

St. John, N. B., March 9th, 1904

MCKINNON WILL TAKE ACTION. Writs to Issue Today Against Those Who Caused His Arrest. He Was Released on Saturday by Chief Justice Tuck—His Detention Declared an Outrage.

"If I may be permitted to say so, an outrage," were the words used by Chief Justice Tuck on Saturday afternoon as he delivered the judgment which freed Malcolm McKinnon of Prince Edward Island from detainer in the common jail of St. John.

After three days' hearing before Magistrate Ritchie, McKinnon was committed for trial at the next circuit court. Magistrate Ritchie said, on one count of the information, that as some points of law were in question he preferred that they be passed upon by a higher tribunal.

Mr. McKinnon, before leaving for home, instructed L. A. Curry, K. C., his counsel in St. John, to take immediate action against those who were responsible for his arrest and detention.

Mr. Curry said to the Sun last night: "I shall start proceedings at once. Tomorrow the writs will be issued against the McLaughlin Carriage Co., Mr. Lawlor, the agent at St. John, and D. Mott, general manager of the carriage firm. It is quite possible, too, that I shall proceed for Mr. McKinnon against Magistrate Ritchie, although this has not yet been finally decided."

"The writs will charge false imprisonment and malicious prosecution, and we will ask for \$50,000 damages. As Chief Justice Tuck said, it was a shame and an outrage that McKinnon should be brought here on such a charge. If he is guilty of larceny, said Justice Tuck, then two-thirds of all the business firms of St. John who have failed in the last fifty years would be in the penitentiary."

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY. Three Lives Lost and Fourth Person Badly Burned. A Kent County Family Incinerated by Night Blaze in Their Home—Particulars of the Horror.

MONCTON, N. B., March 6.—A terrible tragedy in which a dwelling house was totally destroyed, three persons lost their lives, and a fourth was badly burned, is reported from Black River, about six miles from Buc-touche, Kent Co. The house was occupied by Mrs. Louis Savoy, a widow, her four sons, Alphonse, William, Jeddias and Joe, and the eldest son's wife and child. Fire was discovered about 2 o'clock in the morning and the building was then a mass of flames.

The three unfortunates who lost their lives slept up stairs in the kitchen. They were William, Jeddias and Joe, aged 26, 15 and 12. On being aroused they made efforts to get down stairs till smoke and flame drove them back, and it is supposed they were completely overcome before being able to make an attempt to escape through the windows. The neighbors were alarmed, but nothing could be done to stay the progress of the flames, and when the bodies were recovered from the ruins they were burned beyond recognition, nothing but charred trunks remaining. It was a pitiful sight and brought tears to the eyes of the bravest men.

The funeral of the three victims took place today. The Savoy's are industrious people. The two eldest sons, Alphonse and William, were lumbermen. Besides all the household effects and clothing, they lost their winter's wages.

A BRUTAL MURDER. Joseph T. Menard Hacked His Wife to Death With an Axe, and Then Cut His Throat.

OTTAWA, March 7.—The village of The Brook, on the C. P. R. short line, 28 miles from Ottawa, was the scene of a brutal murder last night, in which Joseph T. Menard, a former C. P. R. section-man, hacked his wife to death with an axe and then tried to cut his own throat. Insanity is said to be the only explanation. The murderer was not a hard drinker, and as far as is known had no motive for the crime. He had given evidences of insanity during last Christmas week while working for the Canadian Pacific. His hallucination was that people around him were trying to compass his death.

MAYOR PALMER RE-ELECTED. Nomination Day in Fredericton Aroused Little Interest. U. N. B. Students Fined for Disturbing Religious Services—Bible Society Centennial Observed—Sunbury County Court Opens Today.

FREDERICTON, March 7.—Police Magistrate Marsh delivered judgment this morning in the case of the university students charged with wilfully disturbing religious exercises at the Normal School Feb. 12th last, adjudging them guilty of the charge and imposing a fine of \$20 and costs upon Carey Wright and \$10 and costs on the others. At the request of Dr. Crockett he would allow the fines to stand against future conduct. Wright's fine was heavier than the others' because of his prominence in the affair. His honor reviewed the evidence at length and warned the students that they could not with impunity disturb the work of the Normal School.

