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RESUME BATTLE

Artillery Fight Again In Mexico City Streets

INFANTRY ALSO IN ACTION

Correspondent on the Scene, After Viewing Yesterday's Conflict, Predicts the Overthrow of Madero—United States Warships Ready for a Start

(Canadian Press)

Mexico City, Feb. 12—The federal troops opened the battle in the streets of the Mexican capital at 6.35 this morning with a light artillery fire.

The action soon became general, all the artillery on both sides being brought into play. The cannon fire was augmented by sweeping salvos from the machine guns while the infantry came into action with volleys and individual shooting.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 12—Fitzgerald Slocum, staff correspondent of the Los Angeles Times in Mexico city, sends the following despatch dated yesterday:

Mexico City seems doomed. Many fine buildings are ablaze by the fire of artillery. The dead are piled high in the streets. General Huerta, commander of the federal troops, is reported dead and the reign of President Madero seems ended. General Diaz, leader of the rebel forces, is in command of nearly all the city. His men are fighting like veterans, while those defending the national palace where Madero is, have taken to drink and are reeling on the firing line.

"Diaz's men, seeing this, were quick to take advantage of it, and within an hour last night, Diaz had extended his zone of control to the Alameda itself."

Washington, Feb. 12 —Immediately on leaving the White House, after last night's Mexican conference, Major-General Wood went directly to the war department, where he remained at his desk until nearly daylight, working out details for the quick movement of troops, should the occasion arise. These troops probably will be mobilized at Galveston today, being prepared to embark as soon as the transports had reached that point from Newport News, Va.

Washington, Feb. 12—Rear Admiral Badger, in command of the United States Atlantic fleet at Guatanamo will select the two additional battleships which are to carry to Vera Cruz, Mexico. This was determined upon at an early conference today between officials of the state, war and navy departments. The two ships are expected to put out from the naval station before noon.

Mexico City, Feb. 12—The Mutual Life Insurance building was set on fire at about 8 o'clock by a shell from a rebel field gun.

An effort made by the federals to isolate the rebels from their water supply was ineffective, on account of the number of artesian wells in that portion of the city occupied by the rebels.

The streets of the capital during the hours of darkness had the appearance of a great armed camp. In many parts of the city the electric wires had been cut by bullets, and had resulted in almost complete darkness.

The rebels under Felix Diaz, started to advance toward the national palace at a quarter to nine. They seemingly are employing heavier cannon than they did yesterday.

Washington, Feb. 12—The first brigade of the first division of the United States army, about 3,000 strong, has been ordered prepared for "expeditionary service."

ST. ANDREW'S LADIES WIN

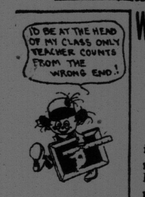
The St. Andrew's lady curlers this morning defeated the Hampton lady curlers on St. Andrew's ice. The results were:

Hampton.	St. Andrew's.
Mrs. M. Turnbull,	Mrs. R. Robinson,
Mrs. T. W. Barnes,	Miss V. Barnes,
Mrs. Matthews,	Mrs. J. Pope Barnes,
Miss Fairweather,	Mrs. Girvan,
skip 5	skip 13
Mrs. Sutherland,	Mrs. Walker,
Mrs. Wilson,	Miss McGivern,
Mrs. R. H. Smith,	Mrs. H. C. Schofield,
Miss. Travers,	Mrs. C. H. Ferguson,
skip 11	skip 9

Victoria Likely For Stanley Cup

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 12—After Vancouver had made the play close for Victoria in the first two periods last night, the Victorias opened up and at the finish of the third period the score was seven to two in favor of the latter. The result puts Victoria in the lead and it is hardly possible that Vancouver can overcome it. Victoria will probably go east after the Stanley cup.

London, Feb. 12—The suggestion has been mooted that Mormon missionaries should be brought within the provisions of the white slave traffic.



WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service.

Forecast—Strong winds and gales from northwest; fair, turning much colder; Thursday, northwest winds, fine and very cold.

