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ULATIVE DEAL FAILED MADE CHAIRMAN OF RAILWAY COMMISSION

It Was Thru the Friendship Lady Laurier Bore Mrs. Blair That Russell Replies the Latter's Husband Was Induced to Accept, The David Russell Had Induced Him to Throw Up His Portfolio.

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—(Special.)—The World's great exposure of the Blair matter has created a big stir in government circles here, and people who arrived from Montreal to-day say that The World's articles are the talk of the metropolis, and that the members who are gathering there to meet Mr. Borden discussed little else all day A great deal has been known of the resignation for some time, but no one seemed ready to speak, but as The World has let the cat out of the bag, more sensational details are to be expected.

A French-Canadian senator, who is very wise in his way, explains Hon. Mr. Blair's resignation from the government and his subsequent inactivity as follows:

Lady Laurier's Influence. "When the minister of railways and canals left the government he and some friends were in a big speculative deal by which they expected to make a good deal of money, but a few days after he made his big speech against the Grand Trunk Pacific, the market went against him, the result being utter financial ruin. At this moment the gifted wife of the prime minister of the Dominion paid a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Blair Lady Laurier had been informed of Hon. Mr. Blair's wreck in his money matters, and she dwelt with a great deal of ability and truth upon the terrible position the ex-minister would be in if he still continued to oppose the government, and thus make his acceptance of the chairmanship of the railway commission quite impossible. It is said Lady Laurier consulted Mrs. Blair, and Mrs. Blair worked the ex-minister, hence his sudden determination to call off the anti-Grand Trunk Pacific dogs and accept office at the hands

of men he had insulted and reviled. "In this connection it is only right to say that Mr. David Russell had no part or parcel in this backdown of the Hon. Andrew G. Blair. The Montreal promoter had long ere this determined to fight the government, and it was his intention to fight to a finish. He had influenced Mr. Blair to throw up his portfolio, and rather than show the white feather the plucky operator down in Montreal did all he could to offset the influence which Lady Laurier had been able to exercise in the mind of the ex-minister of railways and canals. Mr. Russell, altho a strong friend of Mr. Blair, failed in the attempt, and Lady Laurier's victory was complete.

Laurier's Hand Forced. "There is also a story not yet told in connection with the Canada Atlantic. It appears that when Mr. Russell, who always had his eye open to make an honest ponny, laid his plans to secure the Canada Atlantic, he realized that the full fruition of Hon. Mr. Blair's Intercolonial extension project would be the purchase of the first-named line from Coteau to Depot Harbor. Mr. Russell felt that this was good policy, that it could be defended in council in the house, and on the hustings, and he proceeded to secure what was almost as good as an option on the road, knowing that he could sell out to the government at a reasonable figure and make a cool million in the trans-

"But at this moment a chap down in Montreal named Hays got wind of what was going on, and he proceeded to Ottawa without delay. As a matter of fact the Grand Trunk presented an ultimatum to

its Own Electric Light and

At Midnight Saturday a Desperate By a Large Majority Votes to Own Struggle for Possession of Cliffs

the possession of the hills on the west- by a vote of 446 to 111 in favor of muerly side of Port Arthur proper. The nicipal ownership of their electric light up I shall exact full retractions not only from those crests were and incineration plant and power.

Try "Lowe Injet' Canned Salmon from those journals that have published and incineration plant and power. hombarded from Shungshoo Mountain Mayor Cross read the result to a crowd these extraordinary and foundationless

Hand to hand fighting immediately be gan for possession of the crests and when the last bulletin was received at value of \$4,250,490, and the 111 to the value of \$1,730,510, showing a majority of property valuation of \$2,519,980. midnight a desperate engagement was going on for possession of the fortified cliffs that are really the northwesterly

Until these are taken the Japanese infantry cannot proceed from Pali Mountain toward Golden Hill, nor can fessed to His Own Crime. Mountain toward Golden' Hill, nor can the trenches be continued south from Keekwan Mountain. The capture of these heights is essential to the Japanese plan of campaign and it is believed that General Nogl will be justified in losing a big proportion of his force in order to carry this connecting line of ntrenchments west of the new town. Four pattalions of infantry from the trenches of Shungshoo and three battalions from the crests of Metre Hill took part in this assault.

