

40 FISHERMEN MEET AWFUL DEATH

HOUSE TO OPEN FEBRUARY 17

BREADWINNERS OF TWO NOVA SCOTIA HAMLETS VICTIMS OF BLIZZARD

LANDSDOWNE IS OUT FOR REFORM

Provincial Legislature Will Probably Be Called To Meet Third Week in February.

The Board of Education Passes Flag Flying Regulations— Brilliant Ball at Fredericton.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 5.—The provincial legislature will in all probability be called to meet here on Thursday, February 17th.

The announcement as to the opening of the session has not as yet been made, however, but the 17th of next month will probably be the date finally selected.

The Provincial Government concluded its monthly meeting this afternoon with a short session following the meeting of the Board of Education.

The Government will meet here again about the 24th instant to make arrangements for the session of the Legislature.

Flag Flying. The Board of Education today passed regulations for the flying of the Union Jack on school buildings on public holidays and other occasions and also providing for periodical flag raising exercises in the schools.

The board also approved of the new course of English literature for high schools as recommended by the text book committee. The changes will go into effect with the next school year.

George W. Fowler, ex-M. P., appeared with his client, E. A. Chartrand, before the court today to claim that Mr. Chartrand and others be reimbursed for losses occasioned when the Hestigouche and Western Railway was granted a second charter over the Hestigouche and Victoria Company some years ago.

The matter was promised consideration. The government has adopted the report of J. Norman Winslow, the commissioner who looked into the affairs of the Grand Falls Power Company's development scheme and on and must show that up to November 29th last they had spent \$200,000 in the bonafide development of the water power.

The application of several companies for incorporation, including E. I. Kosen Company of St. Stephen and the McNair Lumber Co. of Red Rapids, were approved.

Elected Warden. At the annual meeting of the Sunbury County Council at Burton yesterday, Councilor George Perley, of Manserville, who has been a councillor for about twenty five years, was honored with the election to the warden's ship.

A. B. White of Ormocote, was elected secretary and treasurer and J. Duff Mitchell, of Lincoln, was elected auditor.

In the case of Lombard of Waterville, Maine, vs. Dunbar Company of Woodville, before Chief Justice Barker in a summary court in which the plaintiff asked for \$50,000 damages for infringement of patent rights, the evidence is practically all in and the argument of counsel will be heard tomorrow.

One of the most brilliant social events of years at the military depot was the dances given this evening by Major C. F. O. Fleet and the officers of the depot.

About 150 guests attended, including the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Tweedle and a score of dazzling brilliancy was made by the beautiful gowns of the ladies and the flashing scarlet dress uniforms of the officers, there being a goodly number of officers of militia regiments among the guests.

Furnished Music. An orchestra of 12 selected musicians under the leadership of ex-Band Sergt. Offen furnished music for the dance programme of 18 numbers and three supper extras and an elaborate supper was served about midnight.

The ball rooms were luxuriously decorated, with the military idea prevailing throughout the affair proved a tremendous success.

Miss Millodore H. Bird is here rehearsing city amateurs for a presentation of the play, "The Girl of the Year," at the Victoria Theatre in aid of the Victoria Hospital.

St. Dunstan's from the Society Amateurs will present a comedy "My Uncle from Inverness" at the Victoria Theatre, on Monday evening.

Russell, a homesteader, hanged near Zealandia, Sask., was shot to death yesterday. Two other witnesses reported missing.

PRESIDENT TO BE ABSOLUTE IN CANAL ZONE

Mann Bill Providing For Administration Of Panama Canal Zone Passes Congress After Strong Session.

DEMOCRATS FIGHT TO LAST DITCH

Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—With the Democrats fighting at every step, the Mann bill, providing for the administration of the Panama zone and centralizing the government thereof in the president of the United States, passed the house today by vote of 119 to 102. The vote was along strictly party lines.

