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PROMISED TO DISREGARD BETTER TENDERS IS CHARGE AGAINST ONTARIO MINISTERS

Sensational Statement by Member of Ottawa Right-of-Way Syndicate.

Toronto, Aug. 10.—There is a new and sensational turn to the proposed granting of the Temiskaming Railway right-of-way mining lease to the Ottawa syndicate, which the Government was obliged to cancel last week. Mr. John Dickson, a member of the syndicate, has issued a statement, in which he charges that in the negotiations with the Government following the public outcry against the proposed concession the syndicate were asked to withdraw their tender, whereupon new tenders were to be called for, with the understanding that even though a new tender might offer up to \$10,000 more than the Ottawa syndicate's offer of \$50,000, the latter were still to get the concession.

Mr. Dickson declares this proposal first came from Mr. Cecil B. Smith, chairman of the commission, and that later in the presence of the cabinet ministers was supported by Minister of Mines (Cochrane).

"This statement," Mr. Dickson adds, "was indorsed by the Honorable Provincial Secretary, Mr. Hanna, and no member of the Government present in the room offered any objection to the proposed arrangement." The syndicate refused to entertain that proposition, and are now asking that their original offer be accepted.

When the charges made by Mr. Dickson were laid before Acting Premier Foy and Hon. Mr. Matheson, the only ministers who could be found last night, they denied the statement regarding \$10,000, but admitted there had been an expression that in face of only a nominal increase by a new tender, the Ottawa syndicate's offer should be favorably considered, in view of the heavy expenditures they had made.

Mr. Dickson showed the check for \$50,000, the amount deposited by the syndicate in connection with the right of way mining case, which had been returned by the commission yesterday. He, together with Mr. T. A. Beaumont, of Ottawa, and Mr. J. E. Barnett, of Renfrew, who were also in the city yesterday, announced that they would not send in another tender to the commission.

Mr. Dickson in a letter which he wrote to Mr. Cecil B. Smith yesterday, on behalf of the syndicate withdrew the offer which had been made, and added: "We consider the actions of the Government and the commission throughout the transaction most remarkable. We further wish to add that it is the intention of the syndicate to call upon the commission to reimburse them for expenses incurred to date in the matter."

Mr. Dickson's statement is as follows:

"In March, 1906, I made application to C. B. Smith, chairman of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway commission, for the right to mine on the right-of-way of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway. In reply to this request Mr. Smith advised me that my application had been filed and would receive consideration at a later date. On April 5 the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway commission advertised for sale mining rights on the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway between mileages 101 and 105.

"Tenders for this concession were to be received up to noon on May 10, 1906. On June 7, some weeks after the time for tendering had expired, I made a proposition to the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway commission, on behalf of a syndicate that I represented, to mine the right-of-way of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway on a basis of sharing in the profits, the mining company I represented to bear all the expenses of mining and pay to the commission as its proportion 50 per cent of the net proceeds realized from such mining privileges. To this proposition I received no reply whatever from the commission.

"On June 28, I made a third proposition to the T. and N. O. Railway commission, through its chairman, Mr. C. B. Smith, to the effect that if the concession had not already been disposed of through tenders called I had a syndicate which was prepared to pay a bonus of \$50,000 and a royalty of 25 per cent on the ore mined, together with an annual rental of \$50. This offer was duly accepted by the commission and notice of such acceptance was given in writing by the secretary of the commission to me, such notice being dated June 29, 1906. Thinking that the commission had been notified by the press that the concession had been sold to an Ottawa syndicate. After receiving acknowledgment from the secretary of the commission that the lease had been

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THE ST. THOMAS WRECK

Conductor Drake, of the Pere Marquette, Assumes Responsibility.

St. Thomas, Aug. 9.—At the inquiry tonight into last Saturday's accident on the London and Port Stanley Railway, in which two firemen were killed, Conductor Drake shouldered the responsibility. He claimed that he mistook a "special" registered "in" at the St. Thomas depot for No. 131, the train with which he collided.

