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GEN. FRENCH IS VERY MUCH ALIVE ALTHO BOERS REPORTED HIM DEAD

His Forces Have Made a Great Sweep and Gathered in 1200 Men, Seven Cannon, 1000 Rifles, 18 [illegible] a Host of Live Stock.

Senate Reading Room
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VRYHEID, Monday, March 25.—General French, with Dartnal's and Pultner's columns, arrived here to-day, having killed and wounded or captured 1200 Boers.

He has also taken 7 cannon, 1000 rifles, 1800 wagons and 226,000 head of horses, cattle and sheep.

London, March 27.—The despatch from Vryheid is regarded as giving the total of General French's captures thruout his operations. It indicates, therefore, the capture of one additional gun and of additional Boers and war material.

THE WAR WILL BE LONG.

According to the Views of London Times' Correspondents.

London, March 27.—The Pretoria and Bloemfontein correspondents of The Times send long despatches admitting that Lord Kitchener's policy and operations have failed to achieve the results hoped for, and pointing out that the British public must be prepared to return to the original policy of occupying towns and studding the country with military posts as the only means of affecting complete pacification. This process, the correspondents say, will occupy much time and necessitate a constant supply of fresh troops. The strain on both officers and men has been and will be immense, and arrangements must be made to send absolutely fresh troops to the front in order to enable the others to be sent home.

"Until this aspect of the case is grasped by the authorities," say the advices to The Times, "there is a possibility of the war lasting for years. It is quite useless to renew peace negotiations. Nothing approaching 'terms,' as the word is generally understood, would be politic or even possible with the Boers."

Sir Alfred Milner Dissatisfied.

The Daily Express prints a rumor that Sir Alfred Milner is dissatisfied with his qualified authority and has asked the Government to give him "either a free hand or no hand." Mr. Chamberlain is said to have replied that it would not be advisable to dissociate the authority of Sir Alfred Milner from that of Lord Kitchener, and the rumor goes that Sir Alfred contemplates resigning.

"It is an open secret," says The Daily Express, "that Sir Alfred Milner has long chafed at having Lord Kitchener at his elbow to check or modify his proposals."

Kruger is Optimistic.

The Amsterdam correspondent of The Daily Mail wires the substance of an interview with Mr. Kruger, whom he found in a "most optimistic frame of mind."

"General Babington's victory over General Delarey had been, Mr. Kruger thought, exaggerated in the reports. He said the Magaliesberg range and Rustenburg were again in the possession of the Boers," continues the correspondent, "and the old guerilla game would continue until England had been forced into making peace overtures."

Colonials Captured.

The Cape Town correspondent of The Daily Express reports the capture by 1000 Boers of 130 colonials in a rocky defile near Richmond last Thursday. He asserts that the colonials lost 13 men before they surrendered, adding that they were all liberated after having been stripped of their accoutrements.

Dewet Again in Orange Colony.

London, March 27.—It is reported from Bloemfontein that Gen. Dewet is again in Orange River Colony.

AGREEMENT IS NOT SIGNED

China Objects to Several Points in the Manchurian Convention and Gains Time.

RUSSIA PREPARES FOR CONFLICT.

Troops Despatched to Strong Points —Work on Fleet Hurried—What it All Means.

London, March 27.—The Shanghai correspondent of The Times, wiring yesterday, says:

"I am informed on the best authority that the Chinese court has instructed Li Hung Chang to inform the Ministers of the powers that China has refused to sign the Manchurian convention, and has also notified all viceroys to the same effect.

"It is further asserted that the court seriously contemplates a removal of the capital from Pekin."

Shanghai Liar Again.

London, March 27.—The Reuter Telegram Company has received the following despatch: "Pekin, March 26.—(7 p.m.)—The report that China rejects the Manchurian convention is not true. She objects to many points, which are under discussion."

RUSSIA HAS A FEVER.

Making Extraordinary Preparations for Coming Conflict.

New York, March 26.—A despatch to The World from Constantinople says:

Advices from Odessa, the Black Sea port of Russia, say that extraordinary preparations for war are being made. The naval dock yards are pushing work on the Black Sea fleet, while thousands of soldiers were being despatched in haste to various ports of strategic importance.

The garrisons in all the cities are being doubled, and domiciliary visits are made continually, with many arrests. There is a real war-fever abroad, and the general impression seems to be that there will be a conflict in the far east with Japan, and possibly a European power.

WILL USE MORAL SUASION.

