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SOLD FOR TEN MILLIONS. CANADA ATLANTIC RAILWAY BOUGHT BY NEW YORK CENTRAL.

Dr. W. Seward Webb Confirmed the Purchase at Ottawa Monday—Particulars of the Transfer—Will Give Vanderbilt System Access to Ottawa.

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—(Special)—Despite all denials to the contrary, the sale of the Canada Atlantic Railway to the New York Central and St. Lawrence and Adirondack Companies, is all but completed. Dr. W. Seward Webb, who arrived here today, confirmed this statement. He said that the sale had been completed except for a few minor details. This statement was made by Dr. Webb after he had interviewed Mr. Chamberlain, the general manager of the Canada Atlantic, and had been closed for an hour and a half with Mr. Booth, the principal owner of the road.

To your correspondent, Dr. Webb was brief but to the point: "You may state," he said, "that negotiations for the sale of the road have progressed satisfactorily and with the exception of a few minor details, the deal is about consummated. I expect to have the whole matter settled before I leave here tomorrow. I may say that I have been down at Mr. Booth's office for the past hour and a half. My interview with him was very satisfactory. It is pretty generally understood that Dr. Webb, who controls the New York Central and Rutland systems, is acting also as vice-president of the St. Lawrence and Adirondack Company, which has been in the city several days. He has met Mr. Booth and although denied at first, he learned from a member among the officials of the road that the deal is all but settled. The price which he is offering is \$10,000,000 of common stock and a mortgage of \$10,000,000 on the road.

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CONTINGENT SALES FOR SOUTH AFRICA TODAY.

But Discharged Soldiers Proposed Injunction to Detain the Ship.

Halifax, Jan. 27.—(Special)—Arrangements for the embarkation of the second detachment of the C. M. R. on the ship exactly the same as for the first detachment. The men will be loaded at camp about 8.30 and after being looked over by the officers will start about 10 o'clock for H. M. dockyard. The 63rd band will likely play them down. One of the horses of the corps died Saturday of influenza. G. Loyd and A. Curtis have been in the front on the strength. The troopship will sail about 2 o'clock.

Leut. Bedford, of Montreal, will go in place of Lieut. Woodcock, who was not at all together recovered from his injuries. Two of the men found to be suffering from measles were yesterday removed to the infectious diseases hospital. They were not able to leave for South Africa in the Victoria, but will probably go by steamer from St. John later on.

Since the concentrating in Halifax of the 2nd C. M. R., many men have been discharged as medically unfit or on the ground that they were not likely to be come efficient soldiers. The commanding officer is bound to do as possible to take with him thoroughly efficient men in whom implicit trust can be placed and who are likely to do credit to the colony which sends them. Most of the men discharged have returned to their homes, but a few still remain in the city. Saturday one of the remaining few who contemplated that the discharge were not legal contacted a law firm and asked for a legal opinion regarding the matter. The legal opinion it is understood agreed with the colonel's idea and he finds that the corps is not working under the militia act subject to the queen's regulations and that a contract having been made with the men for one year's service, longer if the war is not finished by that time they could not be discharged before that period has expired except by court martial. The opinion was also given that an action for damages would lie.

It was reported that an injunction to prevent the troopship from sailing until the matter had been settled would be applied for, but that rumor is probably incorrect. Colonel Evans is not worrying over the matter and is quite satisfied that the procedure adopted in the matter of discharges was perfectly legal and proper and plainly in accord with the army regulations.

Centennial Dead. Quebec, Jan. 27.—(Special)—Mrs. Joseph Moberg, of St. Saver, is dead at the age of 101 years and five months.

TO BE GOVERNOR OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Senator Snowball Appointed at Ottawa Monday, and Accepts.

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—(Special)—At today's cabinet meeting the question of appointing a lieutenant governor for New Brunswick came up for consideration. It was decided to appoint Senator Snowball to the position. The senator is here and has accepted and has resigned his seat in the senate.