Today was nomination day in civic politics. Mayor Palmer was re-elected by acclamation. Scott and Stackford were returned without opposition in Wellington ward, and Aid. Edwards and Rogers and Dr. Marbour nominated in Kings ward. There were no contests in this ward and in St. Ann's ward, where Aid. Ross, W. Egerton Everett, Jas. L. Clayton and Cornelius Kelly are candidates, in Queens ward, where Aid. Moore, H. C. Jewett and John McKenzie are candidates, and in Carleton ward, where James D. Reid is opposing Aid. Farrell and Maxwell. Little interest is being taken thus far in the contest.

Sunbury county court opens tomorrow at Burton, Judge Wilson presiding. The only business will be the case of Walter Hollison, an Englishman, charged with forging the signature of Dr. Dundas of Hope Station to a note for \$500, and also with attempting to utter the same. A large number of legal gentlemen will be in attendance.

In all the city pulpits yesterday remembrance was made of the centennial of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and today an army of collectors covered the city in an effort to raise a large anniversary fund. On the evening of Wednesday a mass meeting will be held in the Opera House, at which addresses will be delivered by Rev. Canon Richardson of St. John and Rev. Prof. Wilson of the University of New Brunswick. The program of the Methodist church will be carried out.

SHOT AND HANGED. Fate of a Negro at the Hands of a Springfield Mob.

SPRINGFIELD, O., March 7.—A mob of 500 men gathered at the city jail tonight with the avowed purpose of lynching Richard Dixon of Cynthiana, Ky., the negro who shot Policeman Charles Collins yesterday. Sheriff P. Bourquin appeared in the jail steps and pleaded with the mob to disperse, but he could be heard with difficulty. His appeal was ineffectual and he was compelled to go within. There is little or no drunkenness in the crowd. The jail is practically impregnable, and it is not thought an attempt will be made to storm it. Collins died at noon today, and there is a strong feeling throughout the city that unless the negro is killed by mob violence he never shall hang. Collins was shot by Dixon Sunday morning while the latter was in a hotel being removed to his baggage. He had decided to quit the place, and fearing trouble with Anna Corbin, a woman with whom he was acquainted, Dixon asked Collins to go to the hotel with him. While in his room Dixon and Miss Corbin quarreled and Dixon is said to have shot her in the breast. The policeman attempted to arrest Dixon, when the latter fired into the officer's body, inflicting fatal wounds. At 9 o'clock the mob had increased to 800 men and the jail yard to the south and east was completely filled. The electric lights leading to the sheriff's residence and the jail are out and both places are in darkness. The mob has a three inch gas pipe and is battering at the east door, but as yet have not effected an entrance. The leaders have a rope and there is a rumor of another mob forming down town.

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS. Spent Yesterday Hearing Delegations in Moncton. The Salisbury and Harvey Railway Extension Was Discussed, and a Committee Will Memorialize Both Governments.

MONCTON, March 7.—The minister of railways spent today in Moncton. This morning and again this evening he met a delegation of the Order of Railway Clerks, who are seeking betterment in their condition. Among those present were: W. D. Kelly of St. John, McLeod and Roberts of P. E. Island, Boisjourné and Jones of Cape Breton, and Alward, Mackenzie and Sears of Moncton.

This afternoon in the Board of Trade rooms the minister met a large delegation representing Moncton and Albert county, interested in the proposed extension of the Salisbury and Harvey railway to Moncton. Among those present from Albert were: Hon. A. R. McClellan, J. L. Feck, A. Shawcroft, manager of the Albert railway, W. F. Taylor, C. J. Osman, and S. S. Ryan of Moncton. The delegation included local members of the legislature, members of the City Council and Board of Trade. After speeches had been made explaining that the proposed extension from Baltimore to Moncton would shorten the distance for Albert county people coming to Moncton by about 18 miles, Mr. Emmerson spoke at some length, doubting if the company as at present constituted had power to build the extension, and urging that power be secured to build a highway and railway bridge across the river, as well as the line of railway, which would place him in a better position, he said, in asking for a dominion government subsidy.

