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FATALITIES IN EASTERN CANADA

TWO LIVES LOST BY DROWNING AT ST. JOHN

Hotel Proprietor Asphyxiated by Gas—Mrs Joyce, Who Was Shot by Husband, is Dead.

Toronto, May 28.—John Sharpe, proprietor of the Prince's hotel, Gravenhurst, was found dead in bed in a room at the Gladstone house yesterday, with the gas jet turned on full and the room filled with gas.

Drowning Accident. St. John, N. B., May 28.—At Millerville, a suburb of St. John, on Saturday afternoon, Walter S. and Ernest White, sons of Robert J. White, were drowned a few yards from shore.

Mrs. Joyce Dead. Kingston, May 28.—Mrs. Joyce, who was shot through the body at Ralton on Saturday morning by her jealous husband, John Joyce, who later cut his own throat, is dead of her wounds.

Convict's Death. Kingston, May 28.—John McGee, the noted criminal, who tried to escape from the penitentiary on Thursday night, is dead from injuries received by falling down a chimney, up which he was climbing in order to effect his escape.

Insurance Inquiry. Toronto, May 28.—The insurance companies met this morning for the first day of the inquiry this morning, with J. C. Macdonald, managing director of the Confederation Life, in the witness box. Mr. Macdonald, who holds 400 shares of Confederation stock, said he was familiar with the affairs of the company, but could not say how many proxies were held by himself and other directors, even approximately.

Found Dead. Toronto, May 28.—Victor Jacobs, who came to Toronto from some point on the Pacific Coast last Thursday, was found dead in his room in the Commercial hotel on Jarvis street this morning. He was sitting in a chair with a newspaper over his head. Heart failure was the cause of death.

Found Drowned. Montreal, May 28.—At an early hour this morning the body of Ben Drearies, Montreal West, was taken out of the Lachine canal near the bridge at Cote St. Paul. Deceased had left home last night between nine and ten o'clock. His party arrived at a friend's, and when he did not return the suspicions of the family were aroused and search was made. With the result as stated, Drearies was 50 years of age, and is survived by a large family. He owned considerable property and was a gentleman farmer at Montreal West. For a period of several months Drearies had been in the habit of drinking heavily, and it is believed that he had been drinking at the time of his death.

Committed Suicide. Toronto, May 28.—Caroline Blake, a 19-year-old girl, employed as seamstress at Toronto Junction, committed suicide last night by turning on the gas in her bedroom and allowing herself to be suffocated. No reason is assigned for the act.

Are Destitute. Toronto, May 28.—Fifteen entirely destitute families were among four hundred English immigrants who arrived in the city on Saturday. They were sent to Canada by the corporation of Bristol.

Will Visit Coast. Toronto, May 28.—Arrangements are being made for an excursion of the Canadian manufacturers through the Northwest after their annual meeting, which is to be held in Winnipeg, September 15th and 16th. The delegates will go to the Pacific Coast.

Visits Hamilton. Hamilton, May 28.—His Excellency Earl Grey and his party arrived in Hamilton yesterday. This morning a civic reception was held, after which the governor-general opened a sanitarium.

Car Works. Port William, May 28.—The Canadian Foundry Co. propose to establish a large car wheel works here, employing at least 200 men.

Shot Himself. Dominion City, Man., May 28.—An old farmer named Albert Wortley Emery, who had resided near here for

20 years, blew out his brains with a shotgun in the house on his homestead.

Assinibola Conference. Winnipeg, May 28.—The Assinibola Methodist conference will open in Brandon on Wednesday, the 29th instant, and will be followed by the Alberta conference, which convenes at Edmonton on June 14th.

Oil Boring. Edmonton, May 28.—J. Bannetto, of the Edmonton & Athabasca Development Company, arrived in the city last evening on the Canadian Northern from Winnipeg and will leave for the north to-morrow to take charge of the company's oil boring at Fort McMurray. This year he is taking with him more machinery of more powerful quality, which will enable him to reach a depth of 2,000 or 3,000 feet if necessary.

