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REFUSED TO DESERT WOUNDED

Missionaries Declined to Desert Wounded Converts at Sian Fu.

General Shang Yuan Refused to Negotiate With Republic But Gains Little—Government Gaining in Favor.

Peking, Mar. 26.—Further news has reached here of the attack made upon the American missionaries by Chinese pirates near Wu Shan, province of Szechuen on March 23. Bert Hicks of Oakbrook, Wis., was killed and Phillip Hoffman of Ohio, and A. N. Sheldon of California were wounded. The American legation today received a despatch that Hoffman and Sheldon are recovering.

The Associated Press has received a telegram from Sian Fu, province of Szechuen, signed by Messrs. Robertson, Young and Sherrock, who are missionaries, they refused to comply with the summons of the British legation to depart from Sian Fu to the coast with the relief expedition which left there recently.

All the other foreigners accompanied the expedition. Robertson and Young, who are physicians, said they could not leave several hundred persons who are wounded and sick. Sherrock refused to abandon the converts. The wife of Mr. Young is an American. She and Mrs. Sherrock remain with their husbands.

The telegram from the missionaries says that General Sheng Yuan, who was recently reported to be marching on Peking with 10,000 troops has refused to enter into negotiations with President Yuan Shi Kai's emissaries. He had been compelled to retire, however, because his Mohammedan allies have agreed to peace. The situation at Sian Fu is critical, the legations which were despatched there for relief having been mutilated. The soldiers are now engaged in plundering Sian Fu and the neighboring districts.

GOOD SPELL SEIZES BOY

Fredericton Youth Subject of Experiments of Hypnotist Experiences Serious Effects—Spreads Alarm.

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Fredericton, March 26.—As a result of the efforts produced by hypnotism on Wellensley Everett, 12-year-old son of Mrs. Frank Everett, who was placed under the hypnotic spell, at a local moving picture theatre on Saturday night, the boy has been seized by a spell which has spread throughout the city, among those who during the past few weeks allowed themselves to become subjects of the hypnotist.

Young Everett was one of a number who consented to be hypnotized on Saturday, and on Sunday he was seized with fainting spells which were not thought to be serious at the time. The boy went to school yesterday morning, however, and was suddenly noticed by his teacher to drop his head on his arm as if going to sleep. Thinking that something was wrong she hurried to where he was and was much amazed on lifting up his head to see that his eyes were rolling around, and he was looking at her staringly seemingly in a trance.

The teacher took the boy from his seat and laid him on the floor and bathed his face and hands. A doctor was sent for at once and said the spell was no doubt brought on by hypnotism. The boy is somewhat improved today although he still displays symptoms of the effects of hypnotism.

GIRLS GET LONG TERM

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Moncton, Mar. 26.—In the police court today Kate Benner and Delina Lablanc were convicted of street walking and given six months in jail on default of payment of \$50 fines.

Benjamin Lablanc who escaped from the provincial hospital for nervous disease is to be sent back to the asylum. A Goode found in Lablanc's possession indicates that he was concerned in a number of burglaries that were recently committed about town.

Rev. Jos. McDermott, of Sussex, preached in St. Bernard's church this evening at the close of the forty hours devotion. Father Conway of St. John also took part in the services.

The electricity and gas company are running the high pressure main to the electric light station and intend using the natural gas there at an early date. Abram and Sons who have the gas in their machine shop say it will reduce their fuel bill one-half.

ARGUES AGAINST ANY FURTHER DECREASE

W. F. Hatheway Endorses Government's Policy On Representation

PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL Public Accounts Committee Finds Increased Accommodation Has Been Provided at Decreased Cost to Treasury.

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Fredericton, Mar. 26.—The session of the House was enlivened today by a visit from the governor who came down to attend to some bills that had passed their third reading. Among these is the St. John commission government bill which is now law. In the morning the public accounts and corporations committee met, the latter to consider the St. John Hydro Electric bill.

The meeting of the public accounts committee was not a lengthy one and was taken up entirely in considering the provincial hospital expenditures. Dr. Anglin was present and made what ever explanations were necessary. It is rather remarkable that no criticism of the auditor general explained that owing to the shortness of the time at his disposal, it was not possible for him to give the accounts in as much detail as in former years, he mentioned that he had condensed the accounts of the public works department and those of the provincial hospital. The auditor's examination was concerned with the expenditures of the public works department.