TURKS' CAPITAL DRIFT TO DOOM

Laughter, Arson, Dancing, Failures and Immorality

HOLD-UP OF THE WEALTHY

Questionable, if Effective, Method of Government for Raising Funds and the Habit Spreads — Still Talk of Fighting to the Last

(Canadian Press)

London, Feb. 12—A despatch from Constantinople to the Daily News and Leader, sent via Odessa, pictures the position in the Turkish capital, as becoming more extraordinary every day. Business is dead and many commercial houses have become bankrupt. The streets cars stopped running long ago. Most of the steamers plying on the Bosphorus were seized for Enver Bey's expedition. Cholera is prevailing in the Asiatic shore.

Fires occur daily. During fires in the Toppaneh section of the city yesterday, probably started by prospective looters, there was little attempt made to check the flames except by foreign sailors. The Turks did not seem to be disturbed and continued to smoke peacefully in the cafes while the flames raged furiously. Even a terrible explosion in a house which was full af ammunition, created only mild interest. Meanwhile a masked ball was going on in another quarter.

"Thus," says the correspondent, "amid laughter, arson, dancing and light hearted immorality, the city drifts to its doom."

Government Hold-up For Money

Refugees from Gallipoli are pouring into Asia via Constantinople and Asiatic soldiers are pouring from Europe in a continuous flood. Among the government methods for raising money, there is one downright piece of robbery. The committee on public safety visits a rich merchant and says to him: "You have $500,000 in the bank and can afford to give us $25,000. The merchant pays the money.

So many unauthorized persons have started these collections with threats behind them that notices have now been issued by the press warning them that the Turks are rapidly drifting into an Ishmaelite empire of a band of desperate freebooters. This notice says:—

"If the Bulgarians come they will find the crown treasures in the pawn shops. A foreign syndicate has offered $4,000,000 for an ancient throne of the Sultan and treasures of the old Seraglio are going dirt cheap. It is a great opportunity for J. P. Morgan and other wealthy collectors."

The correspondent admits that the position has its heroic side. The Turks are determined to resist to the last.

Grim Tale of Massacre

Sofia, Bulgaria, Feb. 12—It is reported that the Turkish troops inclosed the whole male Christian population of Buyuk Chekmedye in the school house there and then massacred them. Subsequently they killed all the Christian women and children with the exception of the young girls, whom they carried off on board ship. There was no fighting yesterday either in the Gallipoli Peninsula or at the Tchatalja lines. The bombardment of Adrianople continues.

Paris, Feb. 12—Bulgaria having refused the request of the powers that foreigners be allowed to leave Adrianople, the French government has made further pressing representations to Bulgaria, demanding that French residents be authorized to quit.

Belgrade, Feb. 12—The government organ Samouprave reports that the Bulgarian-Roumania dispute has been settled by a compromise.

WATER MATTER STANDS FOR PRESENT; THIS IS WISH OF LANCASTER

The proposal to extend the limits in which the city may assess for water rates in the parish of Lancaster has been dropped for the present owing to the objections of the members of the Lancaster water board, who wish time to consider the matter.

The change in the limits was planned in connection with and partly on account of the intention to extend the water system to South Bay. At present those who are beyond the assessment district secure water under another arrangement of rates and it was felt that it would be better to have the uniform assessment system. For this reason it was proposed to extend the limits from the present line, which cuts the Manawagonish road at the South Bay road corner, to a line formed by the western boundaries of the Squire James Robinson and A. D. Gault properties. If this were done all property within 700 feet of the pipe line in that district would be assessed and the county members of the board objected to this. It was decided to allow the matter to stand over for further consideration.

The other bills for the legislature were before the commissioners for consideration this morning.

EXEMPTION FOR INDUSTRY.

F. R. Fairweather appeared before the city commissioners this morning in support of his application for exemption from taxation for ten years for the Whelpley skate factory which proposes to locate here. The commissioners explained that no exemption from school or water taxes could be given but seemed inclined to consider favorably the exemption of other taxes.

N. H. S. LECTURE.

The Poet Wordsworth will be the subject of a lecture to be delivered by Miss Bessie Wilson before the Natural History Society tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. The lecture will be open to the public.

