

CONDITIONS APPALING IN THE ASYLUM

Cuban Insane Herded Together Like Cattle

WOMEN DESTITUTE

Scanty Clothing Provided and Costly Improvements Introduced by Americans Have Been Destroyed.

Havana, Oct. 1.—Dreadful conditions among the Cuban insane confined at the National Asylum at Masorra, near this city, are disclosed in a report published today in El Mundo. Upwards of 2,000 men and women from all parts of the island are kept in the institution in a state of frightful squalor, and hundreds among them are nearly naked, with out beds or chairs, and provided with insufficient food of the poorest quality, says the report.

The condition of the women patients is declared to be even more deplorable than that of the men. All classes of insane people, except the most violent, are said to be miscellaneous herded together in four courts. It has long been known that conditions at the asylum were bad, according to the paper, but the real state of affairs was unknown.

At the beginning of the second intervention of Cuba by the United States, the place was found in a similar condition. The reconstruction by General Leonard Wood, it was again reorganized and remodelled at great expense by Colonel Gabel of the United States army, and at the close of the period of intervention it was in all respects a model institution. Immediately thereafter most of the costly improvements were wantonly destroyed, says the report, and the whole institution was allowed to go to complete ruin.

Many starting pictures accompany the report in the newspapers.

GETS DAMAGES FROM PAPERS

Journals Accused Louis Leona of Bribing Conservative Candidate—Chronicle and L'Evenement Lose.

Quebec, Oct. 1.—The famous Leduc case was brought today before the court of appeals. It will be remembered that Louis Leona, M. L. A. for Quebec East, accused of having bribed Rene Leduc, Conservative candidate against Sir Wilfrid Laurier in Quebec East at the last general elections, used the newspapers Chronicle and L'Evenement for damages. Justice McNeill rendered judgment granting \$1,000 damages in each case. This is an appeal from that judgment.

DEMOCRATS WILL CONSIDER HIGH COST OF LIVING

Convention at Syracuse Will Nominate State Convention and Define Party's Platform—Rule of the People.

Convention Hall, Syracuse, N. Y., Oct. 1.—The democratic state convention which is to adopt a party platform and nominate a state ticket held its opening session today. The convention was called to order at 12:45 and adjourned at 1:04 until 2 p. m. tomorrow. The issues of the campaign were declared by former state comptroller, Martin G. Glynn, of Albany who as temporary chairman sounded the keynote of the convention to be the high cost of living and the role of the people.

PROSPECTORS FIND DIAMONDS IN URGAVA

Ottawa, Oct. 1.—Alfred Lee, member of an Ottawa party of eight which returned from Urganava today, says stories of diamonds in that country are true and that the party made important discoveries. Lee says tests have shown the stones found to be the real thing and that the party will again go north in about 10 days.

LAKE OF THE WOODS LEVELS CONSIDERED

Various Contending Parties Desire them Raised or Lowered or Left Unchanged.

WATERWAYS BOARD OPENS SESSIONS.

International Body Meeting in Ottawa Has Important Business to Dispose of.

Ottawa, Oct. 1.—The question of the levels of the water in the Lake of the Woods was brought before the session of the International Waterways Commission here this afternoon by F. H. Keefer, K. C., Port Arthur, who asked that further evidence be heard from the agricultural interests in connection with the flooding of farms by the raising of the levels of the lake.

There are three interests involved in the question, the farming interests, which want the levels lower, the navigation interests, who are very well satisfied with present levels, and the power interests, which desire to make the levels higher. The question is a very extensive one, since it affects the Winnipeg River, which supplies the city of Winnipeg with power, and other rivers running into Minnesota.

It is understood that little can be done this session towards reaching a conclusion of the case, as experts are very busy investigating and will not likely bring in a recommendation until a year hence. The application of the Toronto and Minnesota Power Company and Rainey River Improvement Company, which are applying for permission to build a dam across the Kettle Falls on the Kettle River, was put over until the morning, as the commission was engaged with matters of internal routine.

SCHOONER BOUND FOR WINDSOR WAS TOWED INTO PORT

The Benefit Leaking Badly and Captain Despaired of Safety When Tug Was Encountered at Hatteras.

