

# NEWS OF THE DAY IN BRIEF

**Methodist Foreign Mission Board's New Secretary.**

**APPLES FOR AFRICA**

**Dredging Has Started on Welland Canal.**

Todmorden is facing a serious water famine.

Prof. Robinson Ellis, one of the greatest of English Latinists, is dead.

The Baptist Foreign Mission Board decided not to enter the Bulgarian field.

Patrick Haffey, one of the best-known labor men of Brantford, died at the age of 63.

The Canadian Federation of Labor, meeting at Brockville, decided to appoint a paid organizer.

Dredging on No. 1 section of the Welland ship canal by the Dominion Dredging Company began.

Many Spaniards and Germans are reported to have been killed by the rebels at Torreón, Mexico.

A Toronto civic employee is at the General Hospital in a critical condition as the result of a fight.

Representative Underwood stands by the clause providing for a rebate on goods carried in American ships.

Mr. Ben Ewing, son of Councilor and ex-Mayor David Ewing, has been appointed town clerk of Cobourg.

A deputation will wait on the Ontario Cabinet to-day and urge that railways be required to pay a greater share of taxes.

Jean Nevin, aged 14 years, of Harrow-Smith, is in the hospital very ill from a kick received in the stomach from a cow she was milking.

The steamer Thomas Walters, loaded with ore, went aground in the St. Clair River on the American side, just off Port Lambton.

Peter O'Donnell, of Kingston, was killed one hundred and seventy-five miles east of Vancouver. Six sons and one daughter survive.

Barnard & Biggar's large tobacco barn at Leamington, worth \$3,000, with the crop of eighteen acres, valued at \$6,000, was destroyed by fire.

The body of a four-month-old boy was found with his mouth stuffed with cotton in a berth of the C. P. R. train from Toronto at Winnipeg.

A heavy fog has hung above the lakes and St. Mary's River all day and last night to come so heavy that navigation is practically at a standstill at the Soo.

Alex. Patterson, of Toronto, was elevated from the office of second to first vice-president of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada.

The useless body of Kay Smith, of Guelph, was found by some workmen as they were crossing an empty field east of Romeo street, Stratford. No marks of violence were found on the body.

At Elton Acting Inspector W. H. Finch discovered liquor on the premises of Joseph Trank, who keeps a temperance house. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$100 and costs before Magistrate Bradley at Aylmer.

Rev. Dr. James Endicott has been appointed General Secretary of Foreign Missions by the Methodist General Board of Missions, in succession to Rev. Dr. T. E. E. Stone, who resigned some months ago.

John Baneroff, a wealthy Canadian Township farmer, reported to the police of London, Ont., that he had been robbed and beaten by three thugs near Oxford Park, a suburb on the northwest outskirts of the city.

## FOR DEEPER WATER

**Deputation Urges Improvement at Chippewa River.**

Ottawa despatch: A deputation from Niagara Falls, led by Mr. Evan Fraser, M.P.P., the recently selected Dominion candidate for Welland County, waited on the Honorable Dr. Reid, Acting Minister of Railways and Canals, to-day and urged the improvement of the Welland or Chippewa River, in connection with the building of the new Welland Canal. The deputation represented that with the waters of the Chippewa on a level with and accessible to shipping from the new canal, both sides of this heretofore unimportant stream could be made available for factory sites from Port Robinson to Niagara Falls, a distance of seven miles. To make the change would, however, involve the flooding of several hundred acres of swamp land.

Dr. Reid promised to present the wishes of the deputation to Mr. Cochrane on his return, but intimated to the deputation that it would be advisable and necessary to have further information from the municipalities concerned, as to their position with regard to any lands flooded before the matter could be considered in a proper manner.

With Mr. Fraser, were Mayor Cole of Niagara Falls, Aldermen Pitts and Stevens, and Robin Boyle, the president, and Messrs. Northcutt and Menzie, representing the Board of Trade.

"Can't it queer the 'movies' never show us any of those Central American revolutions? 'Not a bit. As a matter of fact, they haven't perfected a film machine yet that can revolve as fast as the revolutions."—St. Louis Republic.