The minority kept the house in session until 6 o'clock this evening by offering amendment after amendment and demanding tellers on each vote. A futile effort was made by Representative Richardson, of Alabama, to have the measure recommitted to the committee on interstate and foreign commerce. An aye and nay vote resulted in 104 ayes and 136 nays.

Section 2 of the bill, which confers on the president military, civil and judicial powers, including the power to make laws, was the object of spirited attack. Representative Keifer, of Ohio, joined the Democrats in opposition.

The respective attitudes of the majority and minority on this section may be best described by a question put to Representative Townsend, of Michigan, by Representative Garrett, of Tennessee and by Mr. Townsend's reply.

Legislative Power. "Do you believe that congress has any power under the constitution to confer legislative power on the president?" asked Mr. Garrett.

"Ordinarily, no," replied Mr. Townsend. "In this instance, yes. We are in Panama digging a canal and it is necessary for the president to have the power to make rules and regulations for the government of the zone while that work is in progress."

Representative Mann, author of the bill, argued that precedent for the conferment of such power on the executive was found in similar action by the Democratic congress at the time of the Louisiana purchase and when Florida was ceded to the United States by Spain.

Defending his party, Representative Harrison of New York said that disturbed internal conditions made such action necessary, but that the Democratic congress at the time of the Louisiana purchase and when Florida was ceded to the United States by Spain.

A motion of Mr. Hardwick of Georgia to strike out the section entirely was lost by the close vote of 85 to 90.

The bill, as it goes to the senate, authorizes the president to have the Panama Canal completed and to appoint a director-general of the canal and the canal zone, thus doing away with the canal commission. It invests the judicial power of the zone in one circuit court and such inferior courts as the president may constitute and allows appeal to the supreme court of the United States in all cases involving \$5,000 and in criminal cases, punishable by death or life imprisonment. Trial by jury is granted in all criminal prosecutions for felony.

Since the expiration of the 58th congress, there has been no act in terms authorizing the government of the canal zone, but ex-President Roosevelt continued in existence the civil government on the zone after the act of April 28, 1904, became ineffective automatically.

MAJOR FAIRWEATHER RETIRES FROM MILITIA

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 5.—Militia orders contained the following: 8th "Hussars": Major D. H. Fairweather, quartermaster resigns his commission and is placed upon the reserve of officers with rank of captain.

Provisional Lieutenant, R. A. March retires.

To be quartermaster with honorary rank of captain: Ralph Audley March, 4th Brigade 19th Battery; To be 4th Provisional Lieutenant (superannuated): Arthur Eldon Barton.

78th Colchester, Hants and Picton regiment "Highlanders": Corps reserve, Captain H. C. Blair is retired retaining rank.

Winnipeg's retiring council urges the need for a new drill hall on the government.

Practically the Entire Male Population of Whitehead and Dover Wiped Out by Great Storm Which Swept Eastern Nova Scotia Yesterday and Tuesday.

Fleet of 23 Haddock Fishermen Flee for Safety When Terrific Blizzard Sets In off Coast— Many Reach Haven but 17 Boats Are Unaccounted For and Worst Is Feared.

Special to The Standard.

Halifax, Jan. 5.—Over forty fishermen, the breadwinners and sole support of practically the entire male population of the villages of Whitehead and Dover were either drowned or frozen to death in their boats during a blizzard which swept the Nova Scotia coast during the past thirty-six hours. Twenty-five fishing boats containing over one hundred men left Dover and Whitehead before daylight yesterday morning and up to a late hour tonight only sixteen boats containing sixty men have reached their home ports. Eight boats containing over forty men are lost, and have either foundered or been driven far out to sea. No trace of them could be found by steamers that patrolled the fishing grounds and vicinity today. If the craft are still above the surface the forty occupants have undoubtedly perished as no human being could live in an open boat without food or water in the piercing cold and blizzard that has swept the vicinity during the past thirty-six hours.

