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SAND POINT WHARVES ARE ALREADY TAXED TO ACCOMMODATE BOATS

Owing to Presence of Diver and Dredge Lake Erie Had Difficulty in Docking This Morning—Will be More Trouble When Empress Comes if New Berths Are Not Ready.

The C. P. R. steamer Lake Erie, Captain F. Carey, from Liverpool direct, arrived in port this morning, and docked at No. 2 berth Sand Point, at 10 o'clock.

The steamer left Liverpool Wednesday, November 18, and had a very rough passage, strong head winds being encountered almost all the way over. The steamer was due to arrive here on Sunday last, but owing to the heavy weather she is two days late. She brought a very small number of passengers, 104 in all, and only about 500 tons of cargo.

There were thirty-six cabin passengers and sixty-eight steerage, six of the number being en route to the United States, and the balance being principally returning settlers on their way to the Northwest. Following is a list of the cabin passengers:—

Miss Lila Black, Miss L. Carrow, Mrs. Foulds, Godfrey H. G. Gostwyck, Mrs. A. D. Graham, Miss Gwen Graham, T. A. Gregg, Miss E. Hartley, J. Hayton, Miss R. Hinckey, E. B. Jones, John Joyce, Miss Joyce, Mrs. MacLachlan, Miss MacLachlan, Miss B. MacLachlan, Mrs. Lilian MacMillan, Master John A. MacMillan, Miss Lillian MacMillan, Master Willie MacMillan, Miss B. E. Manning, Mark Millican, Miss J. Owen, Miss Orr, Miss Radcliffe, Miss A. B. Renaud, F. Roberts, James P. Robertson, John Scott, Miss Elizabeth Stenhouse, Miss Isabella Stenhouse, W. J. Sykes, Miss R. Taylor, Miss Margaret Walker, P. A. Wilby, and Sister Wilson.

After the usual formalities the passengers left for their various destinations.

C. P. R. officials are none too well satisfied with the arrangement made for docking the steamer. The dredge W. S. Fielding and a diver are working at No's. 5 and 6 berths so that the Allan liner Victorian which was allowed to dock at No's. 2 and 3 berths on her arrival here on Sunday last could not be moved to either 5 or 6 and had to be hauled ahead into No. 3, leaving barely enough room for the Erie to dock. Shore Captain Elliott of the C. P. R. said it would be impossible to work the Erie to good advantage under the present conditions and if the two new berths are not ready before Friday when the Empress of Ireland arrives there will be more trouble. The Ireland left Liverpool on the 27th and is due here Friday morning, while the Victorian does not leave until Friday night.

There are at present six ocean steamers in port: The Allan liner Victorian at No. 3 berth; Lake Erie at No. 2 and Montfort of the C. P. R. line at No. 1. Sand Point; Indrani, of the Donaldson line at the Pettingell wharf; Manchester liner, Manchester Importer and a Russian tramp, the Alexander Kamburoff, at the I. C. R. pier.

A large number of men are employed in the loading and unloading of these vessels, but there are apparently many men unemployed and the problem of finding work is likely to be a serious matter with many during the coming winter.

Arrangements were made this morning for the dredge W. S. Fielding, to shift her anchors which have been obstructing No. 5 berth, and this afternoon the Allan liner Victorian will be moved to that berth. This will leave No. 2 and 3 for the Lake Erie, which can be shifted to the latter berth to allow the Empress of Ireland to dock when she arrives on Friday next.

It is hoped to have No. 6 cleaned up by the last of the week.

SICKNESS IS NO EXCUSE FOR NON-ATTENDANCE AT ENQUIRY IS JUDGE CASSELS' DECISION

C. H. Longard's Brother Sent in Cab to Hale Him to Conrt

Member of the Halifax Salvage Company on Stand This Morning Tells About the Cheque to Beazley Bros. for Capt. Johnson

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 1—(Special)—The marine and fisheries investigation before Judge Cassels was resumed this morning.

C. H. Longard of Longard Bros.' was called. His brother said that he had received a telegram stating that his brother was too unwell to attend Mr. Longard was told to take a cab and bring his brother to the court room. The judge said that he had to attend if he was capable of doing so. Mr. Longard left the court room to carry out these instructions of the court.