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 1.—With distress signals flying, her bow leaking, and her hold half full of water, the British schooner Benefit Captain Christopher was today towed from Norfolk to Jacksonville, Florida, for Windsor, N. S., with a cargo of hard pine lumber was today towed from Norfolk to Jacksonville, Florida, for Windsor, N. S., and when three days out began leaking badly. Her crew was put to the pumps night and day, but the water continued to gain steadily. She made little headway, and during the heavy northeast storms last week Captain Christopher said when the schooner was rounding Cape Hatteras he believed he would have to give up. Just outside the cape the tug Alvah Clark sighted the leaking schooner and towed her to port.

CANADA TO BRIVE EARLY BENEFITS FROM AGREEMENT

Telegraph Companies Will Make Cut in Wireless Rates Effective November First Instead of in July.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Oct. 1.—As a result of the negotiations which have been proceeding between the National Service Department and the telegraph companies the new rates for wireless messages which were decided upon last July at the International Wireless Convention held in London will go into effect on November 1st instead of July 1st.

It was decided at the congress that they would only be available one year from the date of signing the agreement but this has been waived and the negotiations with the telegraph companies have been so satisfactory that Canada will benefit from November 1. Among the new adoptions there will be the sliding scale from Belle Isle to Montreal where the rate for a wireless between land and ship will be reduced to 2 1/2 cents a word. There will also be a general use of the cable count ten word messages.

POWERS SEEKING TO MAINTAIN PEACE ALONG BALKAN STATES

Diplomats Exert Every Effort to Prevent Eruption in Near East, But War Seems Imminent

Seizure of All Greek Vessels in Turkish Waters Ordered—Greece Reported to be Preparing for Annexation of Crete, Making Hostilities Inevitable—Roumania So Far Inactive, Said to Control Situation—Great Powers Believed to be Divided On the Balkan Question

London Oct. 1.—With the exception of Roumania, all the Balkan countries are placing their armies on a war footing, but no step has yet been taken indicating an outbreak of hostilities. A despatch filed at Constantinople at eleven o'clock tonight announced that the Foreign Minister was still without any communication from Bulgaria or Serbia, and so definite move in the way of combined action on the part of the great powers has been made.

Short of actual hostilities, however, the situation could hardly be worse. The report that Turkey has decided to seize all Greek vessels in Turkish waters has an especially warlike appearance, while it is further reported that Greece is about to proclaim the annexation of Crete, an act which Turkey has repeatedly declared would be considered as a casus belli.

The Neue Freie Presse of Vienna expresses doubt whether the great powers are in harmony on the Balkan question. It regards the action of the Balkan states as a defeat for European diplomacy, and thinks that Serbia is so devoted to Russia that she would not order mobilization without Russia's consent. It says that the attitude of Roumania, according to the Constantinople correspondent at the daily Telegraph, and much significance is attached to a long interview which the Roumanian correspondent at Constantinople has had with the Turkish Foreign Minister.

Constantinople, Oct. 1.—Hadi Pasha, chief of staff, announced tonight that the government had decided to mobilize the Turkish army. The council of ministers met throughout the Balkan from 10 o'clock in the morning. In addition to the ministers, Hadi Pasha, the chief of staff, and Mustafa Kemal, the commander of the reserves in European Turkey, were present. It is reported that the Turkish government has issued a circular to the powers in which it regulates responsibility for the crisis which has occurred. The attitude of the Balkan states.

The ports have decided to retain all Greek vessels now in Turkish waters for the transport of troops. Although no communication has yet been presented to the ports by any of the Balkan states with reference to Macedonia, it is the opinion of the influential states of the diplomats here that they will formulate a demand for Macedonian autonomy which Turkey is certain to refuse. War will then be inevitable unless the powers succeed in restraining Bulgaria and Serbia most effectively by a threat of occupation by Austria and Russia of these two kingdoms which they embark on hostilities against Turkey.

It is, however, doubtful if Austria and Russia will be able to agree upon such joint action. Consequently it is regarded as not improbable that Austria, backed by Germany, will act singly. Or it may be that war can be averted by assembling a European conference.

