

FOUR MEN BLOWN TO ATOMS BY GAS BUOY EXPLODING

Many Others Belonging to the Government Boat Scout Badly Injured—Only One Body Recovered, and Others Believed Torn to Shreds—Explosion Heard Thirteen Miles Away.

Ottawa, April 18.—(Special)—The minister of marine was advised tonight of an explosion of a gas buoy at Kingston which killed four men, only one of whom has been found. The explosion took place beside the government steamer Scout which had been charging three buoys with acetylene.

FRAUD ORDER ISSUED

Against the Uvero Plantation Companies

Deprives Them of the Use of the U. S. Mail Service—Bitter and Futile Fight Against Order—About \$2,000,000 Taken in Through Sales of Bonds.

(Boston Transcript, April 17.) Though they fought for their existence with all the means at their command, sending two attorneys and several officials to Washington to plead their cause before the assistant attorney general for the post office department, the Uvero Plantation Company of Boston and the Consolidated Uvero Plantation Company could not save themselves. The fraud order which they sought to prevent, and which will lead to a death blow to their business, has been issued by the post office department.

ENGINEER INSPECTS

THE N. B. SOUTHERN

Commission Official Finds it Fairly Satisfactory—Superintendent Tells of Improvements.

The tour of inspection over the N. B. Southern was made Wednesday by George A. Mountain, chief engineer of the railway commission, accompanied by Superintendent F. J. McPeake. A special train left West St. John at 8.40 a. m. and a stop was made at every station en route.

TOGO WILL RELY ON TORPEDO BOATS AGAINST RUSSIANS

Baron Hayashi Says That Coast is Favorable for Night Attacks, and Their Fleet Will Destroy Rojstvensky's Fleet by Degrees—France Doesn't Think She is Favoring Czar's Squadron.

London, April 18.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, expressed the opinion to the Associated Press today that Admiral Togo would not give battle to Admiral Rojstvensky with his entire squadron but would continue the cautious tactics which characterized his attacks on the Port Arthur squadron, not because he feared defeat, but owing to his desire to inflict the greatest amount of damage on the Russians with the least loss to himself.

\$1,800 FIRE NEAR ST. STEPHEN

House of Thomas Laming on Outskirts of Town Destroyed—Insurance \$800—Funeral of Capt. McAllister.

St. Stephen, N. B., April 18.—(Special)—The dwelling and barn of Thomas Laming was destroyed by fire this afternoon. Being on the outskirts of the town, the water force was not available, and the fire department was called in.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL

The annual convention of the N. B. Teachers' Association will meet in Fredericton High school at 2 p. m. next Monday. There will be an evening session at 8 o'clock. The executive committee will meet at 10 a. m.

The manager of the Seaman's Institute, on behalf of the Seaman's Mission Society, acknowledges with thanks the receipt of \$44.26 from Capt. Carey, per Mr. Fishwick, purser of the C. P. R. steamer Lake Erie, collection on the steamer.

The C. P. R. steamer Mount Temple, which arrived Tuesday with a large freight and 1,922 immigrants (the largest number yet brought here by any steamer this season) created a busy day at Sand Point.

Rev. A. J. Gollmer, for some years rector of the Anglican church at Sussex, is to leave for Halifax some time ago, and will deliver a number of addresses at public meetings in the city and at Lorneville. He will then go up the St. John River, then down to Charlotte county, visiting the divisions in those sections.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Dillon and family left Thursday for Toronto where they will take up their residence. Mr. Dillon was in the mercantile business there, and his services in building up the dairying industry in this province have been of considerable value. A few days ago a sinking case was presented to him by Harvey Mitchell, L. C. Daigle and H. R. Tilley.

The steamer Majestic, of the Star line, left on her first trip of the season Tuesday, but broke down near McAlpine's, a few miles this side of Gagetown, which is forty-seven miles from Indian town. Her air pump broke, and the damage was serious enough to make further progress impossible. From Gagetown word was telephoned to the management, and late in the afternoon the tug James Holly left to tow the disabled boat down.

