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SIAN REACHES HALIFAX; HAS SOLDIERS AND IMMIGRANTS ABOARD.

She Gained Honor on Battlefields of South Africa and by Port Physician Who Had Tended Them When Wounded at the Front—Some Swedish Lumbermen.

St. John, Dec. 8.—(Special)—The Sian, Capt. J. W. L. Liverpool, arrived at 11 o'clock yesterday, after a rough passage. She left Liverpool on the 28th, and her passengers, including 100 of the United States, were met by the port physician, Dr. Jones, who had tended them when wounded at the front in South Africa. Some of the passengers were Swedish lumbermen. The ship was crowded with soldiers and immigrants. Dr. Jones, who has gained honor on the battlefields of South Africa, was seen with the wounded men. The ship was met by the port physician, Dr. Jones, who had tended them when wounded at the front in South Africa. Some of the passengers were Swedish lumbermen. The ship was crowded with soldiers and immigrants.

NEWS OF TRURO AND VICINITY.

Truro, Dec. 8.—The merry sound of the sleigh bells is again heard for several inches of snow have fallen, and the beautiful is still coming down. The new pipe organ to be put in the Pleasant Street Methodist church is to be used for the first time Christmas night, when a recital will be given. A treat is in store for music lovers as Prof. Wilson, from Mt. Allison Ladies' College, is to have charge of the recital, assisted by Miss Foy, from the same college, and some of our best local talent. The board of trade is arranging for another excursion over the Midland Railway from Windsor to Truro probably, Dec. 17. The turkey supper given in the Y. M. C. A. hall, Dec. 4, was a grand success. The proceeds amounting to more than \$100. The money is to be given to the hospital fund. A. F. Kempton, of Caledonia, Queens county, passed through Truro this week, returning to his home in Warawa (Manitoba). It is 23 years since he last visited his home. Alfred Putnam, ex-M. P. of Halifax, was in town on the 4th. W. T. Suckling, of this town, who is in attendance at King's College, has been appointed business manager of the college. A Liberal-Conservative Club is to be formed in Truro, embracing both clubs, senior and junior, now in existence. The vacancy in the firm of Pearson, Lovett & Frame, by the retirement of Mr. Frame, has been filled by H. O. McLatchy, recently of Pearson, Covert & Pearson, of Sydney. Mr. McLatchy came to town this week. The new curate of St. John's church, Rev. J. D. Godfrey, has arrived from P. E. Island. He took up work at the Wednesday evening prayer meeting. Rev. Doctor and Mrs. Falconer, of Picton, were in town this week visiting Mrs. James Birrell, Queen street. Rev. J. D. McKay, until recently pastor of Coburg Road Church, Halifax, has been appointed by the Presbyterian board of foreign missions as a missionary to Denmark. Rev. Mr. McKay is a native of Earlton and is well known in this part of the province. Near the station Thursday Charlie Johnson, who drives John A. McKenzie's delivery wagon, had his arm dislocated. The horse was frightened by a shunting engine. J. S. McLellan, secretary-treasurer of the Dominion Ice & Steam Company, was in town Thursday. He reports business prospects bright in Sydney. A special sitting of the county judges' first case will be that of young McInnes, charged with highway robbery. Miss Clare Linton, of this town, has resumed her work in the Union Bank of Halifax. E. E. Fraser, of Fraser & Co., St. John, was in town today. The Y. M. C. A. orchestra has been reorganized for the winter, under the management of Hugh Burns. On account of rush of work in the hat and cap factory, the number of employees will soon have to be increased. The Sunday school of Pleasant Street Methodist church intend having their annual tea entertainment Jan. 2. John W. Blanchard, Windsor; S. C. Graham, Brookfield, Colechester county, and H. G. Jenks, Parrabrook, were in town Thursday night. Thomas Murphy and Mr. McNutt, are ill—the latter seriously. The editor of the Hantsport Advance, S. A. Marchand, was in town Dec. 3 on route to Oxford. Mrs. Robt. Dickson, of Sydney, is a guest of Mrs. McKay. Rev. Mr. Greenless, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church, Acadia Mines, paid a visit in Truro while on his way to St. John. The new I. C. R. station at Milford is to be modern in style. Work has commenced. Rev. Gordon Dickie, of Milford, lectured recently before the Literary and Theological Society, Pine Hill, on "Religious Instruction in the German Schools."