May Be Bluff. On the other hand there is a section of diplomats in Constantinople which believes that the Bulgarian and Serbian mobilization and Greece's military preparations are merely a bluff designed to frighten Turkey into instituting sweeping reforms in Macedonia.

Settling Montenegro, Oct. 1.—King Nicholas has ordered a general mobilization of the army. It is officially announced that the mobilization is for the purpose of demonstrating Montenegro's solidarity with Serbia and Bulgaria and to protect threatened interests in Montenegro.

Vienna, Oct. 1.—The minister of defence, speaking before the Hungarian delegation on the subject of the Balkan crisis today said: "We have not mobilized as yet, but if things go on like this any further, we too, will be compelled to have recourse to preventive measures."

London, Oct. 1.—The most urgent and categorical representations in favour of the preservation of peace have been made to Sofia by the Russian Foreign Minister, Sergius Sazonov, with the other members of the triple entente. The Russian minister is likewise using their good influence while the members of the triple entente are merely a bluff designed to frighten Turkey into instituting sweeping reforms in Macedonia.

Powers Urge Reform. The powers have again brought before the ports in the most friendly manner the urgent necessity of the introduction of reforms in Macedonia. The Greek minister here received a telegram today from the Greek president and War Minister E. Venizelos, stating that the Hellenic government had decided to mobilize its land and sea forces in concert with the other states. The mobilization orders of the four kingdoms go into force instantly and men liable to service must join the colors within 24 hours. The orders also apply to subjects living abroad.

Paris, Oct. 1.—The French diplomatic representatives in the Balkan states have received instructions from the French government to continue to exercise all possible proper influence in order to prevent a war between the Balkan states and Turkey. It is understood here also that French banking interests which usually take their cue from the government will categorically refuse all requests for loans made by states which eventually become belligerents and that the Balkan nations are to be informed of this attitude. No collective plan of the great powers to bring about a peaceful solution of the crisis is yet in sight. For the moment they are using pressure individually in the hope that their army and fleet will be successful.

That Bulgaria, Serbia and Montenegro have decided to mobilize their army and fleet together against Turkey is the statement made today by Dr. Stanclof, the Bulgarian minister here in an interview published in the Temps. "This is a historic event of great world importance," he continued, saying that Bulgaria's financial situation was good and that the funds in the treasury were ample to sustain a war.

Dr. Stanclof added that twelve Bulgarian officers who were studying in French military schools had been ordered to rejoin the colors. The Balkan powers, he said, were confident that the world would welcome the action because it puts into action counsels long ago offered by the powers, which had as their sole end the abolition of the intolerable conditions of Christians in European Turkey. The Balkan peoples found that their countrymen would no longer stand the aggression of Turkey. They were ready to make any sacrifice to help their Christian brethren under Ottoman domination.

Won't Brook Interference. The Turkish ambassador to France, Rifiet Pasha, said: "Turkey has no intention of permitting the Balkan states to interfere in its internal affairs and it cannot be over-stressed by preventing Turkey from moving troops out of Asia Minor to the probable scene of hostilities. To this end, the Italian fleet will keep its full strength in the vicinity of the Aegean Sea, thus effectually cutting off sea communication between Turkey and her Asian provinces. To move troops from Asia Minor toward Macedonia by land, it is said, would probably be to the resources available to the Turkish government. In any case it would entail a delay which would prove a blighting handicap to the ports."

Baroness Regains Amount Advanced Mining Promoter. Toronto, Oct. 1.—The Baroness De Pallavicini of London, England, was awarded judgment for \$25,572 at Osogood Hall today in the terms of a judgment obtained in New York State against Charles B. Flynn of the McIntyre Porcupine Mines, Limited. The Baroness, a Canadian, lent Flynn the money to promote the mine. The Ontario judgment was necessary because Flynn's property is in this province.

