

THE TRANSVAAL PARLIAMENT

Opened by the Earl of Selbourne To-day.

Will Re-Enact the "Asiatic Ordinance" Already Disallowed.

Employment of Chinese as Miners to be Stopped.

Pretoria, Transvaal, Transvaal, March 25.—The first Parliament of the Transvaal Colony, under the newly granted constitution, met here this morning in the hall in which the late President Kruger presided for so many years over sittings of the Upper Volksraad of the South African Republic.

My Ministers have resolved that the employment of Chinese in the mines shall cease at the earliest possible moment. As to the Chinese already employed there, they will not take any steps to prevent their repatriation at the end of the indentures, unless they are convinced that such repatriation will have to take place before an effective substitute either in the form of other unskilled labor or improved mechanical appliances, has been found.

The Asiatic Ordinance. London, March 25.—The "Asiatic Ordinance," which the Transvaal Parliament proposes to re-enact, although at the present time aimed specially at British Indians, who are ousting the small white traders in the Transvaal, is equally intended to exclude the Japanese or other Asiatics, who are emigrating to South Africa in increasing numbers.

W. H. M. S. MEETING. SUCCESSFUL YEAR REPORTED, WITH A BALANCE ON HAND.

Progress Made Toward a Union of the Women's Foreign and Home Missionary Societies—Election of Officers to Take Place To-day.

Toronto despatch: The fourth annual meeting of the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, western division, opened in Cooke's Church yesterday afternoon, with a large attendance of delegates.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT, presented by Miss McMichael, Recording Secretary, noted growth of the hospital work under the care of the board of the H. M. S. at Atlin, Tenuon, Wakaw, Sifton and Vegreville.

FOUR OF A KIND. CHICAGO GAMBLER LOST \$9,000 ON JACKPOT PLAY.

Game on Four Days and Nights, and Still in Progress—Over \$10,000 Said to Have Exceeded Hands.

Chicago, March 25.—A sensational poker game, lasting through four consecutive days and nights, was hurriedly adjourned from Magnet Hotel, No. 238 North Clark street, early to-day.

WON BATTLE. NICHARAGUAN TROOPS DEFEAT FIVE THOUSAND OF ENEMY.

Paris, March 25.—The following despatch was received to-day by the Nicaraguan legation from Senor Gomez, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua: "Five thousand salvadoreans and Hondurans have been decisively defeated at Portillos de Namasique, after a bloody three days' battle."

Liquors and cigars were served to the exhausted players. The men, all Ontarians, were in the front parlor of the hotel. No noise could be heard in the hotel but the rattle of the chips and the subdued voices of the men. A limit of \$200 was made, but jackpots were opened for their size.

BAIL FOR RUEF.

SIXTY-FIVE CHARGES RETURNED AGAINST TRISCO BOSS.

San Francisco, Cal., March 25.—Sixty-five indictments were presented late yesterday afternoon by the grand jury against Abe Ruef, for bribery in connection with the United Railroads, United Gas Company and Home Telephone franchise and the prize fight permits, and ten against T. V. Hasley, in connection with the Pacific States Telephone company franchises.

MAY BE MURDER.

Elisha Havens, of Hartford Mills, Slugged by Unknown Parties. An Ithaca despatch: The Ithaca police are hard at work upon a case which threatens to develop into a murder mystery.

NEWS IN BRIEF CANADIAN.

Mrs. J. J. Leslie, of Winnipeg, strangled her nine-year-old daughter during a fit of insanity. Mr. Robert Sutherland, father of Mr. Donald Sutherland, M. P., died on Wednesday at Ingersoll.

What Thaw Says.

New York, March 25.—"I am perfectly sane, and everybody who knows me knows that I am sane. In fact, on second consideration of the matter, I am rather glad, on the whole, that the case has taken this turn, because I am satisfied the commission in lunacy is going to declare that I am sane at present, and after that you can guess for yourself what will happen."

TROOPS CALLED OUT.

ROUMANIAN JEWS, TERRORIZED, FLEE TO BUCHAREST.

Bucharest, Roumania, March 25.—All the army reserves have now been called out to join the colors, with the result that the Government has at its disposal plenty of troops to enable it to speedily suppress the Agrarian troubles.

SCARE IN SCHOOL.

