

IMPROVEMENT IN MOROCCAN CASE.

Martial Tone of Press Has Materially Diminished.

Due to Confident Attitude of Foreign Officials—Military Preparations to be Completed.

PARIS, Jan. 7.—Public uneasiness over the Moroccan controversy has undergone a distinct improvement. This is due mainly to the confident attitude of the officials of the foreign office, who consider the selection by the Italian government of the Marquis Visconti Venosta, who was one of the earliest advocates of the Franco-Italian entente, strengthens the government's expectation of the united support of the leading Mediterranean powers.

The martial tone of the press considerably diminished, and the sensational branch of it no longer prints alarmist reports of the frontier preparations. None the less, the public and the press continue, though with great calmness, to discuss the imperative need of completing military preparations.

Now that the French delegates are preparing to start for Algiers, there is evidence of the greatest firmness in upholding the French position, the essential feature of which is that France, through her geographical proximity to Morocco, which is analogous to that of the United States towards Cuba, and through her vast Algerian borders, is justly entitled to have a special and privileged position in Morocco.

Germany, while yielding much, has never clearly yielded the claims of France as a special position in Morocco. This is the vital issue, and the minor questions regarding police, customs, finance and contraband, can be adjusted, once it is definitely settled whether France has or has not a special and privileged position in Morocco.

If the French position is upheld, the conference, it is expected, will charge France with the police, customs and other duties. Against this Germany will seek to secure international control of the police, the customs and other matters, thus giving all nations, including Germany, the same status in Morocco as that of France.

The French delegation will start without the slightest thoughts of yielding or compromising the essential principles of France's privileged position, and therein lies the danger of the Franco-German outlook.

The Berlin correspondent of the Temps says that Germany, following the action of the United States and Great Britain, is sending a squadron to Algiers. The paper says that France thus far has not ordered a squadron to the neighborhood of the conference. It adds that three British squadrons, comprising the channel, home and cruiser squadrons, will rendezvous in Cadiz Bay, near Algiers, in the middle of February.

AFFAIRS AT GUADALOUPE

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—A despatch from Fort de France, Martinique, to the Herald, dated Friday, says: "The French naval squadron has left for the Isles de Saintes. The cruiser Jurien de la Graviere is transporting troops to Guadeloupe. The vessels will afterwards go to Trinidad.

Some time ago a despatch from Guadeloupe announced the destruction of a government building by an incendiary fire. It is possible that there has been some outbreak in Guadeloupe.

BOOK OF DR. JEKYL AND MR. HYDE NONE TOO STRONG

Is Verdict of Prominent Graduate of Vanderbilt and Columbia Universities Who Attempted Suicide After Suffering From Suicidal and Homicidal Mania For Years.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Dr. R. W. Steger, said to be a graduate of Vanderbilt and Columbia universities and a member of a family prominent in Nashville, Tenn., attempted suicide in the Audobon hotel, last night, by taking a mixture of chloroform and morphine. He was removed to Bellevue Hospital today, where the physicians say he cannot recover.

Dr. Steger took the poison after leaving a note saying that he had suffered from suicidal and homicidal mania for years, and that he could not bear the suffering longer. His letter, addressed "Whom it may concern," follows:

"My name is Robert W. Steger, and I am 48 years old. Occupation, physician. Place of birth, Alabama. Cause of death, suicide by means of morphine and chloroform. I give my body to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of this city for dissection. I am a graduate of that school, class of 1893. I have not been mentally sound for several years, having suffered from frequent attacks of suicidal mania. These

would sometimes take the form of homicidal mania, and again a combination of both. The attacks usually lasted two or three days, during which time it was impossible for me to sleep. The present attack has lasted three weeks. A continuance would be worse than death, so I feel justified in taking my life. This condition has caused me to do things for which I have been severely censured. I trust my friends may now know that my mistakes have been of the head and not of the heart.

"(Signed) ROBERT W. STEGER."