NATIONAL GRANT AND PRIVATE SUBSCRIPTION FOR HEROES' FAIMLIES

TROUBLE IN THE FLEMMING RANKS

Three Members Are Named—Rev. Mr. MacDonald Has Ottawa Call—A New Church

(Special to Times)

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 12 — Messrs. Pinder, Young and Morehouse, M. L. A.'s for York, who have hitherto occupied seats on the right of the speaker, will, this session, occupy seats in the front bench of the opposition side. They are at loggerheads with Chief Commissioner Morrissy and threaten to make trouble for the government.

Rev. Mr. Macdonald, pastor of Brunswick street Baptist church for twelve years, has received a call from the Baptist church in Ottawa, and now has the matter under consideration. Dr. Macdonald's pastorate here has been most successful and his departure from Fredericton would be deeply regretted.

The Methodists of Marysville have decided to erect a new church on the site of the old structure destroyed by fire several years ago. Plans are now being prepared and construction work will begin in the spring.

MR. GOULD SPEAKS OF THE OUTLOOK ON THE VALLEY RAILWAY

A. R. Gould of Presque Isle, Me., president of the St. John River Valley Railway Company, arrived in the city this morning and will leave this evening for a trip of inspection along the line. He said that very satisfactory progress was being made on the road. The weather had been favorable and more work was being accomplished than during the summer, chiefly on the deeper cuts along the road bed. If the weather continued favorable during the coming year he promised a marked advance.

In reply to a question regarding the prospects for commencing operations, Mr. Gould said that they hoped, within a year, to have the section of 120 miles between Gagetown and Centreville in operation.

Buffalo Bill Ill in London

London, Feb. 12—Colonel Wm. Cody, "Buffalo Bill," is the guest of his cousin, J. F. Cody. Colonel Cody was taken ill after a trip around the city, and though fears are entertained by his relatives, the physician says he is in no immediate danger.

Scott's Appeal Does Not Fall on Deaf Ears—Tributes by The London Papers —Further Details of The Antarctic Tragedy

(Canadian Press)

London, Feb. 12—Captain Scott's touching appeal to his countrymen, written when the hand of death was upon him, has especially stirred the public imagination and is the principal theme of editorial comment of the morning papers.

The Daily Telegraph this morning says: "Few and scattered indeed are those of British blood who have not by now known that heart-shaking thrill of pride and pity which the story of Scott and his companions sent throughout our race."

The heroism of Captain Oates in going out to die rather than be a handicap on his companions, also is the subject for these highest tributes of admiration by newspapers. The Morning Post says:

"We never have heard of greater heroism than this, not even among the ancients, who made an art of dying nobly, while Captain Scott's unique dying journal should teach all of us how to live and how to die. We do not think it probable this journey will ever be made again, at least in the practical future. It has been made twice in one winter and these white storm vexed uplands of the Antarctic will resume the loneliness in which they have existed since the birth of the world. But they have not existed for humanity in vain since they have been the occasion for this great heroism."

Scott's Journal Wonderful Writing

The Standard considers Scott's journal one of the most amazing documents of the world's history. "That it should have been written at all is wonderful," says the Standard. "That it was written in such a tone of temper is more wonderful still. The record is complete, and leaves no uncertainty and suspense such as existed over the fate of the Franklin expedition. A merciful veil is drawn over that terrible death scene in the frozen hut with the Antarctic blizzard shrieking a vague requiem, but over the rest of the story there is no mystery."

The Daily Telegraph has opened a fund for a national memorial to Captain Scott and his dead comrades. Among the first subscribers are Rear-Admiral Peary and Baron Rothschild.

The London papers publish tributes from the European sovereigns and explorers and scientists of all nationalities to the heroic devotion of the explorers, and expressing sympathy for their families. The general feeling expressed is that no honor is too great to be rendered to the dead heroes, and that whatever is done by the government should not interfere with the spontaneous generosity of the public in behalf of the wives and families of those who sacrificed themselves in the nation's honor and service.

