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CANADA WANTS HALIFAX AND ESQUIMAULT DOCKS

Hon. Mr. Prefontaine in London Negotiating for Their Control

Says Dominion Government's Intention is to Start a Navy of Its Own, and These Bases are Necessary to Its Formation—New Cabinet Favorable to the Scheme—Wants Britain's Unemployed Sent to This Country.

Montreal, Dec. 14.—(Special)—A special London cable says: Hon. Raymond Prefontaine and Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux were the principal guests at a dinner given by the Canada Club last night. Mr. Prefontaine, responding to the toast of the Dominion, said that Canada had done for the navy was yet in its infancy. His government thought they should establish a naval reserve organization which, little by little, should become part of the British navy.

FREDERICTON NEWS

Normal School and U. N. B. Christmas Holidays Begin Next Friday.

Gleaner Newspaper Company Organizes—St. John and Other Prominent Conservatives in It—Other Matters of Interest.

Fredericton, Dec. 14.—(Special)—Stockholders of the company which is to take over the Gleaner newspaper met this afternoon and elected the following board of directors: George W. Fowler, M. P., Sussex; George J. Colter, Kewask; R. P. McLeod, C. H. Giles, O. S. Crockett, M. P., J. H. Crockett, Fredericton; Robert Maxwell, St. John. J. H. Crockett was appointed managing director. A meeting of the board of directors was postponed on account of the absence of one of the members.

University and Normal School will be closed for the Christmas holidays on Friday next week.

Many has returned from a month to Halifax and Sydney in his connection with the dominion. On Saturday he will leave for home of the bride's parents, St. John's, on Sunday. Rev. J. H. McPherson performed the ceremony uniting Miss Ella M. Boone and Mr. Charles E. Thomas, of St. John. The happy couple left this morning for St. John west, where they will reside.

Crossing by teams on ice has been general for some days.

P. J. Mooney of St. John is here today looking over the sewerage plans and specifications with a view of tendering for the work of construction. He is accompanied by Engineer Holt. Mr. Mooney thinks the work of excavation should commence during the present winter while the water is low in the river.

Charles E. Thomas of St. John and Ella M. Boone of St. Mary's were married at the bride's home last evening by Rev. J. H. MacDonald.

George V. Cuniffe and E. W. Pond, prominent lumbermen of Fort Kent, are here today.

While at his work this afternoon and died of a morning after a lingering illness from this morning. She was forty-seven and leaves a husband and one son.

TERRIBLE FATALITY TO I. C. R. CAR INSPECTOR

David S. Melanson Pun Over by an Engine in Moncton Yard and Horribly Mangled—Both Legs About Severed—Only Lived a Few Hours—Second Man Had Close Call.

Moncton, Dec. 14.—(Special)—David S. Melanson, car inspector in the Moncton I. C. R. yard, was run over by an engine while at his work this afternoon and died of his injuries shortly after 10 o'clock tonight.

When No. 6 freight train arrived in the yard from St. John, Melanson, in company with fellow workmen, Peter Dawson and R. M. Grave, went on to inspect the cars as usual. Brakeman John Cormier called Melanson's attention to the fact that there was a broken brake rod on one of the cars and both started along the train to find it. Brakeman Cormier was in the lead and both were peering under the cars to find the broken rod.

Melanson was in a stop-grip position scrutinizing the brakes and did not observe the approach of the engine off the train which had uncoupled and was backing down to go in on the round house. The engine was going tender first and the men in charge did not see Melanson in time to stop. He was struck by the tender and fell across the track, the top of the tender passing over both legs before the engine was brought to a standstill.

Horribly Mangled. Melanson and Cormier were neighbors, both residing on Lower Robinson street. The death of his friend was a severe shock to Brakeman Cormier.

OTTAWA BROKERS' HEAVY FAILURE

Merideth MacLaren & Co. Owe Nearly \$100,000, Assets About \$4,000

SOCIETY WEDDING

Miss Hilda White, Daughter of Comptroller of Mounted Police, Married to Her Cousin, Percy White, of England—Supreme Court to Render Decisions Dec. 22.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—(Special)—Word has reached the city of the marriage of Miss Flossie Sweetland, daughter of Sheriff John Sweetland, and Frederick Anderson, assistant engineer of the hydrographic survey department of the marine and fisheries. They were married at New York on the 12th inst.