## COAL SMOKE BLAMED

**By British Scientists for Cancer's Increase.**

London, Oct. 13.—The conclusions reached by Charles E. Green, of Edinburgh, that there is a distinct relationship between the occurrence of cancer and the kind of fuel used for domestic purposes, was accepted as decisive by Sir William Bennett, the eminent surgeon, in his presidential address to-day at the meeting of the Coal Smoke Abatement Society.

Sir William said investigation had shown that the increase of cancer was limited to those areas where coal was the staple fuel, while it was almost non-existent where ordinary peat alone was used. The only exception yet discovered to this rule, he declared, was in districts where the peat was a hard, black substance, which cracked like coal and was quite unlike the smouldering, ordinary peat. Sir William Bennett in conclusion spoke strongly in favor of gas as a substitute for coal.

## ONTARIO W. C. T. U.

**Result of the Election of Officers.**

Stratford despatch: Interest in the Women's Christian Temperance Union convention centred to-day in the election of officers. The noon hour found the task uncompleted and most of the afternoon was devoted to completing the list. The old slate was re-elected, the only contest being between Mrs. Cole, of Ottawa, and Mrs. A. Cheson, of Toronto, for the position of recording secretary, the former being elected.

The new officers are: Hon. President, Mrs. S. G. McKee, Barrie; President, Mrs. E. A. Stevens, Toronto; Vice-President, Mrs. H. E. Irwin, Toronto; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Helen Dettlor, North Bay; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Cole, Ottawa; Treasurer Mrs. B. O. Britton, Gananoque; Advisory President, Mrs. May Thornley, London; "Y" Secretary, Miss Minnie Garrett, Toronto; Local Temperance Legion Secretary, Mrs. Ada McLachlin, Hamilton.

Mrs. McKee was presented with a purse of gold and an address of appreciation by the Simcoe county delegates, who, by the way, outnumbered any other county representation. Mrs. McKee is removing to Nipissing. The convention rose and applauded the honored veteran.

Miss Agnes Spruile, of Fort William, stated that the influx of foreigners who are almost enslaved by the capitalists presents a serious problem for the W. C. T. U. Miss Berta McLeod, of Cainsville, spoke on juvenile work, and Mrs. Gray, of Toronto, on temperance teaching in the Sunday schools.

H. E. Irwin, K. C., Toronto, addressed the convention to-night on the significance of the word "Christian" in "Women's Christian Temperance Union." He instanced a local option fight which was won by the women's prayerful efforts as proof that the women, though without the franchise, are a power in municipal and political life. He predicted that if the Dominion Alliance of the W. C. T. U. began making compromises with any political party, the cause will go down to sure defeat.

## SUES THE STAR

**Montreal Herald Wants \$100,000 Damages.**

Montreal despatch: A suit for one hundred thousand dollars damages, on account of an alleged conspiracy to destroy the Montreal Herald and to ruin its business, was entered in the Superior Court to-day by the Herald Company, Limited. The defendants are the Montreal Star Publishing Company, Limited, the Montreal Standard Publishing Company, Limited, the International News Service (a New Jersey corporation controlled by William Randolph Hearst), Sir Hugh Graham, owner of the Star and Standard, and Charles F. Crandall, managing editor of the Star.

Particulars of the allegations upon which the suit is based are given in full in the plaintiff's declaration, alleging a protracted and widespread conspiracy on the part of the defendants and other persons unknown, to prevent the Montreal Herald from having access to certain sources of supply from which daily newspapers secure their circulation-building features.

It is also alleged that the Canadian defendants formed a so-called syndicate and induced the New Jersey defendant to break its contract with the Toronto World and transfer its services to their syndicate. The Toronto World was thereby prevented from delivering to the Herald the features and services which it had contracted to deliver. The Toronto World yesterday secured an interim injunction restraining the New Jersey corporation from delivering its services to the Star syndicate until further hearing.

## LONDON FUND FOR ULSTER.

London, Ont. despatch: Inniskilling Preceptor, No. 834, a local branch of the Loyal Black Knights of Ireland, has issued a statement inviting public subscription to a fund to assist the men of Ulster in establishing a provisional Government in the event of the passing of the Home Rule bill. Inniskilling members have agreed to leave their homes in this city if occasion arises and to join the ranks of the Ulster army. While no weapons are at present possessed, the members are being drilled for campaigning. Preceptor Harry J. Bennett "has been appointed to accept contributions, and already quite a sum has been received."