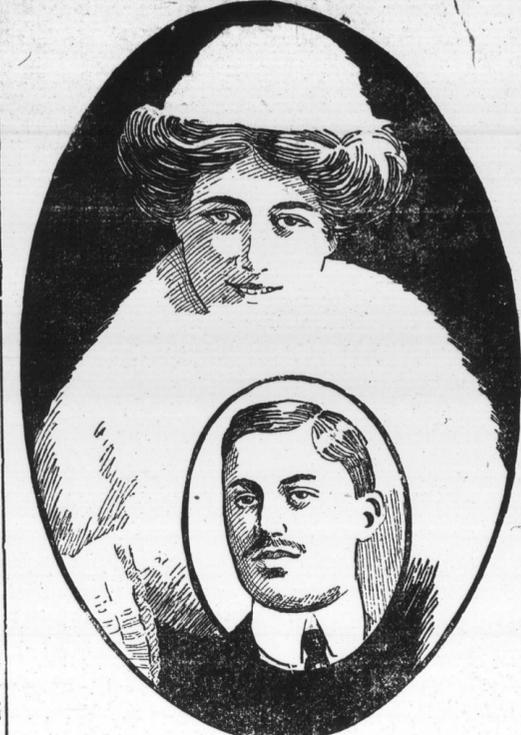
PANIC AMONG CHATHAM CHILDREN WAS NARROWLY AVERTED.

Chatham, Ont., despatch: While a local plumber was inspecting the gas pipes at the Collegiate Institute this morning he held a lighted match too near a big leak, and the gas ignited. The result was an explosion, which tore up pipes all over one of the rooms.

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ACTRESS AND PEER TO WED. Lord Dalmeny and Miss Phyllis Dare, the English music hall artist, whose engagement to his lordship, son of Lord Rosebery, is reported.

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Two Poles arrived in Montreal from Cornwall, Ont., on Tuesday afternoon. They went to a private boarding-house, 28 Craig street east, and next morning one of them, Jason Yokene, aged 19, was found dead in one bed, and his companion lay unconscious in the other. The room was filled with gas.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

A mail bag, with contents valued at \$400,000, has been stolen en route between New York and Paris. There is serious friction between King Leopold and the Belgian Cabinet over the conduct of the Congo affairs.

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COMMISSION IN LUNACY MAY BE APPOINTED TO-DAY. Justice Fitzgerald was to Hear Evidence This Afternoon—Thaw's Attorneys Will Fight Hard Against Its Appointment—Jerome Convinced Prisoner is Insane.

New York, March 25.—That Justice Fitzgerald will appoint a commission in lunacy to inquire into the present mental condition of Harry K. Thaw seems to foregone conclusion. This afternoon he will hear arguments of counsel on both sides of the famous case, and he plainly intimated yesterday that he would appoint a commission. That this commission will find that Thaw is now insane is the opinion of most of those who have closely followed the trial.

A SKIN GAME.

THE RECIPIENT TO ENTERTAIN THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED. A St. Thomas, Ont., despatch: Two years ago last November Bruce Little, a Michigan Central engineer, whose home is in this city, was badly scalded in the wrecking of his train at Pelee, near Windsor, through the carelessness of the Pere Marquette interlocking tower operator.

MINERS' STRIKE.

CALGARY MEN HAVE SUBMITTED ULTIMATUM TO BOSSES. Dover, Del., March 25.—Dr. Marvin miners have presented a final ultimatum to the operators which, if not accepted to-day, will cause the suspension of all operations in the mines on April 1, when the present agreement expires.

loomed large in the background ever since the case began. It was known that he believed Thaw to be still insane and neither side was anxious to call him. The defence apparently did not want him because of his belief in Thaw's present insanity; the prosecution could not call him because his relation to Thaw was that of physician to patient, and he could not be compelled to testify without a specific waiver of the privilege created by these relations.

That the attorneys for the defence will make a hard fight to prevent the Judge from appointing the commission when court sits this afternoon is probable. From the first the fight has been to secure an acquittal, and it is not probable that it will be given up so long as there is the slightest chance that it may be successful.

On the other hand, Mr. Jerome is convinced that Thaw is now insane, and he will fight just as hard for the appointment of the commission. To-day's session being informal, the rules of law and evidence will not be enforced, and either side may place before the court any evidence that it desires to show the mental condition of the defendant. The jury will not be present, and the sole object of the proceedings is that the Judge may be informed of all the facts in the case and on them decide whether or not he will stop the trial until a legal commission has decided whether Thaw is in such a condition as to permit his case going to the jury.

The law of New York State specifies that only insanity that can excuse a crime is a mental derangement which makes the person charged with a crime incapable of knowing the nature or quality of his act when it is committed and incapable of knowing that it is wrong. This law, which is founded on an old English decision, is far behind the times according to alienists. Many a man, they say, has an overpowering impulse to commit a crime, an impulse which he is unable to conquer and which forces him to commit crime, but if his mental state is such that he realizes that he is doing wrong, the law does not take into account the insane impulse which he is unable to overcome.