It is pleasant to know there is at least one department of the public service, the management of which is satisfactory to the opposition. This is all the more surprising when it is known that the per capita cost of maintenance in the hospital has decreased under the present administration, notwithstanding the enormous increase in the cost of food of all sorts.

Marked Decrease.
In 1911 the per capita cost of maintenance was \$155.45, which was \$1.55 less than that of the previous year. The general average throughout the United States and Canada for institutions of this kind is \$1.60 per annum. The value of farm products was \$14,879; the cost of operating was \$9,000; showing a net profit of \$5,879 on the year's operation. The value of live stock on the farm is \$4,570.

Among the bills introduced into the House this afternoon was one to incorporate the St. John River Hydro Electric Company. This is the third bill of the kind now before the House. The provisions of the bill are that the company are Herbert Guernsey, Miles E. Agar, William A. Christie, R. Max McCarty, Frederick J. Boyer and Richard B. Hanson. This company seeks authority to generate hydraulic power and electricity at such places on the St. John river in the county of York as the company may deem advisable and to sell the same within the province. They ask for authority to construct a dam across the St. John river not exceeding 25 feet in height between the mouth of the Shomogoc and Pokiook streams. The capital of the company is fixed at five million dollars and authority is asked in the bill to issue bonds of the same amount.

Extensive Powers.
Another bill has been introduced amending the St. John Canal and Dock Company Act. This is a revival of a very old scheme providing for a canal to connect the harbor of St. John with the Bay of Fundy. The amendments to the act give the company much wider powers than they originally possessed. Under its provisions they can build wet and dry docks, repair shops, shipyards, warehouses, grain elevators, roads, railways, aerial tramways, generate electricity, hydraulic air pressure and transmit the same under the streets and highways under agreement with the municipal or civic corporations. The capital stock of this company is to be a million dollars, but the conditions under which it is to be subscribed are somewhat unusual. Hon. Mr. Murray is sponsor for the bill, which is being promoted by J. Simpson Armstrong, C.

The Fredericton and Grand Lake Coal and Railway Company are seeking power to take over coal lands and fire clay deposits. Power is also sought to operate coal mines and lands containing fire clay. There are some other provisions in the amendment to their incorporation act respecting the issue of bonds. This bill was also introduced today.

A bill was introduced by Chief Commissioner Morrissey today to amend the motor vehicle law. Its provisions are that when a manufacturer, dealer or other person sells a

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STRIKES IN NEW ENGLAND ARE SERIOUS

15,000 Idle Yesterday With Chances of Increase Good.

Operatives in Manufactories Demanding Increased Wage Meet with Varied Measures of Success.

Boston, Mar. 26.—More than 15,000 persons in New England were idle today on account of labor difficulties. The cotton cloth mills of Lowell, employing 3,500 or more, were shut down because of a strike for higher wages. 1,200 operatives at the Globe and Sanford mills of the New England Cotton Yarn Company in Fall River struck for a ten per cent. raise. 500 workers of the Kimball shoe factory in Lawrence were laid off because of a strike of 300 for an increase in wages of 15 per cent., and the Hillsborough Woolen Mills in Milton, N. H., employing 300 hands were closed on account of a strike in some departments for a wage increase.

Minor strikes occurred at several other points. The 500 strikers at the Saco Pette Cotton Machine works in New Brunswick, N. S., have been out since Monday. The 500 operatives at the English speaking mills, Operatives at the Lancaster gingham mills, Clinton, Thorndike cotton mills, West Warren and Saxony worsted yard mills at Lowell, who struck recently for higher wages, remain out.

A strike of two from shoe makers, employees yesterday for an advance in pay was virtually ended today by the manufacturers granting the demands. The situation in New Bedford where the operatives have been offered a five per cent. increase in wages and demanded ten per cent., was uncertain tonight. Some indications were given for a general strike unless the higher rate is paid. The 67 mills in New Bedford employ 30,000 operatives.

DREDGING PLANT IS TRANSFERRED TO THE NEW OWNERS

Equipment of Eastern Dredging Co. and A. and R. Loggie, Turned Over to Atlantic Dredging Co.