[Hon. Jabez Bunting Snowball is a son of the late Rev. John Snowball and was born at Lunenburg, N. S., Sept. 24, 1837. He was educated at Mount Allison College. Mr. Snowball has been twice married, his present wife being a daughter of Rev. Robert Archibald, of New Brunswick, Lunenburg, Scotland, and was married Feb. 18, 1873. He sat in the commons from 1878 to 1882, having defeated the late Hon. Peter Mitchell. He was called to the senate May 1, 1891. Mr. Snowball is largely interested in the lumber business and resides at Chatham, N. B.]

ATTEMPTED MURDER.

Sensational Assault Upon a Man With a Wooden Leg.

St. Stephen, Jan. 25.—At a late hour Thursday evening the residents of Union street, St. Stephen, were startled by the crashing of glass and blood curdling cries of murder, etc. The male residents were wakened at the time hastily donned their clothing and hurried in the direction from which the cries of distress and sounds of strife proceeded. Finding in front of one of the dwellings, two men rolling about in the slushy street, each endeavoring to annihilate the other. The scuffle had been a delightful one and the men were evenly matched, but the one was handicapped by a wooden leg, while the other was in the prime of vigorous manhood.

The combatants were separated and peace restored when it was found that the one of the timber toes had been badly wounded in the nose by his younger adversary, who, it is alleged, was the aggressor. The defeated one poured a tale of woe into the ears of his rescuers, and then, together with his wife and numerous property hunters for the abode of the guardian of the peace to lay his troubles before them and ask for redress. It appears that the men who figured in the mix-up had been on bad terms for some time, and the one who was handicapped by the wooden leg, and the other was in the prime of vigorous manhood.

MATE LOST OVERBOARD.

Last Seen Clinging to a Plank in Storm at Sea.

Wickford, R. I., Jan. 27.—The term "dismal" was used by the crew of the schooner Norman, Captain N. B. Grey, out in here today, looking badly and reporting the loss of Mate Francis Wadsworth, of Ellsworth, Me. The Norman sailed from Brunswick, Ga., on Jan. 18 for New Bedford with 20,000 lbs of pine lumber. On Tuesday last when Cape Hatteras a heavy storm was encountered accompanied by high seas during which the decks were flooded. Mate Wadsworth was carried overboard at the same time as the vessel was struck by a wave which sent him to a plank about 200 feet away from the side of the vessel.

GREAT CHANCE FOR ST. JOHN.

The C. P. R. Threatens to Concentrate Elsewhere Than St. Montreal.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION STUNS NEW YORK.

The Murray Hill Hotel Shattered and Abandoned—Grand Union Hotel and Grand Central Depot Damaged—Many Killed and Injured by Flying Debris—The Loss in the Millions.

New York, Jan. 27.—The reserve supply of high explosives stored at the Park avenue shaft of the Rapid Transit tunnel, blew up shortly after noon today, causing death to six persons, injury to a hundred others, and serious damage to much property which suffered from a huge volley of debris and the vibration of the detonation. The irregular square formed by the Murray Hill Hotel on the west, the Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital and the Grand Union Hotel on the east and the Grand Central station on the north was the scene of the explosion. The buildings named sustained the greatest damage, but the area affected extended for several blocks in the four directions from the center.

Fortunately the explosion occurred at noon, one of the luckiest hours in the day at the Grand Central station. In the smoking room at the southwest corner, a number of men were slightly injured by bits of glass. Four ticket sellers were all cut about the heads and arms by flying shavings of glass.

The clerical force in the executive offices of the New York, N. H. and H. railroad, which occupy the floors above the station, were scattered by the shock of the explosion. A. T. Turner, a record clerk in Superintendent Shepherd's office, was thrown from his chair and his hands were badly lacerated.

In the next room Chief Despatcher H. Wilson and his four assistants were scattered by flying glass, but did not even leave their chairs.

This evening Epps was practically a prisoner, a policeman having been assigned to guard him.

Andrew Murray was locked up at police station tonight, though no charge was placed against his name.

Murray had charge of passing out the stocks of dynamite in the men in the tunnel who were engaged in making blasts which they had lit on the shaft.