Admiralty Pension of $1,000

London, Feb. 12—Mrs. Scott will receive a pension of £200 a year from the admiralty which has decided that Captain Scott and Petty Officer Evans, both of the royal navy, be treated as being killed in action. If an officer is killed in action, the widow's pension is £100 a year more than half pay of his rank.

Dr. Wilson leaves his wife and mother, Lieutenant Bowers, his widowed mother and two sisters, Captain Oates, his mother, and Evans his wife and three children.

Britain is stirred to its depths by the story of the death of Captain Scott and his four companions. Not a shadow of doubt is expressed that the appeal made by the explorer in the closing pages of his diary, will be readily answered.

Mr. Asquith Promises Treasury Grant

Premier Asquith, in a few words touched with deep emotion in the commons, said:—"Scott's appeal will not fall on deaf ears. That appeal was one of the most moving and most pathetic utterances in the annals of discovery. The speech of a brave, enduring man, face to face with the tragic end of a career of devoted service. The government will make a treasury grant to those dependent on the gallant men who laid down their lives without a murmur for the honor of their country, and advancement of scientific knowledge."

The following words are extracted from an appeal issued by the members of the British Antarctic committee of which Lord Strathcona is president and Sir Edgar Speyer, treasurer. Sir Edgar Speyer, in an interview said:

"We are staggered at the news. I personally have lost one of the dearest of friends. It remains to us to make easy the way of those left behind. A good deal of money is still wanted toward the original cost of the expedition, nearly $60,000. Before Scott left I told him not to worry. We must settle this amount. Then there is the question of the book of scientific records which Scott was most anxious to publish. We must see to that also."

"I called the executive committee yesterday afternoon. Lord Howard De Walden, Admiral Sir Lewis Beaumont, Major Leonard Darwin and Reginald Smith were present. We decided to issue a public appeal for the families and dependents immediately. We are also asking the co-operation of the newspapers to prevent the starting of individual funds, the idea being to make ours one central official fund. We hope to provide for all concerned."

The appeal of the British Antarctic committee as published in yesterday morning's papers, begins by saying:—

"Nobody can read Scott's last words without a profound feeling of admiration and compassion and without a strong sense of duty to carry out the wish this moving message contains. As the committee is responsible for the ill fated British Antarctic expedition, we venture to ask the people of this country whether they will fulfill Scott's dying words."

The committee does not go further than suggest that the "members of the expedition should receive their pay, though many of them volunteered to forgo part of it, and that provision be made for the dependents of those who died on the expedition."

Through Awful Hardships

New York, Feb. 12—A special cable to the New York American from London says:

A despatch from Christchurch, New Zealand, to a news agency here gives additional information concerning the Scott Antarctic tragedy.

It states that Surgeon E. L. Atkinson and the party under his command, who found the bodies of Captain Oates, learned when they reached the winter quarters at Hut Point that the northern party was safe. This party was composed of Lieut. Campbell, Surgeon Levick, Petty Officers Abbott and Browning and Messrs. Dickinson and Priestly.

They had been forced, through failure of the Terra Nova to reach them, to make their way alone back 200 miles, to Cape Evans. They had to wait till the ice in the sea was heavy enough for their transportation. In the meantime they made a home for themselves in a snow drift, building an ice house thirteen by nine in dimensions. For more than six months they lived on seal in this locality, with a few biscuits and some cocoa and sugar.

Acute enteritis attacked some members of the party and handicapped them greatly in their journey when they got started to Cape Evans. During that trip they must have suffered great hardship, being forced to subsist, during the 230 miles journey through an Antarctic winter, on provisions intended for only one month.

The records brought back include Captain Amundsen's letter to the King of Norway, placed in a cache made by the Norwegian explorer, when he reached the pole a month before Scott and his party. An iceberg, twenty one miles in length, was encountered by the Terra Nova on the return voyage, in latitude 64 degrees 15 minutes south, longitude 159 degrees 15 minutes east. Later the ship passed through a sea of icebergs, being compelled to steam for half a dozen miles at slow speed along the edge of one of them.