Ottawa loses another of her fair daughters in the marriage in St. George's church this afternoon of Miss Hilda Kathleen White, daughter of Colonel Fred White, comptroller of the Northwest Mounted Police, and Mrs. White, to her cousin, Percy White, of Portsmouth, England.

Developments which have followed the recent suspension of the business here of the brokerage firm of Merideth MacLaren & Co. have caused somewhat of a sensation in local financial circles. The firm's liabilities are given as \$94,520, while the assets are placed at about \$4,200, while latter sum being in the form of a deposit in the Bank of Ottawa, together with the value of certain office furniture.

The principal creditors, as stated in the proceedings are: Bank of Ottawa, note \$10,000; W. G. Black, \$24,224; Albert MacLaren, \$5,000; C. Rose, \$14,534; David MacLaren, \$3,000; J. A. MacLaren, \$10,000; A. MacFarlane, \$1,860; W. H. Newton, \$64.

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Looking into Charges Against Fitzgerald. Boston, Dec. 14.—Responding to a summons from District Attorney John B. Morgan, Congressman William S. Fitzgerald called upon that officer this afternoon in relation to charges reflecting upon Mayor-elect John F. Fitzgerald made by Mr. McNary at rallies previous to the city primaries. The congressman had reiterated his charges during the election campaign after having been urged to do so by a democrat who had all himself with the movement to elect Frothingham.

AGED WOMAN MURDERED WITH CHLOROFORM. Ashbury Park N. J., Dec. 14.—Physicians today found that chloroform was used to kill Mrs. Morris Nautil, the aged woman who was murdered and robbed yesterday afternoon in her apartment here. It was at first thought that she had been smothered to death by a heavy bed tick which was found over her face.

Her husband and her four sons who are making every effort to learn the identity of the murderer announced today that \$1,000 cash was secured from Mrs. Nautil yesterday. Mr. Nautil said that his wife carried this amount in a champagne bag attached to her clothing and that this bag was found empty.

Louisiana Proves Fast in Long Run. Boston, Dec. 14.—The battleship Louisiana, considerably exceeded her contract speed of 18 knots an hour in her four hour endurance run along the New England coast today, an average speed of 18.23 knots an hour being maintained.

Sale of Ivin's Place. London, Dec. 14.—The sale of the late Sir Henry Irving's theatrical relics at Christie's today attracted a large number of curious buyers, and good prices were realized.

SASKATCHEWAN IS VERY CLOSE

Scott Government Has Thirteen Seats and Opposition Ten.

TWO PLACES IN DOUBT

Doctor Shadd, a Negro, Said to be Elected in One of the Doubtful Constituencies—The First Case of the Kind in Canada if He Wins.

Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—(Special)—The latest figures in the Saskatchewan elections show thirteen government and ten opposition candidates elected, with two seats in doubt.

The government members: Balchford—A. Champagne. Batoche—Wm. Grant. Humboldt—Dr. Neilly (reclamation). Lumsden—Hon. Wm. Scott. Moose Jaw district—K. A. Sheppard. Qu'Appelle, north—Hon. Wm. R. Mott.

Prince Albert city—Hon. J. H. Lamont. Redberry—Geo. Langley. Regina, south—H. H. J. Calder. Rosetown—O. East. Salcoke—Mrs. McNitt. Saskaatoon—W. Sutherland. Yorkton—J. Garry.

Opposition members: Grenfell—Dr. Argue. Maple Creek—D. J. Wylie. Moose Jaw city—J. H. Wellington. Neudorf—Dr. Argue. Qu'Appelle, south—F. W. G. Haultain. Souris—J. T. Brown. Whitecourt—B. Gillies. Wolseley—Dr. Elliott.

In a dub—Canjingo, Kinsheno. Negro Doctor Elected? Regina, Dec. 14.—(Special)—One of the surprises of the provincial campaign is the possible election of Dr. Shadd, the colored candidate in Kinsheno. Dr. Shadd, if elected, is probably the first negro to obtain a seat in a Canadian legislature.

Six Seats Yet in Doubt. Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—(Special)—The latest results from Saskatchewan show that the government has lost six seats and gained two, leaving six seats in doubt. Of the doubtful ones four Liberals are leading. In other words, the indications are fourteen seats for the government and eleven for the opposition.

