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COURT, OF OTTAWA, SLATED FOR SPEAKER OF HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Revenue of Canada Shows Big Increase for Past Year—Surplus is \$231,728, Including Yukon and Allin Districts—St. John P. O. Department Statement for Year.

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—(Special)—The general session here tonight is that N. A. Bell, of Ottawa, will be speaker of the House of Commons. Ernest Chambers, of Montreal, is leading for the position of speaker.

The annual report of the postmaster for the year ended June 30 last issued today. The net revenue of the office department from all sources, including the Yukon and Allin districts, was an excess over the previous year of \$1,100,000. The total gross revenue was \$1,400,000, and the total expenditure was \$288,272, leaving a surplus of \$1,111,728.

WOMAN DEAD AND THREE FATALLY INJURED BY POWDER EXPLOSION. Bellefleur, Ohio, Feb. 25.—One woman is dead and three men fatally injured as a result of a powder explosion which occurred here today.

INSURGENTS ACTIVE IN SAN DOMINGO. San Domingo, Monday, Feb. 22.—Government forces attacked San Pedro de Macoris last Saturday. They went in in small boats with the intention of landing but were repulsed with a fusillade from the insurgents which resulted in many being killed or wounded.

Five Children Taken from Stage. Chicago, Feb. 25.—Five small children are members of Maxine Elliott's company now playing "Her Own Way" at the new theatre, who were taken from the stage last night by order of the state factory inspector.

LIFE-CONVICT DEAD WITHOUT TELLING NAME. A man was convicted as "John Doe" at Halifax for murder, but sentence was commuted to life imprisonment, and he was transferred from Dorchester to Kingston.

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NOTICE... The first lord of the admiralty's annual statement says that the Newfoundland branch of the Royal Naval Reserve is making steady progress.

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JAPS' FLEET STILL BOUNDING PORT ARTHUR

Russia Still Giving Out Reports of Repulses. Other Accounts Assert That Admiral Togo Has Succeeded in Blocking the Entrance to the Harbor, and is Bent on Capturing the Place—Russians Are Leaving Vladivostok, and Seem Panic-stricken—Russians Taking Sacred Image to the Front.

London, Feb. 26.—No further news of an attack at Port Arthur after the engagement in which the Japanese attempted to sink vessels in such a manner as to block the harbor entrance has reached London. Almost all the English newspapers, in discussing Viceoy Alexieff's reports, incline to the belief that Admiral Togo succeeded insofar as to make the channel impassable for large battleships, even if it is still free to smaller craft, and presume that the reported second attack, if it did occur, was devoted to an attempt to sink further obstacles to navigation.

Plug Hands Out Anoth'r. St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—6 p. m.—Rumors are in circulation here this afternoon that a bombardment of Port Arthur is now going on.

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PROMINENT BOSTON MAN ARRESTED; CHARGED WITH STEALING \$104,000.

Wallace H. Ham, Manager of American Surety Company and Treasurer of Prominent Church and Hospital, Taken Into Custody Yesterday—Shortage is Said to Be Nearly \$200,000.

Boston, Feb. 25.—Wallace H. Ham, manager of the Boston branch of the American Surety Co. of New York; treasurer of St. Luke's Home for Convalescents, Roxbury, and until recently treasurer of St. Paul's Episcopal in this city, was arrested today charged with larceny of \$104,000 from the American Surety Co.

Shortage Alleged in Church Accounts. The arrest of the defendant was the result of a complaint sworn out by the American Surety Co. The warrant was issued today and an inspector went to take Ham into custody. The letter, however, had learned of the issuance of the warrant and was not to be found at the Surety Company's office at 89 State street, when the inspector arrived. It appeared, however, that he had left to consult an attorney. Later he informed the police that he was ready to be taken into custody and he was removed to police headquarters.

After Ham's arrest the American Surety Company issued a statement in which it claimed that the accounts for St. Paul's Episcopal church were involved in the general deficit and named \$190,000 as the aggregate of Ham's shortage. Ham is 48 years of age. He has a wife and one adopted child, and his home is at 133 Winchester street, Brookline. He has a summer residence at Needham. His explanation of the alleged shortage is that the entire matter is merely an error in bookkeeping which he can explain satisfactorily.

DOMINION GROCERS' GUILD IN ANNUAL SESSION. Maritime Sulphite Fibre Company Sold. Bank of Montreal Now Owns the Property. The Price Paid was \$120,000—It is Thought That an American Company Will Soon Take Possession and Start the Plant to Work.

Chatham, N. B., Feb. 25.—(Special)—The Maritime Sulphite Fibre Company's extensive properties in Chatham were sold by auction today to the Bank of Montreal for the sum of \$120,000. There were three bids—\$100,000, \$110,000 and \$120,000. The bank holding bonds amounting to \$450,000 in addition to prior mortgages and liens in its favor for \$50,000. The referee in equity accepted the bank's bid, thereby confirming its title to all the property, including the lumber rights in 202 square miles of timber limits. Experts who have recently examined the mill report the machinery in excellent condition and the timber limits ample to supply the output of the mill. Negotiations for the sale of the property to American capitalists are in progress. It is expected that now that the bank has a complete title an actual sale will be made and the mill resume operations at an early date.

Well Known Horseman Succeeded. Buffalo, Feb. 25.—Charles Fuchs, a well-known St. Louis horseman, committed suicide by shooting early today in a room at the New Gruener Hotel. Fuchs shot himself through his head, but bullet entering the right temple and coming out about four inches above his left ear. The report of the shot was not heard by any one in the hotel, and Fuchs's body was not found until this afternoon. Fuchs came to this city about two weeks ago. No cause is known for the deed.

Five Montana Miners Killed by Earth Cave-in. Butte, Mont., Feb. 25.—Five miners were killed by a cave-in of earth and rock in the Minnie Healy mine this afternoon. The accident occurred on the sixth floor of the 1,000 foot level. Early in the day Foreman Joseph Kane was informed that the ground in that place was very soft and in danger of falling. He withdrew all the miners who were working there. This afternoon shift, however, Haggerty took four men into the place to bulkhead and otherwise strengthen the weak spots. Just how the fall came will never be known as not one of the five escaped. Two of the bodies have been recovered.

YANKEE TRICK TO GRAB CUBAN ISLAND. Havana, Feb. 25.—The lapsing of the Isle of Pines treaty on account of its not being ratified within the time limit is regarded here to be mainly due to the fact that the state department at Washington did not call attention to the matter. It is expected that the Cuban government will be able to secure the ratification of the treaty by the United States Senate. The last condition of the treaty was to the effect that the ratification be exchanged in Washington within seven months of the date of signing.

Many Who Doubted Its Value to the Mother Country Have Changed Their Opinions—Exports Have More Than Doubled Since 1897. Montreal, Feb. 25.—(Special)—The Star's cable says: "English public opinion is being given reason to entirely change its opinion of the value of the Canadian preferential tariff. The somewhat lukewarm reference of the British ministers, even including Mr. Chamberlain at the colonial conference, are now giving place to warm and decisive appreciation."

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