Memorial Service in Toronto

Toronto, Feb. 12—Captain Scott's gallant behavior and the heroic death of the party on the ice floes of the Antartic, has stirred the blood of the Anglo-Saxon citizens of Toronto and their feeling will find expression at a great memorial service in Massey Hall on Sunday afternoon. The fact that Dr. C. S. Wright, a citizen of Toronto, was a member of the expedition brings the tragedy nearer home.

Christchurch, N. Z., Feb. 12—The Terra Nova, the vessel which took Captain Robt. F. Scott to the Antarctic on his way to the South Pole, and which returned there to bring him back, but instead brought the news of his and his companions' heroic death, arrived at this port this morning.

London, Feb. 12—The Lord Mayor of London has decided to open a mansion house fund for a memorial to Captain Robert F. Scott and his companions.

ONE TO DORCHESTER; FOUR ARE LET OUT BY JUDGE FORBES; SENTENCE SUSPENDED

A session of the criminal side of the county court was held this morning before Judge Forbes and several prisoners were disposed of under the Speedy Trials Act. Four were severely lectured and allowed to go on suspended sentence and one was sentenced to two years in Dorchester penitentiary with hard labor. The cases tried were:—

The King vs Robert Wilson, theft.
The King vs Harold McNally, theft.
The King vs Walter Hodd, theft.
The King vs Howard A. Dort, theft.
The King vs Harold McNally, and George Watson, breaking and entering and theft.

Wilson denied the theft of fourteen silver spoons and a half dozen stick pins from the C. P. R., at West St. John. After finding the prisoner guilty His Honor lectured Wilson, advising him to work honestly for instead of robbing the people who gave him his bread and butter. "I would like to get a hold of some one," he said "that I could swat good and strong. There is too much of this stealing altogether. It is a disgrace to any port. But mark me the next man who comes before me for stealing over there will get it strong." He then allowed the prisoner to go on suspended sentence.

Harold McNally, aged 16 and George Watson were next arraigned. They were charged with breaking and entering Morris Jacobson's store in Main street and stealing $5.35 and two gold watches valued at $5 each. In addition to this McNally was charged with stealing a hand-bag containing about $2 from Mrs. Francis Chase by snatching it out of her hand in Rockland Road a few weeks ago. Both pleaded guilty to the charges.

Watson asked for a chance and said it was the first time he had ever stolen anything in his life. "I always worked hard and tugged for my living," he said with tears flowing down his cheeks, "and this is the first stealing trick I ever did." He was allowed to go on a suspended sentence but warned that if he ever got into trouble again he would be sent to Dorchester for five yeyars.

McNally had no one to say anything in his favor and he did not ask for leniency himself. He was represented to the court as being bad, and was sentenced to serve two years with hard labor in Dorchester Penitentiary on the charge of stealing from Mrs. Chase, while sentence on the other charge was suspended.

Walter Hodd pleaded guilty to stealing a gold watch valued at $15 from John Raynes. He was represented by E. S. Ritchie. He was allowed to go on a suspended sentence, told to get out of town and stay out for two years or suffer the penalty of five years in the penitentiary. He was given a weeek to make his disappearance.

Howard Dort was next called upon. He pleaded guilty to stealing $55 from a Greek named Samuel Kandris. "Well Dort," said His Honor, "if you can get shipped out of town I will let you go, because I am in an easy mood this morning. I will give you also one week to get out of town or five years in penitentiary if you come back within two years."

C. H. Ferguson appeared for the crown in all the cases.

TITANIC CLAIMS ARE MORE THAN $8,000,000

New York, Feb. 12—Claims aggregating $8,027,374 for the loss of life, property and for personal injuries sustained in the Titanic disaster last April, have been filed against the White Star Line, owners of the ill-fated steamship. Yesterday was the last day on which these claims could be filed, under a ruling of the admiralty branch of the federal district court, unless an application to the United States circuit court of appeals is granted extending the time.

In the event of the limitation of liability being granted, the claimants will be entitled only to a pro rata share in the fund of $90,000 turned over to the admiralty court from the salvage on life boats.

The largest single death claim is that made by Mrs. Henry B. Harris, widow of a theatrical manager, who asks $1,000,000. The Austrian consul asks for $1,098,000 for the deaths of four countrymen and Engelhardt C. Ostby, of Providence, R. I., claims $250,000 for the death of his father. The claims for lost merchandise total $1,533,528.

