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MATCHES USED TO POISON CHILDREN

Mrs. McGee Purchased Large Quantities on Eve of Tragedy

ANALYST REPORTS

Traces of Phosphorus Found in Remains of Deceased --- Suspicion of Neighbors Excited When Woman Laid in Unusual Supply of Lucifers --- Preliminary Examination Held.

Special to The Standard. Charlottetown, P. E. I., May 12.—The preliminary trial before Magistrate Reddin of Mrs. McGee, charged with murdering her six children by poisoning opened at Georgetown on Friday and was resumed yesterday. The first day's evidence disclosed little of importance in addition to that given at the inquest.

Yesterday the principal evidence was that given by Agnes Mahar, a sister of Mrs. McGee, who had been induced to purchase some matches. Agnes Mahar swore she had purchased at her store four bunches of old-fashioned card matches on April 18th. The next day the child Johnnie became sick. Mrs. McGee said her husband had gone to work in the factory. She was therefore lonely and needed more matches burning. The previous week, just before the other five children were mowed sick, one of them bought bunches. Shortly before or after that another got ten bunches. The witness had remarked to her mother that the McGees were buying unusual quantities of matches. The witness said a quarter of a mile from the McGees.

Mrs. McGee who keeps a store three miles away, testified that ten days before Johnny became sick he bought seven bunches of matches. Annie Mahar testified that the day after the funeral of the five children Johnny came to the store with a note from his mother ordering 12 bunches of matches. The note stated that the other matches were used to light papers and some were wanted. Witness was suspicious and gave the boy only two bunches. The report of Dr. Rattan of McGill, who analyzed the contents of the children and contents of their stomachs, has been received. The authorities are keeping the report secret, but it is understood the poisoning was caused by phosphorus in the matches bought. There were four grains of phosphorus in each bunch. One grain is considered deadly.

REPORT TECHNICAL EDUCATION NEEDED IN THE DOMINION

Commission Advocates Granting of Public Aid to System --- Recommendations Likely Along These Lines.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, May 12.—The Royal Commission on Technical Education appointed by the late government is preparing its first branch of its report which will be placed in the hands of the Minister of Labor probably early in June. This report will cover the investigations made by the commission both on this side of the ocean and in Europe. It will be followed by a report containing a series of suggestions and recommendations. The conclusions of the commission, it is learned are strongly favorable to a system of technical education and to the granting of public aid toward the establishment and maintenance of such a system. These views will likely be embodied in the recommendations.

SAW TWO BODIES OF VICTIMS OF THE TITANIC WRECK

Steamer Sighted Floating Remains of Men But were Unable to Ascertain Whether Passengers or Crew.

Montreal, May 12.—The steamship Franconia which arrived from the Mediterranean today reported passing much wreckage and sighting two bodies in the vicinity of the Titanic catastrophe. The bodies were those of men, but whether members of the crew or passengers it was impossible to state.

Italians Take Many Prisoners

Rome, May 11.—Advices from General Amelio report that he has captured 49 more Turkish regulars at Rhodes. Reports that the Italians have occupied Cos, Karpothos and other islands in the Archipelago are officially denied.

CHINESE OBJECT TO NEW LAW

Oriental Now Prohibited from Employing Whites in Saskatchewan.

Recent Legislation Arouses Much Indignation Among Celestials of Western Provinces.

Moos Jaw, May 12.—Regarding the new act which was passed at the last session of the legislature prohibiting the employment of the Chinese in Oriental places of business, the Chinese of the city following the stand taken by the Japanese are determined to fight the new law to the last ditch. The law came into force on May 1st, but so far no prosecutions have been made.

Charlie Chow, one of the best known local Chinese, yesterday received a letter from the Chinese consul at Vancouver urging that the local celestials get together and fight the new act. In addition to this the letter stated that 470 million of the Chinese race will unite in a body to answer this twentieth century question, prohibiting members of their race employing white labor and prohibiting Chinese subjects to work in the numerous places of business in Hong Kong and Canton which are conducted by British and American firms. Furthermore the letter states that although the new act would affect over 1000 Chinese in the Province of Saskatchewan, this would be easily offset should a boycott of Japanese goods be brought about on the commercial houses of Hong Kong city and Canton. Wong Kuidi Shop, the Chinese consul at Ottawa, has been wired and replied that he would be in the city no later than Friday next to confer with the prominent Chinese in connection with the new law and urged that the Chinese subjects get together in the meantime and fight the new act.

CLEARED LARGE SUM ON SALE OF TAGS IN MONCTON

\$385 Collected for Hospital in Railway Town With Outside Points Yet to be Heard From.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, May 12.—The ladies' tag day sale on Saturday realized \$385 for the hospital and returns are yet to come in from outside points. Ben. Lobano, the escaped lunatic from the provincial hospital, who was arrested here on Saturday, was committed for trial and taken to Dorchester on Saturday, and charged with breaking into the cotton mill.