After consultation with Judge Cassels and his colleague, J. L. Perron, Mr. Watson called for the Halifax Salvage Company and W. S. Davidson responded. Mr. Davidson said he was known to Captain Johnson for a long while. He was secretary of the Halifax Salvage Company. He had had no dealings with Capt. Johnson as captain of the Lady Laurier, only in respect to the Mount Temple. Capt. Johnson was paid $400 by the company. (The cheque was produced, made payable to Beazley Bros. or order).

"This cheque was for Captain Johnson, not for Beazley Bros. to do as they liked with?" asked Mr. Watson.

"Oh no, it was for Beazley Bros. to pay to Capt. Johnston."

"Were there any services performed by the steamship for you?"

"Yes."

"Did you pay anything for the use of the steamship?"

"No. The government does not charge."

"Assuming that valuable services were rendered and that a bill had been rendered would you have resisted payments!"

"Yes. The government does not charge and we would not pay when others are allowed the services free."

"Do you know of cases where services have been given free?"

"I have a general knowledge that this is the practice."

The court again called for Clarence Longard of the firm of Longard Bros. A doctor's certificate was produce to the effect that he could not leave his bed today, and his brother said that he would be present tomorrow. The excuse was accepted.

Captain Watt was called but did not appear. James Douglas of Douglas and company, iron workers of Dartmouth was called and produced his books. He was instructed to return in the afternoon.

William Melvin was then called. He said he had been a butcher, seventeen years. He had been out of the business for a time not exceeding three years. During that last three years he had been in the employ of the marine and fisheries department for two years. Witness was inclined to levity. Judge Cassels said: "You are here under oath and in a court of justice. You must answer and not try to be funny." Witness chewed tobacco and paid very little very respect to the court. He said he had got $1.50 a day or $39 for the first month. He had made as high as $50 a month, over time being responsible for the increase. Most of the overtime was on Saturday afternoons. He was a messenger to the store-keeper. He left the employ of the department on the 25th of November. Asked for his books during the time he was in the butcher business he said they were in the hands of the official assignee.

The lawyer evidently knew of the employes getting small things from the stores without orders and witness acknowledged this had been done by others. He was asked to make a list of those who helped themselves. Witness refused to give the full information required.

Judge Cassels said that the witness could give the information and he might as well do it.

After some arguing the witness promised to have the information by 2.30 p. m. and the court adjourned.

GUNS OF ALLIED WARSHIPS FROWN ON PORT AU PRINCE

American Cruiser Arrived This Morning—Two Other Vessels Are Now There and Two More Are Expected on Thursday—Battle With Rebel Troops Expected Soon.

Port au Prince, Haiti, Dec. 1—The American cruiser Des Moines came into port this morning. Her presence augments the force of foreign sailors and marines that could be landed for the protection of Port au Prince and particularly the foreigners, in case of the engagement between the rebels and the troops of the government which apparently is bound to occur in a short time, results in turning loose on the city disorganized and undisciplined soldiers. The Des Moines is the third foreign warship to come into Port au Prince. The other two are the French cruiser Duguay Trouin, and the American cruiser Tacoma. The British cruiser Scylla and the Italian cruiser Fieramosca are expected shortly. With their advent the foreign element will feel much more secure.

The night passed without serious outbreak but the government shows by its precautions that it expected an attack at any moment. For the people of the city the night was one of alarm and fear. Occasionally rifle shots were heard, evidently some sentry firing at night prowlers, but each shot was taken to be the beginning of the expected fight. All night long patrols of infantry and cavalry marched and rode through the streets, and the people kept carefully within the limits.

It is reported this morning that General Simon, the leader of the revolutionary movement, was at Petit Goave about 30 miles to the west of Port au Prince, Monday morning.

He has with him an army of 6,600 men, well armed and provisioned. He has also several pieces of mountain artillery and a number of machine guns. He is expected to reach Port Au Prince Thursday, and it is reported that he will attempt to bombard the city if the government forces put up a fight.