Pretty Sackville Home Weddings. Sackville, Dec. 14.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Estabrook was the scene of a brilliant event last evening, the occasion being the marriage of their daughter, Phoebe Louise, to Milton Wheaton, of Phoebe, N. E. L. Steeves did the nuptial knot in the presence of 100 guests. Mrs. F. H. Ward, of Moncton, played the wedding march.

The bride was prettily gowned in white silk with trimmings of applique. She was attended by Miss Clacie Wheaton, sister of the groom, who wore pink voile over black.

The groom was supported by Elmer Phinney. After the ceremony and congratulations a tempting wedding feast was served.

The bride was the recipient of many elegant presents, among them a silver tea service and a gold watch and chain.

The marriage of John Steeves and Miss Helen Scott was solemnized at the Baptist parsonage, Middle Sackville, yesterday at 4 p. m. by Rev. E. L. Steeves was the officiating minister.

A very successful hot supper was served by the ladies of Middle Baptist church on Monday evening. The sum of \$80 was netted for church improvements.

Mrs. T. H. Ward and Miss Jessie Ferguson, of Moncton, are the guests of Mrs. Charles Estabrook.

Sackville Foresters, Court Tantram, had a meeting of more than the ordinary interest on Tuesday evening. Excellent speeches were given by H. A. Powell, K. C., and A. B. Copp, M. P. P. The Murray gave a much appreciated vocal solo. Hubert Black provided. The following officers were elected: Chief ranger, E. J. Tingley; vice chief ranger, J. W. Doull; treasurer, W. B. Thompson; R. S. Wm. Dixon; F. S. Woodford Turner; court physician, Dr. E. M. Copp; court deuty, Leo, Edwards. Installation of officers will take place on the second Tuesday in January and the court will give an at home; each member will have the privilege of inviting one. The serving of refreshments and the singing of Auld Lang Syne brought this interesting meeting to a close.

E. A. Dixon, a former principal of Sackville High School, has been appointed inspector of schools during the absence of G. W. Messer, who has obtained a year's leave of absence. Mr. Dixon will enter upon his new duties early in January. His inspectorial district will include a portion of N. Humberland, Restigouche and York counties.

Miss Frances Blomfield paid a visit to Sackville this week. She was formerly on the public school staff here and is now residing at her home in Quebec.

David Wheaton left today for Peopleshurst to oversee his lumber interests.

MORAN AFTER BOSTON SALOONS

Hotel Touraine Had Its Liquor License Cancelled Thursday

OTHER PLACES CLOSED

New District Attorney's Action May Put Ten Other Similar Concerns Violating the Law by Being Too Close to School.

Boston, Dec. 14.—The efforts of District Attorney John B. Moran, the new prosecuting officer of Suffolk county, to obtain a more rigid enforcement of the liquor law in this city, resulted today on the closing of eight saloons and the surrender of the liquor license issued to John R. Coleman, connected with the Hotel Touraine, and from whom the guests of that hotel have obtained liquor for the past seven or eight years.

The saloons, which were closed by order of the board of police commissioners on the ground that they were within 400 feet of a school house were situated on Columbus avenue near Roxbury Crossing, and on Cambridge street in the West End.

The license of the Hotel Touraine was surrendered according to J. Read Whipple, the lessee of the property. The commissioners will keep the license which they renewed last May pending an investigation on their own part as to whether the method employed by the hotel in obtaining liquor for its guests was a violation of the law, relative to the proximity of the school. A part of the liquor in Mr. Coleman's saloon was placed in storage today and the guests at the hotel were unable to obtain any intoxicating beverages. The closing of the hotel, which a few weeks ago was crowded with a brilliant throng of football enthusiasts, was nearly deserted.

Council for Mr. Whipple stated that every effort would be made to comply with the order received last night from the district attorney, but he refused to say whether the closing of the hotel's liquor privilege would result in the shutting of the doors of one of Boston's leading hostilities.

The police commissioners held a long session today but they made no effort to comply with the request received yesterday afternoon from the district attorney to visit his office and give him a list of saloons in the city which are in violation of the law in the issuance of liquor licenses and by those already holding such documents.

It also developed today that the school house which is situated on Tremont street and within 400 feet of the Hotel Touraine, has two annex schools which if considered part of the main institution will bring ten additional saloons within the restricted radius.