START TRIAL OF FORTY SIX

Fifty-Four Indictments in Dynamite Conspiracy Case, but Eight of These Will Not Be Tried.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 1.—Lines up on which a jury is to be chosen for the trial of forty-six defendants, accused of complicity in a widespread dynamite conspiracy against employers of non-union labor, were indicated today in the examination of witnesses. The trial was begun before Federal Judge A. P. Anderson, and the original number of 54 men indicted, headed by Frank M. Ryan, president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, was reduced to 46. The government withdrew the charges against three men, another defendant was absent because of a broken leg. Orrie E. McNamara pleaded guilty and another defendant was reported "not found." The others were examined by John W. Kern and James B. McNamara, serving terms in a prison in California, also were reported "not found." The case was examined by John W. Kern and William N. Harding for the defence and by District Attorney Charles W. Miller for the government.

APPOINTMENT OF A NEW SECRETARY FOR AGRICULTURE

Prof. Cutler of MacDonald College Possible Successor of W. W. Hubbard—Snow Damage in Madawaska.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Oct. 1.—Premier Fleming said this evening that the government will be in session here all day tomorrow. In the morning a meeting of the Board of Education will be held. Attorney General Grimmer will not present a report on the Kay and Friel enquiries in Westmorland County at the session, inasmuch as he has not yet received copies of the evidence in the cases. Dr. O. B. Price, M. P. P. of Moncton; W. B. Dickson, M. P. P. for Albert are here on departmental matters affecting their constituencies. Chas. L. Cyr, ex-M. P. P. and Max Cormier of Madawaska are also here. Messrs. Cyr and Cormier report a fall of four inches of snow in Madawaska, doing tremendous damage to oats and other grain and root crops. W. W. Hubbard's resignation as secretary of agriculture is effective today. There is a lot of speculation as to his successor, and several names are mentioned, including that of Prof. Cutler, of MacDonald College, Ste Anne de Bellevue, Quebec. An appointment is likely to be made at this meeting of the government.

NEW TOBACCO FIRM IN OPPOSITION TO AMERICAN COMPANY

Chairman of Rock Island Railway System Heads Syndicate to Float an Independent Corporation.

New York, Oct. 1.—Daniel G. Reid, chairman of the Rock Island system, returning from Europe today on the steamship Kron Prinzessin Cecilie, confirmed the report that he is to head a syndicate formed to organize a new tobacco corporation in opposition to the American Tobacco Company and former subsidiaries. "I do not know what has been done while I have been away," said Mr. Reid, "but I agreed some time ago to give the project active financial support."

BARONESS REGAINS AMOUNT ADVANCED MINING PROMOTER

Reduce Directorate. Baltimore, Md., Oct. 1.—Delegates from all parts of this country and a number of foreign nations including Great Britain, Italy, Denmark and China, assembled here today at the twenty-first annual convention of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States. Important topics for discussion were the prevention of the world's worst diseases will be discussed at the session which will continue until Friday night.

Rome, Oct. 1.—The Pope's private physician, Dr. Giuseppe Petacci, died today. The Pope was greatly affected when he was informed of his physician's death. Dr. Petacci succeeded Dr. Laponi as private physician to Pope Pius in December, 1906. At the same time Dr. Estore Marchisava was appointed consulting physician.

CLOSE SHARE OF LABORERS FROM FLAMES

Men Working on Philadelphia Pier Had Narrow Escape When Fire Broke Out.

LOSS AMOUNTS TO MILLION DOLLARS.

Valuable Merchandise and Structure Totally Destroyed—Crossed Wires Cause.

Philadelphia, Oct. 1.—Property valued at \$1,000,000 was destroyed by flames which swept pier 80, south wharves, at the foot of Snyder Avenue here today, in one of the most spectacular fires that ever occurred on the Delaware River front. The pier which was owned by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and valued at \$350,000, was entirely destroyed. Merchandise loaded on the structure was valued at an equal amount and the adjoining property was damaged to the extent of more than a quarter of a million dollars.

A squad of laborers working on the pier had their escape to the shore cut off by the rapid spread of the flames, which are supposed to have been due to crossed electric wires. The steel were restored by tugs.