Another message, probably written after the doctor had swallowed the poison and uncompleted because the morphine and chloroform began to take effect, was as follows:

"As I am sitting here in R17 as sane as I have been for three weeks, and expecting to die in an hour, I want to say that the book of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde is none too strong. I also think—

"The writing was firm at the beginning of the message, but gradually became almost indecipherable.

PROCLAMATION SIGNED DISSOLVING PARLIAMENT.

First Polling in British Campaign Will Take Place Jan. 13th at Greenwich—Last Poll Must Close Jan. 27—Both Sides Making Spirited Fight.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—King Edward returned to London this afternoon and held a meeting of the privy council, at which the proclamation dissolving parliament was signed. Immediately afterwards writs were issued for the election of the members of the new parliament, which, in accordance with the law, his majesty has summoned to meet at Westminster Feb. 13th.

The first polling will take place Jan. 13 at Greenwich, where Lord Hugh Cecil, leader of the conservative free traders, is engaged in a triangular fight for the unionist seat against a liberal and a Chamberlainite. The last poll must close Jan. 27. Therefore, within a fortnight, the verdict of the majority of the electors will be known and the probable life of the liberal government will be measurable.

The leaders of the opposing forces mounted the hustings tonight and no less than fifteen members of the past

and the present cabinet spoke in different parts of the country, including former Premier Balfour, Herbert Henry Asquith, Joseph Chamberlain, John Morley, Lord Lansdowne, John Burns, David Lloyd-George, and Austen Chamberlain.

The issues were clear and the speakers continued to ring the charges against home rule or tariff reform. The liberals all along the line attacked the unionist record of the past ten years, while the unionists in the main were on the defensive.

Sir Charles Dilke, speaking in London tonight, announced himself as an advanced radical-independent candidate. He spoke very favorably of the members of the new cabinet. Questioned with regard to Morocco, Sir Charles said that the difficulties predicted over the Moroccan situation were frightfully exaggerated, and that there was no danger of a war arising therefrom.

A RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CABINET

Which Involves Retirement of Hon. Mr. Emmerson

Outlined in Special Ottawa Despatch to Winnipeg Telegram—Pugsley to be Taken In.

The following rather interesting despatch from the Canadian capital appeared in the Winnipeg Telegram on Tuesday last:

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier is in a position to announce a sweeping reconstruction of his cabinet. The slate as finally completed is as follows:

Minister of railways—Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick.

Minister of justice—Hon. A. B. Aylesworth.

Minister of public works—Hon. L. P. Brodeur.

Postmaster general—Hon. Charles Hymans.

Minister of inland revenue—Hon. R. Lemieux.

Minister of marine—Hon. William Pugsley.

Solicitor general—Hon. N. A. Belcourt.

The reconstruction, it will be noted, involves the retirement of the Hon. H. R. Emmerson, present minister of railways. It is not known what will be done with Mr. Emmerson, but it is believed that he will be appointed to the supreme court of New Brunswick or to the senate. It is significant that the New Brunswick vacancy in the senate has not yet been filled.

EMMERSON'S SUCCESSOR.

The Hon. William Pugsley is at present attorney general of New Brunswick. He has long sought a cabinet portfolio at Ottawa. It was to promote his claims that last winter his friend, David Russell, the promoter, gave a magnificent banquet in Mr. Pugsley's honor at the Caledonia Springs, and chartered special trains from Montreal and St. John to convey the guests.

The banquet cost Mr. Russell several thousand dollars.

EMMERSON RETIRES.

Mr. Emmerson, it has long been known, does not find the work of administering a department congenial. He was brought into the cabinet as a makeshift and it was never intended that the position should be permanent. Mr. Pugsley takes the portfolio of marine and fisheries, which was rendered vacant by the death of Mr. Prefontaine.

Mr. Aylesworth enters the office which Sir Wilfrid Laurier all along had in mind for him. He told some intimate friends immediately after his election that he would be minister of justice within six months, and it is clear that he was familiar with the premier's intentions. Mr. Fitzpatrick gets one of the big plums of the cabinet for his long service to Ontario.