The government gunboat Nord Alexis was at Petit Goave when Simon entered that town. Her captain was for resisting the advance of the enemy, but the government commander on shore persuaded him that such resistance was futile. The captain finally decided to let the rebels come in. The French consular agent at Petit Goave, M. Cherizc, acted as an intermediary in these negotiations.

It is felt here that the convocation of the chamber of deputies, if carried out, may precipitate the threatened encounter. It is impossible to tell what the deputies will do, and they may declare their opposition to the president. There is a strong belief among the people of the city that President Alexis is on the point of retiring from office and naming General Turenne Jean Gilles as his successor. General Gilles is a favorite of General Alexis, and represents his policies, which he probably would carry out.

SAN FRANCISCO POLICE CHIEF DROWNED UNDER QUEER CIRCUMSTANCES

He Was Returning Across the Bay in Police Patrol Launch When He Disappeared--Probadly Threw Himself Into the Water—He Was Not on Good Terms With the Graft Prosecutors.

San Francisco, Dec. 1—William J. Biggy, chief of police of this city, was drowned late last night while returning across the bay in the police patrol launch. Chief Biggy had been at Belvidere, a suburb to call on Police Commissioner Keil, who resides there. He boarded the launch to return to the city about 10 o'clock and when the boat was out in the bay complained of feeling cold to engineer Murphy, the only other occupant of the launch. Murphy advised Biggy to go to the cabin at the stern of the boat. Murphy went forward to attend to his engine and did not see the chief again. He came on the deck as the boat neared the city and noticed that the chief had disappeared. He searched the boat but failed to locate him. Murphy made all speed to the dock where he reported the accident and went out into the bay again to search for the missing officer. Numerous boats were hurried to the scene and a careful search of the bay was begun.

No trace of the missing chief has been found. It is believed that he became ill and fell overboard.

Ever since the suicide of Morris Haas, the man who attempted to kill Assistant District Attorney Heney and later took his own life at the county jail, the relations between Chief Biggy and the graft prosecution have been strained to the breaking point. Charges have been filed by the parties to the controversy in the attempt to fix the blame for Haas securing a pistol while in jail. Charges of incompetence and derilection of duty have been filed against the chief and in return he filed similar charges against Captain of Police Thomas F. Burke who was in charge of Haas at the jail.

Wm. G. Biggy was appointed chief of police by Mayor Taylor after the latter had been placed in office following the removal of Mayor Schmitz. Biggy succeeded Jeremiah Dinan, formerly a detective sergeant.

When Abraham Ruef was arrested the prosecution asked that Biggy be appointed custodian of the prisoner. For eight months he held this position and at the expiration of that time was appointed chief of police in September, 1907.

WAS HOWE KILLED BY ACCIDENT OR DESIGN?

Chief Clark Inclines to Theory of Accidental Death

He Does Not Agree With Verdict of Coroner's Jury That Howe Met With Foul Play — Police Department at Work.

In view of the verdict of the coroner's jury last night declaring that Harry Howe was a victim of foul play, the opinion of Chief of Police Clark will be of interest.

It is intimated in some quarters that no evidence was sought which would further the belief that Howe died by accidental drowning, and that a lack of inquisitiveness was evinced in questioning Policeman Steeves closely or calling Deputy Chief Jenkins to the witness box.

Chief Clark informed a Times representative today that if Officer Steeves had been asked he could have exposed the unimportance of the statement of the undertaker that Howe's back was wet and the front of his body was dry. Steeves examined the spot where the body reposed and even secured measurements of the distance from the bank &c. The body lay on its back in a pool of water over two inches in depth, and therefore, though the rays of the sun dried the upper portion, the back remained wet.

The chief attaches no value to the cap being missing, but the fact that it was seen on the ground near the rails strengthens the theory of accidental death, as stated by the chief, the scar on the back of the head shows that Howe fell on his back while endeavoring to rise in a stupor and the cap shows that he had been sleeping on the bank. Unable to guage his position competently, he staggered over the embankment.

"Take the evidence of one of the witnesses who swore that he and Howe had been drinking together all afternoon and when the witness left the deceased both were considerably under the influence of liquor," commented the chief.