Truro Has 16 Inches of Snow.

Truro, N. S., Dec. 8.—(Special)—Sixteen inches of snow fell on the level here. At South Matland, 10 miles from Truro, there is two feet of snow in the roads. T. G. McMullen studied the first load of logs of the season to Matland this morning. He is fitting up all sleds possible to take advantage of the fine sliding on the high lands, feeding Matland mills. There is bad bottom for snow, but Mr. McMullen will make a good thing out of the early fall.

The Fire Record.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Fire today destroyed the five-story building at 23 and 25 Canal street, and considerable damage to a four-story building adjoining it. A panic among the 100 employees of firms occupying the building was created at the first alarm, and many had narrow escapes. The loss on building and contents is estimated at more than \$100,000. The Marshall & Hueschler Machinery Company occupied nearly the entire building.

CASTRO'S GAME IS PLAYED OUT NOW.

BRITISH AND GERMAN MINISTERS LEAVE CARACAS, GOING ABOARD WARSHIPS.

They Feared Violence After They Had Delivered Ultimatum of Powers—Combined Squadrons Will Send Landing Parties to Seize Custom Houses Unless Castro Begs Off.

London, Dec. 8.—Great Britain and Germany have presented ultimatums to Venezuela, which will be followed by the seizure of the customs unless a satisfactory settlement is forthcoming within a brief period. The ultimatums have a time limit, but the exact date cannot be ascertained here. The foreign office states with regard to the time limit: "It is a reasonable time in which Venezuela can satisfy the injured governments. Both notes are practically identical, although the amounts of the claims differ. The notes merely reiterate the continued disregard by the Venezuelan government of all our representations, specify the claims and demand immediate action on the part of President Castro's government in connection therewith."

The Venezuelan government's case is practically identical with the British ultimatum in previous despatches from London, in which it was first announced that the present action was contemplated. Several demands were made with a hostile reception, the British minister, W. H. D. Haggard, has already been instructed to go aboard a British warship, or if that is impracticable, to go into the neighboring British colony.

The Premier Balfour's announcement in the House of Commons this afternoon is regarded as merely the obvious consequence of the situation, which has been becoming daily more critical for three months. The Associated Press correspondent learns that a complicating circumstance has arisen in connection with Minister Haggard. The officials here believe he is still in Caracas, but owing to the reported break of the cable they are ignorant as to what steps he is taking, or what the Venezuelan government intends to do.

The foreign office is hourly awaiting important despatch from Caracas, but up to a late hour tonight none had arrived. While the government is rather doubtful as to whether to get an answer from Minister Haggard, they are in no way seriously alarmed, especially as inquiries have revealed the fact that the Venezuelan representatives are in a similar situation.

The foreign office says: "There is not the slightest desire to coerce Venezuela and if any answer had been made to our repeated protests and demands no such action as now taken would have been proceeded with. It was the persistent and insulting disregard to all representations which compelled us to move. It is now too late in the day for anything but purely diplomatic arrangements to be accepted in satisfaction for our injuries. When the fleets have assembled there is scarcely time to deal with bankers, and a financial settlement should have been suggested long ago and would have been welcomed by both Germany and ourselves. However, any bona fide proposition will receive careful attention."

London, Dec. 8.—When questioned on the Venezuelan situation by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Premier Balfour said in the house of commons today: "For the past two years we have had grave cause for complaint on various occasions of unjustifiable interference by the Venezuelan government with the liberty and property of British subjects. No efforts have been spared by the British government to obtain an amicable settlement of these cases, but in none of them satisfactory explanations have been forthcoming. Latterly the representations of the British minister have been practically unnoticed. There also are cases in which British subjects and companies have large claims. We have been acting in conjunction with the German government, which also has large claims against Venezuela. A final communication has been made to the Venezuelan government by the British minister and the German charge d'affaires. If no satisfactory reply is received, the governments have decided to take such measures as may be necessary to enforce their claims. In a supplementary question, Mr. Balfour said he understood the communication to Venezuela was neither joint nor identical."