Moss Epps, who was a powder man in charge of the shanty where the explosion occurred, is at Mower Hospital suffering from contusion and shock. On going to the shanty about noon he found a candle which he had lit on the shelf, by which the box containing from 60 to 75 cartridges. Epps threw a pail of water over the fire and ran to get another one. On coming back with the second pail, the flames were close to the dynamite and dropping his pail he tried to get away. Then came the explosion and the next he knew he was a goner.

FANCY PRICES FOR TROTTERS.

One Sold for \$3,000, and Several Others Similarly.

New York, Jan. 27.—The annual Fasig-Tipton midwinter sale of trotting horses was begun at Madison Square Garden today. There was a large attendance. The sale will continue throughout the week.

J. Boland secured the prize at the day's bidding when he bought Kingwood, 2:06, for \$3,000. Louise Mac, a well known speed favorite, was knocked down to John McGuire for \$1,500. The more important sales follow:

King Muscovite, b. g., trotter, B. H. Demarest (agent), Gospen, N. Y., \$800. Louise Mac, ch., nine years, trotter, John McGuire, New York city, \$1,500. Mofeus, br. s., 8 years, by King Darlington-Rossmont, to J. Boland, New York city, \$900.

Who is he, 2:12, gr. g., 7 years, R. C. Taylor, Worcester, Mass., \$1,800. Axtello, b. g., 8 years, trotter, M. C. Harrison, New York, \$1,125.

Compulsory Vaccination in Boston. Boston, Jan. 27.—The board of health sent its physicians, more than 100, into South Boston today to repeat its experiment of wholesale vaccination tried in East Boston yesterday. Other sections will be canvassed in the same way until the entire city is covered. The object of general and compulsory vaccination is to find any hidden or suspected cases and to make a determined effort to stamp out the disease. Over 400,000 persons in Boston have been vaccinated since the fall.

Fire in St. Paul, Minn. St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 27.—Fire tonight destroyed the Davidson block, a five story brick structure, causing a damage estimated at \$200,000, amply covered by insurance.

That Schooner from Shelburne is Safe. Boston, Jan. 27.—The Gloucester fishing schooner Rosella, for which fears had been entertained that she foundered in a November gale on the Grand Banks, is at Southwest Harbor, Me., where she had been quarantined for some time.

United States and England. Getting at an Understanding Over Spanish-American Affairs.

London, Jan. 28.—The Washington correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says: "It is learned from an intimate of the late President McKinley that the Euro-pan coalition against the Spanish-American war was dissolved by the avowed intention of Great Britain 'to use other means than diplomacy' to frustrate interference."

The Chronicle in an editorial on this dispatch says: "America, as a whole, has not shown herself invariably friendly during our troubles in South Africa, but this clear statement of America's debt to England should make an impression even on those classes who have hitherto regarded us as a snake."

French Fair American Competition. Paris, Jan. 27.—The chamber of deputies began the discussion today of a bill authorizing the completion of a number of projected waterways and canals involving the expenditure of over 60,000,000 francs.

Henry S. Howland Struck With Apoplexy. Toronto, Jan. 27.—(Special)—Henry S. Howland, president of the Imperial Bank of Canada, was struck with apoplexy, including the hardware business that bears his name, is lying unconscious at his residence as the result of a stroke of apoplexy. His brother is Sir William P. Howland.

Leonard's Majority Reduced. Montreal, Jan. 27.—(Special)—A judicial recount was held today in the Laval election with the result that the majority of Leonard (Conservative) was reduced to eight.

Trains Delayed, and Cold Intense in Many Places. St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 27.—Nearly every passenger train was from one to six hours late today while coast trains due yesterday did not arrive until daylight today, 12 to 15 hours late.

The latter trains met the severest storm in the Northwest and were delayed, not only by snow, but by the exceedingly heavy temperature which made it impossible to keep up a full head of steam.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—Tonight the wind which had blown a half gale all day, died away and the cold was not as hard by nature, although the temperature was as low as last night. The coldest of the day was 8 below at 8 a. m. Tonight it was 4 below and falling slowly.

