

EXPLOSION AT McADAM JCT.

Hotel Wrecked Clerk Badly Burned—Wall Moved Eight Inches—Din- ing Room Demolished

McADAM JUNCTION, N. B., Mar. 25.—The inhabitants of McAdam were startled at about seven o'clock this evening by the sound of an explosion at the east end of the town, and a few minutes later by the C. P. R. machine shop whistles shrieking the fire alarm. The cause was found to be the exploding of some part of the acetylene gas machine, which was situated in the basement of the City Camp hotel, directly under the dining room. The C. P. R. fire brigade were on the spot almost immediately, but fortunately their services were not required, as the explosion did not ignite the building. After the explosion the cellar was a complete wreck and the dining hall above in hopeless confusion, with a gaping rent in the floor. At present it is difficult to say just what caused the accident, but it is understood that Mr. McAdams, who owned the hotel, was in the basement at the time of the explosion. He was hurled some ten feet, and was badly burned about the face and hands. Mrs. Meredith, wife of the proprietor, is suffering from shock and slight injuries. The dining room and furniture is completely demolished, and practically all the windows in the hotel were blown out by the force of the explosion. Some of the regular guests were eating their evening meal at the time when instantaneously the quiet scene became one of chaos. The north wall of the building was moved about eight inches. Mr. Meredith, proprietor, is out of town and not yet made aware of the accident.

CLOSE WATCH ON PORT AU PRINCE

Powers Plan to Keep Warships There

PORT AU PRINCE, March 25.—Notwithstanding the fact that the Haytian government since the arrival of the foreign warships at this port has adopted a conciliatory attitude with regard to those responsible for the recent uprising and those to whom the stigma of disloyalty had attached, the diplomatic representative of the powers recently united in recommending to their respective governments that it would be advisable to keep in rotation one warship at Port au Prince. The German minister to Hayti, Eugene von Zimmerman, today received an official despatch stating that this arrangement would be satisfactory to Germany and suggesting that the cruiser Bremen, now here, take the first turn. It is believed that the other governments will give an affirmative answer. This action on the part of the diplomats, together with Germany's acceptance of the suggestion, has given great satisfaction to the foreign residents at Port au Prince apparently was in accord with the regular government and seems likely to establish confidence all along the line. The announcement made yesterday that the government had withdrawn its objection to the embarkation of the refugees in the foreign legations at Port au Prince apparently was incorrect, for today the government announced that it would allow the refugees in the French and German legations until noon tomorrow to return to their homes, in default of which it would condemn all of them to exile. WASHINGTON, Mar. 25.—Two additional war vessels were ordered to Hayti today, following a conference of officials of the state and navy departments. As the Des Moines already has been sent to the scene of the recent outbreak, which endangered the lives of foreigners on the island, the United States will be represented by three vessels in Haytian waters. The two vessels dispatched today are the gunboat Marietta and Peducuh, both of which have been at Guantanamo, Cuba, preparing for target practice. The exact nature of the dispatching news from Hayti, the receipt of which brought about today's precaution was not disclosed by the state department.

TIMBER BERTH SCANDAL COMPLETELY EXPLODED

Opposition Have Abandoned Their Investigation

Could Find Nothing to Substantiate Insinua- tions of Messrs. Foster and Ames

OTTAWA, Ont., March 25.—The timber berth scandal that salacious morales which have been rolling under their noses for so many weeks past, was finally and effectually exploded in the public accounts committee today. The chief insinuation, for it did not rise to the dignity of an allegation, seemed to be that J. G. Turfitt, chief commissioner of lands allowed certain favored parties to learn what often had been made for timber berths in the northwest and to tender an amount sufficiently larger than the highest to secure the lands. Curiously enough Mr. Turfitt, although in attendance before the committee every day, was not called by the opposition to substantiate their insinuations. By all odds the most important witness, the very man who would tell all the facts, from personal knowledge, Mr. Turfitt was not to be allowed so far as the opposition was concerned to testify at all. Mr. MacLean of Lunenburg, however, called him and elicited a few facts which were not related by the opposition. Facts were not what they wanted, but a succession of outsiders, clerks, secretaries and lawyers were called from day to day while the microscopic Mr. Ames, the Mr. Gammie of the opposition, as Mr. MacDonald called him, examined them on the similarity of the facts and the identity of the papers upon which the tenders were made. The opposition newspapers from one end of Canada to the other were supplied with "leaked" news by the Hibou newspaper and the other who had been in charge. Every Conservative worked sedulously to foster the suspicions of the suspicious Mr. Ames and the recorder Mr. Foster, and not that the bubble is punctured. The house of scandal built upon the unstable foundation of untruth and suspicion has fallen to the ground and the big rocks are the chief muck-rakers of the opposition, Barker, Bennett, Ames and Bristol. No decent citizen, no matter of what political persuasion, could possibly have attended the meetings of the public accounts committee, this morning and gone away with any other impression than that the insinuations of the opposition with respect to the timber berths were absolutely and entirely devoid of the slightest foundation. In fact, that that part of the country, indeed since the payment of the tenders, was always present when they were opened either by Mr. Turfitt or Mr. Greenway. Her duty was to keep a memorandum of the advertisements and the time tenders were due and put the tenders in a safe when received until the time arrived for opening them.