"I did everything I was required to do by the rules of the company before starting my train out," Conductor Drake testified.

HAND-TO-HAND FIGHT

Small American Force Wiped Out by Band of Puljanes.

Mandla, Aug. 10.—First Lieut. John F. James and two privates of the Eighth Infantry, with Contract Surgeon Calvin Snyder and International Revenue Collector Williams, of Illinois, were killed yesterday afternoon in a hand to hand fight with a force of Puljanes at Julieta, Island of Leyte. The detachment, which consisted of ten men, was greatly outnumbered, but made a gallant fight. The Puljanes captured three pistols, four Krag Jorgensen rifles and 300 rounds of ammunition.

'Twas Big Day for Ireland; 5,000 There; Such a Time!

Thirtieth Annual Picnic of the Irish Benevolent Society—Dancing—Sports—The Baby Show.

The picnic of the Irish Benevolent Society, despite somewhat adverse weather conditions, proved very successful yesterday, the largest crowd of the season visiting the lakeside.

Passenger Agent Kearns stated this morning that the Pere Marquette yesterday sold about 3,000 tickets in London, and about 1,000 in St. Thomas. These, with the large number of people who drove in from adjacent towns, made the crowd at the Port number well on to 5,000 persons.

The Pere Marquette put on a splendid train service, for which the officers of the society thanked Mr. Kearns. The trips to and from the Port were made in short order, and there was not the slightest dissatisfaction with the company.

Good nature beamed from the faces of men, women and children. It was one of the real old-time reunions, in which everybody joined hands to have a good time.

The programme of sports proved a great attraction for thousands of the visitors, who stood for hours outside the roped arena to view the contest.

The race for presidents and ex-presidents brought out all the old war horses of the society, and great was the satisfaction of the crowd, when it was announced that President Mason had won.

The baby show also attracted great attention. The judges had their troubles in picking the winners, but they eased the ire of parents whose babies had been overlooked by giving each and every one of the twenty or more entries a prize.

The splendid bands of the Seventh and Twenty-sixth Regiments rendered sweet music all afternoon and evening, and in the dancing pavilions large numbers of dancers whirled the hours away to the sweet strains of music supplied by Dayton's Orchestra.

On the whole the picnic was a pronounced success, and too much credit cannot be given President Denis Mason, Secretary J. P. Forristal, the other officers and committees of the society.

On the grounds yesterday such men as ex-Mr. Wilson, Harry Ranshan, Harry Buttrey, S. P. Glass, John Stevely, "Barney" McCann, Thomas Wilson, J. W. Pocock, Philip Pocock, Henry Merritt, J. M. Daly, Ed Sifton, W. A. Martin, Sam Stevely and a score of others did much to push the picnic along.

They were assisted by Police Magistrate Love, Chief of Police Williams and Ald. Gillean. The latter never misses a chance to be a good fellow, and at carrying out sports he is a whirlwind.

The Sports.

The sports at the picnic yesterday

ABSCONDING BANK PRESIDENT PLUNGED HEAVILY ON RACES

On One Occasion Put Up \$75,000 of Depositors' Money and Won.

Chicago, Aug. 10.—In addition to the discovery of a private ledger, kept by President Paul O. Stensland, of the wrecked Milwaukee Avenue State Bank, and in which was concealed a record of \$19,000 of savings bank deposits, another sensational book came to light during the examination of Cashier Hering by Assistant State's Attorney Olson at the bank last night. The book showed that the missing president was a heavy plunger on the campaigns on the turf. One day Stensland and some companions bet \$75,000 to win \$60,000 on a certain horse. The animal won. There were lots of losses, however, shown by the bank.

The authorities are chary of repeating implicit confidence in Hering's statements that he did not forge the names on certain notes, and by implication insinuating that Stensland did. The actual securing of money on bad paper always was put through at noon.

