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COMPLICATIONS BETWEEN CANADA AND U. S. OVER SEIZURE OF POACHER BY PETREL

The Washington Authorities Have Instructed the Consul-General at Ottawa to Make a Fresh Demand to Dominion Government for Release of the Kittie D. Seized During Last July.

Buffalo, Aug. 11.—The Commercial afternoon says: According to statements made before noon by Congressman D. S. Alexander of Buffalo, there is every indication that there will be international complications between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Dominion of Canada, as a result of the seizure on July 3 last of the fishing tug Kittie D., of Dunkirk, N. Y., by the Canadian revenue cutter Petrel. The state department at Washington has just ordered Consul-General John G. Foster at Ottawa to lay the matter before the Canadian authorities once more.

According to a communication received by Mr. Alexander from the state department, there is much disagreement in the evidence submitted by the Canadian authorities relative to the seizure, and that of the commander of the United States revenue cutter Fessenden, and so very little evidence upon which the Canadian Government can stand as to the location of the Kittie D. at the time the boat was seized, that the state department deemed it imperative to instruct the consul-general as stated.

A HONOLULU HOLDUP

Lawyers Blackmail an Aged Capitalist for \$80,000.

Honolulu, Aug. 11.—Sensational proceedings before the supreme court yesterday ended in the disbarment of ex-Circuit Judge A. S. Hammonds and Attorney George Davis. Attorney Thompson is suspended for a year. The cases grow out of the scandal in the case of an aged capitalist, John Sumner, who was forced to fight relatives who declared him insane. Extortionate fees were collected and Davis was accused of intimidating Sumner into paying a huge ransom. Davis paid \$30,000 in fees in a few months.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

Young Laborer of Milton Takes a Fatal Slipstep.

Milton, Ont., Aug. 11.—Frank Reason, a farm laborer who has for several years been working for R. G. Garbutt, a farmer residing three miles west of Walkerton, was killed while at work this morning. He was sent to work back some oats, and when Mr. Garbutt went to the barn, he found Reason lying dead on the floor at the foot of the ladder. It is supposed that while ascending the ladder he missed his footing and fell to the floor, striking on his head, since the skull is badly crushed. Coroner Ling has been notified, but it is not likely that an inquest will be held.

EVERYBODY SNEEZED

The Odd Effect of an Ammonia Explosion at Chester.

Chester, Pa., Aug. 11.—With an unearthly hiss and thud, the big ammonia pump in the engine room of the Consumers' Ice Company broke. There was a high pressure on the pipes, and instantly the room was filled with the gas so that it almost overcame Alexander J. McKinnis, the engineer. Scarcely able to call to the men to run for their lives, he staggered out of the deadly chamber, followed by his assistants, who escaped as by a hair's breadth.

Hissing like a great serpent, the vaporized ammonia poured through the vent, and soon for a square about the works people were thrown into violent sneezing and coughing spasms. Women and children, with tear-stained faces, rushed into the streets to get a chance to breathe, while for a time everybody near was kept blinking, as the vapor was painful to the eyes. For a half hour after the accident the neighborhood of the works sounded as though an epidemic of whooping cough had visited the section.

The accident is similar to that at Rupert's brewery in New York, in which several lives were lost and the officials of the Consumers' Company are marveling that there were no fatalities today.

A JAILER WHIPS A WHITE WOMAN; MOB MAY RESORT TO LYNCHING

Female Convict Given Forty Lashes—Sent to Work With Negroes and Faints.

Milledgeville, Ga., Aug. 11.—The investigation of the whipping of Maurie De Crist, the "Diamond Queen," by Warden Alagood, of the state prison camp, has revealed cruelties of the most shocking character. The people of the neighborhood are so aroused over the testimony that there is talk of mobbing the warden should he appear in the town.

According to the evidence Mrs. Alagood, the wife of the warden, gave the position of hospital stewardess to a negro woman and ordered Mrs. De Crist, who was not physically strong, to be sent to work in the field. Miss De Crist protested and Mrs. Alagood flew into a passion and told her husband Miss De Crist must be whipped.

Warden Alagood obeyed his wife, calling two guards to assist, took Miss De Crist into a room, where she was stripped to the waist, and the warden then held her while the warden plied a cowhide on her bare back. Alagood, it is said, continued to use the cowhide until he had given her forty lashes, thirty more than has ever been administered before to a hardened criminal of stout physique.