U. S. Cabinet Discuss the Crisis in the East.

Washington, March 26.—The crisis in the Chinese question brought about thru the expiration of the period allowed for the signature by China of the Manchuria agreement, was the principal topic before the Cabinet to-day. A memorandum was handed out showing that the United States had on Feb. 19 warned the Chinese Government against "considering any private territorial or financial arrangements, at least without the full knowledge and approval of all the powers now engaged in negotiations."

The Administration believes that the secret agreement between Russia and China is in violation of the spirit if not the letter of general understanding to which all the powers subscribed last summer and the United States is prepared to use all its moral suasion and influence to prevent its consummation.

A TREMENDOUS LAND GRAB.

What the Manchurian Agreement Really Provides.

New York, March 26.—The Tribune says editorially: "The so-called Manchurian agreement provides practically for the cession to Russia of Manchuria, Mongolia, Sungaria and Eastern Turkestan, advancing the boundaries of Siberia southward to the Yellow River, the border of Thibet and British India, and excluding all foreigners from those vase regions. That would be probably the greatest land grab in the history of the world. At the last moment it is reported that Russia has granted some modifications of the agreement. These seem calculated to modify that instrument without changing it, their chief provision being that the Chinese themselves shall not be excluded from the territories ceded to Russia. So far as the interests of the rest of the world are concerned, there is no change in the terms."

Robber Bands Dispersed.

Berlin, March 26.—A despatch from Field Marchal Von Waldersee, dated Pekin, March 25, says Major Von Muelmann's detachment, which started a few days ago on a punitive expedition, from Pao Ting Fu, encountered the robber bands eastward of Tao Ma Kuan, March 22 and 24, and dispersed them with slight resistance.

MET HER DEATH, ALL UNSEEN

Mrs. Annie Eaton of Toronto Junction Struck by a G.T.R. Train.

CHURCHGOERS FOUND HER BODY

Deceased Was 68 Years of Age and Leaves Two Sons and Two Daughters.

Toronto Junction, March 26.—Mrs. Anne Eaton of No. 123 East Annette-street met with instant death this evening at Royce-avenue crossing by being struck by a G.T.R. train. Her body was found by Pete Campbell and Mr. Wilson about 8 o'clock, but as a passenger and freight train had both passed the crossing only a short time previously it is not known by which she was struck.

No one saw the accident, and no one appears to know where she was going. She left the house about half an hour previously, and the first knowledge her relatives had of her mysterious death was learned from the crowd which had gathered around her body, by her son-in-law, Mr. Jecks, who, with her granddaughter, Miss Hazel Thompson, was passing over the crossing on the way to church.

Dr. Clendenan was notified, and as the body happened to be thrown on the city side of the track, Dr. Cotton was also notified. An inquest has been called for tomorrow night at the Peacock Hotel. Deceased was much cut about the head, but otherwise the body was not mutilated. Deceased was 68 years of age and leaves two sons and two daughters.

COLONEL DENT BACK

Imperial War Department Sending Him to Canada Re the Remount Question.

WILL BUY ONE THOUSAND HORSES.

Five Hundred Cobs for Mounted Infantry and Five Hundred Cavalrymen's Mounts.

Premier Ross yesterday received the following letter from Lord Strathcona: "In continuation of my letter of the 15th ult., regarding the horse question, I am pleased to be able to tell you that, as a result of my interview and correspondence with the Right Hon. W. St. John Brodrick, Secretary of State for War, the Army Remount Department are forthwith sending an officer to Canada to purchase horses. The officer selected is Lieut.-Col. Dent, who has visited Canada on similar missions previously, and he will sail by the SS. Teutonic on the 20th inst.

"I am informed that he will purchase in the first place 500 horses for cavalry purposes, and 500 cobs for the use of mounted infantry and that he will also visit the Northwest, as well as other parts of Canada.

"Col. Dent will, I believe, also look into the question of establishing two or three remount depots in different parts of the Dominion.

"As I thought you would like to meet Col. Dent, I have given him a letter of introduction to you, and I have no doubt that you will be pleased to facilitate the object of his visit to Canada in any way that may be possible. Believe me, yours very truly,

"(Signed) Strathcona."

SIR RICHARD'S HANDWRITING IN THE PROPOSAL TO H. H. COOK

Mr. M. C. Cameron Was the Go-Between and $10,000 Was the Price of the Senatorship, According to Mr. Cook's Evidence—W. T. R. Preston Also on Deck.

Ottawa, March 26.—(Special.)—Sir Richard Cartwright will be the star witness at the investigation of alleged traffic in senatorships. H. H. Cook's evidence to-day settled that the onus of refuting the charges is placed upon Sir Richard personally. Sir Mackenzie Bowell presided over the enquiry in room 8, and all the members of the Special Committee were present.