Before Daylight. The haddock fleet left for the fishing grounds yesterday morning before daylight, the crews expecting to return as usual with nightfall. Fishing is good off Whitehead and about twenty-five boats from this and the neighboring fishing villages were on the fishing grounds at noon.

The boats appeared to have had good luck in fishing up to the middle of the day, but as the weather grew foul and a heavy fog set in, the boats were driven back to port.

There was very little fog on board most of the boats and exposed in 20 foot open crafts to the terrors of a zero storm-driven atmosphere, and with icy waters thrown over their unprotected bodies the occupants of the boats, if alive, must be in a deplorable condition. Still, while there is life, there is hope, and efforts will be made to locate the boats.

There was very little fog on board most of the boats and exposed in 20 foot open crafts to the terrors of a zero storm-driven atmosphere, and with icy waters thrown over their unprotected bodies the occupants of the boats, if alive, must be in a deplorable condition. Still, while there is life, there is hope, and efforts will be made to locate the boats.

Continued On Page Two.

PEACE COMING MUCH LEFT TO COMMON GOOD

Managua Jubilant Over Telegram Received From Leader Of Revolutionists—Ready To Discuss Situation.

Managua, Jan. 5.—Managua is jubilant tonight over the prospects of peace, President Madrid made public the General Estrada's honorable character. I am leaving for Managua to settle the country's situation with you directly."

President Madrid also gave out a telegram which he has received from General Estrada in which Generals Gonzalez, Castillo, Gomez and other prisoners are reported as well.

ANOTHER COOK YARN IS NAILED ON HEAD

Principal In Thrilling Rescue Told By Cook Explodes Story— Imaginative Author Nowhere In Sight.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 5.—A. D. Burton, an Alaskan prospector, declared untrue today, the story told by Dr. Frederick A. Cook, about rescuing Burton from a bear.

"The year of Dr. Cook's last trip to Alaska I had an experience with a bear that came near ending my life and I was chewed up pretty severely. I was greatly surprised when the Cook article was published to see in it my picture and the story of how the Cook party had rescued me from the jaws of death. As a matter of fact, Cook was not within 150 miles of me at the time the bear and I mixed. In the magazine also was a picture of my struggle with the bear, which of course, was a fake."

ONE IS KILLED IN TROLLEY COLLISION

New York, N. Y., Jan. 5.—Fog and a persistent drizzle which froze as it fell, closing the sidewalks, the streets and the rails of the traction companies were responsible for a trolley car collision on the Williamsburg bridge in which one man was killed and two injured, the grounding of two steamers, many minor injuries to pedestrians and much inconvenience to traffic.

The steamer Madonna, of the Cyprus, Fabra and Company Line, went ashore off Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, early this evening. She lies in no danger. The Alberta, a small steamer running between Constable Hook, N. J., and Brooklyn, ran aground on the lower end of Governor's Island. The more timid of the passengers walked ashore on a plank. At 11 a. m. the temperature was 11 above.

MADE YAKKEE GOLD TO PASS ACROSS SEAS

Death Of Darius Ogdin Mills Sends From Twenty-Five To One Hundred Millions Of Dollars To England.

PROMINENT BANKER DEAD IN WEST

Special to The Standard. San Francisco, Jan. 5.—Another great American fortune will pass to England with the death here last night of Darius Ogdin Mills, whose estate is variously estimated at between \$25,000,000 and \$100,000,000.

Mrs. John Hubert Ward, daughter of Mrs. Whitlaw Reid, and the Countess Granard, daughter of Ogdin Mills, are the granddaughters of the dead financier who will bring millions to their English husbands.

Darius Ogdin Mills had but two children, Ogdin Mills and Mrs. Reid. Both his granddaughters were recently married, and the marriage of Miss Beatrice Mills to the Earl of Granard was the society event of the season.

A clever American girl who will inherit millions from the Mills estate is the twin sister of the countess, Miss Gladys Mills, whose engagement to an Englishman has often been rumored.