MAINE HUNTING SEASON CASUALTY LIST

Portland, Me., Dec. 14.—An unofficial record of shooting accidents in Maine during the big game season which began October 15, and closes at midnight tomorrow night, shows there were seven accidents, of which two resulted fatally. For the entire hunting season since September 2, however, there have been seven fatal accidents and twelve minor ones. One fatality and four accidents were assigned to the persons being mistaken for deer, and four accidents were due to the careless passing of guns in canoe areas. The dead are: D. J. Smith, a few weeks ago, shot in a canoe on the Penobscot river; he died at St. Paul, Oct. 28. Ralph Todd, twenty-five, shot October 10, at Norcross.

Warren O. Liden, sixteen, Burlington, killed October 2, by passing of gun from a canoe. David Durfee, of the Penobscot, died of pneumonia in a boat. Daniel Durfee, of the Penobscot, died accidentally shot November 8. Died in a few days. William Greese, Perham, killed by being mistaken for a deer. On October 2, he was killed by Arthur Frost, Charlevoix, killed by accident discharge of his shot gun while hunting rabbits today.

STIFF SENTENCE FOR NEW YORK ILLEGAL VOTER

New York, Dec. 14.—Richard Ward, convicted of illegal voting and perjury at the recent local elections, was sentenced today to three years and two months in Sing Sing by Judge Rogers.

WANTS MIDSHIPMEN FIRED FOR HAZING

Washington, Dec. 14.—Secretary of the Navy, Denham, has received the report of Rear Admiral Sands, superintendent of the naval academy at Annapolis, upon the hazing of Midshipman Jerome P. Kimbrough. The superintendent recommended the summary dismissal of Midshipman Treas Coffin, jr., of the third class.

Midshipman A. W. Vandevre of the second class, Coffin for hazing and Vandevre for failing to report it. The secretary has the report under consideration.

ARMED REVOLUTION CALLED FOR IN RUSSIA

Germany Demands That Czar Protect Its Citizens from Outrages

Conditions in Baltic Provinces Grow Worse—Landlords Besieged by Peasants and Murder and Pillage is Appalling—Witte's Grip on the Situation Seems Lost, and Stern Measures Are Advocated to Put Down Rebellion.

St. Petersburg (undated), via Eytukhnen, East Prussia, Dec. 14.—The government is sending several columns of troops to the Baltic provinces of Esthonia and Courland and to Riga in response to applications from the German embassy demanding the protection of German subjects, the government has replied that ample troops were now on the way to insure the protection of all foreigners.

August von Hennings, a prominent member of the Baltic nobility and assistant chief of his district, was atrociously murdered at his residence by a mob of dragoons who were detailed to guard his residence also were killed.

A servant, who walked sixty miles to catch a train, brought the details of the horrible event to St. Petersburg. According to the servant the revolutionaries demanded that Von Hennings give up his sword, and on saying that as an officer he could not surrender with honor, the revolutionaries shot him. Subsequently his head was hacked off and his body cut to pieces and fed to the dogs.

M. Bompard, the French ambassador, who returned suddenly a fortnight ago on account of the crisis, has left for Paris and it is understood that he is the bearer of important information for his government. At the embassy, however, it was stated that the departure of the ambassador had no significance as he had only gone to finish an interrupted vacation.

A message from Moscow received by telephone says that according to reports received there, a prominent bishop of Vahyua, in southwest Russia, is instructing the priests to calm the agitation in that section of the country. Nevertheless it is stated that some of the priests are inciting the population against the Jews, Poles and students as enemies of the country. The Council of Workmen has issued the following address: "We extend our most sincere sympathy to our brothers, the soldiers and sailors at Sebastopol and elsewhere, whose blood has been united with ours in the common cause. We call upon the proletariat to organize with redoubled energy for an armed revolution which will liberate the people."

Landlords Besieged by Peasants. St. Petersburg, Dec. 13.—(Morning.) Eytukhnen, Dec. 14.—The government is making little headway in crushing the liquor strike. The wires of the few lines over which service had been temporarily

restored are constantly cut and not a single wire is working out of St. Petersburg today. News comes from the Baltic provinces today to the effect that many of the German landlords who have not fled are establishing a network of small forts and are standing a regular siege. There has been much killing and burning.