The committee was represented legally by C. H. Ritchie, K.C., H. H. Cook by A. H. Marsh, K.C., those against whom the charges are made, by S. H. Blake, K.C.

Mr. Cook's Evidence.

Mr. Cook's evidence was strong. From 1898 he was an applicant for a senatorship. After the death of Sir David Macpherson, in 1896, about the 20th or 21st of Aug., he had an interview with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who advised him to see Sir Oliver Mowat and Sir Richard Cartwright. Sir O. Mowat declined support. Sir Richard Cartwright was prepared to advocate Mr. Cook for the second place.

Senator Ferguson was very ill. Mr. Cox, the other applicant, had precedence because he had more recent claims upon the Government, thru assisting with money in the election.

"Meantime Keep Quiet."

After interviewing Sir Richard, Mr. Cook had an interview with M. C. Cameron with the knowledge of Sir Richard on the same matter. Mr. Cameron at Ottawa wrote a letter to be "returned after perusal." Mr. Cook kept a copy. Its advice was "Meantime, keep quiet." On the 26th August Cook wrote Cameron bespeaking support from some members of the "old guard." On the 27th, Cameron wrote Cook, disclosing the names of various applicants: Cox, J. K. Kerr, Jaffray, A. P. Cockburn, James Innes, Sphon. Cox still had his "precedence," but Cartwright was "sound" for Cook.

Cameron Wrote Cook.

On the 29th Aug. Cameron wrote Cook about a long interview with Mowat. One "wealthy" man was standing in the way. "Billy" Paterson and Cartwright were invoked and the latter was "sound." "There is one way by which the matter can be put thru. I won't mention the way until I see you," was the burden of this letter.

On Sept. 9 there was a letter from Cameron that James Young of Galt was sticking like "a bum," said Mr. Ritchie.

"Burr," you mean, corrected some one. On Oct. 1 Cameron telegraphed Cook to meet him in Toronto next day at 7 o'clock a.m. Cook went to the Union Station, and when Cameron stepped off the train he said: "I am going to get breakfast; come while I am eating." They sat down at the time in the dining-room.

Mr. Cook's evidence at this point was: He (Cameron) pulled a letter out of his pocket and opened it with a knife. He said, "Cartwright gave me this on leaving, and I have not opened it myself. He gave me the letter and asked me to give it back again. I read it. It said: 'Friend Cook must do something.' I asked him what that meant. He said it meant the senatorship. I said: What is 'something?' He said $10,000. Then we walked out from the table. I was very indignant. I said I would not give a red cent for that appointment or any other.

"Before he stepped on the car I was talking pretty loudly. I was considerably excited. He begged me to speak low, for fear some people should hear what I said."

Recognized the Handwriting.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell: Did you recognize the handwriting?

Mr. Cook: Yes.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell: Did you see the signature to the letter?

Mr. Cook: Yes, I swear that it was Sir Richard Cartwright's.

Cook asked to be allowed to retain the letter, but Cameron said: "No, I have got strict instructions not to let it out of my possession. Cameron thought Cook would be in a better frame of mind later on, and within a week they met again in the Rossin House in the presence of Cook's solicitor, S. C. Biggs. Cameron was then returning east. At this interview Cameron talked very freely and repeated the statement made at the station. Cook again declared: "I decline to purchase it."

Had the Cards, But Lost the Game.

After Sir O. Mowat resigned the Senate,

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LIBERALS ARE GREATLY DIVIDED IN REGARD TO MATTERS OF TRADE

Mr. Monk, the Conservative Leader in Quebec, Points Out How Some Liberals Are Free Traders, Some for Revenue Tariff and Others for Protection.

Ottawa, March 26.—(Special.)—This afternoon Mr. F. D. Monk, the Quebec Conservative leader, raised the tone of the debate on the mutual preference resolution to a high plane. Forcible and sound in argument, Mr. Monk has few superiors in the House. He followed Hon. Mr. Dobell and Mr. Hackett (Con.) of East Prince, P.E.I.

Mr. Monk observed that the distinguishing feature of the debate was the extraordinary divergence of views expressed by members supporting the Government. Some declared duties were too high, Mr. Edwards, for instance, who sat side by side with a protectionist member, had declared himself a free trader. Some from the west declared they were satisfied for the present, but hoped for further reductions; others established that this was a protective tariff, a continuation of the old National Policy. Some called it a revenue tariff, in defiance of the laws of political economy. Sir Richard Cartwright had challenged the Opposition to state its policy, but, coming fresh from the country, it was the Government's right to explain its policy. Why did the Government require this of the Opposition? Was it that the Government might appropriate that policy, and then reconcile the difference in their ranks? [Hear, hear.] But, even if the Opposition did formulate its policy, of what use would it be to a party who had formulated the policies of free trade, revenue tariff, reduction of expenditure, reduction of the number of Cabinet Ministers and abolition of railway subsidies, and yet had gone back on every one of them?