The day after the whipping Miss De Crist, although ill, was driven to the field to work with the negroes. She

MURDER, SUICIDE AT HAMILTON

Charles Vosper Shoots His Wife Dead and Then Takes His Own Life.

Hamilton, Ont., Aug. 11.—Charles Vosper, a butcher, who occupied a stall in the central market, and who lives at 315 Herkimer street, murdered his wife this morning about 5 o'clock by shooting her through the head. He then turned the revolver on himself and committed suicide. Both were found when found by neighbors. Vosper was a widower about five years after they were married. He was quarrelsome and violent, and the police authorities had to interfere to quell the disturbance. They have quarreled at intervals ever since, and there is no doubt that domestic infidelity was the cause of the double tragedy. Vosper's wife was several years his junior. Vosper was considered wealthy, and the couple sometimes quarreled over the disposition of the money.

MR. PIRIE'S CONDITION

The Doctors Say He is Holding His Own.

Dundas, Ont., Aug. 11.—The doctors report that Mr. Pirie is still holding his own; there is little or no change in his condition this morning.

SINKING ISLANDS

Seas Sweeping Over the Tuamotu Group.

Papeete, Tahiti, July 23, via island known variously as the Low Archipelago and the Tuamotu Group, are destined to be reclaimed by the Pacific Ocean. Last January they were swept by a flood, and now, six months later, fierce gales from the southwest and southeast have again caused great crests to sweep over the islands. So far only four persons are believed to have perished, but the fear is great that when all the islands are cleared there may be a long list of fatalities. Three of the Tuamotu islands were under water to such an extent that the inhabitants had to climb coconut trees for safety. Houses and stores, copra and finally the cocoanuts were destroyed.

Earthquake at Malta.

Malta, Aug. 11.—A violent shock of earthquake, lasting a minute, was felt here at 5:35 this morning.

THE CATTLE EMBARGO

British Government Not Satisfied As To American Cattle.

London, Aug. 11.—In the House of Commons today, in reply to the question why, in view of the United States Government's notification that the New England States are free from disease, the prohibition of the importation of cattle into this country was maintained, a representative of the board of agriculture replied that the evidence was not sufficient to justify the withdrawal of the prohibition, but detailed information on the subject was shortly expected.

A BRUTAL ASSAULT

Little Girl Near Montreal Terribly Maltreated by Tramp.

Montreal, Aug. 11.—A crime committed at St. Lambert recalls the Collingwood tragedy, but the little girl victim in this case, although almost beaten into insensibility, is expected to recover. Fanny Boies, 10 years old, was playing with other children near a small wood at the eastern outskirts of the village, when a roughly-dressed man dragged her under cover, while her playmates ran terrified. As soon as the alarm was given a search was made. The little girl was discovered in a pitiable condition, where the man had left her after having pounded her head on a rock. She was taken to a doctor's care. A persistent search has been maintained to find the villain, but so far without success. The child says that she could identify him.

BANK SAFE SHATTERED

St. George Village Has a Big Sensation.

Brantford, Ont., Aug. 11.—The village of St. George, twelve miles from this city, experienced a sensation yesterday morning shortly after 2 o'clock, when three unknown men made an attempt to rob the branch of the Merchants Bank, which is established there. This was the second attempt to rob the bank in three years, and fortunately it was unsuccessful. No money was secured and the marauders made a hasty retreat.

A terrific explosion aroused the villagers shortly after 2 o'clock. Charles Keifer, the postmaster, who resides just opposite the bank, immediately got up and fired several shots from his revolver. The explosion was caused by a quantity of dynamite which had been placed in the bank. No one appeared. He then dressed and crossed over, entering the bank, company with Dr. Addison, who had been called to the scene. Everything was in confusion. Every window in the building was smashed, the woodwork badly splintered, and the plaster strewn about the floor. The outer casing of the safe was blown off, and the perpetrators having applied an excessive quantity of nitro-glycerine in effecting the explosion. The inner casing was intact.

The burglars were nowhere to be seen, and a large number of villagers who had gathered started out in a futile search after them. The local police have communicated with surrounding points, and an effort is being made to locate the safe-crackers. They are supposed to have driven from this city to St. George late on Sunday night, but there is no trace of their return.

