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"A BIT OF A FOOL."

Has Joined the "Bootes Baby" Company.

SIR ROBERT PEEL,

Grandson of an English Prime Minister, Has Dissipated a Fortune Which Brought Him a Hundred Thousand Dollars Income.

London, March 26—Sir Robert Peel has definitely decided to go on the stage. He will join the "Bootes Baby" company, as Bootes and join in London and the provinces.

Sir Robert Peel is a grandson of the famous prime minister of England, who died in 1850. The young man succeeded to the title of the fourth baronet, May 8, 1885, on the death of his father, who was a former lord of the admiralty and chief secretary for Ireland. Young Sir Robert was born in 1867. He married the daughter of a baronet (Graffenberg), to whom a son was born in April, 1898. Sir Robert was reported to have an income of over \$115,000 a year, but it was understood that during his father's life he lost a good deal of money at Monte Carlo. In the bankruptcy court, London, June 10, 1898, a statement of Sir Robert Peel was presented, showing that the liabilities amounted to \$1,285,050 and that the assets were nil. Judgment was given July 15, 1898, in the long pending application of Sir Robert to sell his family estates for the support of himself and family. The court directed the sale of plate valued at \$100,000, but refused to order the sale of the family estates, which were valued at \$300,000. Sir Robert is the author of "A Bit of a Fool."

THE MINERS KILL THEMSELVES.

The Pennsylvania Says Most of the Mining Accidents Can be Traced to the Men.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 26—The annual report of James Roberts, chief of the state bureau of mines and mining, contains a chapter dealing with mine accidents and their causes. In thirty years from 1870 to 1900 the reports state 9,575 lives were lost in and about the mines of the coal mines of Pennsylvania. Commenting upon the fatalities Chief Roberts says: "It is generally conceded that the anthracite law of this state is the best in the world. Therefore, in my opinion, the great loss of life is not due to any defect in the law neither is it the fault of the mine inspectors, who are an intelligent and hardworking body of men, possibly neglect can be traced to the management but the greatest neglect is on the part of the employees."

VILLE MARIE DE FRAUDERS TO BE SENTENCED SATURDAY.

An Appeal in Some of the Cases to be Made for a Change of Venue.

Montreal, March 26—(Special)—Judgment in the case of James Baxter and Ferdinand Lemieux, found guilty on Saturday of conspiracy to defraud the Bank Ville Marie, will be rendered by Judge Wurtelle on Saturday next. An appeal will be made in the cases of Teloues and Godfrey Weir, two more of the accused in the Ville Marie bank trials, for a change of venue.

DEWITT TALMAGE A GREAT ATTRACTION.

Brooklyn People Filled His Church and the Streets About It.

New York, March 26—Rev. Dr. T. De Witt Talmage visited Brooklyn yesterday afternoon after a prolonged absence and preached in the Central Presbyterian church, in Marion avenue. The sidewalks for some distance were packed with those unable to get into the church. Two women, caught in the crush, fainted.

A Furious Boiler Maker.

Owosso, Mich., March 25—Chas. Scott, a boiler maker, last night, broke into the home of his wife, from whom he had been separated, and furiously assaulted Mrs. Scott and her mother with a heavy chisel. He then drew a revolver and shot himself dead. Mrs. Scott is fatally and her mother, Mrs. Lettie Ferguson, seriously injured.



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PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT.

Very Light Day at Fredericton Yesterday.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The Government Was Ready to Go On with the Municipality Act but Could Not Do So with the Leader of the Opposition Absent--What Was Done.

Fredericton, March 26—In the house of the standing rules committee.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson introduced a bill relating to persons brought into New Brunswick for certain purposes and unable to support themselves. He explained that the bill proposed to deal with the so-called attle-men who arrive in the city of St. John. It was promoted by the Common Council of St. John through its recorder.

VERY NEAT BUT VERY CROOKED

Five Men Robbed a Safe in a Public Place

IN BROAD DAYLIGHT.

One Took Over Three Thousand Dollars From the Safe While Another Engaged the Clerk in Conversation.

New York, March 26—Five well-dressed men entered Healy's restaurant at the corner of Sixty-Sixth street and Columbus avenue today, and while one of them entered the cashier's office, another gaged the cashier in conversation, another of the men went to the safe and got away with \$3,000. The other men then quietly withdrew and the robbery was not discovered until five minutes afterward.

THE BOERS APPARENTLY ESCAPED FROM FRENCH.

He is Reported to Have Returned to Thaba Ncu.

A CANADIAN FIELD HOSPITAL WANTED.

The Canadian Military Institute Heard From.

ANOTHER EXPEDITION FROM KIMBERLEY.