B. D. Branscombe, of Bathurst, was in the city Tuesday en route to Fredericton and the Grand Lake district where he will bid adieu to relatives and friends before leaving for Alberta where he will look over the prospects and possibly settle. Mr. Branscombe is a well known business man and one whose absence will be felt by the people of Bathurst, where he is much esteemed. Mrs. Branscombe will accompany her husband.

Sergt. J. Smith, of the garrison artillery, Quebec, is very successful in recruiting in Sussex for the garrison. He has been there but a few days, and on Tuesday sent the following to Quebec: Frederick Simpson, Richard Sney, and James Campbell. Last evening they were followed by Geo. F. Watson, Hugh T. Ross, Fred M. Crawford, and Geo. Seales.

Miss Martha Jardine, of Rexton, Kent county, arrived in the city Wednesday afternoon and will be a guest of Mrs. A. W. Petch, Dorchester street, during the Easter holidays.

W. K. Vanderbil, the New York millionaire, was at Grand Falls Saturday. He expressed his intention of hunting with Senator Dewey at Grand Falls in the autumn.

Announcement of the engagement of W. Z. Earle to Miss Isabelle Donville, is made.

D. Russell Jack is expected from England in the Lake Manitoba Saturday.

Mrs. M. Case, Mrs. G. K. Kimball, Miss L. Kimball, Miss Hazel Hall and Miss Bridget left yesterday for Boston.

SENT UP FOR TRIAL

Joseph Stackhouse Committed on Charge Brought by Dr. Baxter.

The preliminary examination of Joseph Stackhouse, of Loch Lomond, charged with assaulting Dr. George O. Baxter with intent to do grievous bodily harm, was concluded in Tuesday afternoon's police court and the prisoner was sent up for trial on the fourth Tuesday in May.

R. G. Murray appeared for the defence. Dr. Baxter, besides telling his own story, called one witness, Charles T. Jackson, Mr. Jackson lives near the Stackhouse place. He said he saw the assault. When the doctor was coming out of the barn he put his hand in his coat pocket and took out something, he could not tell what. After Stackhouse had knocked the doctor down he ran between the man and helped the doctor up and into his wagon. They then drove to his place where the wound on the doctor's head was washed and after an hour's rest he drove to the city alone.

Dr. Baxter described the assault, and said that Dr. Lewin had put four or five stitches in the wound. The witness said he did not go to Stackhouse on any business connected with the bill of sale and that he told Stackhouse so before the trouble.

When he put his hand in his pocket for the bill, he said, was his pipe which he opened and snatched with a noise such as a revolver might make.

PARTED BY TURTLE It Carried Off a Woman's Engagement Ring—Restored After 40 Years—Lover Comes to Claim His Bride.

Battle Creek, Mich., April 14.—The marriage ring in August of Miss Freda Olmstead and John Martin is the culmination of a romance which had its birth 40 years ago, was fully broken up by an innocent mad turtle, and was later cemented by the same reptile.

In 1867 John Martin met Miss Olmstead, then one of the leading belles of the town. Martin was a strapping young fellow, and they soon became betrothed.

In the absence of Martin one afternoon Miss Olmstead accepted an invitation of an old friend to enjoy a boat ride on one of the little lakes near Augusta. While they were out a turtle was caught, and in a spirit of mischief it carried off her engagement ring and placed it around the neck of the turtle. In some manner it escaped and dropped off into the lake, and when Martin returned home he was told of the incident, and became enraged, charging Miss Olmstead with being faithless. All efforts on her part to convince him that the ring was not the case proved unavailing, and he returned to Germany, where he has since remained, managing the estate left him at the death of his father.

Recently a party captured the turtle, and noticing something around its neck, found it was a ring which was placed there 40 years ago by Miss Olmstead.

Miss Olmstead had never married, and the ring was at once placed in her hands. She took steps to communicate with Martin, who had also remained in Germany, and he took the first steamer for this country.

LAURANCE OF TRURO STANDS FOR THE BILL

Says Northwest School System is the Best in the Dominion—Other Speeches.