HE PICKS THE SHAMROCK

Does Captain Hoffman Who Sailed the America.

New York, Aug. 11.—Sole survivor of the crew that manned the America, when that schooner captured the Queen's cup, Capt. Henry C. Hoffman, now a prosperous coal merchant with a handsome yacht, believes that the American yachtsmen have reached the bottom of the string of successes over their British rivals, and that Sir Thomas Lipton is going to "lift the cup."

"Yes, I was one of the boys on the America when she won the cup long ago," said Capt. Hoffman last night, when he was seen in his home in Brooklyn. "I had sailed under old Capt. Brown for a year and a half before we ran away from them all off Cowses. 'Sir Thomas Lipton has a fine boat; there can be no doubt of that. I think the Irishman will life the cup. You may notice that there is very little betting, and our people are not crowing very loudly. It seems to me the Shamrock is a better weather boat than ours. It can stand rougher work. Our boat is too tight. I may say it looks to me very doubtful for our side.'"

PET MOUES IN AUTO

Alarms Girl, She Rattles Chauffeur, and Then the Wreck.

New York, Aug. 11.—Through the vagaries of a pet mouse which had secreted itself beneath the seat of a large automobile today, Miss Helen P. Finerty, the daughter of Joseph Finerty, who, with several friends, was on an outing to Hastings and Ardsley, was frightened into hysterics. As the machine was going along the boulevard the mouse began to ascend Miss Finerty's ankle. Alarmed by her screaming the chauffeur of the machine ran it into a fence, and came within a short margin of going down the cliff. The machine was smashed, and Miss Finerty fainted. She was taken home and the plans for the day's excursion were abandoned.

THE POPE FAINTS HEARING MASS

Worn Out by Nervous Strain of Ceremonies.

GREAT CONFUSION IN CHURCH

Doctor Laponni Was Hastily Summoned But Meantime His Holiness Recovered.

Rome, Aug. 11.—Pope Pius X. had a fainting fit this morning while celebrating mass. His holiness soon recovered. The Pope has been over-exerting himself to such an extent that his naturally strong constitution was unable to bear the strain put upon it by the coronation ceremonies. Such has been the effect upon his nervous system that he has been unable to sleep for whole nights, while numerous receptions yesterday made matters worse. Last night his holiness also was very much agitated, still he persisted upon admitting this morning to hear his mass all Venetians who had journeyed to Rome purposely to attend the coronation. They numbered about 50, when the mass began in the Pauline Chapel, and the air was vitiated, with the temperature above 90 degrees.

Pope Pius was seen to grow paler and paler, finally throwing out his hands as though seeking support. He was rendered unconscious by the strain, his private chaplain, been quick to catch him. It is impossible to describe the confusion and alarm among the faithful. Even though they disapproved the first victory of his entourage, which has insisted that he should take the change of life less strenuously. Even though they disapproved the first victory of his entourage, which has insisted that he should take the change of life less strenuously. Even though they disapproved the first victory of his entourage, which has insisted that he should take the change of life less strenuously.

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A Train Filled With Work People Consumed by Fire—Imprisoned Passengers Die by Suffocation and Flame—Heroic Efforts of Parisian Firemen To Rescue Victims—The Tunnel Strewn With Bodies.

Paris, Aug. 11.—Eighty-four bodies have been recovered and the death toll probably will exceed 100 in the underground railway disaster which occurred here last night. The accident, which occurred on the Metropolitan Electric Railway, assumed terrible proportions early this morning. More than four score bodies of the burned and suffocated victims were removed from the subterranean passage. The work continues and indications are that the dead will number even more. The scenes at the mouth of the tunnel, where the victims were struggling forward in an effort to recognize their missing relatives and friends. Most of the victims are from the middle and working classes, as the train was carrying them home from their work.

Although the accident occurred at 8 o'clock last evening, the officials and firemen were unable, until early this morning, to descend into the tunnel, owing to the blinding clouds of smoke from the burning train. Frequent attempts were made by heroic volunteers to enter the tunnel, but they were repulsed. At ten minutes after 3, a sergeant of the fire department succeeded in making the descent. He remained seven minutes, and brought up a first aid kit, and a box of bandages. He succeeded in making the descent. He remained seven minutes, and brought up a first aid kit, and a box of bandages.

