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BIBLICAL SOCIETY DELEGATES ARE WELCOME TO ST. JOHN

Mayer Bullock and Representatives of the Board of Trade Attended This Morning's Meeting of the Canadian Bible Society and Conveyed the City's Greetings—Judge Forbes and a Nova Scotia Delegate in a Friendly Argument.

This morning's session of the Canadian Bible Society opened at 10 o'clock with Hon. N. W. Hughes in the chair. During the morning a delegation composed of Mayor Bullock, W. S. Fisher, and J. Hunter White were received and welcomed to the session. The session was opened at 10 o'clock with prayer by Rev. G. S. Carson, of Pictou.

The annual report of the Canadian Bible Society convention held in London last year was read by Rev. G. S. Carson, general secretary. The report, which is in pamphlet form, was distributed among the delegates. He also read the annual statement of the treasurer, Elias Rogers, of Toronto, who was unable to be present. It showed receipts \$66,138.48 and disbursements \$41,694.58, leaving a balance of \$24,443.90 on hand. This statement was also printed for distribution.

SERVA READY TO CALL IT OFF

She Will Abandon Preparations for War if Britain, Russia and France Will Protect Her

London, March 18.—A despatch to the Times from Belgrade, says that if Great Britain, Russia and France are prepared to notify Serbia that they consider the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina a closed affair, and no longer a concern of Europe, Serbia is ready to concur in this view. Under such circumstances she would consent to dismiss the 7,000 reservists she has called up for training, always provided Europe guarantees her against attack.

TWO BIG FIRES

Much Damage Done By Fire Today in Rochester and Easton, Pennsylvania

Rochester, N. Y., March 18.—The factory occupied jointly by the International Button Company and the M. B. Shantz Button Company here, was damaged by fire last night. The loss is estimated at about \$175,000. The M. B. Shantz Company is the heavier loser, as water drenched a large stock of Vegetable Ivory. The fire started apparently in a room devoted to polishing buttons from friction has been working day and night, and it was in this room that the fire started. The two concerns carry \$350,000 insurance.

Haston, Pa., March 18.—The main building of the Easton Foundry and Machine Company at West Easton, was destroyed by fire early today, entailing loss of \$100,000. Nearly 100 men are thrown out of employment.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 18.—Yussef Nabou, the Turkish wrestler, last night won his hand-to-hand match with Jim McDougall of Winnipeg. Nabou outworked to throw his opponent three times within the hour, catch-as-catch-can style, and he took the three falls in 18, 21, 12:09, 9:40.

ANOTHER VICTIM ADDED TO LIST IN MONTREAL

Mark Cunningham, Engineer of Runaway Express, Died Today

He Never Recovered Consciousness and the Secret of What Caused the Wreck Has Gone With Him—Evidence That He Was a Hero.

Montreal, March 18.—(Special)—The awful wreck which happened yesterday at Windsor Station has added another victim to the list. Mark Cunningham, the engineer of the ill-fated Boston Express, was taken to the General Hospital yesterday morning passed away this morning without regaining consciousness, and with him has gone the secret of what caused the wreck. Cunningham fractured his skull when he jumped from his engine to evade the scalding steam which poured from the boiler.

IN CITY COURT

An Amusing Suit Between Landlord and Tenant This Morning

After a week's mediation the barber and butcher who undertook to sue each other for money loaned have evidently resolved that it is discreet to obey the advice "let well enough alone" for they did not materialize this morning in the city court session to explain their claims and enable the court to settle the dispute.

LORD ROSEBERY SOUNDS WARNING

He Raises the Question of the Adequacy of Great Britain's Territorial Defence

London, March 18.—Lord Rosebery, in a letter to the Times, raises another alarming question, whether in view of Germany's naval growth, Great Britain's territorial defence is adequate. He declares that this is an urgent matter needing speedy inquiry.

SHOT WHILE TRYING TO EFFECT ESCAPE

Killing of Cuban Officer Who Conspired Against Government is Explained in This Way.

Havana, March 18.—Former Captain Lavastada of the rural guard, who is believed to have been the principal instigator of the uprising in the province of Santa Clara, was arrested Tuesday night. He was shot and killed while making an alleged effort to escape. Hereafter this has been a short sentence. Lavastada was recently dismissed from the Rural Guard. He served with distinction in the Cuba War of Independence, and has many friends in Santa Clara province, by whom the summary killing doubtless will be bitterly resented.