The letting of public works by tender had been another policy of the Liberals, yet to-day Sir Louis Davies was telling the House that the Government must look after its friends, while Mr. Tarte had made it a principle to depart from that policy and establish the new one, that public contracts are for party friends.

Mr. Monk challenged the Government to say that the benefit of the preference is not simply a bounty to the British manufacturers. This lavish favor, bestowed on a class of persons who give no favor to Canada, is unjustifiable.

The Surplus Due to Bookkeeping.

Alluding to the surplus, Mr. Monk said it was produced by the Minister of Finance's system of bookkeeping, and the people took no stock in it.

The fact is that the public debt during the administration of the Government had been increased by $7,000,000, and during the past year there had been an addition to the taxation of $1.16 per head of the population. Anyone who carefully scanned the Auditor-General's report would find there vast expenditures under capital account, that should not be there. Even militia ammunition was charged to the capital account. In the scandalous work of Yukon telegraph extension, drinking cups, pistols, ammunition, eiderdown quilts and tobacco were put down to capital account.

With sound bookkeeping, two-thirds of the amounts thus charged by the Finance Minister should not be put in capital expenditure.

Immigration Policy Criticized.

Mr. Monk severely criticized the Yukon administration and the immigration system. He agreed with Mr. Richardson that the waste lands of the Northwest should be preserved either for the sons of Canada or for selected immigrants from the

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ALLEGED CASE OF KIDNAPPING WITH TORONTO END TO THE STORY

Warrant Issued at Rochester for the Arrest of Edwin Fuller Who Is Said to Have Abducted a Clever Boy Pianist—The Pair Were in This City.

Rochester, March 26.—A warrant was placed in the hands of Director of Detectives Hayden to-day for the arrest of one Edwin Fuller, charging the latter with kidnapping the 14-year-old son of Thomas D. Wild, a prominent tailor of this city, on March 15 last.

Two weeks previous to March 15, Fuller arrived in the city and leased an office in the Granite building. He announced himself as a promoter of the great Merchants' Exposition and Midway Fair which he proposed to hold at Fitzhugh Hall during the week of March 9-16. A vaudeville show was to be one of the features of the fair, Fuller, the night before the close of the show, suddenly disappeared. On that night Wild was seen with Fuller at the Erie Station.

Prisoner in Canada for Ten Days.

Young Wild had not been seen since he disappeared until this morning, when, after having been kept a prisoner in Canada for 10 days, he returned home and told a story of adventures such as seldom fall to the lot of boys of his age. To Director Hayden at Police Headquarters this morning, Thomas Wild said Fuller first noticed him one day when he was playing a piano at an auction store. Later he met the boy near the corner of Main and St. Paul-streets, and asked him to take a walk with him to see a man who had a lot of dogs and horses. Fuller promised to buy some soda water. The boy consented, and, after stopping at different drug stores where soda water was indulged in, the pair reached Union-street, where a freight train on the Niagara Falls branch had stopped for orders.

Was the Beverage Drugged?

The boy said that after the last glass of soda water had been drunk he felt very sleepy and believes it was drugged. Fuller carried the lad into the caboose of the freight train and laid him on a bunk. This is the last the boy can remember till they reached Niagara Falls. From there Fuller kept the boy so closely guarded that he could not escape. They walked across Suspension Bridge to Clifton, and from there proceeded on foot to St. Catharines where Fuller took rooms for the night. He kept telling the boy to call him "papa," but this young Wild refused to do.

They Gave Entertainments.

After leaving St. Catharines Fuller gave entertainments in music halls, he playing the violin while Wild accompanied him on a piano. At Hamilton Fuller shaved off his moustache, cut his hair and otherwise altered his appearance. Wild says he was continually trying to get away, and when they reached Toronto yesterday he had managed to save out of the little money Fuller gave him $2.10.

When in the afternoon they put up at No. 248 Richmond-street, Fuller went out a few minutes, and Wild started for home. In Toronto Fuller went by the name of Edward Ferguson. He also called himself Thomas Scott, Fulton and several other aliases at different towns they were in.

Toronto End of the Story.

