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## BOOMING RUSSIAN FLOUR.

St. Petersburg, May 29.—The Russian millers' congress today decided to establish an agency in London for the sale of Russian flour.

## BRITISH POLITICS.

London, May 29.—The Liberal-Unionist Parliamentary candidates have been warned by their leaders not to leave the country in the month of June, as an election is imminent within the month.

## NOT JUST NOW.

London, May 29.—The Daily News, referring to the persistent reports of a forthcoming dissolution of Parliament, reaffirms that as far as the intention and expectation of the Ministry are concerned there is not the slightest foundation for the rumor.

## THE NEWFOUNDLAND LOAN.

London, May 29.—The Canadian Gazette announces that Newfoundland having failed to obtain a loan in New York, a London syndicate has undertaken to successfully issue in London during June a 4 per cent loan of £500,000. This is subject, however, to the important condition that all the legal points must be proved to be satisfactory. Experts say that this condition is likely to prove fatal to the project.

## HARCOURT'S POLICY INDORSED.

London, May 29.—The Standard's financial article this morning says: "The letter of Sir William Harcourt, Chancellor of the Exchequer, declaring the Government's purpose to cling to a gold standard currency is all that could be wished. It will do much to stop the mischievous doctrine agitation conducted in sentimental ignorance or in concert by men who in many cases want to find an easy way to pay their inconvenient debts." Continuing, the Standard says: "As the will of the bankrupt debtor the bi-metalists are now preparing a memorial to Sir William Harcourt."

## A CHINESE FABLE.

London, May 29.—The Globe prints a dispatch from Shanghai which says it is reported there that fighting has occurred at Tamsul, on the northwest coast of Formosa. The report, however, is not confirmed.

At the Japanese Legation, Washington, which has been promptly and accurately advised by its Home Government of every move of importance from the outbreak of the war to the conclusion of peace, nothing has been received to confirm the news from Shanghai that the Japanese warships off Formosa have been cleared for action and that a renewal of hostilities is imminent. The officials in charge of the cable service of the State Department are also without information, and the story in its present state is dismissed as another Shanghai fable.

## LIBERAL-UNIONIST RE-ELECTED.

Edinburgh, May 30.—The Parliamentary election in the West Edinburgh division, to fill the vacancy caused by the succession of Viscount Wolmer to the peerage, was held yesterday, and resulted in the choice of Lewis McVicar (Liberal-Unionist) by a vote of 3,783 to 3,075 cast for the ministerial candidate, A. O. Murray, the master of Ellbank. At the last election Viscount Wolmer (Liberal-Unionist) received 3,728 votes and Mr. Buchanan 3,216.

## WILLFUL MURDER.

Verdict of the Coroner's Jury Formed Against a Woman in the Jones Murder.

Maniwa, May 29.—The coroner and party in the Jones murder case arrived here from Baskatong last night and reported that at the request of the jury, after hearing the evidence of eleven witnesses, returned a verdict of willful murder against Emilie Robillard, wife of John Laframboise. She pleads that she is innocent of crime. Mrs. Laframboise was arrested at her home at 12 o'clock on Monday night. She has taken her 10-months-old babe with her. The prisoner presented a pitiable appearance on arrival here. Both eyes were blackened and much swollen and her face badly scratched. Much sympathy is felt for her family of seven children.

## THE CRIME.

On Friday last the mutilated remains of Sarah Jones, of Baskatong, were found a short distance from her own home. The scene of the murder is 26 miles distant from Maniwa on the Desert. The murdered girl kept house for her three brothers and a younger sister. Miss Jones was 24, quiet and respectable. On Friday all the household, save Miss Jones, were away from home, and Miss Jones, fearing to remain all night alone, went to the house of a neighbor named John Laframboise. She left there next morning for home, and this was the last seen of her alive.

Her remains were found the same forenoon a short distance from her home. Her head was badly bruised, one arm broken, and a stab, as from a knife, was found in her back. Her clothing was torn and disarranged and the marks of blood in the vicinity showed that a desperate struggle had taken place. She had apparently not been dead many hours when the body was found.

## THE PRISONER.

The only suspected person is the prisoner, the wife of Laframboise. She is the mother of several children, but for some time past, it is alleged, has been jealous of the murdered girl on account of an intimacy which she maintained with her.

In the British House of Lords, Lord Halifax's bill to empower church officials to refuse to marry persons who have been divorced passed its second reading.

agined had arisen between Miss Jones and her husband. Not far from the mutilated remains was discovered a poker covered with blood. The shape of a woman's hand was imprinted where it had clung to the bloody weapon. The brother of the murdered girl asked for the arrest of Mrs. John Laframboise on suspicion. She was seen with Miss Jones shortly before 6 o'clock the morning of the murder, and was the last one seen near the place and also first to tell the neighbors of the murder.