## A FISH YARN

**Electric Fish Held Up Steamer at Sea.**

**Drawn by Steel Plates to Vessel's Hull.**

Boston, Mass., Oct. 13.—A strange story was told by the crew of the British steamship Rochelle, which reached port yesterday four days late from Santo Domingo. According to the several men on board, the delay to the freighter was due principally to electric fish which were attracted by the steel plates of the vessel and fastened themselves by the hundreds against her bottom and sides.

The vessel was in the Gulf Stream, north of Cuba, when she began to slow down. The Rochelle is new and her engines were working splendidly. Some of the sailors said they felt a tingling sensation about their feet and finger tips. A few of the crew, more superstitious than the others, began to be alarmed.

The coal supply began to diminish rapidly, for the stokers were kept busy shovelling fuel into the furnace in an effort to increase the speed. Every part of the vessel was examined to determine the cause of the delay. Finally one of the sailors happened to look over the port side and found it covered with strange-looking fish. They were two or three feet thick along the port side under the water. The starboard side also was covered.

As the Rochelle moved north and got out of the Gulf Stream the fish dropped off, and the vessel resumed her customary speed. The coal supply, however, had run so low that Captain Greig made for Norfolk, where the bunkers were refilled.

While the presence of electric fish in tropical waters is well known the Rochelle is the first vessel to come to Boston whose progress has been impeded by them. These fish are known also as torpedo fish. They emit an electrical shock which is powerful enough to kill smaller fish. Some of the electric fish attain a weight of two hundred pounds.

## RILEY COMMITTED

**Must Stand Trial for the London Murder.**

London, Ont. despatch: Tom Riley was to-day committed for trial by Police Magistrate Judl, charged with the murder of George Blackburn, a bartender of the Hotel Cecil. His case now goes over to the Winter Assize Court, in January.

Crown Attorney McKillop presented the case practically as it will go to the court, when it will finally decide Riley's guilt or innocence. Throughout the trial of the facts connected with the shooting and the stories of witnesses, who declared they saw him fire the fatal shot after an altercation in the bar, the prisoner maintained an air of absolute composure. Riley, who was identified by witnesses and smiled through the bars at friends among the spectators.

Larry Andrews, a Grand Trunk conductor, with whom Riley ran out of London as a brakeman, gave testimony, under pressure from the Crown that was considered to be very dangerous to the defence in that it is supposed to have shown premeditation. Andrews was with Riley after the dispute in the bar and while walking away from the place Riley, then fairly sober, is said to have declared, "I would like to shoot that black—"

The witnesses were Howard Beattie, a friend of Blackburn's, who was in the bar and who witnessed the shooting; William "Dublin" Burrows, another bartender, who saw the fatal shot fired; Charles E. Hildray, and Heine White, who were also present; Fred Hathory, who witnessed the first dispute between Blackburn and Riley, and who saw Riley ejected, and T. P. Greene, who was with him; Dr. P. P. Drake, Detective Sergeant Thomas Nickle, who produced Riley's 44-calibre revolver, and the bullet taken from Blackburn's body; W. A. Brock, a gunsmith, and Charles Polehill, a fireman at the central station. Polehill states that he heard a shot from the direction of the Hotel Cecil, and that a moment later he saw a man running with a smoking revolver in his hand. The man in flight grabbed his fedora hat from his head and held it over his face until he was last sight of in the Grand Trunk Railway yards.

## WILL TEST "R" RAYS.

Rome, Oct. 13.—Two experiments are to be made with Ulvitz's "R" rays in an attempt to prove the inventor's contention that he can destroy battleships by means of the rays, without direct connection. The experiment will be made with two captive balloons provided with a steel framework. Professor Ulvitz's plan is to demonstrate that he can cause the gasbag to be exploded.

Professor Ulvitz has an option to sell to the British Government if the invention is not purchased by Italy within three months.