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Chatham, Mar. 26.—The plant of the Eastern Dredging Company and the dredging outfit of A. and R. Loggie has been bought by the newly formed Atlantic Dredging and Construction Co. Formal transfer was made only a few days ago, following an agreement reached with the former owners. The price is not stated, but is about a quarter of a million. The new owners will also take over the unfinished contracts held by the Eastern Dredging Company and will complete these. Work is now being prosecuted on the combine plants to have them in readiness for the opening of navigation. It is possible that the new owners will enlarge the plant, a new dredge being one of the improvements contemplated.

FALLS DOWN THE ELEVATOR SHAFT—DIES SOON AFTER

Charlottetown, Mar. 26.—This afternoon, Ernest Teed, aged 32, unmarried head shipper for the Rogers Hardware Co. fell from the third story of the warehouse to the first floor through the elevator shaft. He was taken to the hospital with a fractured skull and internal injuries, dying two hours later. He had been in poor health and it is thought that he took a weak spell and fell.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT WON'T VISIT NEWPORT

Ottawa, March 26.—Government house officials deny the New York story that H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught is to visit Newport this summer.

GRANTS FOR BENEFIT OF AGRICULTURE

\$500,000 to be Apportioned to Provinces on Population Basis.

Supplementary Estimates Contain Item of \$100,000 for Construction of Revetment Wall at West St. John.

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Ottawa, March 26.—The House of Commons spent the morning clearing the order papers. A long list of resolutions, mainly dealing with railway and bridge subsidies was disposed of formally, debate being held over until the bills founded on them are discussed. Several bills were advanced a stage.

In the afternoon the bill to establish a rural mail delivery branch in the Post Office Department was brought forward by Mr. Pelletier. The feature of the bill which proved controversial was one which empowers the department not only to establish a branch at headquarters, but also to appoint local officers to lay out routes and otherwise work the system on the ground. The existing routes, in many cases, Mr. Pelletier said, have not always been laid out, duplications existing, the same stretches of road being covered twice, etc.

The opposition took the field against this proposal for local officers and talked for a couple of hours.

Supplementary Estimates.
Supplementary estimates for 1912-13 brought down tonight total \$13,072,526, on consolidated fund, and \$6,537,512 on capital account, making \$19,610,039 altogether. The main estimates were \$104,319,204 on consolidated fund, and \$44,870,372 on capital account, making a total of \$149,189,576. Thus the total will be: Consolidated fund, \$117,381,831; capital account, \$31,797,745—total, \$149,179,576.

Estimate for the year 1912-13 gives \$600,000 to the Intercolonial.

Chargeable to the Department of Agriculture is a grant of \$500,000 to the provinces for the encouragement of agriculture. It is apportioned on a basis of population as follows:

Ontario, \$176,733; Quebec, \$139,482; Nova Scotia, \$34,158; New Brunswick, \$24,309; P. E. I., \$6,529; British Columbia, \$27,334; Manitoba, \$21,736; Saskatchewan, \$34,296; Alberta, \$26,084.

New buildings Dominion arsenal, Quebec, \$50,000; Land, new rifle ranges, \$150,000.

Under the head of railways and canals is a grant of \$1,000,000 for subsidies to the provinces for the improvement of highways. This is in proportion to population. Other important grants are Intercolonial furnishing at Moncton, \$16,000; Improvements at Point Tupper, \$35,000; Spur line at Victoria, \$10,000; Capital Bay Railway terminals elevators, \$150,000.

Under the heading of public buildings capital appear the following votes:

Acquiring site and construction of a Dominion Government building, London, England, \$1,000,000. Capital Buildings at Ottawa, \$917,512.

Under harbors and rivers capital appear:

Quebec harbor improvements, \$1,000,000.

St. John harbor improvements, \$100,000.

Mail subsidies and steamship subscriptions amount to \$204,000, including \$150,000 for a service between Canada and the West Indies or South America or both. There also is \$32,000 for the Canadian-Newfoundland service and other items are:

Grand Manan and mainland, \$3,000. St. John and Halifax via Yarmouth, \$10,000.

Halifax and Newfoundland via Cape Breton ports, \$4,000.

Passenger ferry service, \$1,000.

Under the head of fisheries appear the following:

To build five lobster fishery patrol boats, \$25,000.

Cold storage for bait transportation for fresh fish, etc., \$15,000.

There is a vote of \$2,000 for gratuity and pensions to the mother of Inspector Fitzgerald who died on the Dawson McPherson trail.