Ottawa, April 18.—(Special)—There were four speeches on the autonomy bill today. The first was from Mr. Laurance, of Colchester (N. S.). He made a very good speech in support of the bill, and commended those who had been stirring up religious strife on the school question. He said the Northwest school system was the best in the Dominion, and conducted the amendment of Mr. Borden, and Mr. Bole, of Winnipeg, stood strongly by the bill.

Mr. Paquet (Conservative), Lislet, spoke against the amendment. He will vote for the bill.

SENDING PAUPER CHILDREN TO CANADA

British Authorities Will Save £19 Per Annum in the Cost of Each.

Montreal, April 18.—(Special)—A special London cable says: Application was made today at the Acton police court by the Acton guardians for the necessary order to prevent the emigration of eleven orphans and deserted children from the cottage homes to Canada. It was pointed out that the maintenance of the children in future would be £19 per annum for each child to the present cost per child of £30 per annum. The magistrates granted the application.

Justice Darling looks with equanimity on the abolition of wages by the British Columbia judges. "We in England are not likely to follow suit," he said, "by restoring a custom more than two centuries old."

The deepest working coal mine in Great Britain is at Pentleton, Manchester. Here coal is now being got at a depth of 3,430 feet below the surface. The deepest mine in the world is in Belgium, coal being got at a depth of 3,773 feet below the surface.

ON THE RIVER Steamer Beatrice Waring Now Towed in Disabled—Springfield Likely to Take Her Place.

The steamer Beatrice Waring was towed into Indian town Wednesday in a disabled condition, she having broken down near Hampstead about 10 o'clock Wednesday morning. The oceanic gear gave way, and though navigation was still possible, it was considered best to notify the management, and on receipt of the news the Waring was dispatched to tow the disabled vessel. She arrived at Indian town about 2 o'clock. It will probably be a week before the steamer will be in a position to resume the route, and in the meantime the Springfield may take her place. It is possible that by Saturday the latter will be ready.

The May Queen will probably sail Saturday.

A Special Prayer. In accordance with a circular sent out by the Toronto Ministerial Association, a prayer meeting was held in the Y. M. C. A. parlors Saturday afternoon.

In Great Britain and the United States April 15 was observed as a special day of prayer for world-wide revival, the Canadian churches to join. The meeting, which was presided over by Rev. Dr. Fotheringham, was largely attended by clergymen and laymen.

MORE PLACES THAN SERVANT GIRLS

Associated Charities Record for March is 16 to 3—The Busiest Month Yet.

The monthly meeting of the Associated Charities was held Wednesday in the new rooms of the Relief and Aid Society, No. 71 Dock street. March was reported to be the busiest month since organization. There were 228 applications received; 35 desired relief, 42 employment, and 33 advice. Thirty were recommended to employers. There were 18 applications from ladies for maids, and three maids made application for positions. Twenty-five letters were written in homes visited. Relief was given in 19 cases, and twenty strangers were provided with a night's lodging. Work was found for ten applying for relief, and work was also found for 12 men, 28 women and two girls.

Mrs. Hall, the secretary, made 50 visits during the month, and she is of the opinion that the evidence of poverty's pinch is not so discernible as in previous months. There are excellent prospects of a good working year and she believes business is generally good.

North Smithfield (R.I.), is much interested in the proposition made by S. E. Aldrich to take away his interest in a house in that town. Mr. Aldrich owns absolutely five-eighths of his grand-father's homestead and proposes to divide and remove from the lot his share in the house and buildings.

RUPTURE CURED. Sufferers will rejoice to learn that Medical Science has discovered a new and effective method of curing this dangerous ailment. The result is astonishing. The Medical Science has discovered a new and effective method of curing this dangerous ailment. The result is astonishing. The Medical Science has discovered a new and effective method of curing this dangerous ailment. The result is astonishing.

Ontario Accountants Sore at Whitney. Toronto, April 18.—The council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario at a meeting held here passed a resolution protesting against the appointment of a United States accountant in the person of L. E. Torne, of Port Huron, (Mich.) to undertake the expert investigation of the public accounts of the province. The appointment, the resolution declared, was an unmerited imputation upon the professional capacity and impartiality of members of the institution.

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