AN OLD TIME HOTEL BURNED TO GROUND

Kingston, March 18.—A number of near by houses were threatened when the Centennial House at Old Hurley, three miles south of Kingston, one of the oldest hotels in New York state, was totally destroyed by fire today. Active work by the fire brigade kept the flames from spreading. The burnt building was erected in 1718 and had been used continuously as a hotel since before the revolution.

Barque May Be Total Wreck. Pensacola, Fla., March 18.—The Norwegian bark Hessian from Montevideo for Pensacola, is aground ten miles west of here with prospects that she will be a complete wreck. In a dense fog this morning the vessel lost its course, making it necessary to cast anchor. The heavy anchors fell in shallow water, the vessel going on them and running two immense holes in her hull.

HARRIMAN WILL RETIRE FROM ACTIVE BUSINESS

Railway Magnate's Physicians Have Advised Him to Take a Rest and He Will Gradually Relinquish the Active Supervision of His Railroad Holdings—He is 61 Years Old and Has Worked Hard

Los Angeles, Cal., March 18.—Physicians have warned me that I must step out; they say I have done enough. I am 61 years old and I have had a very active life. Recently they told me that they had noticed a change for the worse in my condition. These words were used by E. H. Harriman to a newspaper man in announcing his determination to relinquish gradually the active supervision of his far-flung railroad holdings. Mr. Harriman did not say that he would give up his control nor announce any time when he would be free from the activities which have characterized his career but he said he would let go just as fast as he could with reason and that he would consider his health now above all else. In the same Mr. Harriman spoke of Theodore Roosevelt and his use of the "Big Stick" on corporations. "The former president was not altogether to blame," said Mr. Harriman, "although he went too far. The panic would not have resulted if Roosevelt had not carried on his prosecution of the case against the railroads with such vigor."

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

Farmers' and Dairymen's Association Met This Morning and Elected Officers

Fredericton, N. B., March 18.—(Special)—At this morning's session of the Farmers' and Dairymen's Association addresses on immigration and farm help were delivered by A. B. Wilton and Staff Captain Jennings of the Salvation Army. Mr. C. P. R. also spoke briefly. The officers for the ensuing year have been elected as follows: President, O. W. Wetmore, Clifton; vice-president, W. P. Dunham, St. John; corresponding secretary, G. P. Fisher, Clifton; treasurer, Harvey Mitchell, Sackville. This afternoon the members will attend the opening of the legislative session at the city hall to a drive to the university.

LATE LOCALS

Martello Lodge, I. O. G. T., went en route for a fraternal visit to No. 2000 St. John's street, this evening.

Since the first of last April, 4,386 vessels have cleared at the St. John customs house, 2,768 of which went coastwise.

A. J. Tingley, of Moncton, who has been acting as chief inspector of the I. C. S. detective services, since the retirement of A. E. Williams, has been appointed to that position permanently. Mr. Tingley was in the city today.

Andrew Wilson, teamster for D. J. Purdy, met with a very painful accident a few days ago. While attending to a horse the animal kicked him on the jaw, breaking the jaw bone. It will be some time before it heals.

The Irish Literary and Benevolent Society held an informal meeting last evening in their hall, Union street. The president, Hon. R. J. Ritchie, gave a very interesting address on the observance of St. Patrick's Day. An informal program was carried out, including selections by John Kelly, and was much enjoyed.

One of the worst snow squalls of the season passed over the city last night from the southeast. About three inches of snow fell in a short time, which for a while stopped traffic. The street cars were hung up until the two sweepers cleared the road. The wind shifted into the west about 10 o'clock, when it became much colder.

At the regular meeting of the water and sewerage board, to be held next week, the question of fixing the rates for the coming year will be taken up. As far as can be learned the rates will be about the same as last year, but some re-adjustment may be made, especially if the bill regarding water maintenance charges passes the legislature.

The value of wharf properties in the harbor, both private and corporation owned, has been completed, and a plan is being prepared showing the location of the wharves, and their ownership. A meeting of the harbor facilities committee will be held shortly to take up the report, and it will then probably be forwarded to Ottawa to be attached to the bill for placing the harbor in commission.

New York, March 18.—Henry St. Ives, a noted French long distance runner, arrived here today on the Teutonic. He will make his first appearance in the \$10,000 Marathon race to be run at the Polo Grounds, this city, on April 3rd.

William Dowdle, general superintendent of the C. P. R., returned to the city on the Boston train today.