BRITISH AND GERMAN WARSHIPS IN VENEZUELAN WATERS.

British Fleet.	German Fleet.
Cruiser Indefatigable, 13,600 tons, 44 guns.	Cruiser Falke, 1,731 tons, 15 guns.
Cruiser Retribution, 3,900 tons, 22 guns.	Cruiser Gazelle, 2,650 tons, 30 guns.
Cruiser Charleyda, 4,200 tons, 30 guns.	Gunboat Panther, 900 tons, 22 guns.
Sloop of war Albert, 350 tons, six guns.	Cruiser Niobe, 2,650 tons, 22 guns.
Torpedo boat destroyer Quail, 300 tons, six guns.	Cruiser Ariadne, 2,650 tons, 28 guns.
Cruiser Tribune, 3,400 tons, 22 guns.	Cruiser Amazon, 2,650 tons, 28 guns.
Cruiser Arctique, 11,000 tons, 44 guns.	

No Plot to Kill Czar.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The Russian ambassador, Count Casini, authorizes the Associated Press to deny the report circulated from Vienna that a plot had been discovered to assassinate the Czar at Livadia, that four Russian students were arrested.

REGULATIONS UNDER WHICH DR. ELLIS WILL DEAL WITH IMMIGRANTS.

He Will Have Medical Officers Under Him at Quebec, St. John and Halifax.

Department at Ottawa Prepares Rules for Guidance in Dealing With New Comers to the Country Who Have Infectious or Dangerous Diseases.

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—(Special)—Regulations have been drawn up by the immigration department for the guidance of Dr. W. L. Ellis, of St. John (N. B.), the medical superintendent appointed under the act for the deportation of immigrants suffering from loathsome, infectious or dangerous diseases.

The medical officer is to order the deportation of those immigrants whose destination is to the United States, and who have been refused certificates by the American commissioners at the seaports on the ground that they are physically or mentally defective. An exception, however, can be made if the medical officer thinks the new comers are suffering from an ordinary disease of a non-infectious or non-contagious character or a minor deformity and are not incapacitated from earning a fair livelihood.

In the case of passengers destined for Canada they must be deported if suffering from a dangerous disease. Where the disease is of the milder class of contagious or infectious disease, the immigrant may be permitted to enter the hospital at the seaport, to remain until fully recovered and to seek of infection or contagion exists, provided he or his friends are able to defray the expenses incurred.

This, however, will not apply to diseases that are ordinarily quarantined. When requested to do so, the medical officer is to arrange for the medical treatment at their own expense of immigrants, who may be in an unfit condition to proceed on their journey to the rest of the country. Immigrants will be deported who, in the medical officer's opinion, are unfit through sickness, whether contagious or not, to proceed on their journey and who refuse to undergo hospital treatment or to pay for the same or for whose treatment the steamship company which transported them, refuses to pay. If the deportation of a parent is ordered, the rest of the family must accompany him unless the parent declines to enter a hospital.

In such event the immigration agent must arrange for the housing of the family and the father is to sign a paper which will accompany him unless the parent declines to enter a hospital. The department proposes to appoint local medical officers at Quebec, St. John and Halifax, who will act under the supervision of Dr. Ellis, and be vested with full authority to carry out the regulations.

QUEBEC HERO HAS SAVED 24 LIVES.

Presented With Address, Clock and More Than \$500.

Quebec, Dec. 8.—(Special)—A public testimonial, inaugurated by the Chronicle, in reward of the bravery of Patrick Murphy, of this city, for saving 24 men, women and children from watery graves, was presented to Mr. Murphy this evening. It consists of an eight-day bronze clock, appropriately engraved; a check for \$519, and an address.

UP GO FLOUR RATES TO ST. JOHN AND ELSEWHERE.

Toronto, Dec. 8.—(Special)—At the Canadian Freight Association meeting tomorrow an advance of two and one-half cents per 100 pounds in the rates for flour for export from Ontario to the seaboard will be made to meet an advance recently put in force by the roads from Chicago to New York. The ports affected will be St. John, Halifax, Boston, Portland, Philadelphia, New York and Baltimore. No advance is expected in local rates.

HUGE HOAX RECALLED.