## TRIED TO KIDNAP GIRLS.

Kildonan, Man., despatch: Daring attempts were made here to-day by alleged white slavers to seize two girls from the Salvation Army rescue home. Two men in a touring car drove up to the farm, where the girls were working in the garden. The girls indignantly refused to accompany the men, and on threatening to scream for help they turned and ran. It is reported that the police are looking for two men in an automobile who drove up to a home in Fort Rouge and enticed a domestic to leave the house and accompany them.

## FRANCE AND SPAIN

**Spanish Politician Criticises the Coming Alliance.**

New York, Oct. 13.—A cable from Madrid to the Tribune says: President and Mme. Poincare, accompanied by King Alfonso, Queen Victoria, the Queen-Mother, the Premiers of France and Spain, and a large suite, left to-day in a special train for Cartagena, where Queen Victoria will dedicate the new warship Espana. The King and President Poincare will then review the Spanish fleet.

While the recent anti-French sentiment has subsided somewhat, a sensation was caused to-day by an article, signed by Senor Mella, a prominent politician, stating that France's strength in Europe is declining, and that an alliance with her would place Spain in the same position as Poland with regard to Russia.

It is said that the Franco-Spanish treaty will be concluded at Cartagena. General Lyautey left to-day for Morocco.

## BAPTIST MISSIONS

**Shortage of \$15,000 in Annual Receipts.**

Toronto despatch: The question of accepting a Government grant towards Indian mission schools caused a long discussion at the meeting of the Canadian Baptist Foreign Mission Board, which was in session Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Though opposed to State aid to religious educational work, the mission conference in India memorialized the home board, asking that on account of the peculiar character of the situation and the policy of the British Government in regard to mission schools, the board sanction the acceptance of the grant. After a lengthy discussion, the board voted that the matter be referred back to the missionary conference for further discussion.

A petition from the Baptist Union of Southern Chili, asking the board to take the mission under supervision, was read, which was, however, declined, owing to the burden of the work in India and Bolivia.

The report of the treasurer, which was presented for the year ending Sept. 30, showed receipts of \$130,000, with an amount required of \$145,000, making a shortage of \$15,000.

Rev. Archibald Gordon, B. A., who will sail for India from Montreal, Oct. 25, was introduced to the board. Mr. Gordon is to be supported in his field for the next seven years by the First Baptist Church of Brandon, Manitoba. The meetings were presided over by Mr. Joseph X. Shenstone, and representatives from all parts of Canada were present, together with several returned missionaries.

## UNIONS TO COMBINE

**British Labor to Take Co-operative Action.**

London, Oct. 13.—A step which is considered likely to have a very important bearing on British labor questions was taken to-day, when the Miners' Federation resolved that their executive "should approach the executives of other large trade unions with a view to co-operative action in support of each other's demands."

In the course of the debate on the resolution it was said that things have reached a point where the workers must extend their forces or let the employers submerge them. Strikes of the miners and the railroad men and other organizations were mentioned as inevitable in the next two years. Success lies in co-operation, it was pointed out. One delegate said he would favor syndicalism or anarchism, even nihilism, to combat such things as the employers are doing in Dublin.

## YUAN IN OFFICE

**China's First President Was Inaugurated.**

Peking, Oct. 13.—The utmost success attended the first inauguration of a President of the Republic in China to-day, when Yuan Shi-Kai was inducted into the office of Chief executive. The entire ceremony passed off without the slightest hitch, and was succeeded by a brilliant review of troops, at which the exercises were conducted excellently.

## LONDON FRESHIES DECORATED.

London, Ont. despatch: The freshies and sophs of the medical department of Western University met in their annual invitation clash this afternoon and while no casualties were reported many of both sides are nursing aches. The battle was one of the fiercest ever waged, the freshmen, who were in the minority, being badly handled by the seniors. The fight commenced at the Medical College, at the corner of York and Waterloo streets, where the second year students, after a desperate struggle, loaded up the freshies, bound and gagged them, and paraded them through the streets to Tecumseh Park, where they were liberated and compelled to fight it out again. They were finally smeared with paint, shampooed with molasses and glucose, and sheared with a set of horse clippers.