FAMOUS ACTRESS MARRIES



Mr and Mrs. Oscar Levison, from a snapshot taken at the moment they were leaving the Edon registry office after their marriage. Mrs. Levison was formerly Edna May, the famous actress, and is expected to be presented to King Edward at Biarritz, a French watering place.

Sometimes there were checks accompanied with cash and sometimes two checks for one berth. He sent checks, cash and everything else along with the memorandum to Mr. Ryrie. Miss Murray did that part of the work. If a tender came to him he always marked the time it was received on the envelope and then put it in the safe with the others. "Did you ever convey to anyone information of what a tender contained?" asked MacLean. "Never did," answered the witness. The witness also said that he was not interested directly or indirectly by himself or by anyone else, or never was promised or received anything in any manner, shape or form from any of the companies or parties in tendering or being awarded contracts or having any connection with timber berths. He also denied having done anything in any shape or form for political partisanship as suggested by Mr. Foster, which would operate to the injury of anyone. There was no secluded room, as had been said. Mr. Bristol examined witness as to the time allowed for tenders becoming part of the policy of the department in this regard. The opposition could not find any escape from the evidence of these two witnesses which gave the lie to the insinuations of Messrs. Ames and Co., and therefore they have abandoned the whole inquiry.

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RUDYARD KIPLING ENTERS ACTION AGAINST MORANG & CO. LTD.

TORONTO, Mar. 25.—Rudyard Kipling has entered action at Osgoode Hall to recover from Morang & Co., Ltd., \$536.14 royalty alleged to be due on certain of his works published by defendants. He also asks for an order directing the defendants to deliver to him several "plates," "electros" and illustrations of these stories. The cuts are valued at \$58.07.

ST. JOHN MAN ARRESTED FOR THEFT IN HALIFAX

HALIFAX, N. S., Mar. 25.—In the police court yesterday George Marshall, a St. John laborer, charged with theft, was alleged to have asked a man to see his watch and then walked off with it. He pleaded guilty and was remanded until Monday.

GOVERNOR CAN'T SAVE GILLETTE

ALBANY, N. Y., Mar. 25.—Chester Gillette of Cortland must die in the electric chair at Auburn prison next week for the murder of his sweetheart, Grace Brown, at Big Moose Falls, two years ago. Governor Hughes tonight definitely announced that he had carefully examined the evidence in the case and had found no ground upon which to justify him in interfering with the judgment of the court. Apparently nothing now can save Gillette from death, probably next Monday, at Auburn, except the remote possibility of a stay of execution, pending appeal to the United States supreme court. So far as is known, no such appeal is contemplated. Governor Hughes has devoted many hours to a minute examination of the entire record in the case and is known to believe that it is impossible to read the evidence and the unanimous opinion of the court of appeals in affirming the judgment of conviction and enter such a reasonable doubt of the guilt of the condemned man.

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GAVE HIMSELF UP AND SAID HE KILLED MAN NEAR MONTREAL

MONTREAL, Q., March 25.—The Montreal police tonight were notified that a man giving his name as William Sangster had given himself up in New York and confessed to the killing of Pierre Desorme, a young farmer of this district, Desorme, while returning from market to his home at Back River, near Montreal, on October 26 last, was attacked on the Back River road by a couple of highwaymen, and when he refused to give up his money was shot by one of the men, dying a couple of weeks afterwards at a hospital. A detective will be sent on from here to New York, and if Sangster persists in his confession he will be brought on here for trial. Probably He Was

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