O. S. CROCKET ASSAULTED

M. P. For York County Was Struck Twice By A. E. Hanson in Fredericton Today

Fredericton, N. B., March 18.—(Special)—O. S. Crockett, M. P. for York was taken to task on Queen street today by A. E. Hanson for some remarks he made in a parliament concerning Hanson's work in the province.

SEARCHING FOR THE REVOLVER

Until it is Found the Hamilton Police Will be Completely Baffled by the Kinrade Case

Hamilton, Ont., March 18.—(Special)—Search for the revolver with which Miss Ethel Kinrade was shot was continued yesterday when the sewer in front of the Kinrade house was opened, but this proved futile and the detectives will have to look elsewhere for the weapon. The work was done by employees of the board of works, a number of oilmen, reporters and citizens being present. Two holes were made in the pipe but the men were unable to find the trap and later a charge was run through the sewer but no obstruction of any kind was found. The question, what became of the revolver, still unanswered. If the police had discovered it, a valuable clue would have been given them, but they are as much in the dark as ever.

FILIPINO PRODUCTS SHOULD ALL BE FREE

This is the Feeling in Manila in Regard to the Revised U. S. Tariff

Manila, March 18.—The proposals embodied in the Payne bill for the revision of the tariff have been unfavorably received here because of the limitations placed on sugar and tobacco. It is generally felt that there is to be an unrestricted admission of only fair to all to admit Filipino products to America.

AMATEUR BILLARDS

New York, March 18.—The final game of the three-cushion billiard match between the amateurs of the West and the amateurs of the East, played here last night, resulted in a victory for the west. T. J. Beckus, of Kansas City, defeating W. Labin, of New York, by a score of 50 to 41. The westerns go today to Boston, where the next three games are to be played.

NEW YORK STOCKS

New York, March 18.—Wall Street—Small declines were the rule in the opening quotations for stocks, but there was a sprinkling of gains of which the most prominent was Union Pacific, with a rise of 1/4, but not such heavy selling that its price was driven back. The general list moved in sympathy, and became dull at the reaction. Bonds were heavy.

HAS A PICTURE OF THE WRECK

Mort. F. Wilson Secured a Photograph of the Windsor Station, Montreal, After Yesterday's Smash

Mort. F. Wilson, shoe traveller of the city came on the Montreal train today. Mr. Wilson was in the Windsor station at Montreal when the train crashed through yesterday morning. He secured a photograph of the depot after the wreck, showing the outer wall of the structure smashed away and the cars jammed in the ladies' waiting room. Large sets are also to be seen suspended in mid-air some wires and cables where it was thrown out of the aperture when the train struck. All about the ground may be seen huge blocks of the dislodged stone wall while all the windows are smashed by flying fragments of masonry.

THREE MEN KILLED IN POWDER WORKS

Tons of Nitro Glycerine and Giant Powder Exploded in Plant at Wallace Idaho—Three Men Killed and Six Buildings Wrecked

Wallace, Idaho, March 18.—Three men have been killed in an explosion in the plant of the Coeur d'Alene Powder works. All the dead were residents of Wallace, and employed in the powder works.

Five of the frame structures together with the concentrator of the Coeur d'Alene Concentration Company were wrecked, four of the powder company's buildings being practically leveled. Friction on a copper screen in the mixing room during the process of manufacture is believed to have been the cause of the disaster. In this room was stored more than 2,000 pounds of nitro glycerine, which exploded, together with five tons of giant powder, stored in nearby structures. The explosion caused a panic in Wallace.

TRYING TO ARRANGE A WIRELESS SERVICE

British Post Office Authorities Will Use This Means of Relieving Congestion Caused By Paris Strike

London, March 18.—The post office authorities are trying to arrange a wireless telegraph service between London and Paris, with the object of relieving the congestion due to the strike of the French Telegraph and Postal employees.

JURY DISAGREED

Joseph McGuire a Grand Trunk Switchman on Trial for Criminal Negligence and Manslaughter Will Probably Go Free

Brantford, Ont., March 18.—(Special)—The trial of Jos. McGuire, the Grand Trunk switchman indicted for criminal negligence and manslaughter, ended tonight in a disagreement by the jury which stood 7 to 5 for acquittal. Judge MacLachlan traversed the case to the next assize court, but it is not thought likely the crown will again press for a conviction.

NO TRUTH IN STORY OF ANOTHER STEEL TRUST

Philadelphia, Pa., March 18.—The report from Pittsburgh that an \$80,000,000 independent steel combination is being formed, was denied today. It was said that the city who are prominent in the iron and steel industry.