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LETTER FROM SHERIFF SMITH

Who Tells How Hope Young is Treated

During Her Confinement in Digby Jail—Prisoner Always Satisfied

To the Editor of the Sun:

Sir—Will you kindly allow me space in your paper to answer a communication reprinted from Boston paper regarding the prisoner, Hope Young, now held in Digby jail under charge of murder? I have read the retraction of Mr. Monroe (collector for Hope Young) but I think under all the circumstances the public are entitled to the facts of the matter, and for their information I beg to submit the following facts relative to this unfortunate woman, a prisoner here, under my charge. I had assigned to her the cell which is generally used for prisoners held for debt, and called the "debtors' cell." It is situated on the north side of the jail and overlooks the harbor and town. In it there is a comfortable bed, with plenty of clean bedding; a stove in which a fire has been kept whenever the weather has warranted it. She has always been allowed the same food as the jailor and his family had. She has never been refused anything she has asked for, except a lamp in her cell (no lamps are given to any of the prisoners confined in Digby jail). My visits to the jail have been frequent, and I always inquired of her if she was treated well, and she invariably replied that she was all right and well cared for. Frequently she has received through the jailor and myself reading matter, such as magazines, papers, etc. Her mother and the priest have always been allowed to visit her in her cell whenever they called. The jailor, his wife or some of the family have been within sound of her voice constantly, and always ready to attend to her wants. Hope Young has been used well in Digby jail before she became insane, and has been used as well as it is possible since. She does not see me as violent and burned all her clothing and wrecked everything breakable in her cell. I at once instructed the jailor to place her in another cell, and she has since been under my watch on her constantly, and her cell heated, which has been done night and day. I ordered suitable clothing for her myself, and everything has been done that is possible to make her comfortable. With reference to the money received by Mr. Hutchinson, the jailor, I beg to give a correct statement below, and may add that Mr. Monroe has received it all except fifty cents. The money that came through the mail Christmas eve and two dollars and a quarter handed to myself by F. G. Eaton of Eaton's hotel. This \$12.25 is in the bank in Digby, and is placed to her credit. Money received by W. Hutchinson and paid to R. G. Monroe:

Sept. 7—From Reader	\$ 1.00
Sept. 8—Miss F. H. Allibone	2.00
Sept. 8—Check from Mitchell	3.00
Sept. 8—Stranger	1.00
Sept. 18—Catherin's hot me.	1.00
Oct. 4—Miss F. H. Allibone	5.00
Oct. 7—Mrs. M. W. H.	50.00
Oct. 28—Collected Waverly hotel.	5.25

\$88.25

The statement by Mr. Monroe as to effect that some of the money sent to Hope Young was used to defray the expenses of the first trial by the crown prosecutor (Mr. Dennison), and my deputy, Mr. Burnham, is of course absolutely untrue. The reason why Mr. Monroe wrote to the prisoner's sister in Boston regarding the manner in which Hope Young was being abused by the authorities here, and tried to excite her sympathy, will be quite easy to imagine. The excuse that his letter was not intended for publication is, to say the least, a lame one. If Mr. Monroe had any fault to find with the manner his client was used, why did he not mention it to me?

H. A. P. SMITH,
Sheriff for Digby Co.
Digby, N. S., Jan. 4, 1906.

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MONCTON PASTOR AHEAD OF TIME

Went to Wrong Church While Congregation Waited.

Death of Former St. John Man—May Retire from Office—Other News of Railway Town

(Special to the Sun.)

MONCTON, N. B., Jan. 8.—Mrs. Margaret Roberts, one of the oldest residents of Silesville, parish of Moncton, died last week, at the age of 83. The funeral took place on Saturday and was largely attended. The deceased had been helpless for some years from paralysis. She is survived by a husband, one son and one daughter.