PRINCE ENA. Senators and Deputies Present an Address of Welcome.

Madrid, May 28.—A delegation of the senators and deputies waited on the Pardo and presented Prince Ena, with an address of welcome, on behalf of the Spanish nation. This action is significant of the cordiality with which Spain has received the foreign Prince.

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COMPLAINT FROM CITIZENS OF FERNIE

CONSIDERED BY DIRECTORS OF CROW'S NEST COMPANY

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(Special to the Times.) Toronto, May 29.—The Crow's Nest Coal Company directors met yesterday when the complaint of Mr. Quale, of the Fernie citizens' committee, in regard to alleged transactions of the company in disposing of property to employees with the presumptive idea of affecting the vote on the waterworks by-law was brought to the notice of the board by the chairman, Senator Cox.

The directors took the stand that they were not on the ground, but that they should have every confidence in Manager Lindsay, who reported to them the sales made, and they acquiesced. When people wanted to buy property Mr. Lindsay conducted the negotiations, and the board agreed to the sales.

The feeling of the directors is not to do anything at all in opposition to the views of the people in Fernie. Said one of them: "We have no intention of doing any injustice whatever to Fernie."

ELLEN TERRY'S JUBILEE. The King and Queen Will Attend Matinee at Drury Lane Theatre on June 12th.

London, May 29.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra have promised to attend the Ellen Terry jubilee matinee at the Drury Lane theatre on June 12th. It will be a grand affair. Besides the number of leaders in the theatrical profession assisting, Madame Melba and Signor Caruso will sing. W. S. Gilbert is arranging the play, "Trial by Jury," in which the jury will be composed of leading authors and the bridesmaids will be the actresses.

FISHERMEN PERISHED. Their Dory Was Probably Run Down by a Steamer During a Thick Fog.

Gloucester, Mass., May 29.—A private telegram received here last night from New York announces the loss of the crew of the mackerel netting sloop Hersey Deaylor. The sloop arrived at New York yesterday and reported that a dory crew of three were lost Saturday during a thick fog while away from the vessel to haul nets. The captain of the sloop expresses the belief that the dory was struck by a steamer and the men drowned.

CHINESE CUSTOMS. British Representative Has Satisfactory Interview With the Foreign Board.

Peking, May 29.—In consequence of the vagueness of the Chinese reply to the second note of Great Britain on the customs question, the British charge d'affaires, Mr. Carnegie, paid a personal visit to the foreign board yesterday and discussed the question exhaustively with all the members. Mr. Carnegie considered the interview to be satisfactory, and to-day he sent notes to the other legations informing them of the results attained, and adding that he expected to receive satisfactory written assurances soon.

SIX MEN DROWNED. Lost Their Lives by the Capsizing of Small Boats.

Chicago, May 28.—The overturning of a rowboat in the Desplaines river near Willow Springs, twenty miles south of here, resulted in the drowning of Chas. Saenger, Robert Heiden and Albert Brunke, all of Chicago, this afternoon. Miss Mary Rigney and Samuel Goldstein were rescued.

Swamped by Squall. New York, May 27.—Three men were drowned this afternoon by a squall that passed over Sheephead bay. One man was thrown out of a launch that was pitching in a heavy sea, and about the same time a rowboat with two men was swamped and the occupants drowned.

SUEZ CANAL. Decrease of British Shipping While That of Germany Increases.

London, May 29.—According to a parliamentary paper issued to-night, there was a decrease last year of 476,988 tons of British shipping passing through the Suez canal as compared with 1904, while for the same period the tonnage of German vessels passing through the canal increased 115,223 tons.

RUSSIAN PARLIAMENT. Members Reject Advances Made by the Minister of Justice.

St. Petersburg, May 28.—There was much excitement in the corridor before the lower house met to-day. An officer identified as a colonel on the general staff created a stir by openly declaring in the presence of a score of peasant members that the time had come when the army should support parliament, which represented the will of the people and the Emperor.