It is believed here there will be at least two days of continuous fighting before the last of the Russian redoubts can be taken, but as the enemy has not more than 3000 men able to take the field there is no doubt whaetver of sueges in the battle now on.

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Garnett Ferguson, the young man with red some pack from St. Louis in charge of Detective Black.

The Hon. George E. Foster, M.P., will be the guest of the Canadian Club at to-day's luncheon, in the Temple building, at 1 o'clock.

Hon Mr. Foster will address the club on the subject of "Reciprocity and Preferential Trade."

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Refuting Charges Made In Ottawa

To Exact Retractions From Journals and From No Less Than Four Members of the Laurier Administration.

Montreal, Dec. 4.—(Special.)—The Gazette to-morrow will publish the following letter from David Russell: "A few days ago a certain irrespo sible journal in Ottawa published an article in which I was subjected to an extremely scurrilous and entirely unwarranted attack. It is quite appar nt to me that this attack was inspired directly concerned in the publication of this obscure sheet, whose edi-tor probably desired the notoriety resulting from a criminal trial. For this reason I saw no necessity for making any public statement at that time in connection with the matters touched upon. However, as this article has now been reproduced by a Toronto paper of some prominence. I find that the time has come for me to take the necessary steps to refute the libelous charges made against me, to vindicate my character and to disprove fully and completely the insinuations against my

It is quite true that there are several contractors among the shareholders of the Abbey Effervescent Salt Company, but all the shares of this company that have been sold to the public have been disposed of for working capital. I have not only not sold and of my own stock, but moreover have at the present time more than \$100,000 of my own money actually invested in this enterprise. Altho I have been actively connected with the directorate of this company since the business was first established in not even been reimbursed for actual xpenditure for traveling expenses to and from New York and London, in onnection with the company's business. connection with the company's business. These facts will be laid before the gen-

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with a business proposition, in which my own interests were those chiefly involved. It is my intention to request the Liberal leaders to appoint an auditor to investigate and confirm the statements I have made here, and it will probably be somewhat of a surprise to the premier and others that a number of the will probably be somewhat of a surprise to the premier and others that a number of the gift joint commission, in the statements of the premier and others that a number of the gift joint commission, in the gift joint commission, representing the United States and Canadian reciprocity arrangement. Senator Fairbanks, chairman of American representation upon the commission, has the gift joint commission, representing the United States and Canadian reciprocity arrangement. Senator Fairbanks, chairman of American representation upon the commission, and commission in the gift joint commission, in the gift joint commission in the gift joint commission. The presenting the United States and Canadian reciprocity arrangement. Senator Fairbanks, chairman of American representation upon the commission, and commission in the gift joint commission, and commission in the gift joint commission, and commission in the gift joint commission in the gift joint commission, and commission in the gift joint commission in the gift joint commission, and commission in the gift joint commission in the gift joint commission, and commission in the gift joint commission in the gift joint commission, and commission in the gift joint commission in the gift joint commission, and commission in the gift joint commission, and commission in the gift joint commission in the gift joint commission, and commission in the gift joint to the premier and others that a num-communicate with Premier Laurier ber of men were enjoying the credit of soon. assisting in the establishment of The COMMUTED TO LIFE SENTENCE. Tokio, Dec. 4.—Fighting was resumed at 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon for the possession of the hills on the westhombarded from Shungshoo Mountain Mayor Cross read the result to a crowd statements, but also FROM NO LESS and 203-Metre Hill, and at dark General Nogi's infantry seized the lower slopes.

Statements, but also FROM NO LESS transfer of the control LAURIER ADMINISTRATION WHO
HAVE MADE THEMSELVES PARTIES TO THE DISSEMINATION OF
THIS SCANDALOUS LIBEL."
Yours faithfully,
(Signed) David Br.

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EVEN "CAP" IS GETTING NERVOUS.

in all that time received any remunera-tion for services rendered, and have not even been relimburged. "CAP": Oh, th' boss's a clean skater all right, all right, but y' see it's gettin' more "open" all the time and not even been relimburged.