The Olympic team gets a grant of \$15,000. The child welfare exhibition is given \$5,000.

Under the post office appears \$200,000 for rural mail delivery.

There are also votes for assistant post office inspectors at Halifax and Victoria at \$1,500.

Under trade and commerce appears a vote of \$1,500,000 for acquisition of terminal elevators. The Canada West Innes conference at Ottawa is allowed \$5,000.

New Brunswick Public Buildings.
Chatham public building enlargement, \$12,000.

Fredericton public building, \$10,000. Milltown public building, \$5,000. Newcastle public building, clock, \$1,000.

Sackville public building, \$10,000. Shediac public building, to purchase site for \$1,000.

St. John's immigrant detention hospital, to pay C. H. and G. F. Brannen interest at 5 per cent. on delayed payments of \$11,669 balance of purchase property, \$200.

New Brunswick Rivers and Harbors.
Albert wharf, \$15,000.

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Senate Turns Down Every Amendment and Gives Third Reading.

After Lengthy Debate Bill to Extend Limits of Manitoba Is Approved by the Upper House.

Ottawa, March 26.—The Manitoba Boundaries Bill has passed its final parliamentary stage without amendment. Royal assent and proclamation are all that are now required to make it law.

Today the Senate turned down a half dozen proposed amendments and gave the bill third reading.

The debate was continued in the Senate by Senator Cheuette, who declared that he favored conciliation, but not the kind which meant that the minority would give up all their rights. That was a down on your knees form of conciliation, which he did not approve of.

Sir Richard Scott said he had been in Canadian public life for many years and now for the first time he saw the Senate in a temper to refuse to preserve the rights of the minority. There was less toleration in Canada today than in 1862 when the Ontario separate school bill was put through 30 to 30, and was voted for by Mr. Cameron, then Grand Master of the Loyal Orange Lodge, by John Hilliard (Cameron, Past Grand Master, and by Sir John Macdonald.

Sir John Macdonald, said there would always be separate schools, and to save agitation in future the motion should be adopted.

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London, March 26.—Lord Strathcona, the high commissioner for Canada, remains very weak, although his condition gives no immediate cause for apprehension.

claims of A. and R. Loggie, for dredging performed at Bathurst, Loggieville and Caracquet, \$24,209.

Loggie extension of wharf revote, \$2,300.

North Head, extension of breakwater wharf, \$25,000.

Petrol, Rocher, breakwater, repairs and improvements, \$1500.

Point Duchene retaining wall revote \$1000.

Richibucto beach breakwater on north and south beaches revote \$15,000.

Richibucto Cape, to complete construction of breakwater revote \$7000, \$21,000.

Richibucto, to complete reconstruction and extension of wharf revote \$14,000.

Sackville, repairs and extension of wharf, \$5000.

Seal Cove, Grand Manan Island, breakwater pier on east side of harbor \$5000.

St. Croix river dredging revote \$7,500.

St. Louis river wharf, \$3500.

St. Martins wharf, \$8000.

Thuctouche dredging, \$25,000.

Cape Bald, to complete breakwater further amount required, \$3,500.

Castilla breakwater revote, \$5,000.

Dalhousie harbor breakwater revote, \$22,000.

Dorchester, wharf improvements, revote, \$500, \$6,000.

Fairhaven, to rebuild pier head, further amount required, \$2,400.

Grandville wharf, revote, \$6,000—\$6,500.

Grassy Island, full and final settlement of claim of J. S. Gregory for dredging performed, \$25,020.

Great Salmon River, to close pile west pier, \$3,700.

Green Point, breakwater, revote \$5,000.

Harvey Bank raising wharf, further amount required, \$650.

Hopewell Cape, repairs to wharf, further amount required, \$1,000.

L'Etang, repairs to wharf, \$2,000.

Lorneville breakwater, \$4,000.

Lorneville breakwater, wharf extension and repairs, further amount required, \$12,200.

Millerton, wharf, \$2,500.

Miscellaneous, repairs to harbor works, revote, \$400—\$1,000.

Upper Derby, wharf, \$2,000.

Upper Salmon River, pier revote, \$5,250—\$5,500.

Westfield highway wharf, \$3,000.

Cape Tormentine, in full and final settlement of claim of General Connaught.

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GOVERNMENT ADMITS PLANS HAVE FAILED

Limit of Possibilities Has Been Reached, Says Premier.