In all 369 claims were filed.

NEAR TRAGEDY IN MONCTON LOCK-UP

Policeman and Prisoners Overcome By Gas

A FORTUNATE ARREST

Patrolman, Coming in With Drunken Man, Finds Arsenault Stretched on Floor and Two Men Nearly Unconscious in Cell —All Recover

(Special to Times)

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 12—It was fortunate for two prisoners in police cells and for Call Officer Arseneault that Lloyd Leaman was arrested by Policeman Gaw at 2.45 o'clock. When the patrolman reached the station with his prisoner, arrested on drunkepness charge, he saw Policeman Arseneault stretched out on the floor of the station and two prisoners in the cells were only semi-conscious.

Suspecting that gas was the cause of the unusual spectacle he opened the doors and windows, unlocked the cells and got the prisoners and the policemen into the open air. Once in the air all soon regained consciousness.

Policeman Arseneault says he was sitting in the patrolmen's room when he heard one of the prisoners knocking on the wall of a cell. The man complained of dizziness and a choking sensation. Suspecting gas he returned to the outer room, but was himself overcome by gas and fell to the floor. A few minutes later Gaw came in with Leaman and the situation was relieved.

Twenty minutes later it is probable that all in the police station would have succumbed to the deadly fumes.

It was found that some one had tampered with a damper of a fume pipe on one of the gas furnaces, and the fumes had been pouring up through a radiator in the cell corridor.

INSURANCE ON NORTH ATLANTIC FISHERIES PLANT WAS $212,000

(Special to Times)

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 12—The insurance on the plant of the North Atlantic Fisheries at Port Hawkesbury, which was completely destroyed by fire this morning is:

British & Canadian	$6,000
Norwich Union	8,000
Connecticut Union	7,500
Canadian Union	3,000
British American	2,500
Insurance Co. of North America	2,500
Guardian	8,000
Sun	6,000
Springfield	5,000
Phoenix of Hartford	5,000
Queen	5,000
Yorkshire	5,000
Connecticut Phoenix	10,000
National	8,500
Continental	5,000
Northern	12,000
Sovereign	3,000
Western	8,000
Employers Liability	6,000
St. Paul's	5,000
Hartford	5,000
German-American	7,500
Union & Law Rock	5,000
Prov. Washington	10,000
Union	10,000
Globe & Rutgers	10,000
Caledonian	6,500
Phoenix Assurance	10,000
National	7,500
Palatine	5,000
New York Underwriters	3,000
Royal	2,500
Atlas	5,000
New York Underwriters (on boiler house and boilers)	3,000
Nova Scotia	3,000
Total	$212,000

The Port Hawkesbury fire was the most disastrous in the history of the town. The whole building was a mass of fire in a few minutes and fanned by a heavy southeast wind the fire swept everything in its path. A snow storm was of greatest assistance in preventing the spread to other buildings and, coupled with the fact that the wind was southeasterly, which blew the burning embers out on the harbor, the town was saved.

This plant, which was started here six years ago in the old dominion warehouse property, has been steadily added to until it was the most up-to-date in the province. It consisted of freezers, engine room, boiler house, smoke houses, canning factory, ice house, warehouse office and wharves. The steamer George I, wintering in close proximity, escaped.

HIS EIGHTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY

Friends of William Allwood gathered last evening at the home of his son, Z. G. Allwood, and honored him in a pleasant and substantial manner upon the observance of his eighty-fifth birthday. Those who gathered were for the most part members of Brussels street Baptist church, of which Mr. Allwood, sr., has been a deacon for forty years, and still is one of its most active members, despite his advanced age. It is indeed a rare occasion when he is not seen twice at his Sunday service. His children, grand-children, and friends last night remembered him with a purse of gold, presented in their behalf by the pastor of the church, Rev. M. F. McCutcheon, who gave a short congratulatory address. Refreshments were served and a delightful time had by all.