## M. C. R. WRECK

**Cars Leave the Rails Near Niagara Falls, N. Y.**

**Fireman Parker's Scalds May be Fatal.**

Niagara Falls, N.Y., despatch: Traveling at a rate of probably 50 miles an hour, the Michigan Central passenger train leaving this city for Niagara-on-the-Lake at 10 o'clock this morning was wrecked five miles north of here, and the fireman and the engineer were seriously injured.

That no one was killed is regarded as remarkable. The train was going down the steep grade at the brow of the Queenston Mountain, when it took a switch at the sand pit. It is claimed that the switch had been tampered with. The engine and first coach toppled over, and the fireman, Clarence Parker, of Niagara-on-the-Lake, was pinned under the cab and frightfully scalded. Edward Meadows, engineer, was thrown from his cab and severely cut and bruised.

A telephone call from the sand pit summoned Dr. McGarry, who, with a couple of trained nurses, was despatched to the scene of the accident in an automobile. Dr. Evan, of Queenston, was also summoned. Parker was brought here to the hospital late in the afternoon, and Meadows, who also lives at Niagara-on-the-Lake, was sent to his home.

## KNOWN IN ST. THOMAS.

St. Thomas despatch—Clarence Parker, fireman, and Engineer Ephraim Meadows, who were seriously scalded and injured at the derailment of the M. C. R. passenger train on the Niagara-on-the-Lake division to-day, are former residents of St. Thomas. Fireman Parker was a few days ago transferred back to the M. C. R. main line, and intended moving to St. Thomas next week. He is suffering from severe scalds all over the lower part of his body, and his condition is critical. Meadows is suffering considerably from shock and severe bruises. The auxiliary from St. Thomas cleared the wreck.

## NOTED FENIAN

**Barry Fitzpatrick is Dead in London, Eng.**

London, Oct. 13.—The death is announced, in his 76th year, at his residence, Farrington Road, London, of Barry Fitzpatrick, one of the fast-disappearing band of Irish insurrectionists of 1867.

Fitzpatrick was a native of Cork, and was a compositor by occupation. He formed one of the band of Irishmen who made the raid on the Canadian frontier in 1866. He also took part, in 1867, in the attack on the Ballymoeke police station near Mallow, County Cork, when, in the only record of the service which was established by Sir Robert Peel, the Royal Irish Constabulary surrounded. Fitzpatrick was tried before a special commission consisting of the famous Judge Keogh (president), Mr. Justice Morris (afterward Lord Morris), and Mr. Justice George, for high treason, and acquitted. For many years he had resided in London. He leaves a large family.

## OUR JEW PROBLEM

**Discussed by Anglican Missionary Conference.**

Saskatoon, Sask., despatch: The principal subject of discussion yesterday at the missionary conference of the Church of England in Canada, held in St. John's Hall, was the relationship between home and foreign missions. Canon Gould, of Toronto, and Canon Mathewson, of Winnipeg, gave forceful addresses on the subject, enlarging on the vision which less experienced men might have had on the subject.

A letter from Right Rev. Bishop White, of Hunan, China, was read, asking that a deputation from the church in Canada, visit China early next year to study conditions. It was decided that Canon Gould, the General Field Secretary, should go.

The whole of the evening session was devoted to a discussion of the Jewish question, in Hamilton, Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa. No definite line of action was decided upon. The sessions are all held behind closed doors. Archdeacon Dewdney furnishing the press with the information which the conference desire to make public.

## BULL ATTACKS LITTLE GIRL.

Brockville despatch: Gienna, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Booth, narrowly escaped being killed yesterday, when she was attacked by a bull near her home on Perth street. The animal had been driven from the country and, after its long walk in the extreme heat, was allowed to lie down on the roadside to recuperate. The child playfully approached the bull, which suddenly arose and charged her. To escape she ran for the nearest fence, but the infuriated beast caught her as she reached it and threw her through the barricade, a portion of which was broken away by the impact of the animal's weight. Fortunately Chas. Grey, who is employed by Mr. Booth, happened to be close by and succeeded in diverting the attention of the animal, which also attacked him. Mr. Grey escaped with a few slight bruises. The child is in a hospital, but her injuries are not serious.