The chief also fails to perceive the motive for murder. Howe was accustomed to the route, as he traversed it very frequently, and had never been harmed.

In conclusion the chief stated that the department are engaged on the case, but was reticent regarding the details.

At 5.45 p. m. Howe was seen in Felix Conlon's saloon at the corner of Brussels and Richmond strets, and although he was in a district where he was well known, it is a strange feature of the case that after that hour he disappeared and over eighteen hours afterwards his body was found on the sands of Courtenay Bay. A veil of mystery surrounds his whereabouts in the interim which as yet has not been lifted.

SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATURE

Session Will Open on December 10.

Regina, Sask., Dec. 1 (Special)—The opening of the first session of the second legislative assembly of Saskatchewan has been fixed for Thursday, December 10.

H. Beverly Robinson was a passenger to the city on the Boston train today.

NEW Y.M.C.A. DIRECTOR REACHED THE CITY TODAY

Mr. Edward J. Robertson Talks to the Times of Public Playgrounds and Other Things He is Interested in.

Edward John Robertson, who has been appointed physical director of the Y. M. C. A., came in today on the American train from Bristol, R. I.

To a Times man the new physical director talked interestingly of his work in connection with the Y. M. C. A.

His home is in Fall River, Mass., where he started his career in the work, being the leader in the "gym" of the Y. M. C. A. there, with no salary. Entering the training school at Springfield, he spent three years there. Leaving the training school he spent a summer as director of the play grounds at Montclair, N. Y.

Mr. Robertson takes a keen interest in the play grounds prospect. They had, he said, from 250 to 300 children, the various branches being kindergarten, reed and raffia (basket work), sewing classes and carpenter work; the instructor of the latter branch being a woman. There were of course all the games. The city of Montclair gave up the entire building of the Primary Grammar school. The plan adopted there was a fee of 10c. from each child, which entitled them to a membership button.

Mr. Robertson spent three years at Bristol, the home of the famous Herreshoffs of International Yachting fame. He had had four sons of the Veteron "Nat" Herreshoff of the Y.M.C.A., all are to be designers, Mr. Robertson says; each has a carpenter shop of their own and are designing all the time. Mr. Robertson knows "Nat" well, and says that he is a very quiet man, and a great student of yachting. Mr. Robertson is delighted with the new building here, and says that it compares favorably with the best in Machusetts.

ITALIAN ASKS POLICE TO FIND HIS BROTHER

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 1 (Special)—Italians have a heart and this fact was proved this morning at the police station here when an Italian named Cuscouma whose present abode is at Campbellton, asked the assistance of the police in search of a missing brother, whom he thinks has met with foul play of some sort. The brother has also been working at Campbellton, and often came to Moncton to visit his fellow countrymen. About two weeks ago he made one of these visits, but has not been heard of since. The brother now thinks something crooked has taken place, as when he visited the place where his brother usualy visited he was rudely told to go about his business and pushed aside. The police will take a hand in locating the missing Italian.

S. S. ASHANTI LIBELLED

Sydney, N. S. Dec. 1—(Special)—The steamer Ashanti was yesterday libelled in the Admiralty court in the sum of $10,000 in the instance of the owners of the S. S. Wegadesk. The Ashanti collided with the Wegadesk hence the suit.

JOHN MOFFATT ACQUITTED

Sydney, Dec. 1 (Special)—After an eloquent plea by D. A. Cameron, counsel for John Moffatt, grand secretary of the P. W. A., the latter was acquitted of the charge of perjury by Judge McGillivary at this morning's session of the county court.

DARING ROBBERY IN NEW YORK CAR

Desperados Boarded Crowded Street Car in Lower Third Ave. Today, Stole Money and Valuables from Conductor and Passengers.

New York, Dec. 1—Four desperadoes armed with revolvers held up a crowded street car in Lower Third Avenue today, and robbed the conductor, terrorized the passengers and escaped with a large collection of purses and other valuables. There is little hope of their capture. Men and women who had just left a dance hall crowded on the car at Third street. Just before the conveyance reached Houston street four men blocked the exit at the rear door and drawing revolvers, covered the crowd. Two attacked the conductor, one pressing a revolver against his head while the other rifled his pockets. In the meantime the other two had been going through the passengers. Their pockets were stuffed with women's purses, watches and small wads of bills when the screams of the women so frightened them that they bolted from the car and dashed down a side street into the heart of the crowded slums.

