

HERBERT READ'S HEADS FROM BIENOS AYRES

Missing Sackville Man Writes To His Brother From South American Port. Mystery of Strange Disappearance Cleared in Letter Received Yesterday.

Sackville, N. B., March 14.—Mr. Gordon Read this afternoon received a communication from his brother, Herbert W. Read, of whose existence there has been no knowledge since November 3, 1909, when he disappeared from Montreal, while supposedly on route for his home in Stonehaven, N. B.

The letter is dated from the Y. M. C. A. rooms, Buenos Ayres, Argentina, January 25, 1910. The contents are vague in the extreme, and although they go to show that he is still alive, they only deepen the mystery of his disappearance.

It will be remembered that one of Mr. Read's reasons for his trip to Montreal had been to sell a carload of potatoes on which he lost, but not enough to discourage him from going in two sheets.

The receipt of the letter has renewed the expression of a large number of old friends accounting for Mr. Read's disappearance and has also given rise to the venting of a number of entirely new ones.

LORD ROSEBERY LAUNCHES REFORM

Takes Promised Step In Reorganization of Great Britain's Upper Chamber—Urges That Time Be Taken By Forelock and That Reform Come From Within—Naval Estimates Before Commons

London, Mar. 14.—The House of Lords entered upon a discussion today of the self-denying ordinance proposed by Lord Rosebery, preparatory to the radical reform of the upper chamber. Not a seat in the chamber was vacant and Lord Rosebery rose to move that the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole to consider the best means of reforming the existing organization so as to constitute a strong and efficient second chamber.

WARRING ONES IN CONFERENCE

First Step in Settlement of Philadelphia's Labor War Taken Yesterday—Stock Exchange Forces Situation.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 14.—The first step taken by the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company toward settling the dispute with its striking employees, and incidentally ending the sympathetic strike which has now been in progress for 10 days, was taken late today when President C. O. Kruger, of the Rapid Transit Company, conferred with W. D. Mahon, president of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees.

Today's conference was held in the office of George H. Earle, one of the representatives of the city on the transit company's board of directors. Mr. Earle and a sub-committee of the general committee in charge of the sympathetic strike were also present.

When this delegation met Mr. Earle, it was suggested that they were not competent to discuss the men's grievances and W. D. Mahon, the car men's president, was sent for. Shortly afterward, President Kruger was telephoned for by Mr. Earle and he arrived at the conference.

BERT RUSS SUICIDE AT CAPITAL

Strike Breaker, Imported From Massachusetts, Takes Own Life In Fredericton Hotel, While Intoxicated.

CORONER ADJOURNS INQUEST UNTIL TODAY

Fredericton, N. B., March 14.—Bert Russ, a shoemaker by trade of Haverhill, Mass., committed suicide by shooting himself through the left side, immediately above the heart at Long's Hotel this evening, just at the time the crowds were gathering at city hall, a block away, to hear the civic election returns.

Russ had been drinking heavily for some days and had spent most of the day in his room at the hotel. About three quarters of an hour before the shooting occurred he went to the hotel office and secured writing paper and envelopes and it is said to have commenced to write a note to his mother, which, however, he did not complete.

Baricaded in Room. About 6.15 with the door of his room barricaded with a chair, Russ, who was lying on the bed clothed in his pants and shirt shot himself just above the heart, with what was apparently a new revolver. His pal Carl Smith, also of Haverhill, was in the next room and hearing the shot rushed to Russ' room and found him lying in a pool of blood.

MR. KESSEN HEARD FROM

Curator Of Defunct St. Stephen's Bank Qualifies Statement Made Concerning Result Of Investigation.

St. Stephen, Mar. 14.—Mr. R. B. Kessen, who arrived here this evening declared in an interview with The Standard correspondent, that he was not authorized in any way to make a statement given out by the Hon. Geo. A. Curran regarding the financial condition of the defunct St. Stephens Bank.

Mr. Kessen declared that his investigation had not proceeded far enough to warrant him in making a statement of any kind to the public. He had not stated that there would be a double liability call upon the shareholders, but that he had examined the books and found that there was no evidence of wrong doing on the part of any of the bank officials.