While it is believed that the bulk of the Mills estate will probably be inherited directly by Ogdin Mills and Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Ward, the Countess of Granard and Miss Gladys Mills, will probably receive considerably more.

Both the Earl of Granard and the Hon. John Hubert Ward were wealthy when they married, so that the added fortunes will make them among the wealthiest members of the British classes in Great Britain.

Dies Very Suddenly. Darius Ogdin Mills died here at his home in New York city at the age of 84. Death, caused by heart disease, came so suddenly that no physician was at the bedside when the financier passed away. Mrs. Reid, however, was by his side when the end came.

Ogdin Mills and his wife left for the east yesterday, thinking that Mr. Mills was in his usual health. White law Reid, as soon as he learned of the death of his father-in-law, made arrangements to leave London this week so that he could be present at the funeral, which will take place in New York.

Darius Ogdin Mills, although born within the shadow of New York city, went to California when gold was discovered there in 1847. He made \$40,000 the first year in a store at Sacramento and put all his proceeds in shipments from New York, which made him a wealthy man within a short time.

His luck in California was proverbial, everything he touched seemed to turn to gold. He did not confine his operations to any one line, but invested heavily in mines, railroads, timber and ranches. He founded the Bank of California when he was 40 years old, retired 10 years later, and two years afterward, when the cashier had involved the bank in losses of millions and committed suicide, Mr. Mills stepped in again, subscribed \$1,000,000 himself, raised \$7,000,000 more, served as president for three years without pay and left the bank as solvent as when he had first turned it over.

Built Three Hotels. His most famous investment was the Mills Hotels, three in number in New York city, which were innovative to the world, places where a poor man could obtain clean lodging and good food at small prices, yet which paid a profit to the builder.

A short time ago Mr. Mills deeded the three hotels to three trustees, himself, his son Ogdin and his daughter, Mrs. Reid.

His financial interests in New York, Mr. Mills was trustee of the Metropolitan Museum of Arts and the Carnegie Institute of Washington. He was president of the Bank of New York, of the Morton Trust Company and the United States Trust Company.

In California Mr. Mills was for some time regent of the University of California. In 1901 he donated an observatory to the university which was established near Santiago, Chile, and paid all expenses of the expedition to establish it for three years.

Although definite arrangements have not yet been made for the funeral, it is believed that Mr. Mills' body will be brought east and buried in the old Sleepy Hollow cemetery in Tarrytown, N. Y.

MASTER THIEF IS FREE WHILE DUPES SUFFER

Principal In Niagara Falls Express Company Robbery Fights Extradition Successfully.

PROMISE TO MAKE RESTITUTION

Niagara Falls, Ont., Jan. 5.—The utmost regret was expressed on both sides of the border this afternoon when it became known that Flynn, the alleged master mind of the \$14,000 express robbery of November 4th, was given his liberty at Lockport today, as the result of the conference between the Ontario and New York state authorities and solicitor Mr. Watts for Flynn.

It is understood that District Attorney Ackerson before an indictment could be made requested the appearance as with cases before the grand jury of both Whistler and Dobson. This the Canadian authorities 'could not risk as they may lose Whistler if not Dobson if once across the border. The Canadian Express Company officials and detectives who are handling the case were in conference with Flynn himself who it is said made a confession of his connection in the robbery and has made restitution by promising to return part of the loot.

It is said he received amounts differing from \$9000 to \$3900. Flynn returned to his home at Niagara Falls, New York, this afternoon.

Company Silent. The express company officials will neither deny or confirm anything that occurred at Lockport, saying it will all be made public at the hearing Friday.

District Attorney Ackerson claims there was nothing else for him to do but move for the release of Flynn and his release was ordered by County Judge Hickey on account of the Canadian authority refusing to permit Cashier Dobson and Whistler to appear as witnesses. At present it is heavy, a hundred of them on the ment while Dobson and Whistler, his two dupes and underlings who were led into the affair by him, are in jail with long terms of imprisonment staring them in the face.

SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOLLOW MINERS' FRAY

Three Killed And Many Injured As Result Of Pitched Battle Among Laborers In British Columbia.

Special to The Standard. Grand Forks, B. C., Jan. 5.—Reports heretofore carefully guarded and hushed up, have reached here and been confirmed that a fight between two sections of miners at Phoenix on New Year's eve, was a most serious affair. At least seventy men were on each side in the fight, which took place near one of the hotels. The Welsh and English were pitted against the Italians. Three men are reported dead and fifteen in the hospitals as a result. The row began in a small way but some bad blood that had been rising for some time between the miners of different nationalities, caused a general battle.

IOWA WOMAN IS DESERTED IN OTTAWA

Ottawa, Jan. 5.—Deserted by her husband on Christmas morning, without even enough money to pay postage on a letter to her home in Iowa, U. S., and with a sick infant of six months to carry, Mrs. Gordon Robinson, age twenty years has found herself alone and destitute at the Windsor Hotel in this city where she is an absolute stranger.

Her husband brought her here from Rockridge, Iowa, where they had lived for two years. On December 16th they registered at the Windsor and on December 25th the husband disappeared and has not since been heard of.

The hotel management placed her with a mission settlement until friends could be communicated with and funds procured to take her to Chicago.

RELIEF CARAVAN SENT TO MAROONED TRAIN

Salt Lake, Utah, Jan. 5.—A relief caravan with provisions and clothing for a marooned east bound passenger train on the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake R. R., which has been stalled by washouts in the desert near Caliente, Nev., since last Sunday night, is expected to reach the train by tomorrow morning. The 150 passengers on the marooned train are fairly comfortable, it is said.

Unionist Leader Declares for Reform of Upper House—Asks Both Parties To Help.

Austin Chamberlain Challenges Asquith—Peers Unable To Obtain Hearing—Poet in Fray.

Tariff Reform

In conclusion, Lord Lansdowne advocated tariff reform, with a moderate scale of duties as the only visible remedy for the evils all desired to remove.

All the great leaders were again speaking in various parts of the country tonight. Austin Chamberlain challenged Premier Asquith to produce proofs of his assertion that unemployment was felt as much in protected countries as in Great Britain. The campaign seems to have a great attraction for the literary class. Alfred Austin, the poet laureate, joined the fray tonight by issuing a letter in which he points out that the present House of Lords includes 200 members who served the country in the army or navy, a hundred of them on the battlefield, to say nothing of those who perished in the shock of war. One hundred and seventy had been members of the House of Commons and he declares that it is impossible to call such a body unrepresentative.

PEARY UNWILLING TO SHARE POLE HONORS

Commander Confident That Andree Never Reached Top Of Earth— Says Indian Story Is A Myth.

Bangor, Me., Jan. 5.—Just before his lecture tonight, Commander Peary took occasion to discredit the reports of the discovery of the remains of Andree's balloon, 900 miles north of Prince Albert, Sask., near Reindeer Lake in the Arctic circle, which have been sent out by Catholic missionaries in that region. He is confident that the Andree expedition never reached the Pole.

"Similar reports of the finding of wreckage of the ill-fated Jeannette on the north coast of Siberia were heard for years until they were finally discredited by the knowledge that Melville and De Long had landed at Lena Delta," said Commander Peary. In my opinion, Andree's party came to grief and their balloon dropped into the Polar Ocean shortly after their start. The chances are that they were either drowned or that they starved miserably to death upon an ice floe. I doubt if their exact fate will ever be known."

RELIEF CARAVAN SENT TO MAROONED TRAIN

Salt Lake, Utah, Jan. 5.—A relief caravan with provisions and clothing for a marooned east bound passenger train on the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake R. R., which has been stalled by washouts in the desert near Caliente, Nev., since last Sunday night, is expected to reach the train by tomorrow morning. The 150 passengers on the marooned train are fairly comfortable, it is said.