A case in point is that of Aran Taschjian, an Armenian, who has just been transferred to the Danmore hospital for the criminally insane after ten days in Sing Sing prison, where he was sent on a conviction of murder in the second degree for killing his brother and cutting the hair to pieces, Dr. Charles Macdonald and Dr. Austin Flint, both of whom have been witnesses for the prosecution in the Thaw case, testified as experts for the prosecution in the Taschjian case. Both were convinced that the Armenian was insane, but were not able to swear that his insanity was such that he was incapable of knowing his act was wrong, as required by the statute.

"I believe the Thaw case and the Taschjian case to be exactly parallel," District Attorney Jerome said to-day. "Both are insane and both are suffering from mania. The trial of Thaw is an outrage. He should be sent to an insane asylum. But under the law I have not been able to show that he is insane. I am bound by the legal aspect of the case and the moral side of it I am not allowed to enter into. My experts who have testified that they did not believe Thaw's mental condition was such that he did not know the nature and quality of his act and that it was wrong, are ready to testify that they believe him to be insane. I have tried throughout this case to bring in this moral aspect, but I have been balked at every step. Therefore, there has been nothing for me to do but to conduct the case along the strict legal lines. I believe Thaw is insane and I believe the insane hospital is the place for him."

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MORE RAIDS BY SUFFRAGISTS.

Three Separate Onslaughts on British Commons.

Seventy of the Women Arrested—Indignation Meetings Held.

London, March 25.—The women suffragists to-day attempted a demonstrative raid on Parliament more important and more determined than any previous efforts. The police, however, had timely warning, and made preparations that resulted in making the demonstration somewhat ineffective. The only result was some amusing disorderly scuffles and the arrest of nearly seventy suffragists, who were at once liberated on bail.

Previous to this demonstration an indignation meeting, which was largely attended by the so-called "suffragettes," and their friends, was held at Caxton Hall, where the speakers denounced the House of Commons for stifling the Dickenson woman suffrage bill.

The raid was led by Lady Harberton, who was assisted by the most prominent women who took part in the previous raids. The women drove up in wagons, and after promading before the Houses of Parliament stormed the entrance of the House of Commons, where the police reinforcements, drawn up for the occasion, awaited the onslaught and drove the women back. After this first rebuff the women made a second determined attempt to penetrate the police cordon, but all to little purpose. In accordance with the instructions, the police employed against the women as little force as possible. At a late hour this evening the suffragists reassembled at Caxton Hall, and amid the greatest enthusiasm adopted a resolution to send another deputation to the Premier and to renew their demonstrations before Parliament. Accordingly another move was made against the House of Commons, the disorderly scenes were repeated on a smaller scale, and several further arrests were made.

ANGLERS' LICENSES.

May Restrict Free Rod Fishing to Residents.

The Fish and Game Committee of the Legislature yesterday considered the fishing regulations of the proposed bill. One clause considered was that, except without a license, no person not a resident of the Province of Ontario shall be privileged to angle in the waters of the Province. This clause stands until the next meeting. A similar license and regulation applied last year to Nepigon district and realized \$9,000. The committee took out of paragraph B. black and grey squirrels, and classed them with quail and wild turkeys, giving them added protection.

HONORED POPE.

MENELIK DECORATES HIM WITH STAR OF ETHIOPIA.

Rome, March 25.—The Pope to-day received in solemn private audience Father Maria Bernado, of the Capuchin Order, who presented an autograph letter from King Menelik of Abyssinia, conferring on His Holiness the decoration of the Star of Ethiopia. The letter was an answer to a communication from the Pope who asked the Abyssinian King to protect the Catholics in Abyssinia and inquired regarding the health of his Majesty and the progress made by Abyssinia.

THIEF CONFESSES.

GANG OF INTERNATIONAL ROBBERS EXPOSED BY PAL.

Paris, March 25.—The man named Batless, arrested here recently with \$42,000 in American securities in his possession under the suspicion that he was an accomplice of the thieves who stole a mail bag containing about \$400,000 on the French line steamed La Provence, which left New York, Feb. 28, and arrived at Havre, March 6, has made a confession, implicating a gang of international robbers as the result of which other arrests are expected immediately. It developed to-day that the majority of the stolen securities are not negotiable.

THE MURDERED MAN.

FINE ART SOCIETIES TO HONOR STANFORD WHITE'S NAME.

New York, March 25.—Friends of the late Stanford White are preparing to hold, as soon as the Thaw trial is over, a series of meetings, in which they will pay tribute to his artistic achievements and genius. Plans of the gathering have been discussed for several weeks. Meetings will be held by the various societies which form the fine arts association, when tributes will be read and resolutions formally adopted as part of the records, and then made public.

Capture Fort.

London, March 25.—News has arrived of a fight in December between a British force and a robber band of Tibuks, west of Lake Tshad, Africa. The British besieged a fort, which was captured with difficulty and with the loss of 11 killed and 42 wounded. Among the latter were two officers. Most of the casualties were caused by arrows. The Tibuks lost 300 killed and wounded.

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