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PROBS—Moderate winds; fine and decidedly warm today; thunderstorms on Thursday.

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## CHILD BURNED IN FIRE WHICH HE HAD LIGHTED

### Four-Year-Old Tommy Taylor Met Death in Blaze Which Destroyed Shanley Street Stables—Mother Severely Burned in Attempt at Rescue.

Four-year-old Tommy Taylor of 183 Shanley street was burned to death and his mother badly burned in attempting a rescue, in a fire which destroyed the stables of R. G. Bainbridge of 165 Shanley street at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. According to the information in the hands of the police the unfortunate child kindled with his own hands the fire which took his life.

All afternoon Joe Bainbridge, age 9, and little Tommy had played together in Bainbridge's back yard. The former, an intelligent little chap, told the plainclothesmen of the Ossington avenue police station that Tommy suggested they have a fire, and went into his own home to get some matches. One corner of Bainbridge's stables was barricaded off with a storm door, and he filled the enclosure. The Taylor boy returned with four matches, climbed over the barricade to the hay and ignited it. The child was unable to climb back to safety and was almost instantly suffocated by the flames which immediately shot to the roof of the stable. The other lad ran to his house and told his mother of the occurrence.

Mrs. Taylor saw the flames almost immediately and rushed to the stable to rescue her child. Although the blaze was already pouring out the open door she forced her way in almost to the barricade on the other side of which was the lad.

### Mother's Brave Fight.

Although twice forced back by the flames she refused to discontinue her efforts, until some person pulled her out of danger. Just as she was pulled from the door of the burning stable, the whole roof collapsed. With most of her hair burned from her head, her arms, face and shoulders terribly scorched, the plucky mother was carried to her own home in a fainting condition, where she received attention from two physicians. Mr. Taylor did not hear of the tragedy until he returned home at 6 o'clock.

Speaking to The World, Mr. Bainbridge stated last night that he was out on business when the children fired the barn. He had made searching enquiries of his own boy, who told the story as related above. His loss will be about \$600, partly covered by insurance.

### Father Heartbroken.

When The World called on Mr. Taylor last night he was heartbroken over the occurrence. He stated that as he was not at the scene of the accident he could give little information on the occurrence. Mrs. Taylor still lies at her home, but may later be removed to a hospital.

Firemen from Ossington avenue station recovered the body, which was removed to the morgue for the purpose of holding an inquest.

## STEAMERS COLLIDE PASSENGERS LANDED

### Koenigin Luise and Smaller Vessel Were Badly Injured by Impact.

HAMBURG, June 23.—The North German Lloyd steamer Koenigin Luise and the German passenger steamer Cobra were in collision today. Both were damaged. The passengers were landed safely.

The stem of the Koenigin Luise was stove in and her forepeak was leaking.

The Cobra, which is a small steamer of 412 tons, belonging to the Hamburg-American Line, was badly damaged amidships.

The collision between the Koenigin Luise and the Cobra occurred during the regatta at Cuxhaven.

Both vessels had on board a large number of people, who had gone out to watch a regatta, and a catastrophe was narrowly averted.

The shock of the collision was so severe that several of the passengers on the Cobra were thrown onto the deck of the Koenigin Luise.

## BURNED TO DEATH IN FIRE



Four-year-old Tommy Taylor, who lost his life in spite of heroic mother.

## SURE TO AMEND AMENDING BILL

### Drastic Changes Slated for Measure After Second Reading—Main Bill Delayed.

LONDON, June 23.—It is stated that the opposition leaders are in favor of giving the amending home rule bill a second reading in order that they may drastically amend it. The Irish Unionist peers wish that the opposition should redraft the amending bill at the second reading, but there is little doubt they will be overborne.

The direction in which the majority of the peers intend to amend the bill has been already indicated. It is the demand of Protestant Ulster for the exclusion of the whole province without any time limit. There may be other amendments for imperial control of the customs and postoffice.

Lord Lansdowne refrained from discussing the bill in detail until he had consulted the Unionist executive, but the present intention of the opposition in the lords is that the amending bill, when they have transformed it, shall be sent back to the commons before there has been any final dealing with the home rule bill proper. It is their official policy to reject the home rule bill itself on its second reading, but they wish to delay this stage in the hope that before then, there may be some mishap to the government on other amendments proposing the exclusion of the whole province without the time limit and any such amendments must be disagreed with. The text of the amending bill will be circulated this morning.