The Toronto police have not yet been asked to take any action in the above kidnapping case. Fuller and young Wild secured apartments at the home of Mrs. L. McComb, 248 West Richmond-street, on Monday, March 18. The man gave the name of Edward Ferguson, and said the boy was his son, George. Nothing unusual occurred until last Thursday, when Fuller went out in the afternoon and did not return. In the evening Mrs. McComb questioned the boy closely, and the latter told a strange story of having been deserted by his father on previous occasions. The lad claimed his mother had died in Ottawa about a year ago, and his father had since been living on her insurance money. He further said that he had lived in Toronto, at 222 Victoria-street, some years ago, and had moved with his parents to Ottawa, and after his mother's death to Montreal. The boy subsequently admitted that after his arrival in Toronto on Monday, March 18, he had been selling shoe laces daily and giving the proceeds to Fuller. Mrs. McComb had no further conversations with the boy until Sunday, when George Sanderson, a baker, who boards in the house, complained to her that a pair of patent leather shoes had disappeared from his room. Young Wild was accused of the theft, and he admitted taking the footwear, selling them at a West Queen-street second-hand store for 15 cents. Mrs. McComb, accompanied by the lad, went to the store on Monday morning, but the dealer denied that he had received a pair of boots from the boy, altho the latter pointed out that he had given the name of John Hillyard of 78 West Richmond-street and had signed this name in the storekeeper's book. After returning to her home Mrs. McComb asked the lad if he had any friends, and he said he had an aunt in Rochester. He further said that he intended to get the price of his railway ticket to Rochester from the brothers who had taught him at the De La Salle Institute here some years ago. He then went out and did not return. Mrs. McComb says Fuller frequently scolded the lad when they went to their room at night, but the latter never complained of his treatment to any of the other boarders. The lad always referred to Fuller as "papa." He proved himself to be an accomplished pianist while stopping at the McComb dwelling. Mrs. McComb also says that the boy had nothing to eat at her home except a loaf of bread, which he bought and took to his room. About this time a bottle of grape juice was stolen from her kitchen cupboard, and young Wild was suspected of the theft.

RAILWAY BUILDING IN MANITOBA IN THE INTEREST OF FARMERS

Government Guarantee to Be Transferred From One Section to Another—Serious Hitch Reported as to the Roblin Deal—C.P.R. Said to Be Interested.

Winnipeg, March 26.—(Special.)—The afternoon session of the Legislature to-day was devoted largely to routine business. An important announcement was made by Hon. Mr. Rogers, who, in explanation of his bill respecting aid to railroads, said that the Government had induced the Canadian Northern to allow the $8000 a mile guarantee given the Dauphin line north of Sifton, for 110 miles, to be applied instead for aid to new lines in the province. He pointed out that the guarantee had been promised in 1898 on a road outside the province. In speaking on the subject afterwards to a Tribune reporter, Mr. Rogers said that the Government would apply this $880,000 guarantee on the line from Brandon westward, the Waskada line, and others badly needed by the farmers of Manitoba.

Serious Hitch Reported.

It is reported this afternoon that a serious hitch has occurred in connection with the big railway deal. It was understood that the N.P.R. would be at once transferred to the province, but some unforseen hitch has occurred.

Mr. William Mackenzie, after a stay of six hours in the city, hurried off to Toronto. It is said his recall was owing to some trouble.

Is the C.P.R. Behind It?

The Free Press intimates to-night that the C.P.R. is now behind the deal. It says "there is a growing suspicion that the C.P.R. is not bothering its mind with the Canadian Northern deal. The effort to excite public opinion in favor of the deal by exciting public opinion against the C.P.R. is a poor way to excuse a bad arrangement."

Morden People Ask Delay.

At a mass meeting held at Morden, a resolution was passed, asking the Dominion Government to take no action on the railway bill until such time as it had been submitted to the people of Manitoba.

RUN DOWN BY A TRAIN.

Peter Donnelly, Injured at Mimico, Now Lies in Hospital in a Critical Condition.

Peter Donnelly, a middle-aged man who peddles smallwares about the country and makes his home at local lodging places, is in St. Michael's Hospital, suffering from injuries to his left leg, which may necessitate its amputation. Donnelly is also suffering from bruises to his head and back.

The injuries were received by being run down by a train near Mimico last night about 7 o'clock. Donnelly started out to walk to Hamilton, accompanied by a woman, who he said was his wife. In getting out of the way of a train, he walked in front of another one and was hurled over a fence. He was picked up and brought to the city. On arrival of the train at the Union Station, Donnelly was attended to by Dr. Silverthorne, who ordered his removal to the hospital.