Inhabitants of the Baltic provinces who are now residing in St. Petersburg, were immensely gratified at the publication yesterday of the imperial ukase promising local self-government, which they say the abandonment of the Russification policy begun in 1867 to destroy the unity of the old provinces of Latvia, Lithuania, the Ukraine practically insures the restoration of the status quo and creating a deliberative assembly for the solution of the burning questions of reform of the peasant conditions, the institution of the local self-government and schools and a governor general as the office existed before 1876. The papers generally regard the ukase as opening the door to decentralization and as the end of the policy under which the bureaucracy absorbed all the power and stifled the ambitions of the border people.

Strong Measures Advocated. The crisis for a strong policy to end the tyranny of the revolutionary organizations are openly taken up by such men as Charles Von Schwanebach, a former minister of agriculture who in an interview denounces Premier Witte's policy as fatal, declaring that the strike law will be as useless as the press law, adding that the only sane method is to answer by force the threats of the organizations which are calling on the people to make armed resistance.

Such interviews increase the feeling that Premier Witte's position is almost lost and the rumors of the emperor's intention to establish a dictatorship persist. On the other hand it is insisted that the premier still enjoys the confidence of the emperor despite the fact which is fighting him. The cabinet has decided to prosecute in court all violations of the new press law. The first prosecution will be that of the editor of the Nasha Shina for reprinting the resolution of the post and telegraph employees of St. Petersburg of Dec. 12.

The new committee of postal telegraph union has decided to continue the strike until the strikers demands are completely satisfied. The Official Messenger today announced that the new electoral law which has been drafted will immediately be laid before the emperor.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT EASTPORT, ME.

Pier and Freight Sheds of Washington County Railway Burned—Loss \$30,000, Insured—Overhead Stove the Cause.

Eastport, Me., Dec. 14.—The pier and freight sheds of the Washington County Railroad here together with a large quantity of freight were burned tonight. The loss is estimated at \$30,000, and is fully offset by insurance.

The fire is supposed to have been caused by an overhead stove in the office of the sheds. When the flames were first seen they were in possession of the main building and the fire department was unable to save the property.

In the sheds were 1,000 cases of sardines, 2,500 cases of herrings, 2,000 empty barrels and other freight awaiting delivery to steamer.

Sussex Man Breaks Arm.

Sussex, Dec. 14.—Major C. H. Fairweather, druggist, met with a very painful accident last evening. He was attending lodge at the I. O. O. F. building, and while he came out of the building on his return home he tripped and fell, breaking his right arm between the wrist and elbow.

INSURANCE MAN BEGS FOR SECRECY

President of Provident Life Company Asks Inquiry Not to Make Public His Former Transactions With Equitable—Alleged to Owe Concern Large Sum When He Was Its Australian Agent.

New York, Dec. 14.—During the insurance investigation today Edward W. Scott, president of the Provident Savings Life Assurance Society, made an earnest appeal to Chairman Armstrong, of the investigating committee, to exclude from the hearing certain statements bearing on his former relations with the Equitable Society, which he was one time Australian agent. Charles Hughes, counsel for the committee, had asked Mr. Scott whether the Equitable Society had no claim of \$100,000 against him.

Mr. Scott at first declared that he had no such claim but when Mr. Hughes produced letters which passed between Mr. Scott and James W. Alexander in which President Alexander asked Mr. Scott

NEW YORK MANAGER CHARGED WITH THEFT

Arrested at Queenstown on Arrival of Steamer—Had Large Sum on His Person.

Queenstown, Dec. 14.—Alfonso Lisener, a passenger of the steamer Cedric, which arrived here today from New York, was arrested on a charge of absconding with \$8,000 belonging to the patent firm of King & Landemann of New York, of which he was manager.

Lisener's wife, who did not accompany her husband ashore, proceeded on the Cedric to Liverpool in ignorance of his arrest. He had \$6,000 on his person when arrested.

\$100,000 Price on Corey Letters. New York, Dec. 14.—Sixteen thousand mile cruise of a 91 foot yacht around Cape Horn from New York to San Diego (Cal.), was begun today by the Anemone, owned by Charles L. Tutt, of San Diego. She has a crew of ten men and is provisioned for seven months, although she expected to reach her destination in four. The vessel will rely on her sails but she is also supplied with auxiliary power.