Finally Mr. Osman moved, seconded by D. F. Welch of Moncton, that the committee having the matter in hand be authorized and instructed to memorialize both the dominion and the local governments, and in the preamble to set forth the objects of the extension scheme to include a bridge, and that the customary subsidies be asked. This resolution passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned.

THE CASE OF REED SMOOT. Important Evidence Adduced at Yesterday's Meeting.

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ALEXIEFF SENDS HIS REPORT. He Says That the Japanese Did Little Damage. Vladivostok is Not Damaged, but One Man and One Woman Were Killed—Rumors of a Second Bombardment Not Confirmed.

LONDON, March 7.—Up to a late hour tonight the Japanese legation here had received no official information regarding the bombardment of Vladivostok. It is believed at the legation, however, that the Japanese are now between the Russian cruiser squadron and Vladivostok, and there is reason to believe that the Russian squadron is in the vicinity of Fossiet Bay.

Russian official despatches do not mention this squadron and this fact lends color to the belief that the Japanese warships have shut it out of Vladivostok. It is pointed out at the legation that if this is true, the Russian vessels are in a critical position, since they must run the gauntlet of the Japanese squadron off Port Arthur before reaching a Russian port.

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MEN'S SUITS \$5.98. We have a number of Suits worth from \$8.00 to \$ size 36, 37 and 38. Made from dark mixed Tweed and Black stripes. This lot have been marked One Special Price \$5.98. Our Spring Suits are daily arriving. They are the style and value we've yet shown. Prices range from \$4 to \$15. J. N. HARVEY, MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING, 199 and 201 Union Street, St. John. BIBLE SUNDAY.

LONDON, March 6.—The celebration of "Bible Sunday" by the Bible Society at St. Paul's Cathedral today was robbed of considerable interest owing to the absence of King Edward, who is suffering from a cold. Queen Alexandra, Princess Victoria and the Prince and Princess of Wales drove to the cathedral, and were met at the west door by the lord mayor, the high sheriffs, the Bishop of London and the Dean of St. Paul's, who escorted them to a railed-off portion of the Cathedral in front of the choir.

LONDON, March 6.—King Edward, who is suffering from a cold, is much better today and will preside at a sitting of the privy council at Buckingham Palace tomorrow.

MARINE DISASTERS. Cape Breton Schooner Puts Back to Yarmouth—Five-master Run Down and Sunk by a Steamer.

HALIFAX, March 7.—The bark J. B. Powers, formerly of Boston, but now owned in Louisburg, C. B., which left Yarmouth loaded with lumber for Buenos Ayres, was towed out of Yarmouth last Friday and later on it was discovered she was leaking. She put back to Yarmouth, arriving in the harbor today. Capt. Ratus of Lunenburg is in command. The crew refuses to proceed, and it is said there is going to be a survey. The Gloucester sch. Latona, Capt. Murray Larke, sailed from Gloucester on a fishing trip and was wrecked in Yarmouth harbor on Friday. She left Gloucester Friday.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., March 7.—The five-masted sch. Gardner G. Deering, Captain Ratus, was run down and sunk early today by the Merchants and Miners Transportation Co.'s steamer Essex, Captain Johnson. The Essex arrived in this city at 2.45 o'clock this afternoon.

BRITISH WARSHIPS. Ordered to Esquimaut from South American Waters.

VICTORIA, B. C., March 7.—Cipher despatches received by the naval authorities at Esquimaut today from the British admiralty ordered the cruisers Grafton (flagship) and Bonaventure, now in Central or South American waters, to get to Esquimaut with all speed. The Bonaventure is coming out from England to succeed the Grafton as flagship on this station. The order is regarded here as ominously significant.

BRITISH PARLIAMENT. LONDON, March 7.—In the house of commons tonight, on a motion of adjournment for the purpose of giving the premier an opportunity to relate the circumstances surrounding the resignations from the cabinet last autumn, Mr. Balfour reviewed at length the entire situation prior to and after the crisis.

WALDERSEE IS DEAD. BERLIN, March 6.—The funeral of the late field marshal, Count Von Waldersee, will be held at noon on Wednesday. Emperor William and Empress Augusta Victoria, all the members of the house of Hohenzollern and the sovereigns of all the German states, and other eminent persons abroad have telegraphed condolences to Countess Von Waldersee.

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