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### WOULD RESCIND CANADIAN NAVY RESOLUTION

Conservative Member for Montmagny, Expected to Spring Motion Today—Move May Be Inspired by Forget's Desire to Embarrass Pelletier.

(Special to The Toronto World)  
OTTAWA, Jan. 21.—What appears to be a well-grounded report is current that D. O. Levesque, Conservative member for Montmagny, will tomorrow give formal notice of his intention to introduce a bill on Monday next providing for the immediate and unconditional repeal of the naval resolution of 1910. Mr. Levesque is regarded as the representative and lieutenant of Sir Rodolphe Forget. He is also regarded as having paramount influence with several of the Quebec Conservative members, including Mr. Sevigny, M.P. for Dorchester. The County of Montmagny is on the south shore of the St. Lawrence, not far from Lévis, and was represented in parliament for years by Mr. Armand Lavergne. When Mr. Lavergne retired from federal politics he was returned to the Quebec legislature for the same constituency.

The repeal of the Naval Service Act would have little practical effect, as there is at present no navy for the naval department to administer, but for the government to repeal the Act would lend color to the oft-repeated charge of a contract or deal between the Conservatives and Nationalists in 1911.

May Embarrass Pelletier.  
It is a fair surmise that Mr. Levesque is not acting on behalf of the government. On the other hand it is suggested in some quarters that his move is intended to embarrass Postmaster-General Pelletier. Sir Rodolphe Forget and the postmaster-general are not in accord upon many points, and the knight of Montmagny and Charlevoix is said to desire some other minister for the Quebec district. The failure of the government to grant the usual subsidy to the Quebec and Saguenay railway, one of the Forget enterprises, is attributed in some quarters to the opposition of the postmaster-general. Of course much of this is the mere surmise. It may be that the bill is to be introduced simply for the purpose of permitting some of the Quebec members to implement pre-election pledges.

### SIR JAMES' CONDITION WAS BETTER YESTERDAY

Bulletin Shows He Slept Well—Delirium Continues in Waking Hours.

10 p.m.—Sir James Whitney had a good rest this afternoon and is asleep now, and his general condition is fair.  
Pyne, McPhedran.

The extreme restlessness which hinders improvement in the condition of Premier Whitney abated somewhat yesterday. He was better than at any time since his return from New York. Despite this fact, the physicians state that his condition is still extremely critical. He is delirious most of the time, and he does not understand that he is back in Toronto.

### BRITAIN EAGER TO GIVE HONOR

Lord Strathcona Will Probably Be Buried at Highgate—St. Paul's and Westminster Abbey Mentioned.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—(C.A.P.)—Lord Strathcona's funeral will be at Highgate on Monday. The suggestion of interment in St. Paul's Cathedral has been unofficially brought to the notice of the family, but it is understood their wishes are that, in deference to the known desires of Lord Strathcona to be buried with his wife in Highgate Cemetery, the suggestion of interment elsewhere may not be pressed.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—The Daily Chronicle, in an editorial, urges that Lord Strathcona's remains should rest in St. Paul's. Public sentiment, it says, would be wholly with the idea. Surely a man who has played so great a part in the empire should rest in one of its temples of fame.

The Daily Express suggests interment in Westminster Abbey. Bishop Ryle, who is dean of the abbey, said to the Express representative: "I think it most probable Lord Strathcona will be buried in the abbey. A memorial service will probably be held on Monday at noon." Bishop Carpenter, sub-dean, said there seemed a strong feeling in favor of an abbey funeral. He had telegraphed the dean on the subject.

The Daily Telegraph entirely commends the proposed interment in St. Paul's, and is fully assured so conspicuous a tribute of honor and respect would be wholeheartedly approved throughout the King's dominions.

### REID SAYS PLOT WAS HATCHED BY COUNSEL

Constable, in Full Confession of Part Played in Freeing Krafchenko, Says All Arrangements Were Made in Hagel's Office—Flower Was Vindicated.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 21.—(Can. Press.)—Constable Reid, formerly of Hamilton, who was arrested a few days ago in connection with the escape of John Krafchenko, the Plum Coulee bank robber, appeared before the royal commission at his own request and made his statement voluntarily.

At this morning's session of the commission Constable Flower told a straightforward story of his actions at the time of the escape. Failure of Reid to back him up was his justification in not making a fight.