Death of One Who is Said to Have Been Connected With Rev. Mr. Jerrold's Lubec Gold Scheme.

Edgarton, Mass., Dec. 8.—Word has come here of the death in Sydney (N. S. W.) of Charles E. Fisher, who came into notice through his alleged connection with the "Lubec" gold water company of Lubec (Me.), organized by the Rev. Mr. Jerrold. He was 38 years old and left a widow and one child here. Mr. Jerrold is teaching school in the Philippine Islands.

CABINET DECISION IN THE CASE OF HIGGINS WILL BE MADE KNOWN TODAY.

Mr. Mullin Has Interviews With Officials—Ministers Will Meet Today for Final Settlement of the Matter, Though Hope for Commutation is Not Felt—British Cable Open for Business.

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—(Special)—D. Mullin, counsel for Higgins, spent the greater part of the afternoon at the justice department. He first called upon Mr. Fitzpatrick, minister of justice, and presented the petition asking for clemency on behalf of the prisoner. Afterwards Mr. Mullin had a long interview with A. Power, K. C., of the department, who has charge of all capital cases. Seen by your correspondent after the interviews were over, Mr. Mullin said that he had nothing to communicate beyond that he was going to see the minister again tomorrow.

There will be a meeting of the cabinet tomorrow afternoon when Mr. Fitzpatrick will present his report, and the case will in all likelihood be finally disposed of. So far as can be gathered unofficially there is no ground upon which to recommend commutation. But the fate of Higgins will not be known definitely until after tomorrow's cabinet meeting. Meantime Mr. Mullin, who will wait over until tomorrow afternoon, is doing all that he can to save the boy from the scaffold.

Pacific Cable Open for Business. The Pacific cable was opened this morning for business and messages can now be sent by any one in any part of Canada, to any of the Australian states, Tasmania, New Zealand, Fiji and other points reached by the new "All-Red" cable, at 28 cents per word. The old rate was 99 cents. The Canadian Pacific and Great North Western Telegraph Companies announce this morning that they are ready to receive and transmit messages for Australasia.

Sale of Territorial School Lands. Hon. A. L. Sifton told your correspondent tonight that the territorial government had applied to the dominion government to arrange for an extensive sale of school lands in the territories. The application has been granted and the sales will take place in May and June next. It has been arranged to dispose of some of the lands within easy access of the railway between Moosomin and Moose Jaw and also on the line of the Calgary & Edmonton Railway, between Didsbury and Edmonton. Before the lands are put up for sale they will be valued and an upset price placed upon them, not less than \$7 per acre. The first sale will take place early in May. The present is regarded as a good time to place some of the lands for school purposes on the market.

MINERS BRING STRONG TESTIMONY AGAINST THE MARKLE COMPANY.

Say the Increase Granted Meant Really No Increase—Lawyer, Who Referred to President as "Teddy Roosevelt," is Promptly Sat Upon—Boston Faces Coal Famine.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 8.—Almost the entire day's session of the coal strike commission was taken up by the mine workers in presenting their side of the controversy with O. B. Markle & Co. Witnesses said the company refused to employ them and has ejected them from the houses because they belonged to the union; that the docking system was intolerable. Two Hungarian women told how the Markle Company deducted house rent from the last wages of their husbands, who were killed in the mines, and how the company attempted to get them to sign a paper which would absolve the Markles from damages for the death of the men.

Two men also confirmed a story that children had to work without pay until the debt owned by dead fathers was paid off. The commissioners were surprised to learn that the 10 per cent. granted in 1900 was not a straight out raise in wages, but instead a 2 1/2 per cent. raise and a reduction in powder of 7 1/2 per cent, making the net increase in earnings 10 per cent., which the miners claim is not being given by the Markle Company, through some way of figuring they do not understand. The question came in for considerable discussion and no one in the court room could give the commission a satisfactory explanation.