When the debate on the personal liberty bill was resumed, M. Chicholoff, minister of justice, in an exceedingly liberal tone, made a speech in which he pointed out the necessity for supplementing the proposed laws which he endorsed, with bills providing for the reorganization of court procedure and orders to enable officials guilty of abuse of power to be prosecuted civilly.

The speech created much comment especially as the government distinctly repudiated all responsibility for the minister's conciliatory remarks yesterday, and in view of the fact that it was rumored that he would be dismissed. The outcome of his conciliatory remarks was to show how great is the gulf between parliament and the ministry, the speakers who followed him scolding his advances and declaring amid applause that parliament should instead of the responsibility of the judges the responsibility of the ministry.

The personal liberty bill was then referred to a committee.

FIRE INSURANCE RATES INCREASED ON COAST

Los Angeles, Cal., May 29.—Local insurance managers have received notice that fire insurance rates on business blocks and on stocks of merchandise have been increased 2 per cent. all over the coast by the board of fire underwriters of the Pacific.

The new rate applies only to the business district. It is a part of the horizontal rise that has been made by the Pacific board pending the new adjustment of schedules.

COLORADO TRAGEDY. Newly Married Couple Found Dead in Their Home.

Canon City, Colo., May 28.—The sound of two shots emanating from the home of W. C. Baldwin has caused an investigation, resulting in finding the dead bodies of Baldwin and his wife.

The body of Baldwin was lying on the floor, the head blown from the trunk. A shotgun was lying near by. The wife's dead body was standing nearly upright against the wall, the head shattered by the gunshot wounds.

The couple were married two months ago against parental objection. A coroner's investigation will be held to determine the nature of the tragedy. It is reported that a relative of the woman was near the Baldwin home shortly before the shots were heard.

CHINESE AT 'FRISCO. Will Cost Them About \$60,000 to Obtain Duplicate Certificates From Federal Government.

San Francisco, May 29.—Chinese residents who were burned out during the recent fire will sustain a still further loss, it is said, that may reach as high as \$50,000 or \$60,000. They must obtain from the government at Washington duplicate certificates of legal residence in the United States. About 60,000 of the certificates were destroyed, according to an estimate made by officials of the Chinese bureau.

PUGILISTS ARRESTED. McGovern and Britt Among Men Taken Into Custody After Fight in New York.

New York, May 29.—Terry McGovern and James Britt and 18 other men, among whom were Harry Pollock, manager of the Twentieth Century Athletic Club, and Timothy Harat, the referee, were arrested last night after the fight between Britt and McGovern in Madison Square Garden, and were in the police court to-day charged with violation of the penal code, which regulates prize fights.

ANNUAL EVENT. Guatemala Is Threatened With Revolt—Troops Are Being Massed.

Washington, D. C., May 29.—Guatemala is threatened with a revolution, according to dispatches received at the state department to-day from Minister Coombs. The scene of the trouble is in the northern part of the republic near the Mexican frontier, but the cause is international.

CABINET WILL IGNORE MEMBERS

WILL NOT RESIGN NOR DISSOLVE PARLIAMENT

Russian Minister Takes the Ground That the House Acted Beyond its Power.

St. Petersburg, May 29.—As fore-shadowed in the statement made by the minister of agriculture to the Associated Press last night, the government has decided on its course of action with reference to the vote of lack of confidence of the lower house and its demand for the resignation of the ministry. It will swallow parliament's affront and treat its resolutions simply as a declaration beyond its competency, and consequently as not binding upon the monarchy.

In other words the government has decided to ignore the demand of the lower house, and the ministry will not resign, but neither will parliament be dissolved. Moreover, instead of treating the action of the lower house as cause for offence the ministry will continue its conciliatory attitude in the hope that the storm will subside and unless parliament takes some revolutionary action the original plan of prolonging the summer vacation at the end of June will be carried out.

In the meantime the government will offer its own projects for the solution of the agrarian question, etc., and if they are rejected the lower house will be allowed to elaborate its own projects.

No amnesty will be granted, but the political prisoners will be released as rapidly as possible. The ministry is evidently strongly convinced that its agrarian project will have the support of the Conservative interests of the country, which naturally are frightened at the universal scheme for expropriation of land proposed by the lower house.