A Freshet at Grand Rapids.

Grand Rapids, Mich., March 26.—Grand River to-night reached the high water mark of 1893, 12 feet 6 inches, and is rising an inch an hour. The Rouge, Flat and Thornapple, three big tributaries, are pouring a swollen flood into the Grand. All the factories along the canals in this city have been shut down and their basements are flooded.

Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King W.

Debenture Companies Squelched.

Columbus, O., March 26.—The State Supreme Court to-day dealt a death blow to the so-called debenture business in Ohio. The decision is based upon the finding of the court that the methods employed by the debenture companies are those of a lottery; that they are fraudulent, contrary to public policy and unlawful.

Turkish Baths at Pember's, 75c.

Marvels of Beauty.

The lilac trees in full bloom, the bright colored azaleas, the tulips, daffodils and other seasonable varieties of cut flowers are now at their best at Dunlop's, 5 King-street west and 445 Yonge-street.

Accidental Death.

A verdict of accidental death was rendered by the coroner's jury last night in the case of John F. Roadhouse, who was killed at Warwick Bros. & Rutter's establishment last Saturday.

CANNOT GO TO SOUTH AFRICA.

Baden-Powell Recruits at Ottawa Sent Home, Because of Their Illness.

Ottawa, March 26.—The following members of Baden-Powell's Police were discharged on account of illness. As soon as they are well enough to leave the hospital they will return to their homes: Charles Laird, Calgary; Hugh Ferguson, Elora; Frank Waddingham, Darlingford; John Waddy, Calgary; Henry Poucett, Chapell; Lorne Fowler, Beamsville; Sterling Oakes, Rockland; John McCallum, St. Catharines. About 20 others, who are somewhat ill, have been kept on the force.

FOUND GUILTY OF ARSON.

Trial of Three Men in Montreal Lasted Fourteen Days.

Montreal, March 26.—After a trial lasting 14 days, the three men, Barsalean, Gougeon and Pelletier, were found guilty of arson. They were accused of setting fire to Mrs. Gougeon's place at 154 St. James-street.

Their Anniversary Tea.

The annual tea meeting of McCaul-street Methodist Church took place last night and was a gratifying success. The members of the Ladies' Aid provided a sumptuous supper and an after-meeting in the church was presided over happily by the pastor, Rev. J. T. Morris. The principal item on the program was an address by the former genial and jovial pastor, Rev. W. F. Wilson of Hamilton, who was warmly greeted by his hosts of friends. Solos were capitally sung by Miss Watson, soprano; Mr. Buell and Mr. J. D. Richardson, and Messrs. Fielding, Barker, Potvin and Mulcahy gave guitar and mandolin quartets. Mr. H. West presided at the organ.

Edwards and Hart-Smith, Chartered Accountants, offices Canadian Bank of Commerce Building, Toronto.

Reward of $100,000 Offered.

Ottawa, March 26.—Messrs. Ryan brothers of Almonte, Ont., have offered $100,000 for the recovery of the body of the late Patrick Ryan, who jumped into the Ottawa River at the Chaudiere bridge on or about March 4, 1901.

INSURANCE FUSION RUMORED.

Reports Flying About That the Royal Insurance Company Has Absorbed the Lancashire.

A rumor to the effect that the Royal Insurance Company had absorbed the Lancashire Insurance Company was persistently circulated on the streets yesterday. The World called on Mr. J. G. Thompson, manager of the Lancashire, for an affirmation or denial of the report, but he refused to say anything regarding the alleged absorption. "You musn't believe all you hear on the streets," he said.

Mr. Kay, general agent of the Royal, was seen, but he had not heard, except the street rumor, anything about the deal.

It is, however, definitely stated that the Royal has bought out the Kent Insurance Company, a reliable and prosperous company, which was established in 1823.

BANK CASHIER MISSING.

George Spalding of Gladstone, Man., Said to Be a Defaulter.

Winnipeg, Man., March 26.—George Spalding, employed as cashier in the Merchants' Bank branch at Gladstone, is missing. His defalcation is said to be over $500. Spalding disappeared on Sunday. He had borne a good character and was one of the bank's most trusted employes.

Remarkable Truly.

Paris, March 27.—Le Rappel gives space this morning to the following remarkable communication from Amsterdam:

"Mr. Kruger will start for the United States next month, on the invitation of the American pro-Boer Committee, to give a series of lectures. The committee hopes to collect $50,000,000 and to form a volunteer flotilla with which to transport men and ammunition to the Transvaal."