Reid's story was interpolated into Flower's evidence, the older constable having requested a hearing. Reid had formerly withstood a seven-hour grueling before the commission, which seemingly had "justified" him, but today he completely reversed his sworn statements. He was assured beforehand that his new statement would not be used in evidence against him.

Puzzled by Own Actions.  
In the witness box, Reid told how he personally had given the rope key and revolver to Krafchenko two days before the escape while Flower's back was turned. The loosened bars in the window he said had been tampered with while Ryan, the day guard, was asleep in the cell.

The constable stated further that all arrangements for the escape were made in the office of Percy Hagel, Krafchenko's counsel, whose name Krafchenko sent him to see Hagel. He said he did not know what Hagel intended him (Reid) to help Krafchenko. Constable Buxton had given the gun to Reid in Hagel's office and the number had been filed off in Hagel's presence. Hagel had told him that Westlake, who was to hide Krafchenko after his escape, could be trusted to do so without squealing. Hagel, he said, had gone to Plum Coulee to get \$100 to handle the case. He did not know whether he got it or not.

### WAS A GREAT PIONEER OF THE HIGHEST TYPE

Hon. Lewis Harcourt Spoke of Strathcona From Intimate Knowledge.

LONDON, Thursday, Jan. 21.—(C. A. P.)—Hon. Lewis Harcourt, colonial secretary, speaking at Haslingden last night, said Lord Strathcona was a great pioneer in all that was best in North America. During the three years Hon. Mr. Harcourt has been at the colonial office it had been his privilege to work officially with Lord Strathcona. Many years before that it was his privilege to count him among his friends. His private generosity and public benefactions had been beyond record or belief. He left a name and record illuminated by personal affection and public honors and a career worthy of envy and emulation by the civilized world.

### NOTED DETECTIVE SECURED PROOF OF BRIBERY

Biddinger, Who Laid Bare Dynamite Conspiracy in Los Angeles, Was Prominent in Getting Decoy Bill Before Quebec Legislators, Says Montreal Mail.

(Special to The Toronto World)  
MONTREAL, Jan. 21.—Giving further support of their charges of corruption against members of the Quebec Legislative Assembly and of the Legislative Council, The Daily Mail this morning declares their evidence is based in part on an investigation carried on in Montreal and Quebec by the William J. Burns Detective Agency. The Montreal Fair Association bill, for which \$5000 is alleged to have been paid out to Quebec legislators, had among its incorporators David W. Hyland, who in reality is C. E. Biddinger, assistant general manager of the Burns Agency, the man who detected the McSweeney conspiracy in Los Angeles. Associated with Biddinger was George S. Sampson, also of the Burns Agency, who figures as one of the incorporators of the Montreal Fair Association.

No Malice in Charges.  
The Daily Mail explains that there is no malice or unfriendly motive behind the publication of the charges, but merely a desire to do a public service, and a sincere regret that in the doing of it suffering may be inflicted upon some whom humanitarian motives alone might make it desirable to pass over.

### TORONTO COUPLE ASPHYXIATED IN BED

Mr. and Mrs. John Richards, Aged 70 and 64, Were Killed by Gas Fumes Which Escaped From Tube Leading From Wall Jet to Stove.

Stretched across the bed in their room at 10 Manning avenue, Mr. and Mrs. John Richards, aged 70 and 64, were found dead by John Stevens, owner of the house, at 9:30 last evening. In the room with them was found a gas cooking stove, turned off at the stove, but left on at the jet. The connecting tube was found to be broken inside the cloth covering, from which the gas fumes had escaped and asphyxiated the aged couple. A physician was summoned, who stated they had been dead over an hour.

The discovery of the gas fumes was first made by Mrs. Stevens, who called her husband. He went up to the Richards room, which was locked. He summoned the constable on the beat, who broke in the door and found the two bodies.

Both were removed to the morgue, where an inquest may be held.

### THORO INQUIRY INTO EXPLOSION

Ottawa Live Stock Show Discontinued—Ontario Government May Be Held Liable for Disaster.

OTTAWA, Jan. 21.—(Special.)—A full investigation of the cause of the boiler explosion which wrecked the fat stock building this morning, killing three men, injuring six and causing heavy loss, has been ordered.