## POLICE CHASED BOLD BURGLARS

### Attempt to Rob Apartments Was Made in Early Hours This Morning.

At 2.15 this morning the Audley Court Apartments at 70 Kendal avenue were entered from the ground floor by burglars who escaped the police. A tenant of one of the ground floor apartments told the police that she had been awakened by a noise at the window, and watched for three minutes in absolute terror, the hands of a man working at the catch. Finally she arose and turned on the light, when the intruder jumped to the ground and vanished. Upon opening her bedroom door another man scuttled down the hallway and leaped out the back vestibule window.

Although a constable was on the scene within a few minutes of the receiving of the report, no person was apprehended.

## MONTREAL TO PROBE SEWER CONSTRUCTION

MONTREAL, June 23.—Irregularities alleged by Chief City Engineer Janin to have been found in connection with sewer work by contractors in Notre Dame de Grace ward led the board of control today to decide on an official enquiry into the manner in which certain sewer contracts were carried out last summer. Pending the investigation the city engineer says between \$50,000 and \$60,000 of sewer contractors' guarantees on deposit at the city hall probably will be held by the city.

## EMPRESS INQUIRY TO BE FINISHED BY SATURDAY

### All Evidence Expected to Be in Thursday—Liner Lies Seventy-Five Feet Deep—Denial That C. P. R. Captains Are Promoted for Fast Voyages.

Canadian Press Despatch. QUEBEC, June 23.—The Empress of Ireland wreck inquiry continues to draw out interesting information. It is expected that evidence other than that of the experts will be concluded tomorrow. With a day devoted to this testimony, and another day or two devoted to the addresses of counsel, the investigation is expected to be closed by Saturday.

Edward Cossobon, the diver who lost his life at the wreck, had his story told by G. W. Weatherston, the salvage expert who has charge of the work of getting the hull out of the vessel. Cossobon found that the Empress is pointing northwest, is lying in 15 to 20 feet of mud, and rests half on her side, and is 75 feet below the surface. He believes she cannot be raised.

Capt. Walsh of the C. P. R. denied that officers were promoted for making rapid voyages.

Lord Mersey conversed with Mr. Haught over the latter's anxiety to find out if Admiral Bernier, the pilot of the Empress, was always chosen for this work, asking when Mr. Haught found out that Bernier was an interested party, and saying that he himself always scrutinized the evidence of such witnesses carefully for bias. Lord Mersey told Mr. Haught that if this was true, it applied with equal force to each Stordstad witness.

Alfred Tutenges, first officer of the Stordstad, producing memoranda from Montreal on the movements of the vessel prior to the collision, but they added nothing to the particulars in the scrap log book.

## OFFICERS SHOT THREE STRIKERS

### Miners Who Met to Discuss Peace Plans Were Fired Upon by Deputies.

Canadian Press Despatch. BUTTE, Mont., June 23.—Crowds which pressed on Miner's Hall tonight in consequence of a scheduled meeting there at which President C. H. Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners was to outline a peace program, were fired upon by sheriff's deputies stationed in the hall, and three men were shot—two killed and another is believed to be fatally wounded. It is timed to start at 8 o'clock.

Most of the shots were fired into the air by the officers. The shooting of the three men apparently took most of the nerve out of the crowd, and they quickly backed a distance of two blocks from each side of the hall. A hundred deputies with sawed-off shotguns are holding Miner's Union Hall.

## UNSEATED CONTROLLERS MUST FACE ELECTORS

OTTAWA, June 23.—Judge MacTavish ruled today that the four controllers who were unseated in the courts ten days ago, on the ground that they were illegally elected last January, must be re-elected by the electors and not by the provincial or some legal authorities claimed was the proper way. The four controllers are: Dr. Rufus Parent, J. W. Neilson, E. R. McNeill and Joseph Keat.

## MANY SPEAKERS AT TEMPERANCE RALLY

### All Arrangements Completed for "Banish the Bar" Meeting Tomorrow Night.

All arrangements are practically complete for the monster "banish the bar" rally in Massey Hall on Thursday evening of this week. The gathering will be one of the very highest importance as well as local interest and prominent temperance speakers from other points in the province will be present. The meeting is timed to start at 8 o'clock, but the doors will be open at 7. The Queen's Own Band, under the leadership of Bandmaster Barrow, will render a selected program from 7 to 8 o'clock. The chair will be occupied by Rev. Father L. Minehan, who will have placed in his hand a program of unusual strength and attractiveness. The list of speakers includes: Dr. A. S. Grant, Rev. Canon R. W. E. Greene, Rev. John McNeill, Mrs. A. E. Stevens, Charles E. Steele, J. J. Mason, Charles J. Doughty, W. E. Senior and Rev. Ben. J. Spence.