Internal War in Morocco

London, March 27.—The Daily Express publishes the following from Gibraltar: "News has been received from Marakesh of a great fight between Sus tribesmen and Moorish troops. The tribesmen had besieged the Governor in his castle, but they were routed. Other tribes are now joining the Sus tribesmen, and the Sultan of Morocco is mobilizing his army."

Turkish Baths at Pember's, 75c

TO CURE THE GRIP IN TWO DAYS. Lavative Bromo-Quinine removes the cause

A RAILWAY AMALGAMATION.

The Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway Company to Buy a Spur Line.

Another amalgamation is in sight. The Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway Company, which operates an electric railway between Port Dalhousie and Niagara Falls, N. Y., and will run a line of steamers on Lake Ontario, connecting with its cars, as soon as the season opens, has made an offer for the purchase of the St. Catharines, Merritton and Thorold Street Railway, which is the oldest electric railway in Canada, having been in operation since 1887. The death of Mr. H. C. Symmes of Niagara Falls, one of the owners of the railway, which occurred a couple of weeks ago, prevents the deal from being put thru, and as soon as the Symmes estate is arranged the sale will be completed. The figure named in the negotiations is $100,000. The road will be put in first-class shape, and in addition to looking after the local traffic along the canal, will make a good feeder for the larger road.

Smelt the Chicken.

Toronto Junction, March 26.—J. Douglas, Mrs. Smithson and Allan Coulter are neighbors. Mrs. Smithson and J. Douglas keep chickens. Allan Coulter does not. About a week ago Mrs. Smithson counted her chickens and found that she had eight and a rooster. In the morning she found she had one less and went to her neighbor, Mrs. Douglas, to find whether the chick was there or not. On returning, Mrs. Douglas and Mrs. Smithson found the head of the chicken thrown over the fence and blood marks which led to Mr. Coulter's door. Inside they saw white feathers and an odor was emanating from the stove which savored very much of burnt chicken. A charge was laid against Mr. Coulter for the theft of the chick and at the Police Court this morning Police Magistrate Ellis sent him down for three months.

W. Francis Firth Concert at Association Hall, Thursday evening, March 28. Plan at Whaley, Royce & Co.

Cure a Cold in a Few Hours.

Dr. Evans' Laxative Grip Capsules; no buzzing, no griping; money refunded if they fail. 25c. Bingham's Pharmacy. 135

FEARS OF A DISASTER.

Indications That a Melbourne Steamer Has Been Lost With 28 Lives.

Melbourne, March 26.—Wreckage, which has gone ashore at Gabo Island, near Cape Howe, the most southeastern point of Australia, causes a fear that the coast steamer Federal of Melbourne has foundered, with a loss of 28 lives.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Trades and Labor Council, 8 p.m.

Industrial Room Society luncheon, Confederation Life Building, 12 to 2 p.m.

Toronto Opera House, "Across the Pacific," 8 p.m.

Princess Theatre, "In the Devil's Web," 8 p.m.

Shea's Theatre, vaudeville, 2 and 8 p.m.

Cook's Turkish & steam baths, 204 King w., cures colds, coughs and rheumatism

Smoke Alive Bollard's Cool Mixture. Buy Patent Capsorl Pipe, always clean. 50c. ed

GOVERNMENT AND UNIVERSITY.

The second reading of the Toronto University Bill in the Legislature was marked by two important Government announcements. Premier Ross exposed the latest scheme to build up Queen's, and verified to the letter the predictions of The World that a plot was brewing to build up a rival state university. He announced that "in votes to be brought down later" the School of Science at Kingston was to "be strengthened" and if it benefited Queen's "so much the better."

The Minister of Education confessed that the aid to Toronto this year would be but $25,000 additional to the regular $7000 grant, and that the great new building was to be subsequent to a tour of an expert to science buildings in other countries, and, obviously, would not enter into this year's actual undertakings.

KING GIVES £1000.

Launching of a Movement to Erect a National Memorial to Queen Victoria.

London, March 26.—The Mansion House was crowded this afternoon, the occasion being a public meeting, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor, to consider the best means for launching the movement to erect a national memorial in honor of Queen Victoria. A communication was read from King Edward, contributing £1000 to the fund and expressing the hope that "sufficient money will be forthcoming to erect a lasting and worthy memorial to the great Queen, my beloved mother." Other donations announced included that of the Corporation of London, £5250, and from various sources £5000.

Morgan to be Protected.

London, March 27.—The Express contains the following: "It is very probable that Scotland Yard will be asked to protect J. Pierpont Morgan from violence at the hands of cranks when he arrives in London in April. Threatening letters have been sent to him from this side, and many of his London friends and business associates claim to know that several ultra-patriotic fanatics have designs on the man who purposes to wipe out the steel trade of England.