Its Movements Likely to Attract Considerable Notice.

HOW THE CANADIAN WOUNDED ARE PROGRESSING.

The War Office Makes a Report on the Canadians in Hospital.

ADJOURNED UNTIL AFTER THE ELECTIONS.

London, March 26—The British government has taken no steps towards bringing up the Alaska matter. The Associated Press is informed it is unlikely any of the conferences will be resumed until after the presidential election in the United States, the modus vivendi being regarded as the most satisfactory form of temporary settlement.

THE DESPATCHES FROM AFRICA ARE MEAGRE.

General French Failed to Cut-off the Boer Column--Another Expedition is to Start from Kimberley--The Boer Peace Envoys to Work on the Continent and in the United States--High Hopes for Intervention.

London, March 27, 4.15 a. m.—Military observers here, and even those in close affiliation with the war office, are considerably confused as to what is being done for the success of Mafeking. Some five thousand or six thousand men are engaged with Lord Methuen at Warrenton and Umhlanga, and now another column is about leaving Kimberley, if it has not already started for Griquatown, 106 miles westward. Its ostensible purpose is to drive out the Boers. The force is described as a strong one and the expedition is likely to attract attention.

STEVN REPORTED TO HAVE COURTED CAPTURE.

General French is reported from Bloemfontein Sunday as returning from Thaba Ncu without apparently having headed off Commandant Olivier, with his 15 guns and miles of baggage.

A GERMAN NEWSPAPER HEARD FROM.

Says France Has Little Guarantee of England's Peaceful Attitude.

Berlin, March 27—The speech in London Saturday of Mr. Charles Thompson Ritchie, president of the board of trade, is much commented upon by the German press. The Vossische Zeitung, referring to Mr. Ritchie's statement that "peace is England's highest interest," says:

MANY COMMISSIONS FOR THE COLONIALS.

The War Department Will Distribute Two Hundred and Seventy-Six.

RECIPROcity WITH THE UNITED STATES.

Premier Bond Will Appeal to the Electors of Canada on That Platform.

ARRESTED AT DORCHESTER.

Thomas Nickerson Accused of Having Received Stolen Property.

THE NOVA SCOTIA ESTIMATES.

The Largest Revenue in the History of the Province Looked For.

MAILS AT HALIFAX.

Halifax, March 26—Premier Murray brought down the estimates in the local house this afternoon. The total amount estimated for the province is \$24,500,000, the largest ever estimated in the history of this province. Of this \$24,500,000 the estimate for the fiscal year 1903-4 is \$24,500,000. The largest item of revenue is the federal subsidy of \$422,306. The sum of \$25,000 is estimated from crown lands, a expenditure of \$26,000 is estimated for agriculture, \$25,500 for education and \$5,000 for patriotic fund. The house closes Thursday.

AN AMERICAN ON THE MAINE

The Chief Surgeon Loud in His Praise of THE HOSPITAL SHIP.

PORTUGAL ABLE TO PAY.

She Will not Have to Draw on London to Pay the Award.

WASHINGTON UNEASY.

If the Arbitrators do not Direct the Distribution of the Award, a Long Delay Will Ensnare Before the Final Settlement--The Agreement.

London, March 26—Major Julian M. Cabell, former chief surgeon of the American hospital ship Maine, is now in London on his way back to Columbia hospital, Washington, his leave of absence having expired. In an interview with a representative of the Associated Press today he said:

"Nothing could have exceeded the hospitality and warmth with which the American doctors, nurses and attendants were received in South Africa. The stories of internal dissensions on the Maine are quite unbased. Lady Randolph Churchill antagonized no one. On the contrary, it was owing to her tact that several little threatened annoyances were avoided. She wished the Maine to stay at the seat of warfare and I agreed with her, but it had been arranged by the British army authorities that she was to leave after the relief of Ladysmith and though Lady Randolph believed this action would diminish the ship's sphere of usefulness, she was too good a disciplinarian and diplomat to question the decision of the commander-in-chief. Another reason prompting the sending of the Maine home is that the troops returning are not well equipped to take wounded soldiers. The British government is much behind our own in this respect, while the hospital ships at Manila and in Cuba were able to transfer the wounded to transports and remain on the scene of action, those in South Africa were not so well equipped with themselves with their human cargoes."

"We were very fortunate on the Maine with cases. Only one man died before I left, and I believe this number has not been increased since."

"Perhaps our most remarkable case was that of an officer of the Gordon Highlanders who was shot clean through the brain and who completely recovered on board the American hospital ship."