The pier was used by the Hamburg-American line of steamships as a landing place for immigrants and freight. Seventeen freight cars loaded with flour, 200 tons of China clay, 75 carloads of manganese, 5,000 bales of cork three carloads of nitrate of soda and 200 tons of other merchandise on the pier were entirely consumed.

BRITISH CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OPEN OFFICE IN ST. JOHN

Member of Firm Now Here Much Impressed with Prospects—Will Extend Business to Other Cities.

The firm of Barton, Mayhew & Co., chartered accountants of London, Eng., are about to open their first Canadian office in St. John, and will extend their business westward, with offices in Montreal and Vancouver and other cities. This information was given at the grand jury meeting here by Harold M. Barton, a member of the firm, who is at present visiting the city.

In explaining his plans Mr. Barton said he was satisfied with the business outlook in St. John, and believed that with his immense harbor improvements and other facilities for transportation the city was on the eve of great commercial development. Pollok S. Nisbet, the Canadian manager for the firm, accompanies Mr. Barton. He will make his headquarters in this city and Montreal.

Mr. Barton explained that his firm had business connections in different parts of the world, and he saw great opportunities in Canada. They had already obtained, he said, the audit and accountability of the work in connection with the Norton Griffiths contract in Courtenay Bay, which would extend over a number of years.

In explaining the reasons for the extension of the firm's business to the Dominion, Mr. Barton pointed out that the money of British investors was in much demand for the development of Canadian resources and industries. The law was different in Canada, and the certificate of a firm of British accountants would give confidence to the British investor as to the reliability of any industry.

Mr. Barton on leaving St. John will go to Montreal and through to Vancouver in connection with the extension of the firm's business. He will sail for England at the end of November.

SURGEONS FROM MANY COUNTRIES IN CONVENTION

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KEEL COUNTY LAD VICTIM OF ACCIDENT

Percy Richard is Shot Through the Breast

DIED SOON AFTER

Accidental Discharge of Rifle, the Probable Cause—Scott Act Case Follows Arrest of Rockford in Moncton.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, N. B., Oct. 1.—At 10:05 River, Kent, on Sunday, Percy Richards, aged 14 unknown to his parents took out a rifle to shoot partridge. A short time later he was found lying on the roadside with a gaping bullet hole in his breast. He was taken home and died two hours later. It is supposed he stumbled over a log near where the body was found and the rifle was discharged, the bullet passing through his right lung.

The arrest of Samuel Rockford, the horse jockey, known as King Jang, by the police last night, has developed into a Scott Act case against Capt. Wright. Rockford who was intoxicated was captured by the police in Capt. Wright's apartments after the latter had given an alarm. Rockford informed the police that he had been in the habit of getting liquor from Wright, and on the strength of this Wright's rooms were searched and several bottles of Scotch whiskey were found. Charges of selling and keeping liquor for sale were laid against Wright and the case came up in the police court today, being adjourned until Monday.

GIBSON HELD FOR MURDER

Held for Grand Jury After Preliminary Hearing—Charged With Killing of Mrs. Rosa Menschi Szabo.

Goshen, N. Y., Oct. 1.—Burton W. Gibson was held for the grand jury this afternoon on a charge of murdering Mrs. Rosa Menschi Szabo, his client, who perished in Greenwood Park. The grand jury met next Monday. At the conclusion of the preliminary hearing Judge Joyce ruled that sufficient evidence had been introduced by the state to show that the crime had been committed in Orange County and in the court's opinion Gibson should be held for that crime.

BODY LIKELY THAT OF VICTIM OF ICE BRIDGE COLLAPSE

Remains Found at Colborne Probably Those of Mrs. Eldridge Stanton—Not Positively Identified.

Toronto, Oct. 1.—The News this afternoon reports the finding of the body of a woman on the lake shore at Colborne, Ont., believed to be that of Mrs. Eldridge Stanton drowned with her husband when the ice bridge at Niagara gave way on Sunday, February 4th, last. One of the limbs is gone and the body is so badly decomposed that identification has up to the present been impossible. Either Nelson R. Butcher, brother of Mrs. Stanton or Nelson Butcher, Jr., will go to Colborne this afternoon and endeavor to identify the remains.