Both the ministry and the Court Camillylla are understood to have taken a decision to adopt the above tactics. The radical wing of the Social Democrats is urging the lower house to transform itself into a constituent assembly, while the moderate wing offers to support the lower house if it continues its present role.

The spirit of the lower house was much calmer to-day. In the opening of the session a communication from Premier Goremykin was read announcing that the interpellation regarding the death sentence imposed by a court martial at Eliza on eight workmen accused of political murder and robbery had been to transmit to the war minister, M. Naboukoff, leader of the Constitutional Democrats, in behalf of the Constituent Democrats presented an interpellation demanding to know who was responsible for the provocative "Black Hundred" telegrams printed in the Official Messenger since the assembling of parliament.

The interpellation asks specifically whether they were printed with Premier Goremykin's permission, and if so what was the purpose of their bad location.

COLLECTIVE NOTE. Address to Turkey by Powers on Questions of Customs Duties.

Constantinople, May 29.—The representatives of the powers in a collective note sent yesterday to the Turkish government, have agreed in principle to a three per cent. increase in the customs duties for a period of seven years, provided Turkey fulfils the stipulations of the powers regarding the enforcement of the mining law, the reform of the customs regulations for the storage of petroleum and guarantee the correct collection of dues and pledged to make up the deficit in the Macedonian budget.

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Michael Davitt. Is Free From Pain but Gradually Sinking.

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TRADING COMPANY CONTRACT. W. T. R. Preston Has Completed His Evidence Before the Public Accounts Committee.

Ottawa, May 29.—When the public accounts committee met to-day Chalmers Balcourt read a cable from Lord Strathcona stating that he had forwarded to Sir Wilfrid Laurier a three page letter written by Jury in reference to the Ennis letters, as was requested by the committee. Another letter was written by G. T. Merwin, Montreal, stating that while he was opposed to giving his private business to the committee, yet rather than have his name any longer connected with the matter, he was willing to go before the committee and state the prices at which he purchased marine supplies.

W. T. R. Preston then took the stand. Mr. Gervais asked witness if his evidence in regard to Lord Strathcona being conversant with and having approved all that was done in relation to the organization of the North Atlantic Trading Company was correct. Mr. Preston, after having heard it read, said that it was quite correct.

In this connection Mr. Gervais asked Mr. Preston to read his own memorandum on the subject dated October 26th, 1896, and a letter of Lord Strathcona to the department of the Interior. Mr. Preston said his memorandum was prepared at the request of Lord Strathcona at the department of the Interior. Mr. Preston said his memorandum was prepared at the request of Lord Strathcona and Mr. Smart, and was submitted to Lord Strathcona.

Witness read a letter which Lord Strathcona forwarded with the proposed agreement to Ottawa. This letter was dated November 15th, 1896, and was addressed to the minister of the Interior. In concluding his letter Lord Strathcona said that "the new arrangement must be very confidential, and not made public in any way."

Mr. Preston's evidence is all in.

THE PANAMA CANAL. Minority of Senate Committee Has Prepared a Lengthy Report.

Washington, D. C., May 29.—In the recommendation of the construction of a lock canal across the isthmus of Panama, the minority of the senate committee on the subject of the Panama canal has drafted an exhaustive report, which was submitted to the senate to-day by Chairman Millard. One of the chief arguments made in favor of the lock is that the Spooner Act shows that congress intended that should be the type, although the authority to decide was conferred upon the president.

The report then says: "The president having taken the advice of competent engineers of the canal commission, has recommended that it is advisable to construct a lock canal." The minority declares that the only question presented is whether or not shall annul the action of the president or shall simply hold its hand and allow the president to exercise the power which has heretofore been conferred upon him.

LIPTON CUP RACE. Two Yawls Which Were Forced to Return to Port Make a Fresh Start.