PARTIZAN EMPLOYE OF THE GOVERNMENT GIVEN DISCHARGE

Ottawa, May 12.—Joseph Haycock announced to friends on Saturday that he was leaving the employ of the government, and that the government had made the first move in the matter. Mr. Haycock has been for years an inspector of binder twine, being an appointee of Sir Richard Cartwright. His political activity is given as the reason for his departure from the service.

MORE VICTIMS OF WRECK PICKED UP BY MONTMAGNY



Photograph of scene outside the Mayflower rink at Halifax, N. S., to which the bodies of the Titanic were brought by the funeral ships. The photograph shows the unloading of coffins from hearses and delivery wagons pressed into service.

Agent of Marine Department Advised by Government Steamer that Four More Bodies Have Been Recovered---That of Unidentified Seaman Committed to Deep---Others will be Conveyed to Shore

Special to The Standard. Halifax, May 12.—The agent of the Marine Department received four messages today from Captain Peter Johnson on the government steamship Montmagny announcing that the bodies of four Titanic victims had been recovered. The dispatches are all dated May 11, but it would appear that there had been delay in relaying and that the ship had arrived in the vicinity of the Titanic wreck last Thursday. The messages are given in what P. V. G. Mitchell, the White Star Line agent thinks should be their chronological order. The first which is believed to have been sent out on the afternoon of Thursday is as follows: "In the vicinity of wreck, dense fog. Very little prospect of finding many bodies under present conditions." The second message which was probably sent from the Montmagny on Friday says: "Harold Reynolds, teenage passenger, picked up this morning. Address found on body, I. F. Cameron, 367 Young St. Toronto." The third message probably of Friday night, reads as follows: "Ten P. M.—Picked up Syrian girl about fifteen years old, also C. Smith, ship's steward, dense fog still prevails." The last message says: "Three P. M. (Probably Saturday)—Picked up one body of crew. No marks to identify. Buried at sea with suitable services." It appears that the Montmagny is working under great difficulties of fog but that she is keeping at the search day and night, one of the bodies having apparently been picked up at 10 o'clock at night. All the bodies landed at Halifax have now been buried with the exception of one which will be held for a day more pending instructions from friends.

FEDERALS WIN HARD FIGHT DAY OVER MEXICAN REBELS

Rebels Retreating Toward Texas Frontier After Losing Great Battle—Steady Artillery Fire of Federals Give them Decisive Victory—General Tellez with Reserve Brigade will Probably Take Many Prisoners.

El Paso, Tex., May 12.—Gen. Orozco is retreating northward toward the American border. A message to the Mexican consul here from General Huerta at the federal front at 11 a. m. declared that Orozco had hastily abandoned his position at Comala leaving many guns and ammunition. The federals at noon occupied the positions held by the rebels last night. The fighting began at daybreak. There were many dead and wounded. The federals claim a victory in the day's fighting. At the federal front, Conojos, May 12.—It was the steady artillery fire of two government troops that dislodged the enemy. The aim of the federal guns was true. They began to shell the rebel positions at daybreak. For a time the insurgents fired volleys and seven federal officers were wounded. Only a few hours, however, they withstood the cannoning, and soon began to evacuate their positions. General Teller arrived at nightfall with 1,500 men in the valley behind Conojos where the vanguard of rebels gathered. It seems likely that unless the rebels continue to fight desperately many prisoners will be taken tomorrow. As they retreated the rebels destroyed several bridges, but they were not seriously effected. Enthusiasm in the Federal camp is intense. Word reached here that Toron is celebrating the victory with street parades and music. The rebels abandoned ten cannons and much ammunition in their retreat. General Teller who has been stationed in the rear of Huerta's vanguard at noon was sent around to the eastward to flank the rebels and cut off their retreat. Tonight Federal headquarters claim the rebels are completely surrounded and that the second day of the fighting will prove equally decisive. When the advantage gained today by the federal officers is confided it will mean the annihilation of the insurgent army. General Huerta considers it probable, however, that the rebels will make their last stand at Soconusco, the central base, 14 miles to the north, where they have built fortifications and trenches in the last fortnight.

THE QUEBEC CHURCH PARADE

Large and Imposing Turnout Attends Places of Worship --- Col. J. P. Landry in Command with Brilliant Staff.

Quebec, May 12.—The annual garrison church parade which took place this morning, was a large and imposing one, and was witnessed by a great crowd along the route of march. The Protestant members of the garrison, proceeded to St. Matthew's church and the Roman Catholics to St. Jean Baptiste church. At the former, Rev. C. H. Rife, one of the chaplains of the 8th Royal Rifles, officiated, and at the latter, Rev. Father O'Leary, the Catholic chaplain.