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48th Highlanders. Funeral from their residence, Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 2 p.m. Brooklyn, Buffalo, N.

Y., Chicago, Ill., and Kingston, Ont., pa-

11 a.m., from his late residence, 550 Gerrard-street East, to St. Paul's Church, Pig Lead, we sell. Canada Metal Co Power-street, thence to station to meet east-going 2 o'clock train. Interment at

m., to St. James' Cemetery.

MARSHALL-On December the 4th, at the family residence, 623 Sherbourne-street, Harriet Isabel, beloved wife of Noel Mar shall and second daughter of the late John Hogg, J.P., York Mills. above address to Mount Pleasant Ceme-

tery on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at 3 o'clock p.m.

AVAGE—At 498 Manning-avenue, on December 3, 1904, Mary E. S. Savage, beloved wife of W. E. S. Savage, in her loved wife of W. E. S. Savage, in her loved wife of W. E. S. Savage, in her loved wife of W. E. S. Savage, in her loved wife of W. E. S. Savage, in her loved wife of W. E. S. Savage, in her loved wife of W. E. S. Savage, in her loved wife of W. E. S. Savage, in her loved wife of W. E. S. Savage, in her loved wife of W. E. S. Savage, in her loved wife of W. E. S. Savage, below the Canada Life will do it. SAVAGE-At 498 Manning-avenue, on De-

Funeral Tuesday at 10 a.m. to Rich-IN MEMORIAM. ROBINS-In loving memory of Wienie, dearly beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Robins, died Dec. 4, 1903, aged

Dearest loved one, we have laid thee in the peaceful grave's embrace, But thy memory will be cherished Till we see thy heavenly face...

AFTER WRESTLER HAWKEY.

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ENGLISH—On Saturday, Dec. 3, John English, deputy-governor Toronto jail, aged 72 years.

Funeral on Monday morning, Dec. 5, at 11 a.m., from his late residence, 550 Ger.

DIED IN BRANTFORD.

Brockville.

JACKSON—At 370 Parliament-street, on Saturday, Dec. 3, 1904, Margaret, widow of the late Hugh Jackson.

Funeral on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 2.30 p.

Need filing devices? "Ask Adams,"

shall and second daughter of the late fonn Hogg, J.P., York Mills.

The funeral will take place from the Yonge-st.

Wickson & Gregg, architects. (A)
Frank Wickson, Alfred H. Gregg.
Toronto General Trusts Building, 59
Yonge-st. THE CANADA LIFE.

J. L. Troy, 52 East Adelaide, is of-fering very choice building lots at low figures; \$6, Westmoreland-avenue; \$8, Danforth and Bowden; \$10, Pape-ave-nue: \$22, Crawford-street; \$40, Rose-dale.

Rounders on rising rapidly reduce reacres with Radner.

Memorial Service Yesterday at St. James' Square Church, Where He Attended for 38 Years.

In all the Presbyterian Churches thruout the city yesterday, and, in fact, thruout the country, and in many of the pulpits of other demoninations. feeling references were made to the death of Principal Caven. At St. James'-square Presbyterian, where deceased had attended during the past 28 pulpit and chair railings were heavily, draped and the musical portion of the ervice was in accord with the solem-

nity of the sermon. The funeral this afternoon will probably be attended by the most widely representative gathering of public, pro-fessional, educational and theological odies ever seen in Toronto. After a private service at the residence, 76 padina-road, at 11 o'clock, the remains vill be removed to Knox College, where they will lie in state from 12.45 to 1.45, All yesterday there were visitors to the late residence of Dr. Caven, where the casket was surrounded by many

beautiful floral emblems. At 2 o'clock there will be a public service at the college, after which the correge win proceed to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, via Spadina-crescent, Russell, St. George, Bloor and Yonge-

The police say that both men were very much under the influence of liquor very interested to give out any information the veries of the hill into the valley. The attack was renewed the valley. The valley of the valley. The attack was renewed the valley. The valley of the valley. The valley of the valley o



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