An emergency meeting of the board of control, it was decided to take no action until the coroner's inquest had, under oath, determined the cause of the disaster.

It is stated the Ontario Government will be held liable for the damage in the event of claims being made, as the province finances the Eastern Ontario Live Stock Show each year, and the latter pays all the employees. The superintendent of buildings and the two engineers were before the board, but they were not questioned.

The executive committee of the Ottawa Winter Fair met at Howick Hall and issued the following statement: "So far as at present learned, there have been three lives lost and six persons injured and removed to the hospital."

"The loss of horses has been particularly severe, some considerable loss of sheep, swine and poultry has also been sustained, which will fall heavily on some exhibitors. The building is wrecked to such an extent as to render the continuance of the show impossible, and, accordingly, discontinuance has been decided upon, and exhibitors have been notified to remove their exhibits."

### SUBMARINE LOCATED OIL LED TO DISCOVERY

Diver Descended and Found Missing Craft—To Start Raising Operations.

PLYMOUTH, Jan. 21.—(Can. Press.)—The British submarine A7, which sank to the bottom of White-sand Bay on Friday last during manoeuvres, was located today in twenty-three fathoms of water, four miles from shore. The submarine is lying a little east of the spot where she disappeared. The discovery was due to a member of the crew of one of the search vessels, who noticed oil floating on the surface.

A diver was immediately sent down and found the submarine. It was too late to start raising operations, which will begin at daylight.

### TORONTO WOMAN GIVEN ANNUITY

Carnegie Hero Fund Commission Gives Monthly Allowance to Mrs. F. Rance of Delaware Ave.

By the annual report of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission, issued yesterday, conspicuous acts of bravery on the part of three Canadians, one of whom belonged to Toronto, are recognized.

The widow of Frank Rance, 611 Delaware avenue, Toronto, who sustained injuries in attempting to save Mary C. and Regina G. Cryan from burning in New York, Dec. 10, 1912, becomes entitled to \$50 monthly, with \$5 for her child until it is 18 years old.

William Kerr, Vancouver, B.C., gets a bronze medal for saving John Magee from drowning at Skagway, Alaska, Nov. 26, 1909.

A bronze medal is awarded to the sister of Stewart L. McLelland, Wilton's Corner, Quebec, who died in attempting to save Leo Dogs from drowning in a canoe accident, May 29, 1911, both men being drowned.

The latest award includes 50 cases covering all parts of the United States and Canada and bringing the total number of cases in ten years up to 871.

### HON. ADAM BECK SAILS ON RETURN TO CANADA

He is Among the Passengers Who Left Southampton Yesterday on the Olympic.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—(Can. Press.)—Among the passengers sailing on the White Star liner Olympic from Southampton today were: Sir Frederick Williams Taylor, general manager of the Bank of Montreal, and Lady Taylor; Sir Charles and Lady Ross of Quebec, Hon. Adam Beck of London, Ont., and Rev. J. Campbell Morgan, D.D., who is going over for a rest in America.

### FREIGHT STEAMER ASHORE.

Hector M. Melville of Toronto wired The World from New York last night that the freight steamer Camoens, owned by the Lamport and Holt line and bound from New York to Rio Janeiro, was ashore on the outer reefs of Bermuda at high tide. Tugs have been sent to the assistance of the vessel.

### SEATED UPON DYNAMITE MINE HE BUMPED THRU CITY STREETS

Detective Guthrie Found Horse and Rig Stolen From Pine Grove and Drove to City Hall—Five Sticks of Dynamite Under Wagon Seat.

A brave and fearless detective is George Guthrie of the local office; nevertheless he declares he had the worst scare of his life while recovering an ironfist-looking horse and wagon at a Clinton street house yesterday afternoon.

A few days ago a valuable horse and rig was reported stolen from Pine Grove, a village just a few miles outside Toronto. It was believed the thieves had made for the city, and the local police were notified.

Clinton Street to City Hall.

Guthrie, assigned to the case, traced the stolen rig to the Clinton street house and yesterday afternoon recovered it. He telephoned the owner, who identified it, whereupon Guthrie drove the rig down to the city hall to hold it for the rightful owner.

In the city hall yard he alighted, but for some reason or other looked under the seat. Wrapped in a neat brown parcel the detective found five sticks of nine-inch dynamite, which apparently had been bumped around all the rough journey from Clinton st. to the city hall.