## THUNDEROUS WELCOME GIVEN PREMIER BY GREAT GATHERING IN MASSEY HALL FIGHTING SPEECH MADE BY LEADER

### TORONTO BAROMETER OF ONTARIO?

It is impossible to believe, if the government is presenting its policy and performances to the constituencies of the province in the practical terms which so profoundly appealed to the thousands in Massey Hall last night, that their opponents will be able to make any deep impression on the serried ranks of the Conservative Party. For the first time in his official career Sir James Whitney has met with fairly serious opposition. It was seriously met last night by himself and his two colleagues, Sir Adam Beck and Hon. I. B. Lucas. There were no evasions and no finching of issues. The question that undoubtedly aroused the most intense enthusiasm was the bilingual issue. All three speakers dealt with it, and there could be no doubt about the resolve of the government to have an English speaking Ontario. Sir Adam Beck's assertion that there were 250,000 Germans of his own race who, when they had accepted the liberty, had also accepted the language of the land, aroused wild cheering. Sir James declared his intention to stand by the legislation on the statute books, and taunted Mr. Rowell with having three different bilingual policies. Mr. Lucas dwelt on the general policy of the government and its integrity, emphasizing the value of the Workmen's Compensation Act. Sir James spoke for 61 minutes with all his old mental alertness, ingenuity of phrase, brilliancy of epithet, and incisiveness of attack. He was an unconstructed Conservative, he said, and unrepentant. His energy and eloquence showed, to use his own language, that his "health and strength were practically fully restored." He was sorry he remarked, to find that Mr. Rowell was prepared to gamble for political power on his health. He was prepared to bring electric power to the door of every farmer in Ontario and they had a huge scheme for building 50,000 miles of good roads thru the farming communities, while hydro-radials were to gridiron the province. Sir Adam Beck added to this that the government were about to develop an immense amount of electric power from water available at Niagara, at a point outside the park, while there and elsewhere the province would have 500,000 horse power of their own generation. Sir Adam Beck placed the Hydro-Electric policy for rural Ontario as the real answer to the high cost of living and the depopulation of the farm districts, which were the two "vital social questions affecting the province." Sir James spoke feelingly of the gigantic evils of the drink traffic and habit, and promised that the question would never be let out of sight. His condemnation of the evils of the liquor shops made it a logical inference that legislation in this direction is to be looked for. His reading of a letter from a mother whose husband and son were victims of the shops was otherwise without point.

## BELGIAN VESSEL RAN ON ROCKS MONTREAL PASSENGERS ABOARD

Canadian Press Despatch. MONTREAL, June 23.—The Belgian steamer Gothland, which went ashore today on the rocks two miles to the northeast of the Bishop Rock, Scilly Islands while on her way from Montreal to Rotterdam, carried 39 steerage passengers and between 250 and 300 of a crew, including stewards. She left Montreal on June 12. The Gothland is a Red Star vessel, running under the management of the Canadian line. The Gothland struck during a dense fog. Lifeboats from St. Agnes and St. Mary's, in the Scilly Islands, have gone to the scene of the wreck.

## LAW SUIT OVER CARLETON SEAT

### Liberal Candidate, Disqualified on Technicality, Will Enter Action Against Returning Officer.

OTTAWA, June 23.—The returning officer in Carleton County, J. E. Craig, has asked advice of the attorney-general's office at Toronto as to whether he will declare R. H. McElroy (Conservative) elected by acclamation. He asserts several of the names on the nomination papers of Col. E. B. Hamilton (Liberal) are not those of voters in the county, and as the latter only had fifty-four names on the paper and fifty are required there are sufficient illegals to warrant him declaring Mr. McElroy elected by acclamation. The returning officer, pending instructions from Toronto, has refused to grant a poll, and Colonel Hamilton has decided to enter an action against him for damages.

## EAST INDIANS RAISE CRY OF RETALIATION

LONDON, June 24.—A meeting of East Indians, held in Caxton Hall tonight, a resolution was passed expressing profound indignation at the exclusion of Hindus by Canada. Retaliatory action by excluding people of other British colonies from India and trade restrictions were suggested.