COATSWORTH TO SPEAK.

Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 10.—The programme for the annual meeting of the American League of Municipalities, which meets here on Sept. 3, includes an open discussion of municipal ownership, with Mayors Coatsworth of Toronto, Dunne of Chicago, Adam of Buffalo, and others as speakers.

HONORS DIVIDED

Eight Aldermen to Take Turns at Being Mayor of London.

Mayor Judd and Ald. Forristal will leave via the C. P. R. tomorrow for Halifax, where they will attend the convention of the Union of Canadian Municipalities. Ald. Stevenson, another of the delegates, left some days ago. During his absence Mayor Judd has appointed the following aldermen to act for him:

Monday—Ald. Gerry.
Tuesday—Ald. Matthews.
Wednesday—Ald. Saunders.
Thursday—Ald. Booth.
Friday—Ald. Armstrong.
Saturday—Ald. Greenless.
Sunday—Ald. Greenless.
Monday—Ald. Cooper.
Tuesday—Ald. Wyatt.

REMEMBERED BY COMRADES

Ex-P. C. Smith Presented With a Gun by Members of the Force.

Ex-P. C. Walter Smith, who has resigned his position on the local police force, was presented with a magnificent shotgun this afternoon by the members of the force.

P. C. Smith has spent 15 years in the police service in this city. He is a right good fellow and highly esteemed, both by the members of the force, and by all with whom he came in contact. During the latter part of this month Mr. Smith purposes going to the Far West to reside.

ENGLAND AND TIBET

Anglo-Chinese Convention Does Not Alter Anglo-Tibetan Treaty.

London, Aug. 10.—The text of the Anglo-Chinese convention respecting Tibet, which was signed at Pekin, April 24, was issued last night, and confirms the explanation given in the House of Lords on May 1 by Lord Fitzmaurice, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, that the convention did not alter the arrangements concluded by the Anglo-Tibetan treaty.

LONDON HAS FINE MILITARY BANDS

The Regimental Organizations in Splendid Shape—26th Is Doing Well.

Trishmen today are congratulating Bandmaster Slater upon the manner in which the Seventh Band acquitted themselves at Port Stanley yesterday. At the banquet in the Fraser House, the Seventh rendered one of the old-time programmes so dear to the hearts of the sons of Erin, and they were vigorously applauded, and compelled to give frequent encores.

How the band attained such efficiency after the recent disbandment is a mystery to all except those who know Bandmaster Slater. To that gentleman, as well as to the undoubted ability of the individual players, belongs the credit for the present splendid showing of the band.

The Band of the Twenty-sixth regiment also acquitted itself in a manner which reflects great credit on Bandmaster Pocock and the musicians. "I don't believe there's another city the size of London on the continent which has two such splendid bands," a gentleman said to The Advertiser yesterday, while the concerts were going on.

FINE STEAMER BURNED

The John H. Pauly Totally Destroyed at Marine City, Mich.

Marine City, Mich., Aug. 10.—The steamer John H. Pauly, owner by Capt. Charles Marsels, of Marine City, and valued at \$10,000, caught fire here early today, and is a total loss. George Ross, Joseph Minnie and John Powers, members of the crew, who were asleep when the fire broke out, were painfully burned.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COOLER.

A small barometric depression is approaching the great lakes, accompanied by rain and thunderstorms. The weather has been showery in southwestern Ontario and locally in Alberta. Elsewhere it has been fine. The temperature has ranged between 80° and 90° in Ontario, and a little lower in the rest of the Dominion. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 34-82; Victoria, 48-72; Vancouver, 47-73; Calgary, 50-78; Edmonton, 50-78; Qu'Appelle, 52-82; Winnipeg, 55-80; Port Arthur, 64-74; Perry Sound, 62-80; Toronto, 64-83; Ottawa, 64-83; Montreal, 66-86; Quebec, 60-78; St. John, 56-78; Halifax, 55-84.