The parade was in command of Lt. Col. J. P. Landry, who was accompanied by a large and brilliant staff. The regiments and units which took part in the parade were the Royal Canadian Garrison Artillery, Royal Canadian Rifles, Royal Canadian Engineers, 8th Royal Rifles, 9th Regina Voltigeurs Depot, Permanent Army Service Corps, Permanent Army Medical Corps and Ordnance Corps.

LADY TUPPER PASSES AWAY

Wife of Former Canadian Prime Minister Dies in England --- Body to be Brought to Halifax.

London, May 11.—Lady Tupper, wife of Sir Charles Tupper, Bart, the eminent Canadian statesman and former prime minister of Canada, died today at Bexley Heath, Kent, the English home of Sir Charles.

The body will be sent to Halifax for interment, probably on board the Empress of Britain, sailing Friday, May 17. It will be accompanied by Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, who is expected Monday on the Lusitania, and Stewart Tupper, who has only just arrived. Sir Charles Tupper is being despatched to repair her on this side of the Atlantic.

WILL REPAIR THE UTONA ON THIS SIDE

Montreal, May 12.—The steamship Utona which lost its port propeller while crossing the Atlantic and had put into Halifax to discharge her passengers, arrived here tonight. It had been decided to repair her on this side of the Atlantic.

MAKES ANOTHER TELEGRAPH LIE

Commissioner Archibald Says the Work on Central Railway was not Conducted by Political Favorites.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, May 12.—Chief Commissioner Archibald, of the Central Railway informed your correspondent today that the false bridge at Washabouk had been raised and put in place on Saturday and that traffic will be resumed tomorrow. At present a temporary pile structure carries the span across to Germany. The other end will not be practicable to build a structure until mid-summer when the water is low. Referring to the statement in the Telegraph of Saturday that the trouble is due to positions being made for the Fleming government, Mr. Archibald says it is wholly unfounded. The foreman of the work was recommended by the board of directors of the Intercolonial who could not be charged with friendship either for the Conservatives or the Flemings government. The other men employed, were laborers, and as it was an emergency job, after all the men available in the neighborhood had been employed, it was necessary to get others in Moncton and St. John through the medium of employment agencies and otherwise, no questions of effective strength of the "Advance Guard" along the eastern seaboard. With the exception of the fifth flotilla all the North Sea destroyers are driven by turbines and the majority burn oil. Most of the vessels at Rosyth have been built since 1910 and have a speed of 29 knots and they will shortly be strengthened by the new 27 knot boats. All have either been designed or altered for work in the rough waters of the North Sea. The active flotilla are fitted with wireless telegraphy.

PIPE ON DYNAMITE, HE'S BLOWN APART

Contractor Had Explosive in the Pocket Where He Placed Still Lighted Tobacco---Note the Effect.

Sharon, Mass., May 11.—Thomas J. Leary, the town tree warden, sat down beneath a tree in East Roxboro street tonight, stuck a lighted pipe in his pocket and a moment later a terrific explosion blew him to pieces. A hole three feet deep was made in the ground where he had been sitting. The report of the explosion was heard for miles, and houses a quarter of a mile away rocked dangerously.

Leary, who was a contractor, had a hole three feet deep was made in the ground where he put the pipe. He was thirty five years old and unmarried.

NESBITT SPIRITED AWAY FROM CHICAGO

Maomi Goes Aground on The Shoals

Vineyard Haven, Mass., May 11.—The British schooner Maomi, en route from St. John N. B. to this port for orders, ran aground last night between Stone Horse Shoals and Handkerchief Lightship. In order to float her it was necessary to jettison about 600,000 lbs. She arrived here tonight apparently unharmed.

WILL DOUBLE EFFICIENCY OF SEA FORCES

Winston Churchill Plans Re-arrangement of Fleet Patrolling Coast.

Destroyers Will Henceforward Comprise Eight Independent Flotillas Instead of Serving as Adjuncts of Squadron.

London, May 12.—Under a new scheme of defence by Winston Spencer Churchill, the first lord of the admiralty, the destroyers of the British fleet commenced on May 11 a continuous patrol of the coasts of the United Kingdom. The northern fleet of the German empire is necessarily most closely guarded and there the most modern and powerful vessels of the modern fleet supported by submarines have been stationed. Heretofore the two battle squadrons of the home fleet had attached to them a destroyer flotilla, with reserve flotillas at the navy bases at Devonport, Portsmouth and the Nile. The new scheme provides that no destroyers are to be permanently attached to the fleet, but that the whole available forces have been organized into eight flotillas, four being in full commission, and four in reserve, with nucleus crews.