Miss Paul Back in Toronto.

Miss May Paul, who left her home, 17 West Gerrard-street, for Cleveland, and whose failure to reach her destination caused her friends much anxiety, was brought back from Buffalo yesterday by C. W. McMullen, her cousin. Miss Paul was taken to the residence of her aunt.

Fashionable Man Suicides.

London, March 26.—A fashionably dressed man committed suicide in a cab near Regent's Park last evening. The visiting cards found on his person give the name "Howard Douglas Campbell," and there were letters in his pockets addressed to him by the Duke of Argyll.

MARRIAGES.

SCHWAB—MANSELL—By the Rev. G. A. Kuhring, rector of the Church of the Ascension, at the residence of Mr. George Armstrong, uncle of the bride, on Tuesday, March 26, 1901, Miss Emeline E. Schwab, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Schwab of New York City, U.S., to W. B. Mansell, both of Toronto.

New York papers please copy.

DEATHS.

ALLEN—At the residence of her daughter, 173 Farley-avenue, Mrs. Eliza Allen, formerly of Shelburne, Ont., in her 70th year.

Funeral from the above address Thursday morning, at 9 o'clock, from St. Mary's Church to St. Michael's Cemetery.

DORRIEN—At her late residence, 565 Sherbourne-street, on Tuesday, 26th inst., Margaret, the beloved wife of Henry John Dorrien, in her 46th year of age.

Funeral at 9 a.m. Thursday, 28th, to Lady of Lourdes' Church, thence to St. Michael's Cemetery.

WICKSON—On Wednesday, March 21, at Milton, Ont., the infant son of Dr. D. D. and Mrs. Wickson, aged 3 days.

A Bachelor's Haven.

When the shorter overcoats are worn you will be more particular about the "crease" of your trousers. Fountain, "My Valet," is a tailor and clothier of long experience. He will take entire charge of your wardrobe. All you will do is to pay quarterly, and be well dressed. 30 Adelaide-street west, or telephone 8074.

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UNDERWOOD GOES TO THE ERIE.

Vice-President of the B. & O. Leaves to Accept Presidency of the Latter Railroad.

New York, March 26.—The Evening Post says:

"Vice-President A. F. Underwood of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad has accepted the presidency of the Erie Railroad. President Hill of the Great Northern Railroad is to-day in Baltimore, conferring with Mr. Underwood, and when he returns to New York later in the week it is probable that all details as to when Mr. Underwood will take up his duties on the Erie Railroad will be settled."

Hat Renewals.

As we welcome the bright rays of sunshine which are ushered in by the opening up of that most lovely of all seasons, the springtime, our thoughts naturally reflect upon hat renewals. The name in the old one is Dineen. It has proved to be precisely what it was represented to be, and the new one must bear the same name, the W. & D. Dineen Co., corner of Yonge and Temperance-streets, which stands for all that is good in hat quality and style. Their fedoras, in all shapes and sizes, range from two dollars.

Slightly Colder.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, March 26.—(8 p.m.)—Rain has fallen heavily to-day in the Ottawa and St. Lawrence Valleys and is now setting in over the Maritime Provinces. In the Northwest Territories and Manitoba the weather has remained fine, and clearing conditions are now indicated for Ontario.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 42—48; Kamloops, 36—50; Calgary, 22—40; Qu'Appelle, 8—26; Winnipeg, 6—28; Port Arthur, 14—28; Parry Sound, 36—42; Toronto, 38—43; Ottawa, 34—36; Montreal, 34—40; Quebec, 30—38; Halifax, 26—44.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fresh northwesterly to northerly winds; mostly fair and slightly colder, more especially at night.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Fresh westerly to northerly winds; clearing by night and turning a little colder.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Strong winds; cloudy and rainy.

Maritime—Strong easterly to southerly winds; rain.

Lake Superior—Fair and moderately cold.

Manitoba—Fair; higher temperature.

From all sections of the Oak Hall stores Easter goods greet you. Come any day this week, prepared to get the best spring clothing for the least money.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

March 26.	At.	From.
Masdam	New York	Rotterdam
Vaderland	New York	Southampton
La Gascogne	New York	Havre
Furnessia	New York	Glasgow
Kr.W.der Grosse	New York	Bremen
Devonian	Boston	Liverpool
Oceadian	Portland	Glasgow
Parisian	Portland	Liverpool
Kn. M. Theresa	Gibraltar	New York
Minneapolis	St. Michael's	New York