There was a flurry at the afternoon session because Lawyer Ira H. Burns, of Scranton, for the independent companies, referred to the President of the United States as "Teddy Roosevelt." The remark brought out an emphatic objection from Brigadier-General Wilson, and the general was sustained by Chairman Gray. Chatham, Mass., Dec. 8.—Under the weather conditions tonight it hardly seems possible that the huge and torrid passing north over the shoals would be able to get around the tip end of Cape Cod against the northwest gale. A delay means much, as all the barges are supposed to be laden with anthracite coal for Boston. Boston, Dec. 8.—So far as anthracite coal for domestic use is concerned, Boston appears to be facing a coal famine. The situation today is the most serious ever known by the local coal dealers and most of the leading retailers have stopped taking orders. The supply of gas and anthracite coal coming to tide-water, at New York, is now about 61,000 tons a day from all roads. About one-third of this is the normal amount and then it would not be all destined to Boston. Even if the whole supply of eastern shipment coal to Boston and its suburbs under the present conditions, it is not enough to supply the city. The price is normally unchanged at \$9 a ton, but there is every indication that this price will be higher within the next few days, as the suburban dealers have already put the price up to \$12 a ton and even higher in some cases.

COAL WAVE GENERAL; BRINGING SUFFERING, EVEN DEATH TO SOME.

Scarcity of Coal Severely Felt—Five People Die in Chicago from Effects of Weather.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Five fatalities were caused directly attributable to the weather today were reported. The cases of death were as follows: Lawrence, Mass., Dec. 8.—There is intense suffering among all classes of people, especially among the poor, owing to the scarcity of fuel. The poor are gathering wood about the city and even picking cinders from the burned remains of coal used in the mills and laid along the streets.

CABLE BITS ON MATTERS OF CANADIAN INTEREST.

Lloyd's Times Correspondent Continues Fight Against Canada's Fast Mail Service—The C. F. Wages Increase.

Montreal, Dec. 8.—(Special)—A correspondent of the Times and fast Canadian mail service against the printing on the chart issued on behalf of the correspondent magnifies the difficulty, and says it is doubted whether any service to Canada can ever be done on commercial grounds with these conditions. "The editor of the Westminster Gazette refuses to join the grumbling over the increased salaries on the eastern section of the Canadian Pacific Railway, by which \$250,000 yearly is paid to employees. He says that a contented and skilful staff will be prepared to take full advantage of every kind of the growing traffic and off its worth and are bound in the end to give good, continuous dividends on all kinds of stock."

RODIES OF VICTIMS OF BELMONT TRAIN WRECK, CARED FOR.

Miss Croake's Mother Did Not Know of Daughter's Death Till Monday.

Manager Pottinger Wires Statements to the Disaster-Conductor Mill Has Gone to Truro to Attend the Rest Today.

Truro, N. S., Dec. 8.—(Special)—The case of the Belmont railway accident is still a mystery, on which the investigation tomorrow at 9 o'clock may throw some light.

The work of clearing the wreckage is now completed. The main track was cleared about 4 o'clock this afternoon. A telephone line has been strung across the valuable parts of the smashed and been used for removal, but all of the wood work is splintered so that it has been piled on one side and burned.

The tender has been placed on the rails, and efforts to right the engine are now made. The body of Driver Trider was sent to Truro today; the body of Miss Croake to Halifax; that of Malcolm McLean to P. E. Island; those of William Kennedy and John O'Toole to Newfoundland.

The bodies of W. B. McDonald, of New Glasgow; William Waugh, of Brantford, are still here awaiting arrival of friends to take them away tomorrow morning.

Mother Seeks of Miss Croake's Death. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 8.—(Special)—Fred Truro last night to view the body of the woman killed in the railway accident Saturday. Identified it beyond doubt as that of their sister Miss Croake. The brothers returned from Truro today, bringing the body. The mother of the dead girl, who is critically ill, did not know until this morning of her daughter's death. The news was broken to her by a clergyman.

The Telegraph received the following reply to a message sent D. Pottinger, manager of the I. C. R., regarding the cause of the wreck: "The cause has not yet been ascertained. We have men engaged in picking up the damaged cars and locomotive, and as they are picked up they are being examined." D. POTTINGER.

Shooting Accident Near Bathurst.

Bathurst, Dec. 6.—While visiting Dickie, a son of Andrew Dickie, of four miles from here, was rabbit shooting, his gun, loaded with rifle shot, was accidentally set off by the charge entering the trigger mechanism, which he was holding.