FORECASTS.
Friday, Aug. 10—8 a.m. Today—Moderate to fresh winds, shifting to upper Mississippi valley region; Saturday—Fresh northwesterly winds; fair and cooler.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
Calgary 48 48 Clear
Winnipeg 62 60 Fair
Port Arthur 64 62 Fair
Perry Sound 62 62 Fair
Ottawa 73 72 Cloudy
Montreal 74 68 Fair
Quebec 74 68 Fair
Father Point 62 50 Clear

WEATHER NOTES.
The barometric depression, which was over the upper Mississippi valley yesterday, is now moving quickly eastward across the great lakes, accompanied by showers. The weather continues fine and warm in the Western Provinces.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Thursday were: Highest, 82°; lowest, 61° above.

FRANCE EXTOLLS DUMA

Paris, Aug. 10.—The leading senators, deputies, former cabinet ministers and members of the institute and of the academy, have united in an address extolling the outlawed Russian Parliament as the bulwark on which Russia's hopes are dependent. The address says:

"History teaches us that a representative government and individual liberty form the only certain means on which a nation can found progress and prosperity. As the friends of Russia, we watched with profound interest the creation of the Russian Parliament, and its struggle for existence. The triumph of liberty in Russia, which we hope is near, will permit the Russian and French people loyally to support the Franco-Russian alliance upon the basis of common ideals and interests.

"The Russian Parliament is dead! Long live the Russian Parliament!"

Senator Pierre Berthelot, minister of foreign affairs, forwarded the address to Prof. Mourmoutef, who was president of the Lower House of the Russian Parliament.

CHARGED WITH MURDER

St. Thomas Man Arraigned Before the Police Magistrate.

St. Thomas, Aug. 10.—Newton Stonehouse of this city, who was arrested last Thursday following the discovery of a new-born child in an outhouse on his premises, was charged before the police magistrate with attempted child murder. Mrs. Stonehouse is in the hospital with the child, and was too ill to appear. Stonehouse was sent back to jail, and will come up in a week, when the crown will be ready to proceed with the case.

FOUR YEARS AND LASH FOR LAVIGNE

Stiff Sentence for Attempted Criminal Assault—Quails at Punishment.

Arthur Lavigne, who was convicted of two charges of criminal assault on little girls was given a stiff sentence this morning by Judge Elliott. He will spend four years in Kingston Penitentiary, and during that time will be given 25 lashes on the bare back under the direction of the medical superintendent of the penitentiary. He was given two years and fifteen lashes on the Strathroy charge, and two years and ten lashes on the London township charge. The sentences will not run concurrently.

"When asked by his lordship if he had anything to say, the prisoner answered: 'I don't know what to say.'"

"I should think that you would not know what to say. If ever there was a man who should be ashamed of himself, it is you," declared Judge Elliott. He then proceeded to give the prisoner a lecture. The prisoner should be thankful that he was being tried in Ontario, for in some parts of the Southern States he would have paid the penalty of his crimes with his life. Lynching was the portion of such men as he, down south.

Crimes of this sort were becoming altogether too prevalent in this country. He referred to the fearful crime near Kincardine, when three men attacked a young girl. Many other cases had been reported of late. The grand jury in Chicago had recommended trying men for their lives when they committed crimes against women. There was much in that view of the case.

"If you had succeeded in accomplishing your designs on either of these little girls you would this day have been on trial for your life. I will impose upon you the maximum penalty of the law."

The prisoner was visibly affected by his sentence. "Time is nothing, but the lash—that's hell," he declared, as he was being taken back to the cells.

I. C. R. EARNINGS GROW

Government Road Booming Under Mr. Emmerson's Management

Halifax, Aug. 10.—Hon. H. R. Emmerson and staff, who are making a tour of inspection on the Intercolonial, left Halifax for Cape Breton last evening. "The position of the I. C. R.," said the minister, "was never more satisfactory than it is at present. It almost seems that prosperous days have come to the Intercolonial in common with the other railways of Canada.