"Mauser wounds in the intestines which from the Springfield or Remington would have been fatal, healed up without operation. I had seen some similar cases in the Philippine Islands and avoided operations upon such wounds with complete success, the Mauser being very clean and small that it heals better when left alone."

"I saw no traces of explosive bullets and I believe that the reports that the Boers are using such bullets are greatly exaggerated. From my experience in Manila and South Africa, I believe it is almost impossible to distinguish between the explosive bullet and that of the ordinary Mauser when the latter is fired at point blank range."

"Perhaps I should not say it but the Maine was undoubtedly the best fitted hospital ship down here. Everything that it was possible to provide to make the wounded comfortable had been provided. The British army and navy men were loud in their praises of the ship and Lord Roberts spoke most highly of her. But perhaps bluff Captain Chichester (Sir Edward Chichester, formerly captain of the British cruiser Immortalite, the British flagship at Manila during the troublesome times there), in good humoredly addressing the nurses and saying he found out few things about Americans at Manila, impressed us the most."

"I much regretted leaving the ship but my leave is up and I had to come home. The Maine will return to South Africa immediately after landing her wounded."

THE REDISTRIBUTION BILL.

The Decision of the Senate is Expected to be Given Tonight.

A COLORED LAD COMMITTED.

Charged in Truro With Burglary and a Number of Misdemeanors.

FIREWORKS FACTORY BLOWN TO PIECES.

The Building Went Off Like a Cannon Cracker--One Man Killed.

Hamilton, March 26—A terrific explosion occurred at the fireworks factory of Hand & Co this afternoon and Walter Teale, one of the partners in the concern, was blown to atoms. Teale was alone in one of the largest buildings at the time. It is not known how the explosion occurred. The building was wrecked and windows in the neighborhood shattered.

THE HEATHEN CHINESE.

Uncle Sam is Very Busy Chasing Them Away.

BOUNDARY PATROLLED.

A Big Corps of Inspectors on Niagara Frontier--Four Captured in Buffalo Without Necessary Documents to Entertain Them Permanent Residence.

Buffalo, March 26—The Niagara frontier is being patrolled day and night by corps of inspectors placed there by local customs house officials, who are determined to stop a stop to what seem to be organized plan for wholesale smuggling of Chinamen into this country.

bands of Chinamen have already been tured at different times upon their arrival in the city. An investigation by Fish Game Protector Carter revealed that the four captured the other day members of a party of 42 Chinamen recently arrived in Toronto from cover. They are waiting for a chance across the border. It is believed that the Celestials are being attracted to this part of the country by the prospect of securing a fortune at the Pan-Asian exhibition.

Trouble Enough—"Are you a Boer pathizer?" asked one orator. "No," answered the other. "Filipino sympathizer?" "No." "Why not?" "Maybe it's late time. I've been reading about innu ambles people who don't think as I do. I've had time to go off the coast. I'm simply a U. S. A. sympathizer." (Washington Star.)

MEMBERS BRING UP ALL SORTS OF BUSINESS.

C. P. R. BILL CONSIDERED. Amendments to the Charter of the Company Offered but Defeated in Committee--Mr. Davin Trying to Discredit the Liberals of the West.

Ottawa, March 26—In the house today Mr. Davin brought up the case of Edgely A. Chappell, whom he claimed, had been employed by the interior department as an immigration agent. Chappell was arrested in Winnipeg for an alleged attempt to induce a man named Kelly, a Yukon detective who had been employed by the Conservative party. When Chappell was arrested all the papers in his possession were taken from him and Mr. Davin read them to the house. He tried to make a case against the government, but this was nothing in the letters of a compromising character.

Hon. Mr. Sutherland commented severely on the manner in which these letters had been obtained and the attempt made to injure the characters of reputable men by the evidence of a "Yankee adventurer. If Mr. Davin had any charges to bring against any officer of the interior department, he said, let him bring them up in proper shape and they would be investigated."

The Brandon and South Western Railway Company's bill was passed through committee and reported.

The bill respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway Company was considered in committee. Mr. McLean, of Toronto moved that the provision in the charter of the company that freight rates be reduced until the railway had earned 10 per cent. on its capital, be struck out.

This produced a long discussion, but amendments were defeated. The bill was passed through committee and reported.

Mr. Haggart showed the government no possessed the powers asked for under the general railway act. The amendment was lost by a vote of 68 to 21, and it was defeated a third time.

The bill respecting the Nova Scotia Steel Company was passed in committee and read a third time.

The bill to incorporate the British movement or church in Canada was considered in committee.

Mr. Henderson, of Halifax, opposed the bill and moved that the estimate of this motion was lost and the bill passed reported and read a third time.

A number of private bills were read a second time, and at 10.30 the house adjourned.