BEAVER ON FIRE

Dredge Badly Damaged In Harbor Of St. John

THERE WAS STIFF FIGHT

Outbreak Grew Too Much For Crew and Aid of Carleton Fire Brigade and of Harbor Tugs Was Brought Into Effect

As a result of a fire which broke out on the dredge Beaver of the fleet of the Beaver Dredging Company at eight o'clock this morning, and was not extinguished until two hours later, the dredge has been damaged to the extent of several thousand dollars, partly covered by insurance.

The fire was first noticed by Captain Dunlap of the Beaver on the lower deck of the vessel, and he immediately turned the vessel's hose on the flames. Before the fire could be properly located it had assumed such dimensions that it was impossible for any of the men to go near. An alarm was sent in and the West Side fire department turned out and connected the hydrant on the north side of Rodney wharf with the dredge, which was lying at the mouth of Rodney slip.

Several tugs including the Lord Roberts, Lord Beresford, Lord Wolseley, Helena, Neptune and Alice R., were also brought into commission and turned their pumping apparatus on the dredge. The fire rapidly spread from the lower part of the vessel to the engine room, and then to the rooms on the upper deck, the woodwork and fittings of which were completely demolished. The crew's quarters, with almost all their personal effects, the galley, wheel house, operating room and hauling room, also suffered, the internal fittings being charred to cinders.

It was impossible to tell without examination as to whether the machinery of the dredge had been damaged, but it was thought it had escaped well.

The firemen and others working on the dredge put up a stiff fight, the fire because of its position being very difficult to get at. More than once it broke out afresh, and it required all the efforts of the firemen and dredge men to keep it within control. It was not until about an hour and a half after the start that it was quite subdued.

Through the very large quantity of water which was pouring into the dredge from the fire hose, the tugs and the hydrants, about 11.30 the Beaver had a bad list to starboard, and it was decided, as the fire was then less evident, to cease the deludge as there was a great danger of the weight of water sinking the vessel. The tug Helena, Captain J. A. Mowry, was brought into commission and did good work with the syphoning and dredging apparatus, which speedily lightened the dredge of its huge supply of water. It had been thought that it would be necessary at one time to bring the vessel to the side of the wharf and sink her as a last resort to extinguish the fire but by noon the fire was completely out.

The opinion was generally expressed that a fire tug such as was proposed some time ago would have prevented a great deal of the damage done.

The Beaver will be hauled up as soon as possible and put into shape again, but she will probably be out of commission for a considerable time. Mr. Mayes said it was impossible to estimate the damage until a careful examination was made. In the meantime it appeared as if the greater part of the internal woodwork had been damaged beyond repair.

The Beaver was built ten years ago and is of 800 tons. She has done much effective work. It is only recently that she was put again into commission after being laid up for some time.

MARKED MONEY IN POCKETS; FOUR REPRESENTATIVES AND A SENATOR ARE ARRESTED

Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 12—With marked money in their pockets, alleged to be the price of their votes in the United States senatorial contest, four members of the house of delegates and one member of the senate of West Virginia, were arrested late yesterday afternoon. Each waived a hearing and was held in $5,000 bond. The accused men are Representatives U. S. G. Rhodes, Dr. H. F. Asbury, David E. Hill, Rath Duff and Senator B. F. Smith.

Rhodes is the delegate who placed Isaac T. Mann in nomination for the senatorship.

POPE DEEPLY GRIEVED OVER DEATH OF SISTER

Rome, Feb. 12—The death of Rosa Sarto, sister of the Pope, although expected here, caused deepest grief to the Pontiff, who loved her particularly, owing to her devout attachment to him, whom he she followed in all his ecclesiastical career.

She was illitera te, but modest and bright. When someone expressed surprise that she did not know how to read, she said: "Our parents only thought to make Joseph study. If their meagre means had been divided between the whole family in education, Joseph would not be Pope."

For several months, paralysis prevented Rosa from walking. Thus the Pontiff was unable to see her owing to his voluntary imprisonment in the Vatican. This has been the keenest sorrow of the Pope. Therefore the suggestion was made to take her body for the funeral into St. Peter but this project was abandoned, as o pontiff's and cardinals are brought t for funeral services.