Lacrosse, Wis., Jan. 27.—This city is experiencing an intense cold spell. Thermometers registered 15 below. Loss to stock is reported from the country.

COMMITTED SUICIDE IN DAWSON CITY. Sad Ending of a Former Halifax Bank Clerk, Temporarily Insane.

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Dawson, Y. T., via Ashcroft, B. C., Jan. 27.—(Special)—Thomas Middleton, cashier in the gold commissioner's office, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor yesterday. He belonged to Leeds, England, and was in a bank in Halifax, N. S., before coming here in 1880.

Middleton had not been in his office for several days. His accounts were short by more than \$5,000. His defalcation and suicide created a great sensation, every one believing him above suspicion. It is thought he was temporarily insane.

ROSSLYN DIVORCED.

Edinburgh Court Grants Decree on Ground of Desertion.

London, Jan. 27.—More successful than his efforts to break the bank at Monte Carlo has been Lord Rosslyn's suit for divorce in the Court of Sessions of Edinburgh.

Today Lord Stormonth-Darling granted the earl a judgment against his wife, Violet Aline de Grey St. Clair-Erskine, on the ground of desertion. The two children are left as at present.

The court room was densely crowded when Lord Rosslyn entered the witness box to tell his story. He said he was married to the defendant in 1880. The early years of their married life were happy, but some time prior to November, 1899, differences arose over some friends, for whom Lady Rosslyn had a preference. That year, Depart House was sold, and he removed to a smaller residence on his Fifehome estate. Lady Rosslyn refused to go with him and went to London.

Lady Rosslyn visited a friend in Fife, and during Lord Rosslyn's absence drove over and had certain additions made to the house. He hoped she would then come back and live with him, but she refused, although he and his friends brought her to do so.

After two years service in South Africa a small detachment of kiaki and Canadians arrived in the capital today. The news arrived from the seat of war, where Major A. H. Forest, Ottawa; Sergt. D. Hinch, Guelph, and Trooper H. Bredin, Calgary. Forest and Hinch first served in the 2nd Buffs, and Bredin in the 1st Buffs. They are members of a party of 10 who returned to Canada by way of England.

EIGHTY BOERS CAPTURED.

BRITISH COLONIES WILL HAVE PREFERENCE FOR SUPPLIES.

The Opposition to Patronage of Argentine Baring Fruit—Statement About It in House of Commons—Interesting Reports from the Cape.

London, Jan. 26.—Cabling from Cape Town on the meat question, the correspondent of the Daily Mail points out that the rapid diminution of live stock makes the future of supplies for the troops a world wide and not a purely colonial matter. The correspondent says a large number of live oxen must accompany the British columns on trek, and that for this purpose the Argentine beasts are not sufficiently docile and tractable.

London, Jan. 27.—In reply to questions in the house of commons today Lord Stanley, financial secretary of the war office, declared there was no truth whatever in the report that the South African meat contractors, who will especially supply the British troops in that part of the world with refrigerated meat, would give preference to meat from Argentina. The new contracting firm had large interests in Argentina, Lord Stanley said, but he wrote understanding that, as far as possible, all meats supplied, both alive and dead, should be secured from the various British colonies.

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TRAIN HELD UP BY DARING ROBBERS.

Exciting Incident of Travel in an American Railway Train.

Branchville, S. C., Jan. 27.—A carefully planned and audacious express robbery occurred on the Southern Railroad when the passenger train from Charleston reached nearly the exact site of the missing mail box. Seven or eight men were riding on the platform between the engine and baggage car, concealed by the dense smoke. A man crawled over the tender and covered the engineer. John Reynolds, with Winchester.

They fired two shots, one ball passing through Reynold's cap. Fireman Cobbe escaped by jumping off. Conductor Black, who ran out, was covered and ordered back. By order of the train men, a brakeman uncoupled the express car, mail and baggage cars, which were taken to Fifty-third street, leaving the rest of the train on the main line. Here several shots were fired into the express car and one man climbed up, covered Express Messenger (all with Winchester) and compelled him to open the door.