sailors killed, and six Cosacks killed, and seventy wounded, is the casualty list of Russia's second revolution apparently ended today, after five days of rioting, with the Government in control. Out of the violence and bloodshed has come a re-organization of free Russia. The Government is now in the hands of the Women's and Soldiers' Congress, with the Provisional (Duma) representatives acting as an administrative body responsible to this executive committee. Minard's Liniment cures garget in cows. Minard's Liniment cures colic, etc.

SIR ERIC GEDDES ELECTED UNOPPOSED

(Canadian Press Despatch) LONDON.—Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty, was elected without opposition today, a member of the Commons for Cambridge Borough. Almeric Page, resigned this seat to make a place in the Commons for Sir Eric.

Minard's Liniment cures colds, etc.

U. S. MUST CO-OPERATE IN FIXING PRICE OF WHEAT

OTTAWA.—During consideration of supply of the department of trade and commerce there was a long discussion on the question of the regulation of the price of wheat and flour. Incidentally, Sir George Foster stated that there was no official confirmation of the report that the board of grain supervisors had definitely fixed the price of this year's wheat crop at \$2.40 per bushel. He intimated that a price could not be fixed until the United States congress passes co-operative legislation. He expected that this would be done within a fortnight.