"Many difficulties have had to be overcome, but with the hearty co-operation of the officials and employees I am happy to say that we are meeting those difficulties successfully. Good feeling prevails among the officials and men, and all realize that on their co-operation much depends. All of them are on their mettle because of criticism leveled against the Intercolonial. The earnings of the road are swelling so much that the receipts during July exceeded those of the corresponding month last year by nearly \$100,000. We are laying a great many new and heavier rails and improving, where necessary, the roadbed."

DISASTROUS FIRE AT HULL; FLAMES TAKE FORTY HOUSES

Eddyville District Hard Hit by Great Conflagration—Fire Now Under Control.

Special to The Advertiser.

Ottawa, Aug. 10.—Fire broke out in Hull an hour ago, and many French-Canadian homes are now burning. The fire is on the extreme western edge of the city in what is known as the Eddyville district. It is spreading towards the C. P. R. depot. Unless the direction of the wind changes, it will burn out. There are between 30 and 40 houses now in Hull consumed or burning, but the fire is practically under control.

At the beginning the water supply was inadequate, and a temporary dam built to repair the waterworks had to be broken down. By the time the water was obtained Chief Prevost, of Ottawa, was on hand with a fire engine from the city, and took part with the Hull firemen in the fight.

The burnt area is bounded by Chaudiere street on the east, the west by Autumn, the north by Catherine, and the south by Woburn. Woburn is cleaned out on the north side, Wall and Ann streets on both sides, and St. Catherine on the south side.

The heaviest single loss was that of Alderman Poirier, whose \$12,000 grocery was consumed. The other buildings are valued at \$500 to \$1,000 each. The total loss will be about \$50,000. The fire began in a stable.

LOOKS LIKE MISS STANLEY

Hospital Trust Will Appoint Miss Mayou's Successor This Afternoon.

The hospital trust will, it is expected, appoint a successor to Miss Mayou, as lady superintendent of Victoria Hospital, this afternoon.

It was said at the city hall today that Miss Stanley, of Lucan, who is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, will be appointed by the trust.

EDWARD IN YACHT RACE

Was Aboard the Cetonia in Contest for Schooners at Cowes.

Cowes, Aug. 10.—King Edward and the Prince of Wales were active participants in today's racing, being among those on board Viscount Ivesagh's Cetonia in the contest for schooners, over the Queen's course. The other entrants were Emperor William's Meteor, Sunshine, Clara and Adelaide Kadela. In the race for cutters and yawls the starters were Navaho, Kadiak, White Heather, Merry Maid and Nyria.

The weather on this, the last day of the Cowes regatta, continued bright, with a good breeze blowing.

FRISCO AFTER THIS COMPANY

Because It Refused to Pay \$800,000 in Fire Claims.

New York, Aug. 10.—Attachments were levied yesterday on the property of the Trans-Atlantic Fire Insurance Company, of Hamburg, held by the trustees in this city, as well as in the possession of the state superintendent of insurance. This action, taken by attorneys retained by the San Francisco policyholders, was due to the refusal of the company to pay claims on fire losses at San Francisco, on the ground that the destruction by fire was an act of Providence, excepted in its form of policy. As most of the trust funds of the company are in New York State, the policyholders decided to bring the action here. The state superintendent of insurance has on deposit with him \$565,000 of the company's money.

An attachment was served on him yesterday for that amount. Considering himself in a position similar to that of a receiver of a corporation, however, he will take no action in the matter personally. As the amount of the claims is over \$800,000, attachments will be levied on property of the company in Germany, and also on property held by the trustees in this city.

NEARLY DROWNED AT PORT STANLEY

Swimmer Chewing Tobacco in the Water Has Close Call for Life.