## SILENT PRAYER ONLY.

Settlement of a Disputed Point by the Woman's Council.

A Series of Very Important Resolutions Adopted.

Toronto, May 29.—At the morning session of the Woman's National Council it was decided by a vote of 71 to 41 after considerable discussion that the meetings in future should be opened by silent prayer only.

A number of resolutions were discussed and carried, and it was decided to hold over until next year a resolution calling for shorter hours in factories. At the afternoon session of the Council the consideration of resolutions was continued. One of these condemned the use of opium, and asked the Dominion Government to reimpose the duty. Another resolution asked the Dominion Government to undertake the collection of statistics regarding the work of women in their various spheres. Another advocated a change in the law regarding bigamy, whereby men, who, being married in Canada, and who subsequently marry in the United States, while the first wife is living, may be prosecuted in Canada for bigamy. Another resolution recommended the taking of steps to prevent the continuance of injury to which women and children in factories are liable. Another thanked the Ontario Government for appointing women inspectors for factories and workshops where women are employed. Another resolution recommended the local councils to encourage the study and practice of applied design in Canada.

All the resolutions were carried with more or less discussion.

At a public meeting held tonight in the pavilion it was decided to meet next year in Montreal.

## Late Canadian News.

A Methodist Minister Deposed—Superintendent of the "Soo" Canal Selected.

Wheat sold at \$1 a bushel in Brantford on Wednesday.

Bradstreet's reports the assignment of Chas. Cluthe, manufacturer of trusses, Toronto.

Trains have begun running regularly on the T. H. and B., and are keeping fairly good time.

Mr. J. C. Boyd, of Simcoe, has been appointed superintendent of the "Soo" Canal, and will immediately enter upon the discharge of his duties.

A Toronto dispatch says that it is not probable that the Deputy Attorney-General will grant the application for a new trial in the case of the Henderson murder.

The crown case against ex-Ald. W. T. Stewart, of Toronto, on a charge of soliciting a bribe while an alderman, was closed Wednesday morning. No new evidence was brought out.

Rev. A. W. Richardson, of Brantford, has been chosen by the First Congregational Church of Kingston, as his pastor if he will accept the invitation, in succession to the late Rev. Dr. Jackson.

A Patron of Industry storekeeper near Kingston ordered twelve pounds of nutmegs from a Toronto firm. The order was misunderstood, and twelve barrels of nutmegs were shipped.

Rev. A. C. G. Wallace, pastor of the Bloor Street Baptist Church, Toronto, has decided not to accept the chancellorship of McMaster University, offered to him the other day by the Senate of that institution.

Hon. Mr. Langelier has instituted a suit against Leonide de Letis for \$25,000 for alleged libel. The newspaper stated that Mr. Langelier, who was solicitor for Pacaud in the Angers libel case, had not done his duty in defending his client, who was brought to account for having reflected on Judge Andrew's integrity.

At the ministerial session of the Montreal Conference of the Methodist Church, held at Smith's Falls, the Rev. R. C. Horer was deposed from the ministry in view of his violation of the discipline in refusing to go to the circuit assigned to him, and in view of his evangelistic work at circuits whose superintendents had not consented to it.

The exaggerated reports of discovery of lumpjaw among cattle sent to Montreal for shipment have been authoritatively denied. It was based on the fact that some animals affected with lumpjaw and rejected by the Dominion inspectors were sent by their owners to the abattoir to be slaughtered for local consumption, but the abattoir people refused to kill these animals.

## INSURANCE MEN INTERESTED

In the "Taking Off" of Ex. Pope at Detroit.

Detroit, Mich., May 29.—Insurance agents representing various life concerns took the witness stand in Mrs. Pope's murder trial yesterday. They testified to a number of policies taken out by Mrs. Pope upon her husband's life. In one or two instances it was shown that the policies were canceled by the insurance men who suspected Mrs. Pope.

A sensational feature of yesterday's session was the statement of David Wright, a paper hanger, who testified that Mrs. Pope once offered him \$5,000 of her husband's insurance money if he would get Pope out of the way. He said he and the woman had been drinking at the time, and, to appease her, he told her he would do the deed, but never attempted it.

The prosecution closed its testimony and the defense opened. The testimony taken related chiefly to attempts of an insurance agent to induce Dr. Pope to return his policies because of the suspicion that he might be murdered.

## The Electric Car

Will take you within a block of our greenhouses, where you will find the greatest assortment of bedding plants in the city. We grow only those varieties which give general satisfaction, and as cheap as any first in the city. Car fare deducted from all purchases of \$1 and upwards. GREENWAY, Florist, London West.

## The Ocean Horror.

Particulars of the Sinking of the Colima.

Mad Rush for the Boats by Frenzied Passengers.

The Crew Behaved Bravely—One Heroic Woman.

San Francisco, Cal., May 29.—More particulars have been received of the sinking of the steamer Colima off Mexico.

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