Of the four active flotillas the first and second composed of 36 of the newest and most powerful vessels will have their base at the new naval headquarters at Rosyth, on the east coast of Scotland and facing directly across to Germany, besides guarding the north exit to the Atlantic. The third flotilla will have its base at Harwich, another east coast station, and the fourth at Portland on the English Channel, where it will be available for work on any coast. At each of the bases named there will be one reserve flotilla while other destroyers will patrol other parts of the coast not covered by these. No fewer than 165 destroyers are included in the new organization, besides eight fast cruisers, eight scout and depot and repair ships. Of this number one-third are assigned to the North Sea that with 24 submarines with bases at Dunstaffnage and Harwich, the coast of England should be well guarded. Naval experts in fact estimate that the new scheme doubles the effective strength of the "Advance Guard" along the eastern seaboard. With the exception of the fifth flotilla all the North Sea destroyers are driven by turbines and the majority burn oil. Most of the vessels at Rosyth have been built since 1910 and have a speed of 29 knots and they will shortly be strengthened by the new 27 knot boats. All have either been designed or altered for work in the rough waters of the North Sea. The active flotilla are fitted with wireless telegraphy.

Counsel of Former Banker Given the Slip By Detective

REACHES TORONTO

Prisoner in Famous Bank Case Carefully Guarded --- Habeas Corpus Proceedings Contemplated in States Were Not Instituted in Time to Prevent Removal.

Toronto, May 12.—Dr. William Beattie Nesbitt, wanted on charges of fraud and forgery in connection with the wrecking of the Farmers Bank, was brought back to Toronto this morning, and is now lodged in the county jail. The same secrecy which surrounded his departure from Chicago yesterday, marked his arrival here.

While a dozen newspaper men and press photographers waited on the depot platform of the Grand Trunk railway at North Parkdale, Provincial Inspector A. C. Boyd, conducted his prisoner of the opposite side of the train and down a stairway into the Queen's street subway where a taxicab was waiting.

The arrangements for splitting Dr. Nesbitt out of Chicago were made with the same care and caution. On Thursday the warrant of surrender was received from Washington at the attorney general's department and Superintendent Rogers wired to Chicago to learn if habeas corpus proceedings had been entered upon in Dr. Nesbitt's behalf. The reply was in the negative, and Inspector Boyd started for Chicago the same night, with the warrant and a letter to the Chicago assistant chief of police. Presenting the letter, an officer was placed at his service and at 2 o'clock they appeared before the assistant U. S. marshal and produced the warrant of surrender. Dr. Nesbitt was brought from Chicago, the warrant read and he was handed over to the officers despite his protest that he should be allowed time to see his counsel who was preparing to apply for writ of habeas corpus.

The three took a taxicab and in order to prevent the detection of the taxicab was driven about the streets until 3 o'clock, reaching a side street in the Dearborn street station just in time to board the train, where a stateroom awaited them. The detective and his prisoner were well outside the limits of the state of Illinois before Dr. Nesbitt's counsel was apprised of the trick which the Canadian officer had played on him. The porter of the car was charged to keep silent as to the identity of his passengers. Boyd and the doctor were driven first to Supt. Rogers' residence in Parkdale and then accompanied by them, was taken to jail where Gov. Chainaber was enjoined to let the prisoner have no communication with W. R. Travers, the convicted bank manager, brought from Kingston penitentiary to give evidence during the extradition proceedings, and the court hearing which will follow tomorrow. Dr. Nesbitt will be formally handed over to the Toronto police and will be arraigned in the morning police court.

NEWCASTLE MAN PASSES AWAY IN MONTREAL CITY

Wm. A. Hickson Dies at Age of Seventy --- Prominent in Public Life and Head of Saw Mill.

Special to The Standard. Newcastle, May 11.—Wm. A. Hickson, chief proprietor of Hickson's Saw Mill here died at a Montreal hospital last night. He was over seventy years old, had been in business here twenty-seven years. He leaves a widow, Emma (nee McLellan) of Chatham, and two daughters, the Misses Florence and Hazel. Deceased took an active interest in civic and Dominion affairs, had been alderman of Newcastle, and president of the Northumberland Conservative Association. The funeral will be from his late residence here Monday afternoon.

The headship of the firm will now devolve upon James Robinson, ex-M.P. of Millerton.

Third, that no person not a British subject has any proprietary interest in the nets, gear, boats and appliances used by me on my boats, and that I have other business relations with Capt. Joe Post, the United States government will have to take the matter up.

ALL FISHERMEN MUST BE BRITISH

Those Operating Along the Erie Shore Must Sign Affidavits --- Is a New Government Move.

Learnington, Ont., May 11.—Owing to complaints having been made to the department at Ottawa that fishermen other than British subjects were operating along the shore, a justice of the peace was sent to the point with an affidavit which all those engaged in the fishing business were requested to sign. The affidavit contains the following: "First, that I am a British subject; second, that during the years 1911 and 1912 I had a license, signed by me under the Ontario Game and Fisheries Act of King Edward VII, authorizing me to fish a certain number of nets;