UP IN THE AIRSHIP. At 11.30 this morning the St. Louis delegation of air men will make an ascent in the airship, at the exhibition,

### Thousands Unable to Gain Admittance Attended Overflow Meetings and Intense Enthusiasm Was Manifested—Premier Declared Temperance Cause Had Been Greatly Injured by Partisan Addresses From Pulpits and Accused Opponents of Spreading False Reports Regarding His Health—Firm in His Own Opposition to Bilingual Schools, He Challenged Liberal Leader to Declare His Position—Sir Adam Beck and Hon. I. B. Lucas Also Acclaimed.

"Before I conclude I would like to express my gratitude for the kindness shown me during my illness. This gratitude was shown by both Conservatives and Liberals alike. Coming back as I did, by God's mercy, from the shadow of the valley, I am more impressed than ever with what I owe to the people of this province. They have given me confidence in full measure, heaped up, pressed down, shaken together and running over. As long as my health holds good I will be at their disposal. With a heart full to overflowing, may God bless you every one."—Sir James Whitney at Massey Hall.

### The Prophet of the People!

Sir James Whitney has never anticipated the well-defined views of the people in the direction of progressive and healthful legislation. He has led it and he has helped to crystallize it into law. His record in this respect has never been equaled by any public man in office in Canada. His reputation as an all-round progressive statesman is greater than any of his predecessors or his contemporaries—he is the best public man in the Dominion today.

### A Fighting Speech.

It was a real campaign appeal, thrilling with the spirit of combat in every syllable, that the premier gave. The record of the Ontario Government, he pointed to with pride, and the opposition attempts he held up to ridicule. A heavy volley was trained upon Mr. Rowell, who was accused of attempting to make capital out of the premier's ill health, and also for side-stepping a stand on bilingualism. Those ministers of the gospel who called party slogans from the pulpit were assailed for the "desecration of their offices." If their practice persisted, temperance would receive such a blow that a generation would not right it.

### Clear Stand on Bilingualism.

To all these utterances, thundered forth in vigorous style, and the plea, "We have done our best; continue your allegiance," came vociferous bursts of applause. "On the bilingual regulations now enforced, the government will stand or fall."

When the prime minister, the same rugged, bluff personality, perhaps a little grayer, but none the less vigorous, stepped to the edge of the platform, more than 4000 throats opened in one tremendous burst of applause. Again and again the clamor broke loose and great waves of sound volleyed and thundered to the roof.

### Flood Gates Were Opened.

The effect was tremendous. The air was surcharged with enthusiasm. Men did not wait to hear the first word. His preliminary gesture seemed to loose another gate and again great floods of vocal tribute poured forth. Such an occasion has not been rivaled in Toronto for a long time. The Borden ovation two years ago did not approach the blood-stirring clamor of last evening.

### Grateful for Recovery.

When the train of speakers filed in with the premier in the lead the demonstration was so imperative in demand that Sir James remained standing for several moments bowing to the tribute.

When Sir James in his closing words touched on the matter of his health his voice broke in emotion. Coming back from the shadows of the dark valley, with God's help, he felt the wonderful debt of obligation to the people under which he was placed. His final appeal, voiced in the words of Tiny Tim Cratchit's prayer, "May God bless you every one," was drowned in a clamor that rolled and reverberated back and forth for five minutes. Three thousand persons stood in the aisles or crowded overtop meetings

at Victoria Hall. Chairman W. H. Price presided.

### Sir James' Address.

"It is now considerably over a year since I took it upon myself to address an audience on any subject, political or otherwise," said the premier in beginning. "When I came here tonight I was with a little curiosity as to the gate I'd strike." (Laughter.) "I have just come here tonight to say that my health and strength being practically restored—(applause)—I am ready and desirous of continuing the work in which I and my colleagues have been associated for the past ten years. (Cheers and whistling.) "Today I am proud to say that if a stranger from Morocco, for instance, were dropped from a barrel into the province he could be told in succinct language the handling of the problems near to the people. I say this because the people understand the manner in which they have been handled by the government of which I am the head."

### False Reports Spread.

He had never been pleased at saying anything harsh or unkind about Mr. Rowell, but the time had come when he was forced to it.

"Mr. Rowell is prepared to gamble for power on the condition of my health or ill-health," he declared. "He has said that the Conservatives never expected the premier to recover."

The premier claimed that the local Liberal newspapers had not used the statement. If, however, they denied it, (Sir James) would take steps to prove his position.

Mr. Rowell's henchmen were going about today spreading in secret what they dared not do otherwise, and W. L. Mackenzie King—(groans)—said it from the platform.

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