Hon. J. D. Hazen came in on today's Boston train.

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

Equity Court Opened Today—Scotchmen Honor Their Patron Saint.

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 1—(Special)—Chief Justice Barker presided at the December sitting of the equity court.

In the matter of $1,666 deposited in the Bank of Nova Scotia by a man from Washington state, claiming to be Oscar Wilde, C. H. Allen moved for an order to pay the Brampton State Bank its share of the fund. It was decided to allow the matter to stand until January. At the time Wilde made the deposit, which was done by draft, he was a fugitive from justice, and he is now in the Washington penitentiary. Several banks in the west have claims against the money.

The case of the executors of the estate of the late George E. Fenety vs. L. W. Johnson, will be taken up this afternoon. This suit has been brought to compel defendant to carry out an agreement to purchase Linden Hall, the Fenety homestead. This afternon argument will be heard on objections to the defendant's answer.

Customs receipts here for November showed an increase of $540 over the corresponding month last year. The value of imports was $35,734.

Miss Maggie Doucett, daughter of Peter Doucet, of Bathurst, died at Victoria Hospital last night as the result of an operation for appendicitis. She was twenty years of age.

Thirty-six years ago today, while a student at the university, Judge Wilson crossed the St. John river in a rowboat. As the river is now free from ice, he started out this morning to do the trick over again, but unfortunately learned that all boats had been hauled up for the winter.

Local Scotchmen celebrated St. Andrew's Day by a grand dinner at the Barker House last night. President Edwards presided and the guests numbered one hundred. Speeches in reply to toasts were delivered by Canon Montgomery Judge Wilson, Judge Marsh, O. S. Crockett, M. P., Solicitor General McLeod, A. S. McFarlane and J. W. McCready. An excellent repast the chief item of which was the immortal haggis, was served, and good cheer prevailed. It was after three o'clock when the gathering broke up.

Rev. Dr. Smith, the new pastor of St. Paul's church, arrived from Sydney this morning with his family and were met an welcomed by a number of prominent Presbyterians.

OTTAWA NEWS

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 1 (Special)—Mr. Charles Parmalee, ex-M. P. for Shefford, is taking charge of the government printing bureau today as King's printer, in succession to Dr. S. S. Dawson, superannuated.

In honor of her Majesty's birthday, flags are flying from all the government buildings. At Nepean Point battery, where all standards are displayed, a royal salute of 21 guns was fired at noon.

S. W. Donley, Canadian trade commissioner in Mexico, cabled today to the trade and commerce department that the Mexican duty on wheat has been temporarily reduced from $1.50 to 50 cents per 220 pounds.

The supreme court today gave judgment in the case of "Rosalind" vs. Schlae, allowing the appeal with costs.

A BLOODLESS VICTORY

Portage La Prairie, Man., Dec. 1 (Special)—Hon. Hugh Armstrong, provincial treasurer, was elected by aclamation in treasurer, was elected by acclamation in appointment to the cabinet.

Mrs. Frank Rankin and Miss Rankin returned from upper Canada today.

NEWS FROM P. E. ISLAND

Steamer Goes Ashore in Snow Storm - - - Declaration Day Proceedings.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 1—(Special)—Steamer Inverness from Hawkesbury to Souris for ice went ashore during a snowstorm last night at Morrison's Flats in Grand River. She lies easily on a sandy bottom. If the weather moderates she will likely be floated.

Yesterday was declaration day for the provincial elections in Kings and Queens counties. The proceedings passed off quietly, in Prince the arguments lasted all day concerning the admission of certain voters, particularly in the fourth district where result was close between Captain Read and Delaney, the Conservative candidate. The latter in the end had a majority of one, Read at once protested against admitting two votes on the ground that they were in the wrong polling division. Mr. Delaney objected to one vote for Read on the same ground. The sheriff will give his decision tomorrow. If Read gets the seat the parties will stand Liberals, 17; Conservatives, 13, otherwise it will be 16 to 14. Objection also was taken to the return of A. E. Arsenault, Conservative, on the ground that he was a town councillor and could not hold a seat in the provincial legislature. It was contended that the statute does not provide for his resignation. The declaration of the election of Arsenault was made under protest.