The work of bringing up bodies went on steadily after that, under the direction of Prefect of Police Leprieux, who summoned a large reserve force to hold back the crowd, including the relatives of the victims. Long lines of ambulances were brought into requisition and the bodies were carried to the morgue and the nearby military barracks. After daylight the bodies were taken to the station at Montparnasse, where they were piled up in the tunnel. The tunnel increased to enormous proportions, obliging the police to form a solid column in the tunnel, which admitted only those seeking to identify their relatives among the victims. The bodies of the dead were carried to the morgue during the night, giving many first news of the catastrophe. The bodies of the dead were carried to the morgue during the night, giving many first news of the catastrophe.

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At the station of Les Charonnes the same scenes of death and despair had been enacted. The accident occurred midway between the stations of Montparnasse and Les Charonnes so that the work or salvage proceeded from both ends of the tunnel. In addition to the blinding smoke the tunnel belched forth a terrific heat, as one of the trains slowly burned within. The firemen succeeded in throwing several streams of water in the direction of the wreck, while some firemen made aware of the disaster by the military engineers pushed on inside the tunnel. They brought out two bodies, and soon afterwards, three more. The latter were laborers who had almost succeeded in reaching the exit when they were overcome and suffocated. Further on, the firemen stumbled upon a mass of bodies. These were the passengers of the burned train. They had fled from the coaches when the fire broke out, and groping through the suffocating clouds of smoke sought the exit at Les Charonnes station. But the tunnel makes a sharp turn near the scene of the disaster, and at the angle the entire mass of humanity apparently became tightly wedged.

The corpses at this death angle increased the list, and Prefect Leprieux placed the number of victims at 45 already recovered, while the firemen were still bringing up bodies. The mass was wedged, so large that four and eight bodies were placed in each ambulance. Many of the victims had their hands and feet jammed in the handkerchiefs stuffed in their mouths, they having evidently tried to keep out the asphyxiating smoke. The faces of the dead were red and congested. As the firemen brought out the bodies, agonizing cries went up from women and children who recovered their dead husbands and fathers. About 7 a.m. the bodies of ten women were brought out at once. They had evidently been together in the female compartment and had sought to escape in company when they were overcome. The bodies of two little girls and three infants were found with them, clinging to their mothers. Many poor people claimed the bodies of their children and relatives, and tried to hold back the crowd, which was so firmly insisted on the bodies being taken to the morgue and barracks in order that the bodies of the victims would bear the entire expense of the funerals of the victims. At 9 o'clock a solid column of the bodies of the victims of dead was unofficially estimated at about 100.

HOW IT HAPPENED

The causes of the accident are engaging the attention of the officials. Several versions of the disaster are given, but the main facts which have been established are the following: The electric motor on a train from Port Dauphine failed to start properly, and the train waited at the station of Les Charonnes until the arrival of a second train, which pushed the crippled train forward, making a total of sixteen coaches. The damaged derrick

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A third train crashed into the fiery mass and added another crowd of panic-stricken passengers to those seeking an outlet. The officials were made aware of the disaster by the clouds of smoke rising from the tunnel. These who got out were unable to give any information concerning those left behind, but told of stumbling over bodies all along the tracks. Most of the trainmen escaped, but the conductor of the train causing the accident was seriously injured. The escape of the trainmen is attributed to their superior knowledge of the subterranean passage, which enabled them to hasten forward in spite of the obscurity.

EARLIER DISPATCHES

Paris, Aug. 10.—Five men and two women are known to have lost their lives in a fire and panic in the underground portion of the Metropolitan Electric Railway last evening. It is feared that many more perished and fire and police patrols are searching the tunnel at this hour (4:25 a.m.). About 8 o'clock one of the trains, which ran on five-minute schedule, broke down at Montparnasse station, which is in a poor and populous section of the city. This train was promptly emptied. The train which followed was ordered to push it to the repair sheds. On the way these cars caught fire, but the employees succeeded in escaping. Meanwhile a crowded train reached Les Charonnes, the preceding station, and the officials, seeing smoke pouring out of the tunnel, gave the alarm. A panic ensued, the passengers struggling to escape from the station, and the officials, seeing smoke pouring out of the tunnel, gave the alarm. A panic ensued, the passengers struggling to escape from the station, and the officials, seeing smoke pouring out of the tunnel, gave the alarm.

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