Fred Bullis, of this city, was nearly drowned at Port Stanley yesterday afternoon. He went in swimming near the pavilion, and was in quite a time. He was not out any great distance, but somehow became choked with water. He began struggling, and was almost gone when his distress was noticed. He had gone down, but several persons dived for him and brought him to the surface. He was taken on shore, and prompt efforts were put forth to resuscitate him.

Mr. Goethe Quance, of this city, worked with Bullis for two hours, and later Dr. Becher, and Dr. John D. Wilson, of this city, and Dr. Guest, of St. Thomas, lent their assistance. It took considerable effort on their part to restore the man to consciousness, but he was brought around all right, and last night left comparatively well. Had he been under water a few more seconds he could not have been revived. It appears that Bullis was chewing tobacco while in the water, and that the quid almost choked him. He is a laborer and works with a cement gang in this city.

CROOKS AT PT. STANLEY

Several Londoners Victims of the Light-Fingered Gentry.

Several cases of pocket-picking at Port Stanley are being reported. Two or three Londoners were relieved of wads in the crush when the rush for the trains was on. Among the Londoners was Mr. John Drewe, of the Hobbs Hardware Company.

Ald. Gillean was walking down Richmond street yesterday afternoon on his way to the picnic when he dropped his wad. A boy saw him looking for it some time afterwards, and the little fellow was able to point out the man who picked up the money, which was readily returned to the owner.

TEAMSTERS ROUNDED UP

It Cost One \$4 For Doing Business Without a License.

There was not much doing at the police court this morning, although a few more names were entered to the long line of those addicted to the long in intoxicating liquors, while one man was there to see that he was given credit for the proper amount of spirits he had been consuming, and to pay the regular license. One young Indian brave, from Ojibwa, joined the privileged boozier ranks for the first time.

Albert Smith paid \$4 as a penalty for teaming without a license. W. J. Brazier, William Cotton and Edward Lee appeared to answer to charges of cruelty to animals. Their cases were adjourned until next Tuesday. It is alleged that they drove horses with sore shoulders.

Harry Hallenbach was to have appeared to answer to a charge of using abusive language towards Ernest Taylor, but he failed to materialize and was given till twelve to get there, but still he was absent.

Harry Short was fined \$10 for being drunk. Four first-time drunks were allowed to depart in peace.

BRIGANDS ON BIKES.

Moscow, Aug. 10.—A band of brigands on bicycles is systematically robbing village churches in this vicinity, avowedly with the intention to secure funds for the revolutionists.

BY FALSE PRETENSES.

Washington, Aug. 10.—G. R. Rafferty, 39 years old, has been arrested here and locked upon the charge of obtaining money by false pretenses. He is accused of passing worthless checks here. He claims to be the son of Gilbert P. Rafferty, of Pittsburg, the millionaire coke manufacturer, and is the husband of the woman who but a few days ago sued the elder Rafferty for \$50,000 for alienation of the son's affections.

MAKES WIFE PAY FOR JAIL BOARD

Refused to Pay Alimony as Was Ordered and Spouse Must Furnish \$2 a Week.

Sandwich, Ont., Aug. 10.—Arthur C. Baxter, several months ago left his wife, who thereupon began suit for alimony. When a decision in the woman's favor was rendered, Baxter drew what money he had in a bank and disappeared. He was located near Wallaceburg, and brought back, and refused to pay alimony, was locked up. Having tired of the confinement, Baxter yesterday, through his attorney, M. A. Hanna, secured an order from Judge McHugh that Mrs. Baxter shall pay \$2 per week towards his board, while he is in jail. This the woman will have to do, besides supporting herself and two children.

BIG CALGARY FIRE.

Calgary, Alta., Aug. 9.—The Cement Company's plant, which had just commenced operations and what was situated about a mile out of the city, was destroyed by fire last night. The buildings and machinery cost the company \$350,000. The insurance is only \$28,000. Nothing is left intact except the engine house.