Charlottetown Scotchmen celebrated St. Andrew's night by a banquet at the Queen Hotel.

HARRIMAN JOINS NEW YORK CENTRAL

New York, Dec. 1—The Press today says:

For months there have been persistent rumors in Wall street that F. H. Harriman soon will become a director of the New York Central Railway. There has been every reason to expect this election to the Central Board, and yesterday it was reported, in addition to election as a director, Harriman will become Chairman of the Board of Directors before February 1st. The present chairman of the board is Senator Chauncey M. Depew, and owing to his advanced age, it is considered likely he soon will retire. Harriman is in every way the logical successor.

The Vanderbilts for years controlled the New York Central, but at present their ownership of its stock, it is said, is less than five per cent. A few years ago, the Union Pacific, of which Harriman is president, bought $14,285,700 of the New York Central Stock. With that purchase and others he now controls more stock than all the Vanderbilts. In addition, Harriman, it is believed, is a large personal owner of the stock. He never has had any representation in Board of Directors, and it has been understood it was only a question of time before he would receive not only the representation to which he is entitled, but the large say in its policies, which he usually receives in any road in which he is interested.

DECISION IN CASE OF THE MALIN HEAD

Montreal, Que., Dec. 1st—(Special)—Judgment was rendered today in the case of the steamers Malin Head and Corinthian, which collided last Septemebr, 13th off Grosse Isle, both being badly damaged. Court considered that the master and pilot of the Corinthian were to be blamed for the accident and severely censured Captain William Dunlop, and fined Pilot Auguste Santerre, who was in charge of the ship, $100. The master, pilot and officers of the Malin Head were exonerated.

POLICE COURT

Farmer Hard Labor Squad Man Recaptured and Sentenced--Several Minor Cases Dealt With.

In the police court this morning William Cole, aged 29, was accused of lying and lurking in H. A. McCormick's tonsorial establishment on Main street during the hours of eleven and twelve last night.

The proprietor informed the court that Cole had remained in the store after closing hour with his sanction to remove the effects of a debauch.

Cole stated that he slept in the shop, intending to depart for Sydney on the morning train, but when he awoke at eleven o'clock he changed his plans and, seeing his predicament, took strenuous measures to escape from the store by the street door, in time to catch the 11.25 train. His pounding and rattling of the door soon brought Policemen Finley and Rankin to the scene, and after they secured entry to the premises they placed Cole in custody.

James Almond, who was arrested by Officer Silas Perry in North End last evening, pleaded guilty to escaping from the hard labor squad on November 14, and was sentenced to six months. While at work in Indiantown Almond disappeared, but the fascination of the cup that cheers but inebriates proved irresistible to him, leading to his recapture.

Frank Hennessy, who was arrested on three allegations, claimed that his memory was a blank concerning the entire affair, even entering the Opera House. James McDevitt withdrew the charge against him, though he had not recovered the purloined umbrella. He denied that "this pulse had been felt," in response to queries of the magistrate. Hennessy was liberated on suspended sentence of eight months on the umbrella episode, and $8 or two months on the charge of begging.

"You're not an imbecile," remarked the magistrate to Hennessy, "You should know that drunkenness is no excuse."

Ernest Morris, a young negro porter on a Pulman car, gave a rather vague explanation of his presence on Sheffield street early Sunday morning, but after a reprimand was excused, his deposit being refunded.

Alexander Cameron, a Scotchman, who was celebrating his patron's yearly anniversary, used his lungs to such an extent at midnight last night that all the policemen on the up-town routes heard his vociferations. Policeman McCollom hurried from Prince William street to the head of King street, attracted by the noise, and arrested Cameron. He was fined $4.

George Malcolm, Edward Barnes, James McNichol, and Robert O'Leary were fined $4 or ten days for inebriation.

