

A BATTLESHIP BIER

"Dominion" Is to Convey Mr. Prefontaine's Remains Home.

DETAILS TO MR. LEMIEUX

Lord Tweedmouth, First Lord of the Admiralty, Cables Sir Wilfrid Making the Offer—Premier Accepts on Behalf of Canada—Text of the Consolatory Message From Premier Rouvier of France.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—Lord Tweedmouth, First Lord of the Admiralty, cables to Sir Wilfrid Laurier as follows:

"We have heard with deep regret of the death of our colleague, Mr. Prefontaine, Canadian Minister of Marine and Fisheries, with whom the Admiralty have been recently in such cordial relationship, and I beg to offer His Majesty's ship Dominion to convey the remains to Halifax, N. S. It is agreeable to your Government, the Dominion will be at Cherbourg on Jan. 12th for this purpose, and reach Halifax Jan. 22nd."

"(Signed) TWEEDMOUTH."

The Dominion is a recently launched and completed battleship, named in honor of Canada.

It is understood that the Premier is now in communication with Solicitor-General Lemieux and the relatives of the late Mr. Prefontaine in regard to the matter.

Sir Wilfrid Accepts.

The reply of Sir Wilfrid was:

"Accept my sincere thanks for your offer of the Dominion to convey the remains of my late colleague from Cherbourg to Halifax. Will be pleased to accept, but I would ask you to consult Solicitor-General Lemieux, now in Paris, and ascertain from him if date would be convenient."

Premier Rouvier's Message.

Premier Rouvier of France cables Sir Wilfrid Laurier as follows:

"I have just learned of the sudden death in Paris of the Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, Minister of Marine and Fisheries of Canada, with whom we were so happy the past few days in France. I wish to say that we share with you the sorrow you feel over the loss of so distinguished a man, and to convey to you the very sincere condolence of the Government of the Republic."

"(Signed) ROUVIER."

IN DEADLY EARNEST.

British Candidates to Be Heckled About Canadian Cattle Embargo.

London, Dec. 23.—(C.A.P.)—Parliamentary candidates are to be heckled on the question of the embargo on Canadian cattle. This was decided at a meeting of the Canadian Cattle Association at Dundee. In order to get a repeal of the obnoxious law they are determined to take the question into politics, and a committee was appointed to raise funds for the movement.

One speaker said that seven million pounds had been lost by reason of the embargo.

The association will join the Free Market Cattle Association of Great Britain to get concentrated action.

The question is a very live one in Scotland, and is debated in the press almost every day.

NO RACE SUICIDE HERE.

Indian Bride at Brantford Has Already a Large Family.

Brantford, Dec. 23.—John Hill was arrested yesterday for shooting Alex. Green on Christmas night. Hill admits his guilt, but alleges self defence. Green's condition is critical.

Alphens John and Mrs. Harriett Lickers, Indians, from the Tuscarora Reserve, were married yesterday. The bride already is the mother of twenty children.

Seymour Gourley Dying.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Seymour Gourley, ex-M.P. for Colchester, is dying at Halifax.

He was Conservative member for Colchester County in the last Parliament, having been elected in 1900, and defeated in 1904. He was noted in the House of Commons as an enthusiastic Canadian and Imperialist.

He is 52 years of age. Mr. Gourley has been very ill for some months.

Fire Destroys Bibles.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Early yesterday morning the book rooms of the Oxford University Press, 25 and 27 Richmond St. W., were completely gutted by fire. The damage done to the books and the repairs to the building will cost in the neighborhood of \$30,000. The blaze was confined to the two bottom flats.

Morales With the Insurgents.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Cable advice received at the American State Department from San Domingo yesterday are to the effect that the Cabinet has taken over the Government and named Vice-President Caceres as the successor of President Morales, who is with the revolutionists about ten miles from the capital.

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HAMILTON'S MESSAGE.

Branch of New York Life Insurance For Self-Protection.

New York, Dec. 23.—John McCall, secretary of the New York Life Insurance Co., who a few days ago returned from Europe, where he went to get an accounting of money advanced to Andrew Hamilton, was the first witness in the insurance investigation yesterday. McCall asked Hamilton for his cheque books, but the latter refused to give them up, saying that the stubs related to his own personal business. The statement secured then was produced and put in evidence. It was to the effect that in consequence to an accepted understanding of the companies interested with the New York Life in watching legislation, "no demand was made by me for vouchers from other people, nor were there any books or accounts kept by me covering same."

"Payment by my cheque would necessarily have disclosed the fact that the person receiving the cheque was under retainer to me, and would thus have necessarily hampered that portion of my work that was most efficacious, namely absolute secrecy."

"The understanding that I had in undertaking this work, was distinct, and thorough. If it had not been so I should have declined the task."

"We felt that if a secret service was a permissible governmental agency, a confidential service would be the only effective and at the same time proper plan to guard the welfare of the most extensive commercial interests in the world, the life insurance business of the State of New York. This confidential secret service was decided upon as the only feasible plan of protection."

The right to secure a full list of the names of policyholders in the New York Life Insurance Co. was granted yesterday to Clarence H. Venner and nearly 100 other policyholders by Supreme Court Justice Greenbaum.

BIG CROOK CAPTURED.

Provident Investment Bureau Wrecker in the Toils at Alberta.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—William Henry Latimer, professional gambler and swindler, who has been arrested in Calgary, Alberta, on a warrant sworn out by Chief Detective Carpenter of Montreal, is in reality wanted in Philadelphia on five indictments returned by the grand jury there on Thursday last. These indictments charge embezzlement, conspiracy and the obtaining of money under false pretenses.

Chief Carpenter despatched an officer to Calgary as soon as he was informed that Latimer had been arrested. This officer will bring Latimer back to Montreal, where he will be arraigned before the extradition court prior to removal to Philadelphia to stand trial.

The indictments against him charge embezzlement of \$190,235.55 belonging to the Provident Investment Bureau creditors.

The Provident Investment Bureau crashed to the ground on March 21, and the same day Latimer fled from the country.

An examination of the books disclosed that there were more than 700 victims of the swindle, scattered all over the United States and Canada. They had paid, between Jan. 1, 1902, and the date of the failure, \$267,000 into the swindlers' hands, and had withdrawn, as principal taken out, dividends converted into cash and commissions, only \$88,000, the amount of the funds missing being upward of \$180,000.

Clerks Charged With Stealing.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—The detectives were busy yesterday. The officers who worked the drag-net were Mackie, Sockett, Twigg, Newton, Guthrie and Archibald. They succeeded in landing eight out of the nine men they were after. The prisoners are: Roy Mortimer, age 21; John Morrison, Sr., age 85; John Morrison, Jr., age 35; Chas. Hughes, age 18; Ernest Wolfe, age 22; William Burns, age 23; Fred Jones, age 25; Fred Anderson, age 19; Henry Buckler, age 16. They are charged with theft. The warrants for the arrests were sworn out by J. Forbes Michie (Michie & Co., grocers and wine merchants, 7 West King street.) For some months the firm has been aware that some pilfering has been going on. But was refused by Crown Attorney Curry.

The letter carrier says he finds that people often expect too much of him.

THE TACK COMBINE

Another Conspiracy Charge Before Col. Denison.

FORMED TO CONTROL PRICES

Members of This Association Were Liable to Heavy Penalties For Breach of Resolutions—Some Names Withdrawn—Case Enlarged to Tuesday Next—More Plumbers Sent For Trial.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Crown Attorney Curry yesterday announced his assault on the "tack" combine, in the Police Court before Magistrate Denison. The interest taken in this case does not equal that shown by the public in the plumbers' cases, four men and a policeman composed the audience, outside of the few who were there on business.

Following are the defendants: Thos. Jenkins, James Hardy, accountants, Toronto; E. J. Fry, J. C. Robertson, W. Bruckhoff, of the Portland Rolling Mills Co., St. John, N. B.; H. M. Blacklock, W. H. Woodhall, J. E. Kinghorn, A. H. Hough, W. McMaster, Montreal, Rolling Mills Co.; F. W. Knowlton, United Shoe Machinery Co., Montreal; F. H. Whitton, Ontario Tack Co., Hamilton; T. E. Peck, W. T. Cumming, The Peck Penny Co., Montreal; George Boyd, Pillow, Hersey Co., Montreal.

The charge is conspiring, combining, agreeing and arranging with certain corporations and other persons to unduly limit the production and manufacturing, supplying and dealing in tacks.

Some Names Withdrawn.

These names were also on the list of those to be tried, but charges were withdrawn: J. Mowat (in British Columbia), E. Perkins (in the United States), J. H. Peck (dead), G. A. MacAgy (dead), M. A. Irwin (employee), James Pender, J. C. Robinson, R. Hersey, and W. W. Weir.

The most of the day was taken up by Mr. Curry reading from the minute books of the Tack Association. A clerk from the office of Jenkins and Hardy, was in the witness box, for the purpose of identifying books and papers, which were put in as evidence.

W. N. Tilley represented the defendants, and on their behalf entered a plea of not guilty. Mr. Hardy was also present.

The most important facts brought out were, that the association was formed in Montreal in 1892, and was composed of the Pillow, Hersey Co., Montreal Rolling Mills Co., Peck Berry Co., and the Ontario Tack Co. Subsequently these were joined by the Jas. Pender Co., the Portland Rolling Mills Co., and W. D. Woodhall & Co. At the first meeting, W. McMaster was elected president, T. H. Whitton vice-president, and A. and T. Jenkins secretary and treasurer.

To Regulate Prices.

The association was formed for the purpose of regulating prices, and the sale of tacks. An agreement was made for one year. Members were only to sell to bona fide agents, and that no subterfuge was to be used to make sales. Monthly statements were to be rendered to the secretary showing amount of sales, by each firm. The Jenkins firm were to have access to the books of the firms at any time. Each firm was also bound by a penalty of \$300, to be forfeited in case the monthly returns were not made, and also for other breaches of the agreement. A sworn declaration was also made, as to the amount of monthly purchases.

The investigation adjourned until Tuesday next.

More Plumbers Committed.

The remainder of the morning sitting was occupied in finishing off the evidence against the defendants in the Isolation Hospital bonus case, in which the following defendants were alleged to have received \$500 in bonuses (since paid back) from the City Council: Henry Hogarth, W. J. McGuire, G. F. McGuire, R. W. Harrison, Charles Robertson, Joseph Wright, Watson Mashinter, Jas. H. Wilson, Francis R. Maxwell, Herbert Johnson, Geo. Wallis, Geo. Clapperton, Wm. Mansell and W. J. Williamson. After the evidence given by Secretary W. H. Smith, the defendants were then all committed for trial.

Crown Attorney Curry intimated that there were other cases in which he would lay informations when business of the court was slack.

AUDIT DIDN'T AUDIT.

Examination of York County Loan Co. Books Far From Complete—"No Graft," Says Phillips.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Judging from the evidence given at the Government investigation into the affairs of the York Loan and Savings Co., yesterday, the annual audit of the books of that concern was a process to say the least perfunctory. Only a small salary was paid to the two officials who made the examination, and only a few weeks were spent on a multitude of books and documents which would have taken the time of an auditor for every day of the year.

In answer to the questions of C. A. Masten on behalf of W. H. Cross, the Government investigator, Thomas G. Hand, whose name appears appended to the certificate as to the correctness of the annual statement of 1904, said that beyond checking the totals in the ledger and stock-book he did not investigate the items. The salary paid him did not justify his spending much time on the work.

The negotiations and agreements with the Southern Light and Power Co. were explained by Joseph Barrett, the president of that concern, with regard to the sales of houses to employees that was characterized as a means of securing money without injuring the credit of the company.

Finally there came a most emphatic denial from Mr. Phillips of the existence of any kind of graft in the operation of the company and its officers. "I will make an ad interim report to the Attorney-General as soon as possible," said Commissioner W. H. Cross when adjourning the York Loan enquiry at 6 o'clock last night. He thanked Home Smith, acting for the liquidator, for assistance, and the witnesses for the frank manner which had characterized their evidence.

There are some swindlers abroad who are enticing people to give them money, saying they represent the York Loan. "Don't give them anything," says the liquidator, "but send in your pass books and help us to get this mess straightened out."

LONG'S FALSE STATEMENT.

Judge Street Finds Directors Entitled to \$34,500.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—The executors of the estate of the late John J. Long are to pay the Northern Navigation Co. \$34,500, such was the judgment given out yesterday by Justice Street. That amount is made up of \$30,000 with interest since 1902. The question as to whether the defendants will appeal from this judgment was stated last night to be under consideration.

The present board of directors alleged that in consequence of the inaccurate financial statement, made by J. J. Long, when president, a half-yearly dividend at 5 per cent. had been declared, and subsequent dividends, which amounted to \$88,519.92. For the damage sustained from the withdrawal of this capital the company claimed \$150,000.

That so far from there being a profit of \$88,519.92, as represented by Mr. Long, there was but \$57,568.85, a disparity of about \$31,000, as shown by an experimental examination after Long had left for Europe. To bring the company up to the profit that had been alleged by the late president, the judge directs the estate to pay over the difference between the amounts, with interest at 5 per cent., from the end of 1902, up to the present time. That made up the amount of the judgment, \$34,500. The judge believes that the directors would not have declared a dividend had not Long misstated the profits. The defendants have to disburse all the costs of the action.

FARMERS WANT LOWER DUTIES.

One of Many Requests Laid Before Tariff Commission.

Quebec, Dec. 23.—The sittings of the Tariff Commission opened yesterday morning.

The Paint and Varnish Association asked a duty of 30 per cent. on paints, equivalent to the duty on white lead. The Boot and Shoe Manufacturers' Association asked for an increase of duty on American products in boots and shoes.

Two advocates of the Farmers' Association protested against any increase in the tariff, or rather in favor of a reduction from 30 per cent. to 20 per cent. on certain agricultural implements and seeding machines.

G. A. Vandary, protested against the dumping act as a nuisance for the dry goods trade on the general and asked for a higher tariff on American hats. Lorenzo Robertaille of the Eureka Distillery, Beauport, Que., asked for a prohibitive duty on acetic acid and protested against the indiscreet sale and use of wood alcohol.

TO BE SENTENCED JAN. 4.

Men Arrested For Michie Thefts Before the Magistrate.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—The men arrested Wednesday in connection with the robberies from Michie and Co. were arraigned in Police Court yesterday. All were remanded until Jan. 4.

Those who pleaded guilty were Roy Mortimer and Charles Hughes. They will be sentenced on the 4th; they were released in \$500 bail.

Frank Armstrong, Henry Buckle, Ernest Wolfe, William Burns, Fred Jones, John Morrison, Sr., and John Morrison, Jr., pleaded not guilty. All except Wolfe were admitted to bail in \$500 each.

Mortimer and Jones only are employees of the firm, but Morrison, Sr., has acted as cashier for the company for the past forty years.

The John Macdonald & Co. clerks will be brought before Judge Winchester Wednesday next.

REGINA GOES LIBERAL.

Mr. J. F. Bole Scores on the Record by Three Majority.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 23.—J. F. Bole, Liberal, was elected on the recount at Regina City by three votes, giving Premier Scott sixteen seats with Kinsistino still to hear from.

Man Dead From Exposure.

Brantford, Dec. 23.—Thomas Canty, Pearl street, this city, was found dead yesterday about two miles from the city. He was missing since a week Wednesday. No foul play is suspected, death being from exposure. He was 50 years old and leaves a widow and several children in city.

Squire Letch yesterday committed John Hill for trial for shooting at Alex. Green, whose condition is still critical.

Held Up on the Road.

Napanee, Dec. 23.—About 8 o'clock Wednesday night four men held up Oliver Smith of Moscow and robbed him of \$350. The robbery took place at Salem, a suburb of Napanee, about half a mile from the town proper on the Newburgh road. Smith owns a threshing outfit and was out collecting accounts, which must have been known by the robbers.

Booth Coming to Canada.

To visit Canada in February. In connection with the coming of the head of the Salvation Army, Commissioner Booths said yesterday that he would leave for England in a few weeks to consult with General Booth respecting the immigration laws in Canada.

Nominations at Compton.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Nominations were held yesterday at Cookshire, Compton County, Quebec, for the seat in the Federal House rendered vacant by the unseating of the Liberal member, A. B. Hunt. Rufus Pope, ex-M. P., was nominated by the Conservatives and A. B. Hunt, the unseated member, by the Liberals.

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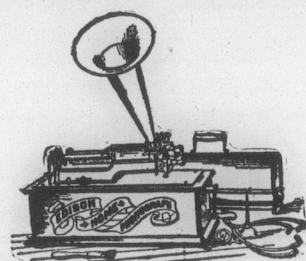
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