Ye eat in dreams the custard of the day.—Pope.

## PERJURER-THIEF

**Alton B. Parker's Arraignment of Sulzer.**

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 13.—The Senate Chamber echoed all day the declamation of Louis Marshall and Alton B. Parker, defending and denouncing the immigrants' son who struggled upward to the Governorship of New York, and who next week may be an outcast. The defence was a flaming picture of an honorable man, poor as Webster and McKinley were poor, helped with money as they were, striving to be a good Governor, succeeding, hated by the hatred of political enemies, unreasonably impeached, marked for ruin, saveable only by the High Court.

Whereas Alton B. Parker, speaking with the authority of a one-time candidate for the Presidency, a former chief judge of the Court of Appeals, said in unmistakable phrases that William Sulzer was a perjurer and a thief, and demanded a verdict of guilty on each of the impeachment articles.

The time for argument will end tomorrow.

## MANAGER GONE

**Guelph Concern Said to be Out \$4,000.**

Guelph despatch: H. R. Steele, manager of the Canada Gate Co., is missing, and the revelation is made that he is short in his accounts to the extent of at least \$4,000 with the company, of which he has been in charge since its inception, some three years ago.

Rumors to this effect have been going about the city for some time, but it was impossible to obtain anything authentic until to-day. Mr. J. B. Clay, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, owner of the patent concern of the Canada Gate Co., being approached, stated that he did not care to discuss the matter, but admitted the truth of current reports. Mr. Clay says Steele's operations have given him a great deal of worry. He has been at work for some time trying to straighten out the books and ascertain the real situation.

The system by which the firm was deceived was so clever that Mr. Clay, who acted as his own auditor, was completely fooled. The manipulation of notes at the bank and concealment of some of the contents of the ledger (which was of the loose leaf system) were the means by which Mr. Clay was tricked. Steele had power to raise money on notes signed by himself and countersigned by Mr. Clay. He deposited the proceeds to the firm's credit, but when he got back to the office, in order to prevent the discovery that his account was overdrawn, he would credit his personal account with the amount, instead of entering it up as bills payable. Many refused to believe the story at first as Steele had occupied various responsible positions in the city and was an active worker in the Norfolk Street Methodist Church.

## LOAN SHARK HIT

**Man Wanted in Canada Goes Down in N. Y.**

New York, Oct. 13.—David H. Tolman, notorious as a loan shark, was convicted this afternoon of violating the state law against usury and sentenced to serve six months in the penitentiary. The complainant, a clerk, testified that he had paid interest at the rate of 200 per cent. a year for the use of \$10 for three months. The defendant said he had conducted between forty and fifty loan offices throughout the United States.

"This is the most flagrant case of usury that has ever come to the attention of the Court of Special Sessions," said Presiding Justice Zeller. "Tolman, you are a most miserable usurer." Warrants for Tolman's arrest on usury charges were issued some years ago in Montreal and Winnipeg, but he was careful to keep out of the jurisdiction of the Canadian courts.

## POINCARÉ'S VISIT

**French President Declined Bull Fight Attendance.**

Paris, Oct. 13.—President Poincaré, who is visiting King Alfonso in Madrid, is well known as a lover of animals. One of the entertainments arranged in his honor in Madrid was a bull fight, at which the French Premier and the King should have appeared in the royal box. Every place in the great arena was taken in advance, and the best bull fighters of Spain were to show their skill before Poincaré. At the last moment, however, when the President found a bull fight was included in the programme for to-day he courteously but decidedly refused to attend, according to the Madrid correspondent of the Matin Temps. The bull fight accordingly took place without the presence of the President or the King.

## ORANGE LADIES TO NURSE THE ULSTERITES.

Winnipeg, Man., despatch: "When the time comes for decisive action you may be sure that the Ladies' Orange Benevolent Association will not be slow in action," remarked the president of that association, Mrs. D. H. McKee, to-night. "Our association numbers 500 members in Winnipeg and we are enthusiastic in supporting the men in regard to their feelings on the Home Rule question. Some members may cross the Atlantic from a nursing corps to attend to the sick and wounded if it should come to fighting."