MORE ARRESTS MADE IN CHATHAM BURLARIES

Chatham, N. B., March 14.—Further developments in Saturday night's robbery and in one or two other episodes of a similar nature are expected tomorrow.

Today the police arrested Jeremiah Handley, Anthony Mawson, Herbert Martin and Dick Mays on the charge of breaking into Ald. Gallivan's cigar store, some weeks ago and taking away about \$60 worth of pipes and tobacco.

TEACHERS' PENSION BILL BROUGHT DOWN IN HOUSE

U. S. TARIFF WAR INEVITABLE NOW

Washington Learns That Situation Is All But Hopeless and That Application of 25 per cent. Surtax On Goods Imported From Canada Is Necessitated By Recent Action of Ottawa.

Washington, D. C., Mar. 14.—At the end of a conference today with his tariff advisers, lasting nearly four hours, President Taft, had not arrived at a decision as to the action he will take with respect to granting Canada and France the 25 per cent. reduction in tariff rates which he is allowed to grant to nations which are shown to be not "unduly discriminatory" against the United States.

It is said that the situation with respect to Canada is all but hopeless and the indications are that the biggest and nearest neighbor of the United States may be the one important country against which the maximum rates of the Payne-Aldrich law will have to be applied.

Although higher duties are imposed against the United States than the United States imposes against Canada, it is stated that Canada has granted France a reduction in duties of from 2 1/2 to 5 per cent from prevailing rates and this reduction, under conditions imposed upon the Dominion Government has been automatically granted to 12 other nations, under the "most favored nation" rule.

ROOSEVELT AT CAPITAL

Ex-President Accorded Enthusiastic Reception By British Officials—Joyous Family Reunion.

Khartoum, March 14.—Looking the picture of health, and with physical fitness showing in every line, Theodore Roosevelt came back today from the long trip which he spent nearly a year in the pursuit of game. Thousands had gathered here to see him and they described from afar the familiar nose and the family smile.

Later in the day, there was a joyous reunion of Col. and Mrs. Roosevelt and their children, Kermit and Miss Ethel, in the North Station of Khartoum. Mrs. Roosevelt and her daughter arriving there about half past five o'clock in the evening.

On this smart craft, Col. Roosevelt and the members of his party had voyaged for more than 1,300 miles from Gondokoro, in Uganda, where they embarked on February 28. It is a wearisome trip for there was little to be seen and towards the end Col. Roosevelt displayed considerable anxiety to be ashore.

The White Nile was more placid today than yesterday and the Sirdar's steamer was able to proceed a long distance up the river, bearing the first official greeting to Khartoum's distinguished guest. The Sirdar's staff officers were taken aboard, and when the steamer, with the American, British and Egyptian flags flying arrived at Gordon's tree, they were seen surrounded by the former president on the bridge.

Many Heard On Advanced Legislation at Fredericton Yesterday—Amendment is Added.

Special Cases to be Provided For by Board—Busy Day at Provincial Capital.

Fredericton, March 14.—The legislature was busy today with routine business and private legislation and sat until 11 o'clock this evening with most of the time taken up with the House committee of the whole.

HOUSE MEETS

The House met at three o'clock. The House went into committee on the whole on the teachers' pension bill Mr. Sprunt in the chair.

Mr. Hazen said that since the bill was last before the committee he had had considerable correspondence on the subject and the bill appeared in general favor. It was recognized that it was impossible to legislate on every particular case and no good purpose would be served by changing the main provisions of the bill, but it had been decided to alter it so far as to include those who had fulfilled the conditions necessary for the pension before the bill came into force.

Mr. Lablouis said his objections suggesting thirty years instead of thirty five as the qualifying period was in order to encourage teachers to remain in the profession. With all inducements there were at the present day for teachers to take up other lines of occupation, thirty five years was a very long time to continue teaching before they could obtain a pension.

Mr. Burchill said if the suggestions of the previous speaker were carried out it would cease to be a pension bill and become rather an augmentation of salaries bill. Now that it had been amended to meet the cases of teachers retired, before coming into operation it should be satisfactory.