Bradford Chase was fined $8 for intoxication and profanity.

SILVER PURSES FOUND IN PARIS FOUNTAIN

Paris, Nov. 30—Miraculous properties seem to be possessed by one of the fountains in the Place de la Concorde, if one is to judge from the number of silver purses which have been discovered at the bottom of the water. Two young men were seen engaged in fishing certain glittering objects out of the basin. A fruit woman and a valet, who had been watching them from a distance, went to see what they were doing, whereupon the two young men, who had just fished a pretty silver purse from the bottom of the fountain, turned their backs and walked away, as if quite content with their haul. The fruit woman and the valet then saw similar purses lying at the bottom of the water, and both set to work to bring them to the surface with sticks. They had already taken out seven purses, when a policeman who had been watching the sport walked up to them and inquired. They were unable, naturally, to explain how the bottom of the fountain was littered with precious purses. Both were escorted to the police station, and plied with questions, but their good faith being apparent, they were allowed to go away after depositing the objects. The police are of opinion that the purses had probably been thrown there by thieves, who had looted some shop window, and were afraid of being captured with their booty.

LATEST REPORTS SAY BURCHILL WILL WIN

Heavy Vote Being Polled in Northumberland Today

Hon. Donald Morrisy's Attack on Conservatives Has Blasted Party Hopes and Swim's Chances of Victory Are Smaller Than Ever

Chatham, N. B., Dec. 1 (Special)—Indications point to a fairly good vote being polled today. Last night's snow storm has helped rather than hindered travelling and polling is proceeding at a lively rate this morning.

Last night's meeting of the Conservatives did not help their cause very much, as Mr. Swim was hissed when he started in to make some altogether unnecessary remarks about the late Deputy Solicitor General Flewelling, of Fredericton. Hon. Mr. Morrisy's attack on the Conservatives in their own meeting and the way in which his remarks were cheered afforded thinking Conservatives little comfort last night. Some up river sections may go for Mr. Swim, but Chatham, Newcastle, and the down river parishes are expected to poll a heavy Burchill vote, and in all probability his majority will be large.

OLDEST MAN IN THE WORLD

Osip Susselitch, a Cossack, Was Born Dec. 16, 1773--Credible Records Prove It.

Moscow, Russia, Nov. 30—Osip Susselitch, a Cossack, was the oldest man in the world until he died recently at the truly venerable age of one hundred and thirty-five years.

Such is the news from Tiflis, where Susselitch, who had lived more than one-fourteenth of the Christian era, breathed his last. That he should have lived so long may seem incredible in these days. But excellent authorities, including the Kavkaz, Russia's official newspaper in Tiflis, insists there can be no doubt that Osip Susselitch was born Dec. 16, 1773. That is the very day and date on which, on the other side of the world, the "rebels" threw the British tea into Boston Harbor.

This patriarch of nearly a century and a half was a man in his prime when Napoleon the Great made his disastrous invasion of Russia. But Susselitch did not fight with "General Frost" in defense of his country. Forty years later, however, when he was four score years of age he fought against the English, French and Sardinian allies in the Crimea and helped to defend Sebastopol. He used to tell of fighting near Count Tolstoy, then a young officer of the artillery. Susselitch served in the Russian army in several Asiatic campaigns, and for ten years lived in captivity among the Turcomans of Central Asia.

Susselitch never married; flippant bachelors may ascribe his long term of years to his single blessedness. But it may be that he regretted his lonely life: certainly he had a strange mental amusement for a bachelor. He was fond of estimating how many of his descendants he would have seen had he married early and had his children and their children been ordinary prolific. He set the number at 973.

A HOODOO IN A DEATH CHAMBER

Peterboro, Ont., Dec. 1 (Special)—Mrs. Wm. Isbester died at the residence of her son, J. P. Isbester, South Monaghan. On the next night a woman entering the death chamber with an oil lamp stepped into the stovepipe hole and fell and the lamp set fire to the room. The body was removed safely, but Mrs. Isbester's son in putting out the fire was dangerously burned and the furnishings of the room were destroyed.