New York, May 29.—The two racing yawls Lila and Tamerlane, which withdrew from the race to Bermuda for the Lipton cup, after the Lila's mast was broken on Saturday, made a fresh start to-day for Bermuda from the Brooklyn Yacht Club. The Lila had a new mast, the Tamerlane had repaired her crippled rig and she re-entered the race. The third boat entered, continued the race on Saturday, she ought now to be well on her way to Bermuda if she has not been compelled to lie to on account of yesterday's storm. In addition to her big lead, she had a large allowance from the Lila and the Tamerlane and their chances of overhauling her are regarded as doubtful.

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BRITISH FORCE ATTACKED BY ZULUS

REBELS GOT WITHIN FIFTY YARDS OF TROOPS

Natives Repulsed After Two Hours, Fighting Leaving Seventy Dead on the Field.

Durban, Natal, May 29.—Six hundred rebel Zulus surrounded and attacked Colonel Leuchar's force yesterday afternoon near Buffalo river. Under cover of the bush the natives got within fifty yards of the British, but the latter opened a heavy rifle fire upon them and after two hours' fighting the Zulus fled, leaving seventy killed.

The British loss was one man killed and three wounded.

DIRIGIBLE AIRSHIP. Japanese Army and Navy Officers to Inspect Manchurian Railways.

Berlin, May 28.—Major Van Parseval's dirigible airship made its first ascent in the presence of War Minister Von Finen and many members of the general staff of the German army to-day at the target grounds in Tegel. The airship rose to a height of 400 yards, circled the grounds several times, and then described several times a figure eight, showing remarkable ease of steering. A moderate wind was blowing at the time, but it is claimed that the experiments proved that the airship will be able to operate in a gale of 48 miles an hour.

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Tokyo, May 27.—Vice-Admiral Togo, Gen. Kuroki and Marquis Ito, with a staff of admirals and generals, will start shortly on a tour of inspection in Manchuria. This important mission is supposed to be the outcome of the recent state council at which, though the details have not become known, it is understood weighty decisions were reached respecting the Manchurian railways which are intended to be permanently run by the government.

DROWNED IN CLOUDBURST. Salt Lake City, May 28.—Eight or ten Mexicans employed as sheepherders near Golconda, Nev., are reported to have been drowned last night in a cloudburst. Unusually heavy rains have prevailed throughout Utah during the past three days. In Salt Lake valley the precipitation has been in excess of two inches. From June country in southern Utah, it is reported that a break in the Sevier river dam is threatened, and 300 men with teams are working day and night to prevent the impending disaster.

SEEK CHANGE OF VENUE. Boise, Idaho, May 28.—Attorneys representing the prisoners, Charles H. Sawyer, William D. Haywood and George A. Pettibone, this afternoon went to Caldwell, where they will tomorrow present to District Judge Frank Smith their petition for a change of venue. They will also file objections to Judge Smith acting as trial judge, alleging bias against the accused.

THE TRAIN ROBBER. Vancouver, May 29.—Evidence is piling up at Kamloops to show that Bill Miner and his party of alleged train robbers did the Mission hold-up in September two years ago.

One of the revolvers found on Miner, a handsome automatic weapon, has been positively identified by Express Messenger Thornburn as the one stolen from him by the chief robber in the Mission hold-up.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY. Ottawa, May 29.—Dr. Thompson is urging Hon. C. Hyman to establish wireless telegraphy between Quebec and Atlin, because the present Yukon line is always down. Hon. Mr. Hyman says he will have a report on the matter.

NEW AMBASSADOR. Vienna, May 29.—Emperor Francis Joseph this afternoon received the new American ambassador, Mr. Francis, at the Hofburg. In presenting his credentials, Mr. Francis made a brief address. The Emperor replied in very cordial terms, recalling pleasantly that the ambassador's father had the same post a quarter of a century ago.

SWEDEN'S CABINET. Stockholm, Sweden, May 29.—The new cabinet succeeding the Staaf ministry, which resigned May 25th, includes the following: Premier, M. Lindman; minister of marine, Admiral Dyrrsen; minister of foreign affairs, E. B. Trolie; minister of war, Col. L. H. Tingsten.