J. W. Binney, collector of customs here, has purchased a lot of land near the Gurney Jones place on the Lewisville road, and an architect is preparing plans for a fine new residence to be erected there. Mr. Binney's removal to a place outside the town limits may forestall his retirement from office, of which an intimation was given in the Sun some weeks ago.

The funeral of the late Peter Creaghan will take place from the residence of his friend, J. P. Delahurst, tomorrow. Mr. Creaghan was formerly a resident of St. John, where it is said he has relatives, who are making inquiries concerning him. Mr. Creaghan was a blacksmith by trade and for many years previous to 1898 worked in the L. C. B. shops. He had the reputation of being a workman with few superiors, especially in certain lines of car work, but being a somewhat ardent conservative, he was dismissed by the present government. A few weeks ago he was taken ill with erysipelas, but nothing serious was anticipated until a few days before his death, which took place on Sunday afternoon. Deceased was a man of very quiet and regular habits and was greatly respected by those who knew him best for his upright and sturdy independence. He was about 55 years of age and had never married.

A Moncton Baptist clergyman, a late arrival from the United States, had a rather unique experience on Sunday; likewise two congregations. The evangelical pastors had agreed to exchange pulpits on Sunday next, at the close of the week of prayer, but the clergyman in question conceived the idea that the exchange was at the opening of the week, and having been assigned to Wesley Memorial pulpit, which is in the west end of the town, wended his way thither at an early hour. He

TWO I. C. R. TRAINS MAY BE DISCONTINUED

Rails from the Sydney Works—Changes in Runs of Express Messengers.

MONCTON, Jan. 8.—It is stated numbers 85 and 86, trains between Sydney and Halifax, will be discontinued after the 13th inst.

About half the order for 25,000 tons of steel rails from the Sydney works has already been delivered to the Intercolonial, and will be put in the track next season between Sussex and St. John and east of Campbellton.

Mrs. Thomas Irving, mother of Contractor William Irving of the I. C. R., had a stroke of paralysis last night, and as she is 81 it is feared the results will be fatal.

Inspector Patterson of the Canadian Express Company was here today, and made several changes in the runs of messengers. W. S. Morrison, formerly between Moncton and Halifax on the Maritime express, is promoted to run between St. John and Montreal. N. C. McAuley, who has been running between Paines and Point du Chene, takes Morrison's old place, and I. N. Murray of Shediac is taken into the service as a new train between St. John and Machine Company, left tonight for the upper provinces.

PRESIDENT OF YORK LOAN ARRESTED

On Instructions from Crown Attorney Curry—Warrant Alleges Conspiracy to Defraud.

(Special to the Sun.)

TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 8.—Joseph Phillips, president of the York County Loan and Savings Co., was arrested this afternoon on instructions from Crown Attorney Curry, and following upon the investigation made by the government, the warrant alleges conspiracy to defraud. Phillips was released on \$5,000 bail. W. H. Cross, who made the report for the government, asserts that the installment share account was "grossly incorrect," and that the statement issued by the company were untrue, while the reports made by the concern to the government were also untrue.

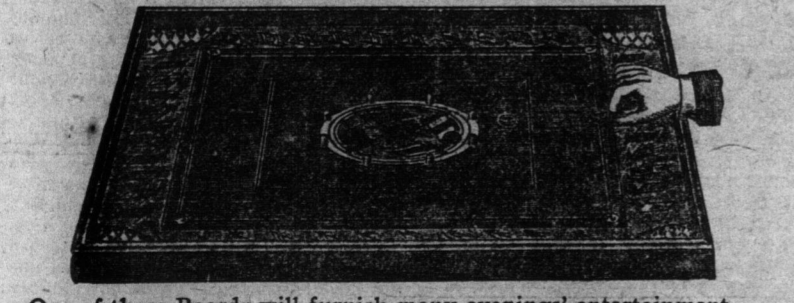
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(From Tuesday's Daily Sun.)

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