No Place For It There.

He gingerly picked up the explosive and brought it into the detective office and showed it to Inspector Kennedy. The inspector is no explosive expert, but realizing there was sufficient power in the find to lift the city hall from its foundations, he ordered it removed from the building and placed in safe keeping.

### MOTHER MAY NOT SEE BODY OF DEAD BOY

Quarantine Adds to Distress of Humber Bay Family—Cecil Harris Instantly Killed When Shot Gun Discharge Pierced His Brain.

When his shot-gun accidentally discharged while he was bending over a rabbit hole on Mimico Creek about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Cecil Harris, aged 22, sustained such terrible wounds to his head that he died almost instantly. A younger brother, Frank, heard the report of the gun and turned just in time to see Cecil roll down the hill. A tragic feature of the affair is that the mother and other members of the family have been informed of the accident, they are quarantined for scarlet fever and cannot see the body.

The Harris family at Humber Bay are very well known in the Township of Etobicoke. Their home is on Queen street, just west of Church. Cecil was one of three boys and was very popular.

Found Hare Tracks.  
Taking advantage of the fall of snow, Cecil invited his brother Frank to go out shooting rabbits. The two left the market garden about 2 o'clock and proceeded to the west bank of Mimico Creek. They picked up the tracks of a hare behind "Crowhurst's Bush," and followed them north to a point where College street crosses the creek. Frank ran up the hill while Cecil put the ferret in a rabbit hole. He then stood back with the hammer of his gun raised in readiness for the appearance of the rabbit.

Jar Displaced Hammer.  
When the rabbit did not come out of the hole, young Harris walked over and bent down to look in the channel. He grasped the gun by the barrel, and as he did so the butt struck the earth. The jar displaced the hammer and the discharge of shot struck the youth in the side of the face.

Frank Harris heard the report and a faint groan. He turned just as his brother rolled down the hill. The boy summoned neighbors, but first aid was of no avail, as Cecil was dead when help reached him. Owing to the quarantine on the house, the body was removed to an undertaker's.

After being acquainted with the news, Mrs. Harris became so ill that she could not nurse the other members of the family, who are confined to bed with scarlet fever. A trained nurse had to be sent for to take charge of the patients.

No inquest will be held.

### WOMAN STARVED IN DIRTY ROOM

Mrs. Daniel Armstrong Staggered From Her Room on Manning Avenue and Fell Dead.

A death believed to have been caused by privation and filthy surroundings occurred at 39 Manning avenue at 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

Mrs. Daniel Armstrong, middle-aged, rooming with her husband at the above address, staggered from her room, gave a feeble call for assistance, and dropped to the floor dead. Dr. Watson believes from her condition death was due primarily to starvation. The surroundings in the room were very filthy.

The police as yet have been unable to locate the husband, who, they state, is a heavy drinker and was drunk that morning.

Coroner Bateman opened an inquest at the morgue last evening into the woman's death and adjourned it until the 28th.

### A Genuine Musical Comedy.

"The Doll Girl," which Charles Froberman is sending to the Princess Theatre here next week, is said to be a genuine musical comedy, and one of the best ever presented. The advance sale of seats opens this morning at the theatre box office.

### A FROZEN EAR



OTTAWA NEWS  
Wanted—A small two-seated motor car crashed into a hydro-electric pole at the corner of King and Bay streets at 11 o'clock last night, throwing Ellis L. Thurlston, 484 Clendenan avenue, out on the sidewalk. Charles Laper, 56 Johnston street, who was standing on the sidewalk, was knocked down by the car.

All were taken to St. Michael's Hospital, but beyond a few stitches necessary to repair minor cuts, none were seriously injured. Laper was able to leave for his home immediately after receiving four stitches in his head.

Everything in Furs for Men.  
There is no need going farther than Dancy's, 149 York street, for any kind of fur garments or fur piece. Stock taking at this well-known house takes place at the end of this month, and prices in every line have been reduced to effect certain sale. Fur caps, fur collars, fur gauntlets, motor rugs, etc. are shown in good variety still. Fur-lined coats and overcoats are offered at a mere fraction of original selling